

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

*by John Hogg, GBF President*



Lots of activity coming up in the next few months:

**Larry Lee** kicks off his annual rod building class with sign-ups at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. What a great opportunity to get a custom rod at a great price, and with only a modest amount of sweat equity. And October 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the first day of the Upper Sacramento River fishout. **Ron Rabun**, retired Upper Sac guide, will be giving an in-depth clinic on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. So if you can only make the weekend there, you won't miss it. We have a lot of experienced anglers on this trip; and novices, or people new to that river, will get lots of help!

Mark your calendar for our Annual Swap Meet on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Now's the time to start dusting off some of your excess fly fishing equipment and convert it into cold cash—so you can buy more fly fishing stuff! Sellers can make a space reservation at the October general meeting. We have invited CFFU, our sister fly fishing club in Sacramento, to participate in this event, and will be allocating space to them, so don't delay with your signup! Read **Wendell Edwards'** announcement inside for more details.

And, beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, you can log on to the website and pay your 2016 dues, buy dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and hopefully make a donation to the club.

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### Introduction to Rod Building Class

There will be an **Introduction To Rod Building** class scheduled for Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Folsom Lake Activity Center. This introduction is designed to introduce GBF members to why build your own rod, and what is entailed in the actual rod building classes. Rod building kits availability, prices, and materials provided via **L3Rods** will be discussed. The actual rod building classes are then scheduled for Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The first Tuesday night class will have students spine their rod sections, prepare reel seats and handles for the epoxying, glue tip tops on, mark guide placement, and sharpen guides for later installation. On the next Tuesday night class, students will be taught to tie the guides onto the blank. Equipment and rod building supplies will be furnished by L3Rods, so students need not purchase these items for the class. There will also be plenty of instructors available to help me on both nights instructing students with building their rods.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Board Meeting 7:00 PM Rod Building Clinic	7.	8. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.
18.	19.	20. Fly Tying Jam	21.	22.	23. Upper Sac Fishout October 22 - 25	24.
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## Monthly Program



Charlie Robinton

**Charlie Robinton** is our guest speaker, and will be re-capping the Delta Bass Fishout in August, and give a talk about fly fishing for largemouth bass in the California Delta, specifically from small craft such as a float tube, pontoon boat or kayak. He will share his knowledge of flies, techniques, access points and seasonal variations, as well as tips and tricks he has learned from his experience fishing this untapped and exciting fly fishing resource.

He has been the Fishing Manager at the Roseville Orvis store since November, 2014. A lifetime angler and fly fisherman, Charlie grew up in the Bay Area fishing for largemouth bass in local lakes, and trout in the Sierras. He began his career in fly fishing as a guide on the South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho, and since then his passion for instruction and fly fishing education has grown, taking him to the Pacific Northwest and back home to California. Charlie loves to travel and fish for just about anything, but he especially enjoys pursuing warmwater predators like largemouth bass, stripers, pike and more with a fly rod.

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All classes will begin at 6:30 PM sharp, and last as long as members have questions. For more information, contact **Larry Lee** by phone or text at 916-601-7853, or email [L3rods@gmail.com](mailto:L3rods@gmail.com). If there is a scheduling conflict and you are still interested, accommodations can be made.

This is a really fun and informative class. Many GBF members have already participated and caught many fish on their quality rods!!

## Fishmaster's Corner

### Peace of Mind in Fishing Country

*by Tony Jelinek*

Fishing can take you into deep canyons and high mountains—areas with difficult access. Even being out on the water in a boat can result in unforeseen emergencies due to drastic changes in weather or malfunctioning equipment. In this day and age, we often figure that our cell phone will keep us in contact with others and, if in a jam, allow us to call for help. But, these areas could have no or inconsistent cell coverage. What should you do? The answer is a satellite communicator. Two options to which I have been introduced by members of our club are SPOT and DeLorme inReach.

As long as you have an unobstructed view to the sky, these communicators are a reliable means of communication. They help you stay connected with friends and family, allowing you to send periodic messages that you are okay. With this device, friends or emergency crews will know your exact location. You can send a request for help to friends, or a 911 message to get emergency help right away.

You can even use the devices to track and save your GPS coordinates. Now, you can save the location of that hot fishing spot; so the next time you can hike, tube, or boat right to it. You can pre-plan your route with way-points along the trail, and make maps.



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Stay safe and fish with peace of mind by using a satellite communicator. Ask around the club to find what device other members use. Decide which device and service plan best meets your needs, and continue to enjoy the great outdoors.



## The GBF Library—Check It Out

*by Kim Lloyd, Librarian*

A big “thanks” to all members that have been donating back issues of *California Fly Fisher* to the club. We’ve now got issues going back to 1998 and, for those that didn’t attend the September meeting, an index of fishing locations and techniques identified in the magazine has been started. For example, are you headed to the Dunsmuir fish-out this month? Then you may want to review **Bill Carnazzo’s** October 2009 article “Tying And Fishing The October Caddis.” This article provides step-by-step tying instructions for 6 different caddis flies, plus fishing techniques for each one. There’s also **Bob Madgic’s** article “The Upper Sacramento: Where To Go And What To Expect.” This article, with a map, identifies 17 fishing spots between the Cantarra Loop (upstream) to Dog Creek (downstream). Copies of the index—sorted by the fishing water name (e.g., Sacramento River, Baum Lake, hat Creek, etc.) are available for review at each club meeting.

Another shout out goes to **Rick Anderson**, of Fly Fishing Specialties, who has donated a number of *Fly Tyer* and *Fly Fisherman* magazines to the club. An index for each of these magazines will be developed with the objective of giving club members additional information about California waters and fly tying recipes.

One last item, the Library currently has an oversupply of fly fishing VCR tapes. All of the tapes will be made available at the October meeting—for free—to club members. Stop by the Library and, if something piques your interest, take it home. Any tapes remaining after the meeting will be donated to whomever will take them (Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc.).

## The Wet Fly Award

The Board has begun accepting nominations for the club’s infamous Wet Fly Award. This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of ‘oneness’ with the waters we fish...who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry...who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis...who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who’s slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing—and won’t mind having the story recounted aloud at our annual dinner on March 5<sup>th</sup>? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story. And remember...think wet!

## It’s Upper Sac Time!

*by Eric Palmer*

October approaches, and that means “Upper Sac time” is upon us! Of course, I’m talking about the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Upper Sac Fishout, nymphing clinic, and all-around good time in Dunsmuir, Oct 22-25 (Thur-Sun). The city of Dunsmuir has again renewed their “Big Fish” program with the planting of trophy Mt. Lassen rainbows to 14 lbs. If you prefer to pursue wild trout, there are over 30 miles of river access to scratch your itch.



Due to abundant pocket water, Short-Line nymphing is the method of choice. The technique originated on the Upper Sac in the 1920s at the hands of intrepid Wintu Indian angler, **Ted Towendolly**, originally “Tau-hin-dauli,” as in the city park of the same name. The nymphing technique was subsequently passed on to **Ted**

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**Fay**, and later through **Ron Rabun** to **Bill Carnazzo**, who taught it to the rest of us in the club with their regular clinics. For more information on how to fish this technique, see the articles flagged in red on the GBF website [here](#).

We are fortunate again this year that **Ron Rabun**, and long-time fishing partner, **Craig Williams**, will provide a Short-Line nymphing clinic in the Dunsmuir city park on Saturday morning. This free clinic will cover everything you need to fish the method successfully, and with ample opportunity for one-on-one coaching on the water (members only, no guests please).

If new to the river, or new to fly fishing, you will be partnered up with someone who knows the ropes, and everyone who signs-up will receive information on lodging and the agenda. So, plan on joining us for 4 days of fun, good food at local restaurants, fish catching, great camaraderie and most importantly, advancement of your fly fishing skills. Can't make all four days? No matter, just come when you can. Sign-ups at the Oct. meeting, or email me [ejpalmer@pacbell.net](mailto:ejpalmer@pacbell.net), or Tony Jelenik [jelenia@me.com](mailto:jelenia@me.com) (Fishmaster).

More details of this event are posted on our Message Board [here](#), where you can post any questions.

Thanks for your time and see you on the Upper Sac...

### The 2016 Annual Dinner Date is Official!

Mark your calendars for the Granite Bay Flycasters 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016!** This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, so be sure to get this date in your planner, your phone, your new 2016 TU calendar...or just scratched on the fridge!

You get the point...this is a must-attend event. It's important that everyone participate for at least two reasons: This event raises the funds our club needs to pay its bills for another year, AND...lets you share great food (and great fishing tales) with fellow fly-fishers.

As always, this evening will have a HUGE RAFFLE with incredible prizes, including rods, reels, custom flies, artwork, wines, and other great items. And our famous silent auction is always your best shot at snagging amazing gear deals and super-discounted fishing trips.

Providing this year's entertainment is a local championship Barbershop Quartet, The Artful Codgers! The location is the Rocklin Event Center, with doors (and bar) opening at 4:30 PM. The fabulous BBQ dinner rolls out at 6:00 PM, and the whole affair wraps up around 9:00 PM.

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Since the dinner is usually sold-out, we are encouraging members to buy their tickets now. We will have an **early-bird raffle** for those purchasing tickets before January 1, 2016. For each ticket purchased, there will be an entry into the raffle. The prize will be a \$50 bundle of Annual Dinner raffle tickets.

Annual Dinner tickets can be purchased on-line at the GBF website: [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org). Just click on the GBF logo in the right column. Tickets are \$40 each.

Lastly, we still need a few more folks to help bring this event to life (it's one of our club's most rewarding volunteer opportunities). If you want to be part of the team that's making this special evening a reality, please contact Mike Howes at [2lifeisreel@gmail.com](mailto:2lifeisreel@gmail.com).

## Annual Swap Meet and Chilli Contest December 5, 2015

*by Wendell Edwards, Swap Meet Coordinator*

Greetings to those of you with an inventory of fly fishing equipment that needs a new home. We are excited to announce that you will have an opportunity on December 5<sup>th</sup> to offer those items for sale. Buyers, save those coins, as you will have the opportunity to buy great merchandise from 40 plus sellers.

We will have a great selection of refreshments and chillies available starting at 8:30 AM. More details will be available at the October 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.



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## Conservation Corner

*by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation*

Spring-run Chinook salmon, once the most abundant run of Chinook salmon in California, is threatened with extinction. The primary reason for their demise is the dams that block access to historic spawning and rearing habitats. As a result, Central Valley salmon are now estimated to be confined to 5-10% of their historic habitat. Additional stresses brought about by reduced river flows and global warming is hastening the demise.

It is time to do something bold. Returning salmon to their historic upstream habitats rather than increased hatchery production is the obvious best solution, but how to do that is not obvious, and the subject of much heated debate. There are two approaches to this: dam removal; and transporting salmon above and below the blocking dams. Both approaches are appropriate in the right set of circumstances, but not so in all circumstances. Because of dam heights and water fluctuations, fish ladders are not feasible for California rim dams.

The [Yuba Salmon Partnership Initiative](#) announced a plan in May 2015 that would initiate a "trap-and-transport" program to transport spring-run Chinook salmon around Englebright and New Bullards Bar dams into the north fork of the Yuba River. This plan was opposed in a July 22, 2015 editorial in the *Sacramento Bee* as being the wrong way to save salmon on the Yuba, and can be found [here](#). The editorial advocated the removal of Englebright Dam. The arguments were basically that "trap-and-transport" is too expensive and that it would set a bad precedent. This was answered in an August 4, 2015 editorial in the *Bee* by Charlton Bohnham, director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Steve Rothert, California director of American Rivers, advocating that dam removal won't save Yuba salmon, and the "trap-and-transport" is the best approach. That editorial can be found [here](#). At the same time, a framework agreement was announced by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, Yuba County Water Agency, American Rivers, Trout Unlimited and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance to create the first "trap-and-transport" program for salmon in California on the Yuba River. Such programs have proven to be effective in Washington and Oregon.

A thorough discussion of the pros and cons of Englebright dam removal versus "trap and transport" is given in an August 19, 2015 posting by Chris Shutes of California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and can be found [here](#). Among his many arguments are that Englebright dam was built to contain mercury laden mining sediments which, if disturbed, would be very toxic, and that the dam regulates the pulse flows from the New Colgate Powerhouse. If the dam was removed, a replacement flow regulation dam would have to be constructed.



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Gary Sprague of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is the project leader for the Yuba river salmon restoration program. Gary was the guest speaker at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> conservation meeting. He presented an informative PowerPoint presentation describing similar successful "trap-and-transport" projects in Washington and Oregon, and described how projects such as these are applicable to the Yuba. The upstream transportation is relatively straight forward. The challenge is safely collecting and transporting downstream migrating fish.

Up until now, I have been skeptical regarding the applicability of "trap-and-transport" to California's rim dams. Gary's presentation has changed my views on this, and I now support the approach. The process is challenging and very expensive. In the northwest, the dams involved are owned by utilities that had to renew their 50-year operating license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The re-establishment of salmon and steelhead populations above the dams was made a requirement for re-licensing. That is what drove the utilities to spend the necessary money.

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These costs are passed on to the rate payers. It is not clear where the funds will come from to do the same in California.

The ecological, economic, and social values of salmon and steelhead populations are immense. The conclusion reached in the northwest is that restoration costs are justified, considering that society has benefitted immensely from the construction of dams for consumptive water use, power generation and flood control. The conclusion was that now is the time to pay the past due bills for taking the water.

Whether or not we will eventually have control over global warming is an open question, but it is in our power to return spring run Chinook salmon to at least some of their historic upstream habitats. Results will not be evident for many years, probably not in the lifetime of many of us, but we owe it to future generations to do what we can.

I was given three copies of an excellent DVD produced by NOAA Fisheries titled, *RIGHTS OF PASSAGE*. They are available in the library for your viewing.

### A Stretch of River East of Town (Part three of a three part series)

*by Eric Palmer*

It all began with the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. This is where the world first saw George Ferris Jr's gigantic 264 ft. tall wheel conceived to rival the Eiffel Tower, along with the spectacular electric light display from George Westinghouse demonstrating the potential for 110 Volt AC current to literally illuminate the entire nation, if not the world. Another significant first, conceived by the newly formed *Chicago Fly Casting Club*, was the first known national fly casting tournament.

The casting tournament drew participants from all over the country and was a huge success. When news of this event reached San Francisco and the city's more prominent fly anglers, it was quickly decided that the west coast needed a comparable event. The upcoming *California Midwinter International Exposition* scheduled to open January 27, 1894 in Golden Gate Park would be a perfect venue. The very first fly casting tournament on the west coast was held on May 4, 1894, attracting participants nationwide, and it too was a huge success. On the evening of the one-day tournament, 30 prominent San Francisco anglers met to form *The San Francisco Fly Casting Club*, today the second oldest fly fishing club in the country.

Two years later on March 9, 1896 the club reopened its charter list to accept new members, and began hosting regular casting contests every weekend on Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park where they'd built a small lodge and clubhouse. During these weekend contests, world casting records were routinely made, and then broken hours to weeks later. The membership would grow from the original 30 to a list of 100 with 50 associate members.

In 1903, SFFCC members concluded that a mountain property on a pristine and isolated High Sierra stream would be a great idea in order to better hone their actual fishing skills to match their already proven casting skills. One club member who was in the railroad business had access to a freight train; he was the President of the Southern Pacific Railroad (today the Union Pacific). Since the tracks parallel the Truckee River as it heads east out of Truckee, that area seemed a perfect place to begin looking. A club car was added to the end of a freight train, and the search was on.

In 1892, a man named Anthony Zimmer had purchased a 160 acre plot east of town with 2.7 miles of Truckee River frontage from the U. S Government for a sanitarium. When the SFFCC members in the club car spotted this plot, they knew immediately it was perfect for their lodge, and it was for sale. The location

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already had a train stop called *Union Mills Station* to service the nearby lumber mill in the area of the current community of Glenshire. It was an ideal spot, being a relatively short train ride from the city, and the train was the only option then, since this was at least 20 years before State Highway 40 would exist.

On September 23, 1905, club President, Thomas C. Kierulff, and Executive Committee member, Edward Everett, filed a deed with the County to purchase the 160 acres for \$800 using their own funds. Over the years, the initial 160 acres would grow through piecemeal acquisition of small parcels to today's approximate 334 acres, providing 3.5 miles of private river access. Kierulff sat as president for many years following the purchase, and held casting records for accuracy, delicacy, and distance.

In 1907, the club was formally incorporated under the laws of California. Early that year, and funded by generous donations from club members, the SFFCC celebrated the opening of their new mountain lodge on the Truckee River, including their own suspension bridge that crossed the river to the Union Mills train stop. In April of 1908 the deed was formally transferred from the original purchasers Kierulff and Everett to club ownership.

Thus began the annual spring ritual of members taking the train from San Francisco to Union Station to formally open their lodge for a season of trout fishing, until it would be closed each fall with arrival of the first snow. The train would remain the only access to the property until 1926, and the opening of Highway 40.

Over time, the membership and the lodge's popularity grew substantially, along with the waiting list of anglers eager to join the club. In October 13, 1912, the San Francisco Call Bulletin wrote: "*There is no more exclusive club in the city [...] the applicant must be a thorough sportsman, an enthusiastic and skilled angler and good company.*"

As membership and visits to the lodge grew, the SFFCC Board of Directors felt compelled to issue a set of rules regulating use of the lodge. Among the rules in 1921 were the following:

- The season opens Monday May 10, 1921.
- Prior to June 4<sup>th</sup>, members only may visit the lodge [in other words, no guests, family or associate members].
- Rates per day for a member, his wife and children will be \$4 per day each. Guests \$5.
- Neither a member's wife nor children nor a guest may visit the lodge without the member's presence.
- Cleaning of fish in or about the lodge is prohibited.
- The club will provide shipping boxes for 50 cents each.
- Members must not instruct employees nor interfere with their work.
- Tipping of employees is strictly prohibited, and any member violating this or any other rule will forfeit his right to fish the remainder of the season, and pay a fine not to exceed \$100 [About \$1,333 in 2015 dollars].

Wishing to become strong stewards of their private stretch of water, the club in 1914 constructed a small dam upstream of the lodge in what is now known as the intake pool, along with two ponds, each 30 by 80 ft., for the rearing of trout fry—a large wooden pipe brought water from the river to the ponds. In November, 35,000 fry ranging three to four inches were returned to the river. By 1915, the club could boast of having one of the finest fishing preserves in the country.

In 1915 at Stow Lake, the club hosted the ninth international fly and bait casting tournament, which proved to be the greatest and most successful national tournament held to date, and would see three world records broken. F.N. Peete of Chicago cast 162 ft. in the salmon event; H.C. Golcher broke the light tackle long distance record at 116 ft.; and SFFCC President, W.D. Mansfield, set the heavy tackle distance record of 134 ft.

In June of 1924, disaster struck as a raging wildfire in the area burned the lodge to the ground, taking the life of the caretaker, H.A. Ross. The structure was rebuilt a year later, and remains the basis of the current lodge and clubhouse.

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In 1933, during the Great Depression, a small group of SFFCC members who preferred to focus on pure casting competitions in Golden Gate Park more than fishing, formed the *Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club* (GGACC). At that time, there were many members who remained active in both clubs, and the parting was both amicable and generous.

During the 1930s and beyond, members of both clubs would be responsible for many innovations that would advance the sport, including:

- The major features of the "Pflueger Medalist" reel.
- The hollow fluted bamboo rods of R.L. Winston.
- The cedar center hollow construction of rods by E.C. Powell.
- The graphite rods of Jim Green, who was also a pioneer in the use of boron for rods.
- Jon Tarantino, who with Winston, Scientific Anglers and Hardy, developed the concept of tapered fly lines and leaders.
- In 1946 Jim Green would devise the concept of a mono running line attached directly to a weighted shooting head. This quickly became the de facto gold standard for west coast salmon and steelhead fly fishers.

In April of 1938, an epic flood took out the hatchery infrastructure along with the suspension bridge, and hatchery operations came to an end. During the 1980s, and following consultation with the then CA DFG, Trout Unlimited, and various fish biologists the planting strategy that is active today was implemented with generous populations of trophy rainbows from the Mt. Lassen Hatchery.

The club uses this annual event as a community outreach opportunity by inviting members of the Truckee police and fire departments, along with members of the local community, to participate in releasing the fish to the river. There is no boat ramp from the road along the river to the water, so a "bucket brigade" operation is employed with a continuous line of people handing off nets of fish to the next in line until finally reaching several people in waders in the water, who slowly release the fish after giving them time to acclimate to their new home.

Today, SFFCC membership is fully subscribed at 43 members, per club bylaws. We were told during our visit that, as in the early years, the club remains committed to nurturing and improving their piece of the Truckee River. Toward that end, they have engaged the services of a prominent hydrologic scientific consulting firm to advise and recommend measures to maintain optimal trout habitat. Any proposed remedies are implemented in concert with the *Truckee River Watershed Council* and *Trout Unlimited*.

So now you know the story of a stretch of river east of town.

## Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

*To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of The Leader, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.*

### **For Sale:**

I have a Hobie Cat float pontoon boat for sale. It is hard shell with oars, stripping apron, storage container and can be disassembled.  
**The price is \$250.**

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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in October 2011)

## Fly Patterns - Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis



*Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260 or similar bent shank 2x Long hook, sizes 6-10
<b>Bead:</b>	Burnt orange glass bead with silver lining
<b>Thread:</b>	Brown 6/0
<b>Tail:</b>	Small tuft of dark brown marabou
<b>Body:</b>	Brown dubbing mix—Paxton's Buggy Nymph highlighted with bronze brown Lite Brite
<b>"Sticks":</b>	Pheasant tail fibers mixed into the body
<b>Collar:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> collar: burnt orange Buggy Nymph; 2 <sup>nd</sup> collar: black Buggy Nymph
<b>Legs:</b>	Dark brown or black hen (Optional)
<b>Weight:</b>	15-20 wraps of .020 lead or substitute

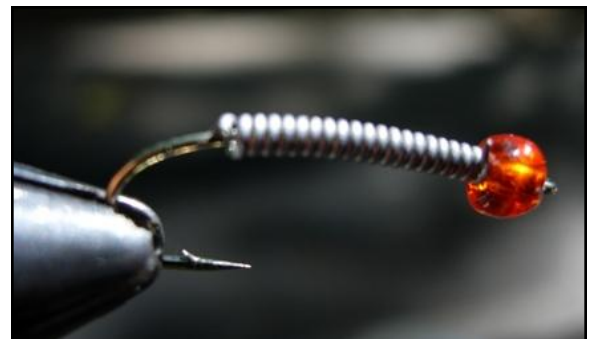
### Description

The Stick Caddis pattern has been very successful over the years. It was born many years ago in its original form on the North Yuba, one of my favorite streams. The current versions of the fly (there are several), now marketed by Spirit River ([Carnazzos Stick Caddis](#)), reflect a long metamorphic history of tweaks and improvements. One of my favorite versions is the one I call the "Fall Phase." Although I use the Stick Caddis in one form or another all year long (even for Winter steelies on certain rivers), the Fall Phase is reserved for the magic months of late September, October, and November when the October Caddis hatch is in full swing. Those who have fished the fly can attest to the fact that it is deadly when fished properly—meaning fished as a "rock roller" as Andy Burk would say, right on the bottom. I combine this fly with an emerger on the rigging— but that's next month's article. For now, let's kick out a few Fall Phase Stick Caddis.

### Tying Instructions

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1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Place the bead on the hook and cover the shank with 15-20 wraps of lead or substitute. Push the wire up against the bead and cover the shank and wire with thread. Apply a coat of Flexament to hold it all together.



*Step 1*

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2. For the tail, cut a small bunch of dark brown marabou and tie it in just above the back end of the barb. With your thumb and forefinger shorten the marabou by pulling on it sharply—don't use scissors to cut it as it results in a blunt, non-lifelike appearance.
3. Form a dubbing loop and insert your dubbing loop tool into the loop. Fill the loop with the dark brown dubbing mix by pulling small bunches of it from a wad held in your hand. This technique is very important to the overall silhouette of the fly.
4. Twist the loop into a "chenille" by spinning the dubbing loop tool. It helps to hold the loop closed at the point where the dubbing inserted into the loop ends and then spin the tool.

*Steps 2, 3 & 4**Steps 5 & 6*

5. Using hackle pliers, grab the "chenille" at its bottom end, cut the thread below the pliers, and wrap the rear 1/3 of the body. Don't cut the "chenille;" rather, keep the hackle pliers attached and move them out of the way.
6. Tie in six pheasant tail fibers, two at a time, spread around the hook. Sweep them back and take a few wraps in front of them. These are the "sticks;" they should be of random lengths when you are done.

7. Move the thread forward and repeat steps 5 and 6 for the middle 1/3 of the body.
8. Take two wraps of dubbing in front of the last set of sticks and tie off and cut the dubbing loop. Place a few more "sticks" in front of these last wraps.

*Steps 7 & 8**Step 9*

9. Form a second dubbing loop; place three small bunches of burnt orange dubbing and two small bunches of black dubbing into the loop. Twist the loop as in step 4 and wrap the "chenille" forward to behind the bead. This creates the two collars—first the burnt orange, and then the black. Tie off and trim the loop.

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*Step 10*

10. Tie in a black or dark brown hen hackle wet fly style and take three wraps behind the bead. Tie off and trim the hackle. Whip finish.



*Finished Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis Fly*

## **Tying & Fishing Tips**

1. Don't blunt-cut marabou after it's been tied in as a tail. Instead, use your fingernails to "pop" it off at the proper length. This creates a more lifelike, uneven appearance that looks much better in the water.
2. When forming a dubbing loop, always close the top of the loop by dropping the bobbin over the loop and then wrapping forward on the shank. This makes it much easier to keep the material inside the loop as you work with it.

Fish this beast in pocket water. The reason I call it the "Fall Phase" is because during the emergence the larva changes color from pale yellow to a burnt orange tone. See ya on the creek.

*Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!*

**What's Leaman Houston so happy about? Possibly the great attendance that he and co-chair, Lester Grigsby got at their September "Knots and Leaders" Clinic!**





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