

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by John Hogg, GBF President



Our May meeting is Member's Night, and is formatted differently than our other meetings. It is an informal, open house affair with tables set up that will be staffed by members who have expertise in fly tying, casting, knots and leaders, rod building, Tenkara, fishouts, and much more. It is a real opportunity to get to know other members and have some really good one-on-one discussion.

Check out the website and this edition of *The Leader* for details of the THREE fishouts scheduled in May, which are then followed by our biggest fishout, the "Upper Sac" at Dunsmuir in June. We have had as many as 30 members attend in the past, and new members can all expect lots of attention and assistance!

Finally, nominations for officers and directors are now open. The election will be at the June meeting, and the new board will be seated on July 1, the beginning of our fiscal year. Check out the enclosed article for details on positions and candidates.

Bridgeport Fishout 2016 May 20 - 22

Fishout Leader: Bill Hagopian

As you may know, we cancelled last year's fishout at the last minute due to bad weather. A couple of brave souls went and had some luck fishing.

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Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras. Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen and miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850s. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers, and streams. There is good fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large rainbow and brown trout. Also, northeast of Bridgeport is the East Walker River, a premier fly-fishing stream.

Bill and Bev will arrive on May 20th. Camping Reservations start on the 20th and are available at www.recreation.gov. We will have a sign at our campsite (# 8) with "GBF" at the Lower Twin Lakes Campground. The campground is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Bridgeport off of Twin Lakes Rd. The nights

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Little Truckee Fishout
8.	9.	10.	11.	12. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	13.	14. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
15.	16.	17.	18. Sly Park Fishout	19. Fly Tying Jam Novelty Flies - Wasps	20. John.Pellegrin@comcast.net	21. Tenkara Casting Clinic, John Pellegrin
22. Bridgeport Fishout May 20-22 →	23.	24.	25.	26.	27. Bridgeport Fishout - May 20-22 →	28.
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Monthly Program

Member's Night

by Ed Lloyd, Monthly Program Chairman

Thursday, May 12th is our annual Member's Night. This night is a great opportunity for members, particularly new members, to attend the meeting and see firsthand all of the options our club offers. There will be tables around the room, with each table offering a different display showing each of the club's functions. Displays such as Casting, Knot Tying, Fly Tying, Fishmaster, Tenkara, Spey Casting, Conservation, Golden Trout Program, Fishouts, and the Classroom Egg Program are just a few of the Club Activities. We hope to see you all there.

GBF Annual Election

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted:

Position:

President
Secretary
Director, 3 year term

Vice President, Membership
Treasurer
Director-at-Large, 1 year term

Vice President, Conservation
Director, 3 year term
Director-at-Large, 1 year term

Note that nominations for all positions are still open and will be made final at the May general meeting with the election held at the June meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, or would like more information, contact either John Hogg at johnhogg@sbcglobal.net or Frank Stolten at fstolten@comcast.net.

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will be cold, since the campground is at 6500 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creekside cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the area.

Bev and I will be hosting dinner on Saturday, May 21st, for everyone attending the Bridgeport fishout. It will be at our Lower Twin Lakes campsite # 8 at 5:30 PM. Please e-mail me to let us know if you will be joining us for dinner. All you need to bring is the beverage of your choice and a chair.

Directions:

From Sacramento area, go to Highway 395 in Nevada, and go south. US Highway 395 runs through Bridgeport. At the first street in Bridgeport, (at the Gas Station) turn right on to Twin Lakes Road. Travel on the Twin Lakes Road for about 9.5 miles, until you get to the Lower Twin Lakes Rd. Follow the road, and just after you cross over the bridge, the Campground will be on the right.

A word to the wise: Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. The cheapest place to gas up is in Minden or Walker.

Equipment: See Website.

Ken's Sporting Goods has a good selection of fishing tackle, flies and is generous with fishing tips. Guide Services are also available (760) 932-7707. His website has a lot of information on fishing conditions in the area. <http://www.kenssport.com>

For more information about lodging, RV, and sites:

Camping Reservations: Recreation.gov Toll-free 1-877-444-6777 <http://www.recreation.gov>

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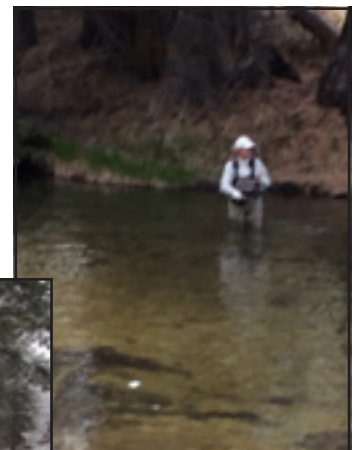
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Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070.

If you are interested in coming up, post on the website or contact us at: Billh07@comcast.net - 916-771-5837; cell 916-847-9047

See you in Bridgeport

Bill and Bev



Upper Sacramento River Fishout Wed., June 1st to Sunday, June 5th

by Tony Jelinek, Streams Fishmaster

The 4th Annual Upper Sacramento Late Spring Fishout will be taking place June 1st to June 5th in order to avoid Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, and, hopefully, the summer heat. The fishout has been expanded to include one more day, but come up for as many days as you can.

As it was a great success last year, once again, anglers will have the option of staying in a house in Dunsmuir (the house accommodates 10 anglers with their own bed). This year instead of staying at the Log Castle downtown, we will be staying at the Blue Chateau with excellent trout fishing directly out the back door. Camping and motel options are also available. We will also have the traditional barbecue Thursday evening.

The Upper Sacramento abounds with great pocket water. This time of year has long days, great for nymphing during the day with a good chance of some good dry fly fishing with caddis and stonefly patterns in the evening. This is a great fishout for anglers of all capabilities. Novices to fly-fishing and/or the river, will be partnered with more experienced anglers. For more information, please check out the posting on the *Granite Bay Flycasters* website, or contact me at jelinea@me.com.

Pyramid Clinic and Fishout Report

by Eric Palmer

Over the April 15-17 weekend, we held our 2nd annual **Doug Ouellette Pyramid Lake Clinic and Fishout**. Most arrived by mid-day Friday, and some early Saturday just in time for the 9AM clinic. My two companions and I reached the water at South Nets around noon to find a very cold and blustery day, with huge crowds on their ladders stretching as far as the eye could see towards the south end of the cove. From our vantage point at the north end of the beach, it was impossible to discern if room remained to squeeze in.

My two partners—both new to the lake and not realizing that this was in fact a "nice" day by Pyramid standards—urged that we move on, and so we did, heading north. First to Pelican where David Jones landed his first ever Pyramid cutthroat, and shortly after I too had one in the net. After hitting a few more spots to the north, we ended up late in the day back at South Nets, but with nothing to show for our efforts. We did not know at the time that we'd missed the magic window, and had we stayed there originally, our efforts would have been greatly rewarded.

It would be some time later, after talking to a pair of early birds that day, that much of Friday South Nets was hot-hot-hot (figuratively speaking). Omitting names to avoid embarrassing questions, there were comments like,

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Don Henderson with a Beauty



Mike Gervais incognito

"Quit counting at 20," "Probably 30," "The fellow next me had one on with every 2nd cast," etc. The kind of talk that makes you want to beat your head against the nearest wall.

And to add to the frustration, the top fish getters were using the same rigging as others, a Teeny 200 sinker with some flavor of Popcorn Beetle dropper with a heavy dark bugger or chironomid on point. Others did get fish in ones, twos and threes, but nothing like Friday for the early birds who chose to suffer the weather and throngs.

The group I was with late Sunday afternoon did witness a parade of pods coming by just inches from the ladders.

This saw Pyramid newbies Don Hansen, and Don and Cyndi Whitecar get their first fish of the trip in twos and threes, and lose twice that number, as did I.

Doug held his clinic at 9 AM Saturday, and true to form he delivered the goods in spades. The clinic was out of the weather this time in the Crosby's Lodge general purpose room, and Doug also provided a handout to facilitate note taking, and provide future review material. As often happens with repeat performances, we learned things we either missed or had forgotten from last year. After a lunch break, we adjourned to the South Nets where Doug provided demonstrations of his stripping techniques and how to properly strip-set the hook, followed by ample one-on-one coaching as desired. I highly recommend Doug's Pyramid clinic.



You Mean We Need to Learn Knots?

We all seek to learn something new with each outing, and I certainly did, so I will leave you with this closing thought:

The Pyramid Angler's Lament:

As you wade the shallows with ladder in hand and seek the spot where you'll make your stand, ensure the sand is firm and sound, for lacking this, to a sodden fate you're bound; At time inconvenient with fish on the line and net in hand, your ladder and you in the water will land.

Thanks for your time, and see you on the water ...

Eric

Welcomer to Our Newest Members!

by Ted Way, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us recently. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Michael Biggs

Cia LeBlanc

Jim Gaynor

Betty and Tony Sica

Classes and Clinics

Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education

Below is a list of the clinics and classes that are offered to members. If you have suggestions for other clinics or classes, be sure to contact me to discuss your needs and ideas. Look for specific dates and times for a clinic or class on the web site, at upcoming meetings and in future *Leader* articles.

Scheduled Classes and Clinics

Fly Tying Jam
Tenkara Casting Clinic
Fundamentals of Knots
Short Line Nymphing Clinic

Dates

Third Tuesday of each month
May 21st
September 20th
October 8th, Dunsmuir City Park

Classes and Clinics for 2017

Net Building
Fly Fishing 101
Fly Casting Fundamentals

January – April 2017
February 2017
March 2017

Conservation Corner

by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation

Catch-and-release is an almost universal practice among fly fishers, and one that allows us to enjoy extended fishing days without having to worry about bag limits, and it minimizes our impact on fishery resources. However, catch-and-release must be done carefully, because depending on the species and conditions under which the fish were caught and handled, the practice in itself can be as lethal as if the fish were put on a stringer or into a creel.

A recent trip to Pyramid Lake with some GBF friends was a good case in point. We observed a fly fisherman fishing from the shoreline catch a number of Lahontan cutthroats, slide them on to the beach, remove the fly and toss the fish back into the lake. Those that didn't quite make it to the water were booted into the water. On a previous trip to Pyramid Lake, my friends observed a fisherman catch a fish, carry it to his truck by its gills to take a photo, then return the fish to the lake.

I am confident that such behavior is not something that a GBF member would practice, but much less abusive treatment of fish can also cause mortalities. The fish we pursue are of two types: spiny rayed and soft rayed. The spiny rayed fish are so named for the presence of spines in their fins. These fish include black bass and striped bass. Spiny rayed fish are relatively hardy, usually having a more rigid body, and they are more tolerant to handling and removal from the water. Soft rayed fish, such as trout and salmon, have no spines in their fins, have a relatively soft body, and do not hold up as well to handling. This is especially true for large trout such as Lahontan cutthroat and the trophy trout we catch in Davis Lake.



The practice of catch-and-release requires that we minimize hooking mortality by using safe handling practices. These include the use of barbless hooks, quickly landing hooked fish, limiting handling stress by keeping hooked fish in the water as much as possible while removing the fly, and limiting or ceasing trout fishing during warm water periods. With the widespread use of cell phones, many feel compelled to take photos of trophy catches. Best practices are to take the

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photos while the fish are in the net, on the stripping apron, or in shallow water at stream or lakeside. Fish caught on barbless hooks will often come unhooked while still in the landing net. Trout can be safely lifted from the water for photos, but extra care is necessary, especially if the fish appears to be in a weakened condition.

We are very fortunate to live in a region with so many opportunities to catch trophy fish. It is incumbent on all of us to protect these resources by minimizing injury to released fish.

Notice of Proposed Changes to Bylaws

by John Hogg, GBF President

The Board of Directors is proposing to make the following changes to the Bylaws, subject to approval by the membership. Since the Bylaws require all members to be notified 30 days in advance of Bylaw changes, this will be voted upon at the May monthly meeting. If you have any questions/comments, please contact me at johnhogg@sbcglobal.net.

Change to Article VII, Section 9 to read as follows:

"Upon completion of his (her) term of office, the President shall remain on the Board of Directors for one additional year in the position of Past President. Following that year, if there is no new Past President to assume the position (as will happen if the current President is elected to a second year), the vacancy shall be filled for that year by election of a Director whose term shall be one year. This Director may have served previously as an Officer or Director."

Change Section VII, Article 10 to read as follows:

"In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Past President, Secretary or Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term."

GBF Annual President's Day Picnic June 11, 2016 at Rancho Seco!

Members, Families and **Guests** are invited. We will gather in Group Picnic Area 2b starting at 11:00AM.

GBF will provide non-alcoholic drinks and all the food, including tri tip, chicken and hotdogs at 1:00PM! You bring your easy chairs and your family for a fun-filled day at the lake and beach. There is a \$10 per car (\$8 for seniors) daily use fee.

Details about all the upgraded amenities at Rancho Seco are posted on the website under "[Events](#)," and also at their website [here](#) and [here](#). A signup sheet will be at the May meeting, or you can e-mail me with your [name and headcount](#). All are welcome, but we need to know how much food to buy.

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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 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

Ready, Set, FISH...

And the **ONE FLY CONTEST** at Rancho Seco Recreation Area started with 19 fishers, amped up on coffee and donuts, all eager to catch the most fish while not losing their one and only fly. During this rainy morning, 19 people set out to catch trout, bass, and red ear. The catching started quickly, as did the first lost fly and, by the final whistle, 74 fish, including a four-pound trout, had been caught. Meanwhile, the cooks were cooking up a feast of tasty hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's.



Lunch at Rancho Seco



Burgers in the Rain

First Place - Bob Macy for a total of 12 fish, including all 3 species and the 4# trout.

Second Place - Jim Hopkins for a total of 12 fish.

First to Lose their Fly - Jack Ramos.

Special Thanks Award - Michael Clifford for assisting.

Thanks for the memories and support of the attendees! Looking forward to next time.

Tight Lines,

Wendell Edwards

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in May 2012)

Fly Patterns - Bill's Articulated Damsel Fly Nymph



*Bill's Articulated
Damsel Fly Nymph*

Materials:

Hooks:	Tiemco 2488; #18 rear hook, #14 front hook
Thread:	Danville or UTC 6/0 flat nylon, light olive
Beads:	Light olive translucent seed size glass beads
Tail:	Sparse damsel olive marabou
Sheath:	Fine damsel olive rabbit fur
Abdomen:	Same as sheath
Eyes:	Olive tinted clear mono eyes, size small
Ribbing:	Extra fine copper wire
Legs:	None
Thorax:	Same as abdomen
Weight:	None
Connector:	Monofilament (4x)

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Description

Last month we featured an articulated stonefly pattern. This month let's look at doing a damselfly nymph using the articulated style of fly. Why do that to a damselfly nymph? Well, if you've ever watched a damselfly nymph swim, you'll see how difficult it is to imitate that action with a fly. While using the articulated style does not guarantee motion similar to the live bug, I believe it may generate a bit sexier motion than a pattern tied in the traditional style. Time and experience will prove it out (or not), but I like trying new ideas and tinkering outside the (fly)box. The instructions for the articulated style are found in the April, 2012 Fly of the Month article, so I won't repeat those steps here except where necessary for clarity.

In this month's fly, we will use a scud type hook (short shank, curved, with nice wide gape). There are many good scud style hooks on the market. For this fly I chose the Tiemco 2488. Use whatever you have available. In the photos accompanying the article, I have used hooks that are larger than the specified sizes because the smaller sizes are hard to photograph accurately.



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Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

1. See April, 2012 Fly of the Month article for general instructions on tying using the articulated style. To begin with the rear fly (#18), debarb it and cover the shank with thread, stopping at a point between the hook point and the rear of the barb. Cut a small bunch of damselfly olive marabou from the shaft, and tie it in at that point, leaving the thread there.
2. Tie in the copper wire at the same point, dub a very sparse, thin body, and rib the fly. This finishes the rear piece, so whip finish and cut the thread.



Steps 1 & 2



Steps 3 & 4

3. Place the front (#14) hook in your vise, debarb it, and cover the shank with thread, stopping at a point between the hook point and the rear of the barb.
4. Cut an 8" piece of 4x monofilament tippet and run it through the eye of the rear hook. Add the beads and mount the mono with the beads and attached rear hook to the front hook shank as described in the April article.

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5. After the mono loop, the beads, and the rear fly are attached properly to the front hook, create a small dubbing loop at the rear of the front hook and fill about 1" of the loop with dubbing. Twist it into a loose rope, take a couple of wraps, tie the loop off, and trim the loop away. Use a piece of Velcro or your bodkin to pick out the dubbing and brush it to the rear. This serves to cover the attachment point of the connector loop and help make the front and rear "flies" appear to be continuous.
6. Move the thread forward and tie in a pair of eyes about one hook-eye width behind the eye, and tie in a piece of copper wire just ahead of the shroud.



Steps 5 & 6



Steps 7 & 8

7. Dub a sparse abdomen, ending just behind the eyes. Leaving the thread there, rib the fly and tie the copper wire off behind the eyes.
8. Cut a small clump of marabou from the stem and tie it in with the tips facing out over the eye of the hook. Move the thread to the area between the hook eye and the mono eyes, and again tie the marabou down there. The length of the clump should be such that the tips extend out over the hook eye about a shank's length.

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9. Move the thread to the rear of the eyes and dub a thorax behind the eyes and between them. Don't overdo this step, as the thorax should be only slightly larger than the abdomen. Return the thread to the area behind the eyes.
10. Pull the marabou rearward by the tips, so that they extend backward over the body and tie them down with a few wraps. This creates a sparse wing case and "wing". Whip finish at that point.



Steps 9 & 10

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. Keep everything very sparse. Damsel nymphs are not "robust" creatures; rather, they are small and delicate. Overly dressed damsel nymphs will routinely be ignored by fish.
2. Keep thread wraps to an absolute minimum. Even with flat nylon thread you can add too much bulk by over-dressing the hook shank with thread.

When fishing this or any other damsel nymph, use a loop knot to tie the fly to your tippet, and strip slowly. Be sure to watch your leader closely during those seconds before stripping, as fish will often take the fly "on the drop." Many takes are missed during this interval.

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

Our website is designed to be a resource for club members who want to enhance their fly fishing experience through participation in various club activities. Check often at www.gbflycasters.org for information on club fishouts, conservation projects, classes & clinics, and other activities that support our mission.



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Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gbflycasters.org.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Membership: Applications are available on-line at www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Ted Way at 916-761-7115, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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