Our speaker this month, Jim Roberts, first picked up a fly rod at 13, and since has spent countless days on the water learning various aspects of the sport. He has accumulated a wide range of experience in the fly fishing industry, from producer of fly fishing videos, fly shop owner, instructor, guide, writer, and manufacturer.

Fishing different waters from Argentina to Alaska for the past twenty years, his passion for chasing any fish with a fly is matched by his desire to teach others about fly fishing.

Guiding since 1995, he currently guides on the Lower Sacramento River for rainbows, the Trinity River for steelhead, and the Klamath for steelhead and salmon.

His program will focus on advanced nymphing strategies, and cover how to set up the equipment for the best presentation, reading the water, fishing like a hunter, fly selection, playing fish and effective techniques for catching fish on nymphs.
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- The *President’s Award for Outstanding Service* went to Mike Howes. Thank you Mike for all you do.
- **Jim Holmes** and **Dave Fujiyama** received the *Fly Tying* and *Conservation Awards*.
- **Ed Lloyd** and **Ron Fay** received the *Participation Award*.

The “Hats Off Honor Roll” is a new President’s Honor’s Award started this year. This award will serve as a great way to thank our members that are constantly assisting others. Thank you to our first "HATS OFF HONOR ROLL Honorees: Dale Spear, Don Whitecar, Eric Palmer, John Peterson and Mike Baker" for their tireless efforts that are put forth daily.

**Fishouts:**
Everyone should check the 2018 fishout schedule listed on our website that has 27 scheduled or proposed fishouts posted for this year.

**Clinics:**
*Fundamentals of Casting Clinic* with **John Hogg** and **Rick Radoff**, will be at Gibson Ranch April, 7th, April 14th and April 21st at 10:00 AM.

*Monthly Fly Tying Jam* will be April 17th at 6:30 PM, Folsom Lake Activity Center. Check our website, as **Jim Holmes** will be posting the material needed for this month’s patterns.

**John Pellegrin** will host a *Tenkara Clinic* at Recreation Park, Auburn, CA, April 14th at 10 AM - 12 NOON.
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**Leaman Houston** and **Bill Grigsby** will host the *Knot Tying Class* April 17th, 6:30 PM at the Folsom Lake Activity Center.

Our Monthly Meetings have had a packed house, as our programs have been very entertaining and educational. Come join us, we have some great speakers set for the next few months. The park hours have changed with daylight saving time, and the gates are now open past 7:00 PM.

I’d suggest new members get acquainted with **Dale Spear**. Dale will be available to answer questions about the club’s many activities that are available for you, like the “When, Where, and How” do I get involved.

GBF elections are coming! Step up and become a candidate for one of our Board of Directors positions that will be available for our 2018-2019 year. You and GBF will benefit from your service. You may contact **Eric Palmer** and **Frank Stolten**, Nomination’s Committee, or any of our current board members.

Find a partner and go fishing!

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**Rancho Murieta Fishout**
**April 11**

This year’s fishout at Rancho Murieta should be at the prime time of the year. The weather will be great, and the fishing should be the same. The three lakes you will be able to fish are Lake Clementia, Bass Lake and Lake Calero. The outing will begin at Lake Clementia where we will meet between 9:00 and 9:15 AM to start fishing.

This fish out will be **limited to 12 members**. The fishout is currently full, but get on the waiting list in case of any cancellations. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you plan on eating at the BBQ. We will have a BBQ at a cost of $10.00, payable the same day as the fishout. **Dick Shannon** and others will co-host and help cook.

**Equipment:** a fast rod between 6-8 weight; a floating or intermediate line; a float tube or pontoon boat; bring black and brown Wooly Buggers, Leeches, Clousers, Poppers, Gurglers and any of your favorite bass flies.

We will meet at Lake Clementia at the boat launch between 9:00 and 9:15 AM. Your name will be left at the gate; tell the security that you are a guest of Dick Shannon. To get to Lake Clementia, drive straight down Murieta Parkway to its end, where you will take a right on Camino De Lago. Go through the gate, which takes you to the lake. Lake Clementia is on the left. Rancho Murieta is located along the Jackson Highway (Highway 16). Take Sunrise Blvd. South to Jackson Hwy 16, or South from Folsom via Prairie City, White Rock, Scott, Latrobe & Stonehouse Roads to Hwy 16.

For more information, contact me at rds@ranchomurieta.org, or go here to the GBF site Message Board Rancho Murieta fishout template for more details on the outing.

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**Welcome to Our Newest Members!**

*by Don Whitecar, 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.

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Tenkara Clinic, April 14

by John Pellegrin

There are some of you who have wanted to learn about tenkara fishing, but have not had the opportunity to do so. There are also some of you who bought a tenkara rod, but for various reasons have not been able to do anything with it. I’m going to hold an Introduction to Tenkara Clinic on Saturday, April 14th, to give you an opportunity to learn, or review the basics of traditional tenkara, including history, equipment and basic casting.

If you do not have a tenkara rod, there will be 3 rods available to loan you: two belong to GBF, and one that I will provide. This clinic will not be held on water, but in a park where one can learn about all the basics. There will be fishouts later for fishing tenkara. The clinic will be held at “Recreation Park” in Auburn, adjacent to Auburn-Folsom Rd. on the south side of I-80, from 10-12 AM.

Later in the year, I will hold several tenkara fishouts. Again, there will be 3 rods available for loan. Friday, July 6th, will be a fishout at the Silver Fork (of the South Fork of the American). Then on Friday, September 28th, the fishout will be on the East Fork of the Carson, south of Markleeville on Hwy 4.

For more information on any of these events, contact me at John.Pellegrin@comcast.net

Cameron Park Fishout, April 20

by Ray Ito, Fishmaster

The Cameron Park Fishout is scheduled for Friday, April 20th, beginning at 8:00 AM. Entry fee to the park is $3 for GBF members, and $2 for seniors 62 and over. However, in past years entry has been free, as there was no attendant on-duty. Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided. An optional lunch of BBQ hamburgers, and side dishes is available for $5. Refer to the fishout template on the website for additional details, or contact me at itor@pacbell.net. Limited to 20 members.

Pyramid Lake Fishout, April 26-29

by Eric Palmer

The fourth annual Pyramid Lake Fishout and all-around fun time is near. So, mark your calendar for April 26-29 (Thur-Sun). Then, be sure to sign up at the April meeting, or shoot me an email to get on the list. Pyramid Lake, 45 minutes north of Reno, the destination of the Truckee River, and at about the size of Lake Tahoe, is a remnant of an ancient inland sea that once reached from Oregon to Reno, and west to Susanville, CA. I learned this when asking how its native Lahontan cutthroat trout arrived in a lake in the middle of the Nevada desert. They swam from the Columbia River 17,000 years ago!

Anglers on Pyramid face the anomaly of hoping for windy, cloudy, cold, rainy weather that seems to improve the fishing geometrically, versus the comfort of fair weather and a subsequently lower catch rate. So, while our timing is on the cusp

To get fish, you generally follow the crowd.

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If you’re new to the lake or need a refresher, you will receive some initial orientation and coaching to launch you on a fun and successful weekend, but the catching is up to you.

Should you hook anything even close to what Michelle’s holding, you may want to quickly summon a “wing man” with a big net for an assist. I once watched three anglers spend 20 minutes corralling a smaller fish into a net.

Members who sign up will receive ample supporting documentation via email on flies, and how to fish the lake, along with lodging info. So, sign up and join us. In the mean time, go here to the GBF site Message Board Pyramid Fishout template for more details on the outing.

Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake Fishout, May 16

by Doug Kytonen, Fishmaster

Jenkinson Lake is located on Sly Park Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. Jenkinson Lake is a 640-acre lake at 3,500 feet elevation in the Sly Park Recreation Area of El Dorado County, and is the lowest elevation reservoir in California to hold a viable population of mackinaw, with fish up to 18 pounds.

The lake also has a decent population of brown trout; the lake record for a brown trout is 21 pounds. The lake is stocked with catchable rainbow trout from the late winter or early spring. Most of the planted trout are 12-14 inches, with
some holdovers 2-3 pounds. Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and bluegill are also found in Jenkinson Lake, but smallmouth bass are the predominate species because the lake offers the rocky points, ledges and flats that smallmouth prefer. Every year I hook a couple of smallmouths between 17-19 inches, 3-to-4 pounds of hard fighting fish.

   A 5 or 6-weight rod, clear or camo intermediate line will keep you into the fish this time of the year, with a 10 ft. leader with 8 lb. tippet, a size 4-10 woolly buggers, wiggle tails, streamers or leech pattern. My favorite way to fish is to cast to the shoreline and rip back a gold olive streamer, or slowly troll a leech in 10 ft. of water along the rocky points or rocky shoreline. The grassy knoll where it drops off to deep water is a great place to troll a woolly bugger or wiggle tail to entice smallies to strike. A watercraft is the best way to fish this lake, something you can pick up and move to a new spot if fishing is slow in that spot. A float tube is best for this type of fishing where you can fish 3 or 4 places in a day.

   We will meet at Chimney Camp day picnic parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring a lunch and chair, but there is a bench on the beach. You can fish the inlets for trout at the far end or across the bay from the chimneys. This is one of my favorite places to fish; the whole channel is a 5 MPH no-wake zone, so no worries about jet or water-skier’s.

   For more information, contact me at travelmaster@surewest.net, or go here to the GBF site Message Board Sly Park Fishout template for more details on the outing. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly meeting.
Classes and Clinics

Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education

Various Classes and Clinics are on-going throughout the year. In the upcoming months, don’t forget our Fly Casting Fundamentals Clinic that is being held on Saturday, April 7th, 14th, and 21st out at Gibson Ranch. In addition to this clinic, we have a very informative Tenkara Fishing Clinic that will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at Recreation Park in Auburn.

While our Fundamentals of Knots Clinic, scheduled for April 17th is full, there will be another one scheduled for October 16th of this year.

On June 19th, we have our Workshop on Novelty Flies. This workshop is limited to a maximum of five participants with a $5 materials cost. If you are interested, please sign up at the next club meeting.

Finally, for those without a float tube, but are interested in trying it out, there will be a New to Float Tubing Clinic scheduled for June 30th. All needed equipment will be available. Sign-ups and details will be available at the club meeting.

As a reminder, Classes and Clinics are only open to GBF club members. Also, keep in mind that if you sign up to participate in a clinic, please make every effort to attend. Since plans can change, and you find you can’t make it, please notify the Clinic Leader so that others can attend in your place.

Fly Fishing Backcountry Sierra Streams

by Royal B. Pocketwater

Part II

So, let’s “profile” this denizen of the high country. First, forget “macho” which has no rightful place in our hallowed green halls. The term conjures up visions of growling chain saws and heavy-footed trampling of wild flowers; and, of “takers” who believe that man’s supposed “primacy” over nature, perched if you will, atop the hierarchy of things animate and inanimate—permits “taking” whatever he wants. In other words, don’t confuse “individuality” with “macho.”

Our subject is a gentler sort of bloke; perhaps fanatical in his pursuit of wild trout, he’s symbiotic in his view of the environment. An observant individual, the hike is more than just trail time to be endured on the way; while it lasts, it is as important as what awaits (oh, all right, not qui-i-i-ite as important) as the destination. The chill of the crisp fall dawn that crystallizes his breath midair while he digs for mittens buried at the bottom of the daypack; the breezy rattle of colorful autumn leaves along the steeply-climbing rocky and tree-lined trail—and their frosty crunch underfoot as his pickup fades from view back at the trailhead; the late spring Alpine Forget-me-nots blooming purple and blue in the cracks and crevices as he confidently crosses the bald reach of moraine; the puffy,
threatening summer afternoon cumulus buildup and the hail of showers which pelted him and drove him to cover; the doe and fawn who watch him carefully from a distance as he pauses to frame them against the sky, and so freezes them in his memory; the sleek puma which, having seen our intruder, slips over the cliff’s edge, silently, gracefully bounding down the canyon face, and disappears into the Manzanita; the surprised black bear met while rounding the blind trail turn.

As important as these things are to our hiker, he soon “locks in” on the now-audible burbling of the creek as the trail descends to the base of the canyon. His years of backwoods experience, passable physical condition, knowledge of orienteering, and a “sixth sense” about mountain terrain, have led him to this new (to him) mountain stream.

Long of tooth and whisker, and slightly out of breath, he grins as he turns to his companions who instantly read his silent thoughts – “ideal conditions.”

Scruffy appearing, to some, with worn and baggy clothing, their eyes are riveted on the creek as pack rods are rigged and flies affixed to tippets between swats at mosquitoes and black flies. Their trail argument over between Beethoven and Willie Nelson now forgotten, they wordlessly begin their routine of “hole-hopping” as they work their way upstream against the current.

Rugged? Not Necessarily. Individual? It depends on how you define it. If it means a willingness to take a few calculated risks while knowing limits, an adventurous spirit tempered by experience and acquired knowledge, and an insatiable curiosity about places where wild trout live – then, yes, he is an “individual.”

Confident? Yes – an essential trait, although not to the point where he takes himself seriously. Indeed, he must have a sense of humor to survive those inevitable times when, inexplicably, he is unceremoniously...
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skunked. Of course, he and his companions are adept at explanations of the stinginess of the stream, as they foolishly grope their way, with flashlights and bleary-eyed, back to the truck in the dark, having tried that “one last hole around the bend” in the day’s waning light, without looking at their watches.

Does he own a lawnmower? Yes, but it’s all rusted out.

To be continued

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Granite Bay Flycasters
Classifieds

I have a few thing for sale; they belong to a friend of mine who is suffering from Parkinson and no longer fishes:

*Fenwick fiberglass rod new like/exceptional condition - 2 piece, 8’, 3-½ oz, line #6t, cotton sock and aluminum case - $100

*Aleka Graphite rodX2 - new like/exceptional condition - 4 piece, 9’, line #5, nylon carry case - $125 (http://alekasports.com)

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Henry Sandigo hsandigo@gmail.com; or call 916-434-7792

I’m selling my Orvis 9 ft, 5 weight, 4 piece mid-flex fly rod. It’s in perfect condition and only been fished a few times. $125.

Also selling a seldom used Scadden Outlaw Escape float tube.

It’s lightweight and comes with integrated oars and large detachable tackle bags. It works well in either still water or moving water. I’ll also include an inflation valve and a Rubbermaid rolling tub for storage or easy transportation.

Originally cost: $999, will sell for $450.

Dennis Baker at 916-580-639; or baker0707@aol.com

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: editor@gbflycasters.org. All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month’s Leader.
Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer’s Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in April 2009)

Fly Patterns - Chopaka Emerger

![Chopaka Emerger]

**Materials:**

- **Hook:** Tiemco 100BL or similar, size 14-18
- **Thread:** 8/0 light cahill color
- **Tail:** Cream antron or sparkle yarn (very sparse)
- **Abdomen:** Creamy tan dubbing
- **Wing case:** Dark natural deer hair
- **Thorax:** Same as abdomen

**Description**

For those of us who enjoy stillwater fishing, Callibaetis mayflies are extremely important. These little critters hatch throughout the seasons, and are readily available to hungry trout. They have a typical mayfly life cycle: egg, larva (nymph), and adult. As is the case with all mayflies, the adult stage consists of two phases, with the first being the dun (aka “sub-imago”), with its opaque speckled wings and brownish body. The second and final phase is the spinner (aka “imago”), a transparent wraith-like form whose sole purpose is to mate, deposit eggs on the water (in the case of the female), and then die.

The nymph is a good swimmer, using short, quick bursts of speed to propel itself around. When the nymph is ready to hatch, a gaseous bubble forms beneath the wing case causing the nymph to rise toward the surface. Once this begins to occur, the nymph will tend to resist the inevitable, and will swim back down to the vegetation on the bottom. This foolish act results in the demise of many a nymph, as gluttonous trout gobble them down. This, of course, presents an opportunity to anglers aware of this behavior to vary the retrieve when fishing with nymph imitations. Those nymphs that do reach the surface must then emerge from their nymphal shell. We call this brief phase the “emerger.” Opportunistic trout pluck hapless emergers from the surface film—once again giving knowledgeable anglers an opportunity to fool hungry trout by using emerged imitations.

Some of the emergers never quite make it out of the shuck and die trying. These we call “cripples” or “stillborns.” The lesson here is simple: even though fully formed duns may adorn the surface, trout will go for the easy take and ignore them in favor of the hapless emergers. Accordingly, I tend to stick with emergers until it becomes clear to me that the fish have switched to the duns. The spinners, upon completion of their mating and egg-laying activity, will fall to the water to die. For a short time their wings will remain upright; as death approaches, their wings drop prostrate to the

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surface. Trout will sometimes feed on spent spinners, especially when there is a lull between the spinner fall and the next hatch. So, it pays to have imitations that imitate all of the life stages of the Callibaetis: nymph, emerger, and adult (including the dun and the spinner phases). This fly is named after a lake in Washington where, apparently, fly anglers concentrate on Callibaetis hatches.

**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. Cover rear half of shank with thread. Tie in a sparse clump of antron or sparkle yarn just above the back of the barb (or where that would otherwise be in the case of a barbless hook). The length should be approximately the length of the shank of the hook.

Step 1

2. Dub a sparse abdomen of the antron or sparkle yarn. Use just enough dubbing to make the thread “fuzzy.”

Step 2

3. At the halfway point on the hook, tie in a small clump of deer hair with the tips pointing to the rear.

Trim the butts closely, add a drop of superglue to the tie-in point, and cover the butts with thread. This will become the wing case.

Step 3

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4. Dub in front of the deer hair to form a thorax. The thorax should be a bit heftier than the abdomen.

5. Moisten the tips of the hair (it makes them easier to handle) and pull them up and over the thorax, making sure that the hair stays directly on top of the hook. Tie the tips down in front of the thorax, leaving sufficient room behind the eye to form a nice thread head.

6. Whip finish behind the eye and in front of the wing. This will make the tips of the hair stick out over the eye, while remaining in a semi-upright position. Apply a small drop of super glue to the thread wraps, making sure to keep the hook eye clear of hair and glue.

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. If you do get glue in the hook eye, take a small feather and run it through the eye; this will absorb the errant glue and keep the eye clean.

2. When fishing this pattern, apply floatant to the entire fly—not just the body and wing. The reason for doing this is to keep the fly lying horizontal in the surface film. Other emerger patterns require avoiding use of floatant on the tail, to allow it to hang down beneath the surface (e.g., the Klinkhammer Special)—but not this Callibaetis emerger.

2. When fishing the fly, use a floating or intermediate line with a long leader tapered to a fine tippet. Allow the fly to sink, and then begin a short, jerky retrieve; this represents the swimming nymph. If you suspect that the nymphs are in that “resistance” mode mentioned above, then give the line a few strips and pause for a few seconds to let the fly sink back down.

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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Granite Bay Flycasters

Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

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 http://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 http://gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: $30; Family memberships: $35; and youth (under 18): $10. There is also a $12 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, contact Don Whitecar at 916-804-5384, or visit the website at http://gbflycasters.org.

The Leader: To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at editor@gbflycasters.org. Please put GBF Leader in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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