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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Happy and Safe 4th of July to all!

Can you believe that our 2017-2018 year has come to a close? At our June general meeting, we said goodbye to some dedicated members that have faithfully served as leaders of our club for several years.

- **John Hogg** and **Mike Howes** have been an officer or director for ten or more years. Many, many thanks go to these two guys.
- **Don Whitecar** served as Vice President of Membership for the past three years, along with providing website technical expertise. Thank you for your service.
- **Carol Tevlin**, Direction at Large. Thank you for your service.

We also have several outgoing directors that will change hats and have offered to continue serving on the Board in other capacities. They are:

- **Gordon Tornberg** served three years as Director, and will now assume the Treasurer position.

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Monthly Program



Dr. Andrew Kinziger

Our speaker this month is **Dr. Andrew Kinziger**, a professor at Humboldt State University since 2003, where he teaches courses in Ichthyology, Fisheries Techniques, Conservation Genetics of Fish and Wildlife. He has served as chair of the Department of Fisheries Biology since 2014. His research interests involve using genetic techniques to make inference into the conservation and management of game and non-game fishes, including salmon, steelhead, sculpins, tidewater goby and many other species.

His presentation will provide an overall description of the Fisheries Biology program at Humboldt State University, including the curriculum and facilities (e.g., hatchery, R/V Coral Sea, fish collection, marine lab, etc.) and a description of the students that have been assisted with our fellowships and where they are today.

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J U L Y 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6. Tenkara Fishout	7.
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8. N. Yuba Fishout July 6 - 8	9.	10. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	11.	12. Monthly Meeting	13.	14.
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19. Little Truckee River Fishout	20.	21.
				Virginia Lakes Fishout July 18 - 22		
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- **Eric Palmer** was a three-year director, and will now assume the role of Vice President of Membership.

Returning board members are **David Bennett, David Jones, Ron Fay, Dale Spear, Ed Lloyd** and **Dave Fujiyama**.

Please welcome newly elected Directors:

- **Ron Davidson** and **Drake Johnson** for a three-year term.
- **TinaLyn Sell** and **Victor Maiello**, Directors at Large for a one-year term.

I, **Wendell Edwards** will be serving a one-year term as your President. Thank you.

We had a fantastic Annual Picnic. Well done **Dale Spear and Committee**. See Dale's report elsewhere in *The Leader*.

Fishout schedule for July—be sure to check the fishout schedule regularly for updates.

July 6-7-8, 2018	North Yuba (signups closed)	Eric Palmer, ejpalmer@pacbell.net
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July 6 (Fri)	Tenkara #1 Silver Creek	John Pellegrin, pellegrin@comcast.net
July 19 (Thur)	Little Truckee	Ed Lloyd, edwinlloyd@att.net
July 18-22 (Wed-Sun)	Virginia Lakes Fishout	Michael Kaul, mikedkaul@gmail.com

July 17: Fly tying with Jim Holmes starts 6:30PM at the Folsom Lake Activity Center.

Grab your partner and go fishing!

Virginia Lakes Fishout July 18 - 22, 2018

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 18th to the 22nd of July. There will be a taco dinner on Saturday the 21st for all who attend.

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra, just south of Bridgeport off of 395, before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is "eastern side incredible." We will be staying at Trumble Lake campground at 9,700 feet. If you are concerned about the elevation, you might consider staying a night at Twin Lakes, or the Tahoe area on the way. Drink plenty of water on the way up! This is a nice campground with water and exceptionally nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line (only half the sites are reservable), but we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). These are also very beautiful, and right next to a main stream, and are free.

The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumble Lake. There is excellent wet and dry fly fishing at all three lakes, as well as in the multiple lakes just up the trail. There are plenty of opportunities for stream and river lovers as well. These include Virginia Creek, Green Creek and the West and East Walker Rivers just down the road. There is a store at Little Virginia with high priced goods, a little restaurant (very nice breakfasts and lunches), and hot showers. They also rent cabins, usually for a week, but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented. Bridgeport is a 30-to-45-minute drive, and there are motels if camping is not your thing. <http://www.virginalakesresort.com>.

The lake fishing is generally float tube with sinking line (intermediate - fast). Catching twenty fish in a day is not extraordinary, and I will be available to help anyone who desires it. Flies will be plentiful, as I will bring my tying stuff, as will others. There will be extra equipment available for anyone to use. Rods from 3-6 wt. are the norm.

This is a great family outing, as there are a variety of things to do besides fishing. The hiking is excellent, with relatively short distances between lakes. Just down the road there is horseback riding, and the old gold ghost-town of Bodie is within 45 minutes. The city of Mammoth is less than an hour away, as is the entrance to Yosemite.

Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you are planning to come so I can get enough camp sites and bring enough taco fixin's.

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2018 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Picnic Recap

by Dale Spear, Picnic Chair

I would like to thank everyone who attended, and all those who helped out with the 2018 Annual Picnic. The picnic was held in the picnic area right outside of our clubhouse. We had 64 people sign-up, and at least 60 people attended.



The old bean bag toss

Mike Howes, as usual, jumped in with both feet and headed up the bar-b-que crew, along with hardworking **Ron Ellis**. Mike met us the night before to purchase the groceries, then he and Ron prepped all the food and stood at the bar-b-que for hours cooking and serving. The food was delicious.

The morning of the picnic, **Lester Grigsby** and his daughter, **Heather**, along with **Harry Petrakis** joined us to set up the picnic tables with coverings, as well as setting out the implements necessary to conduct a picnic.



The Indulgence Begins!

GBF member **Michael Biggs** set up a microphone and speaker on the covered porch of the clubhouse, plugged in his guitar, and sang beautifully while others cooked, talked, played games and enjoyed themselves. He took a break for a quick lunch, and then played his music until the conclusion of the picnic. Michael's music was fantastic, and also completely volunteered.

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*Let there be pies!*

After the pie competition, **Tom Ross** and **Bill Grigsby** officiated a game in which contestants cast a fly at balloons. The winner, **Ron Davidson**, broke two balloons. The prize for this game was 16 flies that were tied by our very own **Jim Holmes**. Since Ron Davidson is such a great guy, he generously gave these flies to one of our newest members, **TinaLyn Sell**.

At the conclusion of the picnic, **Dave Fujiyama** stayed until the bitter end, helping clean-up and locking up the facilities.

Again, thanks to everyone who participated.

Twelve members brought pies for a pie baking competition that was held after lunch. All the pies were outstanding. **Dave** and **Cindy Jones' daughter, Allie**, took first place. The prize was two wine glasses etched with a trout design and a bottle of wine. Dave and Cindy swiftly took the items from the 14-year-old, and are probably drinking her prize as I write. Second place, this was people's choice by the way, went to **Michelle Davidson**. She won a faux-leather covered thermos with a fly design and some coffee. **Ron Davidson**, her husband, swiftly took these items from Michelle...

*Sure, I can remove one more block*

Upper Sacramento River Spring Fishout 2018

by Tony Jelinek

Thanks to Mother Nature, the Upper Sacramento Spring Fish-out actually occurred during the spring this year, from May 30 to June 3. Home base was the Three Vistas, a house located off the Soda Springs exit with incredible views of Mount Shasta, the river, and Castle Crags from the back deck and the living room. Participants also stayed at the Dunsmuir Lodge, and camped at Sims and Castle Crags campgrounds.

Anglers arrived early Wednesday afternoon, and were anxious to get on the water. The sky was overcast and the air was cool. Many were able to break the ice that evening with their first catches, and get off the water before the thunder and lightning hit around 7:30 PM.

Thursday morning, after a hearty breakfast, several anglers took off to the short-line nymphing clinic held in the City Park led by Eric "Towendolly" Palmer. Others took off for places unknown to rendezvous later that evening at the Three Vistas for the kick-off dinner. The day was cloudy and cool with occasional rain showers.

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A total of twenty anglers were on the trip, making this the largest spring fishout, yet. The fishing continued on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the days getting warmer.

Everybody caught fish. The largest fish were 16-to-19 inches, caught by **Eric Palmer** and **Michael Biggs**. All methods of fly fishing were used—short-line nymphing, dry flies, Tenkara, and even—“look Mom, no hands,” where you just lay your rod on the ground, dangle the fly in the water, and go do something else; then

suddenly realize your rod is “swimming” away and have to jump into action to save your rod and net the fish. New members and first-time fly-fishers, **Tinalyn** and **Ben Sell**, celebrated their wedding anniversary by catching their first fish on flies. **Corley Phillips** averaged 7.06 miles and ½ fall in the water per day, while keeping his Fitbit dry. **Tom Kuzmich**, a first-timer on the Upper Sac, caught his first fish for this river. He and **Michael Gervais** may have out-hiked Corley on one of the days, trying to keep up with mountain goat **David Baker**. Tom made a delicious cioppino for us; the group elected him to make it every year. It was great to see **Kim Lloyd** back on the water sans neck brace.



Mt. Shasta from the deck

Fish, music, great food, and, of course, many stories were enjoyed throughout the outing. The debate still continues on whether a dropper off the leader, or a dropper tied off the bend of the leading fly is more effective. When asked which method is more effective, **Frank Stolten's** sage advice was, “it depends.” And, he just left

it at that. I guess that is all you need to know.



Lazing at the cabin

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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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in July 2009)

Fly Patterns - Shambles Caddis



Shambles Caddis

Materials:

Hook:	Any standard dry fly hook, size 12-18 (ex: Tiemco 900 BL)
Thread:	Creamy yellow 8/0 (or other color to match abdomen)
Tail:	Short, fine deer hair
Abdomen:	Fine creamy yellow dubbing
Hackle:	High quality tan or dun dry fly neck hackle
Wing:	Tan deer hair

Description

This This pattern is a variation of an old standard, the Elk Hair Caddis. It's quite simple and can be modified easily in size and color to suit your needs. I call it the "shambles" caddis because after a few fish it looks like a shaggy mess.

Who cares? It just keeps on producing fish. All you have to do is wash off the fish slime, squeeze the water out of it, powder it up, and return it to service. It floats like a cork and trout won't leave it alone. My favorite body color is a creamy yellow, but I also carry them in olive, tan, and black.

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.



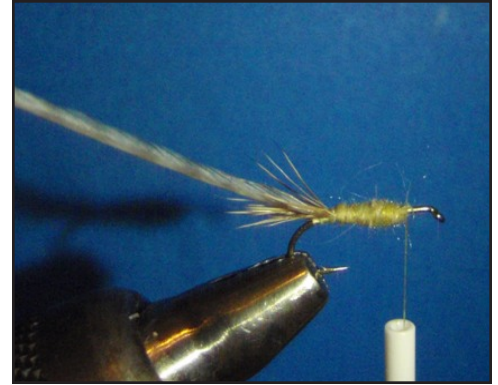
Steps 1 & 2

1. Crimp the hook barb and cover the hook shank with a layer of thread.
2. Tie in a sparse tail of fine deer hair; wrap the butts of the hair down tightly. I don't stack the hair. The tail should be approximately 2/3 of the shank in length.

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3. At the same tie-in point, tie in a small tan or dun rooster neck hackle; the barbles should be no longer than the gape of the hook.
4. Dub a thin body with fine creamy yellow dubbing. The dubbing should cover the rear 2/3 of the hook.



Steps 3 & 4



Step 5

5. Wrap the hackle forward, using 5 or 6 turns; tie it off at the front end of the dubbing.

6. Cut a bunch of deer hair from the hide and clean out the underfur. The bunch should be approximately half the diameter of a pencil. Measure it so that it will reach the back of the hook bend. Clip the butts evenly and tie the hair in firmly just ahead of the abdomen. Leave a small tuft of the butts (just like the Elk Hair Caddis). Whip finish in front of the butts. Turn the fly over and place a small drop of super glue on the underside, where the hair wing was tied in.



Step 6

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. As mentioned above, I don't stack the hair for the tail or the wing. I prefer the slightly irregular profile of the hair wing, as it seems to look more natural.
2. Select short, fine hair for the tail, and longer, slightly coarser hair for the wing. The wing should flare to some extent, but not too much.

Now go tie one and then go fish it, and...

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



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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