

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Greetings,

Did you know that the Club has 21 fishouts scheduled between now and the end of the year? Wow, what a schedule, because of the efforts of our Fishmasters, **Tony Jelenik** and **Doug Kytonen**, and the many volunteer hosts. Thank you to all.

Our program this month will be Chris Leonard. Chris is an Eastern Sierra fishing guide that in 2005 started the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club. Every spring, he takes local Mammoth kids out, and teaches them fly fishing skills. Chris will highlight some of his favorite Eastern Sierra Lakes and streams.

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Monthly Program



*Chris Leonard with an Eastern
Sierra Rainbow*

Our speaker this month, **Chris Leonard**, is a teacher at Mammoth High School. His greatest passions are education and fly fishing, making him a choice fly fishing instructor and on-water guide. His favorite waters to fish and guide include the Owens River, Hot Creek, Rush Creek, Rock Creek, San Joaquin River and Crowley Lake.

His passion for fly fishing began in 2005 when he started the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club. Every spring, he takes local Mammoth kids out on the water to teach them how to fly fish!

His program is a story of how the creation of the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club in 2005 led him on a journey of fly fishing and guiding throughout the Eastern Sierra. He did not know how to fly fish when he started the club in 2005. Now, thirteen years later, he is a seasoned angler. He will share with you stories, techniques, and tactics for fishing the majestic Eastern Sierra range. The Eastern Sierra is a jewel of a region for fly fishing—filled with creeks, rivers, and lakes, both on and off the beaten path. It's a beautiful part of the country, and a great place to wet a line.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Upper Sac Fishout June 1 - June 3	
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Upper Sac Fishout June 1 - June 3					Frenchman Lake Fishout June 8 - June 10	
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
Frenchman Lake Fishout June 8 - June 10		Board Meeting 7:00 PM		Monthly Meeting		Annual Picnic
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
		Fly Tying Jam	Truckee River Fishout			
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
						Float Tubing Clinic/Fishout

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The Annual Picnic is just a few days away, June 16th. It will be held at the Folsom Lake Activity Center; the same place where we hold our monthly meetings. **Dale Spear** has an exciting program planned for you this year. Dale has a detailed description of the event posted elsewhere in *The Leader*.

The Fly tying jam, with **Jim Holmes**, is June 19th at 6:30PM, at the Folsom Lake Activity Center.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the Board of Directors for their enthusiasm, and all the hard work that is necessary to implement the many activities and events that our club offers its members.

The outgoing board members are **DON WHITECAR, MIKE HOWES, ERIC PALMER** and **CAROL TEVLIN**. You guys sure made my year an enjoyable one. THANK YOU, best of health and many tight lines.

I also want to thank the members of the Dinner Committee for putting on a fabulous Dinner and Fundraiser this past March. Our net income was very substantial, and is allowing us to provide clinics, fishouts and workshops at no cost to members. It also pays for our monthly speakers; and last, and certainly not least, funds for the many conservation activities that we support. We will contribute \$1,490 to Casting for Recovery and, at this writing, have proposed a spending budget of \$6,900 for area projects. Our financial status also remains strong as a result of the annual dinner. I do not expect an increase in dues. Thank you to all that support our club in many ways.

Thank you, members, for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. It has been a privilege and a pleasure.



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Frenchman Lake Fishout/Float Tube Clinic

June 8th - 10th

by Gene Goss, Fishout Leader

Frenchman Lake is at 5,599 feet above sea level, and is one of those high-desert lakes that sits in the middle of the sagebrush; it is smaller than Lake Davis with 1,580 surface acres. It has upper and lower sections, with a channel connecting them. The upper section, with shallow coves and summer weed beds, is the preferred area for fly fishers. A gravel road goes all around the lake, and there are a number of side roads that offer fishing access. There are two boat ramps, one is located at Frenchman Campgrounds on the southeastern end of the lake, and the other is located on the northwestern side of the lake at Lunker Point. There are no boating speed limits or restrictions on Frenchman Lake, so you need to keep a watchful eye for jet skis, water skiers, etc; this isn't a problem with all the coves, weed beds, and shallow flats. There are five campgrounds scattered around the south end of the lake, and some of the camp/RV sites are right on the lake edge.

The float tube clinic will be for beginners and experts alike. For the experts, the float tube class will be a shuttle float tube clinic that will cover a two-mile float, with lots of stopping to fish at various coves, weed beds, and points. A south wind will help us to the take-out point, where you will be required to do a short backpack to the parking lot; and if we help one another, this shouldn't be a problem. For the beginners, I will offer a two-hour, on-the-water, wind clinic in the afternoon. We will cover casting in the wind, weed beds, trolling, indicator fishing, etc; this will be the foundation to becoming an expert stillwater fly fishing person.

Frenchman Lake fly fishing has filled the void of Lake Davis in the last couple of years. During the drought, it was heavily planted with Eagle Lake rainbows, and with all the rain from last year, it was brim full with hungry trout. Lots of indicator fishing is done at Frenchman Lake, and being close to Reno, NV, it does get crowded on the weekends around the popular places.

Frenchman Lake is unique with it's bug hatch; it doesn't have a damsel hatch, Hex hatch, or Blood midge that you could target. Midge's, Callibaetis, and Caddis are the major bug hatches to target. If you like to rip a streamer in the weed beds, the Lahontan Redside is a minnow, and are the predominate species at Frenchman Lake.

If you're interested in participating there is more info [here](#) on the GBF message board or contact me at eugene_goss@yahoo.com.

2018 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Picnic

Where: Granite Bay Flycasters Clubhouse (Folsom Lake Activity Center)

Who: GBF members, family and invited guest

When: June 16, 2018 Saturday at 11:00 AM

There is a picnic area with tables located just outside our clubhouse with access to the lake. We will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the Activity Center bar-b-que pits. We will also be providing a salad and non-alcoholic drinks.

We will be conducting a pie baking competition with the champion winning some fantastic, tremendous, inexpensive prize. We encourage all members and/or their spouses to participate; the remaining pie left after tasting to be shared amongst the picnic participants. The coordinator of this year's picnic, **Dale Spear**, not typically the braggadocio type, claims his spouse can make a better pie than your spouse. No? Come to the picnic and prove it.

The picnic will begin at 11:00 AM; the food served from 12:00 PM on. This year's games will include the corn-hole game, giant Jenga, and a casting accuracy game that will include popping some balloons.

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A very special addition this year will be live music provided by our own talented **Michael Biggs**. Beautiful, melodious sounds will waft through the trees.

A sign-up sheet will be at the meetings, or, you can email Dale with your name and headcount. All are welcome, even at the last minute, but we need to have an idea how much food to prepare.

Contact: dalespear@sbcglobal.net; 916-502-0455

Annual Election Notice

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on and the members who have offered to serve and been nominated:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
President	Wendell Edwards
Vice President, Membership	Eric Palmer
Vice President, Conservation	Dave Fujiyama
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Try Float Tubing Clinic

Have you wanted to give float tubing a try but don't have the equipment? This **June 30th** we will be putting on an event at Fuller Lake where we will assemble the necessary equipment (tubes, waders, fins, rods, reels, lines and flies) to allow you to experience this wonderfully relaxing and productive aspect of fly fishing. You do not need to have any experience or expertise, and all ages are welcome. There will be numerous coaches who all have knowledge of float tubing, as well as several different types of tubes and fins for you to try.

Fuller is a great lake to get a feel for the sport, as it is beautiful, often has osprey diving for fish, and generally has fish that will take your fly. We will meet at the upper parking lot about 9:00 to get geared up, go over some safety and basic fishing instructions, then out on the water. I will be there all day (and into the evening), but you may leave whenever you are ready. The only things you will need to bring are warm socks (or two), fleece pants for under the waders, warm layers for the top parts, a hat, sunglasses, water, and a lunch.

If you are interested, call **Michael Kaul** at 530 677-8022 to sign up, or for questions.

Conservation Corner

Spreading the Wealth

by Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation

Your club takes its commitment to protecting our natural resources seriously! From bucketing gravel to restore spawning gravel beds in the Little Truckee River, to planting native saplings on the banks of Putah Creek, your GBF family invests both sweat equity and hard-earned cash into conservation efforts.

At the Conservation Committee meeting on Monday, May 14th, your club discussed to whom we should contribute funding to forward their conservation activities, and the respective amount of the donation. These decisions were based on how our funds would be used, the track record of the organization's effectiveness, and our history of working with the agency. These decisions were made by consensus.

We decided to contribute to these non-profit organizations:

Trout Unlimited, Truckee Chapter	\$ 2,700	39.13 %
Putah Creek Trout	\$ 1,000	14.49 %
The Sierra Fund	\$ 700	10.14 %
Cast Hope	\$ 700	10.14 %
TU Truckee Youth Trout Camp	\$ 600	8.7 %
Save the American River	\$ 600	8.7 %
Dry Creek Conservancy	\$ 600	8.7 %

At the time of this writing, it is not confirmed exactly how much is available to be disbursed, but a reasonable estimate is \$6,900. The figure might be adjusted, pending the Board of Directors' meeting in June. Therefore, the dollar value listed above are estimates. However, the percentages will not be adjusted.

We could use your expertise for this summer's TU Truckee Youth Trout Camp!

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TU Truckee Youth Trout Camp

Saturday, June 23 - Sunday, June 24, 2018

Squaw Valley (Saturday) and Sawmill Lake (Sunday)

Volunteers will be asked to help tutor in fly casting, fly tying, and knot tying clinics. If you own a cabin in the Truckee area that you would be willing to allow our adult volunteers to use for the weekend, we would appreciate the generosity! Contact Dave Fujiyama at 949-212-1337, or davefujiyama@gmail.com.

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.

John Akins

Dwight Miller

Danielle Miller

Debra Norman

Bill Vaughn

Pyramid Lake Fishout Report

by Eric Palmer

Over the weekend of April 26-29, we held our fourth annual Pyramid Lake Fishout and all around great time with 12 intrepid GBF'ers assembled on the beach at Pelican Point. We braved wind and cold, but also had some calm and pretty weather too; and for a select few, with apparently some good karma on their side, there was the monotonous drudgery of hauling in large fish, after large fish, while getting their net and hands all icky with fish goo. All in attendance could lay claim to some icky goo on their hands and gear, but numbers did vary, and what Pyramid may deny us in quantity, is often compensated for in size.

Michael Kaul on our first full day, headed off alone with his float tube for what he hoped would be shelter from the wind at Warrior Point Cove. Once afloat, he tied in to two nice cutts, one to 30 inches, we are told (Michael is mostly truthful most of the time), just as the wind and the fish co-conspired to move him to the other side of the lake. Fortunately, Michael's storied bionic hammy implants kicked in, and he prevailed, netting the mighty leviathan at shore, along with a smaller cousin. But alas, no photos.

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The majority of our fish were in the 18-20 inch range, with numbers for most in the 1.5 to 5 or 6 range, but with a few extreme outliers who made it look so easy, and leaving those of us looking on with mouths agape; especially, when the interloping fish catcher was standing in your spot for the last 3 hours. But, what are friends for if not to take your spot and show you how it's done.

1.5 fish you ask? That's where you woulda-shoulda landed that fish, save for a bad knot, or weak hook set, or the wrong tippet. Not your fault! You had that fish...really. He was yours...but...After all, "A fish fooled is a fish caught.", right? Partial credit earned.

At the upper end of the spectrum were Pyramiders like modest **John Carroz** at seven cuts to the net—I could have sworn all I heard was one fish, mumbled as he departed for home early in the weekend. Maybe he meant just one fish in the last 15 minutes. And then, **Jack Ramos** with 13 legit catches and 2 snagged. All Jack had to do was cast, and whammo, fish on. They liked his "Floater no cater" with nymphs and midges approach.

Then, we have the frustratingly predictable **Bob Macy**, at 17 to the net for the weekend—nine on the same brown/olive J Fair "translucent swimming hackle" bugger/wiggle tail he's used with great success on Camanche Pond (see photo in Wiggle Tail article on the website). Bob's major coup, however, has to be the eight fish landed with what I'll call his "Frankinbugger."



Bob's Frankinbugger

Perhaps employing skills from medical school, Bob surgically removed the paddle tail back half of a rubber shad

lure, and grafted it on to the front half of a white crystal chenille cone head bugger. Bob landed eight fish over two days with his clever concoction. He says the tail flaps like the devil on the retrieve, and apparently the fish cannot resist it. I just hope both original flies had good medical coverage, as that had to be one expensive procedure.



Jack's nice catch

If you missed our outing this year, set your dial to gbflycasters.org/fishout-schedule/ and tune us in again next January for dates for 2019. See you then!

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.

Sly Park Fishout

by Doug Kytonen, Fishmaster

Our May 16th, Sly Park Fishout was a successful day, with some trout up to 16 inches, and smallmouth bass caught around the lake. We started off with some coffee and donuts while everyone rigged up. Bass were spotted cruising the shore next to bushes and along the shore line. We started with broken clouds with a few spots of blue sky; then, about 9:30 -10:00 AM, there was a clash of thunder that got everyone's attention. Shortly after that, we got some sprinkles that moved through, and then it stopped.

The fishing continued, and the bite was on, hitting wiggle tails, woollybuggers, and subsurface flies. I went to shore to grab my jacket and rain gear, and went back out, then got 2 smallies in the 10-12 inch range, and one palm size bluegill. At the end of the cove, other reports came in with trout and other smallies being caught. About 12:00 -12:30 PM, the sprinkles started up once again, and this time they continued, and gradually it turned into a light rain. By 1:00 PM it became a steady rain, and all headed in to shore to pack up and go home. And, wouldn't you know it, after getting things loaded up and ready to go, the rain stopped and the clouds started to part, and the sun came out, and the cove looked and smelled so fresh and great. That's how spring in the Sierra's can be. You don't like the weather now, wait an hour or two. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and came out for a day of fishing.

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

Fly Patterns - Hickey's Automatic Emerger



Hickey's Automatic Emerger

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2457 (scud hook) #14-22
Bead:	Gold bead, sized to match hook
Thread:	Olive 8/0
Tail:	Pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen:	Olive crystal flash
Thorax:	Olive antron dubbing
Wing pad:	Olive crystal flash
Emerging wing:	Dark dun CDC puff

Description

This fly was featured in a recent issue of the "Orvis News," an excellent publication put out by the Orvis Company. I normally don't feature, in this column, flies found in magazines or other news publications. I will make an exception where a fly makes sense, has unique features, and is practical—i.e., it looks fishy and is easy to tie. I don't know the fly's creator, Jim Hickey—but I have fished his fly and found it to be a worthwhile addition to fly boxes. According to Hickey, it imitates a BWO as well as a PMD, with the only variant being the dubbing colors. Let's go with the BWO configuration.

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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: editor@gbflycasters.org. All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

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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.



Steps 1 & 2

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook.
2. Cover the hook shank with a layer of thread, working from the back of the bead to the hook bend. The thread should just short of halfway down the bend.

3. Tie in a tail of approximately 6 pheasant tail fibers at the point where the thread ends.



Step 3



Step 4

4. At the same tie-in point, tie in two strands of olive crystal flash and move the thread forward to the back of the bead.

5. Twist the olive crystal flash strands together, and wrap them up the shank to the 1/3 spot on the shank behind the bead. Tie the crystal flash off at that point but don't cut it off. Instead, double it over and then tie it back over the abdomen, leaving the thread at the 1/3 point.



Step 5

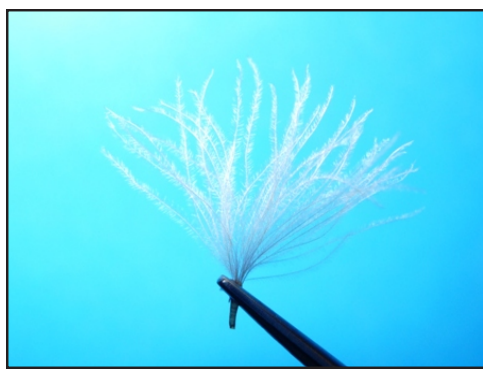
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Step 6

6. Dub the thorax; it should be fuzzy but not overly large.



Step 7

7. Take a small dark dun CDC puff and tie it in by its stem, with the tip of the feather pointing rearward, just behind the eye.



Step 8

8. Bring the crystal flash forward and tie it off at the same point. The "wings" should now be sticking out to the sides of the fly. Whip finish.

Tying & Fishing Tips

If the CDC sticks out too far from the hook once it's tied off, use your scissors to trim it to shape. When making the crystal flash body, apply the winds evenly and smoothly. 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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