

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Thanks to the Granite Bay Flycasters members who manned the Club's booth at the 2018 ISE show and shared our information with those that stopped by our booth. We had new members at our February general meeting. A special thanks to **Dale Spear** (and helpers) for set-up and take down of the booth. **Thanks.** See Dale's article later in this issue.

The Annual Dinner, Auction and Raffle will be Saturday, March 17, at the Rocklin Event Center.

As you know, the dinner is a great social event, but more than that, it is the major source of fundraising for the Club's activities and conservation support. Here are some of the causes that your contribution helps support:

- Casting for Recovery – Fly Fishing retreats for women recovering from breast cancer
- Salmon/Steelhead Egg program – 70 aquariums placed in local elementary schools
- Humboldt State University Scholarship for a Fisheries Management Graduate Student
- Trout Unlimited Youth Camps, and Truckee River and Putah Creek projects
- We make donations to many conservation groups.

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Monthly Program



Reading Water – Freestone Streams

Our speaker this month, **Doug Ouellette**, has long been known for his expertise in fishing Pyramid Lake and particularly the challenging streams in the Tahoe area. Always a popular speaker, on his return visit to GBF he'll provide an in-depth look at reading freestone streams. In this presentation Doug will cover several aspects of reading streams focusing on breaking down stream structure and how to isolate the type of water to

look for in pursuit of trophy trout.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4.	5.	6. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	7.	8. Monthly Meeting	9.	10. Cedar Grove Revegetation
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Auction items and raffle prizes should beat last year in terms of quality and value. Our speaker is **Ken Hanley**, a nationally renowned author and speaker, and Buco di Beppo is back as the caterer with their tasty Italian food. There will be lots of door prizes and auction items for the ladies as well!

Please make your purchase soon! It's easy to buy tickets on the Website, www.gbflycasters.org.

Jim Holmes will host the fly tying jam on March 20 @ the Folsom Lake Activity Center. Start time is 6:30PM.

Barre Normann will be hosting his clinic for Non Slip Wading Shoe Soles. This clinic will teach you how to make your own non-slip soles on March 20 @ 6:30PM, and this will be at the Folsom Lake Activity Center.

March 2018 Conservation Committee Meeting

Our next Conservation Committee meeting will be on...

Date: Monday March 19, 2018

Location: Round Table Pizza, 8755 Sierra College Blvd, Roseville, CA 95661

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Agenda: 6:00 – 6:30 pizza meet-n-greet (GBF pays for the pizza and salad!)

6:30 – 7:15 special guest speaker

7:15 – 7:30 informal chat with guest speaker

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Guest speaker: Patrick Samuel, Bay Area manager for CalTrout, will present the most salient points of the report *State of the Salmonids*. Of note will be how global climate change is predicted to affect our beloved trout, and other species.

Classes and Clinics

Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education

Below is a list of the classes and clinics that are offered to members. Click the website for contact information, or sign up at the next meeting.

Classes and Clinics

Dates

Fly Tying Jam	Third Tuesday of each month
Rod Building	On-going as needed
Net Building	January – April 2018
Fly Casting Fundamentals	April 7, 14, & 21, 2018
Tenkara Fishing Clinic	April 14, 2018
Fundamentals of Knots	April 17, 2018
Workshop on Novelty Flies	June 19, 2018
New to Float Tubing	June 30 or July 1, 2018

Remember, if you sign up to participate in a clinic, please make every effort to attend. If your plans change and you can't make it, please notify the Clinic Leader so that others can attend in your place.

Fly Fishing Film Tour



The Fly Fishing Film Tour 2018 will be at the Nevada Theater in Nevada City, Saturday, **April 7th at 7:00PM**. This year's FT3 production features fly fishing adventures in Alaska, Africa, Mexico, Honduras, Dubai, Michigan, New York and California. FT3 makes available its annual fly fishing film extravaganza to non-profits for fundraising premier showings.

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In Nevada City, the host organization is [Cast Hope](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to positively impacting youth and their mentors in Northern California through free fly fishing experiences. Cast Hope teaches fly fishing skills, outdoor knowledge, sustainable practices, and personal values. Tickets for the FT3 2018 premier are available at [Reel Angler Fly Shop, 760 S. Auburn St., Grass Valley](#) at a discounted price of (\$15). Otherwise, buy your tickets online or at the door for \$20. It's a fabulous sport fishing film, and a fun evening, all for a worthy cause. There will be a silent auction, raffle and door prizes too.

Make Your Own Detachable, Non-Slip Wading Soles

by Barre Normann

If you have some slippery-bottomed boots (e.g., hip-waders, boot-foot waders, wet-wading boots, or even hiking boots that you use for wading), or if you want to cover the metal studs on your wading boots so you can wear them on boats, I'll be putting on a clinic early next year to show you how to make your own pair of detachable, non-slip wading soles that fit your boots. Since the wading soles are detachable, you can use one pair for different sets of boots, as long as the boots are close enough in size. I use the same pair of wading soles on three sets of boots.

What you'll get from this clinic:

- 1 pair of detachable, non-slip wading soles, made by you to fit your boots (all materials are included)
- Instructions and guidance to make the wading soles
- A template to make more wading soles for your boots in the future

Cost of the clinic (covers the cost of materials):

- \$10 for a standard pair of wading soles
- \$12 for an extra-thick pair of wading soles (to cover metal-studded boots on boats)

Length of the clinic: ~ 2 hours

Date, time, & location: March 20th, 6:30 PM at the GB Activity Center

If you're interested in attending the clinic, you can sign up at the March general meeting, or send me an e-mail at B1Normann@att.net.



Rancho Seco Fishout, March 23rd

by Doug Kytonen, Outing Leader

Fishing at Rancho Seco can be exciting with a variety of fish to catch: trout, bass, bluegill and crappie. There are many coves to work from one end of the lake to the other. The lake is great for float tubing, as no gas motors are allowed on the lake. Weather is great most days, with a breeze that comes up in the afternoon. This fishout is scheduled for the Friday after the Rancho Seco trout derby. SMUD brings in a large load of trout, including some trophy size rainbows, for the derby. Bring your tube, pontoon or pram. There aren't a lot of shore or wading locations, but there are some piers scattered around the lake to fish from.

A 5-6 wt. rod with floating or intermediate line, with wiggle tails, wooly buggers or streamers are you best bet. When the weather and water warms up later in the year, it can be a great lake for top water bass fishing early and late in the day. There are nice RV camping spaces if you want to stay over and get an early start, or stay late and fish the evening. RV camping fees are \$25-\$40, based on the season. Check their [website](#); day use is \$12/\$15 with a car top, boat or pontoon.

Park hours: 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

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Directions: The most direct way to get there is Sunrise Blvd. south to Hwy 16 east, 2nd signal right turn on Dillard Rd., left on Clay Station Rd. to the end intersecting with Hwy 104; turn left to Rancho Seco Park.

I will be at the 1st boat ramp just to meet everyone at 8:30 AM. You can launch there, or go across the dam to the second ramp, or take the gravel road to the east end of the lake and launch from shore. As always, bring a Walkie Talkie on Ch.6 to keep in touch. See you there.

Douglas Kytonen travelmaster@surewest.net

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.

Brit Hickman

Lynda Hickman

Barry Jamison

Rose Jamison

Gary Nickless

Budd Ring

Alison Russell

Ben Sell

TinaLyn Sell

Ryan Starr

Ray Ward

Annual Fly Casting Clinics

This is to announce GBF's annual Fly Casting clinics. These clinics are appropriate for all skill levels of casters. If you are a novice, we will get you going, and if you are experienced, we will make you better. The clinics are conducted over three consecutive Saturdays—each day will offer new material.

Dates and times:

Saturday, April 7, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 14, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday, April 21, 10 AM to 1:00 PM

The agenda will include a 20-minute snack break.

All classes will be held at Gibson Ranch Regional Park. There is a car pass charge of \$5.00 to enter the park. The Sacramento County Parks annual pass is accepted. Information to purchase is available [here](#).

Note: There is no fee for the clinic, but you must be a member to participate. Another benefit of GBF membership.

We will address the following casts, topics, and techniques:

The 6 essential elements of a fly cast.

Why most fly casters can never cast more than 50 feet.

Roll cast

Pickup – Laydown forward cast

False casting

Shooting line to add distance

Introduction to the double haul

Maximizing your distance cast

Spey Casts with a single handed rod.

Sign ups can be at the next general meeting, or email to johnhogg@sbcglobal.net.



Everyone's invited to the
GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

32nd Annual Dinner and HUGE

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With special guest speaker, Ken Hanley

Saturday, March 17, 2018 • Doors open @ 4:30pm

Ken is a Fly Fishing Hall-Of-Fame author (7 books to date), writer/photographer (domestic & international publications), and long-time outdoor industry instructor (over 15,000 students since 1970). In this presentation, Ken will share his famous enthusiasm and expertise for getting the most out of fly-fishing photography!



Granite Bay Flycasters is one of the most active fly fishing clubs in the West. This event supports our famous scholarship and conservation programs, and is a great way to meet other local flyfishers! Please join us for this special occasion and you could win fantastic fishing trips, great gear, and much, much more!

Catered Italian dinner @ 6pm.

For tickets (just \$40/ea.) and all the event details, please visit our official website:
www.gbflycasters.org.



DINNER LOCATION:

Rocklin Event Center
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2018 ISE Show Report

by Dale Spear

The 2018 ISE Show was held Thursday, January 18th through Sunday, January 21st. We set up the booth on Wednesday, displaying our new and beautiful banner across the back. Thirty club members volunteered their time, normally in two-hour increments, greeting people and explaining the wide array of activities and opportunities available to those who join.

We did away with the monitors and eye catching gadgets this year, and focused on interaction with the public. This tactic paid off, as sixty-six people who stopped by the booth signed our Contact Information Sheet. **Wendell Edwards** sent each of them a copy of the club's newsletter, *The Leader*, along with an invitation to a club meeting. At least two of the new members at our last meeting had contacted us at the show.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. We appreciate your dedication to the club.

Politics, Religion, and Fly Fishing

by Dale Spear

I want to share some of my insights into the state of politics, religion, and fly fishing today. I will start with fly fishing, more specifically, the opportunity for mentorship at the Granite Bay Flycasters' club.

The majority of my fly fishing experience has been using a single-hand rod nymphing on our local streams and rivers, and until last October, I had never cast a two-handed rod using Spey casting techniques. I attended the Spey Casting Clinic put on by GBF member, **John Hogg**, on the American River. There were several other members at the clinic who are well versed in Spey casting; two of them, **Sturmer White** and **Tom Ross**, spent considerable time with me explaining the basics of the techniques. Because Spey casts are vastly different than single-hand casts, and the fact I suffer from the unbendable mind that so often accompanies old age, I walked away from the clinics with a much better idea of Spey casting, but the physical ability to actually Spey cast equivalent to a 5-year-old on their second bike ride.

I had heard that some of the "old guys" from the club go to the Gristmill access to the American River most Wednesdays to practice their Spey casts, but more importantly, to offer mentorship to anyone who wanted to learn the basics. I decided I would not be too put out to let them help me, so I showed up the beginning of last January with my switch rod in hand and some open ears.

I shook hands with **John Peterson**, and before long he was telling me the difference between a Scandi line and a Skagit line, which rod lengths and weights work best on our local rivers, and so forth. Most importantly,

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John walked me out into the river and began mentoring me on the casts used with a Spey rod. For the next four consecutive Wednesdays the routine was the same. John, giving me two things to work on—he trudging back to the shoreline to watch me cast, then me hearing the slosh of his neoprene against the current getting louder and more distinct until he was standing back at my left shoulder. John would say, “I would like to see you try,” and he would give me two corrections I needed to work on, and away he would slog, leaving me alone to practice without the pressure and micromanagement so often encountered in these situations.

During these four weeks, I never paid John anything for his time. I paid for the parking at Gristmill and nothing else. John even conducted research on my behalf, and shared his results with me via email. Throughout the process he was low-key, enthusiastic and professional. So, why all this praise, since John never gave me money either? Well, I want members in this club to understand what great resources we have available to us in our journey to improve in the art of fly fishing. At John’s suggestion, I took a private lesson with casting instructor, **Jeff Putnam**, at the end of our four weeks together. Had I taken this private lesson with Jeff to begin with, it would have cost me several hundred dollars to get to the point where I was at the end of my time with John. That is no exaggeration. And, I am a fisherman, I love to exaggerate.

John is not the only mentor in our club, and Spey casting is not the only topic one can explore. **Jim Holmes** mentors members monthly in the art of fly tying. Often, Jim allows members to pilfer some of his supplies during the process. **Eric Palmer** has spent considerable time and energy learning the Tight Line Nymphing techniques **Bill Carnazzo** taught for so many years to club members, and taught to Bill by **Ron Raybun**. Eric Palmer is willing to share his information with any member willing to accompany him to the river. **Gene Goss** and **Michael Kaul** (along with others) are experts in Stillwater fishing. Both of them will look down, kick at the dirt and mumble something like, “I don’t know about that.” if you call them an expert, but I’m not taking it back. Gene and Michael go to our local lakes often—I mean real often—and they both love sharing information that help others catch fish in these waters. Do a google search for local instruction on Stillwater fishing to see just how nice these guys are for sharing their information for free. I would pit their ability to catch fish against any of these pay-to-learn guys as well. But, enough praise; this has been enough to cause Kaul to walk circles around his wife and say, “Ain’t I something?” The point is, we have great resources at our club. These resources save money, they cut down on the learning curve, and they are good people. We should all take advantage of them.

Well, it clearly appears I have run out of space and time, and unfortunately, I cannot give my sharp perspective on politics and religion. Sometime later, perhaps, an article on President Trump, perhaps Nancy Pelosi or perhaps the Pope’s relationship with Congress. Go catch a fish.



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Many fly tiers have a few special patterns that they tend to tie more than others—or that they tie almost exclusively. Not surprisingly, these are probably the patterns they tie the best, fish the most, or both!

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The opportunity is here! We need club members who tie flies to share their

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passion and patterns with other club members by donating a box of their favorite flies for the Annual Dinner Silent Auction.

If you can tie up some of your favorite patterns and put them in a new fly box for the club, you will be sharing your skill and experience with someone who really wants it (*and is willing to pay for it*)!

Helping the club raise funds this way also helps fellow anglers catch fish—and that's a win-win! If you can help your club and club members in this way, please contact Frank Stolten (fstolten@comcast.net) or John Hogg (johnhogg03@gmail.com).

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', 3-1/2 oz, line #6t, cotton sock and aluminum case - \$100*



**Winston Graphite rod - used and good condition - 2 piece, 9.6', 2 7/8 oz, line 6# Winston log# 5678, cotton sock and aluminum case - \$175*



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



**Scientific Angler System Two 78 reel, includes backing, line, modest wear & tear (made in UK) - original box, instruction pamphlet - \$100*

*****All items OBO**

Henry Sandigo hsandigo@gmail.com 916-434-7792

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.

Special Bulletin

The Carnazzo Archives Found!

by Eric Palmer

We are very fortunate in our club to have a website that provides a wealth of information to help us advance our fly fishing education. High on the list of website assets is the Articles page, which has just been substantially expanded with some exciting new-found material.

John Pellegrin, teaming up with renowned treasure hunter Nicolas Cage, and after a long and costly GBF funded search effort across the length and width of Northern California, has finally located the long lost and mysterious **Carnazzo Archives**. This cache of material, dating from 2002 thru 2012, represents much of the life work of **Bill Carnazzo**; GBF co-founder, master fly tyer, guide, author and good friend to many. This storied find, long hidden from view, shrouded in mystery and spawning many conspiracy theories, was doubted by most fly-fishing veterans to even exist.

And, the amazing thing is, this material was right under our noses the whole time. It was unearthed late one wet stormy night (secrecy was paramount) hidden in some rotting wooden crates behind a false wall in our very own clubhouse back storage room. Unbelievable! Hat's off to John and his team of intrepid adventurers!

With the help of modern technology, the faded crumbling pages are slowly being transcribed to digital format, and are being placed on the GBF Articles page for all to enjoy [here](#). Scroll down towards the bottom of the page.



The Carnazzo Archives

These archives include material on:

- Short-line nymphing—Bill's most in-depth treatment of the topic.



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- Fly Fishing etiquette
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- How to protect and store your fly tying materials.
- Fly tying tips, tricks and techniques for dries and nymphs. Two very long articles!
- All about the October Caddis and how to fish it with short-line nymphing.
- How and where to fish all of Bill's regular haunts: Upper American, Rubicon, N. Yuba, McCloud and more.
- Fly recipes, some not found on the GBF site fly archives page.
- And more!

As the task to process and edit this material is large and costly, it's not all there just yet, but is being added gradually over time; so check back periodically to see what's new.

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If you did not have the good fortune of knowing Bill, you can learn more about him in the fly tying area of the GBF site [here](#).

And, as Bill was fond of saying, "Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!"

Conservation Corner

As spring rolls in, Conservation has been ramping up with more learning opportunities and stewardship projects! Read on, and roll up your sleeves!

Mercury in the Muck: What a Difference a Few Carbons Make!

The Sierra Fund sent two very knowledgeable speakers to our Conservation Committee meeting on January 22, 2018. Alex Keeble-Toll and Kelsey Westfall taught us about the relationship between California's mining history, and the dangers of consuming local fish contaminated with mercury.



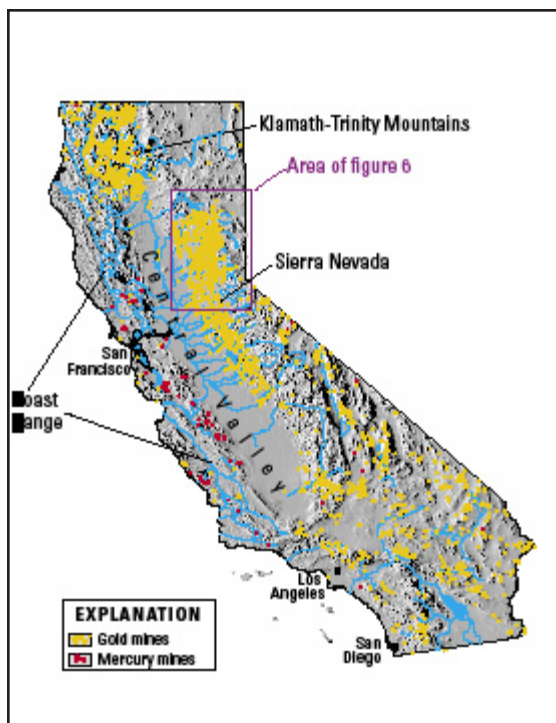
The Sierra Fund's Kelsey Westfall (left) and Alex Keeble-Toll (right)

In a 19th-century gold mining sluice, hundreds of pounds of the heavy metal were added to bind tiny gold particles to the mercury, creating a high-density amalgam. This allowed the lower-density sand particles to be washed clear of the precious metal. Some of the mercury was lost in the process into the waterways, where it sedimented quickly, becoming buried where there is little dissolved oxygen gas. Buried in the muck with all that mercury, bacteria decomposed organic material like dead water weeds. A by-product of this anaerobic process was methylmercury—mercury atoms chemically bound with carbon atoms, which was very readily taken up by living organisms like algae.

Here's the health problem. Inorganic mercury (that which is not yet chemically bound to carbon) isn't very quickly assimilated into living organisms because it doesn't easily cross cell membranes, so it does not pose too much risk. But, when it becomes methylmercury, it not only crosses membranes easily, but also becomes lodged there, and does not easily get released. It just hangs around and accumulates over the lifetime of the algae—the older the algal cell, the more time its membranes have had to accumulate methylmercury, until a larger organism—say a scud—eats the algae. Now that crustacean's cell membranes incorporate the methylmercury until—you guessed it—a brown trout fry eats the scud.

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Map of California's gold and mercury mines.
<https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2005/3014/>
 Accessed on 2/17/18.

You can see where we're going with this. Sooner or later, it ends up in a salmon's cell membranes...and that salmon, maybe, may end up on someone's barbecue. This is called bioaccumulation—the process by which organisms consume and accumulate tissues laden with methylmercury, all the way up the food chain. Mercury is a metabolic poison. It damages nervous tissue, the immune system, kidneys, and heart.

Alex and Kelsey introduced us to an interesting geologic twist. It's not in the Sierra Nevada where California's mercury mines are located; they're in the Coast Range! So, the origin of methylmercury in California fish is not our Gold Country; it's in the hills along our coast.

For those who eat their catch, here's the caveat—do NOT consume bass or catfish caught in the Sierra. (<http://reclaimingthesierra.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Fish-Mercury-Brochure-8.17.11.pdf>, accessed on 2/17/18).

Kelsey and Alex need volunteers to help post educational signage at popular fishing destinations where we know anglers keep fish for their tables. Interested? Call, text or email Dave Fujiyama, cell 949-212-1337 davefujiyama@gmail.com.

Looks like catch-and-release just got more attractive, right?

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Roll Up Them Sleeves...Let's get to work!

Revegetation at Cedar Grove near the Kings River, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park

[Trout Unlimited Sac-Sierra](#) is looking for a few hardworking folks to plant seedlings at Cedar Grove.



Campground in Cedar Grove

- Project Coordinator:** Tom Warner, Park Forester, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, Three Rivers, CA 93271
- Dates:** Saturdays, March 10, March 17, and (tentatively) March 24, 2018
- Work Site:** Cedar Grove Campgrounds (Canyon View, Moraine, and possibly Sentinel)
- About Camping:** RVs OK, tents OK...but large trailers and large RVs are not recommended because the road may be subject to partial closure due to rock slides, which may not be navigable in large vehicles.
- About Fishing:** The South Fork of the Kings River is open all year; no gear restrictions upstream of Boyden Cavern Bridge, with a 2-fish possession limit.
- About River Conditions:** Typically, the river flows are low enough at this time of year to fish. But, water temperatures will most likely be in the low 40s...so, think very small midge patterns bumping bottom, drifted right under the nose of that 4-pounder.
- Interested?** Please contact either Tom Warner 559-565-3722 tom_warner@nps.gov, or Dave Fujiyama cell 949-212-1337, or davefujiyama@gmail.com to sign up.

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.

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

Fly Patterns - Bill's Baby Bass Fly



Bill's Baby Bass Fly

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 800S or similar type, size 1/0 or 2/0
Thread:	White 6/0 Uni-thread or similar type, and then flat waxed white nylon for the head of the fly
Belly:	Pearl Radfloss or similar 3/8" wide mylar ribbon wrapped around shank
Under-wing:	White Superhair or similar product
Over-wing:	Blue-green Superhair or similar product
Interior Flash:	Krystal Flash UV pearl color
Side Flash:	Gold Flashabou (fine)
Topping:	Mixture of fine black crystal hair and Krystal Flash UV Herring Back color
Throat:	Red antron yarn
Eyes:	Silver 3/8" 3-D molded eyes
Head:	White flat waxed nylon thread covered with epoxy

Description

In both September and December of 2008, I fished Mexico's premiere trophy bass lakes. There are two main bait fish that the bass in these lakes voraciously consume, leading to their unusually large size: Tilapia, and Threadfin Shad. Here are pictures of these two species:



Tilapia (a la carte)



Threadfin Shad



Using subsurface patterns designed to replicate these two bait fish, I did reasonably well. But, like many fly anglers, I like to experiment—actually, in my case, it's a contrarian philosophy, which leads me to push the envelope by trying flies that perhaps no one else has thought to use (although that may be a bit presumptuous on my part).

So, I asked myself this question: Why wouldn't these carnivorous, aggressive fish also be cannibals? In other words, don't they also eat baby bass? Fortunately, I had included in my vast array of bass bugs a few that look like baby bass, based on a pattern I saw in one of the bass magazines. As usual, I modified it significantly to suit my own theories of imitation, and the result is the bug featured here. The results? Here's one picture, but you'll have to ask my El Salto December trip companions for the full "truth."

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Tying Instructions

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Step 1

2. Wrap the Radfloss forward to a point about 3/8" behind the eye; wrap it rearward in wide wraps, then forward again to achieve a cigar shaped taper. Tie it off and again move the thread to the hook eye.



Step 2



Step 3

4. Return the fly to the upright position and tie in a bunch of Superhair equal to about two pencils width. Begin tying it in just behind the eye, and rearward to that same 3/8" point (where the Radfloss ends). Make sure it is tied in directly on top of the shank, and make adjustments as needed to achieve this goal. Place a tiny drop of superglue on the top of the thread winds.



Step 4

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6. Tie in a bunch of blue-green Superhair (same size bunch as white) in the same manner as the white Superhair was tied in.

*Step 6**Step 7*

7. Tie in about 12 strands of gold Flashabou in the same manner as the interior flash, except pull 1/2 of the material down onto either side of the fly. This will form the side flash.

8. Tie in about 12 strands of the UV Herring color Krystal Flash. This time tie it down in the middle of the bunch, allowing the front half of the bunch to stick out over the hook eye, with the rear half extending back over the top of the fly.
9. Using the same method, tie in a similar bunch of fine black Crystal Flash. Be sure to wrap it down all the way to the back of the eye.
10. Whip finish the 6/0 thread and then tie on the flat waxed nylon thread, wrapping a nice even head. Leave the thread at the rear of the head area.

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Step 11

12. After allowing the superglue time to dry, place the eyes evenly onto the sides of the head.



Step 12



Step 13

13. Coat the head with a nice coat of epoxy, extending it rearward about 1/8" beyond the end of the head. Place the fly on a rotating dryer and leave it there until the epoxy is firmly set (the setting time will vary with the type of epoxy used).

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. If you want to add a weed guard, tie in 30 or 40# Hard mason onto the hook bend before step 2, and finish the weed guard by tying it in just behind the eye, before step 13.
2. After the fly is complete and the epoxy is dried, taper the fly by barbering the rear ends of the Superhair material.
2. Here is a picture (right) of "Radfloss."



Radfloss

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

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