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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Hello Members,

Can you guess what time of year it is? Yes, it's springtime, a time we can look ahead to some great fishing.

Would you believe my year as your president is almost complete? This is an exciting club to be involved with, and I have enjoyed these past few months.

Nominations for next year's slate of officers will be presented at our May General Meeting. We have many new fly fishers that have joined in the last two years, and I suggest one of you step up and accept a nomination for one of the director's positions. Where will I find the time, you ask? The Board of Directors meets once per month for about 60 minutes. We meet at the Folsom Lake Activity Center @ 6:30PM on the Tuesday before the General Meeting.

What other exciting things are happening in May?

The guest speaker for the May General Meeting will be **Jon Baiocchi**. Jon is always very informative.

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Monthly Program



Jon Baiocchi

Our May speaker is **Jon Baiocchi**, who operates [Baiocchi Outfitters](#) guide service, where he has been guiding the lakes and streams of Northern California for the last 20 years, primarily in the Feather and Yuba River watersheds.

Jon has an all new PowerPoint program he specially created to focus on the challenges of fishing high and off-color water. During last winter's deluge of excessive precipitation, Jon refined his knowledge on fly fishing during such conditions. "High Water Tactics" covers different types of high water situations, safety, trout and turbid conditions, water structure to target, streamer and nymphing presentations, leader formulas, tactics, and fly selection. This will be another great program from Jon you don't want to miss!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	9.	10. Monthly Meeting	11.	12.
13.	14. Conservation Committee Meeting	15. Fly Tying Jam	16. Sly Park Fishout	17.	18.	19. Little Truckee Fishout
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
27. Upper Sac Fishout 5/30 - 6/3	3. 28.	29.	30.	31. Upper Sac Fishout May 30 - June 3	1. June	2.

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Fly Tying Jam: Fly tying with **Jim Holmes** on May 15th, 6:30PM at the Folsom Lake Activity Center.

Fishouts:

May 16: Sly Park with host **Doug Kytonen**.

May 19: Little Truckee hosted by **Ed Lloyd**.

May 30-June 3: The annual spring Upper Sac at Dunsmuir with **Tony Jelinek**.

These fishouts are posted on our website at www.gbflycasters.org.

Conservation Corner

Granite Bay Flycasters give back!

Putah Creek is home to large, picky trout, and invasive species like Himalayan blackberry and Arundo donax. The blackberry is notorious for out-competing native trees (and punching leaks in your \$600 waders!) and limiting the riparian over-story, which in turn negatively affects aquatic insect populations. The "giant reed" Arundo is a thirsty Asian import that is so prolific that it alters stream hydrology. Ironically, Arundo was intentionally introduced as a biological erosion control agent (<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1744-7348.2010.00419.x>, accessed on 4/15/18). Add to these biotic issues the weather-related challenges of the last four years of wildfires and unseasonable rain, and it's no wonder this treasured fishery needs some TLC! On March 4th, GBF sent three ambassadors to represent our collective concern and commitment to **Putah Creek Trout's re-vegetation project**.

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That's our own **Harry Petrakis**, who volunteered to plant native sycamore, alder, cottonwood and willow saplings on Putah Creek. Thanks, Harry, for serving as a GBF ambassador and a good steward!



Harry Petrakis and the Putah Creek Trout re-vegetation crew

Somehow, **Harriet and David Bennett** managed to avoid the camera during the group shot, but they also put in their fair share of hard work that day! Thanks, Harriet and David! Dave, I'm sorry you didn't get a chance to toss a few flies onto the water, but you and I know that the fish will wait for you!



Investing in the future of our shared trout water. Thanks, Harriet and Dave!

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Speaking of giving back...Our next ***Conservation Committee meeting** will be:

- on Monday, May 14, 2018
- from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM
- at Round Table Pizza, 8755 Sierra College Blvd, Roseville, CA
- about which non-profit conservation agencies we will support with GBF Conservation funds.

At this annual meeting, there will be no speaker, but we will, as always, enjoy pizza and salad provided free to you by GBF.

*Unlike other Conservation Committee meetings which are open to all interested persons, this meeting is for **GBF members only**, since membership is required to participate in discussion and voting for distribution of GBF Conservation funds.

March Conservation Meeting Recap

State of the Salmonids II



The March Conservation meeting put the spotlight on Patrick Samuel, Bay Area Manager for California Trout, who shared a summary of the report, **State of the Salmonids II**. Patrick coordinates special research projects in his role as the Conservation Program Coordinator. Interestingly, Patrick is a graduate of Folsom High School, where as a sophomore he gave a presentation about his career plans to become a fisheries biologist.



PATRICK J. SAMUEL
California Trout

According to the SOS II report, our local Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon are on the critical concern list; that is, they are in danger of extinction within three generations, or 10 years. Our California golden trout moved from high concern level (2008), to critical (2017), and Lahontan cutthroat remain at high concern level. While there are myriad factors impacting these species, it is climate change that is "the major, over-arching anthropogenic threat" (<http://caltrout.org/sos/>, accessed on 4/15/18).

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Let's make an effort this season to minimize our impact. Encourage your buddies to carpool with you to your favorite fishing holes. You'll share a ride, some tall tales, and maybe a beer at the end of the day...and maybe our trout will still be there for our great, great grandchildren to admire in their nets!

Looking for volunteers

The Sierra Fund is hosting **Post It Day 2018** on Sunday, May 6th, and could use our help in hanging up mercury warning signs. Kelsey Westfall and Alex Keeble-Toll gave a very informative presentation at our January Conservation meeting about mercury contamination in fish from our local lakes. It would be great if some of our GBFers could give them a hand.

Here are the details directly from Kelsey:

What: Post It Day 2018 – volunteer to post fish consumption advisories at regional water bodies to let anglers know which fish are safe to eat and to feed to their families.

When: Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM; ending times will vary based on posting assignment.

Where: Meet at the Sierra Fund's office, [103 Providence Mine Rd., Ste. 101, Nevada City, CA 95959](#).

Posting Locations: Destinations vary from hyper-local (Hirschman's Pond) to further abroad (Little Grass Valley Reservoir in Plumas National Forest), and many in-between (e.g. Donner Lake, Englebright Lake, Camp Far West, Lake Clementine).

What's new this year: The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has [updated the design](#) of the statewide advisory for California lakes and reservoirs *without site-specific advice*. We'll be posting this updated version at numerous water bodies during Post It Day 2018. At select locations, volunteers will post a set of permanent advisories on aluminum signboard (one in English and one in Spanish)!

TSF is holding Post It Day 2018 in conjunction with [Know Your Watershed Week](#) (KYWW), a collaboration of many local nonprofits that will host education and outreach activities aimed at raising public awareness about our regional watersheds, and what conservation organizations are doing to protect water resources. [Know Your Watershed Week](#) runs from Saturday, April 28th – Sunday, May 6th.

If GBF members are interested in volunteering, they can get in touch at kelsey.westfall@sierrafund.org, or (530) 265-8454 x217.

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

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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.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly meeting. For more information, please contact me at travelmaster@surewest.net, or go [here](#) to the GBF Message Board Sly Park fishout template for more details on the outing.

More Info:

With the fishout just around the corner I came across this excellent article in *Fly Fisherman Magazine* about small mouth fly fishing, and thought it might be interesting for the members that have not, or have fly fished for bass before. They are a great fighting fish, and are loads of fun to catch. I hope this article helps perk up some interest in bass fishing and the Sly Park fishout.

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/warmwater/bass/smallmouth-bass/fly-fishing-for-smallmouth-bass/#ixzz5Cobtzijs>

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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Upper Sacramento River Fishout May 30th to June 3rd

Fishout Leader: tony Jelinek

The 6th Annual Upper Sacramento Late Spring Fishout will be taking place May 30th to June 3rd.

As it has been a great success in the past, home-base will be a house in the Castle Crags area, which should have room for most of the group. Camping and motel options are also available. We will also have the traditional barbecue Thursday evening.

The Upper Sacramento abounds with great pocket water. This time of year has long days great for nymphing during the day, with a good chance of some good dry fly fishing with caddis and stonefly patterns in the evening. This is a great fishout for anglers of all capabilities. If you are new to the river, you will be paired with a fellow angler familiar with the Upper Sacramento. If you are new to short-line nymphing, you will have the opportunity to learn. Come up for all four days, or just overnight to enjoy the great fishing for rainbow trout on the 35 miles of fishable water from just above Lake Shasta to Lake Siskiyou!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the May general meeting. For more information, please check out the posting [here](#) on the Granite Bay Flycasters' website, or contact me at jelinea@me.com.

Try Float Tubing Clinic

by Michael Kaul

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 AM to get geared up, go over some safety and basic fishing instruction, 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.

Classes and Clinics

Gordon Tornberg, Director of Education

During the month of April, several clinics were held for members, including our **Fly Casting Fundamentals Clinic**, a **Tenkara Fishing Clinic**, and a clinic on the **Fundamentals of Knots**. Thanks to all those who attended, especially to the members who put on these clinics. Your effort and support is greatly appreciated.

At the Upper Sacramento River Fishout scheduled for May 30th to June 3rd, an informal clinic will be held on **Short Line Nymphing**. After the clinic, members new to this style of fly fishing will be paired with more "seasoned" members, which will greatly improve their learning curve.

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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 plan on attending, please sign up at the next club meeting.

If you are interested in float tube fishing, but don't have your own float tube, you can try one out and learn the fundamentals at our **New to Float Tubing Clinic** scheduled for June 30th at Fuller Lake. All needed equipment will be provided. Sign-ups and details will be available at the club meeting.

For those who already have all the equipment, including a float tube, there will be a **Float Tube Clinic** at the Frenchman's Lake Fishout scheduled for June 8th, 9th and 10th. This clinic is for both beginners and experts. For the experts, a float tube shuttle will be coordinated where members will float from point A to point B, and then be shuttled back to point A. For the beginners, tube control in a big wind, weed beds are your friend, casting (speedy cast), and water safety, to name a few, will be covered. If you are interested, plan on attending the Frenchman's Lake Fishout.

As a reminder, our **Rod Building Clinic** is on-going, and the **Net Building Clinic** will start up in January 2019. In addition, the **Fundamentals of Knots** and **Non-slip Wading Soles Clinic** will again be scheduled later this year. The **Introduction to Spey Casting Clinic** will be held in September–October of this year. Look for dates in future [Leaders](#), and for sign-up sheets at the meetings.

Remember, Classes and Clinics are only open to GBF club members, so if you are not yet a member, sign up and enjoy the fun. 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.

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



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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.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the May monthly meeting. More info on the fishout/clinics at Frenchman Lake can be found [here](#) on the GBF message board.

Cool Gadget - Portable Shower/Rinsing Unit

by Tony Jelinek

Have you ever wanted to rinse off your gear after a day of fishing; especially after a day in the salt water? How about a pressurized shower—rinsing unit? There are several designs of camping showers—rinsing units that could do the trick.

From Ivation there is the portable outdoor shower. The unit is small and rechargeable. If you have a bucket of water, this unit can be used to pump water. The cost is \$34.99 [here](#) on Amazon.

NEMO makes the Helo portable shower with foot pump. The unit holds three gallons of water, weighs one pound six ounces, and folds down to 8.5 x 5.5 inches. The cost is \$99.95 [here](#) on Amazon.

On Track makes an outdoor rinse shower that resembles a garden hose pump sprayer. The cost is \$39.99 [here](#) on Amazon.

One of the more innovative units is the RinseKit. Just fill it with up to two gallons of water from the hose before your trip, and you are all set to go—no pumping or power required. The unit is all self-contained, and the lid can be stood on for changing. The cost is \$79.95 on Amazon. (www.rinsekit.com)

Check out these and other styles to find what is right for your fishing adventure needs.

Behind the Annual Dinner and Fundraiser

by John Hogg, Annual Dinner chairman

I have just completed two years as the Chairman of this event, and in parting, thought I would share a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what it takes to put on the Annual Dinner and why we do it.

But before I acknowledge our committee members, I want to inform you that the dinner was a great success—we raised \$15,000, which not only goes to fund club activities, but also our charitable efforts—Casting for Recovery, Trout Unlimited, Cal State Humboldt scholarship, our Classroom Aquarium program, to name our major causes.

Additionally, I want to thank all the members who attended. I think we all had a great time, and your financial support not only helps the Club, but helps pass on the sport of fly fishing to the next generation.

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The Dinner Committee is a team of 13 members who begin monthly meetings in September to plan for the dinner in March. Some tasks start earlier—like booking the venue—which we have already done for the 2019 dinner.

And already, we are keeping our eyes out to find a program and speaker—a delicate task to say the least. If the speaker is too “fishing” oriented, he/she bores the non-fishing spouses. But, not “fishy” enough, and we hear grumbles that this is a fly fishing club, and that’s what the speaker should be about.

Mike Brune kicks off the promotional activities—with posters to be put up in the fly shops, and timed announcements for *The Leader* and general meetings.

And now the caterer—Barbeque? Italian? Mexican? Who did we have last year? Should we repeat or find someone new? And because we sell alcohol, we must purchase a liquor license, be covered by insurance, hire security, and of course, have a bartender who won’t drink up all the goods! Thank you, **Jack Ramos**, for handling those duties this year.

For the silent auction, we reach out to guides for contributions of trips, lodging packages, manufacturers of high-end rods and reels who will give us a generous discount that we can then sell, and most importantly, individual donations. Acquiring these items, storing them, and getting them ready for auction is a twelve-month proposition. **Frank Stolten** handles the fly fishing items, as he has done so ably for 20 or so years; **Ron Fay** handles the non-fishing auction, and the non-fishing raffle as well.

Overseeing the fly fishing raffle is also a twelve-month job. It was my job to acquire 45 raffle items that had a retail value of at least \$50 each. In addition, we needed an additional 10 items of higher value for specialty raffles, like the deck of cards, the 100 squares, the red and orange buckets, and the new member raffle.

The Master of Ceremonies duties were ably handled this year by **Jim Holmes**. Well known for his rich and

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authoritative baritone, Jim's job was to keep the schedule of activities on track, and do his best to ensure that we stay on track with the planned agenda.

The big entertainment hit this year was a video created by **Mike Howes**, **Jim Holmes** and **Bill Ossolinski** that re-enacted the full submersion dive taken by **Sturmer White** off Bill's admittedly top-heavy skiff, while fishing a local lake.

And speaking of **Mike Howes**, management of ticket sales, agenda organization, name tag preparation, and overall vigilance of the almost 200 detailed tasks on his spreadsheet, kept us all on the straight and narrow.

Behind the scenes is **Don Whitecar**, whose computer programming skills have produced a sales management system that quickly tabulates who won each auction item, and prepares an invoice for payment—all done in the back of the room during the speaker's program—with a system that took months to design and fine tune.

Also behind the scene is **Dave Jones**, who runs the crew of a dozen or so volunteers who help set up the room, then work as runners, cashiers, and data in-putters in the evening.

Dick Davis handles sales of raffle tickets, handling sales not only on the night of the dinner, but at the preceding general meetings as well. On the eve of the event, **Bill Grigsby** is there as well, cajoling those who intend to by \$20 worth of tickets, to go to \$50, and those set on buying \$50 to go for a \$100—this in addition to Bill always offering his able assistance in setup and teardown, the planning process, and wherever else needed.

Jim Hunter takes care of our 100 squares raffle this year, as well as the last several years.

Our program chairman, **Ed Lloyd**, gave a great introduction to our speaker, and used his connections in the wine country to acquire many valuable auction prizes.

So that's it for another year. Thank you for supporting the Club.

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

For Sale:

Outcast Fish Cat XL-IR Pontoon boat.

8'L x 4"W x 16"H.

Comes with oars and 2 large tackle storage bags.

Capacity: 300 pounds

Retail: \$649, selling for \$350.

Dennis Baker: 1-916-580-7639



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.

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 so far:

Position

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

Nominated

Wendell Edwards

 Dave Fujiyama
 David Bennett
 Gordon Tornberg
 Drake Johnson
 Ron Davidson

Note that nominations for all positions are still open, and will be made final at the May general meeting with the election held at the June meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, or would like more information, contact Eric Palmer ejpalmer@pacbell.net, Frank Stolten fstolten@comcast.net, or Kim Lloyd kc.lloyd@comcast.net.

Fly Fishing Backcountry Sierra Streams

*by Royal B. Pocketwater
 Part III*

Last month we painted a picture (of sorts) of our prototype bushwacker, and got into his head a bit. Now, let's look into his backpack and elsewhere on his person to see what oddities he is inclined to: (a) carry with him, and (b) adorn himself with.

First (of course), the angling accoutrements. Any discussion in this area is risky business, meaning that for every opinion on every detail there is at least a dozen others, most of which are at least as valid as those expressed here. One could say that fly fishers resemble (perish the thought) lawyers in that regard.



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Rods? Assuming that a hike in/out is necessary, a DURABLE four-piece model is Royal's rod of choice. It fits, in its cloth glove, into a daypack or backpack, freeing the hands to help climb over rocks, push through Manzanita, and swat mosquitoes. How many tips on two-piecers have you damaged against rocks or overhanging branches? In other words, bamboo rods do much better in their case in the closet, as do two-piecers, for this type fishing. Rod length and weight are purely personal choices, but Royal likes "short and light"—partly because that's how most of the fish can be described, but mostly because streamside obstacles bug him.

Reels? In a word, both of them are DURABLE AND DEPENDABLE, yet relatively inexpensive. "Both," because into the pack is tucked a spare. Who hasn't slipped on a streamside rock and, forgetting to throw the rod aside, tried to use rod to break the fall? It's not a pretty sight, folks—the angler weeping and gnashing his teeth as he sits in the stream trying to straighten the reel frame and/or spool so it'll once again turn.

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Lines and leaders. We l-l-l-l-l-l-l, you've got to be flexible here, but since normally backwoods streams are small for the largest part of the trutable year, a floating no. 4 or 5 is a good bet, together with at least 9 feet of leader tapered to 5x (but stand ready to attach spidery 6x or 7x, especially late in the season).

Flies? "Ok, Royal, what'd you get that little guy on? shouts "Andy the Companion" as he watches the grinning Royal gently redeposit the chunky "bow." (Now mind you that Dante describes an especially "warm" place for those who are, shall we say, less-than-accurate in replying to this most common streamside inquiry). "No. 14 Royal Wulff," (true) mutters Royal.

"Last one" he lies, figuring ATC's boot heel will be reaching for his own posterior for not tying any. Unimpressed, however, ATC calmly plucks one of four identical fly boxes from his fanny pack and selects what he affectionately terms an "Adamus illegitimus," whose white upright wings catch and play with the morning light as he holds it up to the sun. Resisting the temptation to change his mind and select a Yellow Humpy, an Elk Hair Caddis, an Olive Paradun, or a BWO, ATC deftly knots the barbless fraud to his tippet, strips out a short expanse of line, and shoots a nice cast upstream, bouncing off the big rock wall into the swirling scumline at it's base. "Ah, justice..." he thinks as he furtively glances upstream to see if Royal has noticed the deep bend in his rod. "Where the *%&*\$ did he go, dammit!" The words were hardly out of ATC's mouth when he heard the distinct "click" of Royal's small 35mm Olympus behind him.

Stay tuned for more adventures of Royal and ATC.

Epilpogue on flies: contrarians like Royal love one-liners such as this: "If I could only have one fly, I would not fish." John Gierach, *The View From Rat Lake*.

To be continued

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

Fly Patterns - Zebra Midge



Zebra Midge

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2457 (scud hook) #14-22
Bead:	Silver lined clear glass bead, sized to match hook
Thread:	Black 8/0
Rib:	Fine or medium silver wire, depending on hook size
Body:	Tying thread
Collar:	Black dubbing

Description

The Zebra Midge is my go-to midge pattern. It is typically tied in black, but variations can include red, silver, white, burnt orange and other colors and hues. It is the ultimate in simplicity, being composed of just a few materials. With a bit of practice, it's a 5-minute fly.

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In the summer of 2007, Jim Holmes, Mike Howes, John Peterson and I traveled up to eastern Oregon to fish several streams there. Our plan was to stay for 3 weeks or so—which we did. One of the rivers we fished was the Owyhee, a beautiful tailwater stream. We camped beside the upper stretch of the river and fished four days on the river. We caught a lot of very large brown trout—but, strangely, no rainbows.

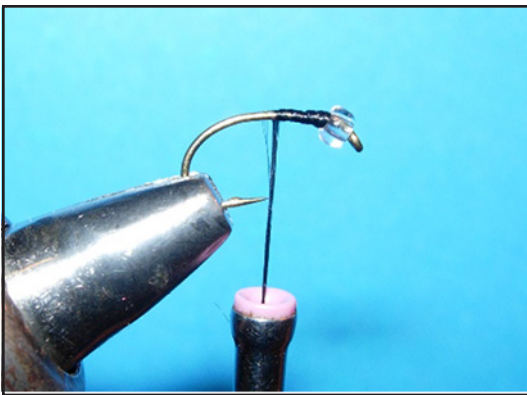
One afternoon we parked several miles downstream from our camp area, to fish a section that we had not tried. I wandered away, looking for some good water upstream of the others. In an area where the stream braided out, I tossed my short line rig into a small pool in a tiny side channel, beneath an overhanging tree. The line stopped abruptly and I set the hook. Thinking I was snagged I began to try to loosen the flies from the bottom, only to have the line and leader burst from the pool. Stunned, I watched as the rig swiftly ran downstream. Regaining my senses, I put a little pressure on the fish, which I had not yet seen. I was thinking “foul hooked” but was secretly hoping it was a big toad fair hooked. My minute or two fight with the fish ended abruptly when it (uncharacteristically, for a brown trout) cleared the water in the tiny channel and managed to beach itself on the sand and cobble where it flopped about. I couldn’t believe my eyes—was this the biggest brown I’d ever “caught”?

Well, as it turns out, it was the second biggest—but I cannot claim that I landed it because in effect it landed itself. I yelled for John, who was closest to me, but the downstream cataract was too noisy and he didn’t hear me. I slipped the hook from the fish’s hooked old jaw and slid it back into the stream, where it lazily swam off as if nothing had happened. I, on the other hand, was nearly a basket case, scratching my head wondering why such a large specimen was hanging out in that small pool in the tiny side channel—and how truly lucky I was to have had this odd experience. The fly, incidentally, was a #18 Zebra Midge.

The standard pattern calls for a brass or copper bead at the head. I prefer, however, a silver colored glass bead—the kind that are clear but have a silver lining in the hole. Let’s tie the little imp using that bead.

Tying Instructions

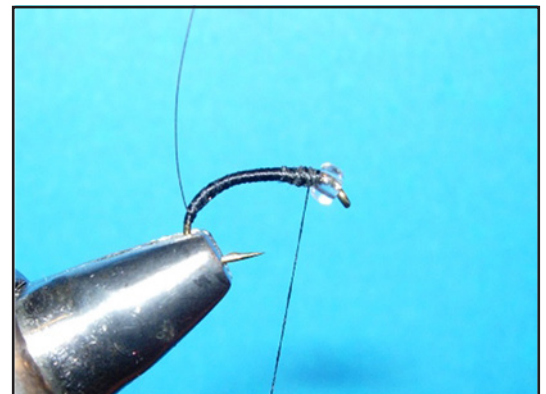
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Step 1

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 extend at least halfway down the bend.
3. Tie in a piece of silver wire at the point where the thread ends.



Steps 2 & 3

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Steps 4 & 5

4. Wrap the thread back up the shank to the back of the bead and leave the bobbin there. Your wraps should be smooth and even, covering all gaps with no hook surface showing.
5. Wrap the ribbing material in even turns up the shank and tie it off behind the bead.

6. Place a tiny bit of dubbing on the thread and dub a sparse collar just behind the bead.
7. Whip finish.



Steps 6 & 7

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. The two principle ways to fish this fly on a stream are to put it under an indicator rig, or use it as a trailer or "stinger" with about 16-20" of tippet material tied off to the bend of the main fly's hook.
2. When making the thread body, create a nice smooth finish, with no lumps or gaps.

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

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

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