



# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



The cold weather is coming. It is time to bundle and cuddle with your family or the fish, whichever suits your fancy. With the cold weather comes cold waters and Steelhead fishing. I have never fished for Steelhead, so I am looking forward to hearing a great Steelhead story at the January general meeting.

December will bring two wonderful events. First, the Swap Meet/Chili Cook-off on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, this is a great opportunity for new members to secure gear at wonderful prices, so bring your cash and best bargaining tactics. Second, is our holiday potluck on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the night of our general meeting. Bring your spouses and your appetite to enjoy this once-a-year event with fellow club members. For details, see Kim Lloyd's article in this newsletter on Page 3.

With the end of the year approaching, annual dues are, well, coming due. Does anyone know what happens if you pay your annual dues before December 31<sup>st</sup>? You will be entered to win \$100 in raffle tickets for the club's Annual Dinner. I guess that is a good lead into my next bit of information.

Our Annual Dinner is planned for March 21, 2020. Tickets and annual dues can be purchased and paid for online at the Granite Bay Flycasters website: <https://gbflycasters.org/store/>.

The Board of Directors and I, wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

## Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM at the Clubhouse

**The Annual Swap Meet** is the one time each year where you are going to get some terrific deals on stuff you need, and a better deal on stuff you don't need. You'll find the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackles, thread, split shot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. You will find flies hand-tied by our membership selling for less than \$1.00 each. There will be too many items available to mention here, but you won't go home disappointed.

**But wait, there is more!** The Club has received several donations of marine items, Aluminum Anchor, and assorted mooring lines. These will be available as silent auction items.

To get the best deals—be there no later than 8:30 AM (by 10 AM everything is pretty much bought, sold or eaten). Sellers should reserve table space by contacting **Drake Johnson**, and be set up and ready to go by 8:30 AM. Please put price tags on the items

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D E C E M B E R 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Swap Meet and Chili Contest
8.	9.	10. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	11.	12. Monthly Meeting Holiday Potluck	13.	14.
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19.	20.	21.
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you are selling. Large items, such as pontoon boats, prams, etc., should be displayed outdoors on the deck and in the parking lot.

**Chili Cook-off Contest**—Here's your chance to win braggin' rights as the best chili maker in GBF. Winner will be selected by who gets the most votes.

**To participate:**

1. Bring your chili in a crock-pot with a serving spoon, and pre-warmed.
2. Name your chili (This is important, because the name is what is used for voting).
3. Bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
4. Winner will receive a fly box with four dozen flies.
5. Raffle winner will receive a fly box with four dozen flies.

**Continental Breakfast!**

We'll have a continental style breakfast available for \$3.00, and complimentary coffee and water. Sellers will start setting up at 8:15 AM.

**Remember:**

Sale starts as soon as sellers are ready.

1. Get here at 8:30 AM for the best selection.

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2. Stay late for the best price.
3. Bring cash.
4. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).
5. Bring a friend. Bring your checkbook.

**Reserve your table space by contacting Drake Johnson at [1drakej@comcast.com](mailto:1drakej@comcast.com)**

### Potluck Dinner Details

The annual club potluck dinner will occur on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The clubhouse doors will open around 5:30, and dinner will start between 6:00 and 6:30. Get there early, latecomers will be assigned KP duty. Here's what you bring based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E: Appetizers

F-K: Salads

L-Q: Desserts

R-Z: Entrees

Here are some helpful hints:

- Bring an extension cord—with your name marked on it—if your dish needs to be kept warm (slow cooker; crock pot; warming plate, etc.).
- Same thing with serving plates and utensils: mark them, too – this is a rough crowd.
- The club will provide napkins, paper plates and plastic utensils.
- The club will also provide hot coffee, sugar/sweetener, bottled water and some sodas.
- A limited amount of spices—think salt and pepper—will be available.

Check your email for any late breaking news, or email me if there are any questions: [kc.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:kc.lloyd@comcast.net).

### Welcome to Our Newest Members!

*by Eric Palmer, 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.

Joanne & Mike Allyn

Seth Allyn

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Gary Flanagan

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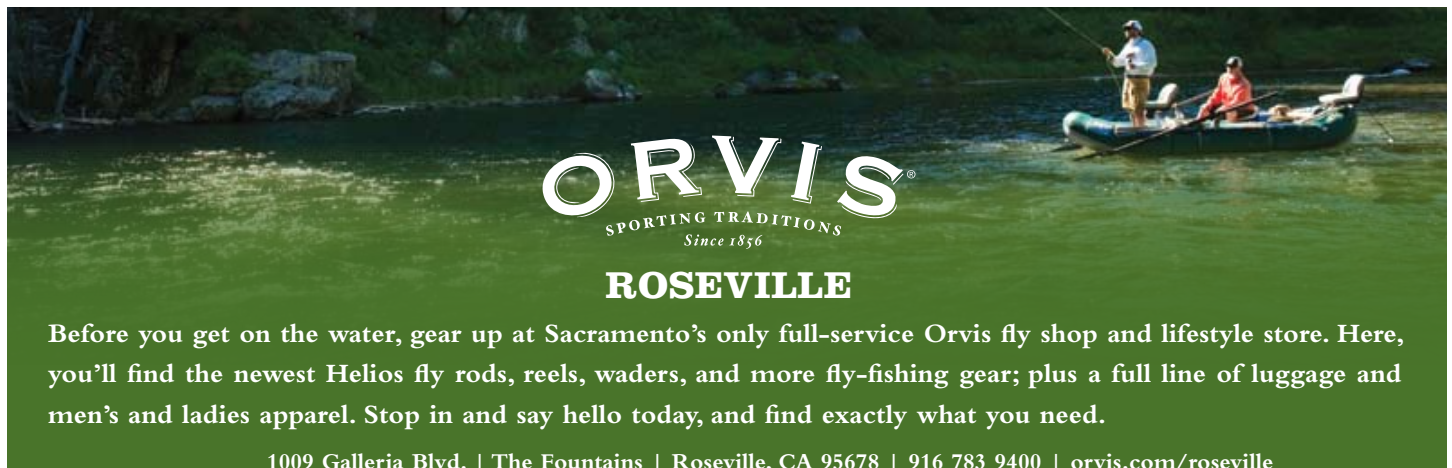
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## Friends of Auburn Ravine - Update

*by Kim Lloyd*

Earlier this year, **Jim Haufler** gave a presentation at a monthly club meeting about the Friends of Auburn Ravine. This organization monitors salmon in a 5-6 mile stretch of Auburn Creek between Joiner Parkway and Fowler Road in Placer County. As many as 300 salmon have been counted in prior years.

The monitoring is done using pairs of volunteers who walk/wade one-mile sections of the creek between October and February, generally on a weekly basis. The primary objective is to collect DNA from salmon carcasses. Secondary objectives include documenting redd locations and counting live salmon.

I walked one of the sections on November 16<sup>th</sup>. It took about four hours, including an orientation meeting at McBean Park in Lincoln, plus travel to and from the creek. The terrain I covered was gentle; that is, it had a slight gradient and a sandy/gravelly bottom—this is not the Lower Yuba! Volunteers are needed, and walking the creek just once or twice per season would help. The group also has a need for wading staffs because most of the existing volunteers are not fishermen. You can contact me @ [kc.lloyd@comcast.net](mailto:kc.lloyd@comcast.net), or Jim Haufler @ [projects@auburnravine.org](mailto:projects@auburnravine.org) to volunteer, donate a wading staff or ask questions.

## Upper Sacramento River Fishout Report: October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>

*by Tony Jelinek*

Twenty-six anglers made it on this year's 101<sup>st</sup> Fall Upper Sacramento Fishout. Or, at least somewhere around that many fall fishouts. **Eric Palmer** has done the research, and I am not certain what the final number was.

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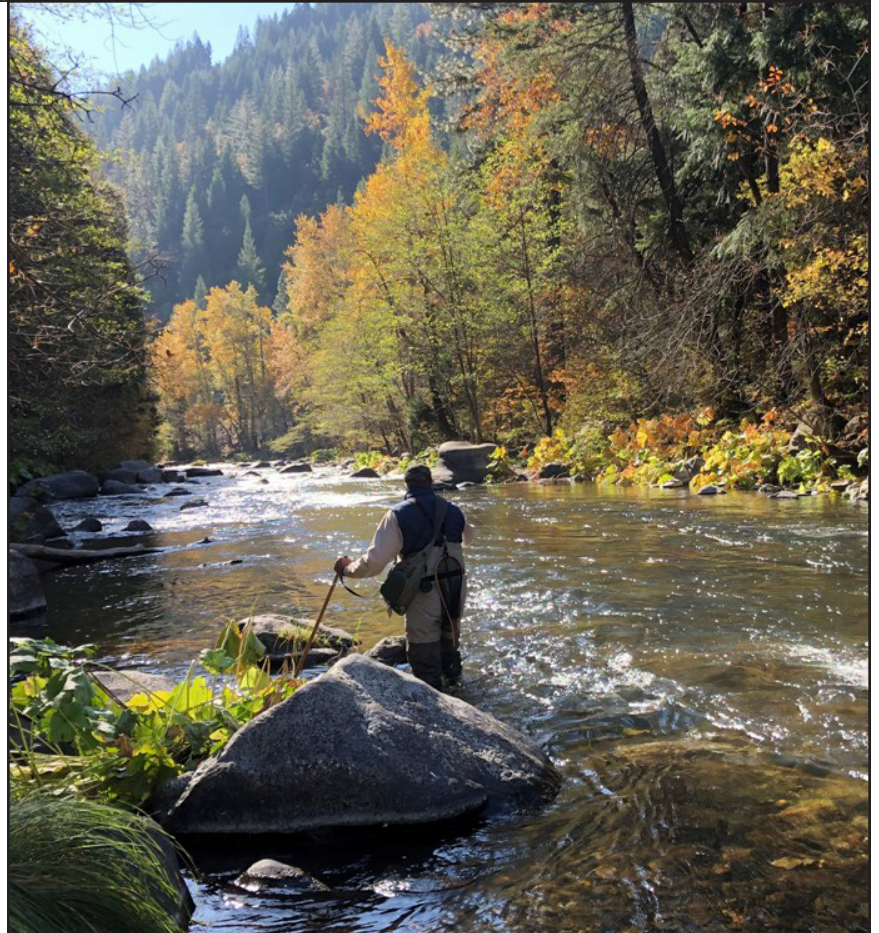
We were greeted by wonderful fall days—crisp clear mornings warming-up throughout the day, making for enjoyable fishing weather accompanied by great vistas of Mt. Shasta and Castle Crags. The clear weather with the high pressure made for some tough fishing. The October Caddis were doing their aerial acrobatics—more like crash test dummies flying around, and the blue winged olives were numerous. The fish were definitely around in large numbers, as evidenced by the porpoising backs of fish at times in the slower water going after emergers. Anglers who were persistent and able to find the larger pocket water were rewarded. Short-line nymphing, hopper-dropper, and Tenkara were the ticket. The usual suspects of flies were working, including Jimmy Rubber Legs, Dark Lords, Prince Nymphs, and Red Copper Johns.

Our youngest member of the trip and first-time Upper Sacramento attendee, **Aidan Brubaker**, even caught a fish on

*We know they're here somewhere*

a dry fly, a BWO. Other first-timers on the river were **Chuck Swearer, Dave Fitchett, Stevy Lee, Lenard Lee, and Michael Brubaker**. They all caught fish, and Chuck and Dave were even our high fish-getters one day with 5 and 6 fish respectively. Most of the fish caught by all were nice thick fish of 11 inches or more. Those returning to the Upper Sacramento to fish after a long absence were **Gary Tateishi, Nancy Leung, Bill Avery, and Eric Kellenberger**. Those returning to enjoy this magnificent river were **John Gordon, Ben Sell, David Jones, Michael Biggs, Drake Johnson, Jim Degnan, Ron Fay, Gordon Tornberg, John Pellegrin, Eric Palmer, Dale Spear, Leaman Houston, Kim Lloyd, and Corley Phillips**. We even had some guests who came up to relax and get away from the hustle-and-bustle of the valley—**Tinalyn Sell, Cathi Spear, Victoria Lee, and Susan Minneman**.

Home-base was the Dunsmuir Lodge. The group enjoyed dinners at our usual spots—the Dunsmuir Brewery, Mike &



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*A classic fall day on the river*



*Upper Sacramento River Fishout Report - Continued from page 5**Castle Crags overlooking the river valley*

Tony's, and Casa Ramos. The Cornerstone Bakery is back in business after a rough start after being sold, and they still serve a great breakfast. Other food stops were the Burger Barn, the Dough Hook (an excellent bakery), the Wheelhouse, and Penny's Diner. Bob Grace made sure to take care of all of our fishing needs at Ted Fay's Fly Shop. The Upper Sac destroyed another pair of wading boots. Aidan was wearing his dad's 25 year-old boots, which completely disintegrated in the river a la Michael Biggs a few years ago. Fortunately, Bob was able to get him back in the game with a new pair of boots.

Overall, we had a great time. Many members were able to fly fish for their first time, or for the first time in many years, and to be introduced to the Upper Sacramento River, enjoy its beauty, and even catch a few fish while doing so.

See you at the Upper Sacramento Spring Fish-out — May 28 to May 31, 2020.

Tight lines!

Tony

## 2019 Fishout Leaders: Thank You for Your Help

*by Doug Kytonen, Stillwater Fishmaster*

Thank you for all the help with being fishout leaders, making it a very successful year. With the close of 2019, it is time to plan for next year's outings, and the fishout masters could use your input and help. Remember, these fishouts are for you the members, and the more you put into the club, the more you will get out of it. We had **30 fishouts scheduled in 2019**; let's make 2020 even better.

I am always looking for new fishout leaders for new places to fish and introduce to club members, like Webber Lake and White Pine Reservoir we did this year. **If you have ideas or locations you would like to introduce or be a fishout leader**, please let **Tony Jelinek** know for rivers and streams, or **Doug Kytonen** for still waters. We will still do our regular spots. I am pretty sure Tony will be doing Lower Sac at Dunsmuir, **Eric Palmer** with Pyramid Lake, **John Pellegrin** doing Tenkara, and **Ed Lloyd** scheduling the Little Truckee and Big Truckee. I hope we have some return locations like Fuller Lake with **Jim Degnan**, **Dick Shannon** setting up Rancho Murieta for bass, and hope to have Manzanita Lake hosted by **Jack Ramos/Michael Kaul** again this year.

Other locations: **Wendell Edwards** may be getting Greenstone again, and it would be wonderful to have **Ray Ito** BBQ at Cameron Park again. **Sly Park, Rancho Saco, Weber Lake**, and a few others will all be on my Stillwater schedule in 2020. I will have more campout trips like **Lake Almanor hex hatch**, and I have had a request for **Lake Davis** I would like to work in this year.

The more we schedule, the more chances everyone will have to fish and learn new locations. Northern California has so much to offer: streams, rivers, and 100s of still water locations to keep everyone happy. We have tons of day trips for people to lead, let's get going and get things scheduled.

## FREE RAFFLE TICKETS

### NEWS FLASH

Everyone that buys their 2020 Annual Dinner tickets by **December 31, 2019** will be entered into the Early Bird Drawing for \$100 of raffle tickets!!!

Get your dinner tickets at the December general meeting (12/12/19), or online at our website ([www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)). Just a reminder that our December general meeting is our Holiday Potluck Dinner, so it would be best to buy your ticket online. You may also buy your raffle tickets online.

The lucky winner will be determined at our January general meeting—where you do not need to be present to win. NOTE: Have you ever seen the famous (and HUGE) Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner raffle? If so, you understand exactly why you have to be in this raffle!

This is our only fund raiser for the year. These funds support our educational programs, conservation, clinics and our annual club needs.

Thanks for your support.

Wendell Edwards, Dinner Chairman  
[wendelledwards@mac.com](mailto:wendelledwards@mac.com)



## Annual Dinner Update

With all the Holiday hoopla going on, don't forget to save the evening of March 21, 2020 for our famous Annual Dinner, Raffle and Auction! This is our most important club event of the year, and everyone is invited to enjoy the food, fun, great raffle prizes, awesome auction items, and incomparable club camaraderie! Here's the gist:

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors...anyone who's interested in having a great time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause.
- **What:** Fantastic dinner, massive raffle, outstanding auction, plus...the chance to break bread and share a nice evening with club-members, new friends, and families.
- **When:** Saturday, March 21, 2020. The festivities start by 3:30PM (bar opens at 4:00; dinner begins at 5:30), and the closing remarks are scheduled to occur by 8PM.
- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Rocklin Event Center, at 2650 Sunset Boulevard in Rocklin. It's easy to find, and there's plenty of free parking!

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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](mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org). All ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.*

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- **Why:** Because you want to show support for your club at its biggest annual event—and possibly win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, trips, and other great prizes.
- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at the next club meeting, or just visit our website ([www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)) to buy tickets securely online. Tickets are just \$40 each!

Lastly...If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help, just contact Wendell Edwards at [wendelledwards@icloud.com](mailto:wendelledwards@icloud.com).

## GBF Booth ISE Show January 16-19, 2020

*by Dale Spear, ISE Coordinator*

Hello club members. Once again, we need volunteers to staff our club booth in January at the International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) show. Many fly fishers at GBF learned about the club at the ISE show, and you have the opportunity to invite other prospective members to join and make our organization even stronger. We will share with prospective members that, through our club, they can improve their casting skills, learn the art of fly tying, participate in conservation efforts, attend fish-outs, build a fly rod or net, and much more.

The shifts this year have changed. Due to changes made by the staff at ISE, we have increased the shifts to 3 hours each. This will require a little more time donated by each GBF volunteer, but it will require fewer volunteers throughout the ISE show.

You will receive a ticket to get into the show for free, so you can spend time before or after your shift looking at the other great booths and presentations. The tickets will be left at will-call. You will need to purchase a parking pass, however.

I will put out the sign-up sheet at our general meetings. You can also go to the club website to see which shifts are open. Feel free to email me, Dale Spear, at [dalespear@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dalespear@sbcglobal.net), or call my cell 916-502-0455 to sign up. Thank you.



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## Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in December 2010)

### Fly Patterns - Jay Fair's Wiggle Tail Nymph 2



*Jay Fair Wiggle Tail Nymph*

#### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Scud hook, size 10
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 8/0
<b>Tail:</b>	Olive marabou
<b>Body:</b>	Jay Fair baby shuck material in olive color
<b>Head:</b>	Thread - small
<b>Weight:</b>	Lead wire or substitute - .015 diameter
<b>Hackle:</b>	Olive premium saddle or neck hackle

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## Description

This fly has been featured here previously (see fly archive on GBF's Web site: [http://www.gbflycasters.org/fly%20tying/patterns/Wiggle\\_Tail\\_Nymph/Wiggle\\_Tail\\_Nymph.htm](http://www.gbflycasters.org/fly%20tying/patterns/Wiggle_Tail_Nymph/Wiggle_Tail_Nymph.htm)).

I decided to use it again because it's such a versatile pattern, and because GBF has many new members who might like to try still water fishing. The Wiggle Nymph will, if fished properly, produce results even for beginners.

For those who don't know Jay Fair, he is known as the "guru" of fly fishing (and dark side fishing) on Eagle Lake, where there is a special strain of fish sometimes called "Eagle Lake Trout." These fish are large and they fight hard—but they can be notoriously difficult to catch. Suffice it to say that Jay has been around a long, long time. Over the years he has developed a series of flies that work—really work—for Eagle Lake fish. Not surprisingly they work elsewhere too—meaning anywhere that trout or bass will grab something that moves enticingly through the water and looks something like a leech, damsel, or whatever lives in the neighborhood. It is my "go to" fly for any still water venue.

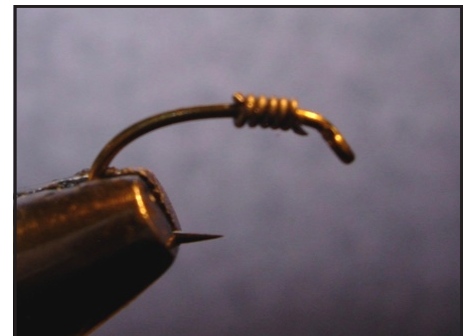
Through his company, called Eagle Fly Fishing, Jay has marketed many products as well as his patterns. One of his more remarkable products is a line of crystal chenille called "shuck." It comes in many beautiful fishy colors (e.g., burnt orange) and in three different sizes: long shuck; short shuck; and now baby shuck. I must admit to a bit of bias here, since I am a member of the Jay Fair "Pro Team," but I don't think anyone will disagree with me when I say that Jay's materials are of excellent quality and the range of choices is broad. If you'd like to see a list of Jay Fair products, just "Google" on "Jay Fair products" or "Eagle Fly Fishing."

The Wiggle Nymph is a sparsely tied fly — too much material will adversely affect the fly's motion in the water, which is clearly the key its success. It is suggestive of damselfly and leeches, and can be tied in a variety of colors and color combinations. For this month's pattern we will tie it in olive (I used burnt orange last time).

## Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

1. Smash the hook barb. Wrap 4 or 5 turns of lead or substitute on the shank and cover hook and lead with thread back to bend (just above back of barb).



Step 1



Step 2

2. Tie on a tail of marabou. Use a ¼" section from the mature part of the plume. The tail should be 1" to 1 ¼" in length. Resist the urge to use more marabou and be sure the length is correct.

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3. At the same point, tie in a short piece of olive baby shuck and an olive saddle or neck hackle with barbule length equal to the hook gape. Tie the hackle in by the tip.



*Step 3*



*Steps 4, 5 & 6*

4. Wrap the baby shuck forward to a point about 1/16" behind the hook eye; tie it off there.
5. Wrap the hackle forward, using only 4 wraps. Tie it off at the same spot as the baby shuck. This is important: leave enough room for a nice, small, smooth head.
6. Whip finish at the head and apply a tiny drop of head cement or super glue.

## Tying Tips

1. When forming the head of the fly try to end up with a cone-like shape. Avoid making too many wraps. When doing your whip finish, move rearward with each turn of the knot, ending up at the rear of the head.
2. Before learning to use a whip finisher, learn to do the whip finish knot by hand. There are a number of reasons for this hint, including the probability that at some point you will have forgotten to include your whip finisher in your traveling tying kit. Also, by learning how to tie the knot properly, you will better understand what the whip finisher does and does not do. It's not an easy knot to learn, but once the movement is understood it will become intuitive.

**Note:** here's a link you can copy & paste into your web browser's address window to Sexyloops website with animated instructions: <http://www.sexyloops.com/flytying/whipfinish.shtml>

Or, you can just Google: "whip finish" and get a bunch of websites with various techniques and tools demonstrated.

The Wiggle Tail Nymph moves with graceful motion through the water. Before you fish it, wet it well and move it around in the water (on your leader, of course) in front of yourself by moving the tip of your rod. You'll see why this fly is so inviting to fish — and, you'll better understand how to retrieve it once you cast it to your intended target. Now, wiggle on over to your vise and crank a few of Jay's gems and...

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

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

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

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check <http://gbflycasters.org>.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

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

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