Leader’s Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President

Just so you all know, this was not my plan. I was going to take a few years getting my feet wet and get a feel for the club and the Board. I figured I would do a three-year director stint, and maybe be Treasurer for a couple of years. I honestly never thought about being President. Well, that did not happen...sooo...let’s get this party started!

In typical form, the fiscal year is starting with people coming and going from the Board. First, a big thank you to Wendell for his service over the past two years. Next, welcome to a couple of new additions: Kim Lloyd and Bruce Emard. There are many years of experience tied (pun intended) to this year’s Board and, with their support, I am confident we will have a successful year.

I want to challenge each of you to set a few new goals: perhaps working on a cast you have not quite mastered, tying a few new flies, and enjoying a fishout with new people you have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I guarantee I will be doing the same. So, thank you for your confidence in me, and let’s catch some fish!

Monthly Program

Our speaker this month, Andy Guibord, is well known to anyone who has walked in the doors of Kiene’s Fly Shop, where he has worked for the last 25 years. He will give a presentation on fishing the American River throughout the 4 seasons.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, like many of us, Andy cut his teeth fishing with conventional tackle, going after pike, bass, and pan fish. Later on, he moved to Sacramento where he earned a degree from Yuba College, and then a Master of Fine Arts from Sacramento State University. After doing some teaching at the grade school level, he switched gears and began working at Kiene’s, where he’s been a mainstay ever since. He has also branched out to become a casting instructor, guide, and photographer. His spectacular outdoor photos have been hot items at GBF’s annual dinner silent auction.

Photo gallery: http://andyguibord.zenfolio.com/

Blog: http://andyguibord.wordpress.com/
When it gets hot in the valley, flycasters head to the mountains. Fuller lake is a great place to go to beat the heat. We set this particular trip for the evening—maybe there might even be a hatch of something, and besides, it’s really nice to fish when things cool off at the 5,000-foot level.

We will meet at the north end of the lake, the day-use site, for coffee and donuts in the morning. I’ll go up early in the morning for those who can’t make the evening. For the evening fishout, plan on arriving around 1:00 or 2:00 pm, and fish until around 8:00 pm. I’ll try to get a good table and BBQ pit so the evening flycasters can bring a bit of dinner and heat it up if they wish. Remember that this is a dry camp, so bring lots of water or your favorite beverages.

For those unfamiliar with Fuller Lake, it is a beautiful, small lake, about 1.5 hours up I-80 from the Sacramento area. This is a great place for beginning flyfishers. While there are times when the lake is easy to fish, especially after a plant, there are also times when even experienced flyfishers have to use the best of their technical skills, bring out all the guns, and still come away empty-netted—typical stillwater.

The road to Fuller is paved all the way, just watch out for the potholes on A18, the last leg of the trip.

Fuller contains rainbow and wild brown trout. The rainbows are either planters or holdovers from previous plants. The browns are a challenge. Bring binoculars to watch the eagles and osprey’s work for their dinner.

We will email a handout to participants. It will describe various techniques used by our pros. We also will give updates on lake conditions as we come closer to the fishout date. There is a lot more detailed information here.

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Rod Building with Larry Lee is ongoing. If you would like to get going on a rod project, give Larry a call, or talk to him at a meeting. L3rods@gmail.com

Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul are taking signups for fall net building classes. You can signup at the next club meeting. However, priority is now going to those newer members that have yet to build a net. Contact Art at aohawk@gmail.com or Michael at mikedkaul@gmail.com for more information.

Barre Norman’s non-slip wading sole classes will get under way with two sessions: July 16th and September 17th. Contact Barre for more information at b1normann@att.net.

Virginia Lakes Fishout
July 30 - Aug 4, 2019

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 30th of July to the 4th of August. There will be a taco dinner on Saturday the 3rd for all who attend.

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra, just south of Bridgeport off of 395, just before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is “eastern side incredible.” We will be staying at Trumble Lake campground at 9,700 feet. If you are concerned about the elevation, you might consider staying a night at Twin Lakes or the Tahoe area on the way up! This is a nice campground with water and exceptionally nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but unless there are cancelations, they will be gone. Only half the sites are reservable, so we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). These are also very beautiful, and right next to a stream and are free, but have no water. There is very limited cell service in the area.

The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumble Lake. There is excellent wet and dry fly fishing at all three lakes, as well as in the multiple lakes just up the trail. There are plenty of opportunities for stream and river lovers as well; these include Virginia Creek, Green Creek and the West and East Walker Rivers just down the road.

There is a store at Little Virginia with high priced goods, a little restaurant (very nice breakfasts and lunches), and hot showers. They also rent cabins, usually for a week, but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren’t rented: http://www.virginialakesresort.com. Bridgeport is a 30-to-45 minute drive, and there are motels if camping is not your thing.

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

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

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

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Knot Clinic: Skills Tuneup and Improved Techniques

by Jim Degnan, Knotmaster

We will meet July 30th for a second clinic on knots. The location and time has not yet been determined, and we will let all participants know as soon as we find a suitable place.

This class will quickly review the fundamental knots covered in the first class. There will be a fairly long practice session with smaller diameter materials such as 3x, (10#) and 4X (8#), the most common materials used by trout fishers. Some knots lend themselves to a quick effective tie with forceps.

We will then work on two very powerful knots: the Orvis knot for tying on the fly, and the Figure 8 knot, used for joining tippet to leader. The latter can be tied with forceps.

Please bring forceps, nippers and magnifiers if you need them.

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Thank you

by Wendell Edwards

My term as President of Granite Bay Flycasters has come to a close, and yes, I feel some sadness. I’m sure this feeling will fade away over the next few months.

There are so many members that have stepped forward during my presidency that made it a joy to be so closely associated with Granite Bay Flycasters. I wish I could list each member that made my term so enjoyable. THANK YOU ALL.

I would like to thank the Officers and Directors for 2018-2019. THANK YOU: Eric Palmer, Dave Fujiyama, Gordon Tornberg, David Bennett, Ed Lloyd, Dave Jones, Ron Fay, Drake Johnson, Ron Davidson, Dale Spear, Victor Maiello and TinaLyn Sell were all so supportive. THANK YOU, TinaLyn, for moving up to be our 2019/2020 president.

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Manzanita Lake Fishout Report

by Michael Kaul

Despite the ominous weather forecast, there were 24 Granite Bay Flycasters who showed up for our first fishout at Manzanita Lake. Many of us had to drive through the hailstorm from Hail, to get there. As it turned out, the mornings were spectacular, and the lake was dotted almost exclusively by our GBF members. We were surrounded by breathtaking views of the snow clad Mt. Lassen, framed by the Nation Park forest. Reports were that everyone caught fish. Fishing methods were anything from Gene Goss’s manically fast retrieve, to Eric Palmer’s nearly comatose slow twitching troll back to shore. Successful flies were black wiggle tails, marabou streamers, Rickard’s still water nymphs and others. There were intermittent showers in the afternoons and evenings. The dinner, which was hosted by Jack Ramos, Michael and Sandy Kaul, was delicious, and filled with entertaining conversations. Thanks to Bill Grigsby for his tasty peach cobbler, and Don Craig for his home-baked cookies.

Manzanita Lake has a beautiful campground and cabins that are an easy walking distance to the lake, making it a perfect venue for future fishouts. There is also an adjacent store (with showers) and museum that add to its desirability.

Sandy Kaul with a nice brown

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.

Vincent DeSantis    Mike Miller    Don Reid    Jared Shakin    Bonnita Wirth

Mt. Lassen from Manzanita Lake
"We Will Love Only That Which We Understand…"

Meet the future of fly fishing! Twenty youngsters spent a fun-filled weekend in our beloved Tahoe, learning to tie knots and flies, cast into headwinds, and land fish!

Kudos to Trout Unlimited’s Truckee Chapter for organizing this event so that the future of fly fishing is secure in the hands of well-educated anglers. These kids will remember the joy of casting under bluebird skies to fat, healthy rainbows, and they’ll fight to keep the habitat clean so that their kids will be able to enjoy the tug at the end of a flyline!

Our club was represented by Michael Kaul, Kent Ripley, Jared Shakin, and Dave Fujiyama, who helped kids to discover the underwater world of macroinvertebrates from Squaw Creek on Saturday, June 8th, and to find the joy in tying and catching fish on your own wooly buggers on Sunday at Sawmill Lake. Won’t you mark your calendars for June 2020 to help out? Ask any one of us...it was a hoot!

After each day, all participants were asked during a debriefing session to share what they’d learned. Notable are the many comments from the adult guides who remarked that they were impressed with the positive attitude of the young anglers—there was always a brisk headwind to cast into, our marabou kept flying off the tying table, and Sawmill’s trout were somewhat reticent on Day 2. There could have been a lot of whining, but to the kids’ credit, they kept on casting and hoping for a tug. In that, they may have learned the first lesson: it’s called fishing, not catching!

Volunteer guides coached kids in tying up wooly buggers, zebra midges, and foam ants. Do you remember our own disbelief in catching our first trout on our own flies? It was magical to see the whoops around the ponds when a kid hollered, “I got one! I got one! I got one on my own fly!” And true to form, all the neighboring kids would ask, “So, which fly? Which fly? How’d you get it?” I’m betting that we took some of the mystery out of fly fishing that weekend, and I’m sure some kids recognize that you don’t need to be some kind of trout zen-master to catch a trout on a fly rod!

It has been an honor to serve as your Conservation VP for the last two years, and I take this opportunity now to ask you to volunteer often and enthusiastically for upcoming projects under the direction of incoming Conservation VP Ed Lloyd. Ed will assume my role in July, and I know that he will appreciate your willingness to help in outreach activities like TU’s Sierra Trout Camp 2020. Ed has a lot of experience in making connections with community leaders, and you can bet it’ll be fun to help.
Let’s face it—it’s in our youth that our hopes lie for the future of trout waters! As Senegalese environmentalist Baba Dioum said so wisely half a century ago, “For in the end, we will conserve only that which we love; we will love only that which we understand; and we will understand only that which we have been taught.” Let’s pull together to educate the next generation of fly fishers!

Recognize that straw hat? It’s GBF member, Michael Kaul, helping kids at the ponds at Squaw Valley

May & June Stillwater Fishouts

by Doug Kytonen

We have had a great two months fishing still waters while the rivers are all blown out. Here is a list of locations we visited.

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May 30-June 2, 2019 (Thur-Sun) Manzanita Lake
Jack Ramos/Michael Kaul

June 7-9, 2019 (Fri-Sun) Lake Almanor hex hatch
Doug Kytonen

Greenstone was a great bass outing; largemouth and blue gill were caught, and the weather was enjoyable. Wendall, I believe, had the biggest bass, about 20 inches. Everyone had a great time, and all caught fish.

Next, on May 8th, we had a new venue, White Pines Reservoir. Fishing was slow, but lots of large fish were spotted. We may have been there a little early in the season; the water temperature was about 54 degrees,
Sly Park this year was a little damp, but hot coffee and donuts got us started. We made it through the drizzles for the first hour or so, then we had overcast skies till about noon. Fishing was OK, and a variety of fish were caught, with John Peterson getting a triple: trout, smallmouth and a large mouth. During this trip everyone got some fish. This is a great spring and fall lake, and one of my favorite lakes to fish.

On May 30-June 2, Jack Ramos and Michael Kaul hosted the Manzanita Lake Fishout. Everyone had a great time in spite of the afternoon/evening thunderstorms. Fish were caught and we had a great dinner at the campsite. To the left is Michelle Davidson with a nice trout. Michelle said they stayed an extra couple of days prior to going to Almanor for the Hex Hunt, and they had two days of a carpenter ant migration, and the water would get boiling with fish rising; that must have been some sight to see.

Great scenery at Manzanita Lake if the fishing is slow; hope we will have this one again next year.

And finally, we had the Lake Almanor Hex Hunt Fishout June 7-9, and the weather was better this year than the last time we were here. We had Lance Gray as our guide for the 3 days. Friday afternoon we got a tour of the lake on the whole west side, with different entrance points along the way. The wind was really blowing, so we did not fish this night. Saturday morning Lance took us to Lassen Meadows Ranch for some private water fishing. Lance brought his drift boat to work with a couple members at a time. This is a beautiful lake just a short drive out of Chester that is stocked with

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some trophy type rainbows, 15 inches-plus sizes, with the largest being a 20-incher for the day. Between the 8 of us, we had a 100-plus fish day.

**Rich Duffy** said, “What a great experience. It was my first fishout with the group, my first in a drift boat, my first on a float tube, and my first experience trout fishing in a lake! And I caught a few fish!! Lance was an awesome guide!!! I will be back and look forward to more fishout opportunities with the group.”

Remember, stillwater fishing is a great way to fill the void when the rivers are all blown out. Fly fishing is not just for trout anymore, hot days produce some great bass fishing on the lakes. Hope to see more of you out there getting tugs on the stillwaters.

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**2019 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Picnic Recap**

*by Dale Spear, Event Coordinator*

I would like to thank everyone who attended, and all those who helped out with the 2019 annual picnic. The picnic was held in the picnic area right outside of our clubhouse. About 65 members, family and friends attended. I would like to especially thank the following people:

**Ben Sell** and **Bill Grigsby** for cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs and brats for the crowd; pie competition judges **Drake**

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Johnson, Art Hawkins and Don Harris for the sacrifice they made blind-tasting all those delicious pies and determining a winner; the pie bakers for supplying the group with such a fantastic assortment of pies; Michael Biggs for providing live music to entertain everyone while they swapped lies about fish and gorged themselves on food; and last but certainly not least, all the members who arrived early to help set-up, and all those who stayed late to help clean-up.

Now, about the pie competition. We had 11 entries, which included a wide variety of scrumptious pies. We gave prizes to the top two winners, and honorable mention to third place. Laura Harris, daughter of member Don Harris, took first place. Finn Rose, age 7, grandson of members Gary and Barbara Millhollen, came in second. Member Marilyn Edwards was awarded third place.

Thanks to everyone again. The food was delicious, the company compelling, the pies delectable and the music enthralling.
Fly Patterns - Bill’s Hexagenia Dun Adult

**Description**

Last month we learned two important tying techniques: (1) creating an extended body with foam; and (2) creating a “dubbing brush” for a pull-over style fly. Hopefully, you have practiced at least the first of those two techniques, because you will need to create a foam extended body in order to tie the Hexagenia Dun that is the subject of this article. We will use the “dubbing brush” technique for another pattern in a future article.

Several years ago I had the privilege of visiting Labrador to fish for the giant Brook Trout that inhabit many of the lakes of that province, and about which Lee Wulff wrote many years ago. In some circles, Lee has been credited with “discovering” this area and its fishery. The goal of our trip was to be there during the Hexagenia hatch—and, as luck would have it, we hit it perfectly. We arrived at our destination—Lake Marie—in a rainstorm. Our float plane landed, and we disembarked at the lodge. Dinner was served and it was time to “wader up” and climb into the boats. Despite the rain and wind, the Hex hatch occurred right on time—just before dark. Big Brookies slashed the surface all around us, and multiple hookups was the watchword. From there the hatch just got better each day; there were even bugs on the water during the day, constantly being eaten by cruising trout. The highest-producing fly for that trip, for our entire group, was one I created for the trip and which is quite similar to this month’s pattern.

I have also fished Hex hatches at Lake Natoma, the Fall River, and most recently at Henderson Springs, where a group of GBF members caught a large number of very big trout on Hex patterns in the last hour before dark. For me, the best pattern was Bill’s Hexagenia Adult, the fly featured here. As I mentioned above, it is similar to the pattern that has been such a success in Labrador.

So, let’s get started—those big trout are out there waiting for the Hex’s to hatch.

**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. Follow the instructions in the June Leader for creating a foam extended body.

2. Once you’ve created the extended body, insert a large needle into the back end of the extended body and allow it to remain there. This will cause the foam to “relax” so the hole does not disappear once the needle is removed.

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3. Cut 2-4 microfibbets from the synthetic “skin” to which they are attached. Remove the needle from the foam and immediately stick all of the microfibbets, butt end first, into the hole. Place a tiny drop of super glue at the point where the microfibbets enter the foam body.

4. Debarb the hook and place it in the vise. Tie the thread onto the hook and run it back to the point of the hook.

5. Using the “stub” that you left on your extended body, attach the body to the hook right above the hook point. Tie the foam stub down securely.

6. Move the thread forward to the front 1/3 spot on the shank, and there tie in a bunch of yellow deer hair with the tips pointing out over the hook eye. This will be the wing and the post for the hackle. Complete the post as you would any post for a parachute style dry fly. The post/wing should be the length of the hook shank. Place a drop of super glue at the base of the wing.

7. Return the thread to where the extended body was tied in (i.e., above the hook point). Create a dubbing loop, fill it with the pale yellow dubbing, and return the thread to the rear of the wing base.

8. Dub a robust abdomen, stopping at the rear of the wing base.

9. Tie in a high quality dun colored neck hackle with long, stiff barbules, immediately behind the wing base, locking it down securely with the thread.

10. Using a dubbing loop, dub a robust thorax around the area below the deer hair wing, and forward to just behind the hook eye.

11. Grab the tip of the hackle and wind it up the post 2 or 3 times in wide wraps, and then make close wraps down the post, making sure each wrap is beneath the previous one. There are a lot of opinions about whether to wind the hackle clockwise or counterclockwise; just pick one method and master it. Tie the hackle off just behind the eye, trim it, and whip finish.

12. Apply a drop of super glue to the post at the top of the hackle winds, and another to the fly’s head. Admire your handiwork, and….See ya on the creek.

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

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