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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President



Thank you for allowing me to be your Club President for these last two years—it has been a pleasure. I've had great support from all of you.

Your nomination for President is **TinaLyn Sell**. TinaLyn joined our club February 2018.

Your nominations for 2019/2020 officers and directors are:

Secretary is **Dave Fujiyama**.

One-year Director is **Bruce Emard** (2020)

Three-year Director is **Kim Lloyd** (2022)

Victor Maiello is currently a one-year director that will move to a three year term (2022).

Vice President of Conservation is **Ed Lloyd**.

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Monthly Program



Sam Sedillo with a Truckee rainbow

Our speaker this month is **Sam Sedillo**, who works for *Trout Unlimited* as the CA Public Lands Coordinator out of the Truckee TU office. He works on public lands defense, restoration projects, volunteer operations, fish sampling and outreach.

Sam will be presenting on how TU is leading projects to conserve, protect, and restore trout and salmon fisheries throughout California, with a focus on Northern CA projects, and projects in which TU has partnered with Granite Bay Flycasters.

TU is excited to be working on projects that both directly benefit the special fish that exist in the state, and also provide increased opportunities for anglers to catch these fish. Trout Unlimited is also leading the charge within the sportsmen's community in making sure that public lands' access and habitat are improved. Moreover, Sam will be talking about how to fish around the Tahoe Truckee Area.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Lake Almanor Hex Fishout June 7 - 9	Youth Trout Camp June 8 - 9
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Lake Almanor Hex Fishout June 7 - 9		Board Meeting 7:00 PM		Monthly Meeting		Annual Picnic
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
		Fly Tying Jam				Float Tubing Clinic
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Upper Sac Fishout June 27 - 30	24.				Upper Sac Fishout June 27 - 30	

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Returning officers and directors are:

Past President will be **Wendell Edwards**.

Vice President of Membership will be **Eric Palmer**.

Treasurer will be **Gordon Tornberg**.

Returning Directors are **Ron Fay** and **Dale Spear** (2020), **Ron Davidson** and **Drake Johnson** (2021).

Be present at the June 13th General meeting and support your favorite candidate.

Trout Youth Camp will be June 8th & 9th. To assist with this camp, check with **Dave Fujiyama** at davefujiyama@gmail.com.

Our Librarian, **Kim Lloyd**, is in the process of bringing in new books, videos, etc. that will give you new exciting items for check out. The older books and videos will be **FREE** and available at our June general meeting. Be there at 6:30 PM. These items will be on a first-come basis.

Annual picnic is June 15th. This will be at the Folsom Lake Activity Center. See **Dale Spear**'s informational article elsewhere in this month's *Leader*. dalespear@sbcglobal.net

Novelty flies with **Michael Gervais** is June 18th. Contact Michael Gervais at mgervaisplumber@hotmail.com.

Try a float tubing clinic on June 22nd or 23rd with **Michael Kaul**. After June's general meeting, Michael will choose the date that most can attend. mikedkaul@gmail.com

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Fishouts for Rivers and Lakes can be viewed at www.gbflycasters.org. Sign-ups can be made by contacting the fishout leader.

We need a leader for our One Fly Contest. This has been a long-standing tradition, and it would be sad to see the chain be broken. We can get volunteers to assist with the details.

Conservation donations have been disbursed for this year. See **Dave Fujiyama's** article for details.

Have a great summer and lets go fishing.

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.

Gary Krause

Phil Raimondi

Rich Toso

Ed Underwood

Upper Sac Fishout, June 27-30

by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader

The headquarters for the trip will be the Soda Creek Farm near Dunsmuir. Here is the link to the house (<https://www.cavesprings.com/vacation-rentals/soda-creek-farm>). Unfortunately, it is not as big as what we have been able to get in the past. As of now, all beds are filled. A couple of people are pitching a tent on the property, and another is bringing his trailer. I am trying to determine if there is any more space in the house to put out some cots or mattresses; so stay tuned. For now, if you are not staying in the house and want a bed and room, I would recommend making a reservation at the Dunsmuir Lodge. Make certain to mention that you are with our group, as they give us a discounted rate. If you are planning on camping, there looks to be plenty of room at the Soda Creek Farm. There are also Sims Flat and Castle Crags State Park campgrounds. No matter where you stay, you are welcome to come and hang-out at the farm. The patio looks like a great place to tell tall tales, relax, and tie the latest short-line rig that **Eric Palmer** is recommending.

Thursday evening, we will hold the annual barbecue. All food will be provided. There will be a fee of around \$5 - \$8 per person for the meal. (Once all food is purchased, I will let you know the exact amount.) **Tom Kuzmich** has threatened to make his delicious cioppino, again, too.

The Upper Sac abounds in pocket water, which means the fishing technique of choice is Short-Line nymphing. This technique was perfected on this water by legend and Grand Master, Ted Fay, in the early to mid-20th century; and when properly applied, is deadly on the large but cautious trout lurking in the depths below the cold pocket water froth. If you are new to this method, be sure to read the two excellent articles on the GBF website "Articles" page [here](#) for some background. You can also search on the internet for more information on this method, which is closely linked to Czech Nymphing, although it originated on the Upper Sac.

This is an excellent trip for novices and experts alike. If you are a novice, you will be paired up with a partner who knows the river and how to fish it. The only planned meal is Thursday evening. As it can be hotter this time of year, many attendees fish in the morning to early afternoon, relax in the heat of the day, and go back out in the evening to catch the evening hatch. Dry fly fishing can be crazy just before dark, with Caddis and/or Stonefly action.

Please call or email with any questions. 916-751-9249 ljelinea@me.com

The GBF Library - Check It Out

There is some good news and some bad news. The good news is that club members have generously donated a number of quality books to the Library. The bad news is that some of the older books—especially those that have not been checked out—need to be removed in order to make room for the new books.

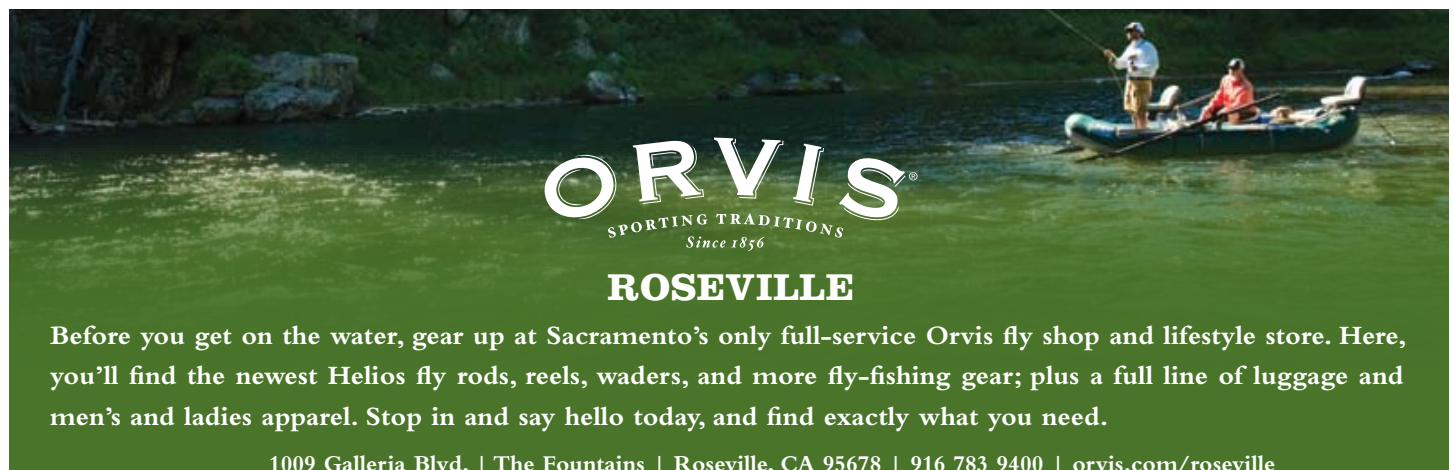
But wait, more good news—the GBF Board has decided to make these older books available to club members—for free—at the June meeting. These books will be placed on a table at the front of the meeting room (or on the outside deck) about an hour before the meeting starts; first come, first served...actually, it will be first come, self-served. All remaining books will be donated to a thrift store or other entity.

Contact me if you have any questions or comments. kc.lloyd@comcast.net

2019 Board Member Nominations The Election Will Occur at the June Meeting!

Eight Board member positions are currently open: 5 Officers and 3 Directors. A candidate for each position has stepped forward, as shown in the table below. Nominations are now final, so no new candidates can be accepted. The election of new Board members will occur at the June meeting, and you must be present to vote.

Position	Term	Nominees
Officers:	Duration	Name
President	1-year	TinaLyn Sell
Treasurer	1-year	Gordon Tornberg
Secretary	1-year	Dave Fujiyama
VP Membership	1-year	Eric Palmer
VP Conservation	1-year	Ed Lloyd
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Director @ Large #2	1-year	Bruce Emard
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Cameron Park Fishout Report

by Ray Ito, Fishout Leader

On April 19th, twenty Granite Bay Flycasters descended on Cameron Park Lake on a perfect spring day. Everyone caught fish, with at least three members catching ten plus fish. Our Stillwater Fishmaster described his day as "epic." At noon, we gathered for a lunch of BBQ burgers and other sides. Thank you to **Pete Koistinen** for manning the grill and serving up burger patties in assembly line fashion, and to **Joe Cammarano** for transporting the BBQ grill to the lake port.

The Pyramid Lake Fishout Report Fifth Annual, April 24-27, 2019

by Eric Palmer

"The charm of fly fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

~John Buchan

One of my favorite quotes for expressing why I think an otherwise seemingly sane group of 22 GBF'ers would flog the shoreline of Pyramid Lake hour after hour, dawn to dusk, often with little to show for efforts in the hopes of the "elusive but attainable" happening to them...until suddenly it does.



Cyndi's persistence paid off.

Ask **Ray Ito** about getting his first Pyramid fish ever on, I think, his second or third cast the first day, or **Cyndi Litzko**, who may have spent more time on the water over the four days than anyone else, and finally got her fish minutes before heading for home Saturday afternoon. Persistence pays off at Pyramid.



Ray Ito with the first catch, and his first Pyramid fish.

Ask "A gamer," **Ron Davidson**, about his seven cutts to the net, or **John Hogg** about his 3-foot estimated 20-22 lb. leviathan that had a one-on-one with his net. His fish was tagged, so John later learned it was a seven-year-old grandpa, or maybe even great-grandpa.

Jack Ramos, and first-timer, **Tony Jelinek**, put in their time to score three each. **John Gordon** got two 24-25 inchers, then lost two at S. Nets, the only one to fish there; and **Tom Ross** landed a 25-incher, then lost a couple, one just inches from his net. I managed to net three, but the count of casts per fish rivaled that of the thousand-cast steelhead. We all worked hard for any fish we got.

The irksome thing was that we all saw fish; a lot of fish. But, alas, they had romance on their minds, so unless you caught one in an unguarded moment, figuratively and literally, they'd simply shoulder your fly aside and swim on by continuing their quest for more love than we could offer.

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Anyone got a bigger net?



Ron brought his "A game" to Pyramid for the most fish to the net.



The successful flies were all over the map, including classic Pyramid flies, and some that are seldom mentioned: black buggers, mahalo nymphs, midges, beetles in white or black, olive mohair leech, and a rabbit fur egg sucking leech (usually a steelhead fly).

Methods varied too, from traditional stripping or indicator, to "floater-no-cater," where you simply strip a floating line with one or two in-line nymphs. (Ask Jack Ramos how this worked out with his red mahalo nymphs, and you'll get a wide grin.) I got my big one on a floating line with the olive leech. Traditional flies or methods for me: Zilch.

Equally important as any fish catching on these outings, is the camaraderie and gab-fests that ensue at the trailers. This year, we expanded on the ad-hoc impromptu dinners of past years with a full-on, no holds barred potluck dinner Thursday night that proved a great success. Thank-you's to **Wendell** and **Mell** for the original idea, and **Ron** and **Michelle** for the hospitality at their trailer. And, of course, thanks to all for the contributions of the great food that made the event a big success. And, to cap things off, we



Michelle is a happy camper.

had great weather too, with virtually no wind that night.

So, as the fishout schedule unfolds early next year, keep an eye out for Pyramid 2020 in the March/April time frame, and be part of the fun!

Left: Dave Fujiyama nets fish while we dally over desert.

Greenstone Lake Fishout Report, May 1st

by Doug Kytonen, Fishout Leader

It has been a long time coming for this fishout. Many thanks to **Wendell Edwards** for putting it together, and **Tony Hamamoto** for hosting the club to come out and fish this beautiful lake. Wendell greeted us with doughnuts to start the day, thank you. We had a great turnout and wonderful weather. Fishing was good all-around; I think everyone caught fish from bluegill to some nice bass. I did not see, but I heard Tony was trying out his new inflatable kayak and ended up taking a little swim, and was towed back to shore by one of the club members. Tony, maybe practice in a pool before going to the big waters would be helpful. (This could be a wet fly award contender).



Gary Neckless with a bass to the net

I think Eric came out as the winner for the day. Here's a picture of his big one, about 19-20 when flattened out (right). The scale there goes to 18". All his LMB were above 17" (5 or 6). Others were on rubberlegs, popper and damsel nymph. Three were on the Calcasieu Pigboat bugger.



Eric Palmer's nice largemouth

Thanks to everyone who made this a great outing. The fishouts are for all club members, and they cannot be successful without you.

Other pictures of the day. Photos from my drone that I experimented with.



Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of The Leader, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: editor@gbflycasters.org. All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

Conservation Corner

by Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation

Your Contribution Will Be Going Down the Toilet!

It's Not What You're Thinking!

This is the site of Trout Unlimited's next round of habitat restoration!

*Following on the great success of their work on the Little Truckee River, the Truckee Chapter of TU will focus on the "**Toilet Bowl**" section of the river, just below the Truckee Sanitation District.*

According to Sam Sedillo, it's being designed to harbor large trout! Get your wooly buggers ready!



On Monday, May 13, 2019, your Conservation Committee got together over pizza and salad to discuss how your club would disburse \$6,800 to hardworking conservation groups. Here's the breakdown:

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TU Truckee	\$2,700	39.71%
TU Truckee Trout Camp	\$700	10.29%
Cast Hope	\$700	10.29%
Putah Creek Trout	\$700	10.29%
Save the American River	\$700	10.29%
Dry Creek Conservancy	\$700	10.29%
Friends of the River Foundation	\$600	8.82%
TOTALS	\$6,800	100.00%

Each of the recipient groups is working hard to restore fish habitat, conduct research, or educate flyfishers. For example, TU Truckee will install rock weirs and boulder structure at the "Toilet Bowl" stretch of the Truckee River to create lies for large fish. Dry Creek Conservancy will forward its research, collecting anadromous fish data to give us a snapshot of the resiliency of these local migrating populations. Cast Hope will continue to create flyfishing outings for kids who don't typically get out much, introducing them to the wonders of the natural world. No matter how we do it, we're on the same team: We're committed to flyfishing because we know it's good for the soul.

We're all fighting the good fight. Thanks to the generosity of Granite Bay Flycasters membership, these groups can continue to move all of us toward our collective goal.

Check out the Granite Bay Flycasters message board "Conservation" to see updated opportunities to help out on conservation projects. See you on the stream!



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

Fly Patterns - Two Tying Techniques

Description

This month, instead of doing a specific fly, we're going to do something different: learn two important tying techniques that puzzle most tyers. Why? Because, in the next issue of *The Leader*, we will build on and use these two techniques to create an adult Hexagenia, which is the largest of all of the species of mayflies. In my view, it would be difficult to tie the Hex pattern if you have to learn everything at once; and, to boot, the article would be laboriously long. If you want to tie the Hex that will be in the July *Leader*, I recommend that you study the two techniques that follow, and practice them diligently. The two techniques are: (a) creating an extended body with foam; and (b) creating a "dubbing brush" for a pull-over style fly. Let's get started.

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. Creating a foam extended body. What is the advantage of an extended body, other than the fact that it just looks dandy to the eye of the tyer? First of all, it enables you to tie a large dry fly such as the Hex, or a Pteronarcys Stonefly (commonly called a "Salmonfly") without having to use a huge, long hook. Secondly, it creates a nice, natural looking abdomen. Third, because we are using foam (in combination with the hackle-brush, pullover technique), we achieve additional floatation. There are other reasons that will become apparent to you when you tie an extended body pattern and fish it.

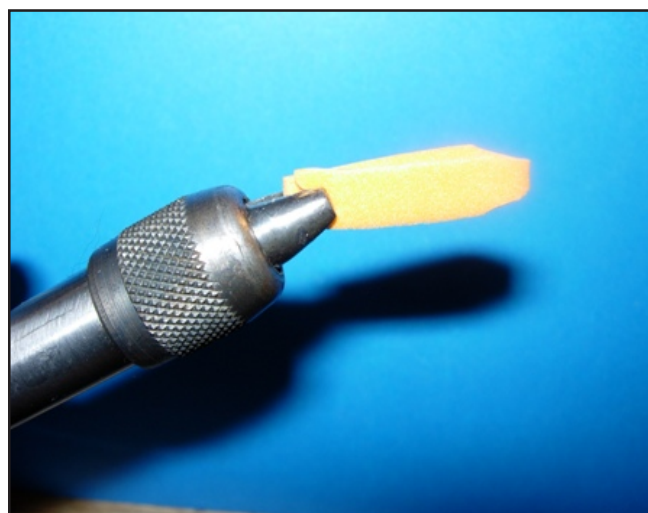
a. Materials needed

- A sewing needle about 1.5" in length.
- Two millimeter foam
- 8/0 thread to match the color of the foam

b. Tying steps

1. Place the needle in your vise, with the eye-end inside the jaws, and clamp it down well.
2. Cut a piece of foam approximately ¼" in width and 2" long
3. Fold the foam in half and cut a tapered notch on each side of the folded end.
4. Open up the foam and press it onto the needle in the center of the notched portion, and slide the foam back to the vise jaws.

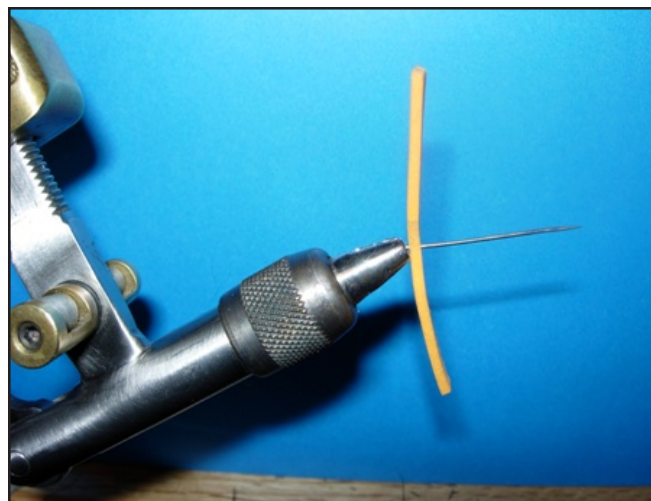
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5. Wrap a small amount of thread in front of the foam—keep it sparse; too much thread will cause problems in removing the completed body from the needle.
6. Press the two halves of the foam together, making sure that the thread is inside the "sandwich."
7. Wrap around the sandwiched foam 3 times, about 1/8" in front of the jaws; this will create our first "bubble."
8. Take three wraps around the needle between the two halves of the foam, moving the thread forward about 1/8" and repeat steps 6 and 7. Do this until you have made at least 5 bubbles, spaced in equidistant fashion.
9. When you've completed the last bubble, whip finish at the front of the most forward bubble and place a tiny drop of super glue on the whip finish.
10. Quickly slide the body off the needle; if you wait too long, the super glue may set up against the needle and the body won't slide off.
11. You'll notice that you have, in effect, a duck-bill-like appendage consisting of the two foam stubs, at the front of the body. Trim one of the two foam stubs off close to the thread wraps. Taper the second stub to a point (this will make it easy to tie to the hook when the time comes).
12. Make a dozen bodies. You will get better at it with repetition.



2. **Creating a hackle brush.** What is a hackle brush?

It is up to 40 (sometimes even a few more) wraps of hackle around a core such as monofilament, fluorocarbon, flex floss, or similar material. It is used in tying "pull-over" style flies. Certain small patterns (notably some of Bob Quigley's gems) require only a few wraps; large patterns, such as the Hex we will tie in July, require 40 or so wraps. As indicated below, you will need to have a gallows tool for your vise in order to do pull-over hackle brushes.

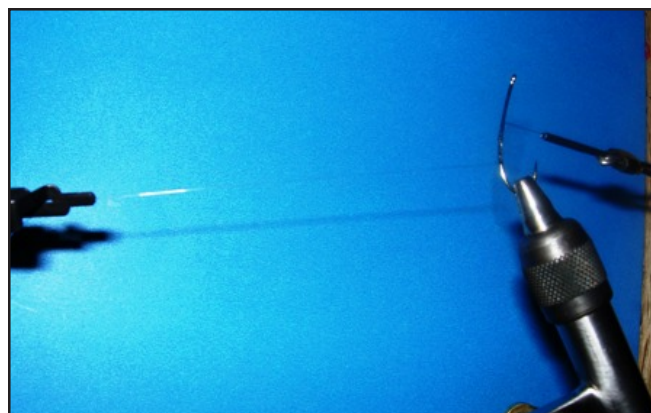
a. **Materials and tools needed**

- Hook (any variety will do for practice purposes)
- 4x monofilament
- 8/0 thread to match body color
- Dry fly quality saddle hackle (long, narrow, shiny), color to match body
- Gallows tool for your vise

b. **Tying steps**

1. Cut a 1' long piece of 4x monofilament or fluorocarbon and tie it on the hook securely at the end of the shank. Attach the other end of the material to your gallows tool, making sure that the material is taut. If it is too loose,

Creating a hackle brush:



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wrapping the hackle will be very difficult. This will be the hackle post. Place a drop of super glue on the wraps.

2. Tie in a saddle hackle at the base of the post and take 5 or 6 widely spaced wraps of hackle up the post. This step should cover about 1" of the post.
3. Begin winding down the post with tightly spaced wraps; at the end of each wrap gently pull the hackle upwards to seat it against the prior wrap. If you have done this correctly, you should be able to get around 40 wraps around the post before hitting the shank.
4. At the end of the last wrap, pull the hackle forward along the shank and tie it down with a few wraps.
5. Cut the post, leaving a tag of about 1"; you will need this tag in order to pull the hackle brush forward across the top of the abdomen when we tie the Hex fly.
6. Pull the brush rearward, and wrap the thread back to the base of the post. For now, just whip finish there. The hackle brush is complete.
7. As in the case of the extended body, practice this by doing it at least a dozen times. You will become proficient with it rapidly if you do so.



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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