

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Wendell Edwards, GBF President

Greetings,

Our seasons are a changing!

We have several fishouts scheduled for May. We certainly had some good April fishouts for those largemouth bass. Check out our fishout schedule posted at www.gbflycasters.org.

May is also our month for nominating new officers and directors to club leadership positions. Be sure to get involved with this important function; that's why we have a great club! **Members are involved.** See **Dale Spear's** article relating to getting involved.



Beginner Fly tying began April 30th, and continues May 5th, with followup class on May 20th. Email **Jim Holmes** for details. jwholmesjr@aol.com.

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Monthly Program



Dan LeCount

Dan LeCount, is a fly fishing guide from the Truckee area. He's been guiding for over ten years, and has been in the industry professionally for over twenty years. He's a contract fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants, and a commercial fly tyer. He's also a custom rod builder on the side.

He'll be giving a program on the small waters of the North Tahoe area—covering the idyllic streams, creeks and small lakes, describing the tactics, appropriate flies, timing, along with a host of other hard-earned secrets. For the fly tiers in the club, he'll be twisting up a few of

his favorite small water flies beforehand. C'mon down for a fun, informative evening.

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M A Y 2019						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1. Greenstone Fishout	2.	3.	4. Truckee River Fishout
5.	6. Fly Tying Fundamentals	7. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	8. White Pines Lake Fishout	9. Monthly Meeting	10.	11. Little Truckee Fishout
12.	13. Conservation Committee Meeting	14.	15. Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake Fishout	16.	17.	18.
19.	20.	21. Fly Tying Fundamentals Fly Tying Jam	22.	23. Fuller Lake Fishout	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. Manzanita Lake Fishout May 30 - June 2	1. June 2.

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May is also very important for Conservation. May 13th we will meet at Round Table Pizza to decide where our conservation monies will be spent this year. Please advise **Dave Fujiyama** of your attendance, and see Dave's article in this issue of *The Leader*. E-mail Dave at davefujiyama@gmail.com.

Jim Holmes' fly tying jams has returned to its regularly scheduled time. Check the monthly calendar for details. www.gbflycasters.org.

Jim Degnan will be hosting a Knot Tying Fundamentals Clinic, "All you wanted to know about Knots," on May 21st. Jim's assistant will be **Eric Palmer**. www.gbflycasters.org.

Save the date for the Annual Picnic on June 15th. See Dale Spear's article in this issue of *The Leader*.

Take a friend 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.

Mike Bean

Tom Guisto

Don Harris

Oscar Johnson

Ed Kriz

Dermott and Austin Moffett

Gary Oliver

Dennis and Suzanne Robbins

May Fishout Frenzy 2019

by Doug Kytonen

So many fishouts in May—can you make them all? The month starts out with a limited lottery fishout to Greenstone for bass fishing, always a great time and good bass fishing hosted by **Wendell Edwards**. Trout fishing on the Little Truckee with **Ed Lloyd** is next—always a great trip with a stop at the ACE Hardware in Truckee for those hot flies before the drive up to the meadow and a great day of fishing.

You want to try something new? Join us for a trip to Arnold and fishing at White Pines Lake where some fly fishing clubs hold their One Fly Contest for trout and bass. Check out [White Pines Lake](#) online; it looks a lot like Fuller Lake. This is a new location for GBF.

If this is not enough, another **Saturday** trip to the Little Truckee on May 11th for the working man or lady members that cannot make the weekday fishouts.

Mid-month, May 15th, is a favorite smallmouth bass and trout location, Sly Park/ Jenkinson Lake, just past Placerville. If this is not enough to keep your rod happy, we still have two more great lakes lined up. Thanks to **Jim Degnan** who will pick up the Fuller Lake trip this year, and **Jack Ramos/ Michal Kaul** will be hosting for the first time, Manzanita Lake trip for 3 great days of fishing. Make sure you sign up at the meeting, or e-mail the fishout leaders to join in on any or all of the great May Fishout Frenzy trips. Here is a copy of May's fishout schedule with all fishout leaders. Make sure you get signed up.

May 1, 2019 (Wed)	Greenstone, LMB, limit 10 members, firm - Wendell Edwards
May 4, 2019 (Sat)	Truckee River - Ed Lloyd
May 8, 2019 (Wed)	White Pine Lake - Doug Kytonen
May 11, 2019 (Sat)	Little Truckee - Ed Lloyd
May 15, 2019 (Wed)	Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake - Doug Kytonen
May 23, 2019 (Thurs.)	Fuller Lake - Doug Kytonen/Jim Degnan
May 30-June 2, 2019 (Thurs.-Sun)	Manzanita Lake - Jack Ramos/Michael Kaul

Introducing a Newly Revised Knot Tying Clinic - May 21st

*"You buy everything but the knot. Leader, tippet, flyline backing, rod and reel.
But you alone own the knot"*

GBF is happy to announce that a couple of our members, **Jim Degnan** and **Eric Palmer**, are going to offer a Knot Tying Clinic. The clinic is being adapted and modified from a model established by knot tying experts at Jim and Eric's former club, *The San Jose Flycasters*. The objective of the clinic will be to instruct and guide members to tie standard knots with consistency, confidence and speed, and then move on to more complicated knots. The course will be appropriate for fly fishers of all skill levels.

The first clinic will be a short session (perhaps about 2 hours), with an optional follow-up date to practice and explore new and interesting knots. Jim will provide a thoroughly written, illustrated, and bound instruction manual, along with colored cords, lines, and tools for practice.

The first Knot Clinic will be held at our Folsom Lake Meeting Center, on May 21st, (Tuesday, we will be sharing the room with Jim Holmes' Fly Tying Jam). Keep an eye on the Club Website, *The Leader*, and any e-mail communication for further information regarding dates and other essential information. Sign-up sheets will be available at future General Meetings.

Jim Degnan, Eric Palmer - Instructors; **Ron Davidson** - Education Director

Fuller Lake Fishout - May 23rd

Fuller Lake is a favorite of many members of the Granite Bay Flycasters. 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, or those who want a break from cruising larger lakes like Davis and Frenchman. 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. We will meet at the north end of the lake, the day-use site, for coffee and lunch.

Fuller contains rainbow trout and wild brown trout. The rainbows are either planters, or holdovers from previous plants. The browns are a challenge. The May 23rd date was chosen in hope that we might be there after a recent plant before the Memorial Day weekend.

We will e-mail a handout to participants. It will describe various techniques used by our pros. We also will give updates on road and lake conditions as we come closer to the fishout date.

Fuller is a great lake for everyone, from beginner to experienced. The more you fish it, the more you will enjoy it, and on those frustrating skunk days, you will forgive it because it is so beautiful and accessible. We look forward to seeing you.

Detailed information on the fishout is available [here](#).

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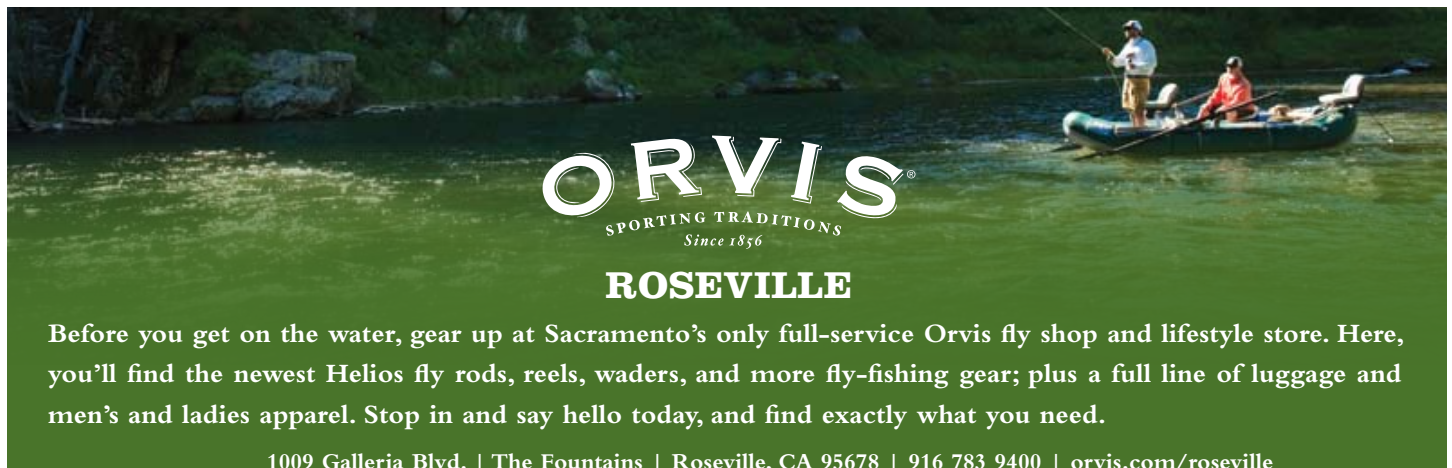
Manzanita Lake Fishout May 30 - June 2

Hey there Granite Bay Flycasters,

How about a fishout at Manzanita Lake in Lassen National Park? **Jack Ramos** and **Michael Kaul** are leading this fish out May 30th - June 2nd (snow permitting). Several of us are staying at the Manzanita Lake campground, and have reserved 6 sites (shareable with tenters) all in the A loop. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov. The campground has laundry, showers and a store. Others have booked stays at motels close by.

Jack and Michael have vast experience (not) fishing Manzanita, with a combined 2 days on this lake, so it will be an adventure. Michael does brag about his late evening catch on a Matuka of a beautiful hard fighting

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bat. The lake has a beautiful view of Mt. Lassen, and there are several options for fishing close by, including still and moving water. At Manzanita the fishing is primarily float tube (we will bring extra equipment), and ranges from dries to subsurface with nice, well-fed native rainbows and browns to take your offerings. Chironomids, mayflies, caddis, damsel, dragons, scuds, leeches and ants are a few of the insects in the lake. You can fish even subsurface flies with a floating line, but an intermediate sink line is also often a good choice. The fish can be fairly large, so a 4-5x tippet might be good, but at times tippet as light as 7x might be needed (and a box full of flies).

The lake is at 5,890 feet, so it could be cold. Map quest tells me it is a 3 hour, 40 min drive. Jack and Michael are planning to treat everyone to a chili/brat dinner at the campground (menu subject to change). Hope to see you there! There are articles on fishing Manzanita in the *California Fly Fisher*; Dec '18 and June '14



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Sign up at the May monthly meeting, or by calling Jack (916 774-9972), or Michael (530 677-8022).

GBF 2019 Annual Dinner



Navigating the GBF Website:

A beginner's guide

by Eric Palmer

It's just possible that Granite Bay Flycasters has one of the best fly club web sites in California, if not beyond. Yeah, as a co-webmaster I'm biased for sure, but really, just take a look [here](#) at the breadth and depth of information at your fingertips, or just a click away.

The good news is, I'm not going put you to sleep with a boring user manual explaining each and every click or page on the entire site and how to get there, since much of it is self-explanatory, as any good web site should be.

I'm just going to explain the quickest way to get the key information members should expect from their club's website—mostly about clinics/classes, fishouts, and special annual events.

Hovering the mouse over each item on the top menu bar produces an automatic drop-down menu list.

About – Pretty self-explanatory. The *Join Us* item is where you'll find the application form for your neighbor after you've convince him or her to join GBF. It's a pdf form, so can be printed or filled out online and then printed and mailed with a check, or brought to the next meeting.

Education – This is mostly why we're all here. This drop-down menu lists all of GBF's educational or skills-development activities. The second item from the top is the clinic schedule. It's also self-explanatory, containing the complete list of clinics for the year. If you click on the first item, usually a blue HTML link (red

Topic	Date	Contact
Fly Tying Jam – a monthly event	Third Tuesday of the Month, Feb/Mar on 2nd Tue. with BOD meeting. 6 PM	Jim Holmes , John Peterson
Rod Building with Larry Lee	on-going by request	Larry Lee
Net Building with Art and Michael	Sign-ups in Nov/Dec for clinics held in Feb/Mar. Sorry, all dates now booked.	Art Hawkins , Michael Kaul
Fly Fishing 101 (Intro to Fly Fishing)	Feb 28 & Mar 6, 2019 6:30 PM	Jim Holmes
Fly Tying Fundamentals	To begin in March. Dates pending.	Jim Holmes
Make your own non-slip wading soles	Mar 19, May 21, 2019	Barre Normann
Fundamentals of fly casting	Mar 30, Apr 6, Apr 13, 2019, Gibson Ranch.	John Hogg , Rick Raddoff and coaches
Intro. to tenkara fishing clinic	Apr 6, 2019, Auburn location TBA	John Pellegrin

arrow), it takes you to another page with details about the class. A click of your browser's left arrow gets you back to the schedule.

Fly Tying – Click on each of the menu items to see what's there. *Tech Talk* is a good place to find articles on fly lines and leaders, and how to tie up your own leaders from scratch. *Fly Patterns* is where you'll find an extensive list of recipes for NorCal specific flies known to work from Virginia Lakes to the Klamath, and all points in between.

You must be a GBF member to attend fishouts.

Date	Location	Fishout Leader
New, confirmed or changed dates in red		
Mar 25, 2019 (Mon)	Rancho Seco #1 RAINED OUT-TO BE RESCHED.	Doug Kytonen
Apr 10, 2019 (Wed)	Rancho Murieta-bass and trout (max of 15 sign-ups)	Dick Shannon
Apr 12, 2019 (Fri)	Rancho Seco #2	Doug Kytonen
Apr 19, 2019 (Fri)	Cameron Park-large mouth bass	Ray Ito
April 24-27, 2019 (Wed-Sat)	Pyramid Lake	Eric Palmer
May 1, 2019 (Wed)	Greenstone, LMB, 25 members max.	Wendell Edwards
May 4, 2019 (Sat)	Truckee River	Ed Lloyd
May 6, 2019 (Sun)	Truckee River	Ed Lloyd

Fishouts – Explore the various items under this menu, but the fishout schedule is where the rubber meets the road, and we have a bunch. The center column is a blue HTML link (red arrow) that takes you to the fishout "template" with all the details needed for a successful outing. More on fishout templates later.

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Events – Explore the various items under this menu. These are all the non-fishing events, like the annual dinner, picnic, swap meet and other diverse activities that round out a fly-fishing club to make it more interesting and fun for the whole family.

Conservation – When we're not fishing, we're donating net proceeds from our annual dinner fund raiser to worthy local conservation causes consistent with our 501-c3 charter, or physically engaged in boots-on-the-ground conservation activities. The Conservation Corner, authored by VP of Conservation **Dave Fujiyama**, highlights recent activities or initiatives that we're committed to.

Library – Generally, the word "library" does not generate excitement, but assuming you came to GBF to learn fly-fishing, once you have a look at the diverse collection of educational articles under the *Articles* tab, your heart may skip a beat or two. Especially on examining the names on the right-hand column. All fly fishing guides and authors of note published in *California Fly Fisher*, or other prominent publications (yes, we have permission to re-publish their works).

Store – Where you can buy stuff like renewing your membership, or a new badge, or annual dinner tickets, or hats and shirts embroidered with the GBF logo.

Calendar – Check on dates for upcoming events, including fishouts and clinics.

Message Board – For this, new members must initially register with a unique user selected UserID and password, the password known only to you. Once in, you can post and read messages under a variety of *Categories*, including *Fishouts and On-the-Water Clinics*. These are the templates mentioned under *Fishouts*, and provide an alternate means of seeing what's in store for fishing activities, or on-the-water clinics.

Granite Bay Flycasters > Categories > Fishouts and On-the-Water Clinics Templates

Search This Category

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<input type="checkbox"/>	★ Greenstone Fishout, May 1, 2019	wendelledwards	82	
<input type="checkbox"/>	★ Fall Upper Sac Fishout Oct 31-Nov 3, 2019	ejpalmer	909	
<input type="checkbox"/>	★ Manzanita Lake fish out May 30-June 2, 2019	mkaul	121	

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As a short cut, you can jump to these pages from the fishout schedule with a click on the fishout description in the center column.

What if you registered for the message board long ago, do not visit often, and forgot how to log in? This can happen, and there's an easy fix.

Below where you enter your password you'll see "Forgot password?" (red arrow). Click and you can enter a new password based on your email address or UserID.

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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. All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

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Forgot your UserID? Use your email, and the confirmation email you receive will include your UserID. If you're still having difficulties, email the webmaster at webmaster@gbflycasters.org and we'll get you back on track.

One last item: Occasionally, you may see a request for the "member's only" password to view secret stuff restricted to GBF members. An example is the "secret flies" section under [fly tying](#). I'd provide it here, but cannot, since it's a secret and *The Leader* is open to the general public from the website home page. Contact a webmaster or board member, and they'll share it, along with the secret GBF handshake.

That's about it. We've covered all the basics needed to fully utilize everything GBF membership has to offer. For any further questions, just email the webmaster at the link above.

Annual Club Elections Just Around the Corner

Granite Bay Flycasters (GBF) is a non-profit corporation. As such, it is controlled by a Board of Directors and corporate officers that meet monthly. Corporate officers include the President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP of Membership and VP of Conservation. Corporate officers are elected for a 1-year term.

The Board of Directors is comprised of 8 Directors, and is divided into two groups. There are two "at large" Directors that serve one-year terms, and six Directors that serve 3-year terms.

Elections are held each June. All corporate officer positions and an "at large" director will be up for election, plus two of the six directors that serve 3-year terms. Every member is encouraged to run for a position... many hands make for a light load.

I will be chairing the Nominations Committee. This committee will be contacting members about their availability to serve, as well as answering any questions that members may have about these positions.

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Helping Hands

by Dave Spear

The election of new officers and directors will be held in June. Once again, a few members will step up and take on the responsibility of running our fantastic organization. Like most volunteer based clubs, a handful of people make everything run as smoothly and conveniently as possible for many others. Our club is quickly approaching 260 members. The meetings, activities and events for all those people are put together and overseen by about 20 or so members. Various reasons, such as work schedules and busy lifestyles, keeps volunteer involvement low.

What typically happens is board members step up, take on several events and activities for a couple of years, get burned out, then the cycle starts anew. The more new, energetic members with fresh ideas come forward, the more we can spread out the workload, and the less daunting volunteering becomes.

Most of the positions for officers and directors last 2 to 3 years. The board of officers and directors meet Tuesday nights during the same week as the General Meeting to discuss and decide upon issues affecting the club. Most of the officers and directors have taken on the added responsibility of organizing and running one of the many events put on by the club each year. These events include, but are not limited to, the following:

Annual Picnic	ISE Expo	Swap Meet
Annual Dinner	One-Fly Fishout	

Here is where members who cannot, or do not want to commit to monthly board meetings can be of tremendous assistance. Take on the organization and running of one of these events. It would take the single commitment of only one time during the year, without the need to attend meetings. Notes have been taken after most of the events detailing what actions and supplies are needed to hold the event, and placed on our club's MyCloud site. The member running the event would give updates to an officer or director from the board, who would report that information at the Board of Directors meeting.

If not one of these events, then perhaps a fishout. A member familiar with a particular piece of water, be it a river or a lake, can volunteer for 1 day (or 2 or 3) during the year, and take a group of other members fishing—give the other members an idea where to fish in the area, what flies work, and which gear might be best, and let them fish. If the member is not sure about the flies and gear part, a quick internet search will provide a ton of choices.

One last area, for this article anyway, is clinics. Many members join the club after a fair number of years fly fishing, bringing a wealth of knowledge in certain areas. If the member has an area he/she has concentrated on, Spey, bass ponds, dry fly, fly tying, knots, casting, entomology, leaders, liposuction (okay, this article was getting a little boring even for me), he/she can put on an hour or two clinic once during the year—meet new friends, give the other members new skills. The point is, our club works more smoothly, efficiently and just better when the workload is spread out. That's my pitch, and good luck fishing.

Flyfishing Backcountry Sierra Streams

by Royal B. Pocketwater

Part XI

(originally published in *The Leader*, August 1992)

We left Royal and ATC as they were bouncing down a dirt road in Whitefish (ATC's old truck), talking about Royal's belief that in a previous life he was a bear. ATC, ever skeptical, was throwing curves at Royal. The last of these was particularly ironic: whether Royal had ever witnessed a bear "releasing" a fish, Royal himself being an advocate of the catch and release principle. Let's see how Royal handles this one.

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"Look, ATC, that's clearly an unfair comparison." "Why's that?" ATC Retorted. "It's as plain as that rather large proboscis in the middle of your face. A bear takes fish to survive—they always have and always will. In a sense, then, they do release fish," Royal said, smug in the cleverness of his counter-riddle.

"OK, Royal, I know you want me to rise to the fly and ask the next question, so I will, how in the world can you say that bears release fish?"

"Well, do you agree that bears fish only for survival, and not for fun?" countered Royal.

"I'll agree to that for purposes of this—shall we say—discussion," replied ATC cagily.

"OK, then, so they don't catch fish for sport at all, then the fish that they don't catch for pleasure are in effect, released, aren't they?" said Royal, knowing ATC would likely pounce on this dubious logic.

"C'mon, Royal, you can do better than that—what's the point?" countered ATC.

"Look, if I was faced with a survival situation, I would definitely keep my catch. Don't tell me you wouldn't do the same. The rest of the time, just like the bear, I don't kill fish. So, if you look at it as not killing fish except for survival, your "release" point goes away, doesn't it, ATC?"

"Gimme a break, will you," replied ATC, momentarily nonplussed by Royal's answer to the riddle.

"Well," said Royal, noticing ATC's pause and sensing that ATC was having trouble gathering his wits, "Does it hang together?"

"Listen, Royal, there's something very wrong with your logic—I just haven't figured it out yet. In the meantime, do you remember the time we floated the South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho?" asked ATC.

"How could I forget with you bringing it up all the time?" replied Royal. "Anyway, it was your fault."

"But it's so funny. I can still see you bobbing down the river with us chasing you in the McKenzie. I've still got the pictures, you know," said ATC, smiling wickedly. "If there was a 'wet fly' award, you deserve it for that performance."

"Wait a minute now, don't you remember how I happened to end up in the water?" asked Royal.

"Yes," admitted ATC.

"And I was standing forward in the bow, casting my hopper to the shore, right?" continued Royal.

"Yes," said ATC, withering slightly at Royal's cross examination.

"And the guide was trying to fix the bird's nest you made in your reel after your gorilla stick struck at that teensy trout that took your hopper, correctamente? And didn't he tell you not to put the boat into that curl sideways?" Royal continued, smelling blood now.

"Yes," said ATC somewhat sheepishly.

"And when you proceeded to do exactly what he said not to do, what happened?"

"You took a header," said ATC, regaining his smile. "But, as you will recall, Mr. bear-man, my attention was diverted by one of your past-life kin swimming across the river just ahead of us," said ATC, rationalizing his faux pas as his laughter came again. "I'm sorry, it's just that the sight of the two you bobbing along after you aroused his curiosity as you passed him, shouting and gesturing wildly, makes me laugh every time I think of it."

"Yeah, I guess it's funny all right," said Royal, grinning himself now. "I'm sure glad I wasn't wearing my waders, because they would have been filled with more than water."

"Maybe you're right about your past life after all. You did look like brothers of sorts. He was a better swimmer, though," said ATC as they bounced around a dusty corner, laughing loudly.

Conservation Corner

by Dave Fujiyama, VP Conservation



Chinese proverb.

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Your Granite Bay Flycasters needs your generosity in time and wisdom this month!

On Monday, May 13, 2019, the Conservation Committee will host its annual meeting to discuss, debate and decide those non-profits to whom to donate GBF funds. We need you to be part of that brain trust, so please make space on your calendar.

Last year we donated nearly \$7,000 among seven groups that put those funds towards local conservation projects, like installing rock weirs on the Truckee River, and youth education opportunities, like Sierra Trout Camp in Squaw Valley. Many of those recipient groups sent a representative this year to speak at our bi-monthly Conservation Committee meetings we host at Round Table Pizza.

Please come to discuss whether we should continue to contribute to organizations who have been our partners in conservation and education:

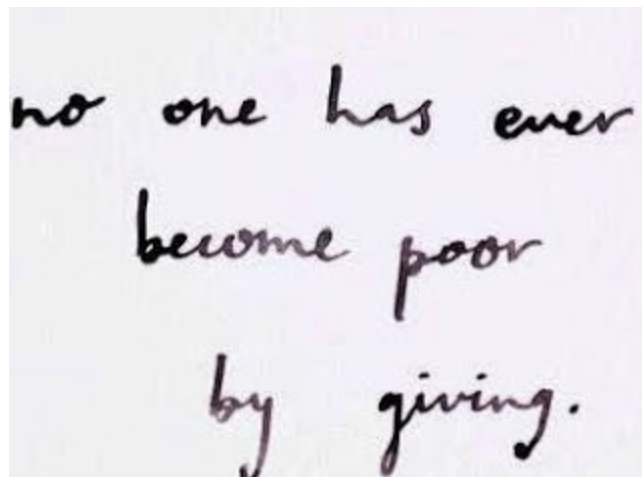
- Trout Unlimited, Truckee
- Putah Creek Trout
- Cast Hope
- Sierra Trout Camp (TU Truckee)
- Save the American River
- The Sierra Fund
- Dry Creek Conservancy

Meet us at Round Table Pizza, 8755 Sierra College Blvd, Roseville, on Monday 13 May 2019 at 6:00 PM. As always, pizza and salad are provided

free for GBF members. *Please note that unlike other Conservation Committee meetings, which are open to both members and non-members, this meeting is only for GBF members.*



Introduced to fly tying, a young fly fisher proudly displays his rendition of a wooly bugger at the summer 2018 Youth Trout Camp. Your generosity helped to create a lifelong love for fly fishing!



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

Fly Patterns - Pettis Pulsating Pupa



Pettis Pulsating Pupa

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2457, Daiichi 1250, size 12-16 (Daiichi 1250 shown in pictures)
Thread:	Brown or tan 8/0
Body:	Three to five glass beads, root beer colored with silver lining, small size
Bead dubbing:	Lava Brown (or similar color) Buggy Nymph Dubbing
Legs:	Wood duck flank feather barbules
Thorax:	Dark brown Buggy Nymph Dubbing

Description

I first met Jim Pettis at the CalExpo ISE show many years ago, where he was a featured tyer in the Fly Tying Theater (then run by Danny Byford). As I tend to be, Jim was quiet and soft-spoken; we became good friends over time. Jim guides on the Lower Sacramento River at Redding and, as I can personally attest, knows the river as well as anyone can. He has launch rights at a rather unique, privately owned spot some distance above the Posse Grounds where most everyone else puts in when fishing the upper runs. I've never seen anyone more skilled at mending line to a floating indicator placed far away from the boat (in some cases more than 60' out)—without moving the indicator. At the invitation the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco, he's taught his methods to the club's members. One of Jim's talents—and the one that first drew my attention—was his ability to innovate fly designs that survive the test of time despite an ever-skeptical cadre of fly fishers, guides, and others. Principal among his successes is the Caddis series, one of which is the Pulsating Caddis, which Jim first tied in 1993. The fly is featured in Joe Warren's book "Tying Glass Bead Flies."

The Pulsating Caddis can, in various sizes and color combinations, represent many different Caddis flies. It is an excellent imitation for *Hydropsyche*, which abound on the Lower Sacramento River. Here are a few statistics on this bug:

Genus: *Hydropsyche*

Common names: spotted caddis; net-builder; net-spinning caddis; gray caddis

Size: 10-15mm

Color: tan, brown, yellow-tan with greenish or tan shroud

Here is an excellent summary of the habits and characteristics of *Hydropsyche*, taken from:

<https://www.west-fly-fishing.com/index.php/fishfood/caddis> (an excellent website for fly fishing information)

"This case-less caddis acts like a spider: larvae build little nets in the crevices of rocks and capture drifting plankton for their meals. Their preferred habitat is riffles and runs. They often drift in the current; so, where there are large populations, trout will feed on them year-round.

A larva pattern dead-drifted near the bottom can be very effective in spring and fall, and even in winter. Many species are pale green and look a lot like the green rock worm or green caddis; they are often found in the same kind of water and can be imitated with the same patterns and tactics. In other waters, spotted caddis larvae are more tan or brown. Pupation occurs in the same water that the larvae lived in.

During a hatch, dead-drift a pupa pattern near the bottom in riffle water or just below riffles. An unweighted pupa pattern can also be drifted near the surface, or you can present a soft hackle fly with a wet-fly swing. Another good strategy is a dry fly with a pupa pattern as a dropper or trailer; the dry fly acts as an indicator

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and sometimes is taken by the trout. After the hatch, errant and unlucky adults fall onto the water, and a dry fly is the right choice. Bank-water downwind or downstream from overhanging trees is a good place to cast your dry. Females swim or crawl underwater to lay eggs. You can fish a dry at this time, or go subsurface with a Soft Hackle or diving caddis pattern."

Let's get busy and tie one of Jim's gems.

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.



Step 1

1. Smash the hook barb and place some beads on the shank; the number will vary with the hook style and size. For example, if you are using a size 16 Tiemco 2457 hook, I suggest using three beads. Tip: start with a size 12 use 4 or 5 beads to get the feel of the proper number and then work down in sizes, experimenting as you go.

2. Once you've got the hook in the vise, start the thread near the hook eye and wrap the front 1/8 of the hook with thread (this will later become the area for the thorax) in front of the beads. Wrap rearward to the hook bend, securing the beads each in succession with several wraps. Leave the thread at the middle of the bend.



Step 2



Steps 3 & 4

3. Place some of the lighter brown dubbing on the thread (here again you should experiment with the amount that you use, starting with smaller amounts, graduating to somewhat heavier amounts).
4. Place one wrap of dubbing behind the last bead, and move forward; place two wraps between each of the beads until you reach the thorax area. Place a half hitch there in preparation for the next step.



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Steps 5 & 6

5. Using a piece of Velcro or a gun barrel brush (which is what I use), rub the dubbing with a circular motion; this has the effect of picking out the dubbing and standing it up.
6. Using your fingers, brush the dubbing rearward so that it resembles a sheath or shroud (remember Gary LaFontaine's patterns?).

7. Cut the very tip of the heart from a well-marked wood duck flank feather (set this aside for some other use). Clip out a 1/8" section of the stem; you now have a "v" shaped piece that you should place, shiny side up, on top of the hook directly in front of the leading bead. Tie it down there to form legs on each side of the hook.



Step 7



Step 8

8. Dub the thorax with the dark brown dubbing. Whip finish.

Tying & Fishing Tips

1. As mentioned above, experiment with your materials on this pattern, and on all of your patterns. This will enhance your creativity by forcing you to think about each step of the pattern instructions. Eventually, if you incorporate this into your repertoire, you will develop your own design skills.
2. Notice the picture above: the thorax area is the same diameter as the body, so your tying techniques should take this characteristic into account.
3. Once you have done the legs, wrap the thorax dubbing over the leg tie-in area and slightly over the legs; this will force the legs into their proper swept-back position..
4. Because these critters engage in behavioral drift (which accounts for their success on the Lower Sac), you should plan accordingly with your rig—whether you prefer floating indicators, short-lining, or a swinging approach.

Stay warm out there...

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

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