

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



Hello All,

Things for me are still the same; I am still nervous as all get out speaking at the general meetings. I try to mask it with humor—not too sure how well that tactic is working—but, oh well, on to other more important information. Hopefully, we have seen the last of the 90 and 100 degree weather. Fingers and toes crossed please. The last few months have been going well for the club. We continue to gain new members and have some exciting fishouts, clinics and events ahead of us. Do not be shy and get out to one of the fly tying jams, or make yourself a new rod with Larry Lee.

You will find me on the Upper Sac fishout—had great success last May—but this time I am just looking forward to getting out and enjoying nature.

This is going to be a short and sweet message this month. So, whatever you decide to do, I hope you take advantage of all the awesome things this club has to offer you. Enjoy yourself to the fullest.

## Monthly Program



Chris Leonard

Making a return visit this month is **Chris Leonard**, a teacher at Mammoth High School, and guide in the Eastern Sierra. On a previous visit, Chris shared his story of the Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club with GBF in June 2018. He returns this month to discuss one of the hidden gems of wintertime fly fishing in the State of California: The Lower Owens River in Bishop, California.

As Chris says: "Nothing beats casting flies at trout in the Lower Owens Valley at 4,000 feet elevation surrounded by snow-capped mountains. Winter proves to be one of the most glorious times of year to fly fish in the Eastern Sierra. When the fisheries at higher elevations are covered in snow, a fly angler can hook wild browns and bows during an impressive midday

mayfly hatch—wearing little more than waders and a lightweight tee-shirt. The fishing is technical and challenging, and the setting can't be beat."

Please join us for this engaging presentation on understanding wintertime techniques and tactics for hooking trout in the Lower Owens River in Bishop, California. Chris will discuss where, where, and how to fish using both Western fly rods and Tenkara fishing.

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6.	7.	8. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	9.	10. Monthly Meeting	11.	12. Little Truckee Fishout Spey Casting Clinic
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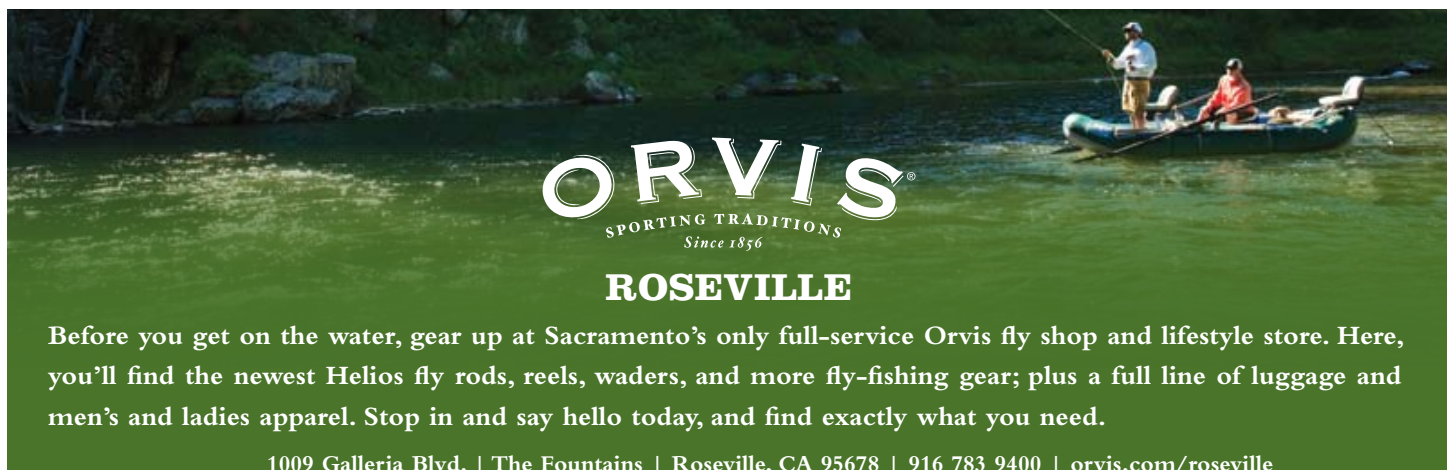
## Upper Sac Time is Here!

*by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader*

The annual fall Upper Sac Fishout will be taking place from **October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Thur-Sun). The Upper Sac boasts 30 miles of river access, with the center being the town of Dunsmuir.

Due to abundant pocket water, short-line nymphing is the method of choice on this stream. If new to the river, or new to fly fishing, you will be partnered with someone who knows the ropes, and everyone who signs-up will receive information on lodging, an agenda, and directions for river access points. If you are new

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to short-line nymphing, you will be shown how to tie the leader and obtain instruction on the technique. In the evening, we all gather for dinner at a local restaurant to appease our hunger, and tell tales of the day. Plan on joining us for 4 days, or as many days as you can make it for fun, fishing, great camaraderie, and a chance to get to know this beautiful fishing water. Eric Palmer will co-lead the fishout. Signup at the October meeting, or email me at [jelinea@me.com](mailto:jelinea@me.com).

Need lodging? Home-base for the fishout will be the [Dunsmuir Lodge](#), which is offering GBF members attending the fishout a discount on lodging; but in order to get it, *you must contact the motel directly, not through a booking service.*

We will also be holding an introductory clinic on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the GBF clubhouse. We will go over gear, the short-line rig, and tie some leaders.

More details of this event are posted [here](#) on the GBF website. If you are interested in participating in the fishout, or have any questions, please contact me at [jelinea@me.com](mailto:jelinea@me.com).

## 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.

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**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**, or use the **signup sheet at the October and November meetings**, and be set up and ready to go by 8:30 AM. Please put price tags on the items 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.

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*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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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), or use the sign up sheet at the November Meeting.**

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

## Fly Patterns - Bill's October Bandit



*Bill's October Bandit*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260 Tiemco 2302, or similar curved shank hook #6-10
<b>Thread:</b>	Orange 8/0
<b>Tail:</b>	Medium dun deer hair
<b>Abdomen:</b>	October Caddis orange synthetic dubbing, or orange closed cell foam
<b>Ribbing:</b>	Fine gold wire
<b>Hackle:</b>	Dry fly quality dun or grizzly saddle hackle
<b>Wing:</b>	Same as tail
<b>Thorax:</b>	Same as abdomen
<b>Legs:</b>	(Optional) Pumpkin silicone legs

### Description

The October Caddis hatch and GBF's Upper Sac outing—a marriage made in heaven—are imminent. So, members attending the outing need to be armed and dangerous with good, workhorse fly patterns. Over time, I have developed a series of five deadly flies for the various life stages of that marvelous insect, the Giant October Caddis, aka *Dicosmoecus*.

One of these patterns is Bill's Big Fish Fly (see also GBF's web site, "Fly Pattern Archives," January, 2009). This fly is beyond effective for October Caddis adults when the fish are keying on them; in fact, it should be forever banned for engaging in serious misconduct. Still, for many tyers, the Big Fish Fly is a bit complicated to tie. So, let's look at some alternatives.

There are, of course, other patterns that work as October Caddis adults - the hallowed Stimulator is just one good example. But I've never found one that rivals the Big Fish Fly - until, that is, I designed the October Bandit. Don't get me wrong - I'll never

  
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abandon the BFF. I just want to offer an alternative that will bring fish to the surface with vengeance in their hearts, yet is simple and quick to tie.

So I began with the ultra-simple Shambles Caddis, featured in the July, 2009 Leader (see "Fly Pattern Archives" on GBF's web site). Since then, Shambles has undergone some minor modifications and I've settled on a favorite color and size: lime green, #16. For the seven main streams of the Middle Fork American drainage, I don't use any other dry fly; the same goes for the North Yuba. In other words, it has undergone a lot of field testing. So, why not use it as the basis for an October Caddis adult? Duh! And so the October Bandit came into being. I tie them with two different body materials: October Caddis orange dubbing and orange closed-cell foam. For this month's fly, we will use dubbing.

## 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 and place the hook in your vise. Cover the hook with thread back to the hook bend.
2. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of medium dun deer hair. Choose hair that is of medium texture; in other words, don't use hair that is suitable for spinning as it is too hollow, or hair that is too fine and won't flare at all. We want hair that will flare some, but not too much.
3. Measure the tail hair to about 1/3 of the length of the shank. Tie it in securely at the hook bend (see photo for detail). Place a drop of super glue on the tied-down butts.
4. At the same tie-in point, tie in a piece of gold wire for ribbing and a properly sized saddle hackle. The hackle barbules should approximate the size of the hook gape.
5. Form a dubbing loop and dub the abdomen with a taper, larger to the front. End the dubbing at the point where the thorax will begin and the wing will be tied in, which is about one third shank length behind the hook eye. Do not use excessive amounts of dubbing—even synthetic dubbing will hold water—and be sure to leave the front third of the hook open as we will need the room for a proper wing.
6. Rib the abdomen with the gold wire, and tie it off at the front end of the abdomen. Wrap the hackle forward, using 5 or 6 turns, and tie it down at the same spot.
7. Turn the fly upside down and carefully trim out the hackle on the bottom. It serves no purpose whatsoever; since natural bugs ride in the surface film and not above it, the underside hackle would preclude the natural appearance and generates a lot of refusals (boils that appear to be takes but in reality are caused by fish turning away at the last moment).



*Steps 1, 2, 3 & 4*



*Steps 5, 6 & 7*

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Steps 8, 9 & 10

8. Be sure that the front third of the hook is open and covered with thread to provide a good base for the wing. Cut, clean, and stack a robust bunch of hair; measure it so that the wing will reach to the middle of the tail. Tie the wing in securely in the middle of the front third of the hook, being sure to keep all of the hair on top.
9. Trim the butts of the hair so that you leave a small head, similar to an Elk Hair Caddis. Add a drop of super glue to the wing tie-in point.
10. Add a small amount of dubbing at the base of the wing to represent the thorax, and bring the thread to the eye of the hook. Form a small, neat head there and whip finish.

## Tying Tips

1. You can substitute closed cell foam for the dubbing for the abdomen. If you choose to do this, cut a two inch strip of foam that is about 1/8 " at one end and 3/16" at the other end. Tie the narrow end in at the same place that the tail is tied in, and wrap it forward to the same 1/3 point on the shank.
2. One of the things I have learned about the October Caddis hatch is that during late September and most of October, the fish key on the larvae and emerging stages. Yes, you will catch some trout on the adult fly during this period, but you will catch far more if you stick with subsurface patterns. In late October and on into November and December, as the weather becomes cold, rainy, and snowy, you can fish adults most of the day with success..

Tie up a few of these for the October Caddis hatch, and...

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

## Annual Dinner Montana Trip

*by Wendell Edwards, Annual Dinner Chairman*



Wendell's Trophy Rainbow

Winning an Annual Dinner silent auction item can lead to a great time for a group that is willing to travel a few miles to chase trout or other recreational pleasures. At the 2018 Annual Dinner, **Frank Stolten** was the high bidder on a discounted fishing package that was donated by *Big Horn Fly and Tackle Shop*. Since it was a four person package, **Eric palmer**, **Ron Davidson** and **Wendell Edwards** joined him in rounding out the group.

Well, on August 12<sup>th</sup> we left Orangevale at O dark 30 with a common goal of reaching our fishing resort in Fort Smith, Montana by the evening meal time the next day on August 13<sup>th</sup>. After a very long 20-hour drive, we made it! That evening our host and hostess, Dwyane and Diane, served us an excellent Cornish game hen dinner and delicious dessert that made the effort of getting there worth the effort. Equally delicious meals

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*Ron with a brown guaranteed to bring a smile*

and Lodge near Cameron, Montana, just a long cast from the Madison River. Visits were made to the local fly shops of [Blue Ribbon Fly Shop](#) and [Slide Inn](#), where the owners of these shops welcomed us with lots of conversation about what was happening in the area.

In [Yellowstone National Park](#) we fished Soda Butte Creek in the Lamar Valley for native cutthroats, and were constantly distracted by the natural beauty everywhere, including many herds of buffalo, some of which made news a few days later when taking over a park road.

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were served every night. After sleeping in our comfy cabins, coffee was ready at 7:00AM, and a great breakfast at 7:30AM.

Guides were there by 8:00AM, and we were off to the Big Horn River where we enjoyed some big fish action. In the evening, we enjoyed telling stories about the fish we caught and about the ones that had learned the technique of early release. All the usual stuff like bent hooks from large fish, chasing fish downstream that took us into our backing, and hopper hatches that predatory browns just couldn't resist. That, and we shared photos to go with our stories.

We extended our trip to include the [Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument](#) on our journey to the West Yellowstone area. We had four nights at West Fork RV



*Eric with a nice brown, one of many*

## Gate Closure Time Change

Effective November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Granite Bay State Park will close and lock its entrance gate at 7:00 PM.

Our general meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> will be affected by this policy, so please be sure to be inside the park before 7:00 PM, or you will miss the meeting. Otherwise, it's a long walk from the park entrance to the clubhouse!

Our website is designed to be a resource for club members who want to enhance their fly fishing experience through participation in various club activities. Check often at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) for information on club fishouts, conservation projects, classes & clinics, and other activities that support our mission.



## 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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