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Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



I am going to keep this short and sweet this month. I have one board position to fill before the end of June. **Eric Palmer**, VP Membership, has been doing an amazing job the past several years, and has done his time. He has earned a break. If you have experience with Excel and would like to step up and help out the club, please email [me](#) or [Eric](#) to discuss this position and all the fun that comes with it.

Just in case you have not heard, in light of the current health situation, GBF has followed the State mandate and canceled **all** club events until April 15th. This does not mean you cannot reduce your stress, anger, and fear, while increasing pleasant feelings and overall well being. How can I do that, you ask? With good ole' nature and a fishout. There are three, yes 3, in the month of April alone. See, things are already looking brighter. Now, get out

there and enjoy what GBF and Mother Nature have to offer.

Fly Casting Clinics Scheduled for April, 2020

by John Hogg

This is to announce GBF's annual flycasting clinics. These clinics are appropriate for all skill levels of casters. If you are a novice, we will get you going; and if you are experienced, we will make you better. The clinics are conducted over two consecutive Saturdays—each day will offer new material.

Tentative Dates and times:

- Saturday, April 18, 2020 - 10 AM to 1:00 PM
- Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10 AM to 1:00 PM

Location of classes is expected to be at Gibson Ranch Regional Park in Elverta, but we are still confirming.

You must be a GBF member to take this clinic—there is no fee for the clinic. However, there is a \$5.00 vehicle entrance fee into the park.

We will address the following topics:

- The 6 essential elements of a fly cast.
- Why most fly casters can never cast more than 50 feet.
- Roll cast

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19.	20.	21.	22. Rancho Murieta Fishout	23.	24.	25. Casting Class #2
26.	27.	28.	29.	30. Greenstone Fishout		

Fly Casting Clinics Scheduled - Continued from page 1

- Pickup and lay-down forward cast
- False casting
- Shooting line to add distance
- The Belgian and Tension Casts
- Introduction to the double haul
- Maximizing your distance cast

Classes will be conducted by **John Hogg** and **Rick Radoff**, both registered by the International Flyfishing Federation as Certified Casting Instructors; and **Sturmer White**, Casting Instructor Emeritus, as well as a number of our fine coaches who volunteer their time.

Since there will be no general meeting in April, to sign up, contact me at johnhogg03@gmail.com.



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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.

Tom Kirk

Rancho Murieta Fishout - April 22, 2020

by Don Craig & Jay Solomon, Fishout Leaders

This year's fishout at Rancho Murieta should be at the prime time of the year. The weather will be great, and the fishing should be the same. The three lakes you will be able to fish are Lake Clementia, Bass Lake and Lake Calero. The outing will begin at Lake Clementia, where we will meet between 9:00 and 9:15 AM to start fishing.

This fishout is limited to 15 members, and will result in a lottery based on those who signed up at previous club meetings. If you've been selected and notified by now, your name will be left at the gate; tell the security person that you are a guest of **Dick Shannon**. To get to Lake Clementia, drive straight down Murieta Parkway to its end, where you will take a right on Camino De Lago. Go through the gate, which takes you to the lake. Lake Clementia is on the left. Rancho Murieta is located along the Jackson Highway (Highway #16). Take Sunrise Blvd. South to Jackson Hwy 16, or South from Folsom via Prairie City, White Rock, Scott, Latrobe & Stonehouse Roads to Hwy 16.

Equipment: a fast rod between 6-8 weight; a floating or intermediate line; a float tube or pontoon boat; bring black and brown Wooly Buggers, Leeches, Clousers, Poppers, Gurglers and any of your favorite bass flies.

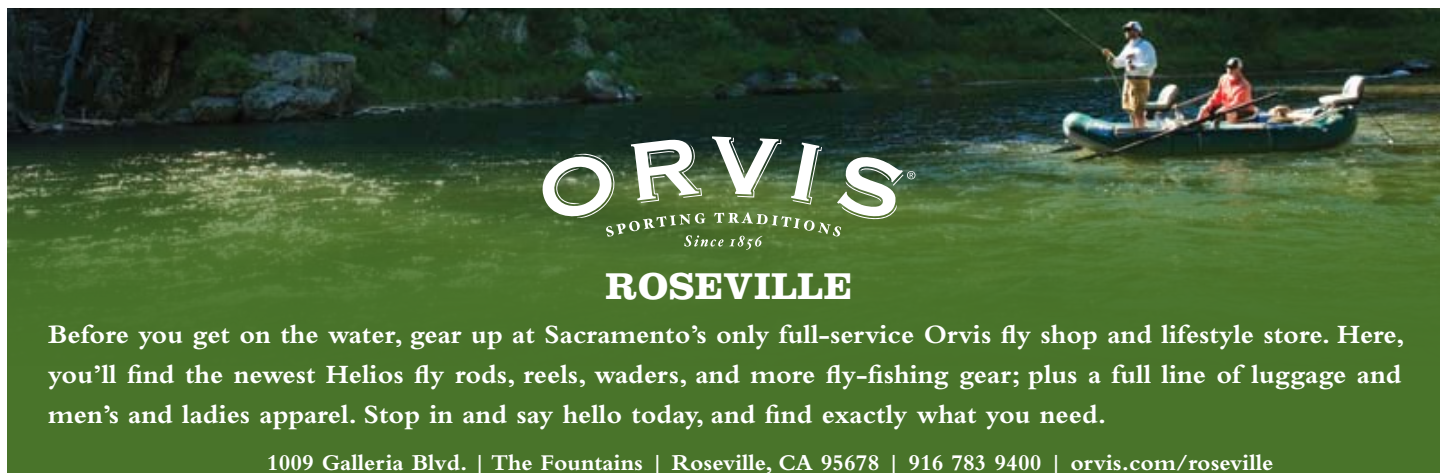
For more information, contact me at oldsgold@pacbell.net, or go [here](#) to the GBF website Message Board Rancho Murieta fishout template for more details on the outing.

Greenstone Fishout - April 30, 2020

by Wendell Edwards, Fishout Leader

Once again, **Tony Hamamoto** has given Granite Bay Flycasters members an opportunity to fish the private lakes of Greenstone. Thank you, Tony Hamamoto! Those Big Bass and Blue Gill will be waiting. This is a very popular fishout year after year, and because this is a private lake, we are limited to a maximum of 20 members.

You may signup via email to wendelledwards@icloud.com. Sign-ups via the message board will not be accepted. I expect that there will be more than twenty signups, and if that is the issue, we will use the lottery system to determine who attends, whom I will contact and confirm your attendance. A word of caution, "Should we not get some good rains in the near future," this fishout will be cancelled because of weeds and lack of water.



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White Pine Reservoir Fishout May 20th, Arnold - Sierra Foothills

by Doug Kytonen - Fishout Leader



Last year was the first time we had a fishout at White Pine Reservoir, which is located in a public park next to the town of Arnold. There is no launch fee, and it holds bass and trout. The Calaveras Fly Fishers hold their "One Fly Contest" at White Pines Reservoir each year.

Last Year, I think we were too early in the season, with water temp by the streams about 45 degrees, and fishing was slow to zip. I have scheduled a new fishout a few weeks later this year on May 21st. There are NO MOTORS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED on the water.

If you enjoy fishing, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, or just want to go for a picnic in the woods, White Pines is a great destination. Summer time you can swim, once the water warms, with a welcoming beach to accommodate the children (no lifeguard!). A trail goes around the lake, if you would like to stretch your legs. The lake was created as a part of an old logging operation, and fed by two streams year-round.

The lake is about a 2-hour drive from the Sacramento area, and Arnold is a quaint little town with shops, cafes, and many wineries with tasting rooms. It's a great way to have a day trip and enjoy the heart of the Sierras on

Hwy. 4. Other fishing opportunities in the area include Spicer Reservoir, Alpine Lake, Mosquito Lake, or the North Fork of the Stanislaus. Sign up at a club meeting, or contact me directly at travelmaster@surewest.net. There is more detailed info [here](#) on the website.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and hope to see you on the next fishout.

Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake Fishout

by Doug Kytonen - Fishout Leader



The Sly Park Fishout this year will be on Saturday, May 23rd. I am not sure on the crowds at the lake for a weekend this time of the year, but I hope it is light. I normally do this fishout during the week, but was hoping to get more club members interested in float tube fly fishing for smallmouth bass. With many of our members still part of the working class, this will give them a chance to join us for a day of fun on the water.

Rainbow, german brown, mackinaw, large and small mouth bass, and bluegill can all be caught here. The Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains the fish planting program of trout.

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From the narrows of the lake back to Hazel Creek, there is a 5 mph speed limit. The area we will be fishing is called the "Chimneys." Here are a couple pictures of the area **Gene Goss** took last year. Big thanks to Gene.

If you're interested in going after some nice fighting fish, smallmouth bass is the ticket. With this area being a 5 mph zone, it is quite safe, and no worries about skiers and fast boats. A 5-8 wt. rod will be the way to go, with a floating or intermediate line working fine. Flies would be an assortment of wiggle tails, wooly buggers or maybe a crawfish or small bait fish pattern will work.

There is a boat ramp at the cove prior to the Chimneys called Stonebreaker Launch and campground. Day use entrance is \$14.00/\$10.00 with senior discount; boat launch is \$10.00/\$9.00 senior and disable discount. You can sign up at the next meeting, or contact me at Travelmaster@surewest.net. Also, there is more detailed info [here](#) on the website.



Upper Sacramento River Spring Fishout May 27th - 31st

by Tony Jelinek - Fishout Leader

The 8th Annual Upper Sacramento Spring Fishout will be taking place, Wednesday, May 27th to Sunday, May 31st.

Home-base for the fishout will be Soda Creek Farm. Unfortunately, houses available to rent with adequate room to accommodate our group for sleeping have dwindled in the area. But, Soda Creek Farm offers a great place for all to congregate to recharge during the day, tell tales of the day, tie-up leaders, eat a meal, or just hang out. It also offers a great place to start off the day, as it is very close to the Soda Creek portion of the river. Many camping and motel options exist in the Dunsmuir area.

Thursday evening we will have the traditional barbecue for a minimal charge per person (\$5 - \$8). Several lunch, breakfast, and dinner spots are in the area for your other meals.

The Upper Sacramento River abounds with great pocket water. This time of year has long days, great for nymphing during the day, with a good chance of some good dry fly fishing with caddis and stonefly patterns in the evening. This is a great fishout for anglers of all capabilities. If you are new to the river and/or new to fly fishing, you will be paired with a fellow angler familiar with the Upper Sacramento River. The fly fishing method of choice is short-line nymphing, an easy method to learn. If you are unfamiliar with the method, you will be shown how to short-line nymph, as well as be provided with the necessary leader, and also be shown how to set-up the rig. Come up for all four days, or just overnight, to enjoy the great fishing for rainbow trout on the 35 miles of fishable water from just north of Lake Shasta to Lake Siskiyou!

Please note, the fishout is usually a 4-day event, but was expanded to 5 days to help support the Club's Annual Dinner, which had to be moved to May 31st due to concerns with the Corona Virus. This way you can add a day on the front-end, if you wish to shorten the trip on the back-end, or you can leave for home by 10 A.M. on Sunday, May 31st to make it to the dinner and still have time to unpack and get ready.

For more information, please go to the posting [here](#) on the club's website, and/or get in touch with me at jelinea@me.com.

Education Report - March 2020

by Ron Davidson, Education Director

We just saw the completion of a number of successful and well-attended clinics. In February, **Barre Norman** once again showed participants how to create inexpensive and portable wading soles for wading boots. **Jim Degnan** followed up his knot tying sessions with a "tune up" evening in early March. **John Hogg**, with instructional help from **Rick Radoff** and **Sturmer White**, completed a Ladies Casting session with a group of participants that refused to let a little rain dampen their enthusiasm—a great turn out, despite the drizzle.

As usual, for our on-going sessions, keep an eye out for information in "The Leader" on the Website Message Board, and announcements at General Meetings. **Fly Tying Jam** continues the third Tuesday of each month with **Jim Holmes** and **John Peterson**. You do not need to sign up, and there are tying tools and supplies available to those who may not have their own.

If you are interested in Building your own Custom Fly Rod, make sure to make connections with **Larry Lee** at a meeting to arrange a session. It usually takes about 3 meetings with Larry, and you will come away with a one-of-a-kind custom rod at an incredibly affordable price.

Net Building Sessions are full and in progress. However, don't be discouraged, more clinics will be scheduled. Our expert leaders, **Art Hawkins** and **Michael Kaul**, will lead you through a step-by-step, hands-on project that will result in your own beautiful custom net!

Some great clinics are coming up! John Hogg has set April 18th and 25th as dates for the next **Fundamentals of Fly Casting Classes**. Look for sign-up lists and information at meetings, and posted on the web and in "The Leader." **John Pellegrin** will be leading two sessions related to Tenkara Style Fly Fishing. On April 24th at Raley's on Auburn-Folsom and Douglas, he will have a Tenkara Intro. Fishing Clinic. By popular demand, **Jim Degnan** has added another Knot Tying Session, on May 5th, to be held at the same Raley's meeting room.

I hope you all get a chance to participate in many of these wonderful clinics—a great way to learn, to meet new friends, and come away with some amazing fishing equipment.

Ladies Fly Casting, March 7th

by Ron Davidson, Education Director



John Hogg, Sturmer White, and Rick Radoff provide the instruction, while several GBF Lady Casters refuse to let a little rain "dampen" their casting tune up.

Annual Dinner Update

by Wendell Edwards, Dinner Chair

Fellow Members and Guests,

Due to the current health issues evolving around the Coronavirus health regulations, Granite Bay FlyCasters Annual Dinner has been rescheduled. The new date will be Sunday, May 31, 2020.

Your current dinner reservations will remain in effect. Should you have an issue with this date, please contact me at wendelledwards@mac.com. Updates will be posted as needed.

Wishing All of you the best of Health.

All About Fishouts

by Eric Palmer

A fishout is a club-sponsored outing where a group of members get together to go fishing. These are typically a one-day outing, but we have several each year that can run three-to-four days. A volunteer Fishout leader facilitates the event, and posts the signup sheet on the front table at general meetings two-to-three months before the event. Only GBF members can attend our Fishouts.

What the Fishout Leader Does:

The Fishout leader's primary mission is to ensure that everyone has a fun and productive time on the

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Relaxing after a day on the river.

outing. There's no guarantee "productive" will mean catching a lot of fish, that's on you. But, an opportunity to hone your fly fishing skills, meet new members, and maybe develop future fishing partners can still result in a very productive and fun day. Camaraderie is a big part of what GBF Fishouts are about.

The Fishout leader provides all necessary practical information on what to bring. This includes appropriate tackle, rigging, flies, how to get there, and the most productive access points. If you are new to the sport, or just new to a particular venue, the Fishout leader will try to hook you up with a more experienced participant who knows the ropes and can provide any desired coaching to get you going.

We typically have around 30 Fishouts per year, with an approximate even mix of lakes and rivers, and, they are usually all free! The only exception is if we hire a guide to provide a clinic, or the Fishout leader provides a BBQ meal at a small nominal cost to cover expenses. For multi-day outings, the Fishout leader will provide information on suitable camping or other low-cost lodging opportunities nearby. You will find the Fishout schedule on the GBF website [here](#).

In addition to the main schedule, we also have what we call "[Fishout Templates](#)" on the GBF Message Board. You can reach these via a link on the Fishout schedule for each outing, or directly from the message board itself. This is where Fishout leaders provide their contact information along with the details on the tackle to bring and more. Some Fishout leaders may choose to augment this with direct email too.

Signing Up For Fishouts:

There are several ways to sign-up for Fishouts. Besides the sheets on the front table, you can also email, text or phone the outing leader directly from contact information found on the Fishout templates. This same process also works for GBF clinics and other events.



Storytelling at dinner.

Now, here's the important part: **please do not sign up for outings, or any event, unless you're pretty darn sure you can make it. And, if you do have to cancel, please show the event leader the courtesy of formally canceling.** You can cancel by just scratching your name off the list, or by email, text, or phone. This is important so that the Fishout leader knows how many participants to expect, and can plan accordingly. Also, he/she will be waiting for you at the venue and holding up the group until you arrive.

Occasionally, a Fishout will have a maximum attendance limit if it is a small or fragile venue with limited elbowroom or private water. In this case, if signups exceed the limit, we use a lottery system such that everyone on the list has an equal chance regardless of when they signed up. In addition, when you place your name on the signup sheet, take note of the leader's contact information and enter it into your cell phone. This way, if you are running late the morning of the event, you can call ahead to give the leader a heads-up with your ETA.

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Who leads Fishouts?

Members like you do! Contrary to rumors, leading Fishouts is not restricted to uber-guru fly fishers who have been waving sticks at trout since the age of 12, and know the name of every fly in their fly boxes; anyone can lead a Fishout! All it takes is a strong desire to learn how and where to fish a given lake or river, along with a desire to make new friends, all while perfecting your fly fishing skills. I call that a trifecta! Give it a try. I guarantee you'll be glad you did. For more information, contact our fishmasters Doug Kytonen at travelmaster@surewest.net for lakes, or Tony Jelinek at jelinek@me.com for rivers and streams.

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in April 2011)

Fly Patterns - Billywog



Billywog

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 2312, Daiichi 1260, or similar shaped hook, sizes 8-12
Thread:	Black 8/0 or smaller
Tail:	Small bunch of muskrat fur, with guard hairs
Abdomen:	Dubbed Muskrat
Rib:	Fine gold wire
Thorax:	Peacock herl (wrapped)
Hackle:	Pheasant after-shaft (immature feathers from pheasant back)
Eyes:	Small black plastic eyes
Weight:	(optional) .010" lead or substitute at thorax area
Head:	Thread

Description

Trout fishing is a passion (and a job) for me. Nevertheless, bass and pan fish fishing is also high on the list. This has given me the opportunity to create some new patterns—some (but not all) of which have been successful. The Billywog is one of my successful still water creations.

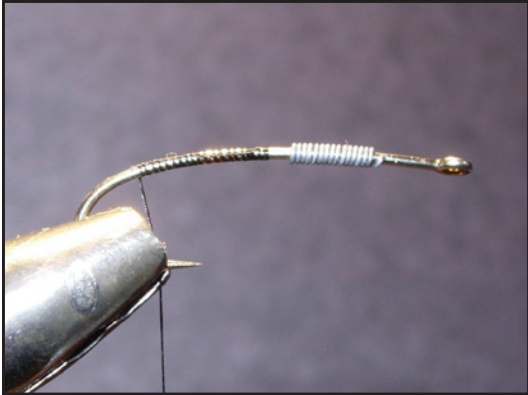
Bass love frogs. Pollywogs—immature frogs—are plentiful and easy prey. So it's a no-brainer: You need a pollywog pattern in your bass fly box. This fly is so simple it will make you laugh. Well then, all the better—because I favor simplicity. Fish it with short strips; if that doesn't work, try variations in stripping speed and length. Visualize the soft after-shaft feather moving suggestively as you strip, with a predatory bass eyeing the passing morsel. Hang on! Here he comes!

P.S. The Billywog may also suggest a swimming damsel nymph.

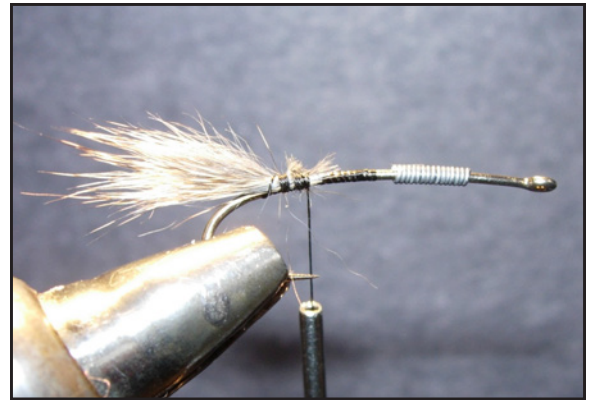
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2. Take a small bunch of muskrat fur and tie it in as a short tail at the hook bend, just above the back end of the barb.

*Step 2**Step 3*

3. Tie in a piece of gold wire for the rib, at the same point that you tied in the tail. Dub a slim body up to a point just forward of the halfway point of the shank. Counter-wind the rib forward to this same point, tie it off, and trim the excess.

4. Tie in 4 strands of peacock herl by the tips, at this same point. Strengthen them by wrapping them around the tying thread. Now take the herl and thread together, and wrap a nice thorax forward to a point about 2 eye-lengths behind the eye of the hook.

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Step 5

5. If you opt for mono eyes, tie them in now, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.

6. Just behind the eyes, or at the point where the herl thorax ends (if you choose not to use eyes), tie in an immature feather (called an "after-shaft") from a pheasant back; it should be tied in by its tip. You will find these feathers behind the main, larger feathers on the back. Before tying it in, trim the feather material from one side of the feather.
7. Take two or three wraps of the after-shaft, stroking it back so it sweeps back over the thorax; tie it off and trim the excess. Care must be taken in handling these feathers, as they are quite fragile.
8. Form a nice, small head with the tying thread.



Steps 6, 7 & 8

Now go fish your Billywog. Spring is near and. if it's warm enough, the bass will be in shallower water. See ya on the creek...!!!

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>.

The Leader: To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at editor@gbflycasters.org. Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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