

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



Has anyone noticed what has been happening outside? Spring is in the air. Mother Nature is brightening the world with her beautiful colors. The green grass is growing, flowers are blooming and the animals are going to start coming out of hibernation. Keep in mind, mosquitoes are hatching as well. Be sure to walk around your house and property and dump any standing water you may find. If you really want to do away with them, put up a bat box on your property. They can eat up to 1,200 of them an hour, up to 8,000 in one night. Despite popular belief, bats are good.

Another wonderful thing happening is our Annual Dinner. If you have not purchased your tickets, you may want to hurry. Not sure there are many left. On the downer side, membership dues need to be paid. This is very important! Please visit our website, <https://gbflycasters.org/store/>, or come see us at

the March meeting and ask for Eric Palmer, VP of Membership.

I want to send a special "Thank You" to **Frank Stolten** and all the band of volunteers for their hard work in bringing steelhead eggs to local and nearby elementary schools. This program makes learning fun and exciting for students.

One last thought—this is the time of year when we, as humans, do more daydreaming about the wonderful vacations and trips we want to take. But do not fret, research has shown daydreaming can lower stress levels and increase happiness. So keep daydreaming of all the trips you want to take and the fish you are going to catch. It's good for you!

## Monthly Program



Mitch Lockhart

Our speaker for March is **Mitch Lockhart**, a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Scientist, and also the District Fisheries Biologist for El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada Counties. This position has him doing many things, including:

sports fish management, wild trout management, Paiute cutthroat trout

restoration, Lahontan cutthroat trout management and restoration, and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog restoration.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	11.	12. Monthly Meeting	13.	14.
15.	16. Conservation Meeting	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19.	20.	21. GBF Annual Dinner
22.	23.	24. Tenkara Knots	25.	26.	27.	28.
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His presentation will focus on current fishery programs in Region 2, the north central part of the state surrounding the Sacramento area, and will highlight CDFW's current efforts in this district:

- Overview of what the Region 2 Sierra Fisheries Team is focusing on
- Lahontan Cutthroat Trout management
- Paiute Cutthroat Trout restoration—successes and challenges

### Our HUGE Annual Dinner Event is Almost Here!

The famous Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner, Raffle, and Auction is just days away now! This is our club's biggest bash of the year—and is absolutely the best way for you to show your support for your club in 2020. Here's everything you need to know:

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors...anyone who's interested in having a great time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause.
- **What:** Fantastic dinner, massive raffle, outstanding auctions, plus...the chance to break bread and share a nice evening with club-members, new friends, and families.
- **When:** Saturday, March 21, 2020. The festivities start by 3:30PM (bar opens at 4:00; dinner begins at 5:30), and the closing remarks are scheduled to occur by 8:00PM.

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- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auctions will be at the Rocklin Event Center, at 2650 Sunset Boulevard in Rocklin. It's easy to find, and there's plenty of free parking!
- **Why:** Because you want to show support for your club at our biggest annual event—and possibly win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, trips, and other great prizes.
- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at the next club meeting, or on our website at ([www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)) to buy tickets securely online. Tickets are just \$40 each!

Lastly...If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auctions. If you can help, just contact Wendell Edwards at [wendelledwards@icloud.com](mailto:wendelledwards@icloud.com).

## Conservation Committee Meeting

*by Ed Lloyd, VP Conservation*

The March Conservation Meeting will take place on Monday night, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Our guest Speaker will be a **Sam Sedillo** of Trout Unlimited, who will bring us up to date on area trout habitat improvement work.

Pizza with salad will be provided at 6:00 PM, at **Round Table Pizza** off Sierra College Blvd. near Douglas. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

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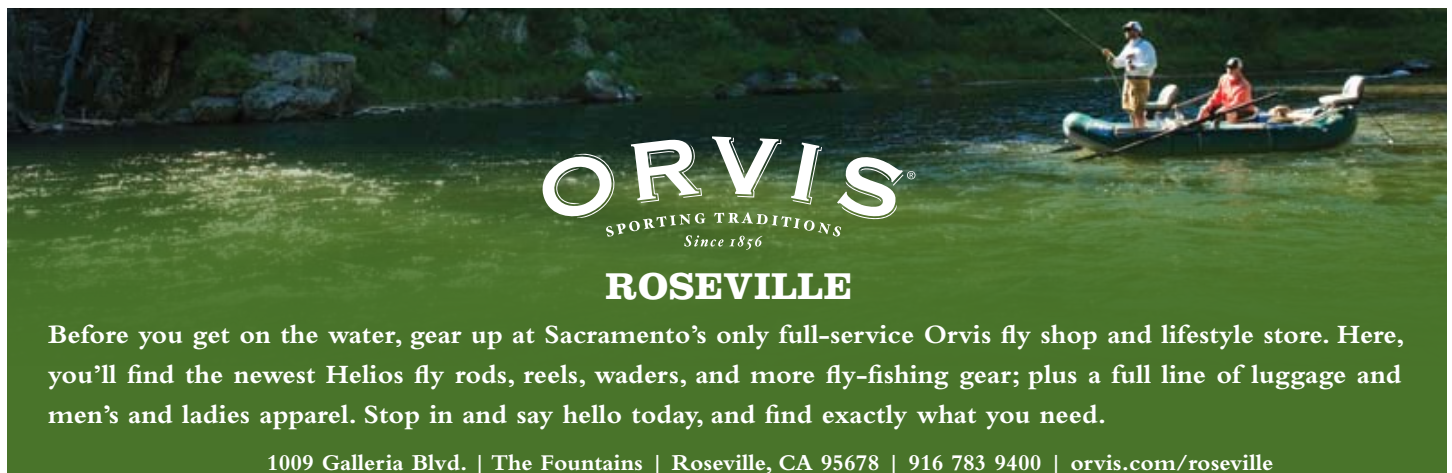
## Tenkara Knot Tying Clinic, March 24

*by John Pellegrin*

There are different approaches to knots used for Tenkara fly fishing. TenkaraUSA originally recommended one set of knots, and later changed them; the Tenkara Guides (SLC) had some knots they used; and then, Masami Sakakibara ("Tenkara no Oni") has his own set of knots.

In this clinic, I will describe each of these, with my thoughts about each. I will provide materials to practice these knots, and we will discuss any other knots which people have found useful for Tenkara.

The clinic is restricted to 10 people who currently have Tenkara rods. Sign up at the March meeting, or contact me directly at [john.pellegrin@comcast.net](mailto:john.pellegrin@comcast.net).



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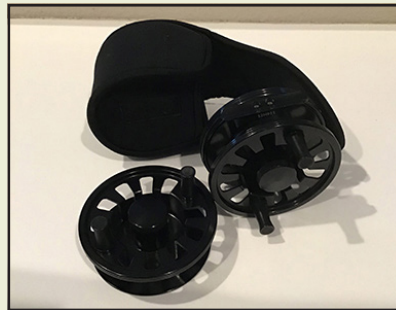
## Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

### FOR SALE



*Sage Rod*

1. Spey rod, Sage Graphite IIIe 13'6" 8 wt 4 pcs, with tube & sock. This rod has been cast just a couple of times, but never fished, pristine condition, no marks of any kind, not even a mark on the tube (new) \$350.00 includes a matching Rio Skagit line.



*RB Meiser Reel*

2. R B Meiser HD reel 4" new in box, extra spool \$290.00 (black)



*Loop Reel*

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- Boat comes with a galvanized EZ Loader trailer complete with a spare tire.
- All wood decks have been replaced and covered with non-skid marine vinyl. Large casting platforms front and rear.
- Not pictured are extra seats, which I removed for more casting room.

This boat can easily be towed by small cars/trucks.

Boat is located in Granite Bay. \$4,950.00

**Contact: Bruce Estes (650)504-4464**



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.



## Rancho Seco Fishout - April 6, 2020

*by Doug Kytonen, Fishout Leader*

Every year [Rancho Seco](#) puts on their trout derby. This year, it's April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and they stock the lake with trophy-size trout open to all for the two-day weekend event with an entry fee. For GBF members, we have our fishout scheduled for the Monday following the event, April 6<sup>th</sup>, so there are many nice holdovers that have eluded the bait-and-spin casters from the derby; some may be up to 4-5 lbs.

The lake is stocked during the winter months with pan-size trout. It also has resident bass up to 10 lbs., and bluegills and crappie are abundant. It is just a great place to fish. Rancho Seco has a nature walk/reserve area, plenty of shaded picnic tables, boat and other water craft rentals during the summer, and even camping year-round. The park has some docks and limited shoreline, but is best to fly fish from a float tube, pontoon or **non-gas powered** boat or pram.

Sign up at the March meeting, or contact me at [travelmaster@surewest.net](mailto:travelmaster@surewest.net) if you want to go on this fishout. It will be a great day and lots of fun.

There is more info [here](#) on the website.

## 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 will be **limited to 15 members**. Sign up either at the March monthly meeting, or by contacting me directly at [oldsgold@pacbell.net](mailto:oldsgold@pacbell.net).

**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.

Your name will be left at the gate; tell the security 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.

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

## The GBF Library - Check It Out

Excess books are still being culled from the club's Library, and these books will be made available to club members—for free—at the March 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. Any remaining books will be donated to a thrift store, or other entity.

Call the Club Librarian if you have any questions or comments. Librarian contact information can be found on the back page of *The Leader*.

## 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
- 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.

Signups can be at the next general meeting, or email to me at [johnhogg03@gmail.com](mailto:johnhogg03@gmail.com).

## 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. Sign-ups will start March 1<sup>st</sup> and close April 14<sup>th</sup>.

You may signup via email to [wendelledwards@icloud.com](mailto:wendelledwards@icloud.com), or at the March and April general meetings. 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.

## Education Programs for 2020

by Ron Davidson, Education Director

Fellow Members,

Some classes/clinics may have been completed by our publication date. However, a number of Clinics and Classes are underway, and will continue through the end of the year, so be sure to look for announcements, and sign-up sheets at the General Meetings, and Check the Club Website, and *The Leader* for additional information.

### On-going Classes

**Fly Tying Jam:** Meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Club Building. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18. **Barre Norman** will be sharing the facility on that night with his Non-slip Wader Clinic. Check the message board. **Jim Holmes** will post the fly recipes, materials needed and all pertinent information. Beginners absolutely welcome! You do not need to sign up in advance, just show up. There is always extra tying materials and tools available. (We had a record turnout at the last Jam!)

**Rod Building with Larry Lee:** Continues on a year-around basis in small or individual groups. Sit down with Larry and build a one-of-a-kind custom rod. Check *The Leader*, Website and listen for Larry's announcements at all General Meetings.

**Net Building with Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul:** All classes are full and underway. Keep an eye out for future sessions. The classes will resume again next year, so watch for announcements and find out how to build your own custom net.

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**Golden Trout:** Check with **Victor Maiello** and, as you complete your GBF activities, get them signed off and earn that Golden Trout Badge. You can work on the program year round.

### **Newly Scheduled Classes and Clinics**

**Casting: John Hogg** has announced the dates for his first casting clinics: **Fundamentals of Flycasting**, to be held April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. John will have signup sheets, and give an overview at the next general meeting, (February 13<sup>th</sup>).

**Knot Tying Clinics: Jim Degnan's** clinics are underway, the first two sessions took place on January 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Tuesday, **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, a second Knots 101 will be offered. Check out announcements in *The Leader*, Website Message Board, and at the General Meeting.

**Tenkara Fishing Clinic, Tenkara Knot Tying Clinics: John Pellegrin** has set the following dates: Introduction to Tenkara knots on March 24<sup>th</sup>, and Tenkara-style Fishing Clinics on April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups and announcements at the General Meetings.

**Non-Slip Wader Soles: Barre Norman** will be showing how to make these handy and portable non-slip soles for your boots on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The session will coincide with Fly Tying Jam in our Club Meeting Room.

**Specialty Flies, Wasps:** Learn to tie these unique and incredibly realistic flies in a small group session. The date is still to be set, but look for it some time in July.

**Fly Fishing 101:** One of our most popular offerings, and a must for those new to flyfishing. Look for announcements for the program in the near future.

## White Pine Reservoir Fishout May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 steams year-round.

The lake is about a 2-hour drive from the Sacramento

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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](mailto: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.

## 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.

Stewart Black

Bob Gregory

Larry E. Morgan

Roger Paulson

Lisa M. Pavageau

Paul L. Rogers

Rod Smrcka

Aaron Steines

Bob Whitlinger

## I'm New to Fly Fishing, Where Do I Even Start? A GBF Beginner's Roadmap

*by Eric Palmer*

I remember that feeling well. It was not that long ago that I too, was looking at what seemed an impenetrable mountain of stuff to master, or even just get sort of "OK" with, before I could have any chance of hooking a fish.

New members to the club, especially younger folks, might also have the mistaken impression from all the gray hair in the room that we've all probably been fly fishing for many decades. Nope. You might be surprised to know that many of us "older folks" in fact, got a late start on this fascinating sport due to the rigors of "life" and all that it entails.

What I'm going to do here is just give my opinion—others may disagree—on where to prioritize your time and efforts to begin making satisfying progress. Further, since GBF members can walk and chew gum at the same time, nothing says we can't multitask a bit, and tackle two or more of these challenges in parallel. All of the following are featured on the website [clinics schedule](#), although we do not yet have firm 2020 dates for all of our clinics. We will place sign-up sheets on the front table at general meetings as we firm up dates, and you will hear announcements at general meetings.

**No. 1 – Casting:** You can, maybe, muddle through for a while with the wrong knots poorly tied, and struggle with all the other stuff, but if you can't do a fair-to-middling roll cast or overhead cast, you will have a big problem out on the water. Learning to cast is a lot like equipping a toolbox; you need the right tool for each task. Water conditions vary as we move up and down a stream, especially small streams, so can call for a different style cast at each new spot. And, not insignificant,



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as your casting improves, so does self-confidence and enjoyment of the sport, even if the fish are not yet so plentiful.

Well, you've come to the right place, as **John Hogg** and **Rick Radoff** and their cadre of able coaches have scheduled our annual casting clinics for **April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. Click [here](#) for more information. Signups are at the March/April meetings.

And, as a no-cost option, some weeks after the main clinics John often schedules small group "tune-up" clinics on his private pond for high value one-on-one coaching from GBF's top casting instructors. These sessions can be very productive, whether you're still working the kinks out of the fundamental overhead cast, or fine tuning your double-haul for peak distance for steelhead on a big river.

**No. 2 – Knots:** It can be a toss-up as to whether casting or knowing your knots is more critical to fly fishing success. If you struggle to attach your fly quickly to the end of your tippet, or your knots unravel as soon as you tie them, a great casting stroke will not count for much. So, let's split the difference and tackle knots and casting simultaneously, since knots can be practiced and learned in short order in the comfort of your favorite TV recliner.

Master knot tier, **Jim Degnan**, has been running a series of evening knot [clinics](#), and there's just one remaining on May 5<sup>th</sup>, but it's filling fast. However, I hear on the grapevine that Jim just might schedule another if demand is high. Watch for it.

In the meantime, if I had to use just two knots for the rest of my fly fishing career, they would be the **Improved Clinch Knot** for attaching my fly to the tippet, and a **Double Surgeon's Knot** for joining two sections of leader material. Videos for these knots are just a Google away. For extra credit, consider the **Perfection Loop** for creating loop-to-loop connections from leader to fly line, or joining two sections of leader for a quick connect/disconnect.

**No. 3 - Reading the water.** Here, I'm going to assume that rivers or creeks are your first priority. "Reading the water" is fly-fisher speak for being able to identify where the fish are at a given time, and therefore, where you should direct your cast, including what type of a cast to use. Fish have three immutable requirements: *food, oxygen* and *cover* from predation. Remove any one, and the fish will relocate. This can mean a productive fishing hole in the morning under shade, becomes wholly devoid of fish as the sun moves.

How do you learn to read the water? Books or magazine articles or YouTube videos are a start, but you really have to pay your dues out on the water where you can see it all up close and personal. Sign up for river fishouts and ask the fishout leader to pair you up with an "old hand" who can get you started. After that, it's just experience, and then more experience. As you catch more fish, you will learn where they are and where they are not under differing conditions.

**No. 4 - Attend the GBF Fly Fishing 101 class.** This class is important for every new fly fisher, and even those returning to the sport after a long absence. Lots has changed. **Jim Holmes** and **John Peterson**, over two evenings, will cover the basics of virtually everything you need to know to be a successful fly fisher. After that, it's just practice and time on the water to develop your skills, and again, sign up for those fishouts!

**No. 5 - Fly Identification.** You can muddle through for a while relying on fly shops or your fishing partners to recommend and ID flies in your fly box, but this will quickly grow old, if not become embarrassing as your skills grow in other areas. At some point, you will want to know a Copper John from a Pheasant Tail, and a Birds Nest from a Hares Ear. Fortunately, the names of flies often give us a clue, but not always. So how do you learn fly names and how to ID them on sight? The Internet! Whenever you hear an



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unfamiliar fly mentioned or recommended, Google it. You'll find beautiful large highDef photos to burn into your memory. Click [here](#) for one of my favorite sites for this.

To further develop your fly knowledge, attend the free monthly Jim Holmes [Fly Tying Jam](#) sessions. Don't want to start tying just yet? No worries; just come to watch, ask questions, and take notes. That's all I do. Just ask Jim, and you'll get an eye roll (I ask a lot of questions). Your goal should be to name every fly in your fly boxes, and to locate a new fly of interest in a fly shop's bins on your own. For starters, there are several articles on our website [articles page](#) that will help with a few of our more frequently used flies (top left of page). In addition, a book I highly recommend is *The History of Fly Fishing in Fifty Flies* by Ian Whitelaw. Very reasonably priced used on Amazon.

So, what else? Lots. More than space here permits. We need to understand fly lines; floating and sinking, leaders and tippets and the materials used, and fly rods and reels. It's a long list. But, don't be intimidated, since this is why many of us find this sport so fascinating. It's a life-long learning process, and also a moving target as technology advances and newly developed methods impact how we fish. If we wanted "easy," we would just drag our favorite folding chair to the water's edge and soak PowerBait all afternoon while napping.

Hope to see you at a future clinic!

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

## Fly Patterns - Cutter's Perfect Ant



*Cutter's Perfect Ant*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Standard dry fly hook, sizes 10-16 (I like Tiemco's 900BL; Ralph Cutter suggests the Tiemco 9300, which is a slightly heavier hook because he likes the fly to submerge slightly)
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 8/0 or smaller
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Black Antron
<b>Thorax:</b>	Same as body
<b>Overbody:</b>	Black deer hair (over the abdomen only)
<b>Wing post:</b>	Butts of the black deer hair
<b>Hackle:</b>	Brown dry fly hackle (good saddle works well)

### Description

Ralph and Lisa Cutter, who live in Nevada City, California, are the owners of the California School of Fly Fishing. They have traveled extensively, and have accumulated a vast amount of information about fishing in the Sierra and the foothills. They recently produced, after years of underwater research, a startlingly informative DVD called "Bugs of the Underworld." I purchased a copy as soon as it hit the market. It's a video that every fly fisher should make a point of viewing. Ralph has also authored the Sierra Trout Guide (first and second editions), and a fine little book bearing the title Fish Food. I highly recommend Fish Food as a primer on the important bugs that inhabit the waters we frequent. I have read it numerous times myself, and have found it well written, informative, humorous and interesting.

Ralph concludes that ants — principally Carpenter Ants — are a major staple in a trout's diet. He tried

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various ant patterns and found them unsatisfactory, finally settling on a specific pattern of his own design. Apparently it worked well — hence the name "Perfect Ant."

Personally, I enjoy fishing ants in small streams, especially where there are downed streamside trees — great ant habitat. The Perfect Ant is a dry fly, but if it sinks it will still be effective since trout can't resist a properly presented ant. If your ant does sink, let the cast fish out, keep the drift drag-free, and watch your leader closely for any indication of a strike.

## 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.



*Steps 1 & 2*

1. Smash the hook barb; if you are using the "BL" type hooks, this is already done. Cover the hook with thread back to the bend (just above the back of the barb).
2. At that same point, tie in a small bunch of black deer hair by the tips (you will end up clipping the post anyway).



*Steps 3 & 4*

3. At the same point, begin dubbing the abdomen into the shape of a ball, covering the rear half of the hook.
4. Bring the deer hair over the top of the abdomen and tie it down at mid-shank, directly in front of the abdomen.

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5. Pull the deer hair upward and take about 6 or 7 wraps of thread around its base, so that it stands up vertically. This forms the post for the hackle.
6. Tie in a dry-fly quality neck or saddle hackle of the appropriate size. It should be tied down securely both in front of and behind the post.

*Steps 5 & 6**Steps 7, 8, 9 & 10*

7. Grab the hackle with your hackle pliers and take three wraps of hackle around the post; tie the feather off in front of the post.
8. Dub the thorax of the bug in front of the wing post. You will need to pull the post and hackle rearward to do this. The thorax should be smaller than the abdomen (that's the way an ant's body is shaped).
9. Whip finish and apply a small drop of super glue to the head, and on the underside of the hook where the post was tied in.
10. Trim the post down so that it sticks up past the hackle slightly. This will keep the fly from being top-heavy and out of balance. Add a tiny drop of super glue to the top of the post.

## **Tying Tips**

1. In step 6, mention is made of a hackle of "appropriate size." In dry fly parlance, this means a hackle with barbles that are about 1.5 times the size of the hook gap.
2. Why use only 3 wraps of hackle? This fly is not meant to float high and dry; rather, it needs to be down in the film, even partially submerged. That's the way that ants appear to the trout.

Remember to tie sparsely, and.....See ya on the creek (which is where I was today).

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

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