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Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President

Hello Members,



Mother Nature has been kind enough to provide us with a little more rain the past few weeks. It has been just enough to help the trees and flowers bloom. Spring is underway, which means summer is just around the corner. Who, besides me, has been filling their calendar with fishouts. Now is the time.

Be sure to check the GBF calendar and look for signup sheets at the general meetings. Pretty sure we have most streams, rivers, and lakes covered. If you have a special place you would like to suggest, please contact Tony jelinea@me.com (rivers) or Doug travelmaster@surewest.net (lakes). Get out and get your fish on...

If you have ever wondered how things get done, or thought about getting more involved with our club, Kim Lloyd kim@westernprojectmanagement.com is heading up the committee for open Board positions. Now is the time to pursue your curiosity. Hit him up at the next general meeting to find out what positions are open and what might be a good fit for you.

Be sure to read my "Leave No Trace" article on "Respecting Wildlife" elsewhere in this newsletter. With warmer temperatures and longer days in the months to come, we will start seeing more wildlife. Keep an eye on roadsides at dusk and dawn; that is the time they are most active. Remember, we are the ones who keep invading their homes.

Have a great month and continue to stay safe...

Monthly Program

Our guest speaker this month is **Jim Haufler**, a member of Granite Bay Flycasters and President of Friends of Auburn Ravine (FAR). Auburn Ravine is a small stream that starts outside the City of Auburn, flows through the City of Lincoln and, eventually, empties into the Sacramento River near Verona. FAR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose conservation efforts are focused on protecting and enhancing natural habitats in the western Placer and Sutter County watersheds. Jim will be updating the club on FAR's current projects, especially the upcoming fish passage improvements at Hemphill Dam. These improvements will add miles of spawning habitat for salmon and steelhead.

In Jim's words: Growing up in a family of avid hunters and anglers, I learned to respect and protect the natural environment while roaming the mountains and valleys of Northern California. After retiring, my wife and I had time to explore the local area, and quickly learned to appreciate

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the open spaces and hiking trails along Auburn Ravine. It was Marlene who spotted our first salmon in 2010. Later that year, she also caught a glimpse of a rare Pacific Lamprey.

I initially worked as a volunteer for other organizations concerned with the preservation of wildlife, and coordinated a Citizen Science Program along Auburn Ravine. I am now a Board Member and President of Friends of Auburn Ravine, which was formed in 2016.



Amanda Casby rescues an Auburn Ravine Creek salmon

Announcing Fly Fishing 101

by Jim Holmes, Class Leader

Fly Fishing 101 is to be held the nights of April 18th and 21st between 6:00 and 9:00 PM at the Granite Bay Activities Center (where we have our monthly meetings).

Points to be covered:

- Major fly fishing equipment
- Knots
- Casting (at the beginning of each class)
- Other equipment
- Still water fish and equipment
- Trout and bass/panfish food and flies
- Fishing strategies

And much, much more!

Sign up for this class by contacting:

- Jim Holmes (text) 916-616-6709
- Email: jwholmesjr@aol.com
- At the next general meeting signup sheet.

There will be a \$10.00 cost to cover the printing of a 30-page manual for your use. If you have any questions, give me a call/text/email!

Hope to see you there!

Cameron Park Fishout - April 21st

Ray Ito, again, will lead the fishout at Cameron Park Lake this year, commencing at 8:00 AM. At last year's fishout there were sixteen members who attended. Bass were caught, although not in big numbers or size. The weather conditions were perfect. Hopefully, the weather will again cooperate.

Cameron Park Lake is a catch-andrelease fishery (artificial lures only). The lake is managed as a recreational fishery for residents of, and visitors to Cameron Park. The lake holds black bass, crappie, and blue gill. Standard bass patterns such as woolly buggers, poppers, and leaches fished along the weed beds should produce. There have been some large bass caught in the lake.

The lake can be fished by float tube, non-motorized boat (there is a small boat/pontoon launch area near the entrance) or from the shoreline.



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This is an open fishout, and all members may participate. There will be a signup sheet at the April club meeting, or you can signup by contacting Ray Ito at itor@pacbell.net.

We will meet at the lake parking area at approximately 8:00 AM. The park opens at 7:00 AM and closes at dusk. There is no parking fee. Let the booth attendant know you are with GBF. Attendees will pay the resident fee of \$3, or seniors 62 and over \$2. This should be a prime time to catch bass in the lake. We hope you can join us!

Owens River Annual Clean Up

Bishop, California - Saturday, April 23, 2022



Meet @ 8AM @ Pleasant Valley Campground @ the metal footbridge Bring gloves.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked goods provided for all volunteers at 8AM.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground @ the dumpster.

There is a free raffle for participants with a lot of swag to be given away! If you'd like to donate swag for the raffle, please contact organizer Chris Leonard @ 818.288.3271.

This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue-ribbon moving water fishery. The Annual Owens River Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022. This is the 8th consecutive year of this much welcomed event. What makes this day work so well is the congregation of good-hearted volunteers who travel from near and far to partake in a morning of beautification of the Owens River near Bishop, California. It is a great event, and everyone is welcome!

Greenstone Fishout - April 23rd

by Wendell Edwards, Fishout Leader

Once again, Tony Hamamoto has given Granite Bay Flycasters' members an opportunity to fish the private lake of Greenstone Community. Thank you, Tony! 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. Signups have started and close April 19th.

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You may sign up for Greenstone at this link: https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/, the April general meeting or contact me at https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/, the April general meeting or contact me at https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/, the April general meeting or contact me at https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/, the April general meeting or contact me at https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/, the April general meeting or contact me at https://gbflycasters.org/greenstone-fishout-signup/.

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.

Prosser Creek Reservoir Fishout, April 28th

by Doug Kytonen, Fishout Leader

Prosser Creek Reservoir is relatively new to our stillwater list of fishouts; it is located just outside of Truckee off Hwy 89 north. At the first traffic circle, turn right on Prosser Creek Dam Road to the lake where we will meet at 8:30 just off the road in the Alder Creek Cove Area to launch our tubes. There are other areas and boat launches at or near the campgrounds.

The surface temps are starting to warm up, and as a result, fish are moving deeper into the water column. For trout, go early or late in the day. When the trout quit eating, then switch to smallmouth bass. Smallmouth love trout flies, and any that I mentioned for the Truckee River will work. Indicator nymphing and sinking lines will get you down in the zone. Early and late in the day try a Stimulator on the surface.

This lake is a 5 MPH reservoir, with more kayakers and paddle boarders than any other watercraft. Fishing pressure is light, but should produce some trout or bass action for us. It is always fun to try new locations and not the same old places time after time. If you have a venue that you would like to share, set up a fishout and lets go fishing.

Further fishout details are here on the fishout template, or contact me at travelmaster@surewest.net

Upper Sacramento River Spring Fishout • April 28 - May 1

by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader

The 10th Annual Upper Sacramento Spring Fishout will be taking place Thursday, April 28th to Sunday, May 1st.

The gathering place 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, to 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. Many in the group stay at the Dunsmuir Lodge.

Friday evening we will have the traditional kick-off barbecue at Soda Creek Farm for a minimal charge per person (\$10). Several lunch, breakfast, and dinner spots are available 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 fish-out 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 (aka high-sticking, Czech nymphing, and Euro 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!

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For more information, please go to the posting <u>here</u> on the Granite Bay Flycasters' website and/or get in touch with me at <u>jelinea@me.com</u>. There will also be a signup sheet at the April general meeting as well. As we get closer to the event, registrants will receive additional information on flies, the kick-off dinner, fishing spots, and the agenda.

Rancho Murieta Fishout, May 11, 2022

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 two lakes you will be able to fish are Lake Clementia and Bass Lake. 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. If more than 15 sign up, there will be a lottery. Members can sign up at the April general meeting, or by contacting Jim Monical at jbmexplorer@gmail.com. Get on the waiting list in case of any cancelations.

Equipment:

A fast rod between 6-8 weight and 8-10 ft. in length; 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.

We will meet at Lake Clementia at the boat launch between 9:00 and 9:15 AM. Your name will be left at the gate; tell the security that you are a guest of **Jim Monical**. 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 right.

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 Jim or Jay at the contact info on the fishout template.



Trout Unlimited Sponsored Event

by Steve Micheli

Trout Unlimited sponsored an event on the Truckee River September 25, 2021. This coincided with Public Lands Day, so it was a perfect fit. It was located on Glenshire Drive near the area heading east directly after it goes under CA-267. This is a great spot to walk into the river, as the trails are easy to use once you walk over the railroad tracks. There is a dirt parking area there, and Trout Unlimited had an EZ-up awning set up to greet and sign in the volunteers.

I wanted to volunteer, and having just joined GBF and TU, it seemed like a really good idea, especially since I am a newbie to fly fishing. It was a perfect day, sunny and warm as we met Sam Sedillo and Becky Hansen of Trout Unlimited. There were just under 20 of us as we grabbed shovels, rakes, saws and pruning shears and crossed over the tracks to start our project. The goal was to improve the current trail along the Truckee River. There were many places where the vegetation was overgrown, and washed out areas made it difficult to see exactly where the trail was. We pruned away a lot of brush, some very thick with heavy limbs. I thought to myself that there will be at least one less place for my gear to get snagged while hiking through!



We gathered rocks and large stones into a wheelbarrow and moved them to the sides of the trail so that it was easy to follow. I don't know the exact distance of what we improved was, but it was substantial enough to get to several places along the river safely, and we all felt it was very worthwhile for anyone. We had a little extra walking to do when we finished, as a train stopped on the tracks right at our parking area—go figure! I thought we could just pass all the tools under the train and crawl through and under, then Sam thought maybe not, as the train could start moving. Good call, as we had a great time and didn't need to end it with a disaster. So, we walked back along the rail bed back to the end of the train, then across the tracks and back to our meeting place.



It was a very satisfying day, and I look forward to doing it again wherever Trout Unlimited needs to improve trails or habitats. Sam and Becky were great leaders, and they provided all the tools that we needed as well as water, Gatorade and snacks. I was glad to hear about this event from communication with our club. I didn't realize until just recently that we support Trout Unlimited, and now I know why and appreciate that we are so involved. Thank you GBF!

Granite Bay Stillwater Fishing 2022

by Doug Kytonen

Well, this year will be an interesting one with lake fishing. With the snowpack being low again this year, and gas prices really high, where can we go fishing without costing an arm and a leg getting there? I plan to do the local lakes for the most part: Rancho Seco, Collins Lake, Rollins Lake, Sly Park, to name a few. With the speaker at our March meeting talking about Lahontan cutthroat trout, I would like to do Webber Lake this year late May. Hopefully, with a little help from other club members, we can get a few more favorites on the schedule this year, like Cameron Park, Fuller Lake, and Finnon Lake in Placerville. I also have been asked about a spring Discovery Bay fishout this year. It just might be the ticket for some stripers in May.

The fishing is out there; if anyone would like to lead a fishout or have a suggestion for a new location, please let me know so we can get it on the schedule. We are a great fishing club, and we can make it better just by getting members involved in our fishing plans and outings. Thank you to other members, like **Jim Degnan**, with the One Fly Contest on 26 March; Pyramid Lake 11-14 April led by **Eric Palmer**; Manzanita Lake campout hosted by **Michael Kaul**, all great fishouts already scheduled. Stream fishing, led by **John Pellegrin** with Tenkara rod (another advantage for the club members)—try it, the club has a couple of loaners to try—just reserve one with John. Hope to see everyone on the water. Get involved!

Leave No Trace - Respect Wildlife

by TinaLyn Sell

Believe it or not, learning about wildlife does not need to be done up close and personal. Many times, you can learn much more about an animal by observing it from a distance. Pushing your way through plants to get a "closer look" only damages the environment, not to mention making the wildlife anxious and nervous. How would you feel if someone came into your home at night to sit and watch you sleep 5 feet away from your bed? Have you heard of the three "F's?" Well, the first two are flight or fight, neither of which you want to have happen.

It does not take much to spook wildlife. They are used to nature sounds, not whispers, footsteps, and yes, smelly deodorant. They know you are there before you think they do. They are not doing anything wrong, you are. Sadly, as humans, our curiosity gets the best of us, which can put us in a dangerous situation.

The larger the group, the more noise you are likely to make, and the more damage you can cause to the surrounding area. Remember, wildlife rely on the environment for nourishment. When you trample on it, you are trampling on their meal. Again, you do not want someone to come to your home and stand on your

dinner plate, so minimize your impacts as much as possible. Most of all, do not try to feel wildlife. Their digestive system is not used to turkey on rye with mayo and hot mustard.

Never try to "rescue abandoned" young wildlife. Many adult species will leave their young all day while they search for food or better shelter. When you touch them, you leave your scent; many wildlife parents will then abandon their young out of fear. If you really think an animal has been abandoned or is in trouble, note the location and notify a wildlife officer or ranger.

When camping, be sure you are far enough away from any bedding and grazing areas; store food and garbage securely, and be sure animals have free access to water. Setting up camp 200 feet or more from any of these locations is ideal. Think about what you might be putting in the water or leaving on the ground. We do not want to pollute their environment.

Remember, you are a visitor to their home. They were there before you were, and will be there after you leave, but only if you do your part to help preserve it.



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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in April 2007)

Fly Patterns - Ron's Krystal Hare's Ear



Ron's Krystal Hare's Ear

Materials:

Head:

Hook: Mustad C53S, Tiemco 200R, or Daiichi 1260,

sizes 12-18 hook-up eye, short shank, wide

gape (1/0-2/0)

Thread: Brown or dark brown 8/0

Tail: Dark thin deer hair, one strand of light orange

or green Krystal Flash

Interior Flash: Pearl fine flashabou or crystal flash **Rib:** Three strands of ultra thin copper wire **Abdomen:** Medium dark Hare's Ear dubbing

Thorax: Same as abdomen

Wing case: 8 deer hair fibers, using the butt section, and

8 strands light orange or green Krystal Flash Same as abdomen; option: add gold or copper

bead matched in size to hook size

Weight: (Optional) Lead wire or substitute, or lead wine

foil (see instructions at end of article)

Description

From time to time I like to feature patterns created by anglers who know how to catch fish and can tie patterns that work. This month I asked my friend and guiding associate Ron Rabun to present his version of the venerable Hare's Ear. He calls it Ron's Krystal Hare's Ear. I can attest to the success of this pattern. Just take a look at Ron's fish picture that accompanies this article. Here's Ron's description:

"This is a variation of the Flash Back Hare's Ear. I first tied this Hare's Ear variation in 1976 to fish the Callibeatis emergers at Lake Solano. The deer hair provides some flotation and the fly would move in the surface film in a bubble. As I further began to develop my short line nymphing, this fly became my first pick as the dropper because it represents both mayfly and caddis emergers.

Three things make this pattern effective. First, deer hair and weighting gives it neutral buoyancy. Second, the color and sizing simulates various stages of many emerging mayflies and caddis. Finally, the subtle flash provides a strike target.



On January 14, 2007 while fishing the Upper Sac Winter Season, I landed 3 fish and two were on the KHE size 18 as the dropper. In conclusion, the KHE's success can be directly attributed to the fact that in my short line nymphing technique, it is the first fly seen by the fish. The rest lies with the reliable response of the fish to take this pattern."

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.

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1. Optionally, add bead to hook and apply weight nymph style with 3-4 wraps of lead wire at the thorax. I use wine foils because I use a technique that creates a tapered body. See my explanation below.

- 2. Select 8 deer hairs and tie in the tips for the tail, no longer than 1 gap of the hook. Wrap the butts half way up the hook because you will be using these on the wing case. Don't cut the butts.
- 3. Tie in one orange or green Krystal Flash strand and create a fork as part of the tail. Trim to length of the deer hair tail fibers.



Steps 1, 2 & 3



Step 4

4. Select three strands of extra fine copper wire (if you don't have extra fine just use one strand of copper wire). Take the three strands and twist tightly to form a strand that looks like it is variegated. Tie in the wire just ahead of the tail. See tip in "Tying Tips."

5. Select 8 Krystal Flash strands (same color as legs) and tie in on top of the abdomen just behind the wing case position.



Step 5

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Step 6

6. Dub the Abdomen to under the wing case with the medium dark Hare's Ear dubbing.

- 7. Wrap the copper wire 3-4 wraps to under the wing case and tie off and cut.
- 8. Add final dubbing to the thorax.



Steps 7 & 8



Step 9

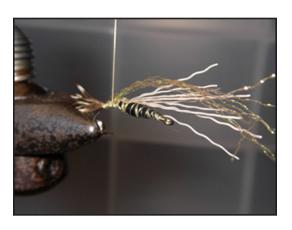
9. Take deer hair butts and tie down as the wing case. Don't cut the butts. Leave space for the head.

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- 10. Take the Krystal Flash strands and tie over the wing case to form a subtle flash back.
- 11. Cinch down both the deer hair and krystal strands.
- 12. Form the legs by separating three deer hairs and two krystal strands for each side of the fly and tie/cinch down holding toward the hook point. Trim remaining butts and krystal strands.



Steps 10, 11 & 12



Step 13

13. Trim the legs at the hook point for correct length. Finish head with Hare's Ear dubbing and tie off thread. See below for glue/whip finish technique

Tying Tips

Ron adds the following tips:

 Note on cementing head: I have used super glue for head cement with resounding success. I take a drop and place it in a small container, and then take a very small amount on the needle point and place it on the thread before doing the whip finish. These never come apart. You can also use the very small drop directly on the head if it is small enough not to soak into the fly. See photo to the right.



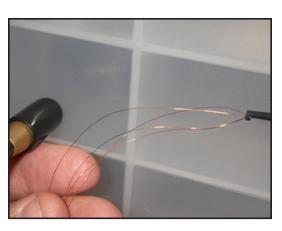
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2. Wine Foil Weighting: That older 'reserve' wine you have been saving has now just become more valuable. So drink it. I think I have cornered the market on old lead wine foils for the purpose of weighting my flies. Everyone tries different techniques during their fly tying practice. Many of you may have tried to use old lead wine foils and found that cutting them into strips was not effective. The secret is to cut the pieces into triangles and roll them onto the hook shank. The triangles are cut to the size proper for the pattern size with the intent of creating a tapered mound on the hook shank. I secure the wine foil in two ways: First, by wrapping thread under the foil prior to rolling on to the shank; secondly, by cinching down the two ends of the rolled foil to keep it from rolling. I then wrap the foil with thread and then tie the fly normally. See photos at right. [Editor's note: if you don't have wine foil, use adhesive-backed lead strips which can be found at the fly shops, or at a golf pro shop where they use it to add weight to golf clubs.]









3. **Twisting wire:** See the photo at left.

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

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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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 Mike Bean at 208-244-1153, 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.

Please notify if address change

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