

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Kim Lloyd, GBF President

August is "prime time" for the Sierras. The winter snow packs have receded, which means high mountain lakes and streams are accessible. Club members are fortunate because of the close proximity of these waters. The point being: this is the time of year to pack a lunch, travel some old roads and discover new waters.

Need some ideas? Then check out the Message Board, because this is where club members share information. For example, **Chris Kight** has been posting photos in the Photo Gallery for a year-and-a-half. This means photos that were posted last August can be viewed this August. Many photos include captions mentioning locations. Hence, the Photo Gallery could be a good source to find "new to you" fishing spots.

Another place to look would be the club's Facebook page. There are upwards of 300 people following the club's Facebook page, and a bunch of them have posted photos. Might be some easy pickings there, too.

Having trouble accessing the Message Board or Facebook? No worries, **Eric Palmer** will be making another presentation at the August meeting and can answer any questions. And with any luck, we'll get another presentation about the club's Facebook page.



Monthly Program

Our speaker this month is **Hogan Brown**, who will be speaking on Cast Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization looking to provide kids with the gift of the outdoors by bringing kids and mentors together outside through the sport of fly fishing. Through guided fly fishing trips, fishing clinics, fly tying events, camp outs, road trips, and conservation outings it endeavors to create a healthy hobby that kids and mentors can do together.



is at home in a drift boat or poling a mud flat for carp. He has a highly informative web site at <https://www.hgbflyfishing.com/>.

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AUGUST 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9. Board of Directors Meeting	10.	11. Monthly Meeting	12.	13. Little Truckee Fishout
14.	15.	16. Fly Tying Jam	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27. Try Tubing Clinic
28.	29.	30.	31.			

Upper Sacramento River Fishout Report

by Tony Jelinek

The 10th annual Upper Sacramento Spring fishout took place from June 23rd to June 26th. Originally scheduled for April, the fishout was moved to June due to lack of interest in the April dates; so, technically, this was really the 1st annual Upper Sacramento Summer fishout.

Five members joined me on the Upper Sacramento to escape the heat of the valley and enjoy the beauty and fishing on the Upper Sac. New members, **Kurt** and **Jack Johnson** camped at Railroad Park, while first-timer, **Jim Monical**, and veterans, **Kim Lloyd** and **Dave Fujiyama** joined me at the Soda Creek Farmhouse.

Thursday afternoon we were greeted by sprinkles, which turned into a full-on thunderstorm during the traditional dinner at the Dunsmuir brewpub. Fortunately, a newly installed outdoor shade structure protected us from the rain. The good news is that the Salmon BLT is back on the menu after being gone for the last two years.

On Friday, after a breakfast of scrambled eggs and bacon at the house, we paired-up and took off for some short-line nymphing and Tenkara fishing. The temperatures were in the upper 90s, but wet wading or just wading felt good in the 50-degree water. The river flow was around 200 cfs, which is great for wading and short line nymphing. Fish were taken on the usual suspects—Prince Nymph, Dark Lord, Woolly Bugger, Jimmy Legs, Hare's Ear, and Flashback PT.

We all met back at the house for an early dinner so we could get out for potential evening bug and dry-fly activity. We enjoyed the traditional tri-tip dinner with beans and watermelon; then headed back to the

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water. Friday evening proved to be the case of the right place at the right time. While Kim and Jim enjoyed some dry fly activity where they were fishing with smaller fish rising and taking the fly, Dave and Tony hit epic stonefly activity where they were. Fish were rising steadily until about 8:50 PM; then the heavens opened up, the stoneflies fell to the water to deposit their eggs, and the trout went crazy, rising everywhere, including big fish. A 17-incher was caught and netted on a size 18 RS 2 (go figure with stoneflies everywhere). Another even larger fish was lost, and a yellow Humpy was also quite effective. It was amazing to see all the stoneflies and watch the fish rising everywhere for about 15 minutes. By 9:05 PM, the activity died down and the thrill was over.

Saturday, after a pancake breakfast at the house, we took off to fish the northern part of the river. We enjoyed some tough short-line nymphing and Tenkara fishing for smaller fish. We enjoyed a fresh halibut dinner, courtesy of Jim Monical, before heading out for the hoped-for duplicate of the evening before. But, it was not to happen. A few fish rose, but the manna from heaven did not fall, and there was no duplication of the activity of the evening before.

Sunday morning, we headed home. Kurt and Jack stayed through Sunday night and enjoyed some dry fly activity in the evening. All-in-all, we had a successful trip with great camaraderie, food, and fishing. The Upper Sac was its usual self, making one work for every fish, while offering a beautiful backdrop of mountains, foliage, and water.



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Fishing the Lower Sacramento in Redding

by Corley Philips

David Jones and I went fishing with our June speaker, Luke Gerarty of Confluence Outfitters, on July 20th. We had picked that date because it was when the weather was predicted to drop below 100 degrees, but alas, the heat spell just continued. Fortunately, when the breeze came up the river, it was pleasantly cooling.

We launched at the Posse Grounds and marveled at all the big trout we could see as we pushed down to where the fishing became legal (the river is closed above the Highway 44 bridge until August 1st in order to protect spawning summer run salmon). Luke had us set up with 9'6" indicator rods throwing a three-fly rig. David caught the first fish, a nice 18" fish that fought so hard we wound up out of that hole and had to push on to the next one. And, that was where I caught the big fish of the day—a 21.5" colorful rainbow.



Right after that, I caught what I thought was going to be the smallest fish of the day. But, while Luke was putting on a different set of flies on David's line, I opted to do some casting. This was an ongoing battle between me and Luke, as I like to have my line in the water as much as possible, and he likes me to wait until he tells me to put my line in the water. So, I was gratified to "poach" some water while waiting, even if it did produce the smallest fish of the day.

We drifted down to the Bonnyview boat ramp, hooking around 10 fish and landing 7, with David getting the last fish of the morning. (Luke would give you a higher hook count, as he counts any time the indicator moves funny.) We then loaded up the boat and headed to Logan's Roadhouse for a "second lunch" (beers and appetizers) while taking a break from the heat. I highly recommend adding this interlude!

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We then headed back to the Posse Grounds and repeated our float, but without the same success. I had one nice fish go airborne and spit out my fly, and David had a couple of grabs, but that was it for the afternoon. Luke said that this kind of on-again, off-again bite is not uncommon on the Lower Sacramento.

The final result was David taking the prize for both first fish and last fish, while I took prizes for smallest, biggest, and most.

The upper stretch opens August 1st, and Luke said that slots are filling quickly from then all the way through October, which is prime time to catch big trout feeding on salmon eggs. So, if you are interested in getting in on that action, the time to book a trip is now. Just don't bring your Tenkara rod!

Mosquitos

by Bruce Emard

My legs are itching today, and I'm applying maximum willpower (not always successfully) to resist scratching. In a quiet moment, I took time to examine my legs and counted at least twenty red circular bumps. Oh, why didn't I take a few minutes in the late afternoon to change from short pants to long, or at least apply insect repellent?! Well, through my laziness, or was it simply unawareness (those tiny flying bastards can be stealthy, and I couldn't hear their shrill attack warnings near my legs), I'm now suffering.

My children often asked me, "What good purpose do mosquitos serve in nature?" As I recall, my response was always something like, "They remind us that nothing in this world, not even the beautiful natural environment, is perfect." Now I'm thinking, "Mother Nature is trying to limit the human throng and keep it from destroying what's left of wild places." Whatever purpose mosquitos serve, the next time I visit a wild place, I'll appreciate the fact that mosquitos exist, and be better prepared to defend myself!

Conservation Committee Report

by Bruce Emard, VP Conservation

Greetings, Granite Bay Flycasters. Your Conservation Committee held its annual charitable donations meeting on June 13, 2022 at the Granite Bay Round Table Pizza restaurant to decide on the recipients of your Club's donation funds, and the amounts of those donations for year 2022. After lively discussion and some good-natured lobbying, the lucky recipients are:

1. Trout Unlimited in the amount of \$2,400.00;
2. Friends of the Auburn Ravine in the amount of \$1,800.00;
3. Save the American River Association (SARA) in the amount of \$1,250.00;
4. Friends of the Inyo in the amount of \$1,250.00; and
5. California Trout in the amount of \$500.00.

This is just one way in which your membership dues and your charitable donations at the Annual Dinner and other fundraising events throughout the year contribute to the sport of flyfishing and the waters we all so deeply love.


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Manzanita Lake Fishout Report

by Michael Kaul, Fishout Leader

Another great trip to Manzanita Lake. There were 31 GBFers who made the trek June 13-19 to beautiful Lassen National Park. The evenings were cold (27° Monday), but the mornings generally warmed nicely. There were a couple of fronts that rolled through and brought some tough winds most afternoons. The fishing was less than great, but they were there, and about the most gorgeous fish (rainbows and browns) that I have seen—chunky, brightly colored, and generally 16-18+. Fish were taken on dries, small nymphs, and small wiggle tails (as small as 16s).



Morning mist



Storm a brewin



The Campground Chefs

Sandy and **Ron Strautman** went on a 40+ mile bike ride to Summit Lake (wow). Despite closures around Lassen due to the Dixie fire, lots of hiking adventures as well as trips to Burney Falls occurred. **Sandy Kaul** and **Pam Bone** hiked up into a ground whitening hail/snowstorm. All got together for a chili and cornbread dinner on Friday evening, where folks also brought appetizers and desserts. This ended just as the rain started.

Special thanks to **David Sterling** and **Michael Gervais** who attacked the dishes without an ask. On the unusual side, a huge chunk of the fiberglass on the side of Wendell's trailer blew off on the drive up due to traveling 55 mph into a 30 mph headwind.



Camping Camaraderie

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Mike Bean, 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.

Jon Albrecht

Mark Capo

Austyn Critz

James Lloyd

John Moore

Scott Noltensmeier

Joe Black

Bruce Carlson

Gabriella Galucci

Kody Hall

Jamie Nelson

Jake Wagoner

Tom Bozzuto

David Cooley

Mary Homelvig

Michael Malatesta

Gavin Nelson

Becky Wagoner

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

Fly Patterns - Royal Wulff



Royal Wulff

Materials:

Hook:	Tiemco 100 or 900 BL; Daiichi 1190. Sizes 12 - 18
Thread:	Brown 8/0
Tail:	White calf tail or calf body hair
Body:	Peacock herl and red floss or red mylar
Head:	Thread - small
Wing:	White calf tail or calf body hair
Hackle:	High quality brown neck or saddle hackle

Description

It never hurts to revisit some of our "older" patterns that have been mainstays for a very long time. We tend to forget some of the old classics amidst the hype about new materials, exotic patterns, and an ever-expanding universe of new "must-have" flies. The Royal Wulff certainly qualifies as a classic Catskill-style dry fly. I have heard many opinions over the years as to why fish attack this odd-looking creature. What it boils down to is that no one knows why it works—it just does. I consider it to be a "searching" pattern because it suggests many different insects. For example, its body configuration could represent an ant. The Royal Wulff is one of a series of Lee Wulff's creations. There are several videos of his creative patterns on the internet and [here](#) is an excellent one by Charlie Craven tying the Royal Wulff.

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. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Cover the shank with thread wraps.
2. For the tail, cut a small bunch of calf tail or calf body hair and even up the tips after cleaning out the under-fur. The measurement reference for the wing length is the length of the shank. Tie in the hair at the end of the shank, just above the back of the barb (or where the barb would be if the hook was not barbless). Use the "45 degree" technique to tie in the hair.



Steps 1 & 2



Step 3

3. Move the thread forward to the forward 1/3 point. Cut and clean a larger bunch of hair, and even up the tips. The measurement reference for wing length is the length of the hook shank plus a tiny bit extra. Tie the hair in with the tips out over the eye, again using the 45 degree technique. Trim the butts on a taper toward the tail, and cover most of the butts with thread with firm wraps.

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4. Stand the wing up and take a few wraps in front of it. Don't apply more than a few wraps; building up a big shoulder in front of the wing base will cause big problems later when you get to the point of wrapping the hackle.
5. Take several wraps around the base of the hair to gather it into a nice bunch. Take another wrap around the base, but this time trap the thread in the remaining wing butts and pull the wing rearward. This will make the wing stand up straight. Apply a few more wraps in front of and behind the wing.
6. Using your bodkin, separate the wing into two equal bunches. Separate the bunches and wrap diagonally through the separated wings, first one way and then the other. Again, don't use many wraps—a few will do. Apply a drop of super glue to the base of the wings.
7. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point and make a loop as you would if you were going to make a dubbing loop. Cut one end of the loop and let the loop thread hang free for now.

*Steps 4, 5 & 6**Step 7**Step 8*

8. Tie in three 3 peacock herls by their tips. Wrap these around the piece of hanging loop thread and twist the thread and herl into a tight "chenille." Grab the herl chenille with your hackle pliers and make two or three tight wraps to make a butt. Don't cut the herl. Instead tie it off and move the chenille forward and out of the way for the moment.

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

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9. Tie in a piece of red floss or red mylar tinsel where you tied off the herl chenille. Take several wraps of this material and tie it off.

*Step 9**Step 10*

10. Wrap another section of the herl chenille up to the rear of the wings and tie it off there.

*Steps 11 & 12*

11. Tie in a high quality brown saddle hackle just behind the wing. If you are using neck hackle, tie in two hackles as this fly is meant to be bushy.
12. Wrap the hackle forward, taking 5 or 6 wraps behind the wing and an equal number in front of the wing. Tie off the hackle and whip finish.

Tying Tips

1. I prefer the Mylar tinsel to floss. The tinsel will not darken like the floss when it is wet.
2. Apply a liquid silicone substance such as the one made by Mucilin to your dry flies as they come off your vise. Allow 24 hours drying time before using the flies. This will create a waterproof coating.

Fish this beauty in riffles. Keep it floating high and dry. You will like its visibility on the water. The white wings show up like a neon sign.

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

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.

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