

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



Hello Members,

Many things are happening in the club during the month of June—elections, conservation meeting, and so many fish outs. Be sure to come out to both the general meeting (so you can meet the new board members, including your new President), and then hit up the Conservation meeting to help decide which organization we should be donating to this year. Nothing better than giving away someone else's money. Lastly, sign up for one of the wonderful fish outs.

This is my last message as President of this wonderful club. It has been my pleasure serving as your President for the past three years, even if half of it was during a major nationwide pandemic. My hope for each of you is that you are able to find your new "normal" in life. Do not spend time looking back, it will get you nowhere. If you need someone to talk with or lean on, Mother Nature is always there. She will be happy to share her space with you. Just be sure to remember your "Leave No Trace" principles while visiting her.

All my best to each of you...

Monthly Program

Our speaker this month is **Luke Gerarty**, whose presentation will focus on fishing the "Lower Sac."



Luke Gerarty with a Lower Sac rainbow.

Born and raised in Alaska, Luke has been fly fishing for over 35 years, and chased fish in eastern Africa, New Zealand, and all over the "lower 48." Luke regularly guides on the Lower Sac, Trinity, Upper Sac, and a host of other creeks and rivers in northern California. In addition to indicator trips, Luke also specializes in Euro nymphing, and loves throwing dry flies to rising trout. He's a "Jack-of-all-trades" wannabe

"renaissance man" with 2 masters' degrees in theology and philosophy, a passion for photography and videography, and a love for great food and good people! A resident of Red Bluff, Luke and his wife have 5 kids, 3 dogs, 2 cats and 1 tortoise. If he isn't spending time on the river, he's reading a book and drinking coffee.

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Manzanita Lake Fishout, June 13-19

by Michael Kaul, Fishmaster

Hey there Granite Bay Flycasters,

How about a fishout at Manzanita Lake in Lassen National Park? **Sandy** and I are leading this fishout June 13-19. You are welcome to come any or all days. Several of us are staying at the Manzanita Lake campground and have reserved 16 sites (shareable with tenters), most in the "A" loop. We are in A-8. Reservations can be made at www.recreation.gov, though there may not be any available, but there are generally plenty of first come sites. There are also rustic cabins located between the campground and the lake that have walls and a roof, a heater, a table and chairs (except Bunkhouse), bunks with mattress, and a lantern available at www.recreation.gov (or www.Lassenlodging.com). The campground has laundry, showers and a store. Others have booked stays at motels close by.

If the experience of past years is any measure, the fishing should be wonderful. I do brag about a late evening catch on a Matuka of a beautiful hard fighting bat years ago, but I failed to get a picture so...The lake has a beautiful view of Mt. Lassen, and there are several other options for fishing close by, including still and moving water. For non-fishers, there is also an abundance of hiking, site seeing and bike riding. At Manzanita the fishing is primarily float tube (we will bring extra equipment and instruction on use and guidance will be available), and ranges from dries to subsurface with nice well-fed wild rainbows and browns to take your offerings.

Callibaetis, mayflies, caddis, damsel, dragons, scuds, leeches and ants are a few of the foods in the lake. You can fish subsurface flies with a floating line, but an intermediate sink line is often a good choice. The

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fish can be fairly large and healthy, so a 4-5x tippet should be good, but at times, tippet as light as 7x for dries might be needed (and a box full of flies).

The lake is at 5,890' elevation, so it could be cold. This is the fourth year we are doing the trip, and are three-out-of-three for snow. Mapquest tells me it is a 3 hour, 40 minute drive. Sandy and myself are planning to treat everyone to a chili/corn bread/salad dinner at the campground on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evening (check with us). Hope to see you there! There are articles on fishing Manzanita in the California Fly Fisher; Dec '18 and June '14.

You can sign up at the monthly general meeting, by email at mikedkaul@gmail.com, or by calling me at (530-677-8022).

Upper Sacramento River spring fishout, June 23 - 26

by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader

The 10th Annual Upper Sacramento Spring Fishout will be taking place, Thursday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 26th.

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!

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



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Greenstone Fishout Report

by Wendell Edwards

What a wonderful day we all had at the lake in the Greenstone Community. THANK YOU **TONY HAMAMOTO!**

Nineteen members of Granite Bay Flycasters gathered on the private bass lake on Saturday for a day of fellowship, and giving a few bass some sore lips. I think we did accomplish that objective, as I had reports

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from some members claiming 7 bass and a variety of other counts.

We had 25 members signup for this fishout that could accommodate 20. On the last day we had some cancelations, so we were able fill those openings from the wait list. We had two members that

must have had major conflicts at the last moment and were unable to enjoy this special place... We hope that your conflicts were not of a major issue and you will be sure to make the next fishout.

I would like to share a safety tip that I had not considered before while float tubing. In the afternoon, we had a good breeze working, and I found myself across the lake and around the bend on the East side (out of sight from others). This wind caused me to drift into a large section of weeds a few hundred yards out in the lake, and in the process of freeing my float tube, one of my fins became loose and worked its way up my leg to near my knee. Well, how did this happen you ask? I'll tell you. I was lazy in my setup this day. Instead of wearing my regular boots for floating, I used a light-weight shoe that the fins had not been adjusted for. With loose fitting fins, the force needed to clear the weeds was more pressure than the setup would allow. It was a long, slow float to shore using one good fin and one fin around your knee. Thanks to the wind assist, I did get to a safe place to reset my fins. Be sure to always have your shoes and fins matched for a snug fit. Thanks for reading, I hope this reduces this risk for you.



The Pyramid Fishout Report Seventh Annual, April 11-13, 2022

by Eric Palmer

"The charm of fly fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

~ John Buchan

One of my favorite fly fishing quotes, so I'm blatantly recycling it from last year. For me, it explains why an otherwise sane group of 18 GBF'ers would brave abysmal weather, with bone chilling high winds, to flog the shoreline hour after hour, usually with little to show for it, in the hopes of the "elusive but attainable"... until suddenly there's "the tug," then the adrenalin rush; oh-joy! This is why I fly fish.

Our timing this year was sub-par, with the week previous seeing "blue bird" weather, but with three other Bay Area clubs at the lake, I chose our dates several months ago. We've had great weather for six years

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running, so perhaps it was our turn to pay our dues, and pay we did. Fortunately, we all made it up and back over the hill safely, dodging the worst the snow had to offer.

Tony Jelinek and **David Jones** kicked things off with the first two fish Monday AM amid terrible weather that kept most off the water and huddled inside. Windless beach (a misnomer; it's not windless) for Tony, and Pelican Pt. for David, after just a couple casts, then it was game-on.

Mike Bone, on only his second Pyramid visit, had a productive two days, given the poor conditions, with 4 to the net; 2 on a "Popcorn Beetle" and 2 on a "Midnight Cowboy"—about as traditional a Pyramid rig as you'll see. This compares with 16 cutts for Mike this time last year!

Mike Bean, **Curtis Frank** and **Joey Nizuk**, Pyramid first timers all, had five fish between them, one on midges under an indicator, and the rest stripping streamers. Mike may get honors for the biggest fish of the fishout. Curtis Frank did quite well too, with several similar to the beast below that may rival Mike's.

After doggedly stripping a "Cowboy" with beetle on a tag dropper from Tuesday through Wednesday AM, I finally hit pay dirt immediately upon switching to a large flashy white bugger with long flowing marabou tail, perhaps a tui chub proxy. Without the



Mike Bean's big catch.

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"They have the largest selection of fly tying materials in California!" - Andy Burk

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One of Chris Frank's several big ones.

troubling. At least John knew his wading belt was working. Fortunately, some neighbors rushed over to lend a hand and all ended well, save for the need for a change of clothes and the lingering taste of very salty water (first-hand experience speaking).

We had a great potluck dinner Tuesday night, with ample and varied offerings cold and hot, including Frank's mulled wine and more from the grape to help cut the chill. And then there were brownies, and more brownies, and cheese cake, and....

Successful flies varied, including Midnight Cowboy with chartreuse/white Popcorn Beetle, black/white balanced leeches and midges under an indicator, and Articulated Goldie patterns, and my all white woolly bugger. Some Pyramid experts will argue not to obsess over the "perfect" fly; just get something in front of the fish that resembles lunch, and this may well be true.

The dominant fishing method was stripping (or "retrieving" in guide speak) a sinking line as opposed to midges under an indicator, though that worked too. A Teeny 200 (5.5 ips) or similar is common for a sinking rig, though some have success with a floating line too.



John explains how you rig your leader.

assist from **Gary Krause's** net, I might still be chasing that beast around in a foot of water. As soon as Gary and his net came in to view, he'd bolt and the chase would resume. That cutt gets an A+ for his self-preservation instinct.

John Peterson was on his ladder dutifully tending to fishing matters when, unannounced, a heavy gust of wind blew him over, ladder and all. As John explained the physics of air being lighter than water, the air in his waders kept his feet and legs elevated, complicating his best attempts to right himself. This could get



Equally important as flies, rigging and any fish catching on these outings, is the camaraderie, gab-fests and new friends made at the trailers and on the beach. And of course, any new knowledge gleaned in interaction with others.

Thanks to **Wendell** for his campsite hospitality, and **Mel** for his hearty 15-bean soup, though Mel unfortunately had to bow out at the last minute, and to all the others who contributed food and beverage that made the potluck a success. And to the weather? Thanks for nothing, but we persevered with minimal grumbling.

As the fishout schedule unfolds early next year, keep an eye out for Pyramid 2023 in early April, and plan to be part of the fun!

The One Fly Contest and Picnic is History

It was a "Lovely Hooley." That's Irish for a "fine party." Not a "Grand Hooley," which involves music, dancing, a bit more of adult beverages than should be had, and sometimes fisticuffs. Granite Bay Flycasters do have their limits. We'll settle for a "Lovely Hooley."

The bratwursts were excellent, smoked with care. Sautéed onions and other sides were plentiful. **Mike Churchill** did a great job, assisted by **Joey Nizuk's dad, Lanie**. Our treasurer, **Kim Lloyd** chased down the food and party materials, laid them out, and then packed the whole thing back into his truck to clean it up, organize it, and then take it back to the club storeroom. He did an excellent job! Please make sure to thank Mike and him for their efforts!

We had fifty-two partiers who ate over a hundred bratwurst and ten weenies, along with 3 tubs of potato salad, tons of chips and salsas. We do know how to eat!



It was a great start to the fishing season, sponsored by our president and board. Your dues in action. Many thanks to all.

Oh, and we had the "One-Fly Contest." From 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. You can only fish with one fly if you are in the contest—a real challenge. Twenty-six contestants vied for gift certificates to local fly shops. The winners were:

Bill Quinn (for the second year in a row) First Place: 6 fish for a \$50.00 certificate to Flyfishing Specialties.

David Jones (a regular winner over the years) Second Place: 5 fish for a \$25.00 certificate to Kiene's.

Gary Nickless and **Chris Kight** tied for Third Place: 4 fish each. They got a \$15.00 gift certificate to the local fly shop.

Others caught one or two, or even three (**Gordon Tornberg**). So close.

We owe a great thanks to **Wendell Edwards**, who helped in so many ways, from checking in contestants, to helping with the picnic wherever he was needed. **Don Harris** manned the "Leader Board" tallying the catches as they were reported. **Michael McKinley** was there to help with the check in at the north ramp, and **Mel Odemar** backed up Don. Thank you all for stepping up and giving up a morning's fishing to make the contest run seamlessly.

There was entertainment; **Gene Goss** brought his bubble machine, and he and **Lynn Gale** made some huge, beautiful bubbles. The pictures don't do them justice. **Bruce** brought a kite, but the wind didn't cooperate.



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Rancho Seco is a really great place for flying kites.

Gene and **Susan** also brought a pop-up, and that helped keep the sun off the gang. **Bill Swanson** provided a popup to shelter the cooking area. Thanks to them, the sun didn't get too hot.

All in all, it was a fun party, chance to get together for the first time in several years and trade stories, and bring each other up-to-date on their adventures or misadventures. We need to do that again soon so those that missed this one will have a chance to join in and celebrate with other Granite Bay Flycasters members. Slainté!



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

Fly Patterns - Bloody Black Disco Leech



Bloody Black Disco Leech

Materials:

- Hook:** Any streamer hook. I prefer the Daiichi 1260, but a Tiemco 200R will work. Sizes: 6, 8, 10
- Thread:** Black 6/0
- Tail:** None needed—the yarn wrapped on for the body forms its own tail
- Body:** Disco yarn—black strip and maroon strip twisted together (try different colors if you wish)
- Head:** Cone head bead—this is optional, but I personally like it. Tie a few without the cone also.
- Weight:** Lead wire or substitute—size to match hook size. Use 4 or 5 wraps behind cone to secure it in place.

Description

Ron English recently went to a fly tying conclave in Idaho. While there, he observed a tyer using an unique yarn called “Disco Yarn” to tie various flies. Ron thought it would make a nice leech, so he tied some in black and maroon. The bass loved the results. Ron showed me the fly one afternoon at Greenstone, and told me

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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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that the yarn is available at Wal-Mart. Just what I need— more tying material!! So, off I went to Wal-Mart on a search-and-buy mission. I found it after receiving no help from a befuddled-looking clerk, and bought skeins of black and maroon (about \$4.00 apiece). There are many other colors to choose from. My great-great grandkids will be tying with it—that's how much there is in a skein.

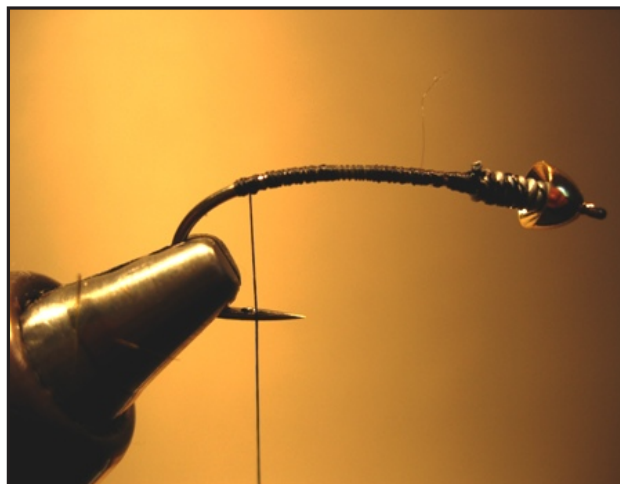
I threw it into my tying bag for my Fall River trip, just for giggles. While there, I had good luck on large fish using a fly called "Bloody Black Leech," tied with STS Trilobal Dubbing in the bloody-black color. After losing the last of the leeches, I discovered I didn't bring the STS dubbing. The Disco Yarn caught my eye and the wheels began to turn. What I ended up doing was twisting a black and a maroon piece together to intermix the colors. The result looked good—and it actually performed on trout, and fished deeply for me and several others in our group. So, let's tie this extremely simple fly, since there are still a lot of spring bass to be caught.



Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

1. Smash the hook barb. Place the cone onto the hook, place the hook in the vise, and wrap 4 or 5 turns of lead or substitute on the shank. Push it up directly behind the cone; this will hold the cone in place.
2. Secure the lead in place with thread wraps and then wrap back to the end of the shank, just above the back of the now-smashed barb.



Steps 1 & 2



Step 3

3. At that same point, tie in strips of black and maroon Disco Yarn. Twist them together by weaving one around the other until you have a woven strip about 5" long. Using a dubbing comb or brush, gently brush the yarn downward to pull free any of the yarn that was caught in the twisting process. Move the thread forward to behind the cone.

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4. Grab the ends of the yarn with a hackle plier and wrap forward to the cone, being careful not to place too many winds on the hook. It is best to tie leeches sparsely so they present a sleek profile. Leeches don't look fat while they are swimming.
5. Tie the yarn off behind the cone and whip finish. Simple, eh?



Steps 4 & 5

Useful Tips for Fishing Leeches

1. In lakes it's best to use an intermediate line to keep the leech high in the water column.
2. Your strips should be short and slow. If you have watched leeches swim, they generally don't move fast; movement is achieved by contractions of the body, which then stretches out.

Tying Tips

1. When tying with any soft material with long "barbules," such as soft bugger-type hackle or yarns such as Disco Yarn, sweep the material backward as you move toward the front of the fly.
2. Keep things as sparse as the pattern and/or its intended use will permit. I am a firm believer in "less is more" in this regard.
3. When putting beads or cones on hooks, place the hook in the vise so that the jaws grab the shank and the bend is down. This puts the point in a vertical position. Then, using a good pair of tying tweezers, pick up a bead or cone and slip it onto the hook, all the while holding your other hand under the hook to catch the bead or cone if you drop it.

You are going to like how Disco Yarn flies move in the water. When the fly is stripped, the material lays flat against the shank; when it pauses, the material splays out enticingly. With the cone and weight, it also dips and rises with the retrieve.

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 Mike Bean at 208-244-1153, or visit the website at <http://gbflycasters.org>.

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