

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by TinaLyn Sell, GBF President



Hello Members,

Another month of the 2022 year is behind us. The world is starting to open up again, so it is time to decide how you are going to redefine your new "normal" life. Let the past go, figure out what you can or need to do to make your life the best it can be. We have all been given the chance to start anew.

Peruse *The Leader* for an article on information for available board positions. Get more involved in the Granite Bay Flycaster world. Help make it the best it can be with your active participation.

Once again, Mother Nature has done her part. We are heading into spring with a bit more water. The rivers are flowing and the lakes are rising, so be thinking about where you are going to get your fish. You can start by checking

the GBF calendar for upcoming fishouts.

Happy Spring...

## Monthly Program

by David Jones

Our speaker this month is **Mike Bean**, a full-time guide in Northern California and SE Idaho. In his spare time, he is also GBF's VP Membership. He currently guides on the Lower Yuba, Lower Sac, Feather and American River from October to June. In the summer months, he is the Head Guide for the South Fork Lodge in Swan Valley, Idaho. He has guided on the South Fork of the Snake River for over 25 years.

Mike has also guided on several renowned fisheries, such as the Henry's Fork, Teton River, Blackfoot River, Main Snake, Clearwater River, and Rio Palena Lodge in Chile. He is a four-time Idaho top guide winner in the prestigious [Jackson Hole One Fly Contest](#).



A nice South Fork rainbow

Mike will be speaking on the best times to fish the South Fork of the Snake River, and various fly patterns used. For reference, check out his excellent article on fishing the South Fork in the March issue of [The Leader](#).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8.	9.	10. Board of Directors Meeting	11. Rancho Murieta Fishout	12. Monthly Meeting	13.	14.
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18. Sly Park Fishout	19.	20.	21.
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### Nominations for Board Officers and Directors

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on and the members who have been nominated. Prior to the May general meeting, any other club member desiring to run for an office can have their name added to this list by contacting Kim Lloyd at [kim@westernprojectmanagement.com](mailto:kim@westernprojectmanagement.com), or (916) 425-7680).

#### Position

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#### Nominations

Kim Lloyd  
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 Chris Kight  
 Drake Johnson  
 Vic Maiello  
 Mike Churchill  
 David Jones  
 Bob McCarthy

\*A bylaw amendment was passed in 2021 that allowed existing office holders to serve an additional year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Making this change bollixed up the rotation of the '3-year Director' positions. To straighten out this mess one set of the '3-year term' Directors will serve for two-years instead of three. In this case, that will be Drake Johnson & Vic Maiello.

## 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](mailto: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; and 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.

## Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake Fishout

*by Doug Kytonen, Fishout Leader*

Sly Park Fishout this year will be on **Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. I am not sure on the crowds at the lake for this time



of the year, but I hope it is light. This trip is targeting smallmouth bass, but Rainbow, German Brown, mackinaw, largemouth and bluegill can all be caught in Jenkinson Lake. The Department of Fish and Wildlife maintain the fish planting program of trout in Jenkinson Lake. From the Narrows of the lake back to Hazel Creek, including the Chimneys, there is a 5-mph speed limit, so it is quite safe and no worries about skiers and fast boats. The area we will be fishing is about 3 miles from the entrance at the area called the "**Chimneys.**" Here are a couple of pictures

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from the message board **Gene Goss** took last year. Big Thanks to Gene.

If you're interested in going after some nice fighting fish, smallmouth bass is the ticket. A 5-8 wt. rod will be the way to go with a floating or intermediate line working fine. Flies would be an assortment of wiggle tails, wooly buggers or maybe a crawfish or small bait fish pattern will work.

There is a boat ramp at the cove prior to the chimneys called Stonebreaker Launch and Campground. Day use entrance fee is \$14.00/\$10.00 with senior discount. Boat launch is \$10.00/\$9.00 senior and disable discount. I will have the sign-up sheet via email me, or give me a

call. I'll be glad to answer any questions. Check out the website for more detailed information.

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### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

#### Scadden Outlaw Predator Pontoon Boat

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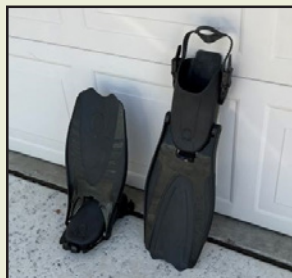
One-person inflatable pontoon in like-new condition. Used once on stillwater and shows no signs of wear. It is 8' long, 52" wide, 13 lbs.

Comes with 2 storage bags, 2 oars, and a soft folding seat. I am including a heavy-duty roller bag, and Omega Amphibian Flip Fins X-Large (11/14) Black that were not included with the original boat.

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## Manzanita Lake Fishout, June 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

*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](http://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 [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) (or [Lassenlodging.com](http://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 instructions 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 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).

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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 I 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](mailto:mikedkaul@gmail.com), or by calling me at (530-677-8022).

### Accomplice to Involuntary "Piscis-slaughter"

by Tony Jelinek

We have seen articles in fishing magazines, heard instruction on podcasts, and had articles in *The Leader* about the proper handling of fish, and have undoubtedly seen the slogan "Keep Fish Wet." As do you, I try to keep the fish wet and in the water, so it can breathe, make sure to wet my hand(s) before touching a fish, and also try to minimize handling the fish by netting the fish, where hopefully the hook just falls out, or with a quick flick of the hook by using the hemostats, the hook is released, and I can just gently release the fish by having it swim out of the net.

As I walked up the beach at Pelican Point at Pyramid Lake during the most recent fish-out on a blustery cold day, I noticed an angler with "fish on." Hadn't I just seen him walk down the beach, plop his ladder in the water, and make a cast? I was collecting my fishing gear to move to another beach, as Pelican was not giving up much on this day. I hadn't seen any fish caught amongst the 15 or so anglers standing or sitting on their ladder style rigs in the couple of hours that I had been fishing, and figured it was time to move on, and then this lucky angler shows up.

I returned once more to the shore to collect my ladder and kept watching the fight between the fish and what seemed a very lucky angler. A fish on his first cast—no fair. I was wondering if he might need some help landing the fish, as I saw no net, and he was having quite a battle. He saw me watching and motioned for me to come over. I grabbed my net and hustled over to help him. I was greeted by "this is a big one, and I don't want to lose it"—nothing like putting pressure on the net man.

He ended up bringing the fish to shore, and once on shore, I hurriedly placed the fish in the net and got it into the water. The fish seemed to revive itself and was getting a bit excited in the net. The lucky angler wanted me to take a few pictures, and to make sure I took many pictures, as he said he never seems to get enough, I started taking pictures from different angles to fulfill the angler's wishes. After we were finished, we placed the fish in the net, and the lucky angler started to move the fish back-and-forth in the water to make sure it was ready to be released. He released the fish and it turned belly-up. I got the fish back in the net and started trying to revive it, when the lucky angler said he would work the fish in the water by grabbing its tail. Thinking that all was well in hand, I grabbed my net and ladder and went up the beach.

Later that evening, the fish-out potluck was held. Of course, we were talking about fish caught, those that were lost, and even the fish of my "buddy," the lucky angler. Somebody said that a dead fish was seen up the beach, and they thought it was probably the fish of the lucky angler, since only two fish had been caught that day. I was devastated. Had I contributed to the fish's demise? Had I been an accomplice to "piscis-slaughter?"

The thought of my contributing to the fish's death haunted me into the night and through my sleep; so much so that I dreamt



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about it. I was in a boat on the American River trying to get a picture of a fish that my fishing buddy had just caught. I couldn't get my wrist camera to work (remember this is a dream). I finally got the camera set-up and told my buddy that if we go further down river, there is a better spot to take a picture. Well, by the time we got back down the river, got the picture, and placed the fish back in the water, the fish turned belly-up, and I woke up feeling awful.

So, why am I telling you this story? It may have been better to keep the story to myself, but I'd rather you didn't make the same mistake that I made. I knew better than to keep that fish out of the water for so long. When I'm with a guide, and we take a picture of a fish, we get the shot set-up; take the fish out of the net that is in the water, snap the picture, and place the fish back in the net in the water. The fish is out of the water for no more than two seconds. If the first picture didn't work, we may try for one more before releasing the fish. I learned a lesson the hard way, and unfortunately, as a result, there is now one less fish roaming the shores of Pyramid Lake. Next time, no more than one picture before the fish goes back in the water. And, there is no need for more than two pictures. Please, don't make the same mistake that I did. It will come back to haunt you.



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## Speaker Program - Input Welcome

*by David Jones*

Happy almost spring everyone. I'd like to take a moment of your time away from fishing to talk about our speaker program for 2022-2023.

First, I wanted to thank **Ed Lloyd** who has admirably managed the program for a number of years.

Second, I wanted to ask for your input. Please let me know what topics you would like to hear about. We are all at different points in our quests to be fly fishing legends. Therefore, we need a robust slate of speakers geared toward all levels of fly-fishing experience. Topics could be equipment, tactics, club offerings and/or venues, to name a few. Also, any recommendations for speakers would be appreciated.

The easiest way to submit your input would be through my email, which is [djj6451@yahoo.com](mailto:djj6451@yahoo.com). Thanks in advance for your suggestions.

## Tenkara Rod Casting

*by John Pellegrin*

Have you ever wondered what all the interest in tenkara is about? If you don't currently have a tenkara rod, have you ever wanted to just look at some and try a few casts, but without spending too much time to try it? Before the May GBF general meeting, a few of us who own multiple tenkara rods, will set up in the area to the lake side of the parking lot and have many of our rods there, with different manufacturers, lengths, and rivers/streams that they each are intended for. If you'd like to cast one a few times, we will set it up for you and help you get started. We will use lines that are easy to cast and without tippet/fly, so you won't have any problems with tangles. If you already own a tenkara rod, as many in the club do, it's a chance to see other rods and perhaps try one, since there's no other venue where you can try rods out. Collectively, we have many rod types and manufacturers represented, so if you're considering buying another rod, this is a chance to see some other rods.

We will be there at 6:00-7:00 before the meeting, so all you have to do is come early to the monthly meeting. Please park in the usual parking area, not the lower lot, as those who set up tables/chairs for the general meeting use that.

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

## Fly Patterns - Ron English Shad Fly



*Ron English Shad Fly*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Any shad hook such as Eagle Claw 1197N or 3908C, sizes 6-10
<b>Thread:</b>	Hot pink (or color to match body)
<b>Tail:</b>	White calf tail
<b>Underbody:</b>	Hot pink floss (or other color such as chartreuse, red, yellow)
<b>Overbody:</b>	Mylar strang
<b>Head:</b>	Thread
<b>Weight:</b>	(Optional) Lead wire or substitute. Tie some with and some without weight

### Description

Ron and Jeanne English showed me this simple fly a couple of years ago. While there are many good shad patterns, this one catches a lot of fish when drifted properly.

### 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. Cover the front ¼ of the hook with thread. Mount the eyes about 1/8" behind the hook eye and on top of the hook. This will cause the hook to ride upside down, which helps to minimize bottom snags.



*Step 1*



*Step 2*

2. Wrap lead or substitute, if weight is desired. Cover it with thread wraps to secure it in place.

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3. Tie in a small bunch of calf tail just above the barb of the hook which you should have smashed by now. Fishing barbed shad hooks is unsafe. If, due to wind or an errant cast, you happen to hook yourself, or if another angler sinks one in you, although it still hurts, the de-barbed version will back out easily. The barbed version is difficult and painful to remove.

4. At the same point as the tail, tie in a strip of mylar. You can use mylar tinsel, which comes on a spool, or salt water pearl flashabou.
5. Tie in hot pink (or other color) floss at the same point and wind it forward to the rear of the eyes; tie it off there.
6. Wrap the mylar forward as an overbody, and tie it off at the same point as the floss.
7. Form a head with the tying thread, and whip finish. Apply head cement or superglue, since the thread will be slippery and it helps to keep the eyes in place.

*Steps 4, 5, 6, & 7*

## Useful Tips for Shad Fishing

1. Keep it simple. You won't need your gadget-laden vest. All you need is your fishing license, a small box of shad flies, a spool of 8 or 10 pound maxima for your leader, a forceps and a nipper.
2. Don't use tapered leaders for this type of fishing. Your leader should be short (6 feet) and stout. The object is to get the fly down quickly for the swing.
3. A good sink tip such as a Teeny 200 (for single-handed rods) will do in most situations. For higher flows you may have to go up to 250 or 300 grain lines.

## Tying Tips

1. When tying on eyes (whether on the top or bottom of the hook) just wrap diagonally between the eyes and around the hook. Once you've done this 5 or 6 times, wrap horizontally around the eyes. This tightens up the diagonal wraps. Don't bother with the "figure 8" method as it ends up not nearly as tight. Always add superglue before proceeding with the rest of the fly.
2. When tying flies such as the one in this month's article, it pays to coat the body with a good, flexible cement such as Dave's Flexament or Softex. You will get more use out of your flies by taking this step.

*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>.

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