

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Kim Lloyd, GBF President

The club will celebrate its 35th year anniversary as a 501 ©3 Nonprofit Corporation this December. However, it is important to note that GBF is not a run-of-the-mill nonprofit because it is additionally classified as a "Public Benefit" corporation, too. This means the club's operations must create a positive impact on society and the environment.

The Conservation Committee is one way the club meets this operational objective. This committee hosts quarterly speakers whose presentations are focused on the enhancement of fisheries and water resources. The committee also organizes (or coordinates with other groups) events that improve local waters. Past events have included streamside clean-ups, the removal of noxious weeds and non-native plants, plus fish counting efforts in Putah Creek and the Truckee River.

All of this brings us to the committee's September 19th meeting. This is when Dan Johnson from Trout Unlimited (TU) will be speaking. TU is an organization that has been actively improving local waters; especially those in and around the Truckee River. Club members are encouraged to attend Dan's presentation and learn about TU's on-going efforts to enhance recreational fisheries. A separate email blast will be sent with the time and location of the meeting.



Monthly Program

The speaker this month is **Luong Tam**, a rod designer and maker who has been fly fishing since the 90s, became "hooked" on Tenkara, and ultimately started his own company, Tenkara Tanuki Rod Company. He has studied under the living Tenkara legend, Masami Sakakibara, and developed rods that are fun and simple to use. He believes fly fishing with Tenkara rods is a modern way of fly fishing today,

Understanding the Tenkara system helps to get the best use of the rod. Casting is the essence of fly fishing. Tenkara casting is no different; it just has a different set of challenges. Tenkara fishing techniques focus on fly manipulation rather than focusing on matching flies.



In March 2019, Luong spoke at GBF, covering the essence of the Tenkara system, plus casting and fishing techniques. This month he will delve deeper into Tenkara to discuss the rods, lines, casting and fishing techniques, and landing fish, based on the science of physics.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Virginia Lake Fishout Report

by Michael Kaul, Fishout Organizer



Fourteen GBFers had a great time at Virginia Lakes July 18-24. The weather was beautiful (a little rain on the 18th), with temperatures in the low 70s during the day, and 50s at night (near 100 in Bridgeport). There was a pretty brisk wind on Friday afternoon, but otherwise minimal. The fishing was pretty slow at Trumbull Lake at the campground, but much better at the two Virginia Lakes. I got 20+ at Big Virginia in 4 hours midday, and others did well there and at Little Virginia. Some big (4+ pound) fish were caught by **Cathy** and **David Hiromoto**, and **Rick Wiesner** at Little Virginia, and by **Mike Bone** at Big Virginia.

Besides fishing, **Sandy Kaul** and **Kathi Gervais** took a beautiful 3-4-mile hike above the lakes to Cooney Lake. **Ron Strautman** biked down the road to highway 395 and back up 6 miles and 2000' elevation. Sandy and Ron's daughter and her family came up for the day from Mammoth Lakes where they were vacationing and tried float tubing for the first time, while Ron and my wife tended the kids. I think we will have a couple of repeat attendees. **Dave Fujiyama** heard a racket about 3:00 one morning, and went to investigate. A bear had invaded the bear locker of two

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young ladies who were then hiding in the restroom. Dave's title is now GBF, Great Bear Ferreter.

A great taco dinner was enjoyed by all on Thursday evening and, as usual, folks attacked the dishes right after. This is a terrific

location for a fishout, and hope that even more folks will join us next year.



Heritage Trout Challenge

by Mike Churchill, GBF Coordinator

After an informal meeting on August 23rd, the group of GBF members intent on pursuing the California Heritage Trout Challenge have come up with a tentative schedule of fishouts for 2023. (The Heritage Trout Challenge requires catching any six of California's eleven native subspecies of trout within their historic watersheds. Lots of information is available on the CDFW website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/inland/htc>.) We hope that several of these will become annual or biannual club traditions. The tentative schedule is:

Late March/early April TBD: Eagle Lake (Fishmaster: Kim Lloyd)

June 23-25: Goose Valley / Warner Valley Red Bands (Fishmaster: Trevor Segelke)

July 13-17: Kern River Rainbow / Little Kern Golden Trout / California Golden Trout (Fishmaster: Mike Churchill)

August 30-September 3: Coastal Cutthroat (Fishmaster: Mike Churchill)

September TBD: Lahontan Cutthroat day trip(s) to Heenan Lake (Fishmaster: Joey Nizuk)

Mark your calendars if you are interested in pursuing the HTC. There is no time limit on completing the HTC, so you can attend one or more fishouts in 2023 and continue your pursuit with different trips in 2024 and future years. More information will be in future editions of *The Leader*, on the GBF member message board, and at future monthly club meetings. If you want to know more about the HTC, or are willing to lead a fishout, contact me at any club meeting, or by email at mikechurchill@hotmail.com.

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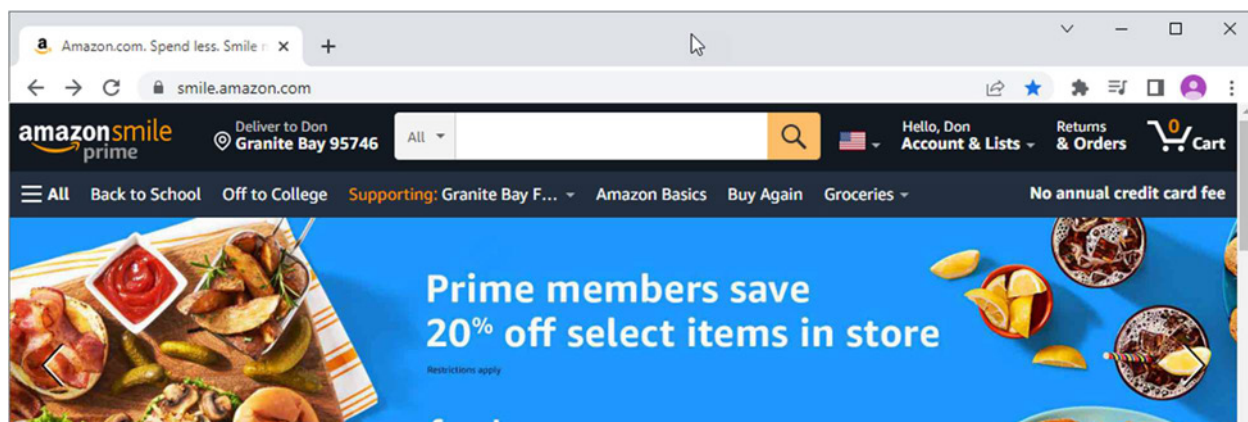
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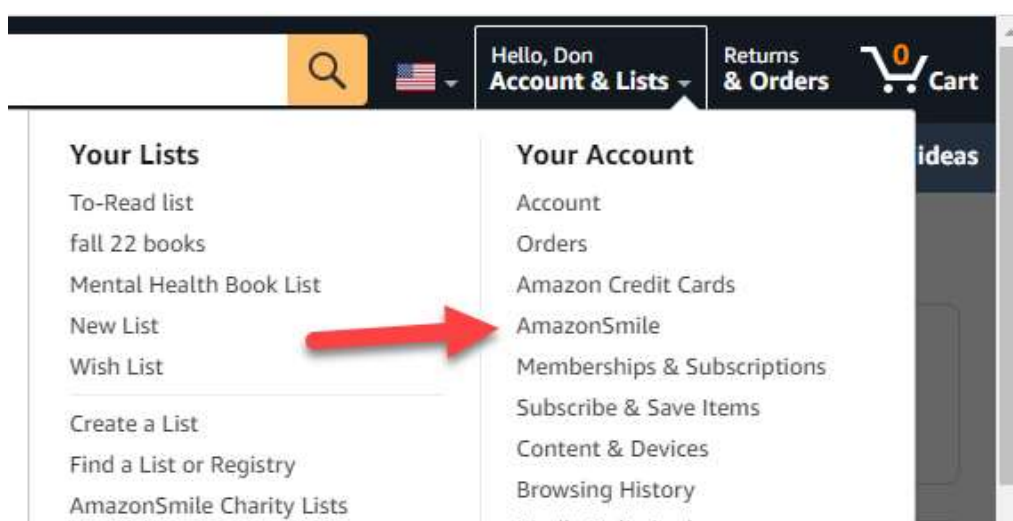
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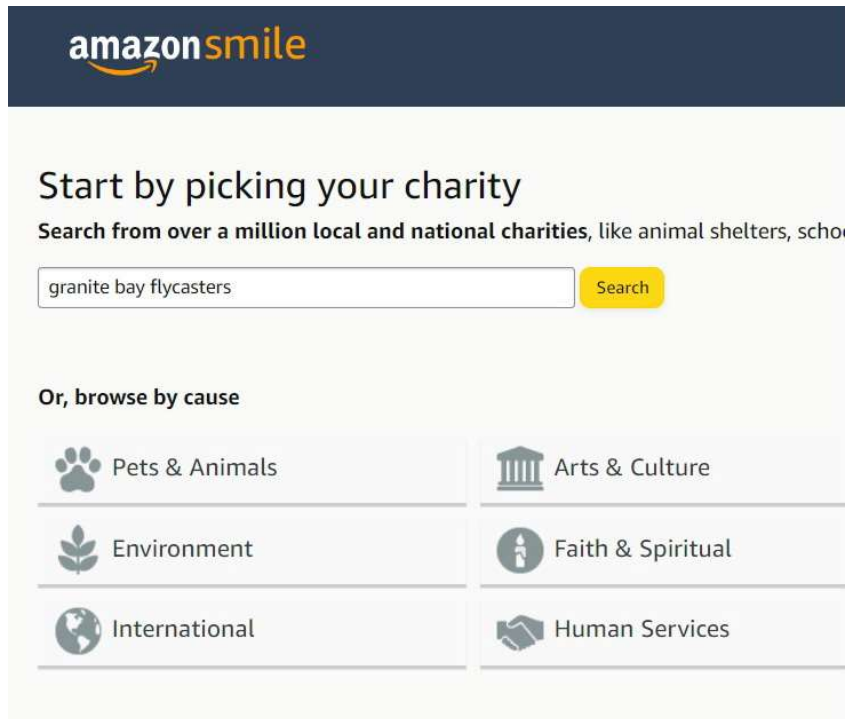
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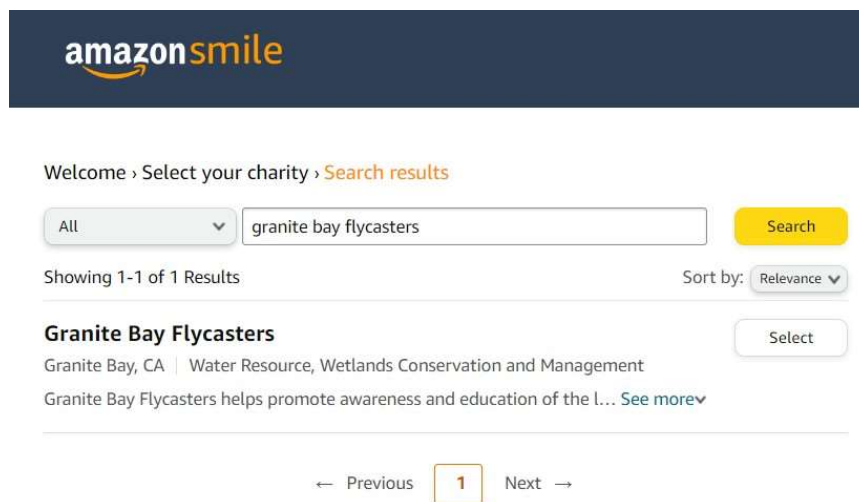
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At this point, you are ready to start using Amazon Smile, and a small percentage of every purchase will be sent to GBF, and received by the GBF Treasurer.

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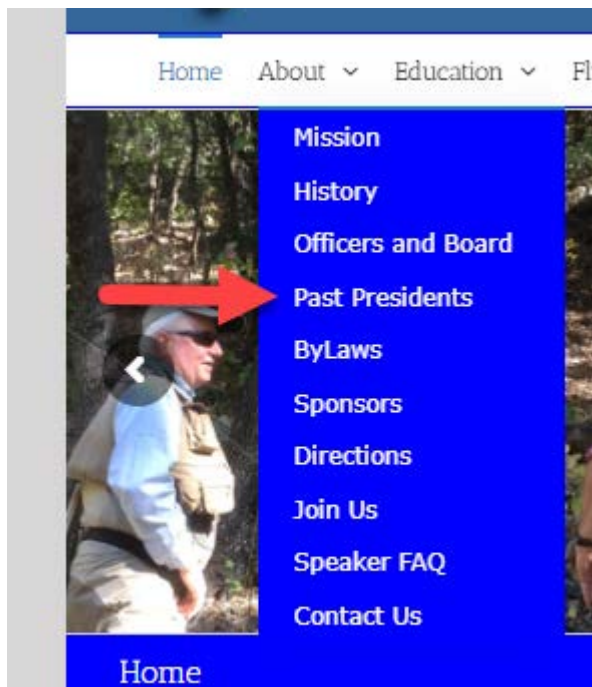
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This is also a link to Amazon Smile on the GBF home page on the website.
It will always be there, just click on it and you're at Amazon Smile.



New Website Feature



A new feature has been added to the home page to recognize GBF's Past Presidents since the club began in 1985. Most are still active members and continue to support the club in various ways.

To access this feature, please go to the Home Page at gbflycasters.org, select "About" on the header, and scroll down to Past Presidents.

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.

Dan Allwardt
Robert Pfau

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Thomas Ketchingman

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If interested, contact Art Hawkins at aohawk@gmail.com

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

Fly Patterns - Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis



Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis

Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 or similar bent shank 2x Long hook, sizes 6-10
Bead:	Burnt orange glass bead with silver lining
Thread:	Brown 6/0
Tail:	Small tuft of dark brown marabou
Body:	Brown dubbing mix "Paxton's Buggy Nymph highlighted with bronze brown Lite Brite
"Sticks":	Pheasant tail fibers mixed into the body
Collar:	1st collar: burnt orange Buggy Nymph; 2nd collar: black Buggy Nymph
Legs:	Dark brown or black hen (Optional)
Weight:	15-20 wraps of .020 lead or substitute

Description

The Stick Caddis pattern has been very successful over the years. It was born many years ago in its original form on the North Yuba, one of my favorite streams. The current versions of the fly (there are several) reflect a long metamorphic history of tweaks and improvements. One of my favorite versions is the one I call the "Fall Phase". Although I use the Stick Caddis in one form or another all year long (even for Winter steelies on certain rivers),

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the Fall Phase is reserved for the magic months of late September, October, and November when the October Caddis hatch is in full swing. Those who have fished the fly can attest to the fact that it is deadly when fished properly, meaning fished as a "rock roller" as Andy Burk would say, right on the bottom. I combine this fly with an emerger on the rigging, but that's next month's article. For now, let's kick out a few Fall Phase Stick Caddis.

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 unless you are using a barbless hook. Place the bead on the hook and cover the shank with 15-20 wraps of lead or substitute. Push the wire up against the bead and cover the shank and wire with thread. Apply a coat of Flexament to hold it all together.



Step 1



Steps 2, 3, & 4

2. For the tail, cut a small bunch of dark brown marabou and tie it in just above the back end of the barb. With your thumb and forefinger shorten the marabou by pulling on it sharply, "don't" use scissors to cut it as it results in a blunt, non-lifelike appearance.
3. Form a dubbing loop and insert your dubbing loop tool into the loop. Fill the loop with the dark brown dubbing mix by pulling small bunches of it from a wad held in your hand. This technique is very important to the overall silhouette of the fly.
4. Twist the loop into a "chenille" by spinning the dubbing loop tool. It helps to hold the loop closed at the point where the dubbing inserted into the loop ends and then spin the tool.

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5. Using hackle pliers, grab the "chenille" at its bottom end, cut the thread below the pliers, and wrap the rear 1/3 of the body. Don't cut the "chenille;" rather, keep the hackle pliers attached and move them out of the way.
6. Tie in six pheasant tail fibers, two at a time, spread around the hook. Sweep them back and take a few wraps in front of them. These are the "sticks;" they should be of random lengths when you are done.

*Steps 5 & 6**Steps 7 & 8*

7. Move the thread forward and repeat steps 5 and 6 for the middle 1/3 of the body.
8. Take two wraps of dubbing in front of the last set of sticks and tie off and cut the dubbing loop. Place a few more "sticks" in front of these last wraps.

9. Form a second dubbing loop; place three small bunches of burnt orange dubbing and two small bunches of black dubbing into the loop. Twist the loop as in step 4 and wrap the "chenille" forward to behind the bead. This creates the two collars; first the burnt orange, and then the black. Tie off and trim the loop.

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10. Tie in a black or dark brown hen hackle wet fly style and take three wraps behind the bead. Tie off and trim the hackle. Whip finish.

Step 10

Finished Bill's Fall Phase Stick Caddis Fly

Tying Tips

1. Don't blunt-cut marabou after it's been tied in as a tail. Instead, use your fingernails to "pop" it off at the proper length. This creates a more lifelike, uneven appearance that looks much better in the water.
2. When forming a dubbing loop, always close the top of the loop by dropping the bobbin over the loop and then wrapping forward on the shank. This makes it much easier to keep the material inside the loop as you work with it.

Fish this beast in pocket water. The reason I call it the "Fall Phase" is because during the emergence the larva changes color from pale yellow to a burnt orange tone. See ya on the creek.

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



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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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