

The Leader

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Leader's Line

by Kim Lloyd, GBF President

Wow! March was quite a month! It was a sweet combination of atmospheric rivers and annual dinner efforts. Yeah, both of those have been checked off my bucket list.

It's now time to go outside and get on the water. Heavy snow melt means heavy stream and river run-off. That means there will be more float tubing and less wading opportunities. Fortunately, there are plenty of local float tube options, including: Rancho Seco, Greenstone, Finnon Reservoir, Sly Park (Jenkinson Lake) and Cameron Park Lake.

Need more ideas? Then, log on to the club's Facebook page to see who's doing what...and where they are doing it. Or, go to the club's website and visit the Fish-out section. Four fish-outs are scheduled for April. And, BTW, the webmasters have been tinkering with the website. This means signing up for a fish-out is now easier than ever.

Are you a newbie? That is, a new member? If so, then a fish-out is an excellent way to learn about other places. A cool thing for newbies is that Fish-out Leaders will introduce you to another member who has experience on that particular water. The point being, there will be someone that can show you the ropes and answer your questions. But, this won't happen unless you sign up for a fish-out. Excuses be gone...sign up today!

That's it from me, I'm heading out.



Monthly Program

Program overview:



Never too young for shad.

Our speaker this month, **Andy Guibord**, is a familiar face to many as a long-term, local guide on the American River. His presentation will be on: *"Shad From Dawn till Dusk: How to catch the American River Shad on a fly, reading the water and fly presentations."*

His bio:

I was born in Detroit, Michigan. It was off the end of

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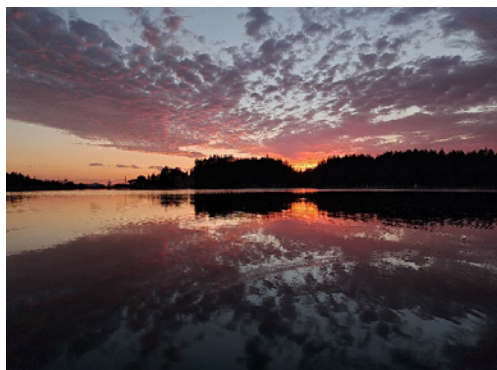
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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my uncle's dock on Pontiac Lake where my love for fishing blossomed with the bluegill, perch and catfish that I caught with worms wiggling under a red and white bobber. Now, I am 62 and still fishing. I moved to California in 1979 in order to go to college, and graduated from CSUS with a Masters in Fine Arts. Currently, I am a fly fishing guide and captain at Kiene's Fly Shop, where I have worked for the last thirty years. I'm a casting instructor in both single and two-handed rod techniques. I'm also a fly tier, photographer and writer—published in the *California Fly Fishing* magazine. My job at Kiene's has sent me around the world fishing in the Yucatán, Belize, Amazon, and New Zealand just to mention a few, in the pursuit of tarpon, bonefish, peacock bass, trout and other finned pursuits.

Volunteers Needed to Teach Fly Fishing for Scouts



[Wente Scout Reservation](#) needs volunteers to teach fly fishing. The reservation is located six miles east of Willits. Weekly sessions run from June 18th thru August 3rd. Teaching days are Sunday thru Thursday. A staff tent is provided, as well as your meals. Classes are two hours in the morning, and two in the afternoon. Scouting is coed.

The reservation lake is called Winawa, and has a healthy population of largemouth bass and bluegill. Fly Fishing Instructors have full access to the lake after classes. You can bring your own watercraft, or use the rowboats or canoes made available to those who would like to use them.

If interested, email Gus Link at flylink48@gmail.com, and he can answer questions, or send a link to the [Sign Up Genius](#) site.

Bill Carnazzo Fellowship

by Mel Odemar

The Granite Bay Flycasters has been funding a fisheries graduate student fellowship at Humboldt State University, now known as Cal Poly Humboldt, since 2008. The original grants provided \$2,000 in student financial aid, and was increased last year to \$3,000. To date, we have provided nearly \$31,000 to the Fellowship.

The terms of the grants are that the student must be a graduate student majoring in Natural Resources Fisheries, in good academic standing and must complete the thesis within the year in which the fellowship is awarded. Preference is given to studies of freshwater, marine, or anadromous fishes and the habitats on which they depend; research on impacts brought about by watershed degradation, exotic species, and pollution; and projects in Northern California. Although the awarding of the fellowships is the ultimate decision of the major professors, the chair of the department of fisheries keeps close contact with me on the choice of recipients, and we are provided with a description of the research and the completed thesis.

Cal Poly Humboldt is the ideal university for fisheries field research, with its proximity to important marine, freshwater, and anadromous environments and access to a marine research vessel, RV Coral Sea, and the Telonichor Marine Research Laboratory. Their emphasis on real world fisheries issues is evident in their involvement in the research regarding the removal of the Klamath River dams. Our Fellowship funding has helped to support several graduate students working on various aspects of the Klamath/Trinity River System.

The basic goal of the Fellowship is to train the next generation of fisheries scientists and managers. The increasing complexity of managing natural resources on a sustaining basis requires a cadre of trained fisheries scientists, managers and policy makers. So far, the students we have helped to support have done very well in their careers, with many of them working for resource agencies and biological consultants, and at least one going on to acquire a PhD.

Our support of conservation education from the primary classrooms, with our Eggs in the Classroom Project, to the Bill Carnazzo Fellowship, is a legacy we can all be proud of.

Conservation Corner

by Bruce Emard, VP Conservation

On March 13th, sixteen GBF members met at the Granite Bay Round Table Pizza parlor to enjoy a live Zoom presentation by Mark Rockwell, president of the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International, on his twenty-one year battle to remove four dams from the mighty Klamath river, once the third largest salmon watershed in the lower forty-eight states. A fourteen-minute, professionally prepared video on the deconstruction of the dams and restoration of the native habitat followed Mark's excellent PowerPoint presentation. We look forward to another presentation by Mark after the dams have been removed, and salmon are once again freely swimming in the Klamath!

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.

Keith Anderson	Mark Anderson	Kevin Burdick	Gary Devers
Jim Forshey	Donald Gibbs	Rober Hargrove	Ed & Sonja Kenney
John & Addison Kipp	Greg Krause	Kyle & Andrea Krummel	Mathew Lavezzo
Dean Lawrie	Mark Pinsk	Frank Rinella	Paul Schindler
George Sims	Gary Tallman	Todd & Teri Wilson	Mike Wintroath

The Jimmy Green World Championship of Spey Casting



The Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club (GGACC) is pleased to announce the 21st annual Jimmy Green World Championship of Spey Casting to be held from Friday, April 21st through Sunday, April 23, 2023 at the world-renowned casting ponds located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park (on John F Kennedy Drive across from the buffalo paddock).

In addition to showcasing product exhibits and casting demonstrations, the best Spey Casters from a variety of countries will again be competing in this (two-handed "Spey rod") distance casting competition.

The GGACC is devoted to introducing everyone to fly casting and angling at their historical club and facility, and promoting numerous casting competitions, including Spey-O-Rama.

This event is open to the public and admittance is free. Breakfasts and lunches are available to the general public and club members in the lodge for a \$10 fee on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Dinner is available on Saturday for a \$30 fee. All meals are complimentary to exhibitors and competitors.

Tenkara 2023

by John Pellegrin

Tenkara continues to grow in popularity in GBF; currently there are over 60 members who own tenkara rods. I've continued to do tenkara clinics and fishouts since 2013. In that time, the overall knowledge about tenkara, as well as my own skill set, has changed considerably, as has the number of sources for information and tenkara rods. The notes that I provide for the Tenkara Fundamentals clinic (previously, Introduction to Tenkara), has also evolved over the years. The current version can be found on the GBF website in the "Articles" page under the "Library" tab. For next year, I'm making some changes in the clinics I offer, and will increase the number of fishouts. This information was also in last November's *Leader*—the clinics and fishouts have not changed. You can sign up for clinics and fishouts on the GBF web on the clinics or fishouts calendar by pressing the "Sign Up" button. All the information will be sent to me. Alternatively, you can use the paper signup sheet at the GBF meetings, although I like the on-line method.

The clinics that I have planned are:

- **Introduction to Tenkara:** This is what we did before the May meeting this year—a chance for you to come early to the monthly meeting and try out a tenkara rod, just to see what it's like. It's not a clinic in the formal sense, and does not require sign-up—just come! You can get a quick lesson


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in tenkara casting. If you have a rod already, it will be a chance to try other ones, something that is not possible to do anywhere else in NorCal. There are several members who own multiple tenkara rods, and they will be there to make them available to try.

- **Tenkara Fundamentals:** This has been called Intro to Tenkara in the past. It will last the morning and part of the afternoon. It will cover rods, lines, flies, and knots. It will teach the basic casts, tenkara fishing approach, and strategy. There is also a section on the practicalities faced on the stream—problems that naturally occur. We will have two experienced casting coaches, **Jim Hopkins** and **Chris Kight**.

broader range of tenkara casts and where to use them, including rotational casts. It will look in more detail at various stream flow intricacies and strategies to deal with them. This clinic will also last all morning and part of the afternoon. There will be two experienced coaches to provide feedback on your casting: **Gary Tateishi** and **Stevy Lee**. The clinic will be followed up soon thereafter with a fishout on a stream where the techniques discussed and tried in the park can be done on the stream, again with feedback from the coaches.

The second two clinics are intended for people to take multiple times if they wish. Just as with rod/reel casting, tenkara casts benefit tremendously from practice and feedback from casting coaches. It's also helpful to revisit the other topics in these clinics.

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I have 4 fishouts planned for 2023:

- **Silver Fork (of the S. Fork of the American):** There was not a fishout there last year because of the Caldor fire and the unknown impacts when the fishouts were planned. As it happened, the fishout location (Hell's Delight bridge off of Silver Fork Rd.) was minimally impacted, and the fishing is good. It will be in the summer.
- **There will be two fishouts on the Upper West Carson.** The location is at the south end of Hope Valley—officially Faith Valley. It has become a very popular fishout, and to avoid too large a crowd I will have two fishouts. They will be in early summer before the water gets too low or warm. There will be some uncertainty this year as to when Blue Lakes Rd. will be opened in that section of the road. The fishing location is at 7500', and may still have snow at the end of June.
- **In September I'll have the East Carson** fishout. By that time the flow is down considerably, and is great for fishing tenkara.



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If you have wanted to try tenkara on a fishout, the club owns three tenkara loaner rods. As long as you get some orientation from me on the rod, or take the Tenkara Fundamentals clinic, you can attend any of the fishouts.

Pyramid Lake Fishout April 17 - 19, 2023

by Eric Palmer

The eighth annual GBF Pyramid Lake fishout and all-around fun time is near, so mark your calendar for **April 17-19** (Mon-Wed, 3 nights). Then, be sure to sign up either with a post to the [GBF Message Board](#), or by shooting me an ericp9441@pacbell.net to get on the list.

Pyramid Lake, 45 minutes north of Reno, the destination of the Truckee River, and about the size of Lake Tahoe, is a remnant of an ancient inland sea that once reached from Oregon to Reno, and west to Susanville, CA. I learned of this some years ago when asking how its native [Lahontan cutthroat](#) trout arrived in a lake in the middle of the Nevada desert. They swam from the Columbia River 17,000 years ago!



*Where following the crowd
is a good thing.*



Anglers on Pyramid face the anomaly of hoping for windy, cloudy, cold, rainy weather that seems to improve the fishing geometrically, versus the comfort of fair weather and a subsequently lower catch rate, or, maybe not. So, while our timing is on the cusp of more comfortable conditions for humans, come prepared for cold and rain...or sun and a warm gentle breeze, you just never know with Pyramid.

Lodging can be found on the lake in rental cabins or trailers at the former Crosby's Lodge, now Pyramid Lake Lodge under Paiute tribal ownership; or, park your personal RVs at the improved and paved

*Just hangin' out and tellin' lies:
a vital part of every fishout.*

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The "fly" that fools many Pyramid cut-throats. Tail optional.

minutes back in Reno/Sparks at a fancy hotel. We usually have a good number of campers at the fishout, making it easy to find a comfortable hang-out spot for a periodic break and some socializing. And then, there's our pot-luck dinner one night.

A couple years ago, at the top of her game, was **Michelle Davidson** with 13 beautiful cutts to the net—and most did nearly as well—including her catch you see here. This 32-36 inch beast fell for **Doug Ouellette's** Pyramid classic chartreuse/white Popcorn Beetle with optional white tail seen below.



Michelle's Big One.

Although, there is no critter in Pyramid Lake actually matching those colors, the fish don't seem to care.

If you are new to the lake or need a refresher, you will receive any orientation and coaching needed for a fun and successful trip, but the catching is ultimately up to you and your relationship with Lady Luck. Members who sign up will receive via email ample tips on rigging, flies and techniques needed to be successful.

So, sign up and join us! In the meantime, go [here](#) to the GBF Message Board Pyramid fishout template for introductory information on tackle, flies and techniques. You can go online and buy your tribal permit [here](#), no NV fishing license required. You can also buy your permit on site at the tribal ranger station close to Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe.

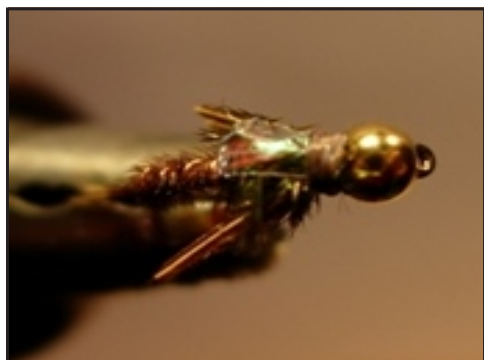
Hope to see you there!

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.

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in April 2008)

Fly Patterns - Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT



Materials:

Hook:	Daiichi 1130 (or Tiemco 2457) scud hook, sizes 16-20
Thread:	Brown 8/0
Bead:	Small gold bead (2mm)
Tail:	Three pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen:	Black crystal flash
Ribbing:	Hot orange and opal black Estaz or Jay Fair "Short Shuck"
Wing Case:	Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax:	Peacock herl
Legs:	Pheasant tail fibers

Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT

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Description

Last month we featured a *baetis* cripple pattern. This month we'll tie a very popular *baetis* nymph.

Anyone who has experienced a *baetis* (or, blue winged olive mayfly) hatch knows that nymph patterns representing *baetis* larvae can be phenomenally successful at times. I recently had such an experience on the Upper Sacramento River on a cold overcast afternoon. At around 1:00 p.m. I began seeing tiny *baetis* adults on the surface, but no surface fish activity. I had been fishing two stonefly nymphs on a short line rig; the *baetis* hatch inspired me to add a tiny PT (pheasant tail) nymph as a "stinger" trailing behind the bottom stonefly. I selected a #18 "swimming" version of the PT, which also included a bead and a piece of mylar tinsel added over the wing case. The reaction was immediate—a series of large fish, all on the PT, taken from pocket water on one of my favorite Upper Sac stretches, including a lunker that I lost as he disappeared over the lip of the pool and threw the hook after straightening the hook. At around 3:00 p.m., the action stopped as if someone had dropped a curtain. Noticing that my hands and feet were nearly frozen, I headed for the truck with a smile and a loud "yes-s-s-s-s-s."

I talked to Bob Grace the next morning at the Ted Fay shop. When I told him about the tiny fly, he showed me his "two-minute PT"—but that's another story. I did watch him tie one and yes, it's done in two minutes. I promise to feature this fly in a future column, after I get Bob's permission. For the time being, let's build a Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT.

If you'd like to read more on *baetis* mayflies and their behavior, go to www.troutnut.com for good, plain English angler-oriented information; once you are on that site, use their search tool to find *baetis* info.

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. Slip the bead onto the hook and wrap 3 or 4 turns of fine (.010) lead wire behind the bead. Apply a thin layer of Flexament on the hook shank and cover the shank with thread, including about half of the hook bend.



Step 1



Steps 2 & 3

2. Tie in three pheasant tail fibers as tails, splaying them out. They should be short—no longer than half the shank length. Don't cut the butts.
3. At the same point, tie in a piece of small copper wire. Pull it back and out of the way.

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4. Using your hackle pliers, grab the butts of all three PT fibers and wrap them forward, leaving room for the wing case behind the bead. Tie off the fibers and trim the butts.
5. Grab the copper wire with your hackle pliers, wrap it forward in even turns, and tie it off at the same place as the PT fibers were tied off. This strengthens the PT abdomen.

6. At the same point tie in a small strip of mylar ribbing material and let it lie back over the abdomen. Tie in four PT fibers at the same point. The mylar and PT fibers should be pointing to the rear and should be out of the way.
7. Tie in 4 peacock herls. Twist them together and wrap them into the thorax space, right up to the back of the bead, where they should be tied off.

*Steps 6 & 7**Steps 8, 9 & 10*

8. Bring the PT butts over the top of the peacock herl, tie them down behind the bead, and don't cut the remaining butts, as they will become the legs.
9. Bring the mylar over the top of the PT Wing case and tie it down behind the bead. Pull the PT fibers back and tie them down in that position. Tie everything down firmly behind the bead and apply a tiny drop of super glue at that point.
10. Whip finish.

Tying Tips

1. Bob Grace substitutes black midge-size sparkle braid (made by UTC, and in spools) for the peacock herl. It looks nearly identical to peacock and is much more durable.
2. Substitute copper or black beads for the gold bead called for in the pattern to change the appearance of the fly slightly. I like to carry such different versions in case the fish start rejecting the "standard" tie.

Fish this little gem in pocket water during an afternoon baetis hatch and hold on. Go rip a few lips, and....

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: \$35; Family memberships: \$40; and youth (under 18): \$17.50. There is also a \$15 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated. 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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