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## Leader's Line

## by Kim Lloyd, GBF President

The June 12<sup>th</sup> Conservation Committee Meeting was a lively session, to say the least. It was a classic example of American town hall politics in action. Disinformation, misinformation and bad information were as plentiful as the free pizza handed out at club expense. A truthful fact was, now and again, unwittingly uttered. It was a beautiful event to witness.

And the best thing about it? It looks like there may be a new organization that could be a long-time recipient of club donations. This new organization appears to meet the criteria about which most members expressed concern. That is, members wanted an organization that would: 1) be focused on projects that preserve/protect flowing waters; 2) use the donations for



local projects; 3) have a successful history of completing projects; and 4) be small enough to appreciate the club's donation.

This new organization received a smaller slice of the donation pie than other recipients because it is not a well-known entity. It was stated this organization will start a new Truckee area project by August. Time will tell if this statement is accurate. Hopefully, the project will timely start and the club will have: 1) supported a local project that enhances our home waters; 2) identified a new organization that deserves additional donations.

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# Monthly Program

Our speaker in July is **Tom Page**, the owner of Reel Anglers Fly Shop in Grass Valley, California. Tom started guiding in 2002.

He guides the Yuba and Feather River for trout, Steelhead and Shad. He also guides the lakes located in the foothills near Grass Valley and Nevada City, targeting Small Mouth,



Spotted and Large Mouth bass. When Tom gets free time to fish, he chooses to chase bass over trout.

His presentation will cover several techniques to be successful at catching bass. He will cover the Float-N-Fly, long line jigging, sinking lines and top water. He will show you how to build leaders to cover all techniques.

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One more thing about the club's conservation efforts. These efforts are not limited to donations. These efforts can also include events where club members supply elbow grease and manual labor. In past years, the club's conservation efforts have included the hand-pulling of invasive plants and the removal of streamside trash & debris. The point being, that if you have an idea about a conservation effort, then contact **Bruce Emard** (VP of Conservation) to get the event broadcast to other members, and then put together a game plan to "get 'er done."

That's it from me, I'm heading out to a home water.

# Virginia Lakes Fishout July 24-30, 2023

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra, just south of Bridgeport off of 395, just before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is "eastern side incredible." We will be staying at Trumbull Lake campground at 9,700 feet. If you are concerned about the elevation, you might consider staying a night at Twin Lakes or the Tahoe area on the way. Drink plenty of water on the way up! This is a nice campground with water and exceptionally nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line (6 months in advance), but unless there are cancelations, they will be gone. Only 2/3 of the sites are reservable, so we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). These are also very beautiful and right next to a stream, and are free, but have no water and very limited bathrooms. There is very limited cell service in the entire area.

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The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumbull Lake. There is excellent wet and dry fly fishing at all three lakes, as well as in the multiple lakes just up the trail. There are plenty of opportunities for stream and river lovers as well. These include Virginia Creek, Green Creek and the West and East Walker Rivers just down the road. There is a store at Little Virginia with high priced goods, a little restaurant (very nice breakfasts and lunches), and hot showers. They also rent cabins, usually for a week, but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented. Here is their web address: <a href="http://www.virginialakesresort.com">http://www.virginialakesresort.com</a>. Bridgeport is a 30-to-45-minute drive, and there are motels if camping is not your thing.

There will be a communal dinner on Thursday or Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>, for all who attend (be sure to check with the host for possible changes). Looks like tacos are back, thanks to vaccines, as long as the numbers attending don't get too big. This is a great family outing, as there are a variety of things to do besides fishing. The hiking is excellent with relatively short distances between lakes. Just down the road there is horseback riding, and the old gold ghost-town of Bodie is within 45 minutes. The city of Mammoth is less than an hour away, as is the entrance to Yosemite.

The lake fishing is generally float tube with sinking line (intermediate - fast). Catching twenty fish in a day has not been extraordinary, however the last few years the hatcheries on the eastern side were hit with a fungus infection, and they had to toss out 1.5 million fish, so who knows. I will be available to help anyone who desires it. Flies will be plentiful, as I will bring my tying stuff, as will others. There will be extra equipment available for anyone to use (newcomers), including tubes and fins. Rods from 3-6 wt. are the norm.

Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you are planning to come so I can get enough camp sites and bring enough taco fixin's.

Michael Kaul <u>mikedkaul@gmail.com</u> (530) 677-8022 or cell (916) 337-5468

# California Golden Trout Fishout Heritage Trout Challenge

## by Mike Churchill, Fishout Leader

July 13-17, I will be leading the second Heritage Trout Challenge fishout in pursuit of California's State Fish, the California Golden Trout. We will be camping at Troy Meadow on Sherman Pass Road and fishing several small tributaries of the South Fork of the Kern River, including Fish Creek and Jackass Creek, for native Golden Trout. Browns, Rainbows and Rainbow/Golden hybrids are available in the South Fork of the Kern itself.

Some meadow sections of various creeks are immediately accessible at the campground and nearby roads, and the road crosses the South Fork 10 miles to the Southeast at Kennedy Meadows. Numerous other stream options in the adjacent Domeland, South Sierra, and Golden Trout Wilderness Areas require hiking and/ or 4WD, including the famous Monache Meadows. Stealth will be more important than casting ability or fly selection. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at 916-833-7071 as soon as you can.

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

## **Election Results**

The club's annual election for Officers and Directors was held at the June general meeting. All of the existing officers were re-elected and three new Directors were chosen. These new Directors included **Mike McKinley, Scott Vaughn** and **Jim Monical**. A big thanks for these three guys to step up. Here's the current list of Officers and Directors:

Club Officers		Board of Directors	
President	Kim Lloyd	3-year term expires 2024	Drake Johnson
VP Membership	Mike Bean	3-year term expires 2024	Victor Maiello
VP Conservation	Bruce Emard	3-year term expires 2025	David Jones
Secretary	Don Harris	3-year term expires 2025	Mike Churchill
Treasurer	Chris Kight	3-year term expires 2026	Mike McKinley
		3-year term expires 2026	Scott Vaughn
		1-year term expires 2024	Jim Monical

A double-big thanks to the three Directors whose terms just expired. This list would include **Joey Nizuk**, **Brett McKague** and **Bob McCarthy**.

#### Manzanita Lake Fishout - New Date

#### by Michael Kaul, Fishout Leader

Hey there GBF'ers. After the June Manzanita trip had to be canceled, we have rescheduled it for August 27-31. We chose these dates because there were quite a few open camp sites available. We already have 15 folks signed up, and have 9 sites in the A & B loops (we are in A48).

There will be a chili/cornbread dinner provided to all attendees tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, but check with us. I have no idea about what to fish with, as I have only fished it in early June, but we'll figure it out. The fish are wild (no plants for over 40 years)—rainbows and browns in the 18-20" range that are beautiful. New members are very encouraged to attend fishouts, as it is a great way to meet people. Gear to try—tubing if you don't have anything—can be provided upon request. Let me know.

Check the fishout template **HERE** for more info, or call me at 916 337-5468. Hope to see you there.

## Conservation Corner

#### Bruce Emard, Vice President of Conservation

Your Conservation Committee met on Monday, June 12, 2023 at the Loomis Pizza Factory to decide which charitable organizations would receive a share of the \$10,000.00 your Board of Directors authorized for conservation related donations. After fine pizza dining, heated discussion, and back room maneuvering, the Committe authorized the following donations:

Friends of the Auburn Ravine: \$3,500.00

Trout Unlimited: \$3,000.00

SARA: \$1,750.00

Truckee River Watershed Council: \$1,250.00

Cal Trout: \$500.00

These funds were generated from the Club's annual dinner which, after three years of covid delay, was a welcome success. Checks have been cut, and soon will be delivered or mailed to these 501(c)(3) organizations.

# Eagle Lake Fishout

## by Kim Lloyd, Fishout Leader

The club's first Heritage Trout Challenge fish-out was held at Eagle Lake between May 31 and June 5. Ten club members participated. Chris Kight, Mike Churchill, Kim Lloyd, Joe Cammarano, Jim Monical, and Lanie & Linda Nizuk arrived Wednesday and Thursday. They were joined late Friday night by Curtis Frank, who rode with Joey & Chrysta Nizuk.

The Christie Campground was originally planned to be "command central" because most attendees stayed at its campsites. But, after the first evening, this name was changed to "mosquito heaven."

The discomfort caused by the mosquitos was more than off-set by a couple of dinners hosted by Lanie & Linda Nizuk. Lanie has a new smoker, and he put it to good use. One night there were a couple of smoked chickens, whereas tri-tip headlined the menu a second night. Too much good stuff!

Several different areas of the lake were fished heavily by club members in float tubes. First, the not so productive ones:

- The shoreline around the Christie Campground got the most attention, but no fish.
- The Rocky Point area was a complete bust because the water levels were still extremely low and unseasonably warm; even after the lake's elevation had risen 3' due to this year's heavy precipitation.
- The area around the Lassen County Children's Center had a lengthy deep-water slot, but no fish were landed.

Now, the productive spots:

- The area around the community of Spaulding.
- The Wolf Point area.

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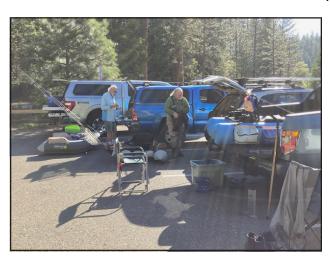
Not many fish were caught by Friday night, and a full litany of excuses had been developed, including: 1) the presence of a bright, full moon; and 2) perfectly clear, calm, blue-bird like days. But, apparently, someone did not get the text about these fishing impediments. Please read on.

It's been said that 10% of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish. Unfortunately, that cruel axiom was implemented on this fish-out. Yeah, that's right. One guy decided he would break with the "no catching fish" precedent that had been established by his elders on Thursday and Friday. He did this by catching not one, but two fish on Saturday.

No one's name will be mentioned but it is understood that Joey & Chrysta's ride home was fairly quiet ... except when someone else in the truck reminisced about the fish he had landed. Longest drive home ever...how many times did they have to hear about that #10 brown/cinnamon colored wooly bugger Curtis Frank had it figured out on a Type III line being retrieved with two quick pulls, followed by a pause?

# Doug Kytonen and Sly Park Fishouts May 19, 2023

#### by Eric Palmer



Gene and Scott rigging up

then Joe fell ill at the last minute, and had to drop out of Sly Park. However, as testament to the GBF spirit to "keep on, keepin' on," the outing remained smoothly on track without a leader, and one could say virtually ran itself. Wendell and I arrived a bit before 8:00, as the fourth vehicle behind **Bob Macy, Jim Degnan** and new member **Scott Myers**. We were soon followed by Scott Vaughn, then Gene Goss and other members new and old, until the limited parking area was full. As others arrived to find no space to park, members who had secured a spot earlier provided shuttle service so the new-comers could park some distance away after dropping off their gear. The whole process went as smoothly as if it had been choreographed in advance, and soon all water craft were either on the beach or afloat. Scott Vaughn was the first one I saw out of Chimney Cove and

This May we held our 19th consecutive Sly Park fishout. Wow, that's a lot. I had to dig deep to find that number. Sadly, this was the first one since 2012 without our friend, Doug. That's the year Doug led his very first GBF fishout, and it was to Sly Park. On May 19th we had a strong turnout with 14 members, ranging from club veterans of many years, to several enthusiastic new or newish members visiting Jenkinson Lake for the first time. Gene Goss initially got this fishout on the schedule in 2004. Then, from 2012 on, Doug ran the show, along with many other still water outings, every year until his tragic and untimely passing in April. More about Doug a bit later.

Joe Cammarano, Doug's long-time friend and regular fishing partner, immediately stepped up and has agreed to take over Doug's fishouts for the balance of the year. But,



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The flotilla assembles

declaring "fish-on" with a bent rod. We would see a lot of that from Scott over the course of the day, and he would end the day with 9 smallmouth to the net, all on the same black wiggle tail he's known for. Bob Macy came in next at 8 on his "Halloween Bugger," with many more hooked and lost by each of them.

The catching could appear easy or tough, depending on location, and we had to find the fish, which even with a fish finder I think can be more blind luck than anything. Early on, there was a "honey hole" of sorts that John Peterson located a bit to the left of the launch point that produced, until it didn't. John hooked up, then I had some grabs, and then a decent smallmouth in the mid-teens found my net after I paused to chat with new member Scott Myers. Fish will often respond to a line that goes limp, allowing the fly to settle while the angler is either day-dreaming or stops to chat with someone.

Wendell and I slowly worked our way to the left end towards the Hazel Creek inlet, with Wendell casting to the bank while I remained farther out in the middle. Close to the end of the cove, Wendell found the sweet spot in shallow water tucked deep in the NE corner as he began hooking up with his black bugger on nearly every cast, ending the day at 5 with 1 lost. I persisted more in the middle to give him space with one to the net, until Wendell invited me over, and then it was fish-on with my first cast. Then, the rest of the gang moved in to join the fun. So, in the interest of sharing, Wendell and I took a lunch break with our boats tucked tight into the bank brush. After lunch, the catching in that area had dropped off, so we slowly retraced our steps back to the chimney.

The persistence and tenacity award should go to Bill Quinn on his anchored pram perched high and dry on a soft comfy seat. Bill's rig de jure was a brown

balanced leech under an indicator, which paid off with 6 smallmouth to

the net and 5 lost. Bill was there when we went down the cove, and remained in the same spot after we left.



Bill Quinn with catch

I lost contact with Gene, **John Peterson**, Jim, and others early in the day, so did not get additional reports. We were back at the chimney put-in spot by 3-ish to call it a day. Once up at the vehicles and de-wadered, there was the usual chit-chat comparing notes of winning flies along with fly photo-ops for first-timers at the lake. If there was a common theme, it was black in the form Scott's wiggle tail, a Pyramid style black "Midnight Cowboy" woolly bugger for Wendell, a black leech for me, Bob Macy's "Halloween Bugger," the only fly he



Wendell's Midnight Cowboy

at day's end.

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uses for bass, and Bill's brown balanced leech; but, the deeper you go in the water column, everything goes to black anyway, so I'm sticking with black as the "special sauce" that day. Should you want more info. on the winning flies, please email: <a href="mailto:gbf-info@gbflycasters.org">gbf-info@gbflycasters.org</a>.



Now, a little about Doug Kytonen:

A 19-year club member, Doug was a dedicated still water angler and a familiar sight with his big red Scadden pontoon in the back of a silver RAM pickup. Arriving at his fishouts, we'd find a Starbucks Coffee Traveler and ample donuts for all on his tailgate, along with a friendly greeting and any fishing advice we sought for the day ahead. Doug knew the waters he frequented well, and his advice was always spot on.

A typical GBF year for Doug would involve 5-6 fishouts at area still water venues, always closing out the year with the traditional Veteran's Day outing to Discovery Bay on the Delta. One of the things that

Doug was noted for early on as a fishout leader, was getting us to new and unfamiliar spots; Stumpy Meadows, Collins Lake, Prosser, Caples, but not at the expense of our regular haunts, like Fuller and Rancho Seco.

Doug's first fishout was to Sly Park in June of 2012. I had just become Fishmaster early that year—back when we had just one Fishmaster—and was very nervous about being able to cajole any members at all to lead a fishout. At a general meeting, I approached Doug during the snack break asking him if he could see himself leading a fishout to a favorite lake. His response was, "Sure, I can do that—no problem.", and the rest is history. Before we knew it, we had 5-6 fishouts with Doug year after year. A few years later, Doug was appointed still water Fishmaster, the person responsible for rounding up new volunteers to lead fishouts. This new role, however, did not detour Doug from his earlier pace of 5-6 outings of his own each year.

Another of Doug's talents was in the kitchen. Doug would periodically volunteer for snack duty at monthly general meetings, and quickly became known for his culinary skills, which one year included, as I recall, no fewer than three crock pots of meat balls, each in a different flavored sauce. At our annual December swap meet/chili cook-off, Doug would regularly take the top prize with his amazing chili. This all made perfect sense, after learning that in an earlier life Doug was district manager for a national chain of family style restaurants where he most likely spent time in the kitchen.

Doug's cheerful presence at our meetings and on the water in his big red Scadden will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

# New Membership Software to be Released on the Website

During the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>, the website will be down for maintenance to configure and launch a new long overdue membership system. Coming are features that will allow you to manage your own membership profile, address, phone numbers, emergency contact, register for events, look for fishing buddies or fishing mentors, and search for fly tyers or casting coaches. A directory of members is included, a color-coded calendar of events, and a new store are also provided. All of this will be accessible by logging into the Membership area of the website using your membership email.

All the details of our fishouts, clinics, and how to fish our favorite fisheries will now only be accessible by club members. Even new members can fully sign up on line and then immediately access the Membership

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features. We are essentially going 100% digital. Even the 2024 renewal process that begins in November will be fully automated. And finally, there's even a place to upload all your favorite fly fishing photos, which will be displayed in your personalized Directory listing.

The Message Board will still exist and require a separate log-in; however, behind the scenes the calendar, classifieds and fishout templates will be turned off as no longer necessary, while the Message Board features for photos, fishery talk, topic discussion and fly tying will remain.

So, look for our website at <a href="https://gbflycasters.org">https://gbflycasters.org</a> and ready yourself to manage your membership profile, register for events and use the Store and Classifieds, and more.

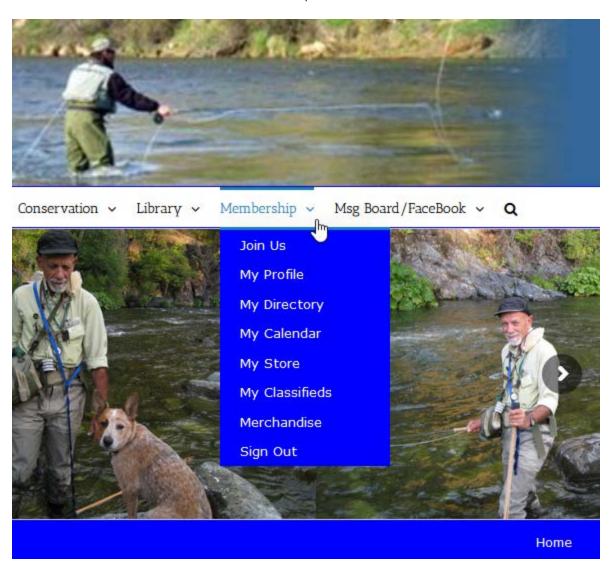


Figure 1 - The New Main Menu for Membership

There will be a lot to do as listed below, and there's a lot of new features to explore, so please read and print the forthcoming release email so you can carefully follow instructions. You will need to set aside about 20-30 minutes to complete, then explore.

It will be mandatory that you log on and complete your registration and a few final membership steps. As of today, all members are listed in the club directory (see 'My Directory'), if you want to be hidden, you can set your privacy settings accordingly.

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For the most part, all member information and event calendar details are not visible to the public, only logged in members can drill into details. Only the high-level calendar without the details is visible to non-members.

To begin, you will go to <a href="https://gbflycasters.org/manage-my-profile/#myaccount">https://gbflycasters.org/manage-my-profile/#myaccount</a>, enter your email address used for you in this email, request a password, and proceed to log in:

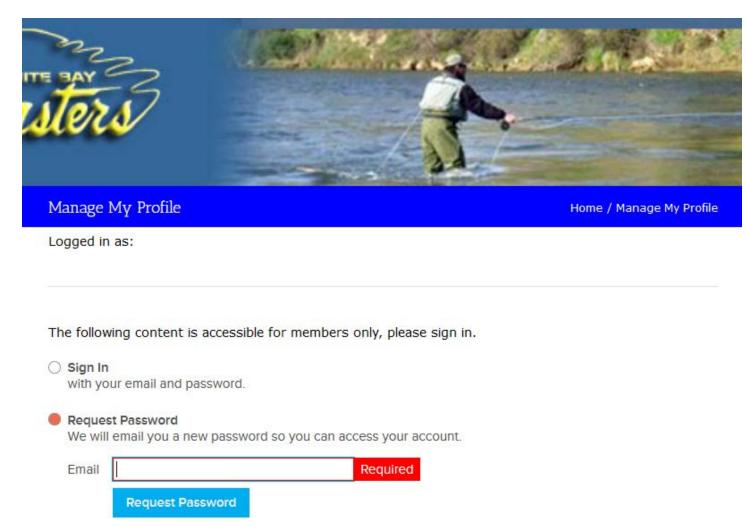


Figure 2 - New Log-On for Your Credentials – Remember to Request your Initial Password Using your Email Address

- Visit your 'My Profile' menu option and update the 8 tabs of member information, such as:
  - o Update the About tab
  - o Add your family members (if you chose a Family Membership)
  - o Update your profile page and also indicate if you are willing to be a fishing mentor or buddy.
  - o Update your privacy preferences
  - o Add any social media links you may have (optional)
  - o Update your business card (optional)
  - o Update your photo gallery (optional)
- Explore 'My Directory'
- Explore 'My Calendar'

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- Explore 'My Store'
- · Explore 'Classifieds'
- Explore 'Merchandise'

All members will be asked and need to download, sign and upload a new digital liability waiver on their main page of their profile; we are moving away from paper-signed waivers, so please read the instructions to do this at: How to Download/Upload Liability Waiver.

Be sure to check out the member Directory, and search for:

- Fly fishing buddies (the list should grow over time as members sign up)
- Fly fishing mentors (the list should grow over time as members sign up)
- Fly casting Certified Instructors/Coaches pre-loaded with members
- Fly tying buddies (the list should grow over time as members sign up)

Again, if you want parts of your profile to be hidden from the membership, you can set your privacy settings accordingly.

And finally, look forward for future emails and articles in *The Leader* on "how-to" and "featured articles" of this new software. As this roll-out progresses, also look for training sessions during the upcoming general meetings.

Should you have challenges or questions, there will be three options:

- Email <a href="mailto:gbf-webmasters@gbflycasters.org">gbflycasters.org</a> (non-urgent matters)
- Call Don Whitecar at 916-804-5384 (your stuck and urgent)
- Call Eric Palmer at 916-969-6683 (your stuck and urgent)

Tight Lines, Webmasters

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

# Fly Patterns - Bill's 12-Step Stonefly



Bill's 12-Step Stonefly

## Materials:

**Hook:** Daiichi 1260 or similar hook, sizes 6-14 **Thread:** Olive or black 8/0, or similar thread

Eyes: Small black mono eyes
Tail: Mini-size gray Turantulegs
Abdomen: Brownish-olive dubbing

**Ribbing:** Fine silver wire

**Legs:** Dark hen hackle and mini-size gray Turantulegs

Wing Case: Mottled golden stone color Thin Skin

**Thorax:** Same as abdomen

Weight: .020 lead, wrapped from mid-bend to behind bead

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## **Description**

I've always espoused simplicity in fly design, and the 12-step Stonefly is no exception. Don't be intimidated by the fact that there are 12 steps needed to complete the fly. Each step is simple and easy enough for a beginner to manage. My main purposes in featuring this new design are: (1) to emphasize the importance of thinking about the order of applying materials; and (2) to demonstrate that a realistic-looking pattern can indeed catch fish if "action" materials are used in its construction. I've been testing this pattern on pocket water streams for some time now, in various colors and in various sizes. I like it for golden stoneflies, as well as dark olive, brown, and black stones. For this month's fly we'll tie it in brownish-olive, size 8.

# **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.



Steps 1 & 2

- 1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless version of the hook. Apply 10 wraps of .020 lead wire to the hook. Flatten the wire with flat-nosed pliers; cover the lead with Elexament and thread.
- 2. Tie the eyes on ahead of the lead and about 1 eye-length behind the eye. It's important to leave this small space ahead of the eyes.

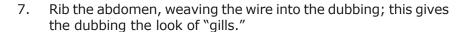
- 3. Return the thread to the rear of the hook and tie in the tails. They should be no longer than 1/4".
- 4. Cut a piece of Thin skin, leaving the backing on it for now. The piece should be ¼" in width, and about 1" long. Cut one end to a shallow "v" and pull the material from the backing. You will notice that one side is shinier than the other; tie the pointed end in just above the back of the barb, shiny side down (when it's pulled over the top, the shiny side will be on top).
- 5. Tie in the ribbing material at the same point, and pull it backward out of the way.



Steps 3, 4 & 5

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6. Dub the abdomen—which will be the rear 2/3 of the hook. Use a stiff brush, wire brush, or similar tool to brush out the sides of the body, and pull the dubbing out to the sides with your fingers. Trim the abdomen to a "v" shape (this gives it a nice taper) back to the tail (careful not to cut the tails).





Steps 6 & 7



Steps 8 & 9

- 8. At the front of the dubbed abdomen, tie in a hen feather dull side up, with the tips to the rear. Later on we'll pull this forward. See the accompanying image for details.
- 9. At the center of the thorax area, tie in the rubber leg material so that you have a total of 4 legs in an "x" shape.

10. Dub the thorax, working the dubbing around and between the legs.



Step 10



11. Pull the hen feather forward, while at the same time sweeping the barbules rearward. Tie off the feather behind the eyes.

Step 11

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12. Grab the Thin Skin and pull it forward over the entire body, stretching it a bit as you do so. Tie it off behind the eyes, and then again in front of the eyes. On the remaining tab, cut a small "v" into the material, pull the material rearward, and tie it off again behind the eyes. Whip finish at that point.



Step 12

# **Tying Tips**

- 1. Be sure to leave at least 1/3 of the front area of the hook for the thorax. This is true for all nymphs, and is especially essential for the proper construction of this stonefly pattern.
- 2. When cutting out your pieces of Thin Skin, give them a slight taper so that when the material is tied in at the tail area, the narrower end is at the back. This will give the shell back a tapered look, to match the taper of the abdomen.
- 3. Don't flatten the lead until it is covered with thread and Flexament. This will keep the lead from breaking apart when you use the pliers to flatten it.

Bounce this beauty through pocket water and be prepared for aggressive strikes. Set the hook at the slightest hesitation of your leader. Go rip a few lips, and....

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

# Bill Carnazzo Fellowship Awarded

## by Mel Odemar

I recently received word that the Fisheries Biology faculty at Cal Poly Humboldt unanimously selected an outstanding candidate, **Jackie Bridegum**, to be a recipient of the **Bill Carnazzo Fellowship**. She will receive a scholarship of \$3,000.

Jackie is exploring whether environmental DNA in water samples could be used to estimate the abundance of juvenile outmigration Chinook salmon in the Sacramento River. Using environmental in water samples presents a novel, non-invasive, efficient, and cost-efficient alternative to rotary screw traps for monitoring salmon. Further, while this study includes highly abundant stocks, such as fall run, it also includes the highly unique and endangered stock of winter run stock of Chinook salmon in California's Central Valley.

Jackie is hopeful that she will be able to complete her thesis this upcoming fall semester, but the funding for her project is starting to run out. The financial support provided by the Bill Carnazzo Fellowship will be invaluable to Jackie as she strives to successfully complete her degree in the coming months.

Her academic advisors have encouraged Jackie to present her finding at a future GBF meeting.



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**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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