



# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



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## Leader's Line

*by Mike McKinley, GBF President*

The days are getting cold and short—time on the water is limited—we turn to tying our flies for next year, or thumbing through catalogues to earmark gift ideas and needs.

As a club, we are doing much the same. We have lots of important, but non-fishing items on the agenda. Chief amongst these are the preparations for the Annual Dinner. **Dave Stolecki** is the main organizer, and he needs lots of help. Please call him, as many needs require a little time, but no real expertise. Another big event is the Pot Luck Dinner in-lieu of the December General meeting. We need a leader to help coordinate this. Other scheduled events are the Swap Meet/Chili Cookoff.

This is a good time to buy your Annual Dinner ticket and raffle entrees. Also, pay your dues renewals now, rather than in January.

I want to issue a big thank you to all the core volunteers who are making a big contribution. We are always in need of new leaders. **Jeff Goodwin** stepped up this year to lead the Conservation group, but has had a health issue. So, we need a replacement for Jeff. We also need an Education Coordinator, and a Stillwater Outings Manager. Please consider joining the ranks of our fine leadership team. Call me, **Mike McKinley**, 408-807-4340, or any of our board members to help out.



## Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off Saturday, December 7, 2024

Don't forget the Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off is just around the corner. So be sure you have it on your calendar so you don't miss it. Second, if you're planning on selling some of that extra gear that is taking up valuable garage or closet space, get it sorted out and ready for the swap meet. Third, is dust off that old special chili recipe and tune it up to enter it in the cook-off. Lastly, sign up for a table to help us be better prepared.

As you all know, this is the event where you'll find the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackle, thread, split shot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. There will be flies hand tied by members selling for less than \$1.00 each. There will be too many items available to mention here, just know you won't go home empty handed. Additionally, you might win the raffle fly box with four dozen flies for just showing up.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Swap Meet/ Chili Contest
8.	9.	10. Board of Directors Meeting	11.	12. Annual Xmas Potluck Dinner	13.	14.
15.	16. Conservation Meeting	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.
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To get the best deals—be there no later than 8:30 AM (by 10:00 AM everything is pretty much bought, sold or eaten). Sellers should reserve table space by contacting **Drake Johnson** ([1drakej@comcast.net](mailto:1drakej@comcast.net), or **916-532-3073**). You should plan on being set up and ready to go by 8:30 AM. Additionally, it helps you sell items if you put price tags on the items you are selling. Large items such as pontoon boats, prams, etc., should be displayed outdoors on the deck or the parking lot.

We will continue with the “free table” again this year. So, bring that stuff you would like to see go to an interested fisherman, but you don’t want to try to sell.

New this year will be the “Club Table.” The purpose of this table is to help with the financial support of the club. The proceeds from these donated items will go straight to the club treasury. To donate items for this table, they should be of a higher quality, not any tattered nickel & dime items. Say, something if you were selling it, you’d ask \$20 or more.

**Chili Cook-off Contest** – Here’s your chance to win bragging rights as the best chili maker in GBF. Winner will be selected by who gets the most votes.

**To participate:**

1. Bring your chili in a crock-pot with a serving spoon, and pre-warmed.
2. Name your chili (This is important, because the name is what is used for voting).
3. Bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
4. Winner will receive a fly box with four dozen flies.

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### Continental Breakfast!

We'll have a continental style breakfast available for \$3.00, and complimentary coffee and water.

### Remember:

1. Get here at 8:30 AM for the best selection. Sales will start as soon as sellers are ready.
2. Stay late for the best price.
3. Bring cash.
4. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside (with price and seller name). Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air).
5. Bring a friend. Bring cash and or your checkbook.

## The Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner December 12, 2024

The annual club potluck dinner will occur on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The clubhouse doors will open around 5:30, and dinner will start between 6:00 and 6:30. Get there early—latecomers will be assigned KP duty. Here's what you bring based on the first letter of your last name:

**A-E:** entrees

**F-K:** Appetizers

**L-Q:** Salads

**R-Z:** Desserts

Here are some helpful hints:

- Bring an extension cord – with your name marked on it – if your dish needs to be kept warm (slow cooker; crock pot; warming plate, etc.).
- Same thing with serving plates and utensils: mark them, too – this is a rough crowd.
- The club will provide napkins, paper plates and plastic utensils.
- The club will also provide hot coffee, sugar/sweetener, bottled water and some sodas.
- A limited amount of spices – think salt and pepper – will be available.

## Upper Sacramento River Fishout Report

*by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader*

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Upper Sacramento River fish-out took place from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fourteen anglers made the trip. This is a beautiful time of the year on the Upper Sacramento River—the trees are showing brilliant color, there is a crispness in the air that can be filled with caddis and mayflies.

We kicked it off on Thursday (Halloween) evening at the old stand-by, the Dunsmuir Brewery Works. Eight made it for dinner. In keeping with the Halloween tradition, we all dressed up as anglers. It being the off-season, the brewery only had one of their beers on tap, and no hot potato salad, but they did have the

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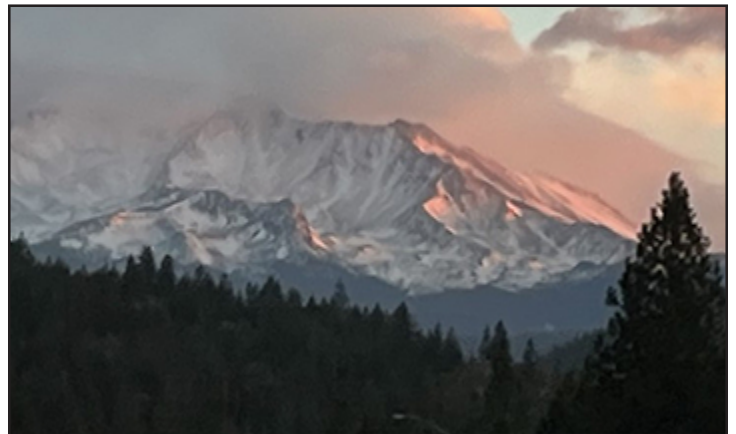
Salmon BLT. **Tom Mersich** and **Dave Fujiyama** had fished and caught a few that day. We all told tales of past fishing successes on the Upper Sacramento, and were looking forward to a full day on the river on Friday.

Of course, we had to stop into Ted Fay's fly shop, owned and operated by Bob Grace and his trusty side-kick, Steven. We were told that the blue-winged olives had been out, along with caddis, and some stone flies. Caddis nymphs and BWO flies were said to be the ticket. I did get the local restaurant report from Bob. Sengthong's is definitely closed. At Cafe Maddalena, the owners retired, so the restaurant is closed. The Pizza Factory is still around. Bee Kind Bakery and the Wheelhouse are going strong. And, in some possible very good news, the Cornerstone Cafe has been sold, and the new owner

has been doing some good things to the restaurant. Perhaps, a great breakfast spot will return. But, this is supposed to be a fishing write-up, not an edition of the Foraging Angler.

On Friday, we awoke to cloudy skies and the threat of rain. Sprinkles came fairly early, and by the afternoon we were enjoying a proper rain—enough rain and cold that by the evening the fingers just didn't want to work that well. The river remained clear and the fish were still active, taking nymphs and dry flies. The usual nymphs were working—Prince Nymph, Bird's Nest, Rainbow Warrior, Hare's Ear, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Rubber Legged Stonefly (black, olive, and orangey-brown) and for dries—blue-winged olives, Adams, Purple Haze, and Stimulator.

We all thawed out in front of the fire over drinks and appetizers at the Soda Creek Farmhouse, telling tales of the day. We enjoyed a tri-tip dinner accompanied by baked beans, salad, and bread; topped off by brownies brought by Jeannie and Marie Spaulding-Gray.



On Saturday, we awoke to broken, cloudy skies. Castle Crags had been dusted with snow and with the gorgeous orange, yellow, and red leaves of fall, it was a gorgeous sight. Mt. Shasta even poked through the clouds offering an incredible sight. The flow had increased from 258 cfs to 315 cfs, and the water was a little off-color, but not too bad to affect the fishing. The skies remained cloudy, resulting in good fishing with nymphs, along with BWOs and even streamers (egg sucking leach). We enjoyed a good full day of fishing.

We ventured up to Casa Ramos in Mt. Shasta City for dinner, and were joined by **Ron Rabun**, who had been teaching a nymphing clinic for the CCFU folks, who were also holding a fish-out.



On Sunday, some headed home in the morning, but many continued to fish. We had sunny skies. The dry fly action was minimal, and nymphs were effective.

Many thanks to all of you who made the trip—veterans as well as first-timers: **Dave Fujiyama, Pete Koistinen, Bruce Carlson, Bob Farley, Tom Mersich, Mike Mizinski, Michael Gervais, Rick Wiesner, Rozaida and Charlie O'Neill, David Harvey, Jeannie and Marie Spaulding-Gray, and Kim Lloyd.** The methods of fishing used effectively on the trip were Euro-nymphing, Short-line nymphing, indicator fishing, dry fly, Tenkara, and streamer fishing. The flows were excellent for wading and for good pocket water.



**Granite Bay Flycasters  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER!**



WHEN: 4PM on Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>  
WHERE: The Rocklin Event Center  
2650 Sunset Boulevard Rocklin, CA

I can sit here and tell you all the great things that are going to happen at the Annual Dinner: Raffle prizes galore; a silent auction with fishing and non-fishing items; games like 100 squares, Deck of Cards and Net of Cash; tasty desserts you can bid on; barbeque with friends; wild fishing tales and more.

*Or I could tell you this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our club, bringing in money we give to worthy causes in conservation and help to support our monthly events.*

No, I am not going to do that. I am simply asking you to buy some dinner tickets, a few (or a lot) of raffle tickets and enjoy the festivities!

You can purchase tickets on-line by going [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) the Granite Bay Flycasters website, 'Events' at the top of the page, then 'Annual Dinner'. You can also access the Annual Dinner link on the website at 'Member Options' then 'Event Calendar'.

**This event is too important to wait until the last minute to purchase tickets as we will sell out! Get there before the crowd. Order before December 31<sup>st</sup> and you will be entered into a drawing for 100 raffle tickets!**

Looking forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

*Dave Stolecki*

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2025 Dinner Chair and

The GBF Annual Dinner Committee

## Manzanita Lake Fishout - Early Notice

*by Michael Kaul, Fishout Leader*

Hey there GBFer's. We have decided on dates for the fishout at Manzanita Lake. It will be June 16-22 (any or all days). The reasons I am putting this out so early are twofold. One is to get it on your calendar, but more importantly is that camping reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) open up on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM. Sandy and I will be trying to get a site in loop A, but all loops are pretty close together. I would not recommend sites A23, A26, A34, or A42. Also, A5 and A6 are very short but suitable for in car or tent. There are also cabins available between the campground and the lake that are simple but have walls, roof, heater, and a bed for a reasonable price.

Fishing is generally good-to-great for wild (National Park so not stocked for 40 some years) rainbows and browns (16-20 plus inches) that are as beautiful and healthy as you have ever seen. The campground is scenic, with a small store and showers and plenty of hiking and biking (Sandy's preference to fishing) nearby. One evening Sandy and I will supply a chili/cornbread dinner for everyone.

Any questions, please text or call **Michael Kaul** at 916 337-5468.

## Tenkara 2025

*by John Pellegrin, Tenkara Project Lead*

Tenkara continues to grow in GBF, with more people each year with rods. Next year, we will have four types of tenkara events for people to participate in:

- Tenkara Workshops    • Tenkara Fundamentals    • Tenkara Casting    • Tenkara Fishouts

The dates for all the events will be on the GBF calendar where you can sign up for most of them. An eBlast will be sent out early in the year as a reminder of when all the tenkara events are.

### Tenkara Workshops:

We will hold three Tenkara Workshops at Davies Park in Folsom at 9:00. They will be on the first Saturday in April, June, and August. At each workshop a variety of things will be available to members who are interested:

- If you want to find out about tenkara, you can get a quick introduction to it so you can decide if you'd like to pursue learning more about it. We will have the club's three loaner rods to use.
- A casting clinic if you want to improve or extend your suite of casts.
- Advanced tenkara techniques, including additional casts; manipulations for various situations; and strategies for covering the water, integrating surface and subsurface presentations.
- Socializing with other tenkara flyfishers, sharing fishing experiences and places.

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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](mailto: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.*

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I will be joined by some of the 4 excellent coaches for the various activities: **Stevy Lee, Gary Tateishi, Jim Hopkins, and Chris Kight**. You can come to as many workshops as you like, just sign up on the GBF calendar.

### Tenkara Rod Casting:

This is what we have done before the May meeting for several years—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 class in the formal sense, and does not require sign-up—just come! You can get a quick lesson in tenkara casting. If you have a rod already, it's 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 we will make them available to cast.

If you are thinking about getting a tenkara rod, please contact me or one of the tenkara coaches to get advice on tenkara rods. It's really important to get a rod that is suitable for where you plan to fish tenkara.

### Tenkara Fundamentals:

- This year we will return to having Tenkara Fundamentals classes for those who have new tenkara rods, or have one on order. We will do a complete run through of tenkara fundamentals, including casting, care of the equipment, knots for tenkara, practicalities of fishing tenkara on the stream, common problems that can occur, and basic strategies for fishing tenkara. We will hold the classes at McBean Park in Lincoln. Auburn Ravine creek runs through the park, so we will be able to do some basic casting and drifts there, in addition to doing the basics on the lawn. There will be two classes: all day Saturday, May 17, and Saturday, July 26.

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### Tenkara Fishouts:

I have 4 fishouts planned for 2025, which are the ones we've had for many years. They are good locations for groups of people.

- **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: June 23 and July 7. The fishout location is at 7500', so it's a great break from the valley heat.
- **Silver Fork (of the S. Fork of the American):** this is an excellent location to fish tenkara. It will be on July 21, after the spring flows are down to a good level.
- **East Carson.** The fishout will be in early September on a day to be determined early in the year. By that time, the flow is down considerably, and is great for fishing tenkara. It is particularly interesting, since the town of Markleeville plants many rainbows throughout three seasons, some very large. That means that learning the details of landing a large fish is an essential part of the fishout. Historically, we've had several people land 4 pounders on the fishout!



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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 at a Tenkara Workshop, you can attend any of the fishouts with a tenkara rod.

Here are a couple of photos from several events this year:



*Lunchtime at the Upper West Carson fishout  
June 2024*



*Tenkara Workshop  
March 2024*

So, if you own a tenkara rod or are just interested, there are several ways to be involved with other club members that own rods. If you have a rod, but haven't been using it much, consider the several ways to expand your skill set, learn about more streams that are wonderful for tenkara, or just want to be with others fishing tenkara more. There are lots of opportunities. It's a great way to supplement your river or lake fishing, with time on a mountain stream! See you at some tenkara events in 2025!



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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in December 2009)

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## Fly Patterns - Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT



*Beadhead Flashback Swimming PT*

### Materials:

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

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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.

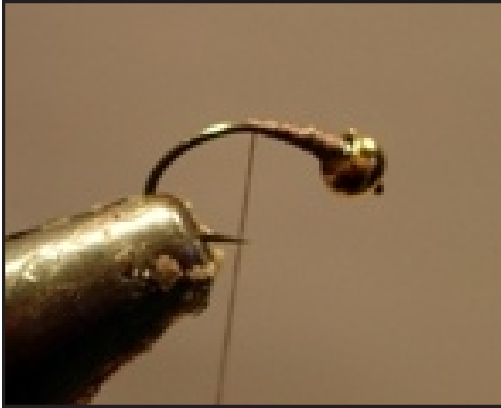
If you'd like to read more on *baetis* mayflies and their behavior, go to [www.troutnut.com](http://www.troutnut.com) for good, plain English angler-oriented information; once you are on that site, use their search tool to find *baetis* info.

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## 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.

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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.

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.

*Steps 2 & 3**Steps 4 & 5*

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.

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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 & Fishing 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 <https://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 <https://gbflycasters.org>. Single membership: \$35; Family memberships: \$40; There is also a \$15 name badge charge for each new member. For membership information, contact VP Membership at [gbf-membership@gbflycasters.org](mailto:gbf-membership@gbflycasters.org), or visit the website at <https://gbflycasters.org/join-us/>.

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