

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

May 2024

<http://gbflycasters.org>

## Leader's Line

by Kim Lloyd, GBF President

This year's Annual Dinner was the most successful one, ever! More than \$18,000 was raised by the attendees. Where to start with thanking members?

Let's begin with the Annual Dinner Committee that was chaired by **Dale Spear**. Dale did an outstanding job of managing and coordinating a group that gathered prizes, organized the catered dinner, obtained all necessary permits and licenses, and then did all of the innumerable small tasks that are all required for the dinner to be a success. A big thanks to Dale, the good ones make it look easy.



How about that new Master of Ceremonies, **Ron Davidson**? Ron did an excellent job of entertaining the crowd and keeping events on schedule. Ron also did an exceptional job during the raffle to make sure the prizes got to the right folks quickly.

Who else to thank now? Let me try to name a few:

- **Don Whitecar** and the IT crew for smoothly processing all Silent Auction sales, plus compiling/tracking all dinner transactions.
- **Mike Churchill** and crew for handling the bar.

*Continued on Page 2*

## Monthly Program

Our speaker this month, **James Garrettson**, will give a presentation based on years of fly fishing and guiding experience. He will break down the thought process that guides use to make game-time decisions to provide clients with the best shot possible at opportunities to catch trout. His approach to the water is about thinking "trout first," and adapting strategy and fly selection to the ever-changing trout fishing environment.



James Garrettson was quickly consumed by fly fishing after receiving a copy of the *Curtis Creek Manifesto* at age 10. At 14 years old James was the youngest employee at Orvis. He has fished coast-to-coast in the US as well as in Europe, Mexico, and Central America. James is the owner and operator of [About Trout](#), a fly fishing outfitter based on the San Juan River in New Mexico.

### IN THIS ISSUE

Classified Ads	2
Fly Tyer's Corner	5 - 7
How Many Fly Rods is Enough?	4 - 5
Leader's Line	1 - 2
Monthly Program	1
Monthly Schedule	2
Officers	8
Support Our Local Fly Shops	3 - 4

M A Y 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1.	2.	3. Fuller Lake Fishout	4. Tenkara Gathering
5.	6.	7. Board of Directors Meeting	8.	9. Monthly Meeting	10.	11.
12.	13.	14. Fly Tying Jam	15.	16.	17.	18. Truckee River Fishout - Nevada
19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26. Eagle Lake Fishout	27.	28.	29.	30. Eagle Lake Camping/Fishout May 29 - June 2	31.	June 1.

Leader's Line - Continued from Page 1

- **Joey & Chrysta Nizuk** for obtaining Silent Auction items and raffle prizes.
- **Ben & TinaLyn Sell** for bringing the Silent Auction items and raffle prizes to the dinner venue and then setting them up for display.
- **Chris Kight** for handling the cash elements of the proceeds and taking photographs.
- **Frank Stolten** for coordinating the Silent Auction items.
- **Mike Howes** for printing name tags and distributing raffle ticket envelopes to dinner attendees.
- **Ron Fay** for handling the dessert auction.
- Plus, all those that handled the games and raffles. Think of the "Net of Cash," "Hundred Squares" and the "Deck of Cards."

And then there are the other members of the committee that worked in the background to make the dinner a success. These are the ones that set things up and took them down and whatever else needed to be done. These folks are the glue that made the whole dinner work.

The club owes a debt of gratitude to all of them.

**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.

Support Our Local Fly Shops!

by Joey Nizuk



Supporting our local fly shops is important because it sustains our local economies, provides access to expert knowledge and tailored products, contributes to conservation efforts, and fosters a sense of community among anglers.

Our local fly shops are the pulse of our local fly-fishing community. It is the singular place where we can always count on specific items being in stock for an upcoming trip, or that unique piece of material that you need "right now" to tie that fly you've been thinking about all day. Best of all, it's a place where you can walk through the doors and immediately talk fly fishing with someone else who knows what you're talking about.

the hub of our local fly-fishing community. It's a place to learn, discuss that new fly you're tying, or just flat out brag about the fish you caught over the weekend! No matter what it is, we all win with a thriving local fly shop.

They're more than just a place of convenience; it's to talk through that new technique you're trying to

In addition to all of that, our local fly shops are just as committed to conservation as we are. Chances are, their staff is involved in the same clubs and conservation groups we are, and the shops are making donations and promoting the events that we and other clubs organize. For example, *Fly Fishing Specialties* donated gift certificates for our annual dinner, and there's a flyer in their shop on their bulletin board. They didn't do this just for us; they do this for all the other clubs in the area as well. The same goes for *Orvis*; they provided us with a massive discount to purchase items for our raffle. Our local shops stand behind us, so let's not forget to stand behind them.



**Here are a few simple ways we can support our local fly shops:**

**Shop Local:** Purchase your fly-fishing gear, equipment, and supplies from local fly shops rather than big-box retailers or online stores.



**Attend Events:** Participate in events such as socials at the shops, presentations, fly tying classes, casting clinics, or fishing trips organized by your local fly shop.

**Spread the Word:** Tell your friends and fellow anglers about your positive experiences with your local fly shop and encourage them to support it as well.

**Follow and Promote:** Follow our local shops on social media and join their email list. For me, joining their email list is the best way to stay in the

Continued on Page 4

Support Our Local Fly Shops - Continued from Page 3

loop with what’s going on in the community. **Fly Fishing Specialties has an easy email signup form (<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishingspecialties.com/email-list-sign-up> or scan their QR Code).** Their monthly newsletter is great; they offer one of the best local fishing reports, and they’re always promoting cool events in the community!

Remember, supporting local fly shops is not just about buying gear—it’s about investing in your community, supporting conservation efforts, and connecting with fellow anglers. We all stand to gain with a thriving shop!

**How Many Fly Rods is Enough?**

*by Chris Kight*

As I see so many of our members that seem to be collectors of large quantities of fly rods, I have bragged, more than once, that I only needed two fly rods. I’ve stated to many (including my wife) that I wouldn’t get crazy and keep buying rods like so many other GBF members.

I had a 5 wt. and a 6 wt. What else could a boy want?

Well, after fishing with my friend Joey on the Rubicon, and seeing his success with his nice 3 wt.—I had my eye on one at the 2023 Annual Dinner—then Joey and his wife bought it for me—sort of a thank you for photographing their recent Wedding.

So....great, now I have a 3, a 5 and a 6. That’s all I need...right?

*Continued on Page 5*

**WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT FLY TYING...**

**OUR FLY TYING STAFF**

**BRETT DRURY**  
Fly Tying Instructor  
Renowned Fly Tyer, Sacramento Area

**RICK ANDERSON**  
Contract Fly Tyer  
Montana Fly Company

**RON SPERONI**  
Contract Fly Tyer  
Pacific Fly Group

**MORGAN THALKEN**  
Contract Fly Tyer  
Umpqua Feather Merchants

**CONNECT WITH US ON:**

**WWW.FLYFISHINGSPECIALTIES.COM**

**...COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF - IF YOU NEED IT, WE HAVE IT!**  
6360 TUPELO DRIVE, CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95621 (916) 722-1055 HOURS: MON-FRI 10-6, SAT 9-5, SUN 10-4  
“They have the largest selection of fly tying materials in California!” - Andy Burk

*How Many Fly Rods is Enough - Continued from Page 4*

Having a hard time passing up a great deal, I now have a super nice Orvis 4 wt. too. That's enough, right—a 3, 4, 5 and 6...that's all I need...

Well...after a recent conversation about fishing what looks like a perfect euronymphing stream up north, I just happened to visit the site of Moonshine Rod Company yesterday, and they had this really nice 3 wt. 10'6" euronymphing rod called the "Vesper"....

It's a beautiful rod with really great reviews. So...well, now I own it and just can't WAIT for it to arrive so I can set it up properly for its intended use. Now I'm just like the rest of you bums. Sigh..."If you can't beat them, join them," right? I think I'm beginning to "get it."

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

## Fly Patterns - Zebra Midge



*Zebra Midge*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Tiemco 2457 (scud hook) #14-22
<b>Bead:</b>	Silver lined clear glass bead, sized to match hook
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 8/0
<b>Rib:</b>	Fine or medium silver wire, depending on hook size
<b>Body:</b>	Tying thread
<b>Collar:</b>	Black dubbing

## Description

The Zebra Midge is my go-to midge pattern. It is typically tied in black, but variations can include red, silver, white, burnt orange and other colors and hues. It is the ultimate in simplicity, being composed of just a few materials. With a bit of practice, it's a 5-minute fly.

In the summer of 2007, Jim Holmes, Mike Howes, John Peterson and I traveled up to eastern Oregon to fish several streams there. Our plan was to stay for 3 weeks or so—which we did. One of the rivers we fished was the Owyhee, a beautiful tailwater stream. We camped beside the upper stretch of the river and fished four days on the river. We caught a lot of very large brown trout—but, strangely, no rainbows.

One afternoon we parked several miles downstream from our camp area, to fish a section that we had not tried. I wandered away, looking for some good water upstream of the others. In an area where the stream braided out, I tossed my short line rig into a small pool in a tiny side channel, beneath an overhanging tree. The line stopped abruptly and I set the hook. Thinking I was snagged I began to try to loosen the flies from the bottom, only to have the line and leader burst from the pool. Stunned, I watched as the rig swiftly ran downstream. Regaining my senses, I put a little pressure on the fish, which I had not yet seen. I was thinking "foul hooked" but was secretly hoping it was

*Continued on Page 6*



**L<sup>3</sup> Rods**  
Custom Fishing Rods  
Supplies and Classes

Larry L. Lee  
5645 St. Claire Way  
Citrus Heights, CA 95621

web: [www.L3rods.com](http://www.L3rods.com)  
email: [LLLEE@L3rods.com](mailto:LLLEE@L3rods.com)  
(916) 962-0616 O  
(916) 601-7853 C

*Fly Tyers Corner - Continued from Page 5*

a big toad fair hooked. My minute or two fight with the fish ended abruptly when it (uncharacteristically, for a brown trout) cleared the water in the tiny channel and managed to beach itself on the sand and cobble where it flopped about. I couldn't believe my eyes—was this the biggest brown I'd ever "caught"?

Well, as it turns out, it was the second biggest—but I cannot claim that I landed it because in effect it landed itself. I yelled for John, who was closest to me, but the downstream cataract was too noisy and he didn't hear me. I slipped the hook from the fish's hooked old jaw and slid it back into the stream, where it lazily swam off as if nothing had happened. I, on the other hand, was nearly a basket case, scratching my head wondering why such a large specimen was hanging out in that small pool in the tiny side channel—and how truly lucky I was to have had this odd experience. The fly, incidentally, was a #18 Zebra Midge.

The standard pattern calls for a brass or copper bead at the head. I prefer, however, a silver colored glass bead—the kind that are clear but have a silver lining in the hole. Let's tie the little imp using that bead.

## Tying Instructions

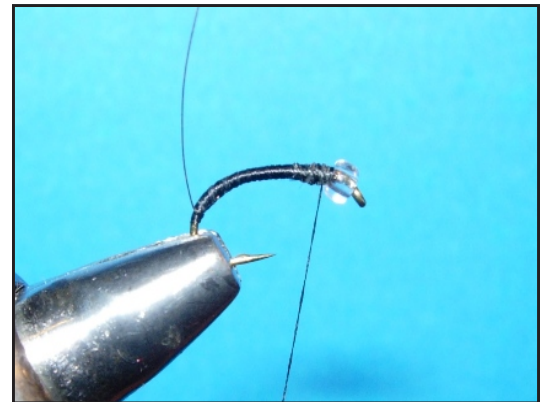
For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type "Ctrl + or -" to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.



*Step 1*

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook.

2. Cover the hook shank with a layer of thread, working from the back of the bead to the hook bend. The thread should extend at least halfway down the bend.
3. Tie in a piece of silver wire at the point where the thread ends.



*Steps 2 & 3*

*Continued on Page 7*

Fly Tyers Corner - Continued from Page 6



Steps 4 & 5

4. Wrap the thread back up the shank to the back of the bead and leave the bobbin there. Your wraps should be smooth and even, covering all gaps with no hook surface showing.
5. Wrap the ribbing material in even turns up the shank and tie it off behind the bead.

6. Place a tiny bit of dubbing on the thread and dub a sparse collar just behind the bead.
7. Whip finish.



Steps 6 & 7

### Tying & Fishing Tips

1. The two principal ways to fish this fly on a stream are to put it under an indicator rig, or use it as a trailer or "stinger" with about 16-20" of tippet material tied off to the bend of the main fly's hook.
2. When making the thread body, create a nice smooth finish, with no lumps or gaps.

Now, go tie one, and then go fish it, 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>. 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/>.

**The Leader:** To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at [editor@gbflycasters.org](mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org). Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

Please notify if address change

## Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

President - Kim Lloyd 916-425-7680	<a href="mailto:gbf-president@gbflycasters.org">gbf-president@gbflycasters.org</a>	Classroom Egg Prog. Frank Stolten	916-725-6894
VP Membership - Don Whitecar 916-804-5384	<a href="mailto:gbf-membership@gbflycasters.org">gbf-membership@gbflycasters.org</a>	Education Eric Palmer	916-969-6683
VP Conservation - Jim Monical 916-365-1697	<a href="mailto:gbf-conservation@gbflycasters.org">gbf-conservation@gbflycasters.org</a>	Facility Henry Sandigo	916-434-7792
Secretary - Don Harris 925-785-5091	<a href="mailto:gbf-secretary@gbflycasters.org">gbf-secretary@gbflycasters.org</a>	Fishmasters Tony Jelinek - streams	916-751-9249
Treasurer - Chris Kight 916-813-8008	<a href="mailto:gbf-treasurer@gbflycasters.org">gbf-treasurer@gbflycasters.org</a>	Mike McKinley - stillwater	408-807-4340
<b>Directors:</b>		Fly Tying Jim Holmes	916-967-6709
Through June, 2024 - Drake Johnson 916-791-1039		Golden Trout Program Victor Maiello	916-276-0912
Through June, 2024 - Victor Maiello 916-276-0411		Knots Jim Degnan	408-887-7742
Through June, 2025 - Mike Churchill 916-833-7071		Leader Editor Frank Stolten	916-725-6894
Through June, 2025 - David Jones 916-474-4986		Leader Layout Vivian Mevorah	916-531-5865
Through June, 2026 - Mike McKinley 408-807-4340		Librarian Gary Gale	916-223-0682
Through June, 2026 - Scott Vaughn 916-813-1308		Merchandising Victor Maiello	916-276-0912
Director at Large, 1 year term - Jim Monical 916-365-1697		Monthly Programs David Jones	916-474-4986
<b>Committees:</b>		Rods and Reels John Hogg	916-709-7340
Annual Dinner Dale Spear	916-502-9226	Tenkara Project Leader John Pellegrin	630-862-0675
Annual Picnic Mike Churchill	916-833-7071	Webmaster Eric Palmer	916-987-1359
Casting Instruction John Hogg	916-709-7340	Don Whitecar	916-804-5384
Rick Radoff	916-870-9637		
Trevor Segelke	916-879-2277		

<http://gbflycasters.org>