

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by Mike McKinley, GBF President

This is just my second missive to our club. So, I reread some of Kim's articles. I know I can never be as eloquent as he is, and I had no clear and obvious subject to write about as last month. But, I did find several topics of interest. So I will write briefly about each.

Yubafest is coming up soon, the end of September. This is a festive and educational fair run by FFI for the benefit of Northern California Clubs. It gives us an opportunity to let fly fishers from all over learn about our club—good fun and lots of learning, food and the scenic river.

Also, at the end of September FFI sponsors a casting clinic. Besides the standard Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, there will be Train-the-Trainers sessions. There is a pulled pork BBQ sandwich lunch, and casting lessons that are free.

I've spoken with a number of new members recently. They all ask what does the club offer. Besides the obvious and typical outings and speakers, our club has a wealth of learning experiences. One of the FF Specialty speakers related the story of his discussion with an out-of-town member. The out-of-town guy was so proud of his club offering a class for only \$70. Our speaker said, "Wow, and here is GBF with that same



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## Monthly Program

Our guest speaker this month is **John Pellegrin**, a club member since 2007, who is the project leader for tenkara flyfishing. John bought his first fly fishing rod in the early 80s. After moving to the area and then joining



GBF in 2008, he was able to pursue more fully his interest in flyfishing. His main pursuit has been fishing mountain streams.

In January 2011, Daniel Galhardo, the founder of Tenkara USA, gave a presentation at GBF. Soon after that, John purchased his first tenkara rod, and has since been developing his expertise in tenkara and sharing his knowledge with GBF members. John will talk more about his tenkara journey, and cover some basic aspects of tenkara, as well as some interesting advanced techniques in tenkara. He will also discuss the evolution of tenkara in the US and in GBF.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7. Tenkara Gathering/ Workshop
8.	9. Tenkara Fishout	10. Board of Directors Meeting	11.	12. Monthly Meeting	13.	14.
15.	16. Conservation Meeting	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19.	20.	21. Casting in the Park  Truckee River Fishout
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.  Teaching Casting Skills Development
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class and many others available for free." I wanted to butt in and say, "No, it's an annual dues of \$45, plus you get other classes, numerous outings, picnic and a Christmas pot luck, and one of the best newsletters around.

When I accepted the President's role, I knew I had a wealth of talent to back me up. That was a precondition of my acceptance. Since then, the injury bug hit us hard, to use a sport's phrase. But, we have a deep bench. At the August meeting, I got a volunteer to fill the open Director position—thank you **Diana**—and three people stepped up for the VP Conservation. Just one more indication of how strong our club is.

With the weather still warm, I suggest education endeavors and mid-elevation lakes. Check out our classes by seeing either the website or *The Leader*. Other classes are available online: videos, blogs, fly shops, You Tube. The mid-elevation lakes offer smallmouth and trout. As the weather starts cooling near the end of September, all the fish start to chow down in preparation of winter. Jenkinson, Rollins, Collins, Scott Flat, and Englebright are fine choices—not too far a drive and 5-10 degrees cooler temps.

<b>Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds</b>
<p><i>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: <a href="mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org">editor@gbflycasters.org</a>. All ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.</i></p>



## Project Healing Waters & Granite Bay Flycasters Introduction to Fly Fishing Event!

It was a warm and beautiful Saturday at our 1st Project Healing Waters Sacramento Chapter event on Saturday, August 10th at our Folsom/Granite Bay clubhouse.

Sixteen veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces and several volunteers from the Granite Bay Flycasters were on hand for an Introduction to Fly Fishing and Casting Clinic.

I would specifically like to thank Trevor Segelke for his preparation, presentation and leading the informative and fun session! Also, Mike McKinley, John Peterson, John Hogg, Rick Radoff and Mike Stroud for all of their help and support. Lastly- Stanley Thomas from PHW Chico, and Brian Miller & his son Britton from the PHW Martinez Chapter for their support as well. My sincere apologies if I missed anyone.

We are looking to schedule a local fly-fishing trip in late September. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer and support PHW-please feel free to reach out. And of course-we can always use any donations – cash or equipment!

Founded in 2005, Project Healing Waters (PHW) [www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org) helps active military service personnel and veterans in need through a dedicated, developed curriculum of fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and fly rod building. In 2023 alone, we helped over 6,000 veteran participants comprised of all service eras through the generous work of over 6,400 active volunteers across 48 states.

One of 180 programs across the country, PHW Sacramento is affiliated with the Mather VA Outpatient Clinic and sponsored by the Granite Bay Flycasters (GBF) club in Granite Bay. Our Sacramento program is a satellite program of the PHW Martinez Chapter. We currently have engaged veteran and active military participants of all ages, eras, and campaigns. We also have experienced GBF fly fishing volunteers who lead and support many aspects of our program. And there is no cost to our veterans and volunteers. This is all made possible through the generous support of many donors across the Sacramento region and Northern California.

Fundamental to the PHW Sacramento Program are a series of skill-building workshops which include Fly Fishing Basics, Bug Basics, Fly Tying, Water Safety, Fly Rod Building, and Fly Casting. Indoor workshops are typically held on Saturday mornings at the Folsom Lake/Granite Bay Activity center. Fly Casting Workshops are also held on Saturday mornings at local designated locations and parks.

For more information or to sign-up, please contact Dave Stolecki, PHW Sacramento Program Lead, at [dave.stolecki@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:dave.stolecki@projecthealingwaters.org) or 425-269-2038.

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*"My second trip with Project Healing Waters. Both trips have come at critical times when most needed. The fellowship with likeminded folks is lifesaving. I do not know how else to say this, just a from the heart thank you to all those up in this magic venue. Tight lines and success in such a worthy cause."*



*"It was great to get back out on the water. This was the first outing I have been on since things in my life have calmed down and gotten better. These trips help clear my head but become even more rewarding when my head is in the right place to begin with. Thank you PHW. You have been a tremendous help getting me through life."*



## Special Fly Casting Lessons for Sacramento Area FFI Clubs Hosted by California Fly Fishers Unlimited (CFFU)

**When:** Saturday September 28, 2024

**Where:** William B. Pond Recreation Area, 5700 Arden Way, Carmichael, CA

**Morning Activity:** 9 AM - 12 Noon FREE FCSD Train-the-Facilitators Workshop

For club casting instructors and volunteers to learn how to facilitate the **FFI Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD)** program back at their own clubs. All clubs are invited to send several instructors/volunteers.

**Lunch:** 12 Noon - 1 PM Pulled Pork BBQ including coleslaw, chips, sodas & water

\*\* Everyone from both morning and afternoon activities are invited to attend lunch.

**Afternoon Activity:** 1 - 4 PM FREE club member casting instruction for all skill levels

Club members from all Sacramento area clubs can participate in Foundation, Bronze, Silver, and Gold level **Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD)** activities. This afternoon session will also allow facilitators who trained in the morning to apply their newly acquired facilitation skills. Free open casting lessons will also be offered in the afternoon. Free Loaner Rods will be available but bring your own gear if you wish.

- **Fees:**
  - **FREE:** Casting Instruction, Loaner Rods, and Facilitator Workshop.
  - **Park access:** \$7 per vehicle.
  - **Lunch:** \$10 donation requested
- **What to Bring:** Students should bring glasses (sun or clear, for safety), sunscreen, a hat, layers for warmth & rain gear (as needed). Facilitators should also bring a pen and note cards.

**Invited Clubs:** CFFU, Granite Bay Flycasters, Gold Country Fly Fishers, Fly Fishers of Davis, Amador Fly Fishers, Delta Fly Fishers, and Tahoe-Truckee Fly Fishers.

Special recognition for support goes to Fly Fishers International (FFI), NCCFFI, and FFI certified casting instructors from the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club in San Francisco.

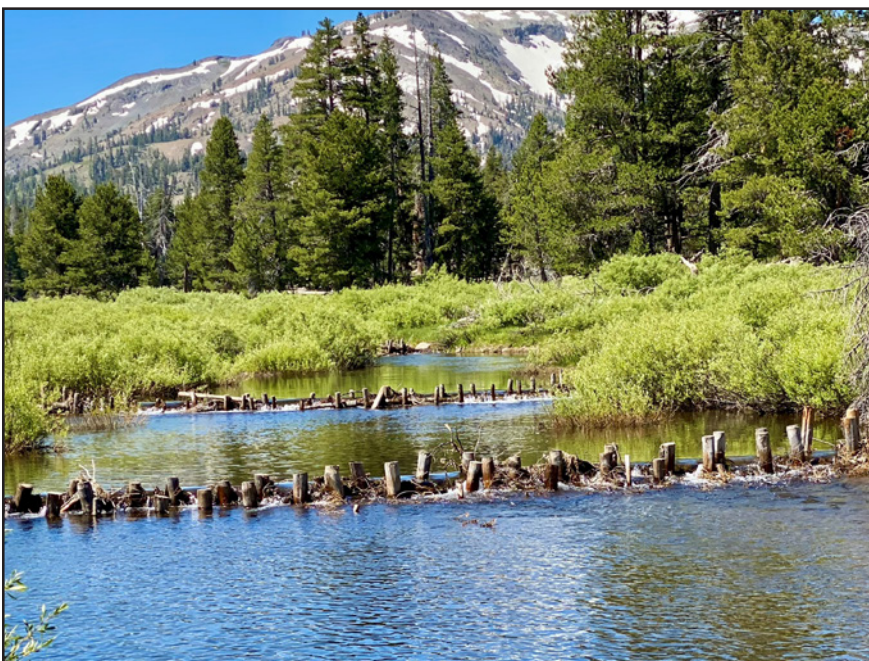
For event questions contact Jeff Stephens, CFFU President  
email: [ffjeff4@aol.com](mailto:ffjeff4@aol.com)

To register for the FREE FCSD Train-the-Facilitators Workshop contact Clay Hash  
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## Upper West Carson Fishout

*by John Pellegrin, Fishout Leader*

On Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our Upper West Carson Tenkara fishout. That's what we're calling the West Carson in Faith Valley, upstream from Hope Valley at about 7500'. It was a beautiful day, as it always is, with temperatures in the 70s, a relief from the around 100 degrees in the valley. We had 12 people this time, a few more than usual. This photo shows the view up the valley from the parking place we go to. The stream is on the far side of the meadow.



However, when we arrived this year, we encountered many, many weirs that had been constructed since last year. The photo to the left shows one view of them from across the meadow from our parking area.

There is a larger story about these; but it has to do with dealing with some water quality issues and as well as the nature of the flows. The fish were still there, however, and everyone caught fish, including a few that were fishing Tenkara for the first time – congratulations!

After fishing until the early afternoon, we had a late lunch in the trees near the cars; different than our normal place upstream; but the view was still great!

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So, we look forward to more fishouts there in the future, as we do every year! In the meantime, there will be more Tenkara workshops and other fishouts, all guaranteed to be interesting!

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## Fishing on the Snake River in Wyoming

by Henry Sandigo



Recently, my wife and I took a road trip to Wyoming to visit the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Our main objective was to enjoy the parks. We also wanted to spend a few hours on the Yellowstone River fishing. Instead, I ended up hiring a guide and fishing the Snake River in the Grand Teton Park. My guide from the Grand Teton Fly Shop was Brian Horn. Brian is a native of Jackson, Wyoming with 25 years of guiding experience.



Due to glacial run-off, much of the Snake wasn't fishable. We had to look for "clear" water, and found it just below Jackson Lake Dam. The river overall begins to clear around August for miles. In fact, most spots within Grand Teton National Park don't allow fishing until after August 1<sup>st</sup>. We floated 6.5 miles of the river using a 9', 6 wt rod, a floating Line, a rubber legs dry dropper and nymph similar to a Perdigon, the main fly all my cutties were caught on. The fish native to the Snake are the Cutthroat

and the Snake River Suckers.

We hooked 12 "cutties" and brought 7 to the boat, which were promptly released. My guide does not allow clients to touch the native fish. They don't use nets either, unless there is an absolute need. Of the 12 hooked, 2 jumped hard and quick and unhooked themselves, and one broke off. It was thought until I

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reeled the line in, there was a little pig's "wiggle tail" on my tippet's end. My guide, Brian, said, "That is on me." This was not a problem for me because the trout fought hard. My rod was bending hard when "boing," the fish was gone! We did have 2 "oh no's!," when the fish came within 5 feet of the boat then jumped once again, shook its beautiful head, "spit the hook," and was gone.

Cutthroats are similar to Rainbows and have a distinctive red coloration on the underside of the jaw that looks like a red "slice or cut" line. They don't have full rainbow colors such as: red, blue, purple, gold or silver. Mine were almost golden in color with the typical spots of bows. They are endangered, you must return them to the water. They are predated by lake trout and Wyoming Fish, and Game encourage anglers to kill or keep lake trout if they are caught. I think Wyoming Fish and Game has an "annual round-up" of lake trout.

It was a wonderful day for me. I get a euphoric feeling when the fish hit my line. I raise my rod and the fight is on.

## Fly Fishing England's Celebrated Chalk Streams

### Fly Fishing England Today ~ Part Three of Three Parts ~

by Eric Palmer with Mike Beauchamp<sup>1</sup>

Now let's see what changes the 21<sup>st</sup> century has brought as English angler Mike Beauchamp continues from last month describing fly fishing on his southern chalk streams today:

As you will have read in the previous chapter, I live in Hampshire England and fish all three Chalk streams of our county, the rivers **Avon**, **Itchen** and **Test**, perhaps three of the most famous chalk streams on our island.

If you're not a riparian landowner, there are only two ways to fish these iconic rivers. The first is to be a member of an exclusive club or "syndicate". The second is to pay for a day, week or a season rod. A rod is the name for a trout or salmon fly angler and not used for other forms of fishing. To obtain such fishing you go through a fly shop or arrange a fly fishing holiday through an outfitter. On some fisheries, an angler or group can rent the fishing for a complete day.

Before I go any further, I should mention that all our rivers have full-time river keepers (a practice dating to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, and akin to having a private game warden on each piece of water) the majority of these individuals being ex-professional soldiers from the British Army. The use of ex-military personnel was established many years ago as they fit the requirements of the job superbly, being polite, hardworking and highly adaptable to the flexible



A lodge where you begin your day with tea with the river keeper.

<sup>1</sup> See Mike Beauchamp's bio. at the bottom of the article.

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working hours the job requires. They are also well presented, knowledgeable and extremely good at ensuring that the fishery rules are followed.

The river keeper will meet new anglers when they arrive and show them the beat they will be fishing, advice will be given, questions answered, and the keeper will drop by several times during your day when specific questions can be answered, and he will even assist in spotting feeding fish should this prove a challenge to the angler.

All fishing is undertaken on numbered beats, which often have names that date back a hundred years or more. The keeper will decide the beats to be fished for the exclusive use of each angler for the entire day. Groups often share beats and the fewer anglers on the river, the more beats the keeper may permit the angler(s) to fish. The unwritten rule is that once you are on "his" river, the keeper effectively becomes your manager even though your fee pays his salary. Tipping is not obligatory but always welcomed providing it is polite and discreet. It is not advisable to upset someone who was previously a Sargent Major in the British Army.

All beats have benches, close mown grass bankside footpaths, weather shelters, with a central fishing lodge, rod racks, and BBQ grill, toilet facilities and a car park. Access to all fisheries has a high level of security.

All three Hampshire rivers hold a stock of native Brown Trout (2-8lb.), migratory Sea Trout (2-20lb+) and Atlantic Salmon (5-30lb+). Salmon are protected and must be returned unharmed. The River Itchen from source to the sea is maintained exclusively as a native Brown Trout river, any Rainbow Trout being removed (killed) should they appear.

Trout are subject to bag and size limits but many anglers never take a fish, it's the solitude and the wildlife of the river we love, the fishing is purely secondary, e.g. recently I walked and watched from 1-4 pm before I cast a line, leaving at 7 pm. I doubt I made 80 casts throughout.

The River Test is stocked with Rainbow trout specifically to accommodate those who simply must take a fish home.

All the Hampshire Rivers are in private ownership, the exceptions being free fishing for all within Winchester City boundaries for the Itchen in Winchester (the location of King Arthur's round table) and the Avon in Salisbury. The origin of the free fishing concession for local people is lost in antiquity but probably pre-dates Henry VIII's reign when the monasteries harvested the fish to feed the monks.

On the upper reaches of the Itchen, just above Winchester, lies the famous **Barton Carrier** which is owned outright by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust which is not a fishing club but a wildlife charity. The Trust recently won a prestigious conservation award for restoring this, the very cathedral of fly fishing to the former glory of the great angling writers and for its furtherance of fly fishing.

The **River Test** is a different river to the Itchen, wider, deeper and often carrying more water and essentially a victim of its world-wide popularity. Most of the river is heavily stocked with Rainbow Trout with some Browns, it also has a run of Atlantic Salmon and Sea Trout. Many sections of the Test are open to day rods which explains the heavy stocking of non-native trout...rods who don't fish very often seem to want something to show for their money.

A few sections of the River Test are highly exclusive, the very highest amongst these being the waters of the Houghton Club, founded in 1822, it is the oldest fly fishing club in the world. The names of members are



*A fishing hut for lunch or to sit out the occasional summer shower.*

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kept totally secret with even our Royal family only fishing as guests. The Club has been benefactor to many projects from local to international, with the first Brown Trout sent to New Zealand coming from its waters.

Obviously, it would be sacrilege to fish anything other than upstream dry fly on the waters of the River Test, what happens elsewhere is up to the river keepers and there is no doubt all (fly) techniques – even nymph fishing is sometimes permitted in order to satisfy the fee paying rod.

The River **Avon** is very sparsely stocked with Brown Trout, mainly it's an Atlantic Salmon and Migratory Trout river, but also England's premier "coarse" fish river. With such a low stock the trout fishing does not attract the attention of many anglers, with much of the fishing held by clubs or private syndicates offering fishing along sections of the river for an annual fee. I am the only syndicate rod who fishes for Brown Trout on 8 miles of a private estate (think Downton Abbey) whereas there are 85 Rods (C&R) fishing for Salmon. Like the Itchen, any Rainbows caught are removed on the majority of Avon waters. The Rainbow trout are escapees (aka vermin) from upstream facilities which produce fish for the table.

Lastly a little about our salmon fishing:

All English Atlantic Salmon are protected by Law and must be returned immediately following capture. Scotland has its own laws where some fish can be taken.

In England the owner of a fishery/section of river must follow the National Regulations but our antiquated legal system permits an owner to add extra rules of their own. Thus you can find yourself being permitted to only fish a fly on one section of river but could also use a spinner or spoon if you cross a boundary fence to fish the same river from the bank/land owned by another landowner.

Wading is permitted in some rivers but not on others. The times and days when fishing is permitted also vary between landowners, often to allow for formal shooting days or management operations by the river keepers.

A day's Salmon fishing on an English river can cost between \$200 and \$450, with a season rod fishing weekly up to \$4,500. Some fisheries also offer a combination rod, meaning you can fish for Salmon and Trout, six days of each for \$2,350. All season rods have the option of inviting a guest to fish with them. On many fisheries Trout fishing takes precedence over Salmon with the best beats being exclusively managed for Trout angling and where no other forms of angling takes place.



*Groomed fishing access. Wading is not always permitted.*

Some Angling Clubs do lease Trout and Salmon fishing but memberships are restricted and normally limited to residents within the local area.

In recent years we have seen the rise of private syndicates, normally formed by a landowner or a group of anglers who rent the fishing on a long-term basis. Members being invitees following an expression of interest (an "I wish to join" letter) membership is often restricted to those who fish for the purity of the sport. I am a member of two such syndicates; one has 100 members who fish 11 miles of Salmon and Trout fishing on a large and very private country estate. This may seem a large number of anglers but many only fish a few times a year, some joining for when they retire, some being older and less active. It is rare indeed to find more than 5-6 anglers on the whole river on any day, usually its 2-3 at the most, often I have the whole river to myself. My other syndicate has just 14 members with 4 miles of trout and coarse fishing. Syndicate fees are not discussed.

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Now, lest it appear that all on the chalk streams is pristine and idyllic as in the days of Halford and Skues, I will finish with some harsh realities. All our rivers are managed by a government agency who's first priority is to ensure sufficient water is available for domestic and commercial use, a demand that is rising each year. However, the resource being natural, replenishment is only from rainfall and with our (ever) changing climate, nothing is assured. This can mean a summer river high and clear with a glorious fly hatch and fish rising everywhere or a river low and slow and all the pools stuffed with dour disinterested fish.

At the very moment [2016], we have good flows and levels, Salmon and Trout aplenty but the water temperature is high. Salmon dislike it with a vengeance, nipping at flies but not enough to be hooked, but conditions the Trout absolutely adore. 'Twas ever thus.

So there you have it. Fly fishing in modern Britain, land of venerated traditions, has made a few modern accommodations, but in some quarters has changed little if at all since the times of Halford and Skues. While nymphing is certainly fully embraced in America and Europe, it would seem still merely tolerated on the high rivers of England, in spite of G.E.M. Skues' best efforts to the contrary.

*About Mike Beauchamp:*

*Mike, a retired Forest Ranger who calls England home, is an ardent multi-species fly angler, an award winning conservationist and published in the [IGFA International Angler](#).*

*Throughout his varied work-life Mike ran a trout fishery, a landscape business, managed a mixed farm-trout river before becoming what in the US we call a Forest Ranger, followed by an Area Ranger responsible for a large area of rivers and lakes. This led to national awards for contributions to UK nature conservation.*

*Following early retirement in his 50s, Mike relocated to Portugal to write for fishing magazines in Spain, Portugal and France, along with IGFA. He tested tackle for importers, ran a guide boat, and caught all the fish species native to the territory. Eleven years later, he was back in the U.K., settled in Hampshire within just a few minute's drive of the prime chalk streams we've just learned about.*

## Virginia Lakes Fishout Report

*by Michael Kaul, Fishmaster*



*A youthful look into the future.*

Another beautiful fishout at Virginia Lakes. Nice crowd of 13 attended, with 4 last-minute cancels. A little bit of rain (especially for those who arrived early), but mostly sunshine and little wind. 75-degree days and 40-degree nights were a welcome relief from our 100-degree days. The fishing was good, but different. It became apparent that the usual intermediate sink was not the answer, but put on a faster sink (type 3-5) and the action was good. The taco dinner was great, with many bringing extras like guacamole, and dessert treats.

A highlight for many of us was a family camped next to me. As we sat around talking, the laughter and joy from the two kids and the parents made us all smile. Another bright spot was when **David Sterling** and I saw a young girl skipping out of the meadow next to Trumbull Lake barefooted along the gravel road. Later, David saw her

again with garden pruners and asked if she was landscaping. She said she was making a new civilization, and David took a picture of her efforts. Pure joy and fantasy.

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

## Fly Patterns - Pullover Hackle Flies



*Pullover Hackle Fly*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Any light-wire standard dry fly hook, sizes 14-18
<b>Tail:</b>	Wood duck flank feather barbules
<b>Thread:</b>	8/0 tan or grey
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Fine tan synthetic dubbing
<b>Thorax:</b>	Same as abdomen
<b>Post:</b>	4x tippet material
<b>Hackle:</b>	Dry fly quality grizzly neck feather, sized to match hook size

### Description

This month we'll learn a tying technique called "pullover hackle" rather than tying a specific pattern. I'm not sure who originated the pullover-hackle technique for dry flies. I first learned it from the venerable Ned Long, who passed away a few years ago after a long and productive life. A long time fly tyer well-known in the tying community, Ned created many original (and very effective) fly patterns. The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers named its coveted annual award to the "fly tyer of the year" after Ned (I was fortunate enough to have been selected for this prestigious award in 2009). Bob Quigley, another very creative fly designer, also uses this technique in some of his spring creek patterns.

There are several standard techniques for applying hackle to dry flies: the standard Catskill technique, whereby the hackle is wound on perpendicular to the hook shank; and the parachute technique, whereby a post is created for the wing, and the hackle is wound around the post. The pullover-hackle technique is a third way to hackle a dry fly.

The pullover-hackle technique requires that a piece of material (typically 4x tippet material) be tied to the shank at some point in the tying steps, to be used as a post. I utilize this technique for "Bill's Big Fish Fly" which can be found in the fly pattern archives on GBF's web site. For dry flies, the post is typically (though not always) tied in at the front end of the abdomen. The hackle is wound around the post from the bottom up and then back down to the shank, where it is tied off, pulled back out of the way, and remains until the final tying step. Once the thorax is dubbed (immediately in front of the hackle post) the post and hackle are pulled over the top of the thorax and tied off just behind the hook eye. Hence the name: "pullover-hackle." As an alternative to inserting the post at the front of the abdomen, you can tie it in just ahead of the tail and then pull it over the entire fly—abdomen and thorax.

The beauty of this technique is that you can get a lot more hackle on the post and, when it is pulled over the top of the thorax, all of it stays on top of the fly. This creates a very buggy fly profile and a high-floating attitude. Pullover-hackle flies are one of my go-to pattern types for late afternoon and evening fishing on creeks and smaller rivers such as the North Yuba (small caddis patterns work well also—see July 2009 fly of the month, the Shambles Caddis).

Fly color/hue is limited only by your imagination. For example, you can try using two hackles (one brown and one grizzly) for an Adams pullover; or a cream colored hackle for a Light Cahill pullover. For purposes of this month's fly, we'll create a generic dry fly with a tan body and a grizzly hackle. You generally won't find this

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combination in the fly bins at the shops—but don't underestimate it. Also, we'll tie in our pullover post at the rear of the fly, to be different (besides, it makes learning the technique a bit easier). You will need a gallows tool or some other method to secure the tippet material in an upright position so you can wind the hackle around it. If you don't have a gallows tool for your vise, try attaching a pair of hackle pliers to your light.

## Tying Instructions

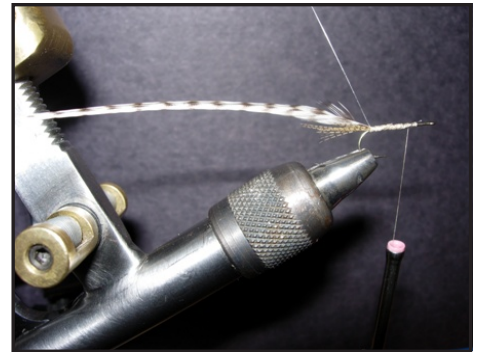
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*Steps 1, 2 & 3*

1. Crimp the hook barb and cover the rear half of the hook shank with thread; leave the bobbin hanging so that the thread intersects with the back of the barb.
2. Cut a small section of well-marked wood duck flon feather barbules. Measure the tail fibers so that they equal the length of the shank. Tie the bunch right above the back of the barb, take a few winds forward to secure the tail, and leave the thread there. Clip the excess feather.
3. At the same point, tie in a 8" section tippet material and wind back to where you tied in the tail to secure the tippet material. Place a tiny drop of superglue on the winds.

- 4a. Secure the tippet material post in your gallows tool (or the hackle pliers you've attached to your light). Tie in a properly sized grizzly neck hackle at the base of the post. Wind the hackle clockwise around the post 3 times, moving upward in wide turns. Begin winding back down toward the shank, using very closely spaced turns so that you get most if not all of the feather's hackle on the post. After the last wind, hang your hackle pliers over the shank, cut the tippet material about 2" above the top of the hackle, and tie the hackle down.



*Step 4a*



*Step 4b*

- 4b. Avoid tying down any of the wound hackle. Once the feather is secured, you can pull the post and hackle rearward out of the way for the time being.

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Step 5

5. Dub a sparse abdomen over the rear 2/3 of the shank, and then dub a fuller thorax, leaving room behind the eye for the final steps.

- 6a. Grab the tip of the tippet material with your hackle pliers and pull the entire post forward over the top of the abdomen and thorax, keeping the post directly on top of the body. At a point about one eye-width behind the eye, take 3 turns of thread over the post to secure it in position. Using your hackle pliers, pull the post tight to take any slack out of it and then tie it down securely.



Step 6a



Step 6b

- 6b. Carefully trim the excess post and hackle and form a nice small head. Apply a drop of superglue to the head and the spot where the post was tied down. Whip finish.

## Tying & Fishing Tips

1. Gallows tools are inexpensive and are made to fit the post on most vises. They are quite handy when it comes to making any type of posted wing.
2. Keeping the completed fly in the vise, turn it over and clip off any stray hackle that protrudes below the shank. This fly pattern, like any post-style fly, is designed to float in the surface film. Go crank some of these bugs, go fish them, and...

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

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