

# The Leader

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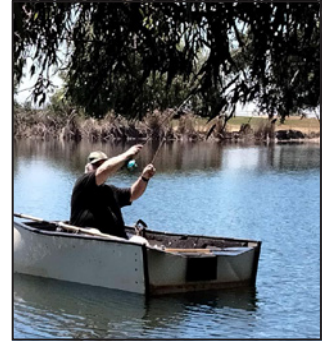
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## Leader's Line

by Mike McKinley, GBF President

June is on the way, and so are many of our fishout adventures. Also on the way is our election of Board and Officers. Nominations are still open; contact myself or **Bob Farley** if you want to run. At this point, we have a full slate.

Our Board has voted on the distribution of the remaining funds for 2024-25. The Annual Dinner planning is starting soon; this year-around job needs a chairman. The chairman does mostly coordination; we have a good team of volunteers for each job. Additional volunteers are always needed; and this is a great way to get involved with the club. Helping recruit prizes is the biggest team effort.



## Monthly Program



**Erica Bishop** joined the Water Forum as Program Manager in 2021, and is responsible for the planning and implementation of Water Forum's habitat projects, fishery monitoring, and river science on the American River corridor; building partnerships with agencies and stakeholders; grant and budget management; and supporting Water Forum 2.0 Agreement development. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from Oklahoma State University, and a Master's in Water Resources from the University of Wyoming.

The Water Forum includes a diverse group of water providers, environmentalists, business groups and local governments working to balance water supply needs with protection of the Lower American River's resources. For more information, visit [waterforum.org/habitat2024](http://waterforum.org/habitat2024) on the Water Forum's most recent project at River Bend Park.

## Monthly Meeting Snack Volunteers Needed

### We need a SNACK volunteer for the monthly General Meeting

Please contribute, the club members will appreciate it.

You will be reimbursed up to \$100 *dollars*.

Give your receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

### What to bring:

A few eatables; cold-cuts, crackers, grapes, mixed fruit (all available at your local grocer) or homemade stuff; meatballs and buns/BBQ pork on a bun, etc. Or a veggie dish with a dip - 1 flat of water should do it.

Contact Henry on 415-716-0666 (if I don't answer, leave a message/text), or email [hasandigo@gmail.com](mailto:hasandigo@gmail.com).

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<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1.	2.	3.	4. Echo Lakes Fishout	5.	6.	7. Truckee River Fishout Tenkara Workshop
8.	9.	10. Board of Directors Meeting	11.	12. General Meeting	13.	14. Little Truckee Fishout
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19. June 16 - 22 Manzanita Lake Fishout	20.	21. Casting in the Park
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**Echo Lakes Fishout, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

*by Mike Churchill, Event Leader*

On Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, the club will be holding our second annual fishout at the Echo Lakes, up Highway 50 near Echo Summit. We will be fishing for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, the native trout of the Tahoe basin. This outing is one of a series of trips I have led in the last few years pursuing the California Heritage Trout Challenge. (Information about the HTC program is available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/fishing/inland/htc>.)

CDFW biologist, Michael Mamola, advises that the fish will be in spawning mode this time of year, and should be aggressive towards brightly colored streamers fished over shallow shelves. Fishing was good on the 2024 outing, with a fall of flying black ants that produced fast action on top. Most fish were small, with the biggest about 12 inches, but everybody caught at least one, and the high rod landed a dozen. Many of us missed numerous strikes on top.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Do Not Bring a motorized craft. Make sure your watercraft is completely dry, and expect a brief inspection and decontamination before loading your gear. As part of the Lake Tahoe basin, all watercraft at Echo Lakes must be inspected for invasive plants and animals—Zebra mussels, Golden Mussels, New Zealand Mud Snails, etc.—and decontaminated before launching. Inspections and decontamination of non-motorized craft are free and conducted at the marina. Motorized craft must be inspected and decontaminated in Myers at significant cost.**

We will meet at the Echo Lakes Marina at 8:30. Sign-ups and further information are on the GBF website, and can be found by clicking on the event on the club calendar page. Attendance is limited to 12.

## Manzanita Lake Fishout, June 16 - 21

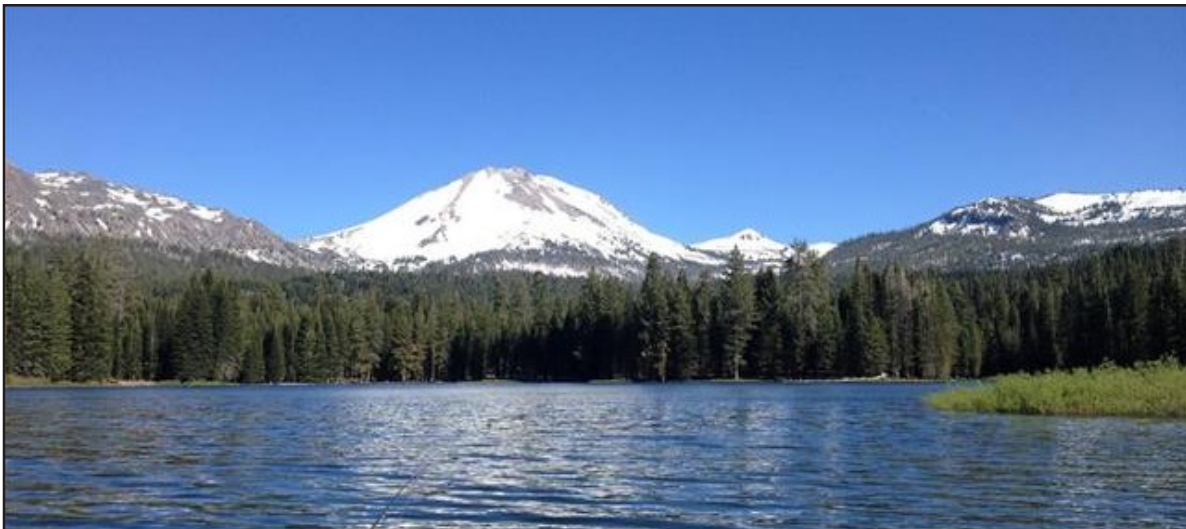
*by Michael Kaul, Fishout Leader*

Hey there GBF'ers. Once again, the Manzanita Lake Fishout is upon us. Currently, we have 37 members signed up (including ten ladies), and have 21 sites reserved, so we should be able to fit in a tent or car. Most are in loop A, but if you can get a site in B or C, they are all very close. Reservations are through [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

The fishing has generally been very good for the wild (hasn't been stocked for 40+ years) rainbows and browns—usually 16-20"—and beautiful. Fishing is primarily float tube. The scenery is also amazing, with views of Lassen from your tube. There are lots of trails ranging from a stroll on up, and plenty of folks preferring a hike to fishing (my wife being one).

We will provide a dinner of hearty chili and cornbread, probably on Wednesday or Thursday, for all attending. In the past, the weather has been chilly, with some snow and rain, so be prepared. Hope you all can come!

To register for the fishout or get more detailed information, check the fishout template [HERE](#) or **contact Michael Kaul at 916 337-5468**. Hope to see you there.



## Nominations for Board Officers and Directors

*by Mike McKinley*

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on, and the members who have been nominated. Any other club member desiring to run for an office can have their name added by contacting me at [mckinley0751@gmail.com](mailto:mckinley0751@gmail.com) prior to the June general meeting.

### **Position**

President  
 Vice President Conservation  
 Vice President Membership  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Director, 3-year term  
 Director, 3-year term  
 Director at large, 1-year term

### **Nominated**

Robert Farley  
 Trevor Fagerskog  
 Rozaida O'Neill  
 Jeannie Spaulding-Gray  
 Charlie O'Neill  
 Roger Paulson  
 Larry Lee  
 Ed Kenney

## Spring Upper Sacramento River Fishout April 24 to April 27, 2025

*by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader*

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Upper Sacramento Fishout took place much earlier this year in hopes of catching fish just coming out of winter and hungry to eat. Traditionally, the fishout took place the end-of-May to mid-June. In the early days, June was too hot, and the flows were low. But, yes, we now have had some wet years. And, this year was a wet one. A period of rain hit the Upper Sac a couple of weeks before the fishout, and the flows that had been dropping began rising again. At a flow of 1810 cfs on the first day, which dropped to 1690 cfs by the last day of the fishout, this was going to be a much different fishing adventure. Usually, one fishes the pocket water, using a short-line nymphing technique. The highest flow that I had ever fished the Upper Sac was 900 cfs.

The fishout started out on a high note at Dunsmuir Brewery Works—new menus, better beer, and the German hot potato salad was back. It was good to see that Dunsmuir Brewery Works had re-upped their game. All seven of us met to strategize for the next few days, and, of course, tell fish stories and explain what the trout will be thinking under these conditions. Upper Sac veterans attending were **Michael Biggs, Kim Lloyd, and David Harvey**. New to the group were **David Blunden, Stewart Black, Roger Paulson, and Mike Rando**. Mike Rando, a former spin angler, had a successful first outing at Cantara Loop



catching 2 nice 'bows on a red Copper John. The fish were behind a rock and in the soft water just along the shore—about 3-to-6 feet off the bank.

On Friday, we had a mix of Upper Sac fishing along with the McCloud and Baum Lake. Roger and Stewart took off for Baum Lake. Stewart tried a new technique of kicking up the bottom in shallow water to try to attract fish for Roger to catch. But, the technique didn't bring any luck. Michael Biggs headed to the McCloud, but found no joy. David Blunden, David Harvey, and Kim Lloyd headed down to one of Kim's favorite spots around where Dog Creek meets the Upper Sacramento. Kim demonstrated the drowning Elk Hair Caddis technique to entice a nice 12-inch rainbow to take the fly amongst the willows drowning in the river. Mike Rando and Tony took off for Castella State Park. Finding some soft water spots and even needing to incorporate the bow and arrow cast to get the fly out from under the trees, they managed to catch five fish on black Pat's Rubber Legs. The biggest of the day was 17 inches. We saw a little bit of bug activity, but nothing consistent—a few caddis, a few BWO's, a Salmon fly, and a few Mayflies (looked like March Browns, but I'm no expert).

Friday evening we barbecued a tri-tip, and sat around the table enjoying good food, drink, and company. As the evening progressed, the fish became larger and more plentiful.

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We were greeted Saturday with grey skies and a few drops of rain. Roger, Stewart, and Kim headed to Shotgun Creek. Stewart got rid of the fins that he had tried earlier at Baum Lake, and had success catching 2 rainbows. Michael Biggs and I headed back to Castella State Park and went further downstream to check out some new water. Michael had the touch and got one fish to the net.

The fishout, though not big in numbers of fish caught, was a success. The river and surroundings were beautiful. To see the river with such high water was amazing. We had a great group. We had a chance to explore and try to figure out how to catch fish under such different circumstances. Probably, by the time you read this in *The Leader*, the Upper Sac will be at a great flow and all set for you to visit and fish these beautiful waters.

## In Praise of Anchors

by Jim Degnan

*"Neither should a ship rely on one small anchor nor should life rest on a single hope." (Epictetus)*  
*"Anchors down, bottoms up." (Anonymous sailor)*

While the average float tube or pontoon boat probably doesn't need two anchors, one will really make an outing in the wind easier. We also are reminded by the old Greek Philosopher, Epictetus, that we must try many things to catch fish, some of them new or different. As to the second quote, I modify it: "Anchors down, stand by the shore in the wind and have no worries."

Let me explain. While fishing at Manzanita a couple of years ago, I had to kick my pontoon to the shore against a sudden wind event. I learned that my old knees were no longer up to the task, and spent about three months nursing my left one. Time for a new craft with oars. It took some major fiddling, but I settled on an Outcast Stealth Pro. Not only could I row it, but I could put a trolling motor on it and really extend my days of fishing with less chance of endangering or injuring myself or others.

There is no such thing as a perfect boat for all occasions, and the Stealth Pro is no exception. It's like riding on a cloud. It's large. A local wag allowed that I looked like a teddy bear on the way to a picnic. I take such jibes in stride, knowing that sooner or later he will also go into the woods.

The boat is very comfortable and surprisingly maneuverable with fins since it has a shallow draft, but it has a high freeboard, and the wind really catches it. I quickly learned that I spent more time controlling the darn thing than fishing. Bill Quinn suggested (told) to me that I needed to consider that craft as a true boat, and anchor in the wind. No longer a float tube or light craft like the SuperCat. A boat. Live with it.

I had a net "anchor bag" from a previous craft, so I filled the bag with fifteen pounds of rocks and attached a spindle with fifty feet of paracord to it. I use a Scotty Anchor attachment to hold the anchor onto the boat. The Scotty locks the anchor in place whether it is down in the water or up on the boat. The spindle controls the line so it doesn't get tangled. Took



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some practice to get it all done efficiently, but I was there. I could go where I want, anchor and fish and not fight the wind. Not very classy, but did the job. If the wind is greater than eight miles an hour, the bag will drag and act more like a drogue. Was a pain, but worked enough to get me fishing again.

I finally bought an eight-pound mushroom type. It holds in an estimated 15-miles-per-hour wind. I also tried a larger diameter of rope, but it is too cumbersome compared to the paracord. The small diameter paracord can burn your hands as you release the anchor, but an eight-pound anchor doesn't put that much stress on your hands.

Note: I mount the Scotty on the side because sometimes I put a trolling motor on the back mount. Also is easier for me to manage the anchor.

**Phil Rowley** has a couple of YouTube videos on anchors for a Stealth Pro. He uses two, five-pound lead pyramid anchors, one on the front and one on the back. Bit overkill for me, but then, he's one of the gold standards of still waters.

From previous experience with my Super Cat, I found that a two-pound fluke style anchor was sufficient in a light wind. Again, Phil Rowley has a video on managing an anchor on a float tube and uses the same five-pound pyramid anchor.

*This article is limited to still water.* Streams and rivers are a whole different situation, and you best talk to a guide or experienced river runner. If you anchor incorrectly, boat will capsize and take you with it. I was fortunate to have learned the best river running methods at the outings by **Lance Gray** and **Jon Biaocchi** on the Yuba. Lance still runs pontoon outings. R. I.P. Jon. An anchor is a total necessity on rivers, and a pontoon boat gives you a tremendous advantage. You can go to hidey-holes that the shore guys will never reach. Try it if you have a craft with pontoons greater than six feet and have long oars.

Don't go alone.

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**Here are some things I learned and wish I had known when I was still in my float tube and/or SuperCat and faced with wind on lakes.**

If it's windy and you are working an area where you've caught fish, you can back out, anchor, and wait a while, then cast into the productive area. You control the direction of the boat with your fins. You can stay in one place with ease. In the Stealth Pro, with only 3" of draft, it's still pretty easy to keep the angle and direction.

If you decide to change flies or have to rereg, you drop anchor and just work on your rig rather than continually finning; have to constantly check to see where you are and where you were and if you're close to the willows, are you going to be get blown into them and tangle your other rods. Been there, done that. You can concentrate on your new setup.

Sometimes it's nice to just stop in an area, drop anchor and fan cast. Up anchor, move a few yards, and repeat. Sort of like steelhead fishing in a river. You can cover a lot of water with very little expenditure of energy.

A note to some of the more mature float tubers. There may come a time when it is necessary to retreat to the shore. If it's windy, you have to pull into the spot, wrestle the tube into position and then keep it there while you admire the scenery. Not always easy in the wind, and the tube becomes a distraction, especially if there is brush around and your flyrods want to tangle in it.

Drop anchor! Now the boat is pinned. You can admire the scenery a lot easier, the flyrods are safe and the craft won't quietly sneak away from you and head for parts unknown. Saw that once, was able to retrieve the errant tube and return it to its embarrassed owner.

Finally, an anchor really helps when you are at the docking point and it's windy. When you are at the ramp for example, you can drop anchor and it will hold the boat while you get in and out of it and arrange your gear and self without having to struggle. If you got a proper anchor, your craft won't blow away across the lake.

Just a net bag full of rocks on a cheap rope made life so much easier. It might seem like over complicating the already messy business of flyfishing. Heaven knows we have to keep a lot of stuff on the boat and out of the depths of the water. Rods, reels, tools, bags etc. But the anchor is well worth the effort, it will save you energy and give you stability that you don't have to work very hard to maintain. Try it, I think you'll like it.

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks." (Old Saying) I have disproved that. I wish I had thought of using an anchor years ago, but then, even old dogs still can learn new tricks.

## An Everglades Adventure: A Unique Fly Fishing Experience in the Lower 48

by John Woodling

As summer approaches and the season for adventure heats up, I wanted to share an experience from last April 2024—an expedition into the northern Everglades of Florida. For anyone seeking an exotic fly-fishing experience without leaving the continental United States, this is it. With nearly 50 years of fly fishing under my belt, this day stands out as one of my most memorable.

It all started with a simple desire: I wanted to catch a peacock bass, but without booking a flight to the Amazon jungle. That's when I connected with guide, Justin Nguyen, recommended by our old friend **Bill Kiene**, and soon enough, I was on a plane to Fort Lauderdale for an Everglades quest.

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**A Hidden Gem in Florida’s Backyard**

If you know anything about Florida, you know that nearly any plant or animal will thrive there, often with troublesome results for native species. When it comes to fly fishing though, this thriving ecosystem can lead to some unexpected and exciting opportunities. Over the course of a single day with Justin, I landed more than 100 fish from nine different species! I hooked everything from natives like bowfin, longnose gar, and largemouth bass, to invasive species like the Mayan cichlid, tiger Oscar, and jaguar guapote—each one like a bluegill on steroids. But the star of the show? The peacock bass, a tropical species introduced to Florida in the 1980s to control invasive fish, has since become the crown jewel of this southern Florida fishery.



*Bowfin on the fly*



*Mayan Cichlid*

**A Day on the Water**

One of the highlights of the day was sight fishing for peacock bass in the crystal-clear waters of the Everglades. There’s something magical about watching a fish aggressively strike a fly and immediately run for rocky cover or explode into the air as you struggle to gain the upper hand. Much of the fun also came from casting along the banks, not knowing what would hit next. You could be landing an 8-inch sunfish one moment, and then battling a six-pound largemouth the next. It’s the thrill of the unknown. Did I mention that we only saw one other boat all day?



*A nice peacock bass*

But fishing in the Everglades comes with much more—not just the fishing. Alligators were our common companions on these waters, and some are savvy enough to spot an easy meal in a hooked fish. A word of advice: never reach down to the water to unhook a fish. We had to pop a few of these guys on the snout with the net handle to show them who was in charge.



*Tiger Oscar detail*

**Exploring Southeast Florida’s Rich Fisheries**

Having family near Jupiter, I’ve had the privilege of returning to Florida’s east coast between Fort Lauderdale and Cape Canaveral several times in recent years. The northern Everglades offers one-of-a-kind fishing, but the area is packed with other opportunities for any

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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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angler. Beyond the Glades, you can chase snook and jacks in the surf, hunt juvenile tarpon in the rivers or target migratory tarpon just offshore, or kayak the lagoons for redfish and sea trout, making it a diverse and ever-exciting fishing destination.



*Always hungry!*

Whether you're planning a trip specifically for the fishing, or you're just passing through, make sure to carve out time to explore the rich fisheries of southeast Florida. The northern Everglades alone is worth the journey, and there's plenty more to experience in the surrounding area.



*Fish on!*

## A Thank You Note to Granite Bay Flycasters

*from Friends of Auburn Ravine*

For many years now, GBF has been a key supporter of the work we have done to protect and enhance the Salmon and Steelhead populations of Auburn Ravine.

The volunteer work that your members have done and the money that you have donated helped make these successes possible:

1. Operating a video system in Auburn Ravine every year since 2016. That system has allowed us to accurately count salmon migrating upstream in the fall and winter. Those statistics are reported to State and Federal wildlife agencies, local Water Districts, and hundreds of people on our mailing lists. No longer can anyone say, "There's no salmon in that creek.", or "Yes, there are some, but they are all strays." We have video proof that, in some seasons, over 350 large fall-run Chinook salmon swim through Lincoln on their way to good spawning gravels upstream. And, we have proof that there are some strays, but not many.
2. Qualifying for assistance from Hewlett Packard Enterprise to develop advanced image processing software that makes it much easier to accurately count the hundreds of salmon that are captured on the video mentioned in Item 1 above.
3. Conducting wading/walking salmon surveys every year since 2016. Our camera system tells us how many adult salmon there are in the creek each season. Our wading/walking surveys tell us where they went and where they spawned—critical information for future habitat improvement efforts.
4. Successfully advocating for the removal of Hemphill Dam. After that project was completed in the fall of 2022, salmon and steelhead had access to four times more spawning area than they had since the 1930s.
5. In 2023, creating and managing the annual Great Auburn Ravine and City Parks Clean Up. These events are held in September each year, and have been attended by at least 150 people.
6. Engaging local schools, colleges, and universities in conservation projects including Lincoln High School, Phoenix High School, Sierra College, Sacramento State, and William Jessup University.
7. Delivering "visiting lecturer" seminars to local high schools, colleges, and adult education programs.

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8. Engaging local fishing clubs in conservation projects. (GBF, CFFU, and the Lincoln Hills Fishing Club.)
9. Developing the portable "Salmon Cam on a Stick," and are using it to do surveys for juvenile Salmon and Steelhead in the late winter and spring.
10. After the removal of the Hemphill Dam, documenting the full extent of salmon spawning habitat, which proved the dramatic success of that project. (90+ percent blockage when the dam was in place, 94+ percent passage after the dam was removed.)
11. Providing guided tours of Auburn Ravine to local citizen groups and wildlife agency personnel.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to these GBF members who helped with many of the above projects—some in person, and some behind the scenes, and some "in the wings," but all doing great work to protect and enhance our "home water!"

**Terry Block, Kevin Burdick, Kim Lloyd, Michael Malatesta, Bob McCarthy, Jim Monical, Greg Nyland, Ron Otto, Robert Pfau, Joe Puglisi, Paul Schindler, Jason Spotts, and Bill Templin.**

(And...Yes, a few of these guys attended the training, but are still on the bench waiting for the coach to send them in.)

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in June 2010)

## Description

This month, instead of doing a specific fly, we're going to do something different: learn two important tying techniques that puzzle most tyers. Why? Because, for the July, 2025 *Leader*, we will build on and use these two techniques to create an adult Hexagenia, which is the largest of all of the species of mayflies. In my view, it would be difficult to tie the Hex pattern if you have to learn everything at once; and, to boot, the article would be laboriously long. If you want to tie the Hex that will be in the July *Leader*. I recommend that you study the two techniques that follow, and practice them diligently. The two techniques are: (a) creating an extended body with foam; and (b) creating a "dubbing brush" for a pull-over style fly. Let's get started.

### 1. Creating a foam extended body.

What is the advantage of an extended body, other than the fact that it just looks dandy to the eye of the tyer? First of all, it enables you to tie a large dry fly such as the Hex, or a Pteronarcys Stonefly (commonly called a "Salmonfly) without having to use a huge, long hook. Secondly, it creates a nice, natural looking abdomen. Third, because we are using foam (in combination with the hackle-brush, pullover technique), we achieve additional floatation. There are other reasons that will become apparent to you when you tie an extended body pattern and fish it.



### Materials Needed:

- A sewing needle about 1.5" in length
- Two millimeter foam
- 8/0 thread to match the color of the foam

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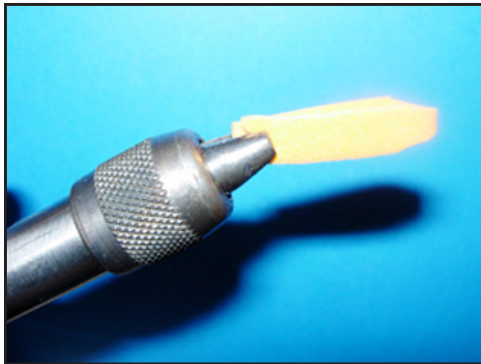
## Tying Instructions

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.

1. Place the needle in your vise, with the eye-end inside the jaws, and clamp it down well.



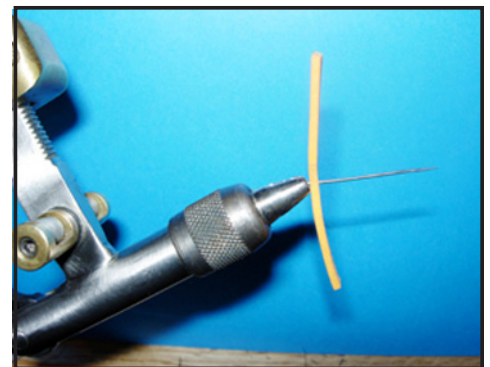
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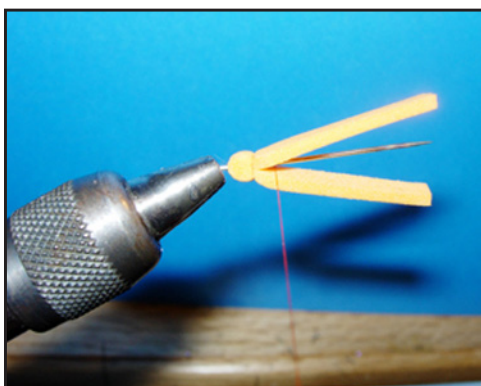
*Steps 2 & 3*

2. Cut a piece of foam approximately 1/4" in width and 2" long.
3. Fold the foam in half and cut a tapered notch on each side of the folded end.

4. Open up the foam and press it onto the needle in the center of the notched portion, and slide the foam back to the vise jaws.



*Step 4*



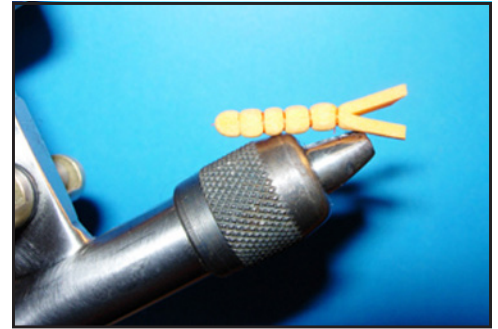
*Steps 5, 6 & 7*

5. Wrap a small amount of thread in front of the foam—keep it sparse; too much thread will cause problems in removing the completed body from the needle.
6. Press the two halves of the foam together, making sure that the thread is inside the "sandwich."
7. Wrap around the sandwiched foam 3 times, about 1/8" in front of the jaws; this will create our first "bubble."

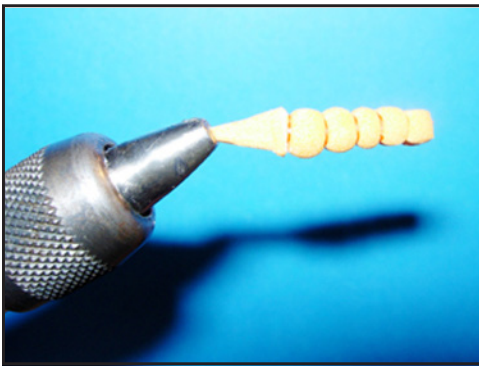
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8. Take three wraps around the needle between the two halves of the foam, moving the thread forward about 1/8" and repeat steps 6 and 7. Do this until you have made at least 5 bubbles, spaced in equidistant fashion.
9. When you've completed the last bubble, whip finish at the front of the most forward bubble and place a tiny drop of super glue on the whip finish.
10. Quickly slide the body off the needle; if you wait too long, the super glue may set up against the needle and the body won't slide off.



*Steps 8, 9 & 10*



*Steps 11 & 12 - Completed*

11. You'll notice that you have, in effect, a duck-bill-like appendage consisting of the two foam stubs, at the front of the body. Trim one of the two foam stubs off close to the thread wraps. Taper the second stub to a point (this will make it easy to tie to the hook when the time comes).
12. Make a dozen bodies. You will get better at it with repetition.

## 2. Creating a hackle brush.

What is a hackle brush? It is up to 40 (sometimes even a few more) wraps of hackle around a core such as monofilament, fluorocarbon, flex floss, or similar material. It is used in tying "pull-over" style flies. Certain small patterns (notably some of Bob Quigley's gems) require only a few wraps; large patterns, such as the Hex we will tie in July, require 40 or so wraps. As indicated below, you will need to have a gallows tool for your vise in order to do pull-over hackle brushes.



### Materials and Tools Needed:

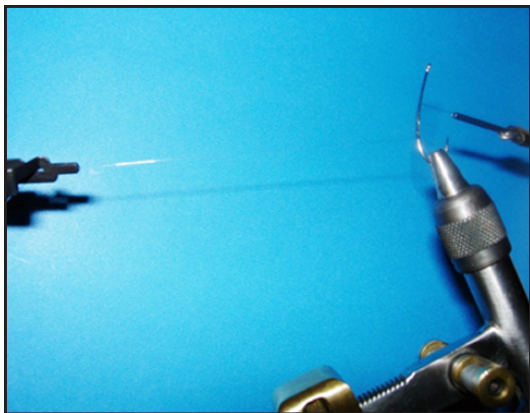
- Hook (any variety will do for practice purposes)
- 4x monofilament
- 8/0 thread to match body color
- Dry fly quality saddle hackle (long, narrow, shiny), color to match body
- Gallows tool for your vise

## Tying Instructions

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Step 1

1. Cut a 1' long piece of 4x monofilament or fluorocarbon and tie it on the hook securely at the end of the shank. Attach the other end of the material to your gallows tool, making sure that the material is taut. If it is too loose, wrapping the hackle will be very difficult. This will be the hackle post. Place a drop of super glue on the wraps.

2. Tie in a saddle hackle at the base of the post and take 5 or 6 widely spaced wraps of hackle up the post. This step should cover about 1" of the post.



Step 2



Steps 3 &amp; 4

3. Begin winding down the post with tightly spaced wraps; at the end of each wrap gently pull the hackle upwards to seat it against the prior wrap. If you have done this correctly, you should be able to get around 40 wraps around the post before hitting the shank.
4. At the end of the last wrap, pull the hackle forward along the shank and tie it down with a few wraps.

5. Cut the post, leaving a tag of about 1"; you will need this tag in order to pull the hackle brush forward across the top of the abdomen when we tie the Hex fly.
6. Pull the brush rearward, and wrap the thread back to the base of the post. For now, just whip finish there. The hackle brush is complete.
7. As in the case of the extended body, practice this by doing it at least a dozen times. You will become proficient with it rapidly if you do so.



Steps 5, 6 &amp; 7 - Completed

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

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