

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Mike Powers

Paul Egan admiring the creativity shown in the Scavenger Fly Tying contest at the Annual Picnic.

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Bear River  
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5:30 PM  
Conservation  
Committee  
Meeting

7:00 PM Monthly  
General Meeting

6:00 PM  
Fly Tying Jam

Green Creek Fishout 18th - 22nd



# President's Message

Mike Howes



The Truckee – Tahoe Fly Fishers (TTFF) BBQ was today. The wife and I participated. We had a wonderful BBQ and enjoyed the TTFF's company. I saw GBF member Gil Machado at the barbeque. The fishing on the river must have been good because I left at 2:00, and not one of the other nine that signed up had come to eat. I can't wait to hear their stories.

I would like to "Thank" Fair Oaks Bowen Therapy for their cash donation, and Orvis for the fly rod and reel they donated to the club. Donations are an important factor in running the club. We only have two major sources of income: Annual Dinner and Membership. A club our size has many expenses, so we need plenty of income. Running the club is like balancing your checkbook; only so much in—only so much out. We accept donations year round. Donors will be recognized in our Annual Dinner program, and on our web site.

The fly tying jam is on the third Tuesday of each month, hosted by Jim Holmes. Jim is one of our expert fly tyers. The fly tying jam

is set up for beginner to expert. It is a time to share ideas about fly tying, and to learn or present new patterns. Jim will show how to tie the fly-of-the-month featured in *The Leader* (i.e. Bill's 12-step stonefly in July). This will enable beginner fly tyers to learn how to tie the fly-of-the-month. S/he can then submit the fly in the fly tying contest held at the next general meeting.

The fly tying contest has two categories: Beginner and Advanced. The winner of the Beginner fly will receive a \$15 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, with the Advanced winner receiving a \$25 certificate. If you don't have fly tying tools, the club has tools available at the meeting. So, if you want to see if fly tying is something you want to do without investing a lot of money, come to the meeting and give it a try. Jim is also willing to help anyone that is having trouble with a certain fly tying technique.

On September 21st Granite Bay Flycasters will be supporting "Casting for Recovery" (CFR). CFR is an organization that helps women, in all stages of breast cancer, learn the art of fly fishing. CFR sponsors an all-expenses paid 3-day retreat for 15 ladies. On Sunday, after several clinics on fly fishing, the ladies are ready to go fishing. Each GBF volunteer will be a river helper, and will escort one of the ladies to the river and assist her in fly fishing. The retreat is held at the Clearwater Lodge on the Pitt River. Mike Powers

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and Jack Ramos are planning a fishout in the Burney area to coincide with the CFR event.

I am still looking for volunteers to take over the Library and *The Leader*. If you are curious about what it takes to do either of these tasks, please, contact Chuck Honeycutt (chuck95762@sbcglobal.net) for the library, and Frank Stolten (fstolten@comcast.net) for *The Leader*.

. . . Life is reel

## Burney Falls Area Fishout

Sept. 18th- 21st

Jack Ramos and Mike Powers

We have just scheduled a fishout for Burney again in September. Those of you who made it to last year's fishout, you know what a great time it was. If you missed it last year, just ask any one that attended what fun we had.

One of our state's treasures is McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, a wonderful location for our September fishout. At the time of our fishout, the park does not take reservations for campsites. All sites are on a 'first come, first served' basis. This should not be a problem at this time of year. We hope to see all of you up at this year's fishout. The meeting place is at the state park. There is a message board on the right as you enter the park.

This is where we will post our campground location, and other information as it comes up throughout the days we are there. We are having a potluck dinner on Saturday night at 6:00. Please bring your family and enough food to share. If you have

any questions please contact Jack or Mike and if we can't answer your questions right away, we will get back to you with the answer.

The reasons I'm excited about this Fishout are the superb fishing and beautiful surroundings. Rainbows and Browns are typically caught in September. Some of the hatches include Salmon Flies, Golden Stones, PMDs, Green Drakes, Mahogany Duns, Sedges, Midges, Blue Winged Olives and Trico Spinners.

We will make our base at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. There are also motels in the town of Burney, about 10 miles away. From our base, there are literally seven or more quality waters: Burney Creek, Hat Creek, Pit River, Fall River, McCloud River, Baum Lake, Manzanita Lake, and others. There are also three fly shops with plenty of flies and information.

Please contact Jack Ramos or Mike Powers if you have any questions. There will be a sign-up sheet at the August and September General Meeting. There is no limit to the number of people who can attend this fish-out.

**Remember: At this time of year the park will NOT take reservations...First come, first served!**

**Here are some helpful links and phone numbers:**

McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov), (530) 335-2777

Burney Motel, 37448 State Highway 299 E, Burney, CA 96013, (530) 335-4500

Charm Motel, 37363 State Highway 299 E, Burney, CA 96013, (530) 335-2254

Green Gables Motel, 37385 State Highway 299 E, Burney, CA 96013, (530) 335-2264

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Shasta Pines Motel, 37386 State Highway 299 E, Burney, CA 96013, (530) 335-2201

Sleepy Hollow Lodge, 36898 State Highway 299 E, Burney, CA 96013, (530) 335-2285

**Vaughn's Sporting Goods and Fly Shop** — (530) 335-2381,

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**Fly Shop** — (530) 222-3555  
Churn Creek Rd, **Redding, CA**

<http://theflyshop.com/>

**Clearwater House** —  
(530) 335-5500

<http://www.clearwatertrout.com/home.html>

## Donations Needed

The Salmon Festival is not too far off. Kiene's fly shop has always donated the materials and hooks that we need, but I hate to keep asking them.

We need donations of chenille, marabou and size 6 hooks. The colors do not matter. If you have any excess of these materials, please get them to me at the meeting or fly tying jam. I know by experience that most tyers have some weird colors that they purchased at one time and they will never use. I can use them.

Thank you –

. . .Pete Peterson

## Salmon Festival

This is an early reminder that the Salmon Festival is coming up; this year's dates are Oct. 11-12. This is the largest undertaking our club is involved in for the general public and we need your help. It takes about 50 volunteers to pull it off.

We will need volunteers for fly casting and fly tying. If you are new to the club and have little experience

in either of these fields, it takes a very short time to show you how to tie a wooly bugger. You should be able to help kids tie this fly in only 5-10 minutes of instruction.

This is also a great time to get more involved with other club members. There is always time to visit with other club members and get to know each other. If you have any questions, see me at the general meeting, fly tying jam, or call me at (916) 240-1997.

Thank you,

. . .Pete Peterson

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

#### For Sale:

I have two custom wooden wading staffs for sale. One is slightly used (used once) and one is brand new. They are made of ash and come with a long strap, rubber grip, and rubber tip. The used one is \$25 and the new one is \$28.

Bill Carnazzo

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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: [fstolten@comcast.net](mailto:fstolten@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

## Annual Picnic Recap

I want to thank every one that attended this year's Annual Picnic. This could not be pulled off with out the help of all the volunteers. My thanks goes out to Dave Thompson and Dan Lovsee for the great Not So Special Olympics. Also John Gorski for overseeing the one fly Tournament. The barbecue was fantastic; Thanks Chef Tony Hamamoto and Don Van Sant and every one that brought side dishes. It looks like we have a new chili contender, watch out it was awesome.

Thursday, a few people arrived and set up camp. Some of us fished Fuller Lake as they planted at about 3:00; we had some top water action but mostly on Fuller Lake Specials. Friday, the smart fly fishers pre-fished Fuller lake to see how the morning fished. Some people went up the hill to the Truckee River and got some toads. The Little Truckee had high flows. Congratulations to Paul Egan who caught a small mouth bass on the Little Truckee. That's the first bass I have heard of caught in the river.

Saturday at 9:00 AM we started the one fly tournament. The sky was a bit overcast from a fire and the fish were still in schools with distribution through out the lake. We fished till 12:00 with the winners being:

**Most fish:** Rick Radoff, 15 landed and Jeanne English, 12 landed

**Largest fish:** Mike Powers 13 inches and Robin Egan 11 inches

**Smallest fish:** Bev Hagopian 4inches

**First fish caught:** Jack Ramos at 9:05 and Bev Hagopian 9:10.

**First fly lost:** Bill Hagopian 9:06.

**Most fish per team:** We had a 3-way tie for teams with most fish, 16 per team so we drew for winners. Good job to Jack Ramos, Tony Pisanu and Bev Hagopian.

**No fish:** We also had a 7-way tie for no fish and drew a winner. John Gorski takes the honor.

**Casting Games:** Jack Ramos and Mike McGee for a back cast that landed 2 feet from the target. If I did not see it I would not believe it.

**Scavenger hunt fly tying:** Jim Northrup and Tony Pisanu for a creative tie. We also had casting to fish on the lawn for kids and scavenger hunt fly tying where the kids imagination was superb.

In the past we use to name the picnic The Past Presidents Weekend. It was great to see the out going Pres. and the new Pres. at this event. Next year I hope to see double as many people, because ever year I tell Tony we will have 70 people for dinner. We need to keep Tony happy and cooking. Tony came up just to cook, maybe next year to fish. Thanks Dave, I hope you will volunteer next year.

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## GBF's Annual Picnic



*Left: What everyone wanted.*

*Right: Outgoing president towing the new one.*



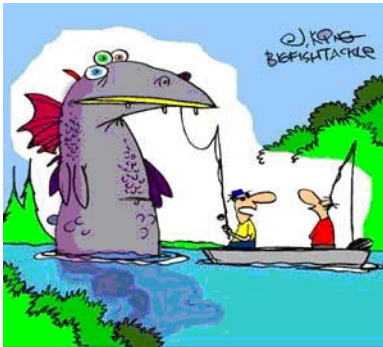
*Left: Launching for the one-fly contest.*

*Right: Watching the casting games*



*Left: Chef Tony grilling ribs.*





*"How close to that toxic dump site did you say this lake was?"*

**CALL OF DUTY-**

For conservation deployment on Saturday, August 9th. We have planned to go up to our Bear River Restoration area to do some maintenance work. Most of the riparian structures that we previously installed have been washed downstream. In order to make this a one-day trip, we need LOTS of able bodies. Thank you to those who already signed up at the general meeting and emailed me in July. Volunteers will need work gloves and waders, if you don't want to get wet, although wet wading is certainly an option this time of year. We may need some 4x4 vehicles to get the tools and materials up there. I think I have 2 committed so far. Anyone wishing to do some fishing while you are up there is welcome to "dry camp" in the meadow near the area. If you haven't put in your volunteer time yet this year, this will be a perfect opportunity to do so!

**STATUS REPORT on current legislation -**

**AB1806** is to be heard at a Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing August 4th. This bill addresses the issue of dealing with fishery disaster rescues and even more important, the bill provides full mitigation for the federal and state water projects pumping of massive amounts of water south. See CSPA's action alert on 6/08/08 for more details: <http://www.calsport.org/6-8-08.htm>.

**AB2175** is to be heard at a Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing August 4th. This bill sets a 20% target for water conservation by urban water agencies by 2020.

**AB2502** is in the "suspense file" in the Assembly Appropriations committee because they deemed AB 2502 had "substantial costs in millions of dollars for future fiscal years." The landmark bill was apparently a victim of the state budget crisis. This bill, if ever passed, will create a Delta Ecological Restoration and Recreation Area that will allow increased angling, hunting and other recreational access while providing needed fish and wildlife habitat. Assemblywoman Wolk had proposed for the state to buy Prospect Island and Little Holland Tract from the federal government and Liberty Island from the Trust for Public Lands and turn them into a state recreation area. However, a Trust for Public Lands' spokesman said at the hearing that they plan to donate their land for the creation

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of the recreation area! (From CSPA article: <http://www.calsport.org/4-16-08.htm>)

For status updates on open legislation in the State Assembly, go to <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/acsframeset2text.htm>.

Well, that's all for now. The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14th at the Raley's in Granite Bay at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Come see what we have in store!

. . .Robin, 916-396-0030  
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## Upcoming Fishouts

August is upon us and starting next month the fishouts should start increasing. Tony Hamamoto is planning a fishout at Green Creek on August 18th. Chuck Honeycutt is planning a day fishout at Heenan Lake on September 13. Eric Palmer has scheduled an Upper Sac Fishout for the 9 thru the 12 of October. There are rumors that there will be a Crowley Lake, a Frenchman Lake, and a Sly Park fishout. I will work on these and get the information out as soon as possible.

If you would like to lead a fishout please contact me and we can set one up.

. . .Bill Hagopian, Fishmaster  
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## The Importance of Communication

One of the keys to a healthy club membership is communication between the membership and the club's officers, directors, committee chairs, and event coordinators. Granite Bay Flycasters' communication system is an example of how to do it right. We use three communication channels to "get the word out:"

- The Leader
- Our fantastic web site
- The email network (aka "email blasts")

In order to make this system work effectively and efficiently, your help is needed. Here's what each member can do:

- Read the Leader thoroughly
- Check the web site frequently—the message board, individual site pages for outings, classes, clinics, and other events
- Make sure that you have provided your current address, phone number, and email address to the Membership VP—especially your email address so you can receive email info on club events. And, if we don't have your current physical address, we can't get the Leader to your mail box.
- Check your spam filter, which may be filtering out messages from Granite Bay Flycasters or individuals responsible for a particular event. Each internet service provider and/or email server has a spam filter which may cause important email to not reach your inbox.

. . .Bill Carnazzo



At eleven years of age Jeff Putnam traded in his spinning rod for his first fly fishing outfit, and started fishing many trout-filled streams in the Sierra Mountains. It was not long before fishing challenging gin-clear spring creeks, emerald green coastal steelhead rivers and fertile lakes all over the Western U.S. that Jeff realized fly fishing was more than just a sport. Jeff began fly tying commercially at 13, and started guiding fly fishermen on Northern California's waters as early as age 16.

Since then, Jeff has worked many positions in the fly fishing industry, including retail fly shop sales, manufacturer's rep, fly fishing guide in California, Montana and Colorado, and fly fishing instructor. Jeff has also been fortunate to have traveled to some top fly fishing destinations like the famous Dean River in BC, the Tsiu River in Alaska, El Pescador Lodge in Belize and Christmas Island in the Central Pacific. Jeff puts on special seminars and presentations for angling groups, fly fishing clubs, fly shops, fly fishing manu-

facturers and corporate groups. He also consults individuals and

groups on travel planning and tackle selection. Jeff enjoys fishing local waters for any species he can catch on a fly rod, and possesses a true angling passion for spey fishing for steelhead, catching rising trout on light rods and searching the saltwater flats.

Jeff's presentation to the Granite Bay Flycasters on August 14th will be on "Fly Fishing for Steelhead in the Pacific Northwest." This is a program not to be missed. It pertains to our local waters as well as the famous anadromous fisheries of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. During every month of the year, Pacific Northwest Steelhead can be found at least somewhere among these diverse drainages. In this program, Jeff will discuss how, when and where to access these wonderful fish.

Jeff is a Certified Casting Instructor (CCI) for single hand fly casting, and a Two-Handed Certified Instructor (THCI) for "spey" casting. He can be contacted through his commercial address as follows:

Jeff Putnam's Fly Fishing Schools

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August 14, 7:00 PM  
Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Why Barbless Flies? Part I

Bill Kiene and I were talking about barbless flies over lunch. He said "It would be great if all of the thousands of flies that we purchase and sell each year were barbless." I couldn't agree more. But the sad fact is that almost all commercially tied flies have barbs that we, as the users, have to smash down and hope that we've done the job adequately. Personally, I smash the barb on every fly that goes on my leader, or that I place on a client's leader.

I'm often asked the perfectly reasonable question: "Don't you lose more fish using barbless flies?" My response is a realistic one: "You may lose one or two fish because your hook is debarbed, but it's almost always because of a mistakes in handling the fish during the fight; once you recognize this, you can minimize loss of fish by correcting those mistakes. In the long run, this exercise will make you a better angler." Still, I have had client-anglers get annoyed with me for smashing barbs. But I do it anyway...because I can.

There are a host of reasons for debarbing hooks, or using barbless hooks when we tie our own flies. I will present the pros and cons in this and following articles in the next couple of issues of the Leader.

But before going into that subject, what is the best way to debarb a fly? You could try using your forceps to do the job; however, I've found that most forceps are simply not up to the task, especially with

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## Spring Pupa

I know, it's not springtime. But, that doesn't mean that this little fly won't work for you. If you turn over rocks in most any freestone stream, you'll find little "green rock worms." These bugs are caddis larvae. Without getting into the entomological intricacies of caddis species, some caddis larvae make cases and some are free-living. If you look closely at what you find on rocks or amongst the debris on the stream bottom, you'll notice that the bright green "worms" can be of both types. In other words, there will be some crawling about, and others inside their cases. If you grab one of the little square cases and open it up, you will see what I mean. The little cased variety engage in "behavioral drift" from time to time at certain times of the day. This just means that they leave their cases and drift downstream where they establish a new home and build a new case. I don't know (and entomologists say they don't know either) exactly why this happens, but it indeed does. And, luckily for fly anglers, the fish know about this phenomenon. The Spring Pupa is actually just a chartreuse Fox Poopah, tied in exactly the same way as the regular Poopah series flies. In my experience, this fly works well as an imitation of either a free-living caddis larva caught in the current, or a cased caddis larva engaging in behavioral drift. I use it as a "stinger" (a third fly) off the bottom fly in a two-fly nymph rig. It saved the day for me and my client recently just above Pollard Flat on the Upper Sac, where it accounted for a good number of very large rainbows.

### Tying Instructions:



Steps 1 & 2

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless version of the hook, and slip the bead around the bend. Cover the shank with thread.

2. Tie in a piece of crystal flash (will be used as ribbing) just above the hook barb, and move the thread to the bead. At that point, tie in another piece of crystal flash.

3. Wrap this piece of crystal flash back to where the first piece was tied in, and forward again to the bead. Tie it off there. This forms a shiny underbody.

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### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Tiemco 2457 or Dai-ichi 1120, #12-16
Thread:	Chartreuse 8/0
Bead:	Small copper or gold bead, sized to match hook size
Underbody:	Pearl crystal flash
Abdomen:	Chartreuse Ultra-Chenille
Ribbing:	Pearl crystal flash
Legs:	Partridge, sparse
Antennae:	Barred wood duck fibers
Head:	Black ostrich herl

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Step 3

4. Cut a piece of Ultra-Chenille to 1.5 times the length of the shank. Using a lighter held away from its tip, singe it lightly so that it is rounded off. With the singed end pointing to the rear, tie it in just behind the bead.



Step 4



Step 5

5. Rib the abdomen, using 4 or 5 wraps.

6. At the same spot, tie in the legs on the underside of the hook, "beard" style. Make this very sparse; otherwise, it will detract from the principal elements of the fly. In other words, we want a hint of legs—nothing more.



Step 6

7. From a wood duck flank feather, cut two barbules and tie them in behind the bead, tips to the rear. When tied in, they should be just a tiny bit longer than the end of the body. This represents the antennae.



Step 7

8. Tie in a piece of black ostrich herl behind the bead, and take 2 or

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## Rod Building 108A: Thread Types, Sizes and Colors

This is This is the first of two articles discussing thread choice on a custom fly rod. Different threads can be used to tie on your guides, hook keeper, ferrule protection, and tip protection, respectively. Your choice of thread for each makes your rod truly one of a kind. Thread color, thread size, and length of wrap are very important for aesthetics and functionality. In this article, we'll look at some of the choices you have when selecting thread for your custom rod.

Before selecting a type, size, and color of thread, the rod builder should first consider what the overall "look" they are trying to achieve. When you look at all of the manufactured fly rod blank colors available, you will find the fly blanks tend to be very muted and non-flashy. Blanks are usually black, matte black, transparent black, dark brown, chestnut, dark green, olive green, light tan, dark tan, or dark blue. The purpose of muted coloring is to avoid giving off a flash that may spook the fish when casting the rod. You will notice that most commercial good to high quality rods are all built with this type of color scheme. Some commercial rods do, however, have a very subtle amount of enhancement color here and there to enhance the rod's appearance and perhaps entice the fisherman to purchase that particular rod. Thread colors are available in various shade, tones, and patterns to match the blanks.

There are many types, sizes, and colors of threads being manufactured at this time. Detailed descriptions of several thread types, including regular nylon thread, NCP (no color preserver) nylon thread, metallic thread, electra metallic thread, trimar thread, and silk thread are provided below to give you an idea of the variety of choices available to customize your rod.

Nylon Thread: The most commonly used thread listed above is the regular nylon thread, which comes in more than 30 colors. Nylon thread is available in sizes A, C, and D. Size A is the smallest diameter, while size D is the largest. Most fly rods are built with size A thread, which is very strong and provides a very pleasing visual appearance. The use of a color preserver on the nylon thread prior to applying epoxy will prevent the thread colors from becoming muted after the epoxy is applied.

NCP Nylon Thread: A specific type of nylon thread used in rod building is called NCP nylon thread. Like most nylon threads, it is available in more than 30 colors and also comes in sizes A, C, and D. When using this thread, colors will tend to be brighter and less muted after epoxy is applied without the use of a color preserver.

Metallic and Electra Metallic Threads: These threads tend to have very vivid colors. They are both made with a nylon thread core that is surrounded by a metal thread. Metallic thread is available in about 20 colors, while Electra Metallic is only available in 5 colors. They are both available in sizes A, C, and D.

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Electra Metallic thread provides a holographic effect and radiates a brilliant array of light. However, both of these threads can be used for a bright accent to any rod.

**Trimar Thread:** This thread is a blend on NCP nylon and a single, thin metallic fiber that is twisted into one thread to give a variegated effect. This thread is used for accent and comes in only one size (C/D). No color preserver is needed to preserve the brilliance of color.

**Silk Thread:** Silk is the world's strongest natural fiber and is stronger than steel in tensile strength. The Japanese have been producing the finest silk thread in the industry for many years. There are more than 45 colors produced for rod building. Silk thread comes in three sizes: 100, 50, and size A. Size 100 is the smallest diameter, while size A is the largest. When using silk thread, you must use silk color preserver to preserve the color, or you may have problems with the thread darkening after epoxy is applied. This is the most expensive thread, but the price is negligible in relation to the entire rod cost. Silk thread only costs about \$3.00 per rod.

As you can see from the small handful of threads described above, there is a lot of variety in thread type, size, and color to make that custom rod take on your own personal stamp. If you would like to get a more specific idea of what type of thread you would like to use for your rod, try browsing [www.anglersworkshop.com](http://www.anglersworkshop.com) on the internet. They have many types of thread available for sale at reasonable prices.

In the next article, we will discuss how the length of thread wrap modi-

fies rod action and how the placement of thread can protect weak areas in the rod.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please feel free to mail me at [larrylee@L3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com) or telephone me at 916-962-0616.

## Green Creek Fishout

August 18-22

For many years I've been spending a week in late August at the Green Creek Campground, just 7 miles southwest of Bridgeport. I use it as my base camp, so I could fish the surrounding area. Whether it's to hike several miles and stillwater fish the high Sierra Lakes, such as Green Lake, East Lake or West Lake or wade Green Creek from the mountain to the meadow, or drive a short distant to fish the East Walker, West Walker or Virginia Lake. We have a good chance of catching trout. I've been doing this since before I was married, now Alison and Blazer look forward to this annual trip. We also take a day trip during our stay to fish Hot Creek and the Owens River just east of Bishop, where I also fill my tank with gas at the Indian casino there.

We will be there by noon on August 18th. There are eleven campsites available on a first-come first-served basis, no reservations. The road to get there off Highway 395 is like a washboard, which keeps the crowds away. The campsites have shared common running water faucets and out houses. There are also campsites that fit RV's. Any questions call (530) 642-9132 or e-mail me at [hamamoto@cwnet.net](mailto:hamamoto@cwnet.net). We will be looking forward to seeing you there, especially Blazer!

. . . Tony



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3 wraps. Tie it off and whip finish behind the bead.



Step 8

**Tying tips:**

1. Don't add weight to this little gem; in my opinion, it kills the action of the fly, and distorts the shape of the underbody.

2. Cut and singe a dozen bodies at a time; it will save you a lot of tying time, and will result in more uniform, consistent bodies.

Tie the Spring Pupa on as a dropper, or as a third fly off of your point fly in a nymph rig. Set the hook

at the slightest hesitation of your leader. Go rip a few lips, and....see ya on the creek.

**GPS Clinic Planned**

Tom Ross, our resident GPS (Global Positioning System) expert, will be the instructor at our planned upcoming clinic on understanding and using GPS devices. The clinic will consist of a couple of hours of classroom time, followed by an hour or more hands-on outdoor practical exercises. The clinic will be held in late August but we haven't tied down an actual date yet. Tom is trying to locate enough GPS units for the class, but we don't have anything for certain on that issue yet.

In any event, the clinic will probably be held at the clubhouse; if we can't get the clubhouse, then we'll do the classroom part at Raley's and then adjourn to the lake for the practical part.

There will be more information and a sign up sheet at the August meeting.

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## Upper Sacramento River Fishout

The dog days of summer will soon be a memory and come October it will be time for our annual 4-day fishout on the Upper Sac at Dunsmuir. We have again selected the second weekend in the month, and once again, Bill Carnazzo has graciously agreed to present his popular Short-Line Nymphing Clinic on Saturday morning. Last year, the first three members to practice the technique immediately after Bill's instruction hooked and landed a very nice fish on their second if not first cast. All told, the weekend was productive for all members with some landing crazy numbers of fish in the park. October is "prime time" on this Blue Ribbon Freestone trout stream, and fishing can be at its best. Trout average 12" but can reach over 20" with some Browns. Weather can be variable in October, ranging from warm to light rain, so plan accordingly. We will have the usual dinner get-togethers at local restaurants for the first three nights for those interested. There is no charge for this fishout, and details of time and place for all activities will be forth coming on the web site. Since there is virtually unlimited river access for miles above and below Dunsmuir, there is no limit on attendance. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August and September meetings.

For further information contact Eric Palmer at 916-987-1359, [ejpalmer@pacbell.net](mailto:ejpalmer@pacbell.net)

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larger flies. Consequently, I carry a small pair of smooth surface needle nose pliers. This tool quickly and thoroughly smashes the barb. Your fly will even pass the "cotton ball" test that some DFG wardens have reputedly used.

Here's reason number 1 for using barbless flies: They clearly help release your fish easily and safely, often without you even having to touch the fish. Obviously you are going to have to touch the fish if it's one worthy of a picture. Those deemed not worthy of a picture can be released simply by holding the

leader and removing the hook with your forceps. If, however, the fish has been played for a long time (I call this "grandstanding"), it may need to be handled in the water in order to aid in resuscitating it prior to release.

In next month's Leader, I will talk about other reasons for using barbless flies. In the meantime, if you'd like to discuss this with me and/or provide different opinions, please feel free to contact me (see below) and I'll be sure to include your input in the next installment.

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