

# The Leader

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## President's Message

*by Dennis Baker, GBF President*

This month I want to share opportunities for you to get involved with club activities such as the Annual Fund Raising Dinner. The committee meets on Wednesday evenings once a month at Raley's on Douglas Blvd. in Granite Bay at 7:00 PM from now until May. The committee needs some new members with fresh ideas to join the committee for the 2012 event. Don't be bashful, put yourself out there and help GBF raise enough money to continue to operate the club and fund the much needed conservation and education activities Granite Bay Flycasters is known for.

Besides the Annual Dinner, please consider volunteering to staff the GBF Booth at the 2012 ISE show in February. Tony Fabian is heading up the ISE Show, and would be glad to have your commitment to help as early as possible. The ISE Show is presently our only recruiting event of the year, and a strong showing of support speaks volumes to potential members visiting the booth.

Henry Sandigo is working hard to put together Conservation Projects for you all to participate in. Henry is also always looking for new committee members to assist in the identification of worthwhile projects and organizations to donate conservation dollars to. So, if you have an area of interest, join the Conservation Committee; they meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay off Douglas Blvd. and Auburn/Folsom Rd. Just show up and be heard.

Don't just sit in your easy chair, come out and support GBF in one of the many activities sponsored by your fellow club members!



## The Fishmaster's Corner

*by Mel Odemar, Fishmaster*

Last month I floated the idea of creating a website atlas of flyfishing locations fished by GBF members. The core of the atlas would be past fishout location data sheets with the addition of new locations fished by GBF members that have not been fished by the club. The response has been encouraging, and thanks to Kent Ripley, the concept is off to a good start. Kent produced a list of fishouts going back to 2005, alphabetized by location. I counted 186 fishouts covering nearly 50 locations. Wow!!!

There's still a lot of work to be done, not all fishouts had data sheets, and we will need input from members on new sites. Despite my support for the effort, I do see a need to proceed cautiously. Realizing that anything on our website is accessible to the world, we don't want to give out too much information and attract added pressure to sensitive fishing spots. There is also the issue of liability. Might such an atlas of fishing locations put the club at legal risk should a non-GBF member get into trouble following our fishing guidance? I don't believe these issues are insurmountable, but I do believe that they need to be fully vetted before implementation. This has to be a club effort. Let me know what you think.

I can be reached at [melodemar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:melodemar@sbcglobal.net).

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**S E P T E M B E R 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4.	5.	6. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	7.	8. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	9. Bridgeport Fishout 9th - 11th Kings River Fishout 9th - 11th	10.
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25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	

**Monthly Program**  
**Bill Carnazzo - Upper American River, Middle Fork, and North Fork Drainages**



Our program for the September 8th meeting will be member Bill Carnazzo. Bill will present a program on the Upper American River, Middle Fork and North Fork drainages. He will discuss the available streams to fish, seasonal timing, what fish to expect to catch, access, trails, environmental concerns, and safety issues. Bill's biographical information is detailed below.

Bill, who makes his home in Foresthill, California, has been fly fishing for nearly 50 years, and guides on the Upper Sacramento, Middle Fork American drainage (including the Middle Fork, Rubicon, the North Fork of the Middle Fork, Long Canyon Creek, Duncan Creek and all other streams and tributaries of this drainage), and North Yuba rivers. His guiding career began approximately 20 years ago when he bought his first home in Dunsmuir.

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Bill is the columnist for the "At the Vise" column in the California Fly Fisher magazine, and a master fly tyer who ties at many fly fishing shows; he also is responsible for the Fly-Tying How-To Center at the ISE show at Cal Expo each January. He was recently awarded the coveted "Ned Long Fly Tyer of the Year" award by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has designed many original fly patterns that are known as "fish catchers," including Bill's Stick Caddis and other October Caddis imitations, as well as some unique stonefly and mayfly bugs. Bill also works part time at Kiene's Fly Shop in Sacramento, and teaches fly fishing courses at Sierra Community College. In addition to his regular column, he has authored a number of articles for The Sierra Fisherman, and for California Fly Fisher magazine on a variety of topics, the latest of which are on the Middle Fork American River drainage, the North Fork American drainage, short line nymphing gear and technique, and his series of five October Caddis patterns. He was a founding member of Granite Bay Flycasters and has been club president twice. When not guiding, Bill teaches fly tying, as well as on-stream clinics on nymphing and pocket water fishing.

### Conservation Corner

*Henry Sandigo, V.P. Conservation*

Hello all you fishing folk. This is a note I sent out last year, however I think it's still relevant, because of the observations I've made in the last 3-4 weeks along the American and Sacramento rivers. In many places along the banks and at the bottom of our rivers, debris lies, (mostly cans, but a few bottles too and the inevitable wrappers from every burger/taco/pizza joint we buy this stuff from) this stuff is staring right at us. We need to make a stand, carry a bag with us and pickup what we can, carry it home and trash it.

I want to lead you to a few places you can get to electronically, places that are dedicated to conservation, and getting things done about our fishing holes. So, I am listing a bucket full of websites that you can save in your browser and go to when you have the time, to see how they are doing or how you can get involved.

**TU Trout Unlimited**, here, the stories cover places near and far, and the people that you may meet someday fishing at that special place you always wanted to fish at. <http://www.tu.org/>

**Endangered Species Coalition** - Find out what is happening to the protected wildlife in areas that you frequent, lived in or have known of. <http://www.stopextinction.org/>

**NCCFFF** - The Northern California Council serves the fish and fly fishers of the northern parts of California, Nevada, plus Hawaii and Guam These folks are the watch dogs of our local waters, communities, working hand in hand with many fly clubs to protect fish and fishing. <http://www.nccfff.org/about-nccfff.html>

**McCloud River Keepers** - This is a stewardship group made up of clubs, organizations, fishing companies, guides, fishing folk. Their purpose is to protect the habitat of the McCloud, and protect the rights of fishers to a State licensed season.

<http://www.mccloudriverkeepers.org/index.html>

**South Yuba Rivers Citizens League** - Is a leading voice for protecting and restoring the Yuba River and the greater Yuba Watershed Foundation.

<http://yubariver.org/>

**California Coastkeeper Alliance** - CCKA coordinates, supports, and enhances the work of the local California Waterkeeper programs to provide a statewide voice for safeguarding California's waters, and its world-renowned coast and ocean, for the benefit of all Californians and for California's future.

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**SalmonAID**, is a non profit dedicated to restoring rivers, wild salmon species, and the communities that depend on them for survival.

<http://www.salmonaid.org/>

**The Green Awards** - Environmental community and Green Giant recognizing individuals making a difference in communities across the country. A good place to find whats happening.

<https://www.thegreenawards.com/Default.aspx?v=45>

**Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency** - To reduce flood risks, minimize impact on human safety, health and welfare and to preserve and enhance the environment amongst other things. They have a good environmental plan. <http://www.safca.org/>

**Save the American River Association** - A grass roots organization dedicated to protect, enhance wildlife habitat, fishery and resources of the American River Parkway. They have many events that keep the river area clean and beautiful for all to enjoy. Check this one out as soon as you can. GBF has a spot where we regularly weed for the Red Sesbania plant, a very invasive bush - if you have a moment go to this site to see a PDF of how your participation can help (<http://www.cal-ipc.org/symposia/archive/pdf/May%20sesbania.pdf>)

<http://www.sarariverwatch.org/>

**American River Parkway Foundation** - The mission of this organization is to support the preservation, protection, enhancement, and appreciation of the American River Parkway. GBF partners with this organization also to control the Red Sesbania devil. <http://www.arpf.org/weed.shtml>

**Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead** - SARSAS is trying to do with one stream, the Auburn Ravine, what must be done to all streams and rivers on the entire West coast. Make the stream navigable for anadromous fish. <http://www.sarsas.org/>

**Cal Trout** - To protect and restore wild trout, steelhead, salmon and their waters throughout California.

<http://caltrout.org/>

**Fish Bio** - ISHBIO is a dedicated group of fisheries research and monitoring scientists, engineers, and technicians that specialize in counting, tracking, and analyzing fish and wildlife populations throughout the world.

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**Classes and Clinics**

*Art Livingston, Chair, Member Education*

Below is a list of clinics and classes that will be offered to members. Some have scheduled dates; the others will be scheduled shortly. If you have suggestions as to other clinics or classes, be sure to contact me and we can discuss your thoughts. Look for specifics on classes and clinics on the web site, and in future *Leader* articles.

**Scheduled Clinics/Classes**

Fly Tying Jam: Jim Holmes, Pete Peterson

**Date(s)**

Third Tuesday Each Month (Continuing)

**Upcoming Clinics/Classes**

Rod Building: Larry Lee

Ongoing

Fly Tying Basics:

Dates TBD in the Fall

Casting: John Hogg

Dates TBD in the Fall

Net Building: Art Hawkins

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**Fly Tyer's Corner**

by Bill Carnazzo

**Princely Caddis Emerger**

Yes, I'm on a Caddis kick. In fact, next month this column will feature a reprise of my Stick Caddis, in preparation for the Upper Sacramento outing. For the time being, though, let's consider another aspect of the life cycle of the Caddisfly: the emergent stage. Last month's fly, the Flashy Chick Caddis, represents a Caddisfly diving to the bottom to "oviposit" (entomologist's term for the egg-laying stage). Once those eggs hatch, and the insect goes through its larval and pupal stages, it will assume the form of an adult and swim to the surface, break through the surface skin, and fly away. Of course, predatory trout munch them as they swim upward, and also feast on those having trouble breaking the surface tension. The Princely Caddis Emerger was designed to suggest an emergent Caddisfly swimming to the surface. Like the Flashy Chick, I use it as a stinger at the end of my short line rig and, where possible, swing it down when the short line drift is done. In my Upper Middle Fork "laboratory" this fly, fished in that manner, has outstripped my expectations. So, crank a few of them and give them a try.

**MATERIALS NEEDED**

Hook:	Daichi 1260 or Spirit River's 312, size 14
Weight:	3 wraps of .015 lead-free weight at thorax
Thread:	Ginger or amber 8/0
Tail:	Ginger or amber maribou tuft
Abdomen:	Extra small copper wire and light turkey wing primary feather wrapped into a rope
Thorax:	Ginger or amber dubbing
Wing:	Amber goose biots
Hackle:	Partridge
Head:	Thread



Steps 1 & 2

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Smash the hook barb. Wrap 3 turns of .015 weight at the thorax area, which will be about 2 eye-widths behind the hook eye.

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Step 3



Step 5

6. Cut or strip two ginger or amber biots from the stem. Tie them in just ahead of the thorax just as you would the biots for a Prince Nymph, and wrap back over them to the thorax area (in other words, to about the middle of the weight area).

2. Cover the shank and weight with thread, leaving it at the back of the barb.

3. Tie in a tail made with a small pinch of ginger or amber marabou; keep it sparse, and the length should be no longer than the hook shank.

4. At the same spot, tie in a 3" length of extra small copper wire and a small slip of light colored turkey primary wing feather. Tie the feather in by the tip. I like to use the feathers that have a golden color to them.

5. Bring the turkey and copper wire together, and grab them with a hackle plier near their bottom. Twist them into a rope, in a counterclockwise direction. Wrap the rope up the shank to the thorax area (see above). Tie the rope off at that point.



Step 4



Step 6

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Step 7

7. Dub a nice thorax over the weight area but leave a small amount of room behind the hook eye for the next step.

8. Tie in a small partridge feather by its tip and take a couple of wraps in front of the thorax; tie off the feather, and smooth it rearward while wrapping a few more times in front of it. Whip finish.



Step 8 Completed Fly

**Tying Tips**

1. Step 3 is important. The marabou should be relatively sparse, and the length no longer than the shank. When "trimming" the marabou to length, do it after tying it on but don't use scissors. Pop it off to the proper length using your thumbnail and forefinger. Cutting it with scissors produces too sharp an edge.
2. Step 4 consists of a technique new to most tyers. When tying in the material to be wrapped with the copper wire, it is important to tie it in by the tip because when you twist the combined materials the portion nearest the hook will not twist properly (or even at all) if it is thicker than the portion attached to the hackle pliers.
3. The light turkey feather I use has an amber hue to it. It is a Hareline product called "Ozark Oak" turkey feathers. If you can't find that color, just substitute any light colored turkey.

This pattern is a modified form of soft hackle fly. So, as in the case of last month's fly, tie one of these gems to the end of your tippet and fish it like you would a wet fly (i.e., swing it). Alternately, tie it as a stinger to the bend of the bottom fly on a short line rig; then do a short line drift but let it swing into a wet fly swing, and....See ya on the creek.



## Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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## Bridgeport Fishout — September 9 - 11



Based on several factors Bev and I decided not to have our Annual Bridgeport Fishout in May but chose to do it September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. We have been going to Bridgeport in September for the last couple of years and find the weather to be very comfortable and rivers are wet-wadeable. The rivers and lakes have had their last fish plantings of the year. Last year we wet-waded Robinson Creek, using a 2 wt. rod with ants and it was great fun fishing.



Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras. Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen, and miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850's. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers, and streams. There is good fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large rainbow and brown trout and Northeast of Bridgeport is the East Walker River, a premier fly-fishing stream.

Bev and I will be going up to Lower Twin Lakes Campground on Monday and we have reserved campsite # 2 for the week. The campground is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Bridgeport, off of Twin Lakes Rd. Camping can be comfortable this time of year but the nights can be cool since the campground is at 6500 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creek side cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the area. I will put up links on the club's message board.

**Directions:** From Sacramento area, go to Highway 395 and go south. US Highway 395 runs through Bridgeport. At the first street in Bridgeport, (at the Gas Station) turn right on to Twin Lakes Road. Travel on the Twin Lakes Road for about 9.5 miles, then make a left turn on to South Twin Lakes Road, and go approximately 0.6 miles across the bridge. The campground is on the right.

**A word to the wise:** Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. It is best to fill up in Minden or Walker.

**Equipment:** Float tubes, or the like, is the general method with a sinking line (intermediate to faster) on a 5 wt. Patterns seem to change year to year, but nymphs, buggers and Matukas have been fairly consistent.

**For more information about lodging or RV sites contact:**

Twin Lakes Resort at (760) 932-7751  
 Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070  
 Camping Reservations (800) 280-CAMP  
 Mono Village (760) 932-7071  
 Doc and Al's Resort (760) 932-7051

Also see GBF's website with links.

Ken's Sporting Goods has a good selection of fishing tackle, flies and is generous with fishing tips. Fishing Guide Services are also available (760) 932-7707.

Bev and I will miss the August meeting, as we will be camping. If you are interested in coming up, post on the website or contact us at [Billh07@comcast.net](mailto:Billh07@comcast.net) - 916-771-5837

See you in Bridgeport

Bev and Bill Hagopian



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**Upper Sac Fishout — October 13 - 16**

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**Fishout Notice!**

Announcing signups for the annual GBF Upper Sac at Dunsmuir fishout and nymphing clinic with Bill Carnazzo scheduled for Thursday, October 13th thru Sunday the 16th.

This is the official notice for anyone interested in fishing this awesome river to sign up and book your lodging now! Fishout dates are Thursday Oct 13 through Sunday the 16th, but some come on Friday or Saturday and still have fun and get fish. There is no charge for this fishout and no limit on attendance (GBF members only, no guests please). I will organize "no host" dinners for the three nights, providing great fun and camaraderie and ample opportunity to tell big lies about huge fish. Actually, you may not have to lie!

As you may know, Fall is prime time on this world famous free stone trout stream and lodging fills up fast. It's not mandatory to attend all four days if other commitments conflict, but any participation will be rewarded with fine fishing in an exquisite locale with excellent camaraderie. You will particularly not want to miss Bill Carnazzo's famous (and free) tight-line nymphing clinic Saturday morning in the Dunsmuir city park. Bill is a professional guide, so ordinary civilians pay dearly for the benefit of Bill's instruction, which he has graciously agreed to present to GBF members gratis (you might consider an optional gratuity at your discretion). Past participants have landed nice fish on their first or second practice cast during Bill's training session with this highly effective technique.

Dunsmuir lodging and camping recommendations are listed below. We are shifting gears this year and the Dunsmuir Lodge will now be our main base of operations, and is where I will be staying. It's nicer, cleaner and quieter than the other options yet still very convenient to I5. Mention my name on booking for a 10% club discount from the rates below. The Dunsmuir Lodge is at the first Dunsmuir exit heading North, about ½ mile on the right.

- \* **Dunsmuir lodge** <http://dunsmuirodge.net/rooms/>  
530-235-2884, Rates from \$79/single, \$89/double.
- \* **Cave Springs** <http://www.cavesprings.com/>  
530-235-2721 (where we used to stay) , Rates from \$56/single. A bit noisy as it's right on I5.
- \* **Sims Flat National Forest campground on Sims Rd.**  
<http://www.forestcamping.com/dow/pacificsw/shascmp.htm#sims%20flat>
- \* **Castle Craigs State Park off I5** [http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=454](http://parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=454)
- \* **For other lodging options, see:** [Dunsmuir area lodging](#) or  
<http://www.parks.ca.gov/>

All camp grounds are located about 10 miles or 10 minutes south of Dunsmuir on I5.

Please sign up by going to the GBF website message board <http://gbflycasters.websitetoolbox.com/>. After clicking on the Fishouts link, find the notice for this event and click Reply to indicate your interest and make any comments or ask questions. Also, please let me know if you are a new member and/or new to fly fishing (<2 yrs) or returning after years of inactivity. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, PREFERABLY CELL PHONE.

If you should have any difficulty registering for the message board, please email or call me for help. Each morning of the event, we will rendezvous at 8AM in the parking lot of the Dunsmuir Lodge.

A detailed agenda and fly selection info to follow via email for those who register.

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Membership:** Applications are available on-line at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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

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