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President's Message

by Dennis Baker, GBF President

It's June, and election time for new Officers, and lots of opportunities to serve your fellow members. We need a Program Chair Person to replace the departing Rick Radoff. So, if you have an interest in selecting who presents to our club at monthly meetings, here is your chance.

I have been reflecting on just how fast the last two years have gone by, and all that has happened. The most important thing to me has been the friendly manner of all the members of the Granite Bay Flycasters. During the last two years we have tried some new things; some worked, and a few did not work so well. Our club house was remodeled, and still has a couple of things to be finished, but you have to admit it a great improvement for the facility. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last two years.

Our Swap Meet & Chili Contest was last Saturday, and lets all thank Denny Welch for a good job in leading this event. There were six chilis entered in the contest, and once again we have a new winner, Doug Kytönen. There were some great deals on rods, boats and lots of equipment. I am already looking forward to next year.

I will see all of you at the Annual Picnic at Fuller Lake May 31st – June 3rd. The One Fly Tournament will be held on June 2nd, and start at 8:00 AM and end at 12:00 Noon. There will be lots of good prizes, with burgers and dogs shortly after we leave the water. I am hoping all attendees will bring salads, chips, beans, drinks and condiments. It's all free to members; camping, fishing, great company and games. Don't miss this great fun event.



Annual Elections

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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, or offered, to serve.

President	Mike Howes
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Director, 3 year term	Scott Vaughn
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Ed Lloyd
Director of Education, 1 year term	John Hogg

Thanks to everyone listed above for offering to serve GBF's membership in an active way. The club is indeed fortunate to have so many members willing to contribute their time and talent to keep GBF operating as one of the finest fly fishing clubs anywhere.

<i>J U N E 2 0 1 2</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1.	2.
					Annual Picnic June 1 - 3 →	
3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Annual Picnic June 1 - 3 →			7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting			Sly Park Fishout
10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
				Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	Lake Davis Fishout June 15 - 16 →	
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.
		Fly Tying Jam		Board Meeting 7:00 PM		
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
				Virginia Lakes Fishout June 27 - July 1 →		Frenchman's Lake Fishout

Monthly Program

Our June program will be a joint presentation by Ben Byng and Steve Potter on bass fishing in the delta. Both have fished the delta for many years and have developed their own fly patterns which they demonstrate tying at various fly fishing shows. Their program will cover all aspects of delta bass fishing, from tackle choices to locating and fishing structures.



Steve Potter:

Steve's been tying bass bugs and trout flies ever since receiving his first fly tying kit in 1990. He has demonstrated his tying skills

in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California at Federation of Fly Fishing events.

Steve also enjoys wetting his fly line out on the California Delta for Largemouth and Striped Bass. As a team member in 2008, Steve took first place at the 1st California Delta Bass and Fly Competition.

Ben Byng:

Fishing has been in Ben's blood since he was a young boy. His grandfather took him on many journeys from the Great Lakes to the Florida

Keys. His father took him on summertime trips to Eastern Idaho for remote small stream fishing and high mountain adventures. These experiences have armed Ben with lessons that would follow him into fly-fishing. Having the California Delta in his backyard, Ben has spent many hours jamming in his boat through this 1200-mile waterway looking for Striped Bass. This is his fly-fishing wintertime playground.



**Virginia Lakes Fishout
June 27th - July 1st**

by Michael Kaul

Flycasters, it is time for the Virginia Lakes trip. I am looking at the week before the 4th of July. I will be going up on June 27th (Wed.) and coming home on July 1st. There will be a taco dinner on Saturday the 30th for all who attend.

For those of you unfamiliar with Virginia Lakes, they are on the eastern slope of the Sierra just past Bridgeport, and before you drop down to Mono Lake. The scenery is "eastern side incredible." We will be staying at Trumble Lake campground at 9,700 feet. This is a nice campground with water and reasonable pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but we usually are able to secure sites without one. The two Virginia Lakes are within reasonable walking distance, with excellent fishing at all three lakes. There is also stream fishing in Virginia Creek and Green Creek, and dry fly fishing for Brook trout in a couple of lakes a short walk up the trail. There is a store at Little Virginia with high priced goods, a little restaurant, and hot showers. They also rent cabins, but usually want to rent them for a week, but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented.

The fishing is generally float tube with sinking line. Catching twenty fish in a day is not extraordinary, and I will be available to help anyone who desires it. Flies will be plentiful, as I will bring my tying stuff, as will others. There will be extra equipment available for anyone to use. Rods from 3-6 wt are the norm.

This is a great family outing, as there are a variety of things to do besides fishing. The hiking is excellent, with relatively short distances between lakes. Just down the road there is horseback riding, and the old gold town of Bodie is within 45 minutes. The city of Mammoth is less than an hour away, as is the entrance to Yosemite.

Please call me if you have any questions and let me know if you are planning to come so I can get enough camp sites, and bring enough taco fixin's.

Michael Kaul (530) 677-8022

**Sly Park / Jenkinson Lake Fishout
June 9th**

by Doug Kytonen

Jenkinson Lake is located on Sly Park Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. It's a 640-acre lake at 3,500 feet elevation in the Sly Park Recreation Area of El Dorado County, and is the lowest elevation reservoir in California to hold a viable population of mackinaw with fish up to 18 pounds.

The lake also has a decent population of brown trout; the lake record for a brown trout is 21 pounds. The lake is stocked with catchable rainbow trout from the late winter or early spring. Most of the planted trout are 12-14 inches with some holdovers 2-3 pounds. Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and bluegill are also found in the lake but smallmouth are the predominate species because the lake offers the rocky points, ledges and flats that smallmouth prefer.

Every year I hook a couple of smallmouths between 17-19 inches, 4 to 5 pounds of hard fighting fish.

A six-weight rod with a clear or camo intermediate line will keep you into the fish this time of the year. I suggest matching it with a 10 ft. leader with 8 lb tippet and a size 4-8 woolly bugger, streamer or leech pattern. My favorite way to fish is to cast to the shoreline and rip back a gold olive streamer, or slowly troll a leech in 10 ft. of water along the rocky points or rocky shoreline. A watercraft is the best way to fish this lake, something you can pick up and move to a new spot if fishing is slow in that spot. A float tube is best for this type of fishing where you can fish 3 or 4 places in a day.

We will meet at Chimney Camp day picnic parking lot at 8 AM. Bring a lunch and chair, but there are benches.

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Fishmaster's Corner

by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster

Zen and the Art of Nymph-Fishing

As much as I'd like to take credit for that deep and profound sounding title, I cannot. It's the title of Chapter 3 from [Trout Bum](#) by [John Gierach](#), the first offering (1988) from the prolific author of 14 fly fishing classics. My original plan for June was a Top-10 fly fishing reading list with favorites from my collection and recommendations from a few seasoned GBF members, but I made the mistake of picking up this book to re-read my favorite chapter, and being easily distracted, the Top-10 list has slipped to July. I decided instead that with the fly fishing high-season upon us, little is more important to a fly fisherman than the enlightening information in Chapter 3.

So, what's the big deal with this chapter you ask? Here's the very big deal: It tackles head-on an issue I guarantee dominates the majority of stream-side fisherman-to-fisherman chatter, and has been the source of sleepless nights for many of us, specifically "How do I know when to set the hook?". To adjust expectations - don't get too excited; I'm not going to reveal Gierach's answer to that conundrum here; to do so, I'd have to plagiarize the entire chapter. Rather my purpose is to whet your appetite for some fascinating and enlightening reading and motivate you to get the book and read it. It is in the GBF library.

Here's an excerpt from the beginning of Chapter 3 that sets the stage and illustrates how applicable this is, especially to those of us who have taken or plan to soon take a [Bill Carnazzo](#) short-line [nymphing clinic](#). John Gierach opens the chapter with the slightly facetious Master-Student exchange - **Student:** "Master, how does one tell when the trout has taken the fly?", **Master:** "The moon is reflected in the still pond my son". Gierach continues, a little more practically ... "The actual mechanics of short-line nymph-fishing aren't very complicated or difficult - you don't even have to know how to properly cast a fly rod - but detecting the strike of an unseen trout to an unseen fly is one of the hardest things a fly-fisher will ever have to learn. It's a skill that relies largely on intuition and the ability to see things that aren't immediately evident, or rather, to see things that are evident in their own way." The underlining is my emphasis, since that sentence represents the crux of the matter and is also probably the "Zen" in the equation.

So.... your Fishmaster humbly offers the following advice: 1) get this book and read it, 2) select a comfortable spot on your patio or deck where you can contemplate the wonders of nature with a favored beverage in hand, and slowly ponder and savor the message in Chapter 3, then read the chapter again, savor, repeat, and then 3) get to know the top fly-fishers in our club and talk to them for their perspective on this topic, and finally and most importantly, 4) go fishing!!!

To assist with item #4, your club is providing the following May-June opportunities for you to further develop and hone your fly fishing skills and perhaps make some new friends while you're at it:

- June 9 - Sly Park with Doug Kytonen
- June 15-16 - Lake Davis with Jim Holmes
- June 23 - N. Yuba nymphing clinic and fishout with Bill Carnazzo
- June 27 - July 2 - Virginia Lakes with Michael Kaul
- June 30 - Frenchman's Lake with Scott Vaughn
- For additional fishouts see [here](#).

Thanks for your time, and see you on the water.

The GBF Library — Check It Out

by Kim Lloyd

The Library has three excellent pamphlets that identify hiking trails along the American and Yuba Rivers. All together, they list more than 100 trails for those that want to get off the beaten path. Stop by the Library, check out a pamphlet and find that new secret spot.

Ed Klingelhofer's "Fly-Fishing California's North Yuba River" is a 60-page gem that gives detailed locations about trails along the North Yuba and its larger tributaries. He also identifies a number of turnouts where one can park alongside Hwy 49 and wet a line.

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Ron Gould has compiled a list of 43 hiking trails titled "North Fork Trails (Hiking Trails of the North Fork American Canyon)." This 70-page pamphlet identifies trails that access the upper portion of the North Fork, from Ponderosa Way to Soda Springs Road. Directions to each trail head are provided and each trail is fairly well described (length, vertical gain, difficulty, etc.).

The third pamphlet was written by Tom Petersen and is titled "Georgetown Hiking Trails." It lists 42 trails along the Middle and South Forks of the American River, including a half dozen that will take you to Otter Creek, Rock Creek and the Rubicon River. This pamphlet also provides a description of the trail and rates its level of difficulty.

Caster's Corner

by John Hogg

The Fly Casting Analyzer

In 2005, Noel Perkins, a Professor of Engineering at the University of Michigan, and Bruce Richards, Senior Fly line designer at 3M's Scientific Anglers division, commercially introduced their Casting Analyzer in partnership with Sage Rods. You may recall that many Sage dealers, including Kiene's Fly Shop in Sacramento, set up a kiosk in their store and operated the Casting Analyzer system for their customers.

The system consisted of a small gyroscope which was attached to the butt end of a compatible rod, that being at the time, a Sage XP 9 foot 5 weight. Cabled to the gyroscope was a Palm Pilot PDA loaded with the Casting Analyzer software. The caster would make several false casts at a distance of 40 feet, and the rod's movement including arc, speed, timing, acceleration, deceleration, and abruptness of stop were all measured. After uploading the Pilot's 'field' information into a computer, a complete graphical and descriptive analysis of the cast was produced and then printed with an accompanying comparison to the performance of expert casters. It was truly fascinating to see your cast visually evaluated and compared to an expert's cast using the same rod for the same distance.

Unfortunately, dealer interest in the system waned, as it was complicated to learn and to administer, and there was a significant investment in training for each person who was to operate the system. Over time, the stores' kiosks disappeared from the sales floor and were relegated to the backroom. And, sad to say, Noel and Bruce, (at least for the present), have stopped supporting their system beyond Windows XP. Nor are compatible Palm Pilots being currently produced; so an out-of-production model must be acquired.

Ah, but the bright side! The system in my possession remains operable, and over the last couple of years, many GBF club members have participated in having their casting style analyzed.

Keep an eye out for an E-Blast that will offer a time and place to get your casting analyzed and compared to the experts!

If you are curious about the Casting Analyzer and would like to see some of the reports and graphs, go to this website: www.castanalysis.com.

Lake Davis Fishout June 15/16 (Friday/Saturday), 2012

The annual **Lake Davis** Fishout this year is planned for June 15th/16th (Friday/Saturday). Leader Jim Holmes plans to provide a "Tour" of Lake Davis similar to what Lance Gray presented at our last meeting. Jim will take as **many as wish on a tour of the Lake pointing out favorite places to fish, best times of day, flies, etc. Jim will also have maps for you to mark-up with notes so you can quickly find out what he knows and then go out then choose a spot based on this info and start fishing. Dispersing into many spots is best, then everyone can come together at dinner and see who has had some success.**

Note: This is a two day event, so plan to arrive Friday by noon for a no later than 1pm meet-up with Jim at a spot to be announced later. The



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Tour will be either Friday afternoon or first thing Saturday morning, so check the Fishout page and/or message board as the date approaches.

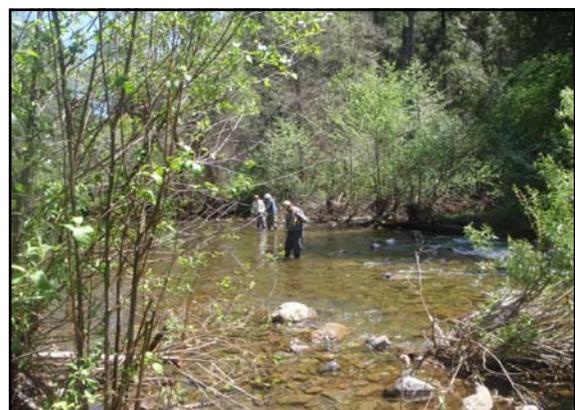
Visit the GBF website Fishout page for detailed info. on rigging, flies and camping/lodging suggestions. You can email Jim Holmes at jwholmesjr@aol.com if you need more info. A sign-up sheet will be at the May meeting.

GBF Trail Work Crew Gets the Job Done

by Bill Carnazzo

On Friday, April 27th, a hardy crew of five GBF members cleared deadfalls from a remote Middle Fork American River trail. Tony Jelinek, Tony Gariano, Leaman Houston, Mike Clifford and I departed from Foresthill at 7:30 a.m., headed down into the canyon, parked at the trailhead, and launched ourselves into the woods. At the top of the ridge, Tony G. and his chain saw made short work of a large (2.5' diameter) tree that had fallen across the trail. From there we headed down the trail and dispatched three other annoying deadfalls on our way to the river. Wildflowers in full bloom adorned the trail and hillsides, along with a very healthy crop of poison oak. We clipped and chopped as we descended, ending up at a rough campsite near the river. After a brief rest, we walked upstream to a crossing and discussed how best to create a trail on the south bank to provide access to the lovely pocket water upstream. After crossing the stream, we decided to whack an opening in the brush, and clear a trail through the blackberries. That done, we marched upstream along the bank, clearing a lot of overhanging brush and trees so that the river's numerous pockets would be fishable without spooking the fish. After a half mile of hard work, we decided to head back to the campsite to have lunch, brush ticks from our clothing, and rig up the fishing gear. The rest of the day was spent casting dries and nymphs. Not many fish were landed as the water is still very cold, but suffice it to say that the stream is a pocket water angler's dream.

Late in the afternoon, the wind came up and we decided to buck up and face the long, steep hike out of the canyon. On arriving at the saddle atop the ridge, we rested for a few minutes and then headed down to the trailhead, satisfied with a job well done and a matchless day in a deep, remote canyon. I spend most of my days in these canyons—alone and otherwise—and never tire of absorbing their magnificence, touching their timelessness, and the adventure of it all. The trail work and the angling are just frosting on a very tasty cake. Here are a few images from my not-so-hot camera.



North Yuba Nymphing Clinic

by Bill Carnazzo

This annual event is one of GBF's signature clinics—it's always filled to the 20 person capacity. So sign up and enjoy!

Where: North Yuba River above Downieville

When: Saturday, **June 23, 2012**

Clinic Leader: Bill Carnazzo, Licensed Guide (CGL #2917)

Fee: None

Signup limit: 20 members; if more than 20 sign up, we will have a lottery so that everyone has an equal chance of participating.

Equipment required: A valid California fishing license is required—please be sure to purchase it prior to the date of the outing, and have it with you. Rod—4 or 5 wt, 9' (preferably, but an 8 ½' rod will do); floating line; leader—Bill's Short Line Leader System (3x or 4x), and an extra package of tippet sections (both available at Kiene's Fly Shop); flies—to be determined. In July waders are optional. A wading staff is also an absolute requirement, for safety reasons. A complete equipment list and other information will be given to participants well in advance of the outing.

Purpose: Do you want to learn how to fish with nymphs in pocket water, or learn different techniques for this type of fishing? This is your opportunity to do so on a first-class river. You will learn rigging, reading water, spotting fish, proper approach/wading techniques, short line strategies, and much more.

Signups: Signups will be taken commencing with the May general meeting (Thursday, May 10th), and continuing into the June meeting if the clinic doesn't fill up before then. Members may sign up by email before/after the May meeting if unable to attend that meeting.

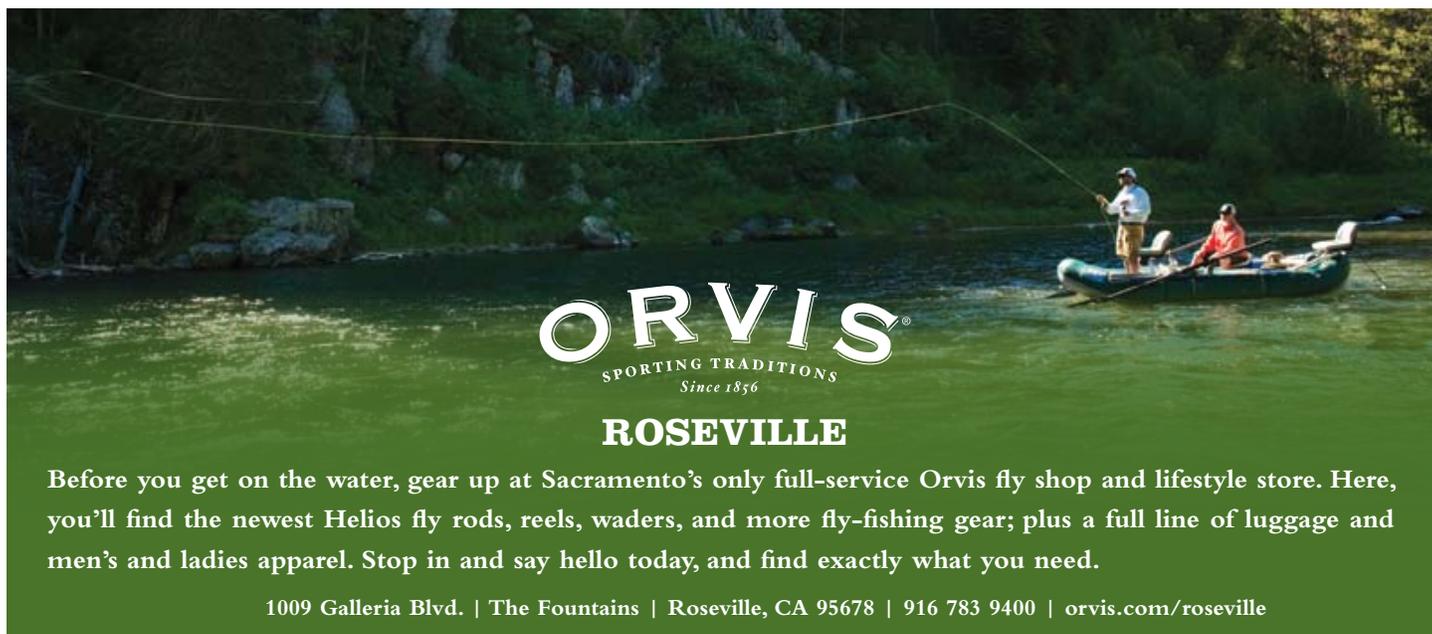
More information: Contact Bill Carnazzo at bcarnazzo@sebastiancorp.net, (530) 367-5209 (home); or (916) 295-9353 (cell).

Conservation Corner

by Henry Sandigo VP Conservation

June is busting out, the weather has been cooperating and many of you have plans for family fun, an outing here and there, maybe even a trip to Orlando to Disney World! You are going fishing too, right? Well just remember

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wherever you go, whatever you do to relax, take a trash bag with you. Take that one moment to pick up what others have left, no item is too small or large to take some action against. You can always call for help or notify the proper authorities to assist with the removal of any item.

The American River Parkway Foundation is looking for Volunteers. Maybe you are one of those fortunate people who live close to the Parkway and take your daily walk there or travel to that spot because it is a very comfortable place to walk, run or bike amongst the water and trees. They have a new interactive map that you can report to (if you're an assigned Volunteer) something you have seen that needs action. Even if you're not an official volunteer you can email Stacy Springer at sspringer@arpf.oreg that you've spotted something on the trail that needs attention. It takes just a moment to take note of where you are and mark the spot in your mind.

Keep checking in to our website www.gbflycasters.org, check out the front page to see what's happening, then go to the Message Board and check out the latest needs in Conservation.

A few days ago I attended a function known as Go-Fish at the Crocker Art Museum on O Street in Sacramento. I believe it's held every year to promote fishing and taking care of the environment that surrounds our many waterways throughout California. Its aim is primarily toward children, but there were many adults there who got into the activities that were being held to promote awareness of our waters. You can tour the museum and then participate in the activities (printmaking, casting demos, learn to cast, artists showing their wares and teaching you how to create an art object), if you want to. Food and drink were provided (for a small fee) too. There were many organizations there, such as Sierra TU, CCFU, DFG, Friends of the Riverbanks, Restoration Advisory Board, Cal-Trout and a few others. My point is, there is something going on somewhere in this great valley to promote you and your family's interest in our natural world, so get out there and get involved.

GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament May 31st - June 3rd

Fuller Lake

This year our annual picnic will be better than ever. Every year we learn and improve. If you have any ideas to better the games please let us know.

Thursday, May 31 - Arrive any time after 2 PM, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

Friday, June 1st - Go Fish!

Saturday, June 2nd -

9:00AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake.

12:00 noon the tournament ends.

This is a chance to put your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some great prizes. In categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish, first to lose their fly, etc.

After the tournament ends, the barbecues will be fired up to feed the hungry fishermen & women, and anyone else, a lunch of hamburgers & hot dogs. Then, while chef Tony Hamamoto and the assistant chefs are busy cooking we'll hold the 7th annual "Not-So-Special Olympics." This is open to all. It's like picnic games combined with fly fishing skills, drinking or not.

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Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. After dinner the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament and the Massey games will be held. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

Sunday June 3rd: pack up and Go Fish!

WHERE: Bear Valley PG&E Group Campground

DIRECTIONS: From Roseville take I-80 east to the Highway 20 "Grass Valley exit". Go about 5 miles north to Bowman lake Road. This is the road to Fuller Lake. Go approximately 1/3rd of a mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The Campground is on the left before you cross Bear River.

THE DETAILS:

1. Bring your family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas thanks to Grillmeister Tony and all the volunteers on Saturday eve. **In the spirit of a potluck event we are requesting members to bring a dish to share per the chart below:**

- A-H Salad
- I-R Appetizer
- S-Z Dessert

Campsites are first-come/first-served. There is limited space at the main campground for RVs, but plenty of space within walking distance just outside the campground.

I will have a signup sheet at the May meeting or you can email me with your name & headcount. All are welcome; but I need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-Fly Tournament.

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Fly Tyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

Peatridge Hotwire Soft Hackle (modified)

This fly was featured in the August, 2009 Leader. So why do a re-run? Well, because: (a) I can; but (b) in fact it works so well on the North Yuba River and we have an outing there in June; and (c) I've made a few modifications to the bug and the tying techniques that make it work even better and make it a little easier to tie. The modifications are simple: For materials, I've substituted wood duck flank for the partridge and now use a somewhat different hook; and in the tying instructions, I use a slightly different technique for tying in the soft hackle—one I learned while reading a good book I recently purchased called "Tying and Fishing Soft Hackle Flies," by Allan McGee.

The fly's name is not a typo. I named it "Peatridge" because two of the main ingredients are partridge and peacock. The "hotwire" part comes from the type of wire used for the abdomen. I am partial to the soft hackle configuration because it can also serve as a nymph—in effect, because the wire body makes it heavy, it's a soft hackle

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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: 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.

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nymph, a two-for-one fly. The soft, wavy hackle appears to be enticing to fish, especially on the swing when the fly rises up in the water column, making it resemble a swimming nymph on the way to emergence. Of course, all of this is educated guesswork, since I've never had the pleasure of interviewing a trout. Let's face it—a good deal of the art of fly tying is more for the pleasure of the tyer/angler than anything else. That said, once in awhile we do land on a pattern that really does work. It's at that point that we tyers begin to invent reasons why the fly is effective—there's plenty of pontification out there, for sure. But we really don't know what it is that triggers a trout's instinct—and we'll likely never know.

In any event, this month's pattern is one that does indeed entice trout. Why? *Quien sabe*, but my guess is that it just looks buggy, and has some motion to it. Not very cerebral, but it's the best I can do. The fly can be tied on any standard nymph hook, but I prefer the "scud" type of hook which allows for a more natural shape to the bug.

The following section for Materials uses Format / Columns to create a two-column text to save page space. It has tabs preset which can be adjusted in the ruler by dragging the Indent and/or left tab to align with the longest Material item name. Just highlight all the material lines in both columns and all the indents/tabs will align to the new position.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Hook:	Tiemco 2488, sizes 14-18
Thread:	70 denier flat nylon, olive
Beads:	Small copper bead to match hook size (e.g. 2mm for #16 and smaller)
Tail:	Wood duck flank
Abdomen:	Chartreuse wire, extra small
Ribbing:	None
Legs:	Wood duck flank
Wing:	None
Thorax:	Fine, small peacock herl
Weight:	None
Head:	Thread

Tying Instructions:

1. Crimp the hook barb and place the bead on the hook. Cover the hook shank with a single, flat layer of thread; extend the thread halfway down the bend of the hook. Move the thread back to the rear of the bead.
2. For the tail, cut a small section of well marked wood duck flank feather barbules. Measure the tail fibers so that they protrude from the rear of the hook approximately 1/8". Tie the bunch in just behind the bead. Hold the bunch up above the hook as you work the thread rearward, ending at mid-bend. This technique will keep the bunch right on top of the hook. Leave the thread at the rear, and clip the excess feather behind the bead.
3. At the same point (i.e., at mid-bend) tie in a 4" section of wire for the abdomen, and wrap the thread forward to the back of the bead, making sure that each wrap of thread lies flat in front of the previous wrap in order to avoid build-up of thread which results in a bulky body. Wrap the wire forward in tight turns and tie it off about two hook eyes width behind the bead, thus leaving room for the hackle, the peacock herl, and the head.
4. Cut another bunch of wood duck flank—larger than the tail bunch. Measure it with tips pointing rearward, so that the tips extend about 1/2" beyond the bend of the hook. Reverse the tips and place the barbules on the hook just ahead of where the wire was tied off, with the tips of the feather protruding out over the hook eye and tie in the butts of the barbules using two loose wraps. Slowly pull the thread tight; that should distribute the hackle evenly around the hook. If it looks too sparse, add another bunch, but don't over-do it. Sparse is good. Leave the tips extending out over the hook eye for now.
5. Cut two pieces of peacock herl from the eye area of the feather; this part of the feather contains colorful, very small barbules. Tie these



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two pieces in by their tips and take 3 or 4 wraps and tie it off. Clip the excess herl.

6. Sweep the barbules of the wood duck rearward and place a few thread wraps ahead of them so that they remain in that position. Don't attempt to flatten the barbules against the shank; rather, use only enough wraps to make them stand upright with a slight curve to the rear. Whip finish, trim the thread, place a tiny drop of superglue on the end of your bodkin, and cement the thread.

Tying tips:

1. Keep the fly sparse, and avoid a thick body. Mayfly nymphs and uncased caddis larvae are very slender.
2. I like to flatten the part of the wire that will be tied in so as to eliminate excessive bulk when building the body. Use flat-nosed pliers for this purpose.
3. Use your bodkin to apply superglue rather than squeezing a drop from the bottle directly onto the fly. Your placement will be much better.
4. I keep a cloth next to my vise for wiping the bodkin clean after each application of superglue to prevent glue buildup on the needle. If you do get buildup, use a lighter to burn the buildup off.

Now go crank one of these bugs, go fish it... go fish. I live by that simple philosophy.

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



Step 4



Steps 5 & 6

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