

# The Leader

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## Leader's Line

by Tony Fabian, GBF President



"For what is a man, what has he got, if not himself, then he has not. To say the things he truly feels, and not the words of one who kneels. The record shows, I took the blows, and did it my way."

I want to thank the membership for putting up with my year as President. I tried to make it fun—after all—we are a fishing club, not a government agency. And based on what the members have said to me the last couple of months, I think I achieved that. Thank you to the Board of Directors for the year of service with me.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Picnic June 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is the One Fly Tournament at Fuller Lake, and the tri-tip and chicken picnic

lunch is at 1:30 PM.

Once again, Thank You.

Here Fishy Fishy!

## GBF Annual Elections

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:

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### Position

### Nominated

President	John Hogg
Vice President, Membership	Ted Way
Vice President, Conservation	Mel Odemar
Secretary	Doug Kytonen
Treasurer	Mike Howes
Director, 3 year term	Eric Palmer
Director, 3 year term	Gordon Tornberg
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Ron Rabun

Nominations were made final at the May general meeting. Since there are no contested positions we will ratify the nominees at the June meeting.

<i>J U N E 2015</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2. Tenkara #3 Fishout	3. Conservation Committee Meeting	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10. Sly Park/ Jenkinson Lake Fishout	11. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	12. - 13. June 12 - 15 Annual Picnic →	
14.	15. June 12 - 15 Annual Picnic →	16. Fly Tying Jam	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25. - 28. June 24 - 28 Virginia Lakes Fishout →		
26.	27.	28. June 24 - 28 Virginia Lakes Fishout →	29.	30.		

## Monthly Program



Scott Vaughn

Hello all,

My name is **Scott Vaughn**, and I am addicted to fly fishing. I have been a member of Granite Bay Flycasters since 2008, and I am happy to share my experiences. One of my favorite things to do is leave the main road and head off onto the unbeaten trail, and explore our wilderness in search of fish not seen often by others.

My story is pretty simple; when I picked up my first fly rod in 2007, **Joe Shirshac** (formerly with Kiene's) told me to go east young man and get off the road. He pointed me in the direction of the Silver Fork up off Hwy 50. He told me to park next to the water and start wading upstream deep into the mountain, and to keep going till the people disappeared and nature was your only company. After my first day of fly fishing catching wild rainbows on dry flies, I knew where I belonged, surrounded by trees and water.

Since that day, I have spent many days hiking into the woods to locate my quarry. With the help of my dear friends, **Scott Higashi** and **Ed Wahl**, my passion for getting away from civilization and exploring the hills grew. Nothing is better than sitting on a quiet piece of water enjoying *Mother Nature*, and catching fish with only those that are willing to put in the work to get there. And my friends took me to places I never would have gone on my own, and seen sights I never knew existed. So, I plan to show you where I like to go, how to get there, what you should take and what to expect. In the summertime, nothing beats heading to 6,000 plus feet to get away from the valley heat and enjoy the nice clean mountain air. I hope you enjoy where I am going to take you!

## Virginia Lakes Fishout June 24- 28, 2015

Flycasters, it is time for the annual Virginia Lakes trip. We are looking at the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. We will be going up on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and coming home on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have a taco dinner on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> 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. If you are concerned about the elevation, you might consider staying a night at Twin Lakes or the Tahoe area on the way. This is a nice campground with water and very nice pit toilets. Reservations can be made on line, but we usually are able to secure sites without them. There is also unimproved camping a short distance down the road by the creek (Road 139). These are also very beautiful, and right next to a main stream, and free. The two Virginia Lakes are easy walking distance from the campground, which sits right next to Trumble Lake. There is excellent fishing at all three lakes. Great stream fishing is available all around: Virginia Creek, 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 (very nice breakfasts), and hot showers. They also rent cabins (usually for a week), but will do a weekend at the last minute if they aren't rented: <http://www.virginalakesresort.com>. Bridgeport is a 30 to 45 minute drive, and there are motels if camping is not your thing.

The fishing is generally float tube with sinking line (intermediate - fast). 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 ghost-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.

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**GBF Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament**  
**June 12- 15, Fuller Lake**

*Chair: Don Van Sant [donvansant@pacbell.net](mailto:donvansant@pacbell.net)*

Once again it's time for our Annual Picnic and One-Fly Tournament, the one event for the entire family you won't want to miss.

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Arrive any time after 2 PM, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go Fish!

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – The Picnic

9:00AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake. This is a chance to test your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some prizes in the categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish and first to lose their fly.

12:00 - The tournament ends.

1:30 - Lunch of tri-tip and chicken provided by GBF. After the BBQ, the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament will be held.

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Go Fish!

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** - pack up and Go Fish!

**WHERE:** Bear Valley PG&E Group Campground on the way to the lake

**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 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of a mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The Campground is on the left before you cross the Bear River.

**THE DETAILS:**

1. Bring your family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide tri-tip, chicken and all food items.

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 June 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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## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

*by Ted Way, VP Membership*

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us recently. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Phil Anderson

Chris Hoover

Scott McFarland

## Tenkara Fishout, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Tenkara fishout will be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Silver Fork (of the South fork of the American River). The location is 5 miles south of Hwy. 50 in Kyburz on Silver Fork Rd., at Hell's Delight Rd., where it crosses the stream just west of Silver Fork Rd. It is at 5000'. We will meet first at Coffee Republic in Folsom at 8:00 AM to chat and have coffee, and ride share as desired. The fishing location is about an hour and 15 minutes from there. We will leave the parking lot promptly at 8:30.

The Silver Fork at that location has easy access, easy wading and good clearance for those just learning Tenkara flyfishing. The stream is reasonably shallow. In the past, the stream has been very productive. This year may or may not be the same; but we surely will have good casting practice.

I will hold a clinic for those that are interested; and in any case, I will answer any questions you have on Tenkara. I will be talking about the traditional approach to Tenkara fishing, although you can fish with Tenkara equipment any way that you wish. If you don't have a Tenkara rod, I have several loaners available.

For more details go to the fishout schedule on the web site, or contact me.

John Pellegrin

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## Help Wanted

I need additional volunteers to mentor and sign off on the Golden Trout's participant record. Currently, we have the following individuals identified with the various skills areas:

- Fly casting: John Hogg or Rick Radoff (**need additional**)
- Knot tying: John Hogg or Dennis Baker (**need additional**)
- Conservation: Mel Odemar
- Club event: Golden Trout coordinator
- Club fishout: Fishout leader
- Literature: Frank Stolten
- Entomology: Open. **Need at least one volunteer**
- Fly tying: Jim Holmes (**need additional**)
- Rod building: Larry Lee
- Net building: Art Hawkins or Michael Kaul

This is a fun way to meet other members and provide a meaningful contribution to the club. Please contact me if you can help in any of these areas. Thank you very much.

David Jones [djj6451@yahoo.com](mailto:djj6451@yahoo.com)



## Fishmaster's Corner

*Tony Jelinek, Fishmaster*

The fishout leaders have been busy, and so have many of you by participating in a number of fishouts that have been happening throughout April and May with more to come at the end of May and throughout June. The following is a brief summary of the more recent fishouts.

### **Rancho Murieta – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Contributor: Bill Ossollinski

Approximately sixteen people enjoyed a perfect day of good fishing and camaraderie at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Rancho Murieta fishout. The day was topped-off by a delicious barbecue. Bill figures there was more talk about eating food than about fishing, but the fishing was probably the best ever; so this may be the key to great fishing. If you were not able to participate this year, look for the fishout for next year, as for most of us, it is the only chance to enjoy some great bass fishing on the three private lakes.

### **Cameron Park – April 24<sup>th</sup>**

By Ray Ito

Ten club members braved the chilly, cloudy, and windy conditions at Cameron Park Lake. Bass and a few large bluegills were caught and released. **Bruce Estes** landed a half dozen bass and lost eight throwing flies on top of the weed beds. **Gene Goss** fished his jig hook leech and landed six bass. Others had multiple hookups, landing and releasing bass. Members enjoyed a lunch of burgers and side dishes. Conversation during lunch was peppered with stories of the big bass that got away. The wind picked up in the afternoon and everyone decided to pack it in. All and all, it turned out to be a productive morning on the lake, given the conditions.

### **Silver Fork – Tenkara. April 22<sup>nd</sup> & May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Contributor: John Pellegrin

Tenkara is on the rise at the club. John figures we have about thirty members who have rods and have tried, or want to try Tenkara. The Silver Fork is a great place to learn, with large pools and good riffles. The fish were on vacation for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> fishout, but members enjoyed learning and practicing the technique; so they will be ready the next time. By May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the water had warmed-up and everyone caught two to four fish. Keep it simple—line, rod, and fly—and fish Tenkara.

### **Lower Yuba with Clay Hash. April 25, April 28, May 2**

Contributor: Ted Way

Clay Hash offered 3 clinics—one introductory and two advanced—on the nymphing technique for the Lower Yuba. Seventeen members participated in the events, and were greeted with good weather, good flows, and a full day of learning. A lot more fishing than catching took place, but the Yuba does not give up its fish easily. These anglers will be better prepared the next time they go to the river.

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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](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.*

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### **Kirman Lake – May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Contributor: Scott Vaughn

This trip offered an interesting twist—fishing with mountain bikes. It is quite something to get the bikes to float. No, the actual fishing was done with a rod and reel from a float tube. The five participants got from the parking lot to the lake via bike. A word to the wise—inflate your float tube upon arrival at the lake. Having a pseudo kite on your back while riding a bike can make for some difficult riding. Make sure you have eaten your Wheaties before embarking, as you start at about 6,000 feet in elevation, and end-up at 7,200 feet in about three miles of riding. The fishing was slow—no fish caught by the group. In fact, reports coming out of Kirman continue to indicate very slow fishing. But, who knows...maybe tomorrow the catching will be great. And, that ride back down from the lake is exhilarating.

### **Little Truckee – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Contributor: Ed Lloyd

Ed led his fourth Little Truckee River fishout, and reported that this was the most successful, yet. A total of five fishermen, including four new members, took to the river, flowing at a respectful 90 cfs. Twelve fish were caught for the day, and everybody caught fish. The hot fly was **Doug Ouellette's** Sweet Pea.

### **Greenstone Fishout #1 – May 6<sup>th</sup>**

By Tony Hamamoto

The weather was one of the most beautiful days ever for a fishout in Greenstone Country. Twelve avid anglers headed out to try their luck on the lake. The day started out cold, with steam coming off the water. The first person to show-up (and to leave) was Ray Ito. By 10:30 AM, he had caught 6 nice largemouth bass (LMB) on intermediate sinking and floating lines; then he was off to take care of more important things—his grandchildren. Art Hawkins was the last to leave the water around 4:00 PM. He was not having much luck catching LMBs in the morning; however, by afternoon Art was having a good time catching fish.

The water was clear with many weeds. You could see the clearing between weed beds. If you were able to throw on the edge, the chances of catching a nice bass were greater.

One thing I noticed and talked with several members about at the fishout, is hooking a largemouth bass on a floating line. They missed a lot of hookups because they were not strip setting; but instead, they were lifting their rods up to set the hook like with a trout. LMB have a larger mouth than a trout. If you lift your rod up, it is harder to set due to the sudden angle change with the floating line.

### **Upper Sacramento River – May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

By Tony Jelinek

Thirteen members ventured north to try their luck on the Upper Sac. We tried something different this year—staying at a house in Dunsmuir, the Log Castle—along with camping and the motel. Everyone enjoyed the chance to sit around at the house in the evening and tell tales. Eric is still working on the ultimate short-line leader system, and all were willing to give him their two bits to help confuse the matter.

The event was also held a month earlier to try to beat the heat. The flows were down to 350 cfs, which is low for this time of year, but very fishable. Fish were caught on a variety of nymph patterns—mostly mimicking caddis and golden stones. There were bugs everywhere—salmon flies, stoneflies, and March browns, but no fish rising. **Bill Corbin** and **Leaman Houston**, who were fishing far south of town, managed to find some fish rising, though, and had a successful evening of dry fly fishing. More aggressive wading



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was needed to catch fish, as many were holding in deeper water and in the shadows. Congratulations to **Don Whitecar** for successfully channeling his inner "**Ted Towendolly**" and catching his first fish on the Upper Sac.

### **Upcoming Fishouts**

More fishouts are happening in June; so don't let these great opportunities pass you by. Also, fishouts for July and August may be added; so please keep checking the fishout schedule on the Granite Bay Flycasters website for the latest schedule.

**Silver Fork – Tenkara Fishing -- Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Learn this simple way of fishing with just a line, a fly, and a rod. See the article in this issue of *The Leader* for more information.

**Sly Park/Jenkinson Lake -- Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Spend a day fishing for trout and smallmouth bass on Jenkinson Lake. See the article in this issue of *The Leader* for more information.

**Virginia Lakes -- Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.** Come up to enjoy fishing on these scenic eastern Sierra lakes with hiking, and even some stream fishing, and Saturday's famous taco dinner. See the article in this issue of *The Leader* for more information.

## Conservation Corner

*by Mel Odemar, VP Conservation*

Checks were sent out to the ten conservation organizations selected by the conservation committee at their last meeting. The committee was not aware that the minimum contribution set earlier by the Board is \$500. The donation amounts that did not meet the minimum were increased accordingly. In addition, the Board approved a \$600 donation to fund four youths to attend the Sierra Trout Camp sponsored by TU and Ralph and Lisa Cutter's California School of Flyfishing.



The donation amounts and recipients are as follows:

- California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (\$500)
- Dry Creek Conservancy (\$500)
- American River Parkway Foundation (\$500)
- Save the American River Assoc. (\$1,000)
- Putah Creek Trout (500)
- TU Sac-Sierra (\$500)
- TU Truckee (\$1,500+ \$600 for Sierra Trout Camp)
- American River Conservancy (\$500)
- Friends of the River (\$500)
- The Sierra Fund (\$500)

In addition to these, the club annually contributes \$2,080 to the Robert P. Morton Fellowship, which is also under the purview of the Conservation Committee.

Our next Conservation Committee meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll be meeting at Roundtable Pizza near the corner of Sierra College and Douglas at 6:30. As usual, pizza will be served, and you provide your drink of choice.

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The goal of our next meeting is to develop an expedited process for selecting conservation recipients. I believe that the business portion of the meeting should not take up too much time, which will leave more time for socializing. I will be sending out a draft process prior to the meeting for consideration.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we finally had an opportunity to work on our portion of Secret Ravine, or is it Dry Creek? I'm having a difficult time discerning the boundaries of the two streams. I guess it depends on whose maps you're looking at. I was joined by **Dennis Baker, Lester Grigsby, Don Lounsbury, and David Sterling**. The group was led by **John**

**Williams** of the City of Roseville, who is directing the joint restoration efforts being undertaken by Dry Creek Conservancy, TU Sac-Sierra Chapter, and Granite Bay Flycasters.

The day started off on a confused note. The rendezvous location was changed at the last minute, and the MapQuest directions followed by Lester and Don led them to the correct location, while Dennis, David and I were directed to another location. Both locations were on the correct street but, unfortunately, about a mile apart. Needless to say, we finally did join up with Lester, Don and John, who were well into the day's work. Although this is a joint project of the three organizations, the five of us GBFers were the only participants on this day.

This day's efforts focused on protecting the streamside habitat by discouraging motorized dirt bike and bicycle access to the stream. Trenches were dug for eventual plantings of willow cuttings, several bundles of willow cuttings were placed in the trenches, large woody debris was strategically placed in the path to redirect vehicles away from the stream, and blackberries were thinned. John hopes to eventually introduce native wild rose to replace the introduced invasive blackberries. The work was hard but very rewarding. I hope to see more of you in future work parties.

### Jenkinson Lake Fishout, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Jenkinson Lake is located on Sly Park Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. Located near Pollock Pines just off Highway 50, it's a 640-acre lake at 3,500 feet elevation, 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 Jenkinson Lake, but smallmouth bass 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, clear or camo intermediate line, will keep you into the fish this time of the year, along with a 10 ft. leader with 8 lb tippet, a size 4-8 woolly bugger, streamers, and leeches 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.

For more details, go to the fishout schedule on the website, or contact me.

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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in June 2011)

## Fly Patterns - Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle



*Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	TMC 3761BL or similar hook, #10, 12
<b>Thread:</b>	Orange flat waxed, smallest size available
<b>Body:</b>	Orange flat waxed, smallest size available
<b>Rib:</b>	Extra-fine copper or gold Wire
<b>Thorax:</b>	Peacock Herl
<b>Hackle:</b>	Brown partridge
<b>Head:</b>	Thread

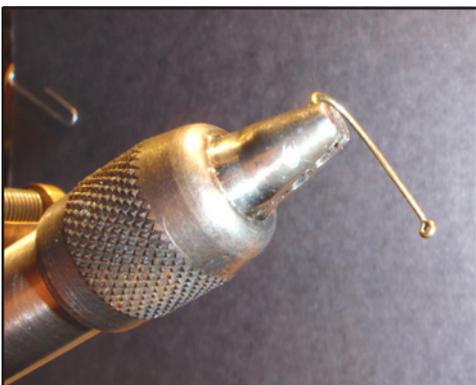
### Description

“Old” flies—ones that have survived the test of time—tend to be simple, starkly sparse, and spot on when it comes to hooking up. The Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle (“POSH”) is a perfect example of that paradigm. Handed down to us by our brethren across the pond, it has been attached to leaders here for many years. It is a consistent producer, ultra-simple to tie, and sleekly sparse in appearance. The history of this fly, and some tying information, can be found at the following link:

<http://flyangleronline.com/features/oldflies/part374.php>.

I always have soft hackle flies in my working fly boxes, and the POSH occupies a prominent place among them. There are similar patterns out there, but the true original was constructed of just two materials (other than the hook): thread, and partridge hackle. Variants include a ribbed model, and one with a dubbed or wound thorax. The purpose of ribbing is, in my view, to give a segmented look to the body; the purpose of a thorax is to keep the hackle from flattening itself against the body while the fly is in the drift. There are other modifications out there, but for our purposes we’ll just add the ribbing and the thorax, to keep things simple and sparse. Oh, and one more thing—we’ll add some floss or silk for the body, instead of just using thread.

### Tying Instructions



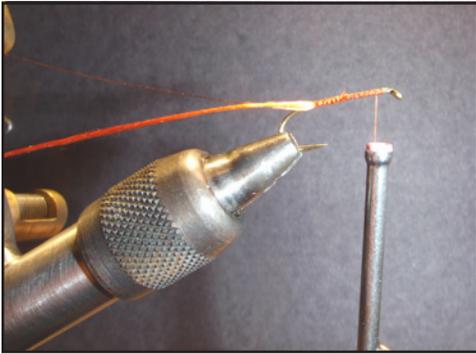
*Step 1*

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1. Smash the hook barb (unless you’re using the barbless version of the 3761).

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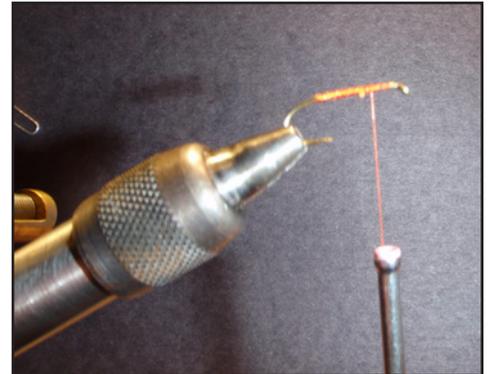
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Steps 2, 3 & 4

2. Cover the shank with thread, leaving it at the rear of the hook, just above the hook point (note that this is different than where we'd normally stop; i.e., the normal stop point is the back of the barb).
3. Tie in a piece of fine gold or copper wire.
4. Tie in a 4" piece of orange floss or silk at the same point, and move the thread forward to the eye of the hook.

5. Carefully wrap the floss or silk forward to the front third point on the hook shank. Tie it off there and trim the excess. Rib the fly, using 4 or 5 wraps; tie off the wire at the same point and trim the excess. This completes the body. Leave the thread at the front third point.



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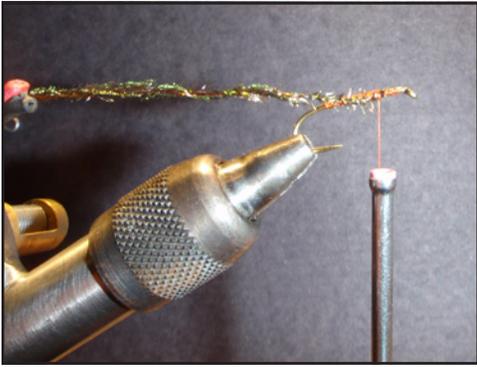
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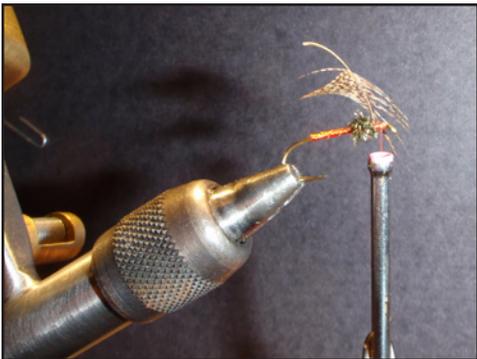
Step 6a

- 6a. For the thorax, tie in another piece of wire at the same point, along with two pieces of fine peacock herl (here it is important to use the extra-fine wire; otherwise, the herl will be overpowered). Twist the wire and herl together in a counter-clockwise direction, until you have a nice, tight herl chenille.

- 6b. Wrap the herl chenille around the shank, building up a nice thorax; leave plenty of room between the thorax and the hook eye for the hackle. Tie off the herl chenille and trim the excess.



Step 6b



Step 7

7. At the front of the thorax, tie in a properly sized brownish partridge feather by its tip (see below under "tips" for feather preparation hints). Using your hackle pliers to grip the stem of the feather, take two turns of the hackle, tie it off, and trim the excess.

8. Form a nice, small head and whip finish. Carefully add a tiny drop of cement to the head, being careful not to get the glue on the hackle. If you use too much glue, it will leach up into the hackle, rendering it useless.



Step 8

## Tying & Fishing Tips

1. To prepare the hackle, remove the fuzz at the base of the stem (don't cut the stem off). Then, using your tweezers, grab the tip of the feather and smooth back the barbules. It helps to moisten the feather a bit during this process. That exposes the tip for ease of tying it onto the hook.
2. When tying in the ribbing and the floss, tie them in at the front one third point on the hook and then wrap them down to the hook point. This will help in maintaining a nice flat, smooth body. Use as little thread as possible, and try not to overlap thread wraps.

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