



Reading The Water

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NEXT MEETING

Monday

Nov 17, 2014

Wetflies 6:00 PM

Dinner 6:45 PM

Program 7:00 PM

Tio Leo's

3510 Valley Center Dr

San Diego, CA 92130

(Map—back page)

Next water quality monitoring will be Saturday, December 13. Please speak to Jack Marshall for details and to volunteer:

marshall@econ.ucsb.edu



Newsletter of Golden State Flycasters Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Newsletter Date: November 2014

Fly Fishing the Surf in Southern California

with Gary Bulla



We are fortunate to live on the edge of an abundant and diverse fishery known as the Southern California Bight. Bight refers to the sudden change in the coastline direction from north-south to west-east. The gorgeous beaches formed by this geographical anomaly have become a premier fly fishing destination.

At our November meeting, we will learn about reading this water, its currents and tides and the methods for casting and choosing rods and lines, leaders, and flies for catching a wide variety of fish. We will learn about the best SoCal locations and how to effectively roam the coastline of this accessible and yearlong fishery. Come to this meeting and you'll learn about the challenges of fly fishing this rare marine habitat and the opportunities that are available in our very own home waters.



As you will see, the perfect guide to show and explain all this is Gary Bulla. He will share his beautiful photographs of this unique terrain and its many fascinating facets, along with the knowledge he has gained during more than 30 years of exploring the surf.

Gary grew up on the beaches and waters of the southern California coast. From when Gary was a toddler, his father camped, hunted and fished with him. By his early 20s, Gary had learned to scuba dive and then

free dive and spear fish in the Channel Islands and southern Mexico and was exposed to fly fishing while backpacking in the Sierra and living in the mountains of Colorado. By age 23, Gary had returned to the foothills of southern California to make his home.

In 1989, his friend Yvon Chouinard introduced him to the concept of casting a fly into the surf. Gary found that saltwater fly fishing perfectly combined his lifetime love for the ocean and his passion for fly fishing. In those days there was not a great deal of information about targeting Pacific saltwater species, but Corbina seemed to hold the possibility of becoming an exhilarating and challenging fish for southern California. So Gary began observing and experimenting on the shoreline. He spent many mornings and evenings patrolling the beaches, paddling the kelp beds in his kayak and developing flies and techniques for the salt. He combined his knowledge of the tides and beaches with his observations to understand how to catch not only corbina, but also halibut, yellowfin croaker, perch and striped bass. All these were found in the surf near Ventura and Santa Barbara. Today fly rods are a common sight on these beaches -- a dream come true for Gary.

Fly Fishing the Surf in Southern California—Cont'd

Also, in 1989 Gary began accompanying his wife Theresa, a teacher of marine biology, on trips with middle school students to Baja's Magdalena Bay, Loreto and La Paz areas. He brought his fly rod and was astounded at the incredible fly fishing available so near to southern California. Thus began a second quest and more years of experimentation.



Today Gary teaches local surf and saltwater casting clinics, as well as guides clients in the surf. He has caught more than 150 saltwater species on the fly and has guided and fished the Channel Islands, Belize, North Carolina and the Bahamas. But his home waters are the California surfline, where he first wetted his line in the salt.

Idylwilde Flies signed Gary as one of their "Signature Tiers" and has been distributing his saltwater flies since 2008. With his "family" of captains and large groups of repeat clients/friends, Gary is constantly developing and tweaking new patterns and methods for the multitude of species in the salt. When he hosts his many trips, Gary coaches his clients *and often fishes* with them, constantly adding to his knowledge. Articles about his trips and his photos have appeared in Patagonia catalogs, *California Fly Fisher*, *Fly Rod and Reel*, *The Drake*, *Saltwater Fly Fishing* and *Fly Fishing in Saltwaters*.



President's Message

By Wayne Johnson



This month allows us to reflect on our late summer activities we shared with other GSF Members, such as our GSF activities related to Conservation Projects and Destination Trips. At the October "Members Present" meeting we heard **Jack Marshall** and **Dale Dalrymple** provide us with an update on the Silver Creek Lahonton Restoration Program, plus **Mike Ferguson** shared his personnel experience at the project site and reminded us of opportunities as to how we can participate next summer.

Our Education Chairperson, **Steve Piper**, coordinated another excellent seminar event that featured our own **Dave Smith** teaching us how to improve our European Nymphing Techniques. Also in the area of education, our expert fly tying instructor **Chuck Waterman** just finished up teaching a new crop of fly tiers.

Once again our Trips Chairman, **Rod Hendrickson**, coordinated activities and accommodations for our annual Missoula Montana trip in September. He arranged our guide services, tips on walk and wade locations, and suggested the best dinner spots. Our trip this year exceeded everyone's expectations. The conditions this year were exceptional. We encountered perfect weather each day, good water flows on all the rivers, abundant insect life, and willing fish to catch. To make the event such a success requires a lot of work. For organizing the details of an event with 22 people, a big round of applause to Rod for making this such an enjoyable experience this year, and every year.

What made this year's trip to Missoula so memorable is that we had several members report some extraordinary stories about their Big Bull Trout Catches. Take for example a day on the Blackfoot with Don Montoro and Tom French. Don lands and releases a 19" Brown and then on the next cast Tom hooks and was bringing in a 10" Cutthroat only to be eaten by a Big 30 inch+ Bull Trout, then Tom lands and releases both. Bob McKay, Victor Lipp and Jim Lin had similar Bull Trout catch and release encounters with equally entertaining stories. All week on the Bitterroot, Clark Fork, and Blackfoot Rivers plus their respective tributaries our GSF members caught and released large numbers and epic sizes of Cutthroats, Browns, Bulls, and Rainbows on nymph rigs, hopper/dropper combos, and dry flies.

The annual South West Council International Federation of Fly Fishers (SWCIFFF) Kern River Tourney scheduled for November 8 is coming up. Our Trips Chairperson, **Rod Hendrickson**, and GSF Team Captain, **Steve Piper**, will be coordinating this activity. The club is fielding two teams this year, a men's team and a women's team. If you are interested in participating or just joining fellow club members for a weekend of fun in Kernville, speak with **Rod or Steve** for the details.

As a note, **Jerry King** (GSF Member who lives in Phoenix) informed us that we have received an invitation from the Desert Fly Casters- Phoenix, AZ to join them on their annual trip Puerto Penasco, Mexico. We have a few members who have participated on past trips, and will participate on this trip, with reports of catching and releasing on a daily basis, fish in double digit numbers. Jerry stated that if you are interested please call (480-766-9170) and let him know that you would like to join them. See Jerry's email letter for additional information.

Our TU California liaison, **Frank Grant**, informed us that on October 10, President Obama designated the San Gabriel Mountains, straddling Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, as our nation's newest national monument. Here is a blog about the occasion, with a link to TU's press release: <http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/sportsmen-applaud-national-monument-designation-for-san-gabriel-mountains>. As you know, TU has worked for a number of years to better protect and enhance habitat and sporting opportunities on public lands in Southern California, and over the past year Jessica Strickland,

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TU CA Field Representative, has led our efforts to organize sportsmen to support permanent protection for the East and West Forks of the San Gabriel River and other valuable habitat in the San Gabriel's. Her efforts have been highly successful, spurring among other outcomes letters-to-the-editor and letters of support to key elected officials signed by dozens of local and regional sportsmen's groups, as well as a strong presence at public meetings. Jessica was invited by the White House to attend the President's designation ceremony and did so on behalf of sportsmen. Thanks to all of you who have helped Jessica and TU educate people about the fishing and hunting values of the San Gabriel Mountains, and advocate for their protection – today your investment paid off.

A few more educational opportunities are coming up. The next rod building class is about to start, with thanks once again to our exceptional teacher Eric Noguchi.

Another educational opportunity to attend a neat seminar for you fly tiers will be held at Peter Piconi's "So Cal Fly Shop" in Pt. Loma on Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 pm. The speaker, Matt Callies, will be demonstrating some trout and saltwater patterns and how he uses UV tying resin in them. Two years ago Matt surprised some of the best tiers in the country by beating them all and winning the Iron Fly competition at the annual International Fly Tackle Dealers show. Our Communication Chairperson, **Tim Hunt**, is coordinating this activity. If you are interested in attending let Tim know right away so he can provide Peter a head count.

The final educational event to mention is the annual fair that is held at **Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing Store** in Fullerton. Here you will have the opportunity to cast a wide variety of rods, listen to seminars, learn from fly tiers, hear about various travel destinations, speak to numerous fly tackle representatives, and shop the store. This takes place over the weekend of November 22nd and 23rd. More details can be found on their website or click the link that's shown on the GSF calendar.

As a reminder our **GSF Holiday Party and Awards Banquet** is scheduled to be held December 7 at 5 PM. The location of the event will again be at Vittorio's Restaurant in Rancho Penasquitos. Make sure you reserve this date on your calendar. **Tim Hunt** is heading up the Holiday Party Committee, and will have details regarding the event out soon.

Since the inception of GSF we've enjoyed the pleasure of having a number of our members who have donated ten years or more of their time towards GSF activities and events. Some of these people are currently on our Board Of Directors and are considered our brain trust. We all appreciate what they have given to GSF, but now they are requesting a well deserved break. The GSF Board will have some open positions and we need you to consider being a volunteer and becoming involved in the many aspects of our club functions. Please contact any of the Board members to express your interest and ask questions about being a GSF Board Member, or volunteering on a committee. If you would like to speak with me I can be reached by email or phone, 760-402-4482. Please, we need you, volunteer and get involved.

See you at our November 17, members meeting.

Wayne Johnson, President GSF/TU Chap 920

Matt Callies Seminar

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For the fly tiers amongst us, Matt Callies will be demonstrating some trout and saltwater patterns and how he uses UV tying resin in them. **Please email me back right away if you can make it.** We need to give Peter a head count by the end of the weekend. Thanks

If you are not familiar with Matt he's been a great supporter of GSF. He's provided 50% off guided trips to our fundraisers and is a long time friend of the McClain family. Those of us who have fished with him know what a great guide he is, but more importantly for this event, those of us who have seen him tie have been really impressed with his skill! We are not the only ones though. Our most recent speaker was John Sherman and as it turns out when John needs specialty flies tied for his numerous trips he calls Matt.

Two years ago Matt surprised some of the best tiers in the country by beating them all and winning the Iron Fly competition at the annual International Fly Tackle Dealers show. Now as the Director of Product Development for Loon Outdoors he's had a hand at taking their UV resins to the next level along with development of some other new products in their catalog.

MATT CALLIES



I was born and raised in San Diego, chasing bass in water hazards since I was five. When I moved to northern California in my early twenties, fly fishing got a solid grip on me and my imagination. I started tying because flies were spendy, and I moved into my truck because houses are spendy too, and they just got in the way of traveling and fishing. My truck was overflowing with every material and feather I could get my hands on. Ready to be reintroduced to civilization (but not ready to slow down on fishing) I became a royalty tyer for Umpqua, a guide and sales rep. Ultimately, I've settled into working with Loon Outdoors as the Director of Product Development and a member of the H&H team. I have a great wife and two little fish bums that keep me going with love and support.

Finally, what is not mentioned in his bio is that Matt is also now on the Pro Staff for Stealth Craft Boats and Kingpen Spey Reels. Plus he still guides out of The Fly Shop and works as an EMT when needed in Redding, California. When does he sleep? Anyway, it should be fun seeing Matt tie and teach us a few things. Also, if you arrive early or stay late you can walk across the street and enjoy a beverage and grub at Stone Brewing. Again, please let me know if you plan to attend. Thanks, Tim Hunt sea2peak@gmail.com

ADVENTURES WITH a 3 WT...CONTINUED

BY NORMAN ORIDA

Last year in this newsletter, I reported on using the 3 wt Redington Voyant rod I won in a GSF raffle to discover ultra-light fly fishing in the surf. Since that time, I have expanded this interest to San Diego's bays, casting my 3wt from both skiff and shore.

My versatile setup is indeed a joy to use for both bay and surf. Equipped with 150-200gr shooting head intermediate or sinking line, it casts Clousers and Mixed Media flies quite well, delivers flies down to 12-15 feet in calm currents of the bays and keeps flies on the bottom in the surf.

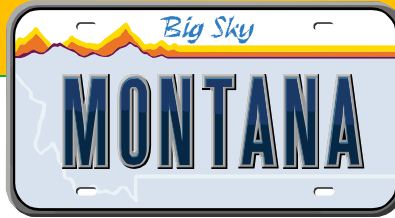
A positive for this (7'6") and other ultra-lightweight outfits is the noticeably less arm fatigue in situations where continuous casting is the norm – such as the surf and bay. Fighting small surf perch and bay bass on ultra-light outfits can be thrilling and dealing with larger specimens is not only exhilarating but may test even your best angling skills. Of course, ultra-light outfits do have their limitations such as not being suitable on windy winter days. But with San Diego's numerous spring, summer, and fall calm-wind days, can one truly complain?

Note that some freshwater reels should not be used in the salt because their springs, gears, screws, and even frames are not corrosion resistant. And, the fancy varnished wood reel seats on some higher priced rods may be damaged by salt water exposure. Even though your reels and rods are supposedly salt-tolerant, always give them a good fresh water rinse at the end of the day.

Recently, I used my 3wt setup to discover that husky spotted bay bass will take tiny size 6 and 8 Christmas Island flies. And, I took advantage of El Niño-fueled presence of bonita and mackerel in Mission Bay this summer to discover these little rockets eagerly take very small size 6 and 8 Clousers – which are quite castable with a 3wt. Now, I am using the setup to discover a successor to the highly successful red Mixed Media surf fly. So far, the results look very promising – as shown in the photo.



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By Jim Lin

I had first caught a cutthroat trout late in the afternoon and as I was pulling it in, a bull trout chased the cutthroat and eventually had him in his jaws. I yelled to Bob McKay who was watching me and we waited for the bull trout to really eat the cutthroat. The bull trout was so preoccupied with swallowing the cutthroat trout that he did not notice Bob McKay coming from behind and netting him. Dumbest bull trout ever. It was pretty entertaining!!!



Jim's Bull!

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Photos by Dale Dalrymple



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Montana Trout Outfitter's Tony Reinhardt's Newsletter following GSF's trip to Missoula, used with his permission.



Monday was the start of a week with the Golden State Fly Casters Club from San Diego. Today I fished with returning angler Don and Tom who is here for the first time. We met early and headed up to the canyon of the Blackfoot. I was a little nervous because the canyon was unkind to me last time I was there, but the middle Blackfoot has been fishing well and I hope it carried upriver too. We hooked 3 in the first run and Tom landed his first ever Bull trout, a nice 15" fish. He connected with a pretty rainbow in the next run and then Don stuck a good bow of his own just downstream from there. A good start, yes, but those first few runs always fish well and the true test was to come downstream. We blanked in the next spot but doubled up on solid fish in the run after that. Both guys had hard fighting fish and I was especially amazed to see a pair of big browns in the net. Don had a fat 19" male brown while Tom's was a 17" hen. Don't see that everyday on the Blackfoot but it was a sign of good things to come. Just about every spot after that produced at least one fish on the dropper and many of the good runs gave up multiple hook-ups. It was too early to have rising fish in the Munchmore hole but we still took 3 fish out of there in short order. After lunch we switched to a single hopper on each rod and didn't change for the rest of the day. A pair of big cutts came to the boat in the first run and quality dry fly fishing continued for the rest of the afternoon. The average size may have dropped off a bit, but we still boated some great fish including a super thick 17" cutty by Don and a hard fighting 18" bow by Tom. Tom also had a spectacular Bull Trout encounter as well. He was bringing in a 10" cutty that had all but given up when Don doubled up with a bigger cutt. That fired the little guy up again and he started fighting....only to be eaten a few seconds later by a big 30+" bull trout. The bully swallowed him whole and Tom fought him perfectly. You never know how those are going to turn out, but after a good 5 minute battle I was thinking we had a hook in the bull trout, but as he came to the surface he spit that little cutty back at us and returned to the depths. The water was perfect to watch it all unfold under the surface and it was one of many highlights today. The canyon fished better than it has since July and I had a great time out there with Don and Tom.

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Tue. I fished with Tiffany and Victor. This is Victor's first trip to Missoula while Tiffany has been coming out for a few years and we had a spectacular day last Sept. when the Blackfoot re-opened. The upper Bitterroot was our choice and both anglers were rigged with hopper/dropper set-ups. Victor didn't take long to get the skunk off with a nice cut-throat in the second run. We had cloudy skies and the trout were on the feed in the morning. Both anglers were finding fish but it was definitely Victor's morning and he cleaned up with a bunch of cutts in the front seat. Tiffany was picking off trout in the backseat too, and she made a great cast with a little trico late in the morning to boat our first dry fly fish of the day. It felt like it was going to be a dry fly afternoon, but as we ate lunch the sun poked out and the wind started picking up. We stuck a couple on the dropper right away and then tried our hand at the dry fly game. Tiffany landed two nice fish on the dry but there was a lot of normally productive water where we didn't raise a fish. Something was up with the wind and sun so we switched back to the hopper/dropper and it was the right move. Fish were eating both the dry and nymph and the balance of the day was great. We had a couple doubles, one run where we landed three, and a lot of nice fish to the boat. The best fish of the day was a fat 17" cutt that Tiffany landed on the dry. It was an all around great day on the Bitterroot today.



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Wed. group leader, Rod, and Bruce jumped in my boat for the day. They wanted to see the upper Bitterroot so we set off to the south again. It was hopper/dropper for both anglers and it didn't take long to find the first fish. Rod hooked one in the first run and even had a couple dry fly strikes too. It was an active morning with a mix of fish on both the dropper and hopper. Rod cleaned up in the front seat with some fat cutties to the net. Later in the morning we found some fish rising on tricos and poked a few on little dries before switching to a double dry rig. That's when it kicked into high gear and the fishing was really good right up to lunch. We had a couple doubles and some big, colored up cutthroat on dries. The afternoon continued at a solid pace with a single purple haze. The action was steady throughout, but there was an hour time period in the late afternoon when it was nothing but little guys attacking the fly. We switched around a little and found a smaller dry would raise some bigger fish. We ended up with one more nice double right above the boat ramp to cap off a great day on the Bitterroot. There were lots of fish today and a solid mix of bigger cutts from 15-17.5" with a few bows and a couple smaller browns mixed in.



Thur. I was back on with Tiffany and today we were joined by Mark. The solid cloud cover was begging me to hit the middle Bitterroot to hunt up some bigger trout. It took a little bit to get things figured out. We started with the hopper/dropper, but there were so many bugs around that I really felt like the fish would be looking up so we played with dries for a bit before switching back. Once we made the change Tiffany got our day started with a couple of small bows on the dropper. I still felt like we were searching a little when it just seemed like the light switch turned on. Mark hooked a solid rainbow on the dry, and that same run produced another 4 nice trout for us. From that point on we started to hook-up in the likely spots. Most of the action was on the dropper, but there were a few good hopper eats too. After lunch we still had good clouds and some bigger mayflies were starting to come. The dries just wouldn't hunt for us though. Tiffany tagged one decent rainbow on a mahogany and there were a few hopper eats but we didn't find any real consistency until we went back to the dropper. Once we did that, 14-16" rainbows were drilling the fly in nearly every run. The highlight of the day was when Tiffany came tight on an acrobatci 15" bow. Mark started filming with his GoPro on one side of the boat while trying to watch his fly on the other. At the end of a log jam a big fish came and looked at the dry, swirled around and then ate. Mark did a great job fighting that fish, and after a good battle when had a beast of a brown trout in the net. It was a gorgeous male with a nice hooked -jaw that went 22". That was a special fish, and after a quick photo shoot we returned him to the river. The adrenaline was pumping after that one, and fortunately the trout were still on the feed. Tiffany did best for numbers in the afternoon and it seemed like every trout she hooked wanted to put on a show jumping all around the boat. Her big fish went 17.5" while Mark hit a 18" bow, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves out there today.

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Fri. was my last day with the Golden State Fly Casters and I fished with Wayne and Mac. The guys had heard good things about the upper Clark Fork near town and wanted to check it out. I really like that water and didn't need to think about it twice. It's a hopper/dropper game on that stretch of the Clark Fork and Mac stuck a nice rainbow at the tail end of the first run. The next bank produced 4 strikes and one fish, and we were off to the races from there. Just about every spot gave up a trout all day long. Wayne was killing them on the big dropper while Mac raised some thick fish to the hopper. We had 4 or 5 doubles today with no shortage of action. It was all rainbows and cuttbows with the average fish at 12-14". There were some smaller ones and a decent number of bigger fish from 15-17". They're fighting incredibly hard up there right now and all the trout looked nice and healthy. The big factor today was the wind. It was there in the morning, but it really started to blow in the afternoon. The guys did a great job battling the elements and the fish were cooperative but it was the kind of wind that can wear a fella out. Despite the conditions, Mac and Wayne boated a bunch of great trout today and we left the water tired but satisfied.

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GOLDEN STATE FLYCASTERS

Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 7th at 5:00p

Vittorio's

(Formerly, Villa Capri 2)

7875 Highlands Village Place, San Diego

(858) 538-5884

(Located on the north side of the 56 Freeway at Camino Del Sur)

5:00 p.m. No-Host Bar & Appetizers

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Guests are welcome! After dinner there will be a short program led by Wayne Johnson, President. The winner of the NuCast complete package will also be announced at the party. Raffle and dinner tickets may be purchased at the November 17th GSF meeting and are also currently available through the GSF website.

Dinner tickets are \$30.00 per person. If you are not able to make it to the meeting then please mail a check (payable to: Golden State Flycasters) along with the reservation form below to: John Wohlfiel, 15983 S. Woodson Drive, Ramona, CA 92065, or purchase through the website.

GSF Annual Holiday Party

Holiday Dinner Menu

Assortment of Appetizers

Spinach Salad

A choice of 1 of the following Entrées:

1) Salmon Amalfitana – Atlantic salmon sautéed with olives, garlic, capers and marinara sauce

2) Chicken Marsala – Breast of chicken sautéed with mushrooms in a Marsala wine sauce

3) Spaghetti alla Carbonara – Vittorio's version of the classic recipe made with Italian bacon sautéed with onions in a creamy parmesan Cheese sauce

Dessert

Coffee & Teas

Name: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Entrée Choice: (#1 - Salmon al Cariofi, #2 -Chicken Marsala or #3 - Rigatoni Norcia)

Self: _____

Guest(s): _____

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person; as well, the cost of raffle tickets for the NuCast rod, reel and line to benefit Casting for Recovery is \$20.00 per ticket. Please remember there are only 60 raffle tickets, so get them right away through the GSF website or get your check to John right away. Also, there is only room for 70 people at the restaurant, so act fast! We look forward to another fun holiday party!

Please complete the following:

of Raffle Tickets = _____ x \$20.00 per ticket = \$_____

of Dinner Attendees = _____ x \$30.00 per attendee = \$_____

Total check amount = \$_____

Fly of the Month

By Chuck Waterman

Bullethead Hopper

If you have a pattern you'd like to know more about, please email me at cwaterm1@san.rr.com. Summer and early fall are great times to fish terrestrials. This is a fairly simple hopper pattern that only requires 4 materials (other than your thread), and floats really well.



Hook: Tiemco TMC200RBL/similar, sizes 4-12

Thread: Flat Waxed Nylon, Tan 140-210 denier

Abdomen: Strip of foam (your choice of color), colored with marker on 1 side

Head/Wing: Deer Body Hair

Legs: Rubber Legs

Indicator: Hi-Vis Antron

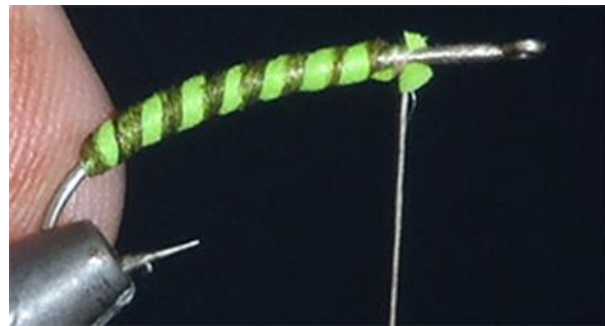
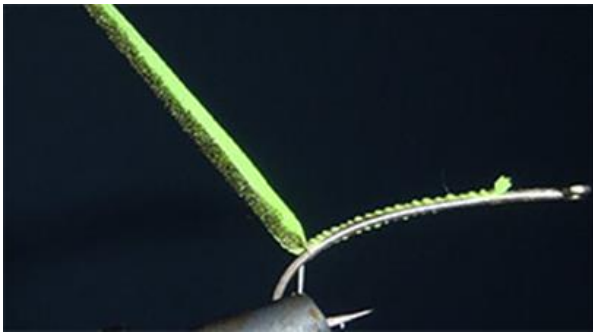


Step 1: Tie in right behind the hook eye, and wind back to a point that is approximately 1/3 of the way down the hook bend.

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Step 2: Cut a strip of 1/8" thick foam about the same width as its thickness. Length should be about 4-5", so it is easy to handle. Tie in the foam at the point where you stopped with the thread, and bind the foam down as you wind back to your earlier position on the bend. Keep your thread tension moderate, so you don't cut the foam.



Step 3: With a dark pen, color 1 of the 4 sides of the foam, then wind the thread back to the point where you tied in the foam. Wrap the foam up the shank and tie it off – the darker side of the foam should show slightly, creating the illusion of a rib.



Step 4: Cut a moderate chunk of deer body hair, clean out any underfur, and stack it (using a stacker). Trim the BUTT ends of the hair until they are aligned. Holding the Deer Body Hair BACKWARDS (tips extending off the hook eye, butts even with where the foam stopped, carefully spin the hair around the hook, and secure it with multiple thread turns between the hook eye and the front end of the foam abdomen.

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Step 5: Bring the thread to the intersection of the hair and the foam. Roughly (no need to be super precise) trim down the BUTT ends of the Deer Body Hair as shown.



Step 6: Using your fingers, a hair packer, or a hollow tube (an empty Bic pen housing works great), push the Deer Body Hair that is extending past the hook eye back over itself. It should go all the way around the hook, and cover the stubs you just trimmed. Pull it back snugly, and tie it off with 3-4 firm turns of thread (one on top of the other).



Step 7: Cut 2 segments of rubber leg so they are slightly longer than the hook. Tie one in on each side of the fly, at the same place where you just created the head. The legs should be longer in the back, shorter in the front, ending about even with the hook.

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Step 8: Cut a 3" length of high-visibility antron yarn, and tie it at the center of its length with 2-3 turns of thread, on top of the head. Fold the forward section of the yarn back over the rear half, and bind down with 2-3 more thread turns, then trim the yarn at an angle so it resembles a wing. Apply a small amount of super glue or other penetrating glue around the thread band that forms the head, whip finish, and cut the thread away.



Step 9: On the underside of the hook, cut away the Deer Body Hair behind the bullet head, so that the abdomen is visible, and you're all done!

Upcoming Events & Monthly Speakers

December 7: Holiday Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet—5:00 at Vittorio's

December 13: Conservation Water Quality Monitoring— 8:30-1:00

March 14, 2015: GSF Annual Fundraiser. Save the date! Details to come

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Golden State Flycasters

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Mission Statement

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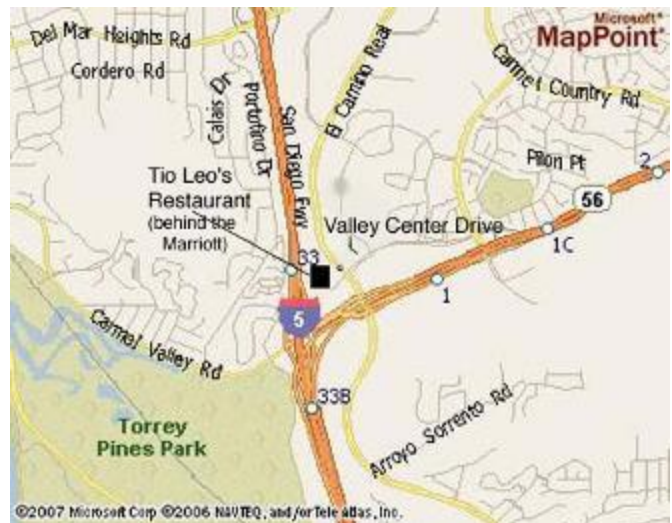
Meeting Location and Map

Tio Leo's Mexican Restaurant

3510 Valley Centre Drive
Del Mar, CA 92130
(858) 350-1468

Don't use MapQuest directions, they are incorrect

From I-5, exit Carmel Valley Road, go east 0.2 miles then left onto El Camino Real. At second stoplight, take left onto Valley Centre Drive. Marriott Hotel is on corner, go past hotel entrance to cul-de-sac and take right into Tio Leo's parking lot.



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Please limit your Word article to 1,000 words or less, and

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