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November 1997

Club Calendar

November

7	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
13	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Program:	
14	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
16	Saltwater Casting Clinic	1:00 p.m.
	Carnazzo Pond, Newcastle	
18	Fly Tying — Clubhouse	7 p.m.
20	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
22-23	Steelhead Fishout - Trinity River	
	Contact Nick English	677-7169

December

4	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
6	Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff	
	Clubhouse	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Holiday Eats, Elections	
	Program:	
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18	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishermen and flyfisherwomen who meet once a month at the clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. The organization is dedicated to fostering fly fishing skills, good sportsmanship and conservation of fish habitat. For membership information, contact Rob Ferroggiaro, 791-0887.

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December Program

Idaho Adventures with Mark Niece. This former GBF member couldn't stand it any longer. Fly fishing when he could just wasn't enough. He needed to be on the water every day. So he did what many of us just dream about: He abandoned California for the wilds of Idaho, hung out a shingle as a fishing guide and outfitter...and discovered Nirvana.

At the December meeting Mark will tell us about the kinds of trips he offers — a pack-in service into the Idaho high country wilderness, where fish grow big and plentiful, and jet boat trips on the mighty Snake River to catch rod-bending steelhead.

Come, enjoy the program, the fellowship, and the **Holiday Goodies**. Refreshment Chairman Terry Wasserman says there will be special munchies at the December meeting to celebrate the holiday season. So don't miss out.



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President's Message

by Bill Carnazzo

While guiding clients on a small mountain canyon stream in late October, amidst the dazzling array of reds, golds, yellows, and browns of the leaves against a backdrop of green mosses and multicolored lichens, the word "grateful" came to mind. I guess it's because that's what I was feeling at the time — just plain grateful to be able to be there.

Which reminds me — Thanksgiving is just around the corner. To me, this is a time for stepping back a moment, assessing things, and being thankful — grateful.

So, I'd like to devote this message to thanking those who have made this year a pleasure for me as your President. First, the members — thanks for showing confidence in me and allowing me to hold this office. Thanks to our officers: Rob Ferroggiaro, Vice President, whose energy, prodding and fresh ideas have been invaluable; Gray Allen, Secretary, who also has made *Leader* into a first class publication; and Greg Rowe, our skilled treasurer and ticket hawker extraordinaire.

Thanks, too, to the Board members, who faithfully attended those third-Thursday evening meetings, and whose wisdom helped pull us out of a difficult financial situation at the beginning of the year — to a point where we are now quite "flush."

GBF also has many committee chairpersons and other volunteer jobs — most of these are listed on the inside cover of the *Leader*. While I would like to acknowledge each person, there is not enough room here to do so. I do want to single out a few for special recognition — which is not to diminish the others' accomplishments

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President's Message

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by any means.

GBF focuses on conservation projects. In that regard, to Jim Coleman, whose tireless efforts on the Bear River project have kept it going — thanks; and to Frank Stolten, who has expertly obtained a great deal of grant funding for this project (not to mention his efforts in getting prizes for the annual dinner raffle and auction). Thanks also to Rick Radoff for sticking with the salmon and steelhead egg program, and expanding it.

A special thanks to Ron and Jeanne English for their work with GBF's young people, and for running the NCFFF youth program at the conclave, as well as at the Salmon Festival. Also, thanks to John Hogg for sharing his casting and rod expertise with his ongoing clinics — as to which the response and feedback has been great. Thanks also to Terry Wasserman who ensures that we have those cookies, coffee and other treats at our meetings.

I know I've missed some people and for that I apologize. Please take the time to personally thank these folks and the others whose names are in the Leader for their volunteer work to make GBF as good as it is.

Finally, we all need to personally thank those that "sponsor" us through their assistance — financial and otherwise. In particular, please thank (and patronize) American Fly Fishing Company, Kiene's Fly Shop, and Fly Fishing Specialties, as well as all of our advertisers. And if you are in Dunsmuir, stop by and see Bob Grace, the new owner of the Ted Fay Fly Shop. (Joe will be working there, too.)

Have a great Thanksgiving, and... "See ya on the creek!!"

GBF Activities

Swap Meet/Chili Cookoff December 6, 1997

There's nothing like a GBF swap meet to help you clean your closet of unused fishing gear to make room for the new goodies you'll be getting for Christmas.

So gather up the rods, reels, waders, and flytying paraphernalia that you thought you needed...but didn't...and bring them to the Clubhouse Saturday, December 6 for a day of swapping, selling, trading, and all around good times with your fellow fly fishermen.

Bring along an appetite, too. We'll be cooking up some fearsome **chili** and fixings for everyone to sample, which means that the chili chefs among us ought to take this opportunity to show off their prized recipes. So stew up a batch to taste alongside the others. We'll see who's is the favorite, and/or the meanest.

Remember, this is a swap meet, your offerings should have some inherent value (i.e., no junk, please).

There's no charge and no "commission." See you at the Clubhouse Saturday, December 6. We'll be there — rain or shine — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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There are two judging classes, beginners and those with more experience. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on. This gives everyone a chance to compete at their own level.

October Winners:

Ron English won the non-beginner category.

Rob Ferroggiaro won the beginner category (although anyone who has watched Rob tie — and fish — knows he is "accomplished").

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Flytying Skills Program

Pattern for November: Trude

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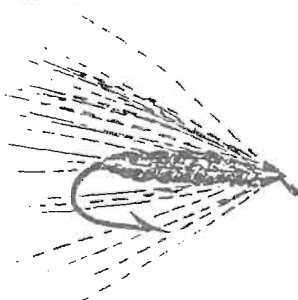
Flytying Skills Program

Rules: GBF's flytying skills program is held each month at the general meeting. Everyone is invited to participate.

All you have to do is tie the fly of the month (see above) and bring it to the meeting.

Judging is completed during the meeting and the best tied fly is announced just before the program, and the name of the tier is featured in the next month's *Leader*.

Flys must be tied in accordance with instructions from the *Leader* (right or wrong and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere). We have to do this to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.



This is an educational program for tiers who wish to advance their tying skills and/or simply enjoy this aspect of the sport. There is a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company for the winner in

each category. All flies submitted will be placed in the raffle for the evening's meeting.

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November Fishout

Let's Go Steelhead Fishing!

November 22-23

Nick and Issac English, GBF's co-fishmasters, invite you to join them on the Trinity for two days of chasing the fabulous Trinity River steelhead.

If interested, call Nick for details at 677-7169.

Fly Casting Clinics

Second Sundays

Whether you are only just beginning to fling a fly or simply feel that your technique needs a tune-up, GBF's casting clinics could be for you.

Fly casting clinics are held **usually** on the second Sunday of each month, but not this November. The clinic is on Nov. 16.

Bill and Judy Carnazzo have generously provided their pond in Newcastle for the clinics. And John Hogg generously provides expert instruction.

Clinics are held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for attending.

For most clinics, bring your own rod with a floating weight-forward or double taper line and a 7 to 9 foot tapered leader (2X, 1X or 0X). But the November clinic will focus on saltwater casting techniques. So bring



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your big stick and gear for that session, or just come and see what it is all about. Some extra rods and reels will be on hand for you to use.

The same goes for all other sessions. If you do not have a rod, there are loaner rods available.

Useful accessories to bring along include line nippers and some red yarn for a simulated fly. Also, bring sun and eye protection and drinking water. Eye protection is a must if you will be casting — especially so for youngsters!

Each clinic addresses a casting fundamentals topic of interest to novices as well as an advanced topic for more experienced casters.

November Fly Casting Clinic Sunday, Nov. 16

Saltwater casting techniques

According to John Hogg, saltwater casting, especially when you are fishing the flats, requires some special casting techniques. First of all, the fish are hard to spot — and when spotted, they are usually moving rather than holding. Result? You can't waste a lot of time getting off a cast. Excessive false casting brings the ire of the guide, because you will be losing time, and the fish will be moving out of range or, perhaps, moving so close so that a cast will spook the quarry.

Rod and line have to be set up in such a manner that, with one false cast, a cast of 40 to 60 feet can be accurately made. To make this distance, supplementary techniques are needed: first, and most important, having

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Flytier's Corner

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Instructions

1. Attach thread and tie in gold wire at bend, just above back of barb.

2. At same spot, tie in two strands of peacock herl and wrap to front of hook; secure at a point which leaves front 1/5 of hook bare.

3. Tie in hackle at front of body; wrap rearward to end of body.

4. Wrap wire clockwise over hackle to front of hood and secure. Here it helps to "weave" wire through hackle so as not to tie it all down.

5. Stack small bundle of brown deer hair. Size hair for length so uncut ends extend beyond the bend of hook 1/2 shank length.

6. Hold wing between thumb and forefinger, and place directly on top of hook at same point hackle was tied in, keeping above measurement in mind. Take two loose wraps around butts, applying downward pressure with second wind. Now take three more very tight wraps at same spot. Trim butts and tie down.

7. Stack 10-15 fibers of white deer hair, and measure to same length as brown hair. Place directly on top of brown hair and tie in the same way. Leave butts for now.

8. Bring thread around behind eye and whip-finish a nice head.

9. Trim white hair, leaving 2mm "stubs" sticking up.

Skate this puppy across the surface, either as a solo fly or as a dropper, and hold on!!

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

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: *White Top Deer Hair Caddis*

For some reason, the normal "attribution" line in this column was missing from the August and September issues of the Leader. That is, it is proper to acknowledge the "inventor" (keeping in mind that there are very few truly "original" patterns — mostly just variations of existing ones) of the pattern so as not to create the impression that the pattern is "mine."

The two patterns I am referring to are the Cahill Variant and the Sparkle Hare's Ear — both of which are Ron Rabun's very effective patterns.

For this month, I've selected a simple pattern tied by Clarence Butzbach, the "resident tier" of Buz's Fly Fishing Store in Visalia. He states that it is a variant of Al Troth's Elk Hair Caddis. You will notice some differences between the latter and the highly-visible "White Top Deer Hair Caddis" in the recipe set out below. Fall is a good caddis/sedge time of year, so go for it!!

Materials

Hook	Dry fly, #10-18
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Rib	Fine gold wire
Body	Peacock herl
Hackle	Grizzly, palmered front to back
Wing	Natural brown deer hair
Top	Coarse white deer hair



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your free line arranged at your feet or behind you or in your hand, depending on circumstances, so that line will shoot unimpeded. Second, you will want to shoot line not only on the forward cast, but the backcast as well.

If you are in a boat, you'll be casting from a raised platform in the bow, and side arm casts become the norm. They cut wind resistance, and because you are casting large and heavy flies, the side cast keeps these potentially dangerous flies away from you and others in the boat. And, it is also much easier to pick line up to the height of a side cast rather than the higher, overhead cast.

Maintaining your gear, especially your line, also plays an important role. A daily cleaning of the line and an application of line glide will give the line maximum shooting performance. And working out the timing and action necessary for the heavier saltwater rods, will be time well spent in practice, for that time when you finally get out for real. Who wants to spend big bucks on a saltwater trip and then have trouble casting?

Saltwater fish are typically bigger, and are always stronger pound for pound, than their freshwater cousins. Windy conditions, long casting requirements, accurate placement, and heavier equipment truly create casting challenges that aren't approached in the freshwater fly fishing world. But my friend, when you get that first bonefish, and it takes your 100 feet of line and another 100 yards of backing on its first run — and then turns around and comes back at you — well, it's an experience that is well worth your investment.

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Directions to the Carnazzo Pond

Go east on I80 toward Auburn. Take Newcastle exit and cross over freeway (north). Follow signs to Lincoln to Highway 193. Go 3 miles on Hwy. 193, turn right on Gold Hill Rd. Go 2 miles. Turn right on Schindler Rd. Go about 1 mile to Country Hill Run. Turn right. Go 100 yards to the first driveway on your right. Enter driveway and park at the house. Walk around back to the pond.

Questions? Call John Hogg at 823-9744.

Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

Third Tuesdays

November 18 at the Club House

Is fly tying a passion of yours? Or just a way to minimize the expense associated with decorating stream-side vegetation with feathers and hackle? Or maybe you're getting the itch to try your hand at this craft.

Whatever your level of skill or interest, you are welcome to sit in at GBF's monthly fly tying get-togethers at the Clubhouse the third Tuesday of every month.

A half dozen or so members who enjoy this aspect of the sport will there for a few hours having a good time while sharing techniques, patterns and fish stories.

This is a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners, and pick up skills and tips on tying.

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Heavenly Cancun...continued

Ouch! I mean, really OUCH!

The bonefish turns and races toward the boat, then turns again, taking line on its sprint out. What a fish! It must be 10 pounds. Finally, it tires. We bring it in. The fish measures about 18 inches and probably weighs two to three pounds. It has just turned in a fight that exceeds that of a 15 pound tarpon. Incredible!

Now the sun is high. The water on the flats warms up and the fish move off into deeper water. We turn and head for the mangrove shoreline. We'll spend the rest of the day hunting tarpon.

What a trip! And we've still got three days to go.

Heaven!



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The sessions, which are for everyone — beginner to expert, start at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Questions? Call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Junior Fly Tying Class

Fly tyers ages 10 through 17 are invited to participate in a fly tying class that begins on Friday, November 7 and meets for four consecutive Fridays (excluding Thanksgiving weekend). If there is enough interest, a fifth class will be held.

Meetings are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Granite Bay Clubhouse.

A small fee will be charged to cover some of the cost of materials: members - \$3, nonmembers - \$5.

To register, call Jeanne or Ron English at 677-3924.

Annual Dinner

March 28, 1998

Good things come to those who plan ahead. And a good thing, indeed, is GBF's annual dinner — good food, good fellowship, good fun...and the raffles! You may win anything from a premium fly rod to a free fishing trip to an exclusive property to an artist's rendition of our favorite sport or any of dozens of other tempting prizes.

The annual dinner is one of GBF's major fund raising efforts. Proceeds go to the many conservation and educational programs and activities that the club undertakes each year.

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Put it on your calendar now before something else can interfere. And watch for details. Chairman Rich Brown and his committee will fill us in on what to expect as time goes on.

For Sale

Fly tying vise. This Price vise includes vise and stem. It does not have a clamp or pedestal base — either of which are readily available since the stem is standard size. The vise is very compact. Asking \$50. Call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

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Heavenly Cancun...continued

When we reach deeper water, we head for the flats, 30 minutes away with the 40 h.p. motor going flat out the whole way. Then, engine cut, the guide begins poling. The hunt is on.

We've just begun to acquire our "guide eyes." The first two days, the guide would holler, "Fish, fish!" We would see nothing. Everybody was frustrated. Now we know to look for a slight surface disturbance.

The fish move constantly, which means that you are not allowed the luxury of false casting, because the extra time that would take will usually put the fish out of range. We dangle 20 feet of line in the water. When a fish is spotted, it's one false cast, let line out on the backcast, and then shoot the forward cast.

After two days, we're both hitting 60 feet with pretty good accuracy. The first day we were wearing our flylines like necklaces.

Thirty minutes have gone by. No fish. Then a pod of snook are spotted, 150 feet out. Too far...but moving closer! We time the cast to intersect the fish. Damn! The cast "lines" the fish, and they spook.

More waiting. More searching. Now a solitary bonefish appears. We change rods to use a smaller crab fly already rigged. The fish is moving slightly away, but close — only 40 feet. The cast is perfect, right in front of him. The line tightens slightly. An extra hard strip sets the hook! (For once, I remembered to not lift the rod tip when setting the hook.)

The fish takes off! What a run — more than 100 yards! My cheap reel has only a click drag, so I try to palm the rim of the spool. The reel handle hits my thumbnail, once, then twice!

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News and Notes

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says Vern Stubbs. When he and his buddies were stopped for a safety inspection they learned that only jacket-type life preservers are legal in that state.

Tropical Saltwater Flyfishing

Notes from the October Meeting

GBF members John Hogg and Sturmer White trekked to Mexico last summer for a week of saltwater fishing on the flats out of Cancun. They shared their experiences with us at the October meeting. Here's John's recap.

Heavenly Cancun!

by John Hogg

At 4:45 a.m. we stumble out of our rooms in the downtown high-rise hotel, and attempt to find the elevator. It is pitch black; the corridors are unlit. Coming the other way are several youths heading for bed after a long night out. They reek of alcohol; we reek of liniment and SPF 50 sun protection. This is our third day and we're carrying a lot less gear than day one: a couple of rod cases; a small gear bag with reels, flies, munchies, sun protectant, and minor first aid stuff.

The drive to the dock takes an hour, first through the entire length of Cancun, and then along the coast for ten miles. We parallel the beach but cannot see it because of the dense vegetation.

Once on the dock, we know the drill: get in the boat fast, two anglers and a guide. We will rig up over the next 15 minutes as the guide motors slowly out, engine raised in the shallow water.

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Fish Tales

Members tell about their recent attempts to catch fish.

Bobbie Peterson, age 14, proved multiple skills last month. He built a fly rod in a GBF rod building class, tied a fly in GBF's Junior Flytying class from materials donated by American Fly Fishing Co., gathered his new gear and went fishing, whereupon he caught four bass and two bluegill. Top that you old pro's!

Ken Jablonski got a fisherman's rush when hooked and landed a 25 pound salmon on a fly in the Feather River.

Tom Ritchie, who seems to do little else than hassle fish, recently returned from floating the Kenai River in Alaska, among other misadventures. Caught a few zillion fish, too. Ask him about it.

Rob Ferroggiaro spent two days on the McCloud admiring the fall colors. He also fished a little — fair to good, he said. So he tried the Upper Sac. Parked in his usual place at Vollmers near the track and was run off by the UP bulls. They're enforcing a new get tough policy, says the UP.

Frank Stolten is singing the blues about the Fall River. He fished it in October and caught some fish, but says that there are fewer fish in the sediment laden stream this year. Seems no one has figured out what to do about the sludge that has been smothering the gravel beds stretch since last winter's storms.

Ask **Ron English** about Fish and Game biologists, then duck. He's livid over the response he got when he suggested limiting the take. The biologist replied, "Fishing doesn't impact fish populations." No kidding!

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Tired of the Solo Thing?

*Want A Fishing Partner on
Your Next Outing?*

If you would like to have someone join you for your next fly fishing outing, try posting a message on the *Fishing Partner Board* at the general meeting. It works like the message boards in a college dorm or at the laundromat — if your memory goes back that far. To find a partner, write on a slip of paper provided by the club a brief description of your planned outing — date, time, destination — and your phone number. Then pin it to the board where others can see it. Anyone with a similar interest can call to work out the details.

HELPFUL HINT #1: Check your calendar before the meeting so you can post your request and put the *Fishing Partner* system to work for you.

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News and Notes

Board/Officer Elections In December

The annual ritual of nominating and electing officers and board members takes place at the December General Meeting. (Don't let this exercise in democracy keep you away from what promises to be a great meeting. The election process takes mere minutes.)

We will be voting for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two directors and a director-at-large.

Frank Stolten and Vern Stubbs are serving as the official nominating committee and will offer a slate of candidates at the General Meeting from which the members present may choose.

If you have some candidates to suggest or want to cast your own hat in the ring, please call Frank or Vern before the meeting with your suggestions. Members may also make nominations from the floor.

Please note: The annual election is an important undertaking. The club needs dedicated, energetic leadership to develop and maintain the kinds of programs and activities that you and your fellow members want.

If you have some ideas and would like to help develop them, as well as other plans the club has, please volunteer for an elected office or committee position. It's fun to be at the center of things and feel that you have helped make GBF a success.

Oregon Life Preserver Rules

Floating seat cushions, which are legal life preservers in California, don't cut it with Oregon officials,

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