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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Denny Welch at (530) 889-8562.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7 p.m. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows the show.

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2	3	4	5	6 Conservation Committee Mtg. 7-9 p.m.	7	8
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16 Casting Clinic 1 p.m.	17	18 Fly Tying Jan 6:30-9 p.m.	19	20 Board Mtg. 7-9:30 p.m.	21	22
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**President's Message**  
*by Denny Welch*

The holidays are here again. They seem to be coming a lot quicker these days. I don't know if you're like me, but I usually get all gushy and melancholy this time of the year. Sentiment seems to drip from my every pore, and by January I'm reduced to a quivering, Jell-O-like mass of protoplasm. So, with these feelings as a backdrop, I'd like to thank some special people who make this club run and who make my life a little better.

Drake Johnson has saved my bacon a number of times and has managed to keep me out of too much trouble. Thanks to Ray Mahlberg for being my friend and fishing buddy. Amy, you did a terrific job with *The Leader* and we all thank you for it. And thanks to Jack Ramos for stepping up to the plate and taking it over. It's a big responsibility, Jack, but I have confidence in your abilities. Sturmer White, Bill Carnazzo, and John Hoag have all opened their homes for our clinics and we owe them a debt of gratitude. I cannot think of a job I would rather do less than organize our annual dinner, but Chris Ronshausen is doing it for the second year in a row. The dinner is our chief fund raising event of the year and because of it we can make the contributions and fund the scholarships we do. Your efforts are appreciated, Chris.

I feel that Pete Peterson's efforts often go unheralded...bass bug tying before the meetings, Salmon Festival, Tuesday fly tying jam, etc. Ron and Jeanne English, Steve Johnson, Ron Rabun, Frank Stolten, Rick Radoff, Warren Schoenmann, Terry Wasserman, Lester Snow, Jeremy Gray, John Bergman, Jeff Medina, etc. are all mainstays of the club and are the ones who keep it all together.

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**President's Message** *continued*

I am especially gratified by the new kids on the block who are becoming our next generation of club leaders. Dick Neumann personifies whom I'm talking about. "What can I do?" "How can I help?" "I'll do that." Thanks Dick.

Well, I've undoubtedly ticked a number of people off because I didn't mention them. Sorry, it wasn't intentional. Amy cuts me off if I ramble: I've said before that a club is only as strong as its membership. I think GBF will be around for a long time.

May peace be with you all and I wish for you everything that you wish for yourself.

Until next time,  
Denny

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL  
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS  
Conservation Update December 5, 2001**

**by Rob Ferroggiaro**

**2002 FISHING REGULATIONS:**

A delegation of NCCFFF representatives attended the October Fish and Game Commission meeting in Redding to present recommendations regarding proposed 2002 fishing regulations. We submitted comments regarding proposed regs for striped bass, Putah Creek, Fall River. The Council also expressed our opposition to DFG's plan to expand fish stocking on the Upper Sac. Even though our ideas do not always prevail, we want to take advantage of every opportunity to voice our suggestions and concerns about the future of our fisheries.

DFG is looking for ways to simplify the regs, so look for significant changes to the format of the new regs. The final regs will be published in January after all state approvals are complete.

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10. A series of private casting lessons. (This could fetch a handsome donation.)
11. A number of hours of free computer, Internet, web searching, or e-mail consultation. (Let's put some of those technology experts to work.)
12. A share one of my favorite fishing spots with another member, with a guided tour.
13. Lessons on how to tie a particular group of flies (nymphs, streamers, dries, parachute patterns).
14. A hosted barbecue at my home for X number of members.
15. X hours of my service as (fill in the blank: plumbing, electrical work, yard work, tree trimming or whatever your occupational or vocational specialty might be).
16. X hours of language translation services.
17. Dog kennel (pet sitting) services for X days.
18. A series of golf lessons, or ski lessons (you name your specialty).
19. A ride in a private airplane or helicopter.
20. A cooking class for X members of the Club. (You could pick the dishes to be taught in your home.)
21. Host X members at my favorite little known or hole-in-the-wall restaurant.
22. X hours of gardening consultation.
23. We all know someone, who knows someone, that knows someone that folks might want to have lunch with ... a well known business person, a radio or TV personality, a political figure. Why not approach these people and see if they would be willing to offer a "Lunch with \_\_\_\_\_" items for the raffle. If they don't want to pay, you pay for the lunch and they just agree to have lunch. To make them feel at home you could join them.

## Creative Ways You Can Contribute To the Annual Dinner

by Gregory S. Shaffer, California Fly Fishers Unlimited  
(This article first appeared in the FFF ClubWire.)

The annual dinner is coming up. If you think you have nothing to offer the donation pool. Consider the following ideas. You will find that everyone has something she can donate.

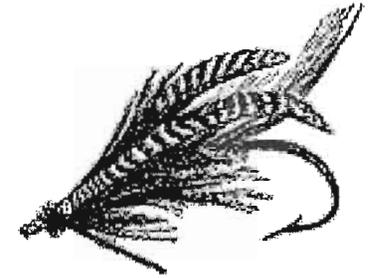
1. A few nights at our family's cabin/vacation home. (Or maybe you have a relative or friend who would provide a few nights.)
2. A series of private fly tying lessons. (Many members would love this item.)
3. A wonderful bottle of wine (or two) from my cellar.
4. A gourmet dinner for X members of the club, prepared by myself and (husband, wife, significant other.) A perfect way to get to know members of the club.
5. A day of fly fishing, with me as your guide. (We have some top notch fly fishers that many of us would love to fish with—this could fetch a tidy sum indeed.)
6. A one-hour massage. (Okay, licensed massage therapist need only donate.)
7. A free hair cut once a month for a year.
8. A day trip on my boat. (Many members have boats, and even more members don't have boats.)
9. A river/lake-side portrait, perhaps in full fly-fishing regalia (I know we have many great photographers in the club.)

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## Events

### Fish-Outs

by John Hogg, Fishmaster



### January Fishout

Tentatively, our president Denny Welch is prepared to lead a fish-out Super Bowl Sunday. Stay tuned for particulars in next month's *Leader*.

### Would you like to host a trip?

We would like to schedule at least one trip per month as a club outing. More than one is fine! Local day trips are great, and so are overnights. Being a host is easy, just contact me and I will send you an organizer sheet. John Hogg (916) 663-2051.

## CAL-EXPO 2002

The International Sportsman's Exhibition will again be held at Cal-Expo, Sacramento. Mark the dates on your calendar now, as GBF will be there.

To signup or get further information contact Dick Neumann at (916) 773-1188 or via e-mail: [neumann@inreach.com](mailto:neumann@inreach.com).

Tuesday	Jan. 15, 4 p.m. (Booth setup)
Wednesday	Jan. 16, 12-9 p.m.
Thursday	Jan. 17, 12-9 p.m.
Friday	Jan. 18, 12-9 p.m.
Saturday	Jan. 19, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	Jan. 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Events *continued*

We will staff the booth Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday the shifts are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday is the same as Saturday except we close at 6 p.m.

Some time slots are already taken. Please call Dick Neumann to get your slot or signup at the December meeting.

In addition to being a great club event, and well worth the commitment to spend a couple of hours promoting the club and meeting new people, you get into the show free on the day you serve.

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry! The time slots are going fast!

**Conservation Update, continued**

PIT RIVER #3, #4, and #5:

PG&E has now filed its license application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for operation of three power plants on the Pit. For perspective, my copy of the application weighs 48 pounds. When final, the license will determine the flows and operating guidelines for the Pit for decades. PG&E is now trying to complete the study plan, and informal discussions with agencies and non-governmental organizations are in a critical phase. The plan includes studies of the effects of various flow rates, including flows that might be suitable for boating. We continue to be among those who are arguing that any fluctuating high flows should occur during the part of the year when they would occur naturally.

**"UPPER UPPER" SAC HYDRO PROJECTS:**

A private developer has received a Phase II permit for two hydropower dams on the South and Middle Forks of the Upper Sac above Lake Siskiyou. These projects are in the early planning phase, and as a next step, the developer must plan and execute the necessary studies. Bob Baiocchi submitted a comment letter on behalf of the Council, and we continue to stay in touch with number of local opponents of the dam. Over 150 letters opposing the project were sent to FERC.

**How to Reduce Those Senior Moments With an E-Pack**

by John Hogg

In my years of fly fishing I have forgotten it all: rods, waders, boots, flies that I tied the night before, float tube, oars for my pontoon boat, and just about every other essential. And when it comes to the smaller stuff, I usually manage to forget at least a half dozen items on any given trip. With this dismal track record in mind, I decided to devise an e-pack that was small, highly visible, and contained those items often overlooked. The e-pack is not just for fishing trips; I carry it the car, and also when I travel out of town. (But be careful, it won't pass the new airport security screening as a carry-on, so you'll have to pack it in your suitcase.)

Start with an inexpensive nylon camera bag such as you would wear on your belt or around your neck. The one I chose measures 6"x4"x3". You can get one at Long's Drugs. Because most of the bags come in muted colors such as black, or green, I purchased some fluorescent 3-D cloth paint, and wrote "E-pack" on both sides. I also painted the seams so that the bag has extremely high visibility (that way I won't forget it). Select the smallest possible size or quantity of each item you intend to include. Duct tape or racquet handle tape (which I use to prevent stripping cuts on my fingers) can be wrapped around the pen barrel. I buy inexpensive reading glasses that fold up. Coins, cash, nail, needle, safety pins etc.—all go into a small plastic box. Here's the list:

1. Advil	16. Flashlight
2. Aquaseal	17. LD phone card #
3. Aquaseal ccelerator	18. Leatherman tool
4. Bag, nylon 6x4x3	19. Lighter, butane
5. Business cards	20. Memo pad
6. Cash, bills	21. Needle and thread
7. Cash, coins	22. Paraffin
8. Chap stick SPF 30	23. Plastic ziplock bag, 1 gallon
9. Cord, 12 feet 3/16"	24. Racquet handle tape
10. Credit card #	25. Safety pin
11. Duct tape	26. Sharpie marker
12. Earplugs	27. Sunscreen
13. Eyeglasses, reading	28. Superglue
14. Finishing nail	29. Adhesive
15. Fire starter tool	

Incidentally, the "e" in e-pack stands for either "emergency" or "extra"—whichever pleases you.

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If you need something, just call and I will gladly deliver your purchases to the Granite Bay Flycasters meetings for your convenience. -Jeremy Gray

**2002 Annual Dinner Event Update**  
by Chris Ronshausen

I will, soon, with the help of other members in our club, begin preparing for the most successful annual dinner event in our club's history! The "big event" will take place April 6, 2002. We will measure the success of the dinner in two ways: 1) by the amount of money we have raised through ticket sales and the raffle and silent auction; and 2) by the level of satisfaction dinner participants register after the event.

Now to achieve this heightened goal, I need strong support. Last year the dinner was successful because I had support; for this I was/am extremely thankful. However, I *do* know that some of those who assisted last year will be unavailable to help out this year. For this reason, I am appealing to whoever has the time and interest to build this spectacular event to contact me. Below, I have outlined where support will be needed along with a short description of the tasks required.

Please consider participating in this event! By helping out, you will be contributing directly to the continued financial health of our club while gaining the intrinsic satisfaction of having built a major fundraising event.

The following support positions are available:

**Ticket Sales/Tracking:** This person will be responsible for tracking ticket sales, preferably with a spreadsheet. He/she will (with the help of another) check tickets at the door on the day of the event.

**Raffle Coordinator:** This person will lead the attempt to acquire raffle prizes. In so doing, he/she will be responsible for recruiting and then monitoring other members in their pursuit of merchandise etc. Ideally, the prizes and their donors will be managed on a spreadsheet. It would be appreciated if this person could provide temporary space in their home for prizes as they accumulate.

**Visual Coordinator:** This person will coordinate the layout of the hall (in which the dinner will take place) including placement of perimeter tables, entry setup and dinner table decorations etc.

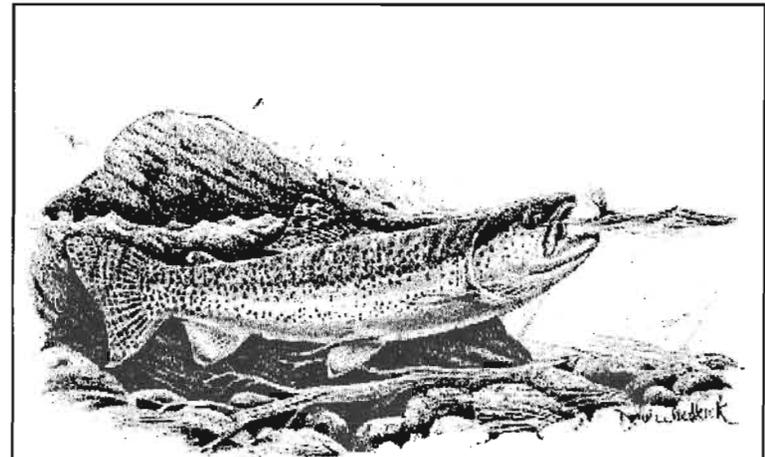
Thanks for considering taking one of these essential positions. Please give me a call if you have interest and want more detail. I can be reached the following ways:

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**Flytier's Corner** *continued*

3. At this same point, tie in red yarn, take two wraps and tie off.
4. Match 4 olive grizzly hen hackles by laying them together like nestled spoons. After stripping the fuzz from all of them together (so they are even) take 2 of them (together) and place their concave (dull) sides against the concave sides of the other two. They should be even at their tips.
5. Tightly holding them all together, mount them on the top of the shank just ahead of the red wool. At this point you should still have some room left at the eye for a nice head—in other words, don't crowd the eye of the hook. The butts of the four hackles should be tied down securely. The tips of the hackles should extend out past the end of the hook by a shank length.
6. Smooth the hackles back so they are even and together. It helps to apply a bit of water to your fingers here, to dampen the hackle barbs.
7. Grab the copper ribbing with your hackle pliers and begin reverse-wrapping it forward. The ribbing is used to fasten the matuka wing to the top of the body, so it will have to be wrapped carefully through the wing. To do this, wet the wing slightly; this will cause the barbs to separate into clearly distinct segments. Take it slowly, making each wrap evenly spaced and being sure not to tie down any of the barbs.
8. When you reach the front of the fly, tie off the ribbing.
9. Strip the barbs entirely off one side of another saddle hackle. If you hold the hackle in your fingers by its stem, with the shiny side toward you, it is the right hand side of the feather, which should be stripped. Also strip fuzz off the other side.
10. Tie in this hackle where the wing was tied in, again staying back from the head. Now wind 2 or 3 turns, wet-fly style, and tie off.
11. Form a nice head, and apply some shiny cement. When that has dried, paint on eyes. First apply a yellow base. When that is dry, paint in a black pupil. Hint: use a finish nail head to put on the yellow base by touching the head in the paint and dabbing it on the fly; use a smaller nail head for the pupil, using the same technique.

See ya on the creek! Oh ... and enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.

**Conservation Update, continued****CALAVERAS RIVER:**

Last year CSPA and NCCFFF filed a complaint with the State Water Resources Control Board after a fish kill on the Calaveras River. The Board deferred action, citing lack of information and a pending consultation between National Marine Fisheries Service and the dam operators. One of the reasons for the Board's inaction was DFG's failure to respond to the request for information sent to them by the Board. This was particularly disturbing because lab tests by DFG confirmed that the dead fish included steelhead or steelhead progeny. We have been pursuing this with DFG and now have a commitment that they will submit information to the Board. It is important that the documentation of the presence of steelhead is on the record with the board.

**TUOLUMNE RIVER:**

We have not yet received a response from FERC on our complaint regarding the fish kill in June of this year on the Tuolumne.

**TRINITY RIVER:**

NCCFFF was among several co-signers on a letter from a Friends of the Trinity River to the Trinity River Management Council which outlined concerns and recommendations regarding the current restoration efforts. As previously reported, the Interior Department has approved a restoration plan which includes both increased flows and mechanical restoration projects, however the increased flows have not yet occurred due to legal challenges from Central Valley water diverters. Recent mechanical river restoration projects on the Trinity, some possibly ill advised, have fallen short of what's required.

**FEATHER RIVER:**

Bob Baiocchi has filed a petition for rehearing with FERC regarding the new license for the Rock Creek/Cresta Project which currently includes planned high flows on selected summer weekends for boating. If this petition is denied, the remaining remedy is federal court.

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### Program rules:

- \* judging will be during the meeting
- \* best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier featured in the next month's Leader
- \* fly 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), in order to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.
- \* two categories: beginner and advanced. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the advanced category from then on.

## Flytier's Corner

*by Bill Carnazzo*

### *Olive Matuka*

Since it's a special time of year, let's work on a special kind of fly. The Olive Matuka qualifies as special, in my view. In some situations, it can out fish a Woolly Bugger--which is hard to do, folks! I haven't the foggiest idea who actually invented the Matuka style of tying (someone named Matuka?). I do know that some trace it back to my friend Dan Byford, which certainly could be the case in view of Dan's high level of creativity and skill. In any event, let's do one. When fished, it needs to be right, smack on the bottom. Weight on the fly body is optional, but if you choose not to weight this fly, you will need to add sufficient weight to your leader to get it down.

### MATERIALS

Hook	Daiichi 1270; Mustad 9672; #2-10
Weight	Lead or substitute
Thread	Olive 6/0
Rib	Fine copper wire
Body	Olive chenille
Gills	Red wool yarn
Wing	Four dyed olive hen grizzly hackles
Hackle	Dyed olive hen grizzly hackle
Eyes	Painted, yellow with black pupil

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb. Cover shank with thread and apply weight if desired. With thread at point just above rear of barb, tie in copper ribbing material. Hint: after tying it in, double it back and tie down doubled over portion. This will prevent it from slipping out when you perform the ribbing operation.
2. Tie in chenille at the same point, and move bobbin to just behind eye. Taking the first wrap behind the ribbing, wrap chenille forward to point where thread is; before tying it off, back chenille off 1-1/2 or 2 wraps, and then tie down and trim butt.

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## **Frost Delivers the Frosting: Large Fall Fish On Large Dry Flies**

**by Bill Carnazzo**

*The following is excerpted from "Fly Fishing's Fall Bounty: the October Caddis" by Bill Carnazzo. This segment explores the magic of the season's end when large dry flies can entice those otherwise shy big fish that inhabit streams such as the Upper Sacramento River.*

Until this point we've concentrated mostly on larvae and pupae. In a way, one could venture that the best has been saved for the last—both in this article and by Mother Nature's late fall gift to the hardiest of the fly fishing community. For along with the nastiness of the cold and damp of the last few weeks of the season comes a paucity of anglers and fall's bounty: the opportunity to hook, play and sometimes land very large trout on adult October Caddis imitations. Chilly days, exhaustion and impending death slow the adult caddis' frenetic activity. Somehow opportunistic trout sense this oddity and respond with memorable rolling rises which never cease to elevate fly fishers' pulse rates and startle even the most jaded. "Where did that #@%&! monster come from?" is routinely heard from a cursing fly fishing partner somewhere nearby in the fog, rain or snow. And it is sometimes humorous to watch ole' pard slipping and sliding on icy rocks chasing a hog downstream in an often futile effort to land it. Yes, there is an occasional "bluebird" day when the air warms and gloves, ski hat and one or two layers come off. I consider those few days to be treasures because the fish still come to the dry fly while I bask in the bit of warm microclimate donated, albeit briefly, by the welcome sun as it rides low atop the canyon's southwestern ridge.

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Weary eyes are grateful for the opportunity to drift huge October Caddis imitations through fishy spots. Big orange-bodied Stimulators with medium dun deer hair wings can be extremely effective if drifted without drag in a high-floating attitude. Deer hair can become waterlogged rapidly if the fly is dunked by current or poor casting. It is therefore important to carry one of the several "shake-powder" desiccants on the market; these work almost magically in their ability to make a drowned fly once again float high and dry.

Casting for these caddis-gobbling fall fish is hardly classic in style. Rather, the fly fisher does whatever is most effective in terms of results, saving those beautiful long and delicate casts for the casting pond or spring creek. I have found that the most effective presentation is made with a leader 9-10 feet in length tapered to 3x or 4x, cast with 5-10 feet of

line outside the guides. Once the cast is made, the rod is held in such a manner as to keep line and leader off the water. This allows the fly to drift without drag and permits exact fly placement. Both solid line control and adequate distance from the fish are maintained, as the combined length of the rig is 29 feet not counting the angler's outstretched arm: 9 feet of rod; 10 feet of fly line; and 10 feet of leader. This technique requires aggressive wading in some spots in order to be able to properly place and drift the fly. This is especially true if there are conflicting currents between angler and the "sweet spot", or if there is a need to allow the fly to "hold" behind a boil or in a backwater, as would a natural insect trapped there. But here's where the adventuresome, observant fly fisher can reap fall's October Caddis bounty, as those hard-to-reach spots are often where the largest fish will be found.

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