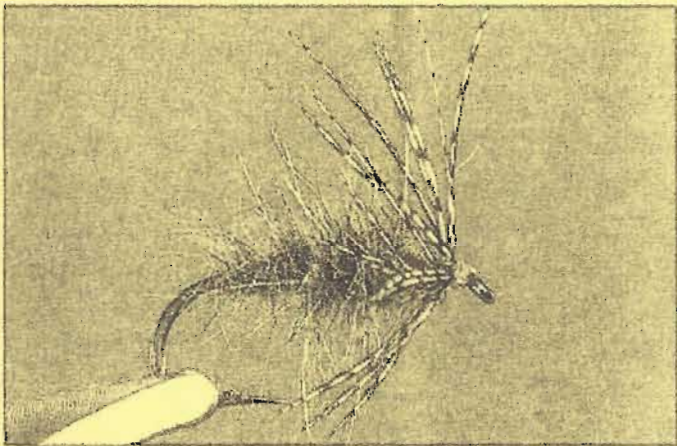


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Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting Fly fishing and good sportsmanship.

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 dynamic raffle follows the show.

Membership: To become a member of Granite Bay Flycasters, a nominal fee is required: \$35 for a family, \$30 single; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is a \$7 initiation fee for new members. The cost of membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Lester Snow 916-967-7563

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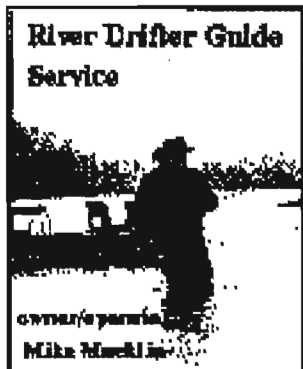
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President's Message

By Denny Welch

This time of the year is so neat. We're having that one last push of wet weather and then the real spring starts. Trees are already blooming, everything is green, Kiene's had it's annual Expo (fantastic, as usual), and trout season opens in three days. Granite Bay Flycasters participates in this annual ritual of springtime every year. We just had a group get back from the Green River in Utah and we have another group heading out to the Fall River next week. Tony Hamamoto had his annual fishout/banquet at Greenstone last Friday and Saturday. Words can't describe Tony's culinary skills and generosity. I'm making a motion at the next board meeting that Tony be made our official club cook.

This month also brings about a fishout to Eagle Lake hosted by Mike Brune. Mike has been fishing Eagle Lake for a lot of years and knows what he's doing. Hint: Dress warm. We also have our annual Fly Fishing Basics class hosted by Bill Carnazzo, Rob F., and Sturmer White. Learn the fly fishing who, what, where, why and whens from these *old* pros. The two classes will be held at the clubhouse. Right after that we'll have the Nymphing Clinic on the North Fork of the Yuba River which will give some of you newer people some on stream instruction. That clinic will be hosted by Bill Carnazzo (with a little help from his friends). Space is limited so sign up early.

.....and we're not done yet. Jeanne English is hosting a "ladies only" fishout. That will be held in early June and a sign-up sheet will be available at May's meeting. This is an over night event, with cabin and wine. Several ladies are already on the waiting list...Geri Flanagan, Denise Welch, Wilma Carnazzo, Rhonda English, Jackie Ramos and Alva Meridith.

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This is also the season that brings about change to the club. It's time to nominate new officers and directors. The nominating committee is Frank Stolten and Mike Brune. There are several officer and director positions opening up and I encourage all of you to step up and get involved. We have a great thing going and it's all our job to see that it continues. We need that annual infusion of new blood, new ideas and new energy. So get involved...lead a fishout, be on the board or join the conservation committee. Only when you get involved will this really be YOUR club.

I can't end this message without giving a big "thanks" to all who worked so hard on the Annual Dinner. It was a huge success. Karl, Paul, Art, Karen, Jeroen, Pete, Ron, Jim, Frank and all the others worked tirelessly to give us the best dinner ever. Well done.

Until next time. Denny

2ND ANNUAL LADIES FISHOUT

First weekend in June 6,7,and 8th in the Truckee area cozy lodging at a cabin in Soda Springs. Can sleep six in beds W/limited floor space.

***Call Jeanne English to reserve a spot.
503-677-7169***

A Special Thanks to Everyone Who Helped with the Annual Dinner

The 2003 Annual Dinner was a great success and a reflection on the awesome members and supporters of our club.

Dave Howard, our guest speaker, was fantastic. His program "Four Seasons on the American River" covered the species, tackle, and techniques for fishing our local river.

We had 182 in attendance and almost 50 purchased \$100 worth of raffle tickets. We had 38 silent auction items and 233 raffle prizes. Karen Flanagan was the lucky one who won the grand raffle prize: A 10 foot Outcast pontoon boat! The dinner raised well over \$10,000 which helps the club with all our education and conservation programs, speaker fees and other activities.

I would like to personally thank the local fly shops for their generous donations and support throughout the year:

**American Fly Fishing
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I would also like to thank our club members who spent considerable time working on the dinner:

**Paul Meyers - Raffle Coordinator
Art Hawkins - Ticket Sales Coordinator
Frank Stolten - Silent Auction Coordinator
Karen Flanagan - Decorations Coordinator
Ron English and Jim Holmes - Beverage Coordinators
Jim Hunter - Day Program Coordinator
Denny Welch - Master of Ceremonies**

I would also like to thank Jeroen Smit and Peter Tremblay for the sweet tunes and sound system.

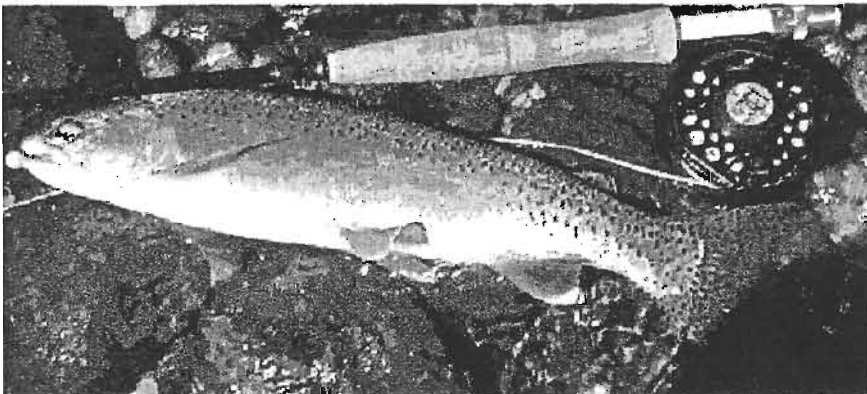
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CONSERVATION CORNER

Project Status: Heenan Lake Interpretive Display

Joe and Barbara Bania have been maintaining communication with the Department of Fish and Game, High Sierra Fly Casters and other involved organizations. After a hiatus in construction of the Heenan Lake Interpretive Display due to onset of winter, we're firing up again. Because of unanticipated delays in plan approval last summer, the steel structure could not be fabricated and installed before the snow season. Rather than building the structure and storing it somewhere until late spring, we just held off on construction. The target installation date is now early June.

Collection and preparation of the educational material is progressing. Rather than "reinvent the wheel," we have asked various organizations to donate pre-existing material specific to the area to post on this display. These organizations include the U.S. Forest Service, California Native Plant Society, Alpine Chamber of Commerce, the Washo Indian Tribe and the Department of Fish and Game.

Quite a few GBF members have indicated an interest in helping install the structure. As soon as we have a better idea of dates and details, we will let you know. Many thanks to the people who have already devoted their time to the development of this project especially Chris Serroels and Ron English who spent many hours developing the construction plans. T.A.P. Plastics on Auburn Boulevard has generously donated the UV protective glazing for the display panels.

John Carroz

ONE-FLY CONTEST AT FULLER LAKE JUNE 28, 2003

The President's picnic will be held June 27, 28, & 29, 2003, at Fuller Lake. GBF has the PG & E campground nearby for the entire period. As part of the weekend, we will have a "one-fly contest." If you haven't participated in a one-fly contest, you should join this one. Everyone has a good time. The rules are simple: (i) on the day of the contest, names of those signed up will be placed into a hat; (ii) someone draws three names at a time; (iii) each group of three will be a team for purposes of the contest; (iv) the team aggregates results which are measured against the other teams' results; and (v) a participant who loses his/her fly is out of the contest from that point forward. There will be prizes in a number of categories: first fish; biggest fish; highest number of fish; smallest fish; and first to lose fly. We may think of other categories, but those are the basic ones. There was a sign up sheet at the April meeting, and there will be one at the May meeting. There is no limit on the number of participants. For details, call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604.

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hard and lift the rod at the same time. Fish on. Yeah!

For the smaller flies, like damsels, scuds or leeches. Start with the same cast with the strip technique except use two to three inch strips. The fish haven't seen a damsel or leach that can swim at the same speed as a minnow. Slow it down for success. Just these few tips can get a person much closer to that 15 percent fishermen and catching a lot more fish. Have fun, Go get'em.

Sturmer White.

MAY SPEAKER KATHLEEN EAGAN

Topic there is a lot of activity surrounding the Truckee River and the watershed. I hope to give brief comments on a number of activities taking place on the Truckee and then open the presentation to questions on areas of particular interest to club members.

- . Status of negotiations and issues with TROA
- . Annual River Operations
- . Work of the Truckee River Watershed Council
- . Property acquisitions

Background and pertinent groups

. Truckee River Basin Water Group-lead representative for regional interests in Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA)

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. Flyfisher

. And most important high school buddy of Rpb Ferroggiaro.

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Remember, bass attack anything that is hurt or wounded. I guess they can't pass up any easy meal. Triggering a strike means to make your offering look like the natural in trouble.

How do you make this happen?

When casting let the line run through your line hand, as it hits the water, take a strip or two to straighten the line immediately. Be sure your rod tip is down in the water pointing at the fly. This must be done quickly as the line enters the water. Get the line into control fast.

Now comes the stripping technique. First minnow patterns.

This takes a little playing with. My favorite is after the fly lands and is straightened as stated above. I pause -- strip three times fast about six to eight inches each time (longer for stripers -- 18 to 24 inch pulls) then pause, continue a strip pause thinking of a minnow trying to get away but isn't strong enough to get very far at one time. Let your imagination be your guide, but keep that rod tip in the water and pointed at the fly.

Bass will many times try to kill the minnow before it eats it. So keep stripping until you feel the fish on. Then strip

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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 so far.

President:
 Vice President - Membership:
 Vice President - Conservation:
 Secretary: Roger Bryan
 Treasurer: Art Hawkins
 Director: Karl Wolff, Paul Meyers

As you can see, we still have a number of openings. Like other activities in the club, being on the Board is actually fun while being very educational. Just ask anyone who has ever served on it. It takes very little time (usually 2 hours a month) and is a great opportunity to become involved in the club and help chart its future direction. For GBF to remain the great organization it is, we totally depend upon the support of members willing to donate their time and talents. Like the old Uncle Sam billboard says, We Need You! Please consider how you can help and become more involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time and assistance for any of these positions, or would just like more information, please contact Frank Stolten 725-6894 or Mike Brune 723-4524 prior to the June meeting.

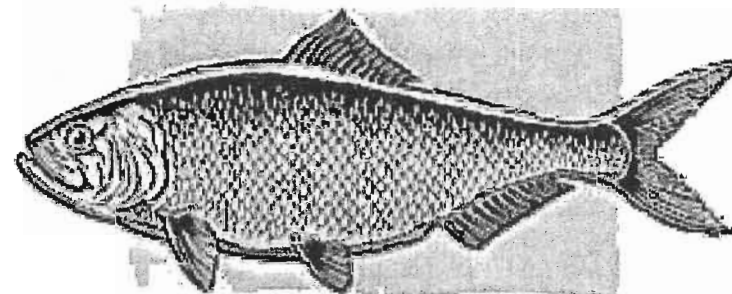
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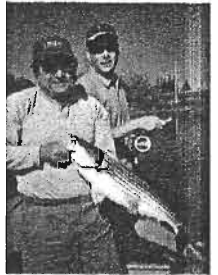
This clinic is one of GBF's most popular events. It is always "sold out." Last year we had 26 participants---and I believe everyone caught fish on nymphs by the end of the day. The purpose of the clinic is to teach nymph fishing skills, with a sprinkling of other skills such as rigging, reading the water, and wading safety. The clinic is held in the morning, followed by self-provided lunch. The afternoon is spent fishing. I, along with the other instructors, will work with each individual to help with problems and hone skills. As usual, we meet early in the morning at the pizza joint in Downieville, and head for the river after assembling there. A sign up sheet was made available at the April meeting; it will be available at the May meeting also. We can handle 20 persons (last year's 26 was too many); we already have 16 signed up, so it will be first come, first served at the May meeting. We will have a waiting list in case of cancellations. The fee is \$20.00, due at the May meeting. I will check with those who signed up to make sure that they are committed to attend, so that those interested will have a chance to sign up in May. For details, or to have your name added to the list before the May meeting, call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604.

Contact: Suzanne Del Sarto (530) 888-0129 if interested, leave a message.

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- 4 Double Eagle Resort & Spa (June Lake) 2 nights lodging, 2 people, Sunday through Thursday, valid September through October, but not on holidays, 2 hours fly-fishing on Black's Pond, 2 day's boat rental on Gull Lake, and passes for both days at Creekside Spa- You pay me- \$285
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Dave Howard, Guide

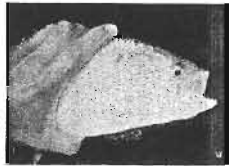


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The stripers range in size from 1 pound to over 50 pounds! They are fierce battlers, and aggressively chase flies. They are no dummies, however, so catching the big ones isn't always a snap

Shad, in contrast, are frequently easy to catch. They don't grow as big as stripers—the biggest are 6 or so pounds—but they fight really hard and are far more numerous. In a morning or afternoon session an angler can catch more than 20 of the ras-

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No Entry

Program rules:

* judging will be during the meeting

* best tied fly announced 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.

2. Cover hook and lead with thread.

3. Tie in chenille at the bend of the hook, just above the back of the barb.

4. Using hackle pliers, rap chenille forward a few wraps and let it hang down with hackle pliers.

5. Cut two strands of rubber leg material about 2 inches long.

Take one of them and bring one end under the hook and pull both ends upward, stretching the material slightly. Now tie an over hand knot and slide the knot down to the hook shank, with the material sticking out both sides of the hook.

6. Wrap thread around the overhand knot, manipulating the legs so that they stand straight out (90 degrees) from the hook shank.

Move the thread forward to behind the eye.

7. Wrap the chenille behind and in front of the legs, and advance it forward to about the 1/3 point on the shank, and let it hang with hackle pliers attached.

8. Repeat steps 5 and 6 with the second piece of rubber leg material.

9. Repeat step 7, bringing the chenille to a point about 1/8 inch behind the eye if no bead used, or 1/8 inch behind the bead if one is used.

10. Tie off the chenille and apply superglue to the tie-off area.

11. Form a nice, small head (if not using a bead), and whip finish, and....

See ya on the creek!

Flytier's Corner

BY

BILL CARNAZZO

May, 2003

BLACK RUBBER LEGGED BEAST

This pattern is as old as dirt. Yet it still catches fish at certain times and in certain places. I guess that's why it's old as dirt. And simple... Lord, it's simple to tie. I've had success on this beast when, in early season, the water is murky. It does, I suppose due to the contrast between black and white, present itself as a visible morsel to hungry trout. It can be tied with or without a bead at the head. Although the pattern featured here calls for black chenille, don't be afraid to experiment with olive and other colors. Weight is added to keep the fly down; more or less weight may be called for by stream conditions.

MATERIALS

Hook	Standard streamer, such as Tiemco 5262 or Mustad 9672, in sizes 2-8.
Thread	Black flat waxed 6/0
Weight	.015 lead or substitute
Bead	Gold, sized to fit hook (optional)
Body	Black medium chenille
Legs	White round rubber leg material

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place bead on hook, if bead is to be used. Wrap 6-10 turns of lead or substitute at the front of the hook, leaving at least 1/8" to 3/8" (depending on hook size) of room in front of the lead.

Eagle Lake Fishout: May 29th to June 1st

Mike Brune will lead this Spring trip to one of the club's perennial favorite lakes. Located about 20 miles from Susanville in Lassen County, Eagle Lake opens to fishing on Memorial Day weekend each year. This can be an excellent time to pursue the lake's trophy trout that have been un-harassed during the prior 5 month closed season.

Specific fishing information and fishout plans will be provided at the May club meeting, but accommodations, if desired, must be made immediately due to the popularity of the lake at this time of year. The best fly fishing - and therefore the most convenient camping/lodging is in the northern part of this huge lake. The 'Spalding Tract' area is where we usually base our club fishouts because it has numerous places to stay and a restaurant or two where we can get together and share successes.

Remote lake-side car camping (no facilities) is possible in a number of places around Spalding and requires no advance planning. Car or RV camping is available at a 20-space BLM campground on a first come, first served basis, and at the 72-space Eagle Lake RV Park. Make reservations at Eagle Lake RV Park by calling (530) 825-3133, or visit their website at www.eaglelakeandriv.com. Another nearby RV park is Mariner's Resort - call them at (530) 825-3333. Mariner's also has a nice shower facility available for people who are camping around the lake (there's a 3 or 4 dollar fee).

Eagle Lake RV Park also has a few cabins for rent. Otherwise, local cabins and homes are available for rent through Heritage Land Company. Call them at (530) 825-2131, or visit their website at www.eaglelakeheritage.com. The rental cabins/homes are a great way to go if you can get a few people together to split the costs. Most have full kitchens & utensils - and some are as low as \$60/night. But you must BOOK NOW to get 'em.

First-timers: Eagle Lake can be fished from shore, but you definitely have more options with a float tube, pontoon boat, or *anything* to get you off the bank. Big boats are OK too, and slip and boat rentals are available through Eagle Lake RV Park. The fish average 3-4 lbs in 2-10 feet of water. You'll need a 5 to 7 weight outfit (bigger is better in the wind) and a floating line. An intermediate line can be very useful too.

We'll talk flies, techniques, and locations later. Call or e-mail Mike with any questions: Home (916) 723-4524, m.brune@attbi.com, and THINK TROPHY TROUT.

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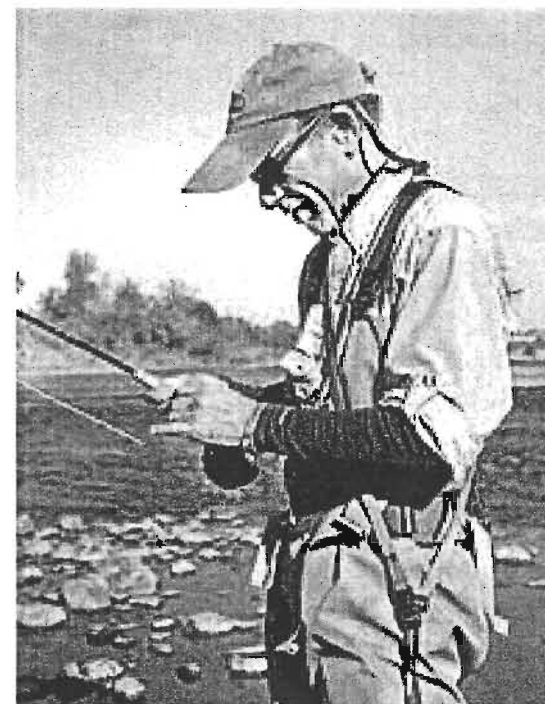
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