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## President's Message

*by Mike Howes, GBF President*

So sudden, it is hard to believe the reality. My own disbelief keeps me from facing the fact **Bill Carnazzo** is gone. But, his impact will be remembered through the years—I learned so much from the mild mannered Bill. He shared his knowledge and expertise in an unselfish way. I had the opportunity to fish with Bill, and will cherish the moments and think of Bill when I approach a seam in the river. Bill was an integral part of our club, he will be missed. May he rest in peace.

I would like to wish **Bill and Marilyn Kiene** a wonderful retirement. They have been very big supporters of the Granite Bay Flycasters, and stalwarts for the sport of fly fishing. Bill's knowledge and expertise will surely be missed. I can only hope that in the future our paths will cross on the water, and we will be able to share the wonders of nature and a fish on the fly together.

**Ed Bielewshi** was the lucky winner in the early bird raffle. 155 members paid their 2013 dues by December 31, 2012, we thank you. If you haven't paid your 2013 membership, please do.

At our January general meeting, Bill Kiene introduced **Tim Fox**, the new manager of Kiene's fly Shop. Tim is not a new comer to fly fishing, he worked at "The Fly Shop" in Redding for 15 years. This is a great opportunity for Tim. When you are in Kiene's, introduce yourself to Tim, and let him know you are a Granite Bay Flycaster.

**Jim Holmes** has come up with another Fly Tying clinic. He will be doing an Advanced Fly Tying in March and April. There will be four workshops. Jim has received commitments from our three local fly shops to participate by sending an experienced fly tier to lead the workshop. There will be a limit of 12 members for the clinic. A lottery system will be used if more than 12 sign up. The workshops will be held at the Raley's in Granite Bay. Check your calendar for March 12, 29, 27, and April 3. A sign-up sheet will be at the February meeting.



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The Annual Dinner, our one and only fundraiser, is being held on March 16, 2013. The monies raised at this event will be used to run the club, support efforts to ensure healthy water sheds, and to finance the Robert E. Morton Fellowship Grant at Humboldt State University. We are also pledging 10% of the dinner proceeds to "Casting for Recovery." We are catering an Italian fare from Buca di Beppo. Our speakers will be **Ralph and Lisa Cutter**. If you haven't already purchase your ticket, you can do so at the next general meeting. The tickets are \$35. If you are unable to make the meeting, you can also purchase a ticket by going to <http://gbfc.eventbrite.com>. Don't miss out on the great raffle and silent auction. If you would like to help out at the dinner, please contact Dennis Baker at [baker0707@aol.com](mailto:baker0707@aol.com).

We are looking for volunteers to be part of the Board of Directors. We will have openings in Conservation, Treasurer, and two director positions. These openings will be starting in July of this year. If you are interested in finding out how your club operates, and want to be in on the decisions that shape the club, contact me at [lifisreel@aol.com](mailto:lifisreel@aol.com) or 916-863-6795, or at the general meeting.

Life is reel

## F E B R U A R Y 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1.	2.
3.	4.	5. Introduction to Fly Tying	6.	7.	8.	9. Yuba River Fishout
10.	11.	12. Introduction to Fly Tying	13.	14. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	15.	16.
17.	18.	19. Fly Tying Jam	20.	21. Board Meeting 7:00 PM	22. The Fly Fishing Show Feb. 22 - 24 →	
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## Monthly Program



Our February program will be something a bit different –

**Saltwater Fly fishing in Alaska- “Thinking outside the box”.**

If you think the fun of fly fishing is in the “catching,” Capt. Larry Larson of [Wild Alaska Cruises](#) will share how he and his guests get it done, catching nearly every variety of saltwater fish in Alaska, using conventional fly techniques, and some *not-so-conventional* methods. Join Captain

Larry for an evening of information, questions, answers and lots of fun!

Larry Larson is the managing director and owner of Wild Alaska Cruises and Sport Fishing, based in Juneau, Alaska. He is a licensed Alaska Outfitter and guide, 200-ton USCG Master and Commercial Pilot. He has also been featured on numerous national television programs, including NAPA’s *North to Alaska*, *The Best and Worst of Tred Barta*, *Cabela’s Outfitters Journal*, *Sportsman’s News TV* and NBC Sports “*Seasons on the Fly*.”

## Membership Renewals are Due

by John Hogg, V.P., Membership

This is a reminder that 2012 memberships lapsed on December 31 and the Club would greatly appreciate your timely renewal by that date.

Membership fees are \$30 for individual members and \$35 for family memberships. The dues have been held at \$30 for so long that nobody can remember the last time they were raised. It's a real bargain for what the club provides to its members.

We have several payment options: you can pay by cash, check, or credit card at the general meeting on Feb. 14th. Or, you can respond to the PayPal request being emailed each month to members who have not yet paid. And as a final option, you can mail a check to the Club. Send your check to,

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Your checks should be made payable to: **Granite Bay Flycasters.**

Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major sources of the funds needed to operate our club as one of the best fly-fishing clubs around, and timely payment by our members is an important element in balancing our expenses and income each year.

Thank you in advance for supporting your club, and we look forward to your continued participation in 2013.

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### **For Sale:**

I'm cleaning out the closet, reluctantly these rods have to go, as I have too many.

!3'6" Albright EXS Spey rod 6 wt 4 pc with sock and tube. In great shape just a little cosmetic issue, great starter rod, casts beautifully. I'm asking \$100.00

!2' Anglers Roost 5/6 4pc spey rod, sock and tube, new never been fished just lawn cast. Can also be used as a Switch rod, great casting little rod. I'm asking \$100.00

10'8" L3 Switch rod, 6wt 4pc with sock and tube. This rod is in new condition, can't tell its ever been used. I'm asking \$200.00

I also have a Okuma Integrity 4" 10/11 reel I'm selling, comes with sock and in a box. Great shape, no marks or scratches of any kind \$ 45.00

Contact Jim Hunter, 408-8966 or [jimfishon@wavecable.com](mailto:jimfishon@wavecable.com), and thanks for looking.

### **For Sale: Dave Scadden's Skykomish Sunrise 10' Pontoon Boat**

Rated for Class IV rapids plus you can stand and cast on still water. Fully loaded: two piece oars, standing platform & lean bar, dual saddlebags, cargo deck, seatback storage, anchor system, standing stripping basket and seated stripping basket. Like new condition. Cost over \$2,300 new – For Sale \$950

Art Hawkins 725-3026



## Annual Dinner Details

Here's everything you need to know about this must-attend event for all GBF members:

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, neighbors, co-workers... anyone who'd enjoy an evening out with good food, a great speaker, and an incredible raffle & silent auction.
- **What:** Delicious catered Italian dinner, BIG raffle and auction, and famous guest speakers, Ralph and Lisa Cutter, who'll do an entertaining and enlightening presentation.
- **When:** Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Bar opens at 4:30PM; dinner begins around 6:00.
- **Where:** The wonderful Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive in Roseville.
- **Why:** Because you'd enjoy an evening of fun, friendships, and fishing stories – along with the chance to win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, guided trips, and other prizes.
- **How:** To see if tickets are still available, call Henry Sandigo 916-434-7792, or go online to this safe, club-approved website: [gbfc.eventbrite.com](http://gbfc.eventbrite.com). Tickets are \$35 each.
- **Lastly:** If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help in any way, just contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639.



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**Bill Carnazzo**  
**February 17, 1941 - January 15, 2013**



Bill suffered a massive stroke on Sunday, was found on Monday, barely alive, and was taken off life support on Tuesday.

Bill was one of the founding members of Granite Bay Flycasters. It began almost 30 years ago with the first meetings taking place at Fly Fishing Specialties when it was still in Roseville. Bill served as President of GBF in 1994 and again in 1997. Bill was a lawyer by trade, licensed fly fishing guide, a prolific fly tyer, writer of numerous fly fishing / tying articles, soon to be published author, a sought after speaker and lecturer, a former college professor and a staunch environmentalist. He was also a dear, dear friend to me and to many of you.

He and I have floated the Trinity River many times in search of steelhead and big browns and have done the same on the Lower Sac hunting for big native rainbows.

We've been to Mexico for bass, to Utah for

trout and to the Delta for stripers. Bill and Ron Rabun taught a nymphing clinic for the Upper Sac fishout from its inception to last year...free.

That's not to say that Bill was perfect, because he wasn't. In an instant of absolute madness, Bill bought a boat with a jet propulsion system. He wanted it so he could go over 6" of water in search of shad on the Yuba River. I was there on the Delta when he tried to back the boat off the trailer. I guess no one told him that "R" is reverse and "F" is forward. He revved it up to about 15,000 rpm's and threw it in "F". The boat hit the tailgate so hard I thought it would end up in the cab of his truck. The boat ended up sitting on the trailer, out of the water and perpendicular to the ramp. He ended up selling the boat soon thereafter.

Bill was only 71 years old. To me, he died way too soon. To God, Bill died when he was supposed to. It is my hope and my prayer that he is in a far better place.

Bill is survived by his wife of many years, Judy, and their three children and by a passel of grandkids. I, and many of you, share in their grief.

The next time you're on the river, look for Bill. He'll be waist deep, the wind at his back, tossin' a 5-weight. He'll be right up there, just beyond the bend.

RIP, Bill.

Denny Welch

**Fly Tyer's Corner**

**Editor's Note:**

The late Bill Carnazzo started writing the fly tying column for **The Leader** in February 1991, and in the 23 ensuing years created a wealth of tying articles that are kept in the archives on GBF's website. The patterns are listed both alphabetically and by the year & month of publication, and I encourage you to use this valuable resource if you haven't already done so.

Since the articles are seemingly timeless and so professionally done, we will continue to run previously published articles each month for the foreseeable future. Of course, they all have Bill's inimitable writing style and a description in simple "guide speak" of how and where to use the pattern to get the most out of it. The pattern for February was previously run in March 2008.

## Fly Tyer's Corner

(Taken from the article written in March 2008 by Bill Carnazzo)

## Fly Patterns - Skwala Stonefly Adult

*Skwala Stonefly Adult***Materials:**

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260, size 8-12
<b>Thread:</b>	Olive 8/0 or similar thread
<b>Tail:</b>	Moose body hair (dark)
<b>Body:</b>	Pale yellow dubbing
<b>Ribbing:</b>	Black V-rib, midge size
<b>Egg Sac:</b>	Black dubbing
<b>Underwing:</b>	Black crystal flash
<b>Wing:</b>	Same as tail
<b>Post:</b>	Calf body hair or white synthetic material
<b>Hackle:</b>	Grizzly saddle dyed brown
<b>Legs:</b>	Black stretch floss (aka flex-floss)

**Description**

*Skwala* stoneflies begin to emerge soon after the first of the year—sometimes as early as January, depending on weather conditions. Locally, they can be found on the Lower Yuba River, above and below the Highway 20 bridge, where trout and steelhead feast on them. The nymphs have an olive brown to dark brown coloration with a lighter pale yellow underside. As is the case for all stoneflies, they require clean, swift moving water, and won't generally be found in slow moving areas or in spring creeks. Water temperatures need to reach 45 to 47 degrees to commence emergence. The nymphs will travel along the bottom and ascend onto vegetation or rocks.

Because trout concentrate their attention on the shallow, faster-moving water, don't immediately step into the water before beginning to fish—in other words, fish the edges. Mating will proceed along the banks and the females will hover along the water surface to deposit eggs. The male adults are unable to fly, as they do not have fully formed wings.

Nymphs are generally tied in sizes #10-12, and the adults are tied in sizes #8-12. Yellow Stimulators will work if the wings are darkened with a black Sharpie pen, but I prefer this rather simple pattern that has been effective for me. It has its origin in a fly tied by one of our long-time members and angler extraordinaire, Jim Coleman. I have modified it somewhat, but the credit goes mostly to Jim on this one.

**Tying Instructions**

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Apply a thin layer of Flexament on the hook shank and cover the shank with thread.

2. Just above the back of the barb tie on a small clump cleaned (don't stack it) moose body hair. The tail should be short, as in the case of a stimulator.



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3. At the same point, dub a small but prominent ball of black dubbing to imitate the egg sac.

4. At the same point, tie in a piece of black midge-size V-rib and pull it back out of the way.

5. Dub a medium sized body of pale yellowish dubbing. I like to mix in a little olive dubbing with the yellow before starting to apply the dubbing. The body should extend to near the front of the hook, about 1/3 shank length behind the eye. When dubbing is complete, use an olive Sharpie to carefully color the top of the body, which on the natural insect is olive in color.

6. Stretch the V-rib so that it is ultra-thin, and rib the body in evenly spaced turns; tie off the rib in front of the body

7. Tie in about 8 strands of black crystal flash at the front of the body for an underwing. Cut and clean a small bunch of moose body hair (don't stack it) and tie it in at the same point. The wing should extend rearward to the end of the tail.

8. At the base of the wing, tie in a clump of cleaned calf body or a small bunch of synthetic white material. Cut the tied-in hair down to about 3/8" in height. This will be the post for the brown hackle. See tying tips below for hints on how to tie this in.

9. Cut a single strand of flex floss and double it over. Place it over the post and down onto the shank. Tie it down in front of the shank with 3 loose turns of thread, cut the loop, and pull one strand down on each side of the hook so that the legs form an "X" shape. Now wrap tightly and apply a tiny drop of superglue to the bottom of the post. This will hold everything together.

10. Tie in a dry fly quality saddle hackle at the base of the post and apply a bit of dubbing to cover up the tie-in area. Wind the hackle up and back down the post. Tie it off behind the eye of the hook, form a nice small thread head, and whip finish.



## Tying Tips

1. In order to properly create the post and parachute hackle there must be adequate room left at the front of the shank. This means that the body must be ended at least 1/3 shank length behind the eye because the underwing, the wing itself, and the post must be tied in ahead of the body.

2. To tie in the post, point the tips of the material out over the eye and tie in the butts close against the base of the wing. Once the butts are secured, lift the material up and take a few winds around its base to "gather" the material. On the fourth wind, pull up and to the rear, catching the thread in the butts. This will hold the post vertical. Place a few insurance winds in front of the post.

Fish this bad boy close in to the bank, either upstream or down. You don't need to get into the water—just cast close in and let it drift. I will sometimes raise and shake the tip of the rod to make the fly skitter a bit—a technique use to imitate the "motorboat caddis." Go rip a few lips, and....

*Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!*

## Great Raffle Prizes

Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner. Our success at obtaining nice raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds needed to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

## Fishmaster's Corner

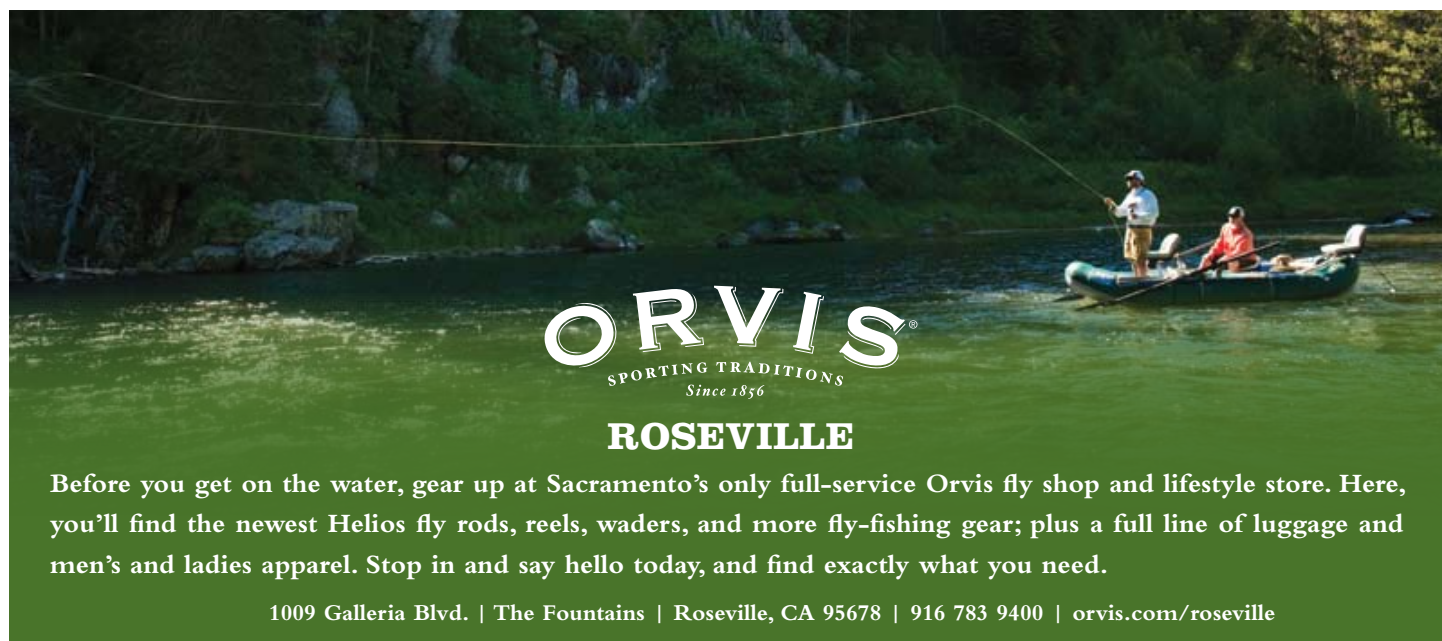
by Eric Palmer

If I can't believe that I'm seriously considering a trip north to Dunsmuir and the Upper Sac this winter. Yes, I lead the annual October Upper Sac fishout, so it's no secret that I love that river and the little town of Dunsmuir, but the thing is, as most of my fishing buddies may attest, I have a near pathological distaste for cold weather and generally avoid it at all cost, even if it means forgoing excellent fishing opportunities.

So why this change of heart? [California Fly Fisher](#) did it again with an excellent article in the February edition by Bob Madgic on **Winter Fly Fishing on the Upper Sacramento**. If you're a subscriber, stop reading immediately, locate your copy and begin reading at page 28. If you're not a subscriber, read on.

Most of you probably know that the Upper Sac is open for business 12 months a year, but in winter of course you've got the potential for high flows of murky to totally opaque chocolate water with the associated wading challenge, very cold temps, and (shudder) maybe even snow. Yikes! There's three strikes. But ... here's the deal; you also have big fish! Maybe very, very big and wild fish in excess of 20 inches! It's not clear why the big ones dominate during the cold months and the little guys seem to disappear but there are some theories and specu-

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lation. The next time you're in the Ted Fay fly shop talk to Bob Grace for his thoughts on this, but he confirms it's true.

Here are the recommendations for winter fishing on the Upper Sac:

- While the fish can be anywhere in the river, focus in the middle stretches above and below Sims Campground. Sleep in and fish during the warmest part of the day. Love that part!
- Guide Craig Nielsen of [Shasta Trout Guide Service](#) recommends fishing a "hopper/copper/dropper" rig: An October Caddis dry on top followed by a Copper John or BH nymph, then a BWO BH nymph on point, all in tandem off the bend of the hook. You want this rig to drag bottom with lots of weight.
- Look for a BWO hatch. It can be short but intense. Unfortunately BWO hatches are synonymous with conditions that can be brutal on the angler.
- Drift a #8 October Caddis dry solo.
- Swing and/or strip Streamers, Buggers, and Wooly Worms through the deep runs, channels and troughs. See Bob Madgic's Wooly Worm article in the Sept/Oct 2012 issue of *California Fly Fisher*.
- Cover a lot of water and get down deep with the nymphs and streamers.
- Start close in then methodically move out being careful with the high flows. Very large fish can be taken in as little as 18 inches of water. The fish will hug the bank when flows are high and also hug the bottom of the deep channels and troughs where the current slows due to friction with the bottom.
- Call ahead to the Ted Fay fly shop to check on water conditions. You will probably want at least 2-3 feet or so of visibility, and flows below 1,000 cfs at Delta.

Now, before you get too excited, this does not mean there's a ton of these bad boys per mile or that in winter they suddenly become easier to catch than in the fall. No, you still need to bring your "A" game along with your fleece gloves and heavy knit cap and thermal wear. But, given all that, consider this: most of us took up fly fishing for the challenge; we got into the sport with "malice aforethought" that it was going to be a long and tough (and expensive) slog to that Shangri-La of 15 to 20 fish days on a fly rod. If we wanted "easy," we'd still be soaking night crawlers or power bait on balmy 80 degree afternoons while dozing on the bank against a tree with a beer in hand. Or as a corollary to Corley Phillip's "*Real Fisherpersons fish for steelhead!*" title of his December Trinity fishout report (January Leader), I'd add that "*Real fly fisherperson's don't do 'easy'!*" Now get on the phone, book your Dunsmuir lodging, then hit the road and report back with your results at the next general meeting!

Thanks for your time, and see you on the water...

### Conservation Corner

*by Henry Sandigo, VP Conservation*

I completed a 2-hour booth duty at the ISE show, meaning I hawked GBF to the nice folks walking in front of our booth. Then I did what most guys would do after my shift; buy a hotdog and begin a walk around checking in on all the booths that pertained to fishing (both types) and chatting it up with the nice folks who were hawking their wares. Took about an hour and half, had a great time

What I noticed; there were very few (about 2 that I found) booths that were pushing for Conservation or some type of Water Awareness. Too bad, I would think it's a very important subject, especially to fishermen/women, and there should have been more. We need to slow or stop development of what's left of our open lands, and I'm not talking about just our parks. But, don't be surprised if someone somewhere is thinking about "what if we buy some of that government land that surrounds Yellowstone or Yosemite!" You've heard about the



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proposed Pebble mine in Alaska? Imagine what that would do to the World's Salmon and Trout population. Here's an interesting article for your perusal - [www.foxnews.com/us/2012/07/24/proposed-pebble-mine-project-pits-big-coal-versus-sockeye-salmon/](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/07/24/proposed-pebble-mine-project-pits-big-coal-versus-sockeye-salmon/)

The USDA, CAL FIRE, DFG, and a few others were promoting "firewood safety." Not the fire subject we are most familiar with. A subject I never gave much thought too, and that subject is use "local wood", don't bring it in from some other state or other areas; protect California from invasive insects. Even bringing it from 50 miles away was pushing it. I've gone on many camping trips or similar outings and brought along the wood I purchased elsewhere, not thinking I could be transporting the infamous Sierra sap sucker; you know the one that kills trees from the top down or some other invasive insect that will do major harm to a local wooded area. The code is "buy local, burn local." For more info regarding Health of California's forests go to [www.dontmovefirewood.org](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org) and [www.firewood.ca.gov](http://www.firewood.ca.gov).

The New Zealand mud snail is still a huge threat to California waters. This little bugger can often generate 400,000 snails per sq. meter; (it's only 5mm (.2in) long), and can be found in many different substrates or hitch hike onto other organisms. Our goal whenever we go from pond to pond, lake to lake, river to river is to clean all our gear; boats, rods, boots, waders, float-tubes, etc. The NZ snail can hide in the stitching of your gear, in the plastic holder of a shoelace. The folks who are working on this problem suggest you carry extra gear to change into after leaving an infested area. Scrub your stuff with a stiff bristle brush, rinse with water under high pressure. Look for visible traces of sand, mud or plant matter that may house this tiny creature on your person or gear. Other suggestions for eliminating this pest are freezing your gear, and use very hot water. Where do you get hot water or a deep freezer while you're out in a remote area? Obviously not very practical but you could do it at home. I truly don't believe my wife will let me put my gear in the freezer. So you might carry a chemical treatment with you, and it could be hazardous for some other reason, so common sense prevails; check, scrub, rinse and don't bring the area you left with you to another location. For more info on this bad-boy go to [www.seagrant.oregonstate.edu/themes/invasive\\_a/](http://www.seagrant.oregonstate.edu/themes/invasive_a/)

Phytophthora ramorum, sounds intriguing, or to make it easy "Sudden Oak Death."

It can affect our fishing habitat by destroying anchor trees that hold soil in place so the soil won't run into the waterway. So the drill is to let the folks who are looking for this destructive organism take note where you saw the symptoms and report it. The symptoms are bleeding of a thick sap on the bark surface (not from a cut or broken branch). The sap is originating from a canker beneath the bark. On some oaks the symptom is a bit different from another type of oak. For the true oak the bleeding can be seen approximately within 10' of the ground on the main stem of the tree. On tan-oaks it can be found anywhere on the above ground parts of the tree including branches. For further info go to [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org). Oh, its also affecting nursery plants, so if you're buying something for your yard, check with your nursery about the potential problem pertaining to your purchase

Want to know about clean boating habits? You can get a booklet on how to keep your boat pest free. See [www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov)

There's a list as long as my arm about problems that we as outdoor people should be looking for. I'll list a few here.

- quagga and zebra mussels (this critter can mess up your boat big time)
- killer algae
- black carp

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- water chestnut
- round goby
- spiny waterflea
- water hyacinth
- hydrilla
- eurasian watermilfoil
- giant salvinia

Our job isn't just fishing, its about being a good steward of our land and waterways, and yes, it is your responsibility.

### Net Building Clinics Set to Go

*by John Hogg, Director of Education*

2013 is the 13th year that Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul have held net building clinics with members building 240 nets during that timeframe. There are three (3) workshops for each clinic. At the first session members pick out the kinds of wood they want to use and then bend the wood to shape. At the second session the net wood strips are glued up. At the third meeting the net frames are machined, sanded and the holes drilled for sewing on the net bag.

Each year up to five (5) clinics are held starting in mid-January through the month of March with a maximum of 5 participants per clinic. Signups start in November of each year. Presently there are two spots available for this year's clinics. Preference is given to Golden Trout participants vs. members building a second or third net.

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### Knotter's Knots Not for Naught

*by John Hogg, Director of Education*



the evening, on Tuesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Terrible pun aside, workshop leader Dennis Baker challenged 10 students with two heavy leader knots, the Bimini Twist and Albright knots, and then finished with a lesson on how to tie twisted leaders. Using 21 feet of inexpensive 12 pound monofilament fishing line, an angler can twist up a 7 foot leader with a butt section strength of 40 pounds, and a midsection taper of 20 pounds, at a cost of less than five cents!

The class was held at the clubhouse, generously shared by the fly tiers for

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### Annual Dinner Day Program Clarification

In many previous years, we have conducted a 'day program' on the date of the Annual Dinner. This year, we were unable to schedule a day program, so any reference to a day program in our previous communications about this year's Annual Dinner were unintentionally inaccurate. There will not be a day program as part of this year's Annual Dinner festivities – and we regret any confusion caused.



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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Membership:** Applications are available on-line at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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