

The Newsletter of the Granite Bay Fly Fishers

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PREMIER ISSUE!

the LEADER



From the Editor

This is the first edition of the newsletter for an organization of people, living primarily in Placer and North Sacramento counties, with an interest in flyfishing. As you can see from the header, a name for the club has been proposed; The Granite Bay Flycasters. I have indulged in a little editorial license and proposed a name for our newsletter, "The Leader". An ad hoc steering committee is now in process of organizing our club. As the club's organization is solidified, these names as well as the officers of the club will be ratified by election. We must pull things together quickly in order to take advantage of an opportunity to have free access to a clubhouse at Granite Bay (additional info can be found elsewhere in this issue).

In addition to flyfishing and having fun, there are two goals of the club: to support conservation efforts that protect our fisheries and to develop a club with a strong family orientation. We already are planning an active youth program.

Our meeting format is still largely undefined, but we expect to have programs covering casting, flytying, rod-building, fishing strategies, tall tales, water safety, and we are fortunate to have members with contacts in the professional flyfishing community, some of whom we will enjoy as guest presentors.

The format and content of the newsletter is still open. Some of the main areas I hope to cover include club business (so that it doesn't need to be discussed in excess at the meetings), a calendar of events, a column updating the progress on the clubhouse, a "For Sale or Trade" section, columns on the youth program, conservation, "fly of the month" (or two), how-to's as available and I welcome stories, opinions, trip reports, and reports on where the fishing is good. I intend to make this newsletter both useful and enjoyable to the membership. I welcome your suggestions and assistance.

As encouragement to those of you that think these clubs are for people who already know how to flyfish, I have owned a fly rod since September (of 1985) and have yet to catch my first fish on it, and our president, Nicolai has been fly fishing since October (of 1985). All you beginners come and join us, so Nicolai and I are not alone.

And finally, an apology for there being so little time between the mailing of the Leader and the meeting date. With the holidays out of the way, future issues will be more timely.

These are some additional columns that will be added in future issues.

The Fly Market

Classified advertisements.

The Young Flyfisher

Tom Dibble

A column for the youth membership.

The Clubhouse Report

Ron Bigelow

An update on the progress of the clubhouse at Granite Bay.

The Tying Desk

How to tie flies, especially those for the northern California area.

Have you ever tried...

Thread your rod by stripping out about 10 feet of fly line, double it over just behind the leader. Thread this loop through the eyes. If it slips from your fingers it won't fall into a pile at your feet like it does when you try to thread the tip-pet.

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President's MessageNicolai Laquaglia

For those of you who could make it, or find it, thanks a lot for braving a cold night to attend what I feel was a successful first meeting of our Roseville-based flyfishing club. The meeting was held at the Roseville High School Multi-purpose room on December 10. For those who couldn't find us, we will include a map in the next invitation. We invite you to attend our next meeting on Thursday night, the ninth of January. It will, again, be at Roseville H.S. in the Multi-purpose Room. Join us during this exciting gestation of what promises to be an outstanding group of people bound by a mutual concern for nature...fishing...and having a good time.

A number of us who are handling the development of the club have all received positive feedback and an enthusiastic endorsement of our efforts from those at our informal gathering place, Terry Hellekson's "Fly Fishing Specialities", a "prime lie" if you will. From these individuals was perceived a greater and greater need to start fresh and create a new club to represent us those of here in the Placer County/North Sacramento area. We have good reason to be excited. We have been virtually "given" a fantastic clubhouse. As Jeff Herman, Ranger for California State Parks, explained to us at the meeting, in trade for volunteer labor, the State has agreed to "lease for free" a building on the park property at Granite Bay on Folsom Lake. The building is located adjacent to the group picnic area, South of the Granite Bay Beach and North of the boat ramp. Some needed repairs and basic installation must be completed before we can step in. In fact, I hope to report at the next meeting that the papers have been signed, confirming the relationship that enables our club to have this home. Think about how rare and opportunity this really is. Most clubs, of any type, don't even conceive of this fortunate possibility, especially at the moment of conception.

And we have already launched efforts to research the availability of Federal funds for the creation of casting ponds that can, hopefully, be built at the clubhouse site.

There will also be a push to have the next FFF conclave here at our club and at the lake. We've got a clean slate and only all of us together can write our destiny and set our goals together, and then...let's go fishing!!

There is a great amount of information that we will be attempting to deliver by way of this newsletter, and at our next meeting, so read and spread the poop sheet around, or call us, or drop by Fly Fishing Specialities and talk to Terry or Stan on any questions about the club status or a job to be done. Our names and phone numbers are elsewhere in this issue.

And one more thing, think of a name for the club, and sketch out a logo. I will be working on some kind of a prize for the winning entry. Happy Holidays, good fishing and a safe New Year to you all. See you at the next meeting.

What follows is a list of committee chairpersons and officers(all subject to ratification).

Officers

President	Nicolai Laquaglia	786-3470
Vice President/Membership	Peter Dibble	645-8247
Secretary/Treasurer	Fred Zimmerman	

Committees

Building	Ron Bigelow	
Conservation	David Davy	
Youth	Tom Dibble	
Librarian	Warren Schoenman	
Raffle	Morris Schlesinger	
Public Relations	Robert Weygandt	645-8961
Programs	Ken Winkleblack	
Newsletter/Editor	Jim Ferguson	781-2358

The Club CharterPeter Dibble

A charter committee is forming to develop a charter for the club. The committee is open; you are welcome to participate in charting our course. The next charter meeting will be announced.

Contact Morrie Schlesinger for more information at (916)782-5277

Why Have a Club

Peter Dibble

Search yourself. Why do YOU want to join a fly fishing club? Do you want more opportunities to talk flyfishing, learn techniques, how to tie new flies, save a stream? There is room for everyone. The success of the club in satisfying your needs will be a result of YOUR voice and YOUR participation.

Membership

Peter Dibble

Our club will become larger, stronger, better and more fun for all when everyone joins in. For the next meeting bring someone along. Bring your spouse. Your daughter(s). Your Son(s). Your friends.

Coming Attractions

Jan 9	General Meeting Roseville H.S. Multi-purpose Room Special Guest Mike McIntyre will entertain us with tales of fishing in Alaska.	7:30PM
Feb 13	General Meeting Location-to be announced	7:00PM
Mar 13	General Meeting Location-to be announced	7:00PM

Dues

Peter Dibble

An unfortunate necessity, but...
Printing this and postage to deliver it are the most immediate. The charter committee will set the dues amount and it will be ratified by the membership.. The collection of dues will begin, by necessity, at our next meeting(9 Jan 86). It is anticipated that the dues will be set at:

\$ 5.00	Youth Membership(17 and under)
\$20.00	Regular Membership
\$25.00	Family Membership(heads of households, spouses and dependents under the age of 18)

The Last Meeting

Fred Zimmerman

On Tuesday, Decemeber 10, the inaugural meeting of the Granite Bay Flyfishers was held in the Roseville cafeteria. Many exciting things were discussed that night and a few decisions were made but basically this was an infomative meeting and a time for the temporary officers to cry for help! Things started off with a discussion of the free clubhouse that is being offered to us by the State of California. Jeff Herrman spoke to us about the buildings, which are located at Granite Bay in the Folsom Lake Recreation area, and what the state would require from us. Basically, the club would have to do some cosmetic work on the buildings, laying some linoleum tile and moving or installing some partitions, to receive the use of this facility rent free! The State would do much of the heavy work necessary to prepare the site, and our part would be much less than originally anticipated.

Next, plees for help were heard from various committees, particularly the steering, charter and building committees. There are some great opportunities for all members to become involved in determining the direction of our new club. If you are interested in helping out in any of the above committees, please contact Terry Hellekson at Fly Fishing Specialties in Roseville.

Finally, the group heard a presentation from Ed Hobbs and "Sarge" Reynolds on behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The principle thrust of the presentation was all of the good reasons why we, as a club, should affiliate with the Federation. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next meeting has been set for Thursday 9 January at 7:30PM at the Roseville H.S. Cafeteria. Hope to see you there!
