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Club Calendar

December 1998

- 4 Youth Fly Tying Class
Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Tackle Swap and Chili Cook-off
Clubhouse 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 10 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Party and program on
saltwater fishing at Christmas Island
- 11 Youth Fly Tying Class
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- 15 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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- 13-17 GBF booth at Cal Expo
- 14 General Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.



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The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship. For membership information, contact John Hogg, 823-4334

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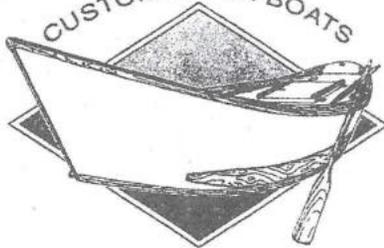


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Conservation Corner

By Nathan Joyner

During 1998 the Granite Bay Flycasters donated money in several areas to conservation. Not only did the club support the classroom egg program and the Bear River restoration project, but we also supported scholarships for graduate students and several conservation organizations. Jim Coleman and the board found two UC Davis graduate students to give scholarships that amounted to \$1500. The two students were doing research into Chinook Salmon and Green Sturgeon.

In addition the board donated a total of \$1900 to the following conservation organizations: Cal Trout, Californai Sportfishing Protection Association, Save the American River Association, United Angler's Casa Grande High School

Hatchery, Dry Creek Conservancy, Nature Conservancy McCloud River Preserve, Friends of the Trinity River, and the South Yuba River Citizen's League. Thanks to the board and the members for supporting these generous donations.

In the past year I have found that the quality of the club's conservation program is proportional to the amount of time that we put into it. I have found the magnitude of the issues involved more than I alone



Conservation...continued

can take care of. I have also found that the number of possibilities for our club to do something and make a difference in our community is very large. For that reason I would like to form a club conservation committee to work on some of the conservation issues that the club faces next year. I am very interested in getting anyone interested in the club's conservation program to spend some time shaping what our program looks like. Please contact me if you are interested.

Fly Tying on KVIE-TV

by Frank Stolten

The American Fly Fishing Co. continues to sponsor an excellent fly tying series on KVIE-TV, Channel 6. The series is produced at Washington State University and features three new flies each week. The format is relaxed, with a lot of banter between two hosts, Leroy Hiatt and Dave Engerbretson. The program is very useful for beginners as well as intermediate tiers.

The program airs on Saturday at 6:00 a.m., so here's a good reason to break out the VCR instructions on recording a tape. If all else fails, ask one of your kids to set it, they'll know how!

We are very fortunate to have this kind of programming available locally (and it isn't inexpensive) so please express your thanks to Gary Eblen and Peter Blackman for sponsoring it the next time you are in their shop. Or, for those of you on-line, send an email to www.americanfly.com.

Either way, be sure to thank them. Here's yet another strong reason to keep supporting our local fly shops when you are tempted to send an order off to some distant shop.

GBF Activities

Club Candidates for 1999

The annual Club election will be held at the December general meeting. After canvassing the membership for candidates and posting a request for nominees in last month's Leader, a slate of candidates for officers and board members has been assembled. The nominees are as follows:

Officers — (same as last year)

President — Rob Ferroggiaro

Vice President — John Hogg

Secretary — Gray Allen

Treasurer — John Bergman

Board of Directors —

3-year term

Drake Johnson

Rich Pontius

Nathan Joyner

Director-at-Large

Jeff Medina

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the December general meeting. 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 want. If you have some ideas and would like to help develop them along with other Club plans and activities, please contact a board member or officer with your suggestions. Or better yet, volunteer for a committee or activity. It's fun to be at the center of things and feel that you are helping make GBF a success.

GBF Activities

Sportsman's Show *(continued)*

Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

We will staff the booth for the following shifts:

Weds., Thurs., Fri.: Noon to 3:30
3:30 to 6:00
6:00 to 9:00

Saturday 10:00 to noon
Noon to 3:30
3:30 to 6:00
6:00 to 8:00

Sunday Same as Sat., except
closes at 6:00

If you can't be at the December meeting to sign up for a slot, please call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

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Last Minute Christmas Shopping

by Drake Johnson

If you need a fly box, a shirt, or a hat for that special fisher-person in your family, be sure to come to the December general meeting. We will be selling these items with the club logo. Some items will be on sale from our regular low price. If Santa can't make it to the meeting, give me a call and we'll work something out. Contact me, Drake Johnson, at (916)783-0343.



Be A Gatekeeper

Needed: Volunteers to serve as club gatekeeper for one (or two) evening(s). Choose your date(s).

During the winter months, we need someone to tend the Granite Bay Park gate before the general meeting begins, because the rangers lock it at sundown. As soon as the meeting begins, the gatekeeper closes the gate and comes to the clubhouse to participate. Call Rob at 791-6391.



Park Winter Hours - Don't Be Late

The Granite Bay Park hours have changed to the winter schedule. This means that anyone attending our meetings will need to be **inside the gate by 7:30 sharp** since the gate will be locked at that time.

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

December 1998 Pattern: "Emergent Sparkle Pupa"

Here are Gary LaFontaine's words regarding this pattern, about which he is very "fussy" [his word]: "In all my years of fishing the Emergent, it has never failed during a caddis hatch. Not on any river or lake; in my experience, not even for a beginning angler. Once the insect is captured, and matched generally in size and color, the dead drift fly turns a frustrating situation into an easy one." [Trout Flies, p.117].

However one might view such seemingly overbroad statements, Gary does fish 150 to 200 days a year, and the fly does produce. How should it be fished? Once again, Gary's words: "The pattern is greased entirely and floated dead drift (from up, down or across stream) over rising trout. The pattern rides half in and half out of the surface film, the deer hair wing quite visible above the water." [Id.].

What if there are no rising fish? In my own experience the fly is good as a searching pattern, fished in the water column under an indicator. Strikes sometimes come on the swing, particularly if a slight "twitch" is applied at that time.

MATERIALS

Hook	Standard dry fly (e.g., Tiemco 100) #6-20
Thread	6/0 or 8/0 to match underbody
Underbody	Half sparkle yarn and half fur [a finely chopped blend]1
Overbody	Sparkle yarn
Wing	Deer hair
Head	Dubbed fur

GBF Activities

we have the same support from the membership. After that, it will be only maintenance and gardening and happy fish.

Congratulations to all of you hard workers. You should be proud of what you have accomplished.

See you on the river next year!

Cal-Expo Sportsman's Show

(For information on this event, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604, or 264-5808)

The International Sportsman's Exhibition at Cal-Expo dates will be held January 13-17, 1999. GBF will again host a booth at the show. There will be a sign-up sheet at the December general meeting for volunteers to man the booth.

This is a great club event, and well worth the commitment to spend a couple of hours in the booth having fun and meeting people—as well as promoting the Club and its activities.

There will be an instruction sheet in the booth for cash handling and other matters. The "pass" to get into the show consists of the badge which is worn at the booth (only). Those who have signed up will have their names on a list at the "will call" ticket booth at the main gate. They can pick up a badge there. There are only six badges; so, those working in the booth need to return the badge to Will Call, so the next team can get in. Please cooperate in this regard.

The schedule for the show is:

Wednesday	Noon to 9:00 pm
Thursday	Noon to 9:00 pm
Friday	Noon to 9:00 pm

GBF Activities

Salmon Egg Program...continued

classrooms but to educate students in the uniqueness of a salmon's life cycle and teach them about all the factors that affect their survival. Many of these same factors such as erosion control, pollution, good water quality and availability, and protection of the resource also affect human quality of life. We hope the lessons learned in studying fish will become lasting impressions that some day, when the students become adults, will result in wise decisions being made regarding the future use of our natural resources. That's why this special program is important and what it's really all about.

It's also a very rewarding program as anyone who has ever taken eggs to a classroom and faced the inquisitive questions of an interested group of students will attest. Some of the questions are totally unexpected and I'm still trying to come up with a good answer to "Why are salmon eggs salmon-colored?". Many thanks to all who again generously gave their time to participate in the program: my co-chair Rick Radoff, Nathan Joyner, Sturmer White, Drake Johnson and Tom Kleinfelter.

A Pat on Your Back

by Jim Coleman

Many thanks to all of you GBFers who broke a sweat on the Bear River Project this year. We had an outstanding year in terms of work accomplished, completing much of the major work that remained to be done.

I think we can finish the construction next season, if

Flytier's Corner...continued

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Separate two small bunches of sparkle yarn, and comb out each bunch. Gauge the amount to the size of the hook. Tie one bunch in on top of the hook at rear (above barb), and one bunch on underside of hook. [Hint: rotate vise or turn hook over]. Let this material dangle for now.

2. Dub underbody to a point about 1/3 hook length behind eye. Use Gary's "touch dub" method: "The dubbing mix of half sparkle yarn and half fur is hand-cut in 1/8 inch lengths, and then blended together in a mixer. The tier holds a puff of this specially prepared dubbing and pats the waxed thread lightly. He wraps the thread on the hook shank." [Id., p. 116]. [Hint: you will need to apply plenty of wax to the thread].

3. Pull the top bunch of yarn forward, spreading it around the top half of the shank, and pull the bottom ply forward, spreading it around the bottom half of the shank. Loosen the tied down fibers until the overbody is filmy, baggy sheath and then trim the stubs.

4. Clip a few strands of the yarn where you just tied it in, and let those strands trail to the rear as a shuck imitation.

5. Tie in a deer hair wing, the tips extending to the bend of the hook.

6. Dub a head of fur. Whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!

NOTE: Gary's color combinations: brown/yellow (yellow under & over body/brown deer hair & head); brown/bright green (bright green under & over body/brown deer hair & head); ginger (ginger under & over body/light tan deer hair & ginger head); dark gray (dark gray under & over body/gray deer hair & head).

Fly Tying Skills Program

*Sponsored by American Fly
Fishing Company*

Pattern for December Program:
“CDC Midge Pupa”
(Featured in the November Leader)

Program rules:

- Don't be reluctant to submit a fly.
- Ask for a critique if you want help.
- 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 non-beginner; anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on.

This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills, and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport.

There will be a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, our program sponsor, for the winner(s) in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. So, enter those flies!!!

Winners for November: For the October fly of the month, the winners were Bill Avery in the beginner cat-

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Salmon Egg Classroom Education Program

by Frank Stolten

On the morning of Tuesday Nov. 10th, a group of dedicated volunteers met at the Nimbus Hatchery to pick up salmon eggs for distribution to area schools participating in GBF's Salmon Egg Classroom Education Program. This time we delivered eggs to 28 classrooms, all of which were provided with a complete aquarium setup funded by the club. The program is truly regional in scope with eggs delivered to schools in Placer, Sacramento and El Dorado counties — from Lincoln to Placerville.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the program, its purpose isn't to create mini-hatcheries in

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Flytying Skills Program...continued

egory and John Butkovich in the nonbeginner category. Congratulations to all.

Folks, enter those flies!!! The gift certificates are worth money to you, so there's no excuse for procrastinating. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.





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President's Message

and Rod Leggett who did a great job of improving and maintaining our outstanding library. Treasurer John Bergman made sure our bills were paid on time and was relentless in his efforts to account for every penny of our money.

Of course, the Board is only the beginning of our volunteer support. Nathan Joyner put in countless hours researching and communicating conservation issues and serving as our rep to the NCCFFF board. Jim Coleman rallied us to take the final major steps in the Bear River project. (Those of you who joined us on a work day know the fish are coming back!) Joe Gildone organized our outstanding program schedule, and every month Terry and Mike Wasserman made sure the refreshments and raffle were up to their usual high standards. Rick Radoff and Frank Stolten led our aquarium program and were there to help on other projects as well. Our appreciation also goes to Sturmer White who shared some terrific hints and tactics at our "Members Help Table" at the monthly meetings.

And finally, thanks to the many, many of you who I haven't mentioned by name who pitched in on the many club activities during the year. There are too many people to list here, but we know who you are!

If you're new to our club, or haven't had a chance to get involved yet, why not volunteer to help out in 1999? This is a terrific way to meet people and have a great time.

It has been an honor to serve as your president 1998. Thanks again for all your support, and best wishes for the holiday season and for health and joy in 1999.

See you at our gala holiday meeting on December 10th.

President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Since Rick, Frank, and their crew of GBF volunteers have recently distributed the egg aquariums, the holidays must be fast approaching. For some reason, it seems kind of symbolic that we set out these eggs as a promise to the future as we prepare to celebrate the holiday season and the end of another year.

This has been a great year to be President of GBF. We have grown to over 170 members, and your enthusiasm and strong support made my job easy. Perhaps I am in a unique position, able to witness first hand all the cool things our members do to make the club a success. During the year I've tried to thank people who contributed to our club events as they occurred. In this last newsletter of 1998, I want to thank some of the people who have generously contributed their time throughout the year.

First, thanks to each of the board members and officers who stepped up to help whenever needed. Bill Carnazzo did his usual super job of leading our fly tying program and fishing clinics, and was always there with helpful ideas when I needed advice. Gray Allen has delivered a timely, professional newsletter each month in addition to carrying out his duties as Secretary. Ron and Jeanne English have been key players in many events, including our youth program, the fish out program, and the Annual Dinner to mention just a few.

Jim Ferguson took our web site to the next level, and Rich Pontius contributed many ideas and found a super program speaker. John Hogg handled all the details required as membership chair, and organized a first-rate casting skills program. Thanks to Drake Johnson for handling our merchandise, and to Cindy

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GBF Activities

December General Meeting And Holiday Party

Lots of treats — Christmas candies and cookies. Punch and coffee. Fellowship. The annual election. Fly tying demonstration. And an exciting program — salt-water fly fishing at (appropriately enough) Christmas Island. These will be the highlights of the December 10 meeting at the clubhouse.

Bring the family. Bring a friend. Enjoy the GBF's hospitality at our annual holiday party.

We hope to see you there!

Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff

10 a.m. - 4 p.m., December 5 at the Clubhouse

Don't miss the club's FREE swap meet on December 5 at the clubhouse. Giant raffle, free door prize, and lunch. So bring an appetite, as well as the fishing gear you wish to sell or trade. There will be members' prize chilis to sample and other goodies to lunch on. This event is always lots of fun and an excellent opportunity to make good deals for quality gear.

Visit Us on the Web!

Have you visited the Granite Bay Flycasters' web site yet? Surf on in and find a growing wealth of information about the club, its activities, fly tying, and much more. It's easy. Just key in the club's address and enjoy the ride: www.calweb.com/~gbf

If you have any suggestions for our web site, contact Jim Ferguson, 781-2358.