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*Flycasters*

February 1998



# Club Calendar

## February 1998

6	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
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12	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
13	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.
15	Novice Fly-casters' Tune-up	
	Kiene's Fly Shop	1:00 p.m.
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## March 1998

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	St. John's Parrish Hall,	
	307 Montrose Dr., Folsom	5:30 p.m.
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The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishermen and flyfisherwomen who meet once a month at the clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake.

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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## February Program

Andy Burke, one of the top guides and writers in the fly fishing universe, will share his expertise and insights on fly-fishing in northern California, both warm and cold waters.

Andy is based at the Fly Shop in Redding, and is an expert on fishing the Sacramento River. You may have seen his articles on fly tying in California Fly Fisher magazine.

## March Program

Mike Denega will share his experiences fly-fishing in British Columbia and fill us in on his project to introduce Florida strain largemouth bass to the lake in Cameron Park.



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## President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

In my work as a personal coach and consultant, I get to talk to a lot of people about current trends. The idea of simplification is getting to be a hot topic as many people search for ways to reduce the complexity in their lives.

### Fly Fishing Made Simple

This concept can be readily applied to fly fishing. For example "American Angler" magazine recently ran an interesting article naming "The Thirteen Essential Trout Flies." There is no doubt this small collection could catch a lot of fish, which proves how complicated we can make fly fishing. (By the way, despite the wisdom of the authors, you won't catch me on a trout stream without a few Bird's Nests.)

I was fooling with my fly fishing stuff the other day and suddenly realized that I was in the very bowels of complexity and didn't even realize it. Fly tying materials are bulging out of every drawer and plastic container. My fly boxes are crowded with flies; many haven't been used in recent memory, if at all. My fishing vest could use a set of wheels, since it is crammed with tackle items and essential survival gear from waterproof matches to Jolly Ranchers.

Realizing the absurdity of this, I'm going to simplify things and take a little stress out of my fly fishing life. I'm going to get rid of a bunch fly tying of materials I never use, including the 35 spools of thread that have accumulated in a shoe box. My fly assortment is going to be trimmed down to those flies I have confidence in and will really use. There should be no prob-

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## President's Message

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lem lightening my vest by many ounces.

I'm highly motivated to do something about all this, since I need storage space for some spools of holographic tinsel, and some great new dubbing I just bought. The room in the fly boxes will come in handy too, since I'm tying up a bunch of those dark nymphs that Gary Eblen showed me which were so effective last fall.

It'll also be great to have room in my vest for that emergency flare and the knot tying tool I just picked up at Cal Expo. This simplification thing couldn't have come at a better time.

### See You at the Annual Dinner?

Speaking of simple, here's a simple question. Are you going to this year's Annual Dinner on March 28th? It's a fun way to renew acquaintances with old friends, and for those who have just joined the club recently, it's a great way to start feeling more at home. If you've heard Seth Norman, you know he's a very entertaining speaker.

There's a good chance to win cool stuff in our huge raffle, or maybe a trip to Hawaii in the grand prize drawing. The \$30 ticket price would be a great value just for the dinner, but it also includes a daytime program where you can pick up some fishing tips and meet informally with Seth and your fellow fly fishers.

Finally, proceeds from the dinner are the main source of funds for our club's conservation work. What better reason could there be? Bring a friend and I'll see you there.

Take care.

## GBF Activities

### Skills Clinics Scheduled

Be prepared for the trout opener, learn new fly fishing skills or sharpen your technique in one or more of a series of skills clinics scheduled for this spring.

**Fly Tying Basics** — Tying flies that catch fish isn't as difficult as it may look if you have never put hook in vise. Learn how (and gain more bug-knowledge that will help you catch fish) in this three-meeting clinic Wednesday evenings at the clubhouse, March 4 - 11 - 18.

**Novice Fly Casting Tune-up** — Whether a beginner or longtime fly caster who feels the need for a refresher in the basics, this February 15th class for novices could be for you. The 1 p.m. session will cover basic equipment and fundamental casting. (See *Casting Clinics* on page 7.) Contact John Hogg at 663-2051.

**Fundamentals of Flycasting** — A three-session series of flycasting clinics will concentrate on the fundamentals of the five basic casts every fly fisher should master. The clinics will be held Saturdays, March 14 and 21, and Sunday, March 29. (See *Casting Clinics* on page 7.) Contact John Hogg at 663-2051.

**How to Build A Fly Rod** — Saturday, April 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — There's no satisfaction quite like tossing a perfect loop with a rod crafted by your own hands. Learn how to build fly rods to your own specifications in this one-day class for six GBF members (only two slots left) at American Fly Fishing Co. \$35 per person. Taught by Mike Searcy (primo rod builder). Members who sign up will be given a materials list; all

pect of the sport.

There will be a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, our program sponsor, for the winner in each category:

\$25 for non-beginner

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All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

**Winners for January:**

**Ron English** won the non- beginner category.

**Cindy Leggett** won the beginner category.

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## Flytying Skills Program

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**Pattern for February Program:**  
**"Muskrat"**

(Featured in January 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.

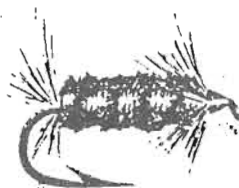
■ Fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the *Leader* (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere), in order to keep the playing field

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 as-



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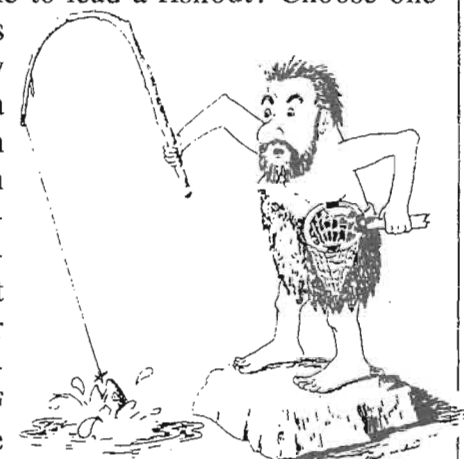
the rest of the necessities will be supplied with the course. Contact Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

**Fly Fishing Basics** — Novices can get an overview of this fascinating sport in a one-day clinic, Saturday, April 18 at the clubhouse. Learn about equipment, where to find trout, how to match the hatch, and much more, information taught by our very own "pros." Contact Rob Ferroggiaro at 791-0887.

## 1998 Fishouts

How would you like to lead a fishout? Choose one of your favorite spots and lead your fellow GBFers there for a day or weekend of fun and fellowship? Even if you have never organized such an outing, GBF will make it eady (and fun) for you. Give Ron English, GBF Fishmaster, a call. He has a printed guide-sheet that will take you through routine step by step so nothing is overlooked.

Ron is looking for volunteers to lead outings. Give him a call — 677-7169.



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## GBF Activities

### February Fishout

*East Walker River*

*Saturday, Feb. 7*

Rick Radoff, long-time GBF member and former president of the club, is hosting the February 7 fishout to the East Walker River. He describes it as a medium-size stream, freestone, with some pocket water and riffles.

The quarry are rainbows and brown trout, caught on both nymphs and dries. Rick likes beadhead Bird's Nest and Prince Nymph, and Caddis emerger; also midges in 20's to 22's.

He recommends 8 1/2 to 9 foot rods, 4 to 6 weight, with a dry line.

Rick plans to stay overnight so participants in the fishout can fish on Sunday, as well. Accommodations and supplies are available in Bridgeport.

### Fly Fishing and Investing Have Much in Common

#### Fly Fishing

- You must be able to read the water
- You should keep your fly in the water
- You must know how to pick the holes
- Dropper rigs are extremely effective

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## Flytier's Corner

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### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb. Slip 4 or 5 beads onto hook.
2. Tie thread in about 1/8" behind eye, and build small thread ball there to keep front bead in place.
3. Cross thread over front bead and push this bead against the ball you just made. Now wind thread between first and second bead to create separation between them. Repeat this procedure with all beads, ending up with tying thread at middle of hook bend.
4. Take some dubbing and spin it onto tying thread, keeping the fibers long. Begin winding the dubbing on behind last bead, moving forward through all of the beads until you reach the front of the first bead. There stop dubbing and place a few winds of thread to secure dubbing into place. Whip finish, but don't cut the thread.
5. Take a "teasing" tool, such as hook end velcro strip glued onto a stick, and tease out the dubbing so as to create a "halo" effect around the beads. If the dubbing looks too long, trim it to shape.
6. Using a small partridge or grouse feather, create a soft-hackle set of legs in front of the front bead, whip finish, and cut thread. If done properly, and with a sparkly dubbing, the fly should look translucent and buggy. It needs to be fished at or near the bottom, as these bugs sometimes "drift" either willingly or unwillingly.



See ya on the creek!!!!



## Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

### This Month's Pattern: "Bead Rockworm"

Here is another in our series of simple patterns. I first saw this pattern tied by Jim Pettis, a Redding guide.

The "rockworm" version is just one adaptation of this method of tying. In other words, using different colored beads, different dubbing, and different hook styles and/or sizes, this same method can be used to create a nearly infinite variety of imitations.

This particular version is designed to suggest the small free-living Caddis which are typically found in the riverbed on freestone streams.

#### MATERIALS

- Hook** Scud hook, such as Tiemco 2457, sizes 14-18
- Thread** Olive 6/0 or 8/0
- Body** Small olive/pearl glass beads and medium olive synthetic dubbing, with a "sparkle" to it
- Legs** Grouse or partridge, tied as "soft hackle"
- Head** Olive tying thread



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## GBF Activities

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Meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, at the cafe located near the southernmost edge of Bridgeport on Highway 395.

If you have questions, call Rick at 624-2107.

## Fly Casting Clinics

by John Hogg

**January Clinic News:** On Sunday, January 18th, a dozen stalwarts gathered at Kiene's Flyshop for a lesson on distance casting. The rain of-course began on time, but Bill Kiene did not miss a step. Promptly at 1 p.m. he donned his trusty SST jacket, (off the rack), grabbed a Winston rod, slapped on a reel, and in the pouring rain gave an amazing 40 minute casting demonstration, with a non-stop simultaneous commentary. As we GBF'ers huddled under the porch, Bill commented on tight loops, breaking wrists, power stops front and back, lifting the line on backcast for maximum gravitational assistance and much more. Always heavy, the rain occasionally came down so heavily that we could not see the line he was casting. What a demonstration! Bill's casting is nothing but inspirational! Seemingly effortless, but really the result of a serious study of many years. Bill, we thank you for giving up your Sunday, and helping us out!

**February Casting Clinic:** On Sunday, Feb. 15th at 1 pm, we have scheduled another clinic at the parking lot of Kiene's Flyshop.

This will be a **NOVICE CASTERS TUNEUP**

## GBF Activities

**CLINIC**, and we will discuss basic equipment including rod, reel, line leader and tippet, and then proceed to some fundamental casting. This clinic is a prelude to our Fundamentals of Flycasting three-day course which will occur in March.



**Fly Casting Fundamentals, March 14, 21, 29** — In this course, we will cover in depth, the roll cast, forward cast, false casting, shooting line, and the double haul.

The location will be either at my pond or Bill Carnazzo's, depending on class size. Both are in Newcastle. We will announce the location after sign-ups.

For all clinics, bring your own rod with a floating weight-forward or double taper line and a 7 to 9 foot tapered leader (2X, 1X or 0X). If, however, you don't have equipment, some extra rods and reels will be on hand for you to use.

Useful accessories to bring include line nippers and some red yarn for a simulated fly. Bring sun and eye protection and drinking water. Eye protection is a must if you will be casting — especially for youngsters!

**How to get to Kiene's:** Kiene's is located at the corner of Fulton and Marconi, next to Mel Rapton Honda.

**For further information**, see me, John Hogg, at the next club meeting, or call me at 483-0100 (office), or 663-2051 (home).

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## News and Notes

### Membership

by John Hogg

Now is the time to pay your dues for the coming year. There are only two things you have to do to enjoy your membership in GBF, the first one is, pay your 25 bucks!

If you pay by break time of the February meeting, your name is going into a special raffle. Pay after.....no raffle, and no Leader!

Pay on time, and know that your money is going to work immediately to fund club activities

In the coming year you can enjoy monthly casting and fly tying clinics, fishouts and flyfishing clinics on a monthly basis with top notch fly anglers who are more than happy to share their knowledge, monthly general meetings with a dynamite group of speakers, and great social events such as the GBF annual dinner. And you support the club's conservation efforts.

The second thing you have to do is show up and participate! On many of the activities, we need not only students, but instructors. We need willing hands, expertise, and enthusiastic support! We hope to get not only your renewal, but your participation as well.

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## GBF Activities

### Annual Dinner

*March 28, 1998*

GBF's Annual Dinner is set for March 28 in a new location: St. John's Parish Hall in Folsom. Seth Norman, well-known author and book review editor of *Fly Rod & Reel* will be our speaker and will lead a daytime fly-fishing clinic. There will also be another great raffle and silent auction and a special grand prize drawing for a Hawaiian vacation.

Tickets for the dinner and for the grand prize raffle drawing will be on sale at the February 12 general meeting.

In late February or early March, every Club member will receive a letter from the Dinner Committee with 10 Grand Prize tickets. Members can either buy the tickets themselves or sell the tickets to friends. Either way, all a member has to do is send back a \$10 check made payable to GBF. At \$1 each these tickets are extremely easy to sell — to coworkers, clients, friends, etc. Most people are happy to part with \$1 just to get you out of the way.

Every member who returns \$10 will get his/her name entered in a special raffle prize drawing. The member who sells the most Grand Prize tickets to persons other than Club members will receive his/her choice of two fly lines.

If you want Dinner tickets (\$30 per person), Grand Prize tickets to sell, or if you have any questions, call Rich Brown at 325-4564.

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## Sugar Creek Ranch Special for GBF Members

For GBF members, we have set up special weekend trips to Sugar Creek Ranch, which is located just west of the City of Mount Shasta.

The remaining date available is Saturday, **February 28**, with two slots still available.

Brochures will be available at the February general meeting. Times getting short, so get your reservation in and beat the Winter doldrums.

### What's Included:

- One guided day (Saturday) on Sugar Creek Ranch, which has two ponds with very large trout eager to take well-presented nymphs, dries, streamers and other flies.

- Instruction on stillwater techniques, gear, and flies while at the ranch.

- Two nights' lodging right on the upper Sacramento River in a private house in Dunsmuir.

- Breakfast on Saturday before going to Sugar Creek Ranch.

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## News and Notes

### A Salt Water Challenge

*Let's Rip Lips in Baja*

by Vern Stubbs

Several members have expressed an interest in a fishing trip to Loreto, Baja Mexico. Bus Gehring has volunteered to make all arrangements with motor homes or motels as options to be decided.

Early August is the probable time for the trip. However, everything depends on input from members as to who, when and how. Spouses or non-fishing friends welcome.

Dig out your heavy-duty gear, because we're talking about **dorado**, **sailfish**, and **bontia**! Bus's home phone is 652-0981.

### New Board Members

**Bruce Bartholomew** and **Rich Pontius** have been elected to fill two board vacancies that occurred in December when **Terry Eggleston** resigned and **John Hogg** moved to the vice presidency. **Bruce** and **Rich's** terms expire at the end of 1998.

### Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members who joined in January: **Scott, Cody, Billy, Justine, and Bonnie Roesener; Paul Trader; Vincent Landeros; Don Cook; Ron Calvert; Jack Howell; Denton Code; Tom, David, and Tyler Neher; John Blythe; John Lyon; John Moore; Jake and Diane Mater; and Gene Allen.**

We hope to see all of our members at the February general meeting, February 12.



## News and Notes

### Monthly Fly tying...cont'd

and pick up skills and tips on tying.

Whatever your level of skill or interest, you are welcome to sit in. The monthly fly tying get-togethers are for everyone — beginner to expert. The sessions start at 7 p.m. and end at or before 9 p.m.

The next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 at the clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

### Looking for A Fishing Partner?

If you would like to have someone join you for your next fly fishing outing, try posting a message on the *Fishing Partner Board* at the general meeting.

To find a partner, write a brief description of your planned outing — date, time, destination — and your phone number. Then pin the note to the board where others can see it. Anyone with a similar interest can call you to work out the details.

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### Annual Dinner...cont'd

Members are encouraged to donate a raffle prize for the Dinner raffle drawings. Also, a client or acquaintance, customer or relative may have something to donate for the raffle. Jeanne English is collecting the raffle prizes. Call her at 677-7169 if you can't get them to her at the February meeting.

The annual dinner is one of GBF's major fund raising efforts. Proceeds go to the many conservation and educational programs and activities that the club undertakes each year. Support your Club, and take this opportunity to meet other fly fishermen, spend an evening with friends, win raffle prizes, and just have a great time among people with similar interests. Put it on your calendar now! (See flyer on pages 12 - 13 for more details.)

See you there!

### Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

*Third Tuesdays*

*February 17 at the Clubhouse*

On the third Tuesday of each month GBF has a fly tying get-together at the clubhouse. We meet there for a couple of hours to have a good time sharing techniques, patterns and fish stories.

These sessions are a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners



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## *Flycasters* Twelfth Annual Dinner



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