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Club Calendar

March 1998

4	Fly Tying Basics	7:00 p.m.
11	Fly Tying Basics	7:00 p.m.
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	Mike Denega - fishing Vancouver, B.C. plus Florida largemouth bass	
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17	Fly Tying — Clubhouse	7:00 p.m.
18	Fly Tying Basics	7:00 p.m.
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28	Annual Dinner	
	St. John's Parrish Hall, 307 Montrose Dr., Folsom	5:30 p.m.
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April 1998

4	Fishout: Stampede Reservoir	
9	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Dave Howard: fishing local waters for shad and stripers	
11	Clinic: Fly Fishing Basics	1:00 p.m.
16	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
21	Fly Tying — Clubhouse	7:00 p.m.

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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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.

April Program

Guide Dave Howard brings tips and hints on fishing for shad and striped bass in local waters, especially the American River.

Howard will also discuss fishing for half-pounder steelhead on the same waters. Dave is the originator of the "Wet Pinky," a popular and effective shad fly locally.

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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

I recently joined a few fellow club members at an informational program on the status of the wild steelhead restoration program. It was led by two key State Fish and Game Department biologists on their own personal time and under trying circumstances. The program contained a lot of interesting information. While I'm not going to get into the details here (give me a call if you're interested) I did come away with three conclusions that should be of interest to anyone who enjoys fishing and who hopes to fish in the future.

1. The picture for California steelhead is grim and all of us should care. Due to the disastrous drop in fish population, it is now necessary to implement more stringent fishing regulations and, most likely, to close some waters to steelhead fishing. This should be a concern to all of us who fish, since many of the problems affecting steelhead, including habitat loss and degradation, affect other species of fish as well.

2. The State Fish and Game biologists are our hardworking friends. While we don't always agree with them, they are trying, with very limited resources, to be the sole voice of science in a world where too few people give a damn about what happens to our streams and our fish. We need to work closely with them.

3. The future of our fisheries depends on politics. In this meeting, the evidence of politics impacting our fisheries was plentiful. Further, during the past year many of us have run head on into the forces of politics in other areas while trying to make sure the right things

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President's Message

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were done to protect our streams and our fish. For example, it took a storm of letters and the serious threat of a lawsuit by an alliance of conservation groups to head off potential wide scale suction dredging in trout streams - and the threat has not passed. Also, amazing as it may seem, legislation is actually in the works to liberalize restrictions on cattle grazing on public lands and lower the fees livestock operators pay for the privilege. In the interest of space and to avoid offending anyone, I'll stop with these examples.

So what does all this mean? It means it's time for those of us who care about streams and fish to do our part to influence the political process and to invest in our fishing future. Letter writing is an important part of this. It is essential, however, that we also speak with our wallets. Join one of the fine organizations that are working hard to make sure our interests are heard. Here are three suggestions with their phone numbers and web site URL addresses.

Cal Trout

(415) 392-8887

<http://www.caltrout.org>

Federation of Fly Fishers

(406) 585-7592

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance*

<http://www.dnai.com/~ccate/CSPAPagerev0.html>

* This highly effective group is supported by several fishing organizations, including FFF, but accepts individual contributions.

We can't afford to wait. Isn't your fishing future worth a few dollars a year?

See you at the Annual Dinner!

GBF Activities

Annual Dinner

March 28, 1998

Don't miss GBF's Annual Dinner on March 28! Remember, however, that it is in a new location: St. John's Parish Hall in Folsom (See map in centerfold of this issue of the *Leader*).

Day Clinic: 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.

Raffles: There will also be another great raffle and silent auction and a special grand prize drawing for a Hawaiian vacation.

Get Your Tickets NOW! Tickets for the dinner and for the grand prize raffle drawing will be on sale at the March general meeting.

Grand Prize Tickets: Every Club member received a letter from the Dinner Committee with 10 Grand Prize tickets. You can either buy the tickets or sell them to friends and associates. 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.

Special Drawing: 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

for that evening's meeting.

Winners for February:

Nathan Joyner won the non-beginner category;

Cindy Leggett won the beginner category

(That's two for Cindy—she's now in the non-beginner category; congrats to Cindy!!!).



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Pattern for March Program:

"Bead Rockworm"

(Featured in February *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 in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle



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Rich Brown at 325-4564.

Raffle Prizes Needed! Please donate a raffle prize for the Dinner raffle drawings. It is customary for members to contribute merchandise or cash to help make the raffles fun and profitable for the club. You, a client or acquaintance, customer or relative may have something to donate for the raffle.

Call Jeanne English at 677-7169 if you can't get your raffle prize donations to her at the March 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.)

April Fishout Stampede Reservoir

Yes, Stampede, in April, snow and ice permitting. And it's a float tube trip. Bring your ice axe.

Ron English says Stampede is usually great in April, but this year, who knows what conditions will be?

Stay tuned. Ron will bring us up to date on prospects and arrangements as we get closer to the time to go.

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Gerle Creek Reservoir Fishout

Saturday, June 6, 1998

Mike Wasserman

The Gerle Creek Reservoir is about 35 miles from Highway 50 on Ice House Road. The entrance to the reservoir is about three to four miles past the Loon Lake turnoff.

A fairly small lake, Gerle Creek Reservoir is excellent for float tubes. You can also fish from shore. There is good access all around the lake. Prams or canoes would be OK (no gas motors allowed).

Fishing is primarily for browns, with a few rainbows also available. I recommend a floating line and some sort of sinking line (sink tip or full sink). Standard trout flies are fine (wooly buggers, streamers, Sheep Creek, mosquito, elk hair caddis, etc.).

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

Investing

- You must know where to invest
- You should be invested at all times
- You must know how to pick your investments

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook shank with thread; apply 6 winds of weight at thorax area. Do not crowd head area, as room will be needed to tie off wing case and form nice head. Secure weight with thread wraps.

2. Just above back of barb (smash it), apply a small ball of dubbing. Tie one goose biot onto each side of hook in front of ball. By winding thread back against ball, biots will splay out easily. Tail should be no longer than 1/4 to 3/8" long, depending on hook size.

3. Tie rib wire on in front of tail.

4. Dub a sparse abdomen—meaning not too thick. Abdomen should cover rear 2/3 of hook.

5. Wind ribbing material forward and tie off at forward end of abdomen.

6. Remove about 1/2" of pheasant tail fibers from stem of feather. Take these and tie them in by their butts, with the butts facing forward and tips to rear. They should be tied in just where the abdomen ends. (Hint: to avoid a "gap" between abdomen and wingcase, wind back over butts and onto abdomen slightly).

7. Dub thorax area without crowding head area. Thorax should be thicker than abdomen.

8. Pull pheasant tail over thorax and tie off about 1/8" behind the eye. Do not cut off butts yet.

9. Isolate 3 of the butt fibers on the far side of hook, and pull them to the rear; do the same on close side of hook. Now trim off remainder of butts, and form head while at same time tying back the 6 fibers which you left uncut. These will form the legs. Trim them to a length which is just short of the point of the hook.

This fly needs to be right on the bottom, and fished with an indicator. Takes will be subtle, so keep a sharp, focused eye—and, see ya on the creek!!!!

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "Bill's Simple Stone"

Here is another in our series of simple patterns. This pattern is very generic—which is its attraction for me. It can be tied in any color or size, and imitates virtually any species of stonefly nymph. The materials are common and inexpensive. And, by the way, it seems to appeal to the quarry—judging by the “field tests”. I have selected plain ole’ black, but use your ingenuity.



MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco 200R or equivalent; sizes 6-14
Thread	Black 6/0
Weight (optional)	6 wraps of lead or substitute at thorax
Tail	Black goose biots
Rib	Copper wire
Abdomen	Black sparkle dubbing
Wing case	Pheasant tail
Thorax	Same as abdomen
Legs	Pheasant tail butts from wing case
Head	Thread (gold or black bead optional)

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Gerle Creek itself is also fishable and has a number of miles of accessible water.

I will be camping at Gerle Creek Friday and Saturday nights (June 5 - 6). If you would like to camp, I would advise that you make reservations by calling 1-800-280-CAMP (2267). There are some first-come, first-serve camp sites, but the campground tends to fill up fast during the summer weekends.

If you have any questions, call me, Mike Wasserman, at 530-677-7189. I will post a sign-up sheet at the next meeting(s) and call those who sign up.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Hardy Marquis #6 reel, plus extra spool. \$150. Call Mike Wasserman at 677-7189.

For Sale: 1996 Lowe pram, aluminum, 12'. Painted camoufluge. Lined with wood to prevent snagging lines. \$550. Call Rich Pontius at 677-2149.

For Sale: Two System One Scientific Anglers reels, for 5-6 weight lines. \$30 each. Extra spools, \$15 each. Call Rich Pontius at 677-2149.

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Classified ads are free to members of GBF. To place an ad, call Gray Allen at 783-4334.

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Fishout Leaders Wanted

Fishmaster Ron English needs a few good people who can lead one or more fishouts this year. He is putting together a full year's schedule of fishouts, both day trips and over-nighters, and still has some gaps in the schedule.

Bass fishermen -- Ron needs you to lead a fishout. If your favorite spot can support only a few fishermen, we can limit the signup.

If you would you like to lead a fishout, choose one of your favorite spots and sign up to lead your fellow GBFers for a day or weekend of fun and fellowship. Even if you have never organized such an outing, GBF will make it easy (and fun) for you. Ron has a printed guide-sheet that will take you through the routine, step by step, so nothing is overlooked.

Give him a call — 677-7169.

Salt Water Trip

Vern Stubbs reports that arrangements have been made for a fishing trip to Loreto, Baja Mexico.

The dates are August 11 through August 16. The cost is \$915 for fishermen and \$665 for non-fishing guests, including lodging, food, pangas, and airfare. A \$150 retainer is required. The cutoff date for reservations is March 17. Call Bus Gehring at 652-0981 for details and reservations.



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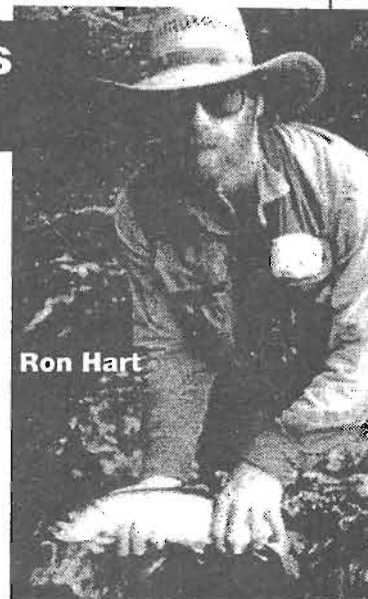
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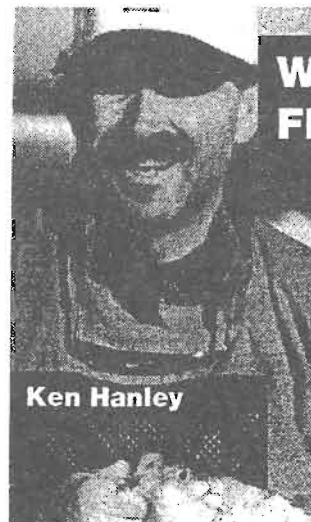
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Fly Tying Festival

The biggest fly tying show in Bay Area history is scheduled to get underway at 9:00 a.m. on March 7 in San Francisco's Fort Mason Center. Admission is \$5 per person.

Sponsored by the Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers, the show will feature the most tiers that the Bay Area has seen to demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge.

Fly fishers from beginners to experts are invited to learn more about this aspect of the sport. Learn the latest patterns, tying and fishing techniques.

There will be a silent auction, featuring fly boxes from each of the tiers, fishing gear, trips and other fishing items.

All proceeds benefit the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. These organizations are dedicated to conserving and restoring trout habitat, and serving as advocates for fish and the habitat that sustains them.

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GBF Activities

Need A Tune-up?

Are you ready for the trout opener? GBF is offering several clinics for novices and the more experienced. Sign up at the next meeting for one or more of the following sessions.

Fly Casting Fundamentals: Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m.; Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m.; Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m. — All three sessions will be at Bill Carnazzo's pond in Newcastle. (See directions below.) Bring your own lunch to Saturday sessions.

Session 1: Fundamental knots to assemble a casting system, line handling techniques, rod grip, stance, and basic theory of casting. Then progress to roll cast, the pickup-laydown forward cast with emphasis on loading and unloading the rod. By end of session, student should be able to roll cast 40 feet and do a pick-up and lay-down cast of 35 feet with a proper loop.

Session 2: False casting, timing for different length casts, proper fore- and back-cast loops, and changes of direction. Also special techniques for casting weighted nymphs, and shooting line for additional distance. Demonstrations of specialty casts such as the slack line cast, pile casts, curve casts and Belgian cast.

Session 3: Focus on technique and fault corrections, such as weak backcast, tailing loop, line hitting rod, inaccurate casts, and poor loop formation. The double haul will be introduced.

Equipment needed: Eyewear for protection from lines and rods, hat, sun screen.

Weather: If it storms, the clinic will be canceled for the day, but we will proceed if it is only light rain or

mist.

Signups: Clinic limited to 12 students, must be over the age of 16, and members only. Total fee for all three sessions is \$15 payable to GBF.

Carnazzo's Pond: Take Hwy 80 to Newcastle exit. Follow signs to Lincoln (Hwy 193) through Newcastle. Go approx. 3 miles to Gold Hill Road, 2 miles to Schindler, one mile to Country Hill Run, turn right. Bill's place is first house on the right.

For further information, see John Hogg, or call him at 483-0100 (office), or 663-2051 (home).

Fly Tying Basics — 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.**

How to Build A Fly Rod — Saturday, April 11, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Learn how to build fly rods in this one-day class for six GBF members at American Fly Fishing Co. \$35 per person. Taught by Mike Searcy. Members will be given a materials list; all the rest of the necessities will be supplied with the course. Contact Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Fly Fishing Fundamentals -April 11th - New Date!— Several of our members have asked about having a clinic to help those without a lot of fly fishing experience get at jump start on this trout season, so here it is! We'll try to tailor the course to meet the needs and interests of the participants. Topics to be covered include:

1. Equipment selection, tackle preparation
2. Types of flies and fly selection (no Latin required!)
3. Quick start: fly fishing tactics

News and Notes

tic! Take a look at the site and see what you think.

We would like for members to help add to the site. Adding to the web site is simple and fun. For instance, members with their favorite tie can write it down in a word processor document and send it to the GBF email address for posting. A trip report on the fish out you attended with pictures of all the lunkers you caught would also make a great addition to the site. So contact Jim Ferguson or myself about how and what to put up there. And make sure that you reload ti in your browser from time to time and check it out.

It's Your Resource! Use it!

The club's new librarian, Cindy Leggett, wants you to use this valuable source of information about fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing, entomology, how to read a stream and much more. Books, tapes, and now magazines about your favorite pastime are available.

Unfortunately, though, some members hang on to the items they borrow a bit too long. To encourage the return of these books so others may enjoy them, the club is levying a **\$5 per month fine** for past due books. **HOWEVER**, March is amnesty month. Bring all your past due materials to the March meeting **FREE**. After that, we lower the boom.

Books wanted. If you have any fky fishing books in good condition that you wouldn't parting with, please consider donating them to the GBF library.

Magazines wanted. Bring your old fishing magazines to the general meetings and leave them at the Library table for others to read. And pick up a copy or two of some you haven't seen for only \$.25 apiece.

News and Notes

Look for GBF on the Web

Have you visited our 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

Updates to the GBF Web Page!

by Nathan Joyner

When I'm not working, and not fishing, I spend time browsing fly fishing web sites. Many say that I hardly work, and I haven't been fishing much, so I must spend too much time tuned into fly fishing on the world wide web. A couple of months ago I had a discussion with Jim Ferguson about our web page and he told me about some ideas he had for it. For instance, he talked about adding a "fly of the month" area, and a members' fly area where we could put fly tying instructions. He also had some great ideas about web page design. Jim ended up revamping the site, and I think that it looks fantas-

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GBF Activities

4. Recommended fishing locations and guides
5. Avoiding common problems
6. Questions and answers

This clinic will be held at the clubhouse and will start at 9 AM and run until approximately 4 PM. Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be available in the morning. The clinic is for GBF members only. A sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting or call Rob Ferroggiaro or Bill Carnazzo.

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 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, March 17 at the clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Join in the Fun!

Granite Bay Flycasters Twelfth Annual Dinner

Saturday, March 28, 1998

Bar opens at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Program: *Seth Norman*, acclaimed fly fishing author, book review editor of *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine

Raffles - thousands of dollars in prizes, silent auction,

Grand Prize: Hawaiian Vacation

Daytime clinic with **Seth Norman** for dinner ticket holders

St. John's Parrish Hall, 307 Montrose Drive, Folsom

TICKETS: \$30 each call Rich Brown (325-4564) or Frank Stolten (725-6894)

DIRECTIONS:

From North - Cross Rainbow Bridge into Folsom, go up Riley and follow primary traffic route (Riley - Coloma - East Bidwell) to Blue Ravine, turn left and left again on School St., then right on Montrose Drive.

From Placerville: Exit Hwy 50 on East Bidwell, turn right on Blue Raine, left on School St., right on Montrose Dr.

From Sacramento: East on Hwy 50 to Folsom exit, left towards Folsom. Right on Blue Ravine, continue across East Bidwell, then left on School St. and right on Montrose Drive.

