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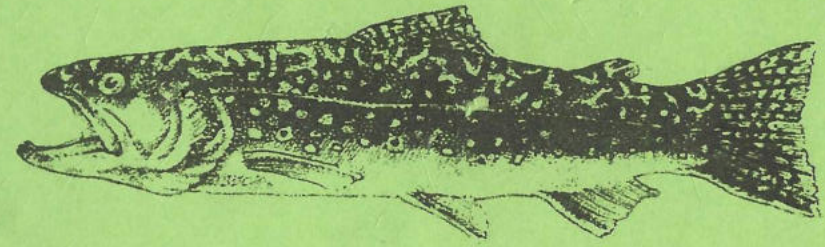
**Meetings:** Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Rob Ferroggiaro at (916) 791-0887.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows the show.

**Membership:** To become a member of Granite Bay Flycasters, a nominal fee is required: \$30 for a family; \$25 single; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is a \$7 initiation fee for new members. The cost of membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call John Hogg, (916) 663-2051

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Eagle Lake Fishout	8	9	10	11 General Meeting Jeff Vermillion	12	13
7	15	16 Flytying Jam Session	17	18 Board Meeting	19	20
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By Chris Ronshausen, Editor



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The Salmon Festival was *huge* this year at Nimbus. In its third year, the gathering drew more than 15,000 people, many from out of town. It came together with the help of nonprofit organizations like ours, government agencies, local businesses and a central volunteer staff that helped glue this whole thing together. Says Bruce Forman, Supervisor of Division 2 Headquarters DFG, "This is an example of the community coming together to show their support for a most valuable resource and for wildlife in general."<sup>3</sup>

GBF was there (along with CFFU) to introduce youth into the art of flytying. We drew quite a few kids to the table this year; some had great interest and potential and we hope to see them *particularly* at the youth flytying classes.

And the fish were there in great numbers, red ribbons of king salmon teeming below the weir. It looks like it may be another banner year for a hatchery egg take.

So not only was being there a great opportunity for our club to show who we are and what we enjoy most. It was also an opportunity to show that we are an important part of an active and thriving community.

## November Program

In Mongolia, where the notorious Ghenghis Khan once resided, there are freshwater species of fish that are quite similar to those which are found in North America—with some notable exceptions. One such exotic fish which has recently been brought to the boat by flyfishing enthusiasts is the Taimen.

The program for the November meeting will be presented by Jeff Vermillion of Livingston, Montana. This world-class guide will share with us slides of his flyfishing experiences in Mongolia—fishing for Taimen. Jeff and his two brothers are the owners of Sweetwater Travel Co. The brothers have guided for years throughout the west, and for the past four years they've been fishing the previously undiscovered waters of Mongolia. About the waters of Mongolia, Gary Eblen, owner of American Flyfishing Specialties claims, "they are some of the prettiest on the face of the earth." Come see the beauty that Gary speaks of while being introduced by Jeff Vermillion to the fishing mysteries of Mongolian waters.

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# President's Message

*Rob Ferroggiarro*

Each year at about this time, the club President provides an annual report to members. Here's a brief overview of 1999. As always, I'd be glad to answer questions or accept suggestions on any area of the Club's activities.

## Conservation

This was a very successful year for our conservation program. The Conservation Committee, under the leadership of Nathan Joyner, has been meeting regularly to address issues of concern to our members. They're making big strides, and it's hard to believe the Committee has been in existence for only 10 months! The following are some of the committee's achievements:

- A big milestone was reached this summer when Jim Coleman and crew completed the last of the major work on the Bear River Project. The river is starting to come back and the committee is hard at work developing a plan to do everything possible to secure the long term future of this beautiful stretch of river.
- Two Conservation Committee members, Cindy Leggett and Jim Coleman, were key players in pushing regulation changes to protect fish in two rivers important to our club, the Little Truckee and the Bear River.
- I'm sure we set a record this year for the number of member letters written to educate decision makers on conservation issues.
- Our classroom egg program continues to thrive thanks to Rick Radoff, Frank Stolten and many other club volunteers.
- Five club members received training in stream bio-assessment, an important potential watershed monitoring tool. Other members are planning to attend the training at the next session.

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# Time for Holiday Planning

by Drake Johnson

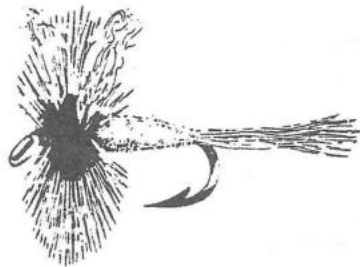
As I said last month, it's not too early to start dropping those hints for holiday gifts. The Club has a number of great items for sale. We have the following merchandise available:

- Foam-fill fly boxes in black and green
- Polo shirts in white, blue, gray and green
- Hats in various color combinations
- Blue visors
- Club patches and decals




There are a few summer shirts and a number of heavier-weight shirts in various sizes. I also have some new Chambray shirts in large and X-large. If you have a special shirt or jacket that you want to put the club logo on, bring your garment to the general meeting and for \$10.00 we can fix you up. Or if you have special size considerations, let me know as well.

If there are any "Santa's helpers" reading this article that want to do something special for his or her favorite fisher, give me a call at (916) 783-0343 or contact me by e-mail at johnsods@jps.net and we can work out the details to get "Santa's" work done.



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- The Committee is finalizing a written policy to guide the club in making conservation donations and to provide more information to our members about the conservation groups we support. Before year end, GBF will soon be making generous donations to several worthwhile conservation organizations.

Congratulations and thanks to the Conservation Committee: Nathan Joyner, Jim Coleman, Cindy and Rod Leggett, Gray Allen, Frank Stolten, Joe and Barbara Bania and Ron Calvert.

### Finances

The club remains on sound financial footing. Thanks to the hard work of a long list of volunteers including our dinner committee comprised of Rich Brown, Ron & Jeanne English and Frank Stolten, our Annual Dinner was a financial success even though attendance was not as high as last year due to an overlap with Easter break. (This won't be a problem next year.)

The Board has taken two steps to insure a healthy financial future for the club. First, the Board has set aside funds in a financial reserve to be available if necessary to cover unexpected expenses. Second, in analyzing our finances, the Board has concluded that our dues, which haven't been raised in many years, no longer cover our administrative costs. In order to insure that Annual Dinner proceeds go primarily to conservation, the Board is recommending a modest dues increase for next year. (See details later in this issue on this subject.)

### Activities

1999 was a busy year, including a number of successful clinics listed below:

- Several casting clinics thanks to John Hogg
- Rod building with Mike Brune
- Advanced fly tying with Bill Carnazzo
- A classroom fly fishing basics clinic and an on-stream clinic

- Mini-clinics at the "Help Table" with Sturmer White

We also had traditional events such as our booth at the Sportsman's Expo and the club picnic. GBF had a very popular youth fly tying booth at Creek Week in Placer County and at the Salmon Festival. Fish-out destinations ranged from the Eastern Sierras to the Trinity River. Looking toward the future, we're continuing to explore ways to expand our fish-out program, especially for day trips. We are also evaluating additional ways we can provide more fly fishing advice and coaching to newer members.

### Communications

After two years of all-star service, Gray Allen stepped down from his role as editor of our newsletter, The Leader. We were blessed with informative, timely, well-edited newsletters every month. The Leader is now obviously in good hands as Chris Ronshausen continues the tradition. This year, GBF stepped firmly into the age of cyber news, setting up our own domain name for our web site.

As we look forward to entering our 15<sup>th</sup> year, the future is very bright for GBF. We're on track to match or exceed our membership record, and we're gearing up for some big upcoming events including the tackle swap, our big December Holiday Meeting, the 2000 Cal Expo Show and our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Annual Dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to get involved in a club activity, so I'm hoping many of us, both newcomers and long time members, will contribute ideas and time to upcoming club events.

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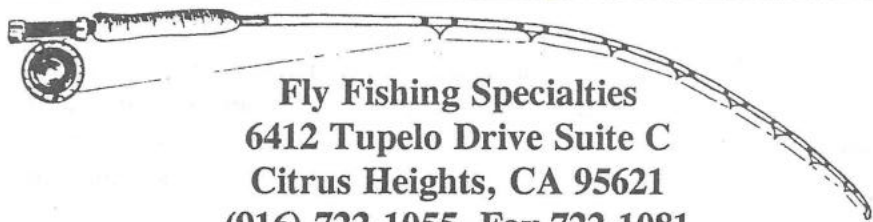
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we (hopefully) all experience as fly fishers. He also weaves into his story events that occurred during Nellie's eleven years with him: his marriage, divorce, buying and selling a house and a myriad other crucial life situations. The bonus of this book is an element that appeals to the animal lover in all of us: the description of Nellie and her antics in the water, against trout and within wild places. Joseph Monninger is an author truly talented in awaking one's senses and imagination with words.

For anyone who has ever had a Golden, or loves dogs and/or fly fishing (I guess that covers about everyone in this club), I highly recommend Home Waters for fireside reading this fall.

*This story drew my attention because, ironically, Rod and I had been thinking about getting a golden retriever puppy, a breed that we have come to understand makes a perfect companion for fishing trips. After losing a dog to cancer last December, we missed the special kind of friendship a dog brings. The photograph of Nellie wading near the bank in a trout stream on the cover would have sold me on the book, but when I read the jacket flap it struck a chord in my heart that I couldn't resist. I didn't read into it very far before we brought home Hank, an adorable Golden puppy, who is happily undergoing indoctrination into the wonderful world of rivers, when he's not busy digging up the back yard. CL*





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*From Bill Carnazzo*

As many of you know, I experienced a series of medical problems beginning this last February, the latest of which occurred in August. I am now almost fully recovered from the problems, and ready to resume guiding and fishing.

I received cards from many of my friends in GBF, some flowers and a whole lot of phone calls. I just wanted to express my gratitude for everyone's concern and caring. It really helps the healing process.

The lessons I have taken from all of this: 1. don't take your health for granted, even though you are fit; eat well and exercise regularly, because you don't know what is around the next corner; and 2. fish all you can and don't put it off, and enjoy every minute of it as well as the lovely surroundings which inevitably go with our sport. Thanks again.

*Bill's Sand Caddis* *Bill's Olive Trout*

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