

The Leader

Voice of



Since 1986



APRIL

Visit us at: <http://www.gbflycaster.org>

Granite Bay Flycasters
P.O. Box 1107
Roseville, Ca 95678-8107



Granite Bay Flycasters

Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting Fly fishing and good sportsmanship.

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 Denny Welch at (530) 889-8562.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7 p.m. 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: \$35 for a family, \$30 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 Jeremy Gray at (916) 797-3312

Rob Morton and Family
152 Rockglen Road
Folsom, CA 95630

APRIL 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 conservation Committee mtg.	5	6day program 11amclubhouse Dinner 5pm
7	8	9	10	11 General Mtg. 7-10 P.M.	12	13 fishout 14 Geenstone Country
14	15	16Fly Tying jam and rod building 6:30-9	17	18 Board Mtg. 7-9:30 P.M.	19	20Kiene's Expo 9A.M.-5P.M.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Officers		
President V.P. Membership V.P. Conservation Secretary Treasurer	Denny Welch Jeremy Gray John Carroz Chris Ronshausen John Bergman	530-889-8562 916-797-3312 916-783-0802 916-638-5615 916-966-7032
Directors		
Through 2001 Through 2001 Through 2002 Through 2002 Through 2003 Through 2003 At Large Past President	Nathan Joyner Dave Baker Jeff Medina Linda Shaw Jack Ramos Lester Snow Dick Neuman Drake Johnson	916-984-2025 916-315-0715 916-353-1992 530-885-3111 916-774-9972 916-967-7563 916-773-1188 916-783-0343
Committees		
Advertising Annual Dinner Bear River Project Casting Casting Pool Project Leader Editor Salmon & Steelhead Education Program Fishmaster Fly Tying Gatekeepers Golden Trout Historian Librarians Merchandising Programs Special Projects Raffle Refreshments Webmaster Youth Counselors	Robert Tamson Chris Ronshausen Jim Coleman John Hogg Steve Johnson Tom Klinefelter Jack Ramos Rick Radoff Frank Stolten John Hogg Bill Carnazzo Mike Gervais Jack Peuler Gary Flanagan Warren Schoenmann Jim Hunter Mac Hunter Mike Brune Ron English Frank Stolten Jeanne English Vacant Ray Mahberg Jeanne & Ron English	916-967-0176 916-638-5615 530-885-4128 916-663-2051 530-644-4061 916-363-6634 916-774-9972 916-624-2107 916-725-6894 916-663-2051 916-663-2604 916-797-1547 916-797-1547 916-791-3528 916-725-2542 916-652-5057 916-791-0359 916-723-4524 530-677-7169 916-725-6894 530-677-7169 530-823-6762 530-677-7169

Northern California's

premier fly-fishing outfitter.

Expert

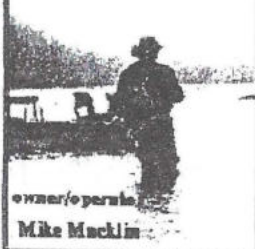
- * Guides
- walk-ins
- & full day
- float trips
- * Classes
- tying &
- casting



Fine

- * Rods
- * Reels
- * Flies
- * Gear

River Drifter Guide
Service



We offer a full service fly shop with friendly, personal and experienced service. Come by our shop and let us professionally outfit you for your next fly fishing experience or visit us online.

13394 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 823 6968 info@sierraflyfishers.com
www.sierraflyfishers.com

President's Message

By Denny Welch

It's supposed to be 70 degrees today, the sun is already burning brightly and there's hardly a breeze. There's not a lot of traffic noise yet and I can still hear the birds. Spring started yesterday and if today is any indicator 2002 is going to be a good year. If history repeats itself, and it usually does, we'll have another gully washer or two and then it's clear sailing for the rest of the year.

This is also the time of the year that GBF picks up steam and things start happening. Our dinner is fast approaching. We still have a couple tickets left (I think) but it will sell out. We have thousands of dollars in raffle prizes and silent auction items that have been donated by the local fly shops, manufacturers and club members. In fact, the next time you're in one of our shops let them know you're from GBF and tell them "Thanks" and that we appreciate their support.

Keine's Fly Shop is having it's annual open house on April 20th and I encourage all of you to attend. Bill puts on a very good show...famous guests...raffle prizes...free food...contests...fly tying demonstrations, etc. Don't miss it. We will have our booth at the open house. If you're able to help out give Linda Shaw a call.

GBF's flycasting clinic should be in full swing now. Thanks go out to Steve Johnston and Bill Carnazzo and all of the other instructors.

Start giving some thought to attending GBF's annual nymphing clinic which is usually held in June on the North Fork of the Yuba River. It's a fabulous clinic and by the time it's over you will know how to catch fish on a fly rod.

We've also got our annual Beginning Fly Fishing clinic coming up. That clinic will be held at the clubhouse and we should

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

have the dates by the next meeting.

By the time you read this our Bass Bug tying class, beginning tying class and intermediate tying classes should be winding down, but our rod building, net building classes and our Golden Trout program should all be going strong.

Conservation makes up a big part of our club and we will be taking an active part in Creek Week. See Dave Baker or John Carroz for more information.

I'm looking forward to April's speaker, Phil Greenlee. Phil is a past president of the Sacramento Club (CFFU) and is very active in the Federation of Fly Fishers. He's a great friend to the fly fishing community and will be talking to us about Atlantic salmon.

Did I mention that trout season opens the end of April. Another couple of degrees in water temperature and the big bass will be looking to make little bass. Shad action is just around the corner and we'll start looking for stripers in the American before you know it.

I love the springtime.

Until next time,

Denny

RON BUILDING WORKSHOP 2002

Mike Brune will be conducting a three-session rod building workshop starting April 16th at the clubhouse. The class sessions will coincide with the next three monthly Fly Tying Jam Sessions (3rd Tuesday of each month) and are designed to guide you through all aspects of creating, constructing, and caring for your own 'custom' fly rod. Class session dates are 4/16, 5/21, and 6/18; 7:00-9:00pm at the clubhouse. If you haven't already signed up for this workshop, just send a message to Mike at brune@jps.net.

(Continued from page 17)

Naturally the way you fish in off color water has to be changed to meet these senses. First you need to use a fly that moves a lot of water. My favorite fly under these conditions is Dan Blanton's Whistler. This is a salt water fly but I have tied it as small as size 6. Muddlers also work well as do divers and floating bugs. When using any of these flies, keep the fly moving so that it will continue to send out vibrations. It will also help a great deal if the fly is black or some other very dark color. The bass will feel the vibrations and react.

The very best time to fish is still "every chance you get".

Pete Peterson

LEADER DEADLINE

To get this publication out on time I am going to have to set the deadline at the Monday after the board meeting . If you have anything for the Leader send it to me in word format font 10 or 11. my Email is jocowboy@msn.com

Thanks Jack

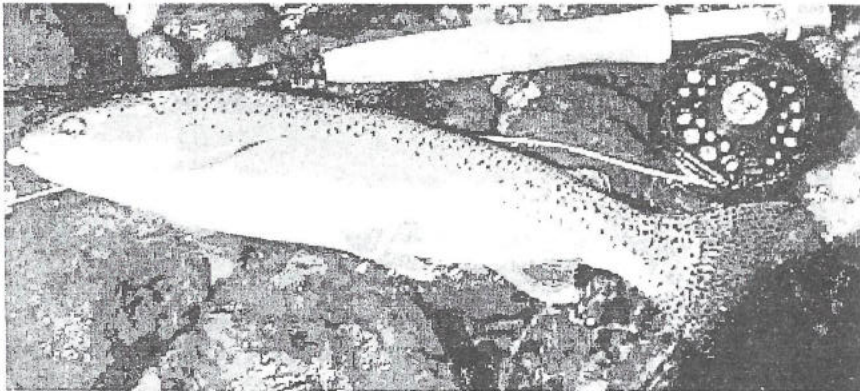
Nevada City Anglers

417 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959
530-478-9301

<http://www.GOFLYFISHING.com>
Tuesday through Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm

Yuba River Winter Steelhead
Private Access Drift Trips on the Lower Yuba

- Full Service Fly shop
- Fly Tying & Rod Building Classes
- Beginning Fly fishing Classes
- Equipment Rentals Rod & Reels and Wading packages
- Custom Built Bamboo & Graphite Rods
- Guided Drift and Walk-&-Wade Trips
- Lower Yuba Clinics for Steelhead and Rainbow Trout



Call to reserve your guide date or to enroll in one of our classes today!

www.goflyfishing.com
530-478-9301

April Fish Out

Gary Flanagan

Green Stone Country is a private community nestled in the foothills of El Dorado County. Tony Hamamoto, a long time member of Granite Bay Flycasters, is a resident of Green Stone Country and has arranged for a limited number of us to fly fish one of the private lakes on the property.

Indian Creek Reservoir is a 22-acre lake that is considered one of the best Largemouth Bass fisheries in El Dorado County.

We have scheduled this fish out for Saturday, April 13th 2002. A sign up sheet will be available at the general membership meeting in April, however, if you want to assure a spot call early to be placed on the list. This fish out will be limited to twenty members and the list will fill quickly.

Indian Creek is best fished from a float tube or a small boat. Tony recommends a 5-wt or larger rod with either a floating or sinking line with long leaders.

Tony has asked that we meet at his house at 8 in the morning. To get there from Sacramento, go east of Hwy 50 towards Placerville and take the Green Stone Road off ramp. Proceed north over to freeway and take a right, (eastbound), on Green Valley Road ¾ of a mile to the left entrance gate, (Tony will provide the access code). Once inside take the first left onto Cobblestone and it's the first house on the left. The address is 6270 Cobblestone.

If you don't own a float tube you can still fish with us. Many of us have extra tubes and fins. Check with us at the next meeting for more information.

To sign up early call Tony Hamamoto at (530) 642-9132

-----**PREPARATION**-----
 ==

ARE YOU READY?

As we start a new season, it is time to ensure your equipment is ready for another year of fishing. The first area I work on is my fly rods. I wash the fly rods using water and a mild detergent and rinse the rod off in clean warm water. I dry my fly rods thoroughly and lubricate the ferrules with paraffin wax. I simply rub the wax on the ferrules where they make contact. This waxing prevents premature wear of the ferrules as well as reduces the harmful effects of dirt and sand on the ferrules. The next thing I do to my rod is to clean the cork handle. I use an old toothbrush and toothpaste to scrub it clean.

Next, I cut my lines off my backing, clean the lines by washing them in mild soapy water, and rinse them well before drying. During this process I also stretch my lines to take the curls and twist out. I apply a line dressing to only my floating lines to protect them and to help them float. I re-tie all my lines back onto my backing using a nail knot and coat the knot with a product called knot sense. I find by doing this the knot area of the line will run smoother through the ferrules. Next, I put all new leaders onto my lines and use knot sense on all the knots. This not only helps the knot move smoother through the ferrules, but also seals the end of the floating line so water will not wick up the end causing it to sink.

For my reels, I regularly throughout the season take them apart and clean them thoroughly. After cleaning, I apply a coating of lithium grease to all the moving parts not associated with the drag system. When I finish the day of fishing, I back the drag off completely which will reduce the wear and pressure on the drag system.

For my flies, I go through my boxes remove all the chewed up ones, remove the materials from these ones, and use the hooks again. Any of my flies that have the hackles mashed down I fix by boiling a pot of water and holding the flies over the steam. This seems to work for almost any of my deformed flies. Ensure the flies are completely dry before placing them back into their cases.

I inspect my vests and remove all the old chocolate bar wrappers, old leaders and tippet materials, and any other garbage I may find. I wash my vest and hang it to

(Continued on page 14)

(Continued from page 16)

humidity rating means that the air is holding 50% of what it is capable of holding. This moisture in the air will bend or block much of the UV rays so they will not penetrate the water. The higher the humidity rating, the less rays penetrate, the shallower the bass will be. When the rating gets up to 70% or more, bass can be found quite shallow. Keep this in mind when fishing in the middle of the day.

Some simple guidelines would be to fish 10 ft. or deeper on days of low humidity in clear or semi-clean water. Low humidity is below 50%. If the water is off color it doesn't matter much as the UV rays are not penetrating anyway. Of course if you are fishing around boat docks or overhanging trees, the UV will not penetrate these areas and the fish will be shallow. For this reason, try to master the side arm or underhand cast so you can reach under these objects.

Of course there are other factors such as water temperature. Largemouth will stay quite active in water up to 75-80 degrees. Smallmouth like it about 5 degree cooler.

Another mis-conception is that you can not catch fish in dirty water. This is also not true. Of all of the bass's senses, hearing or feeling vibrations in the water are his second strongest sense (smell is first). The entire lateral line from just behind the gills to the start of the tail is one large sensing device. A bass does not have to see to catch his prey. According to an Indiana Univ. report, a bass can sense the motion of a minnow swimming up to 30 feet away and can tell if the minnow is healthy or injured.

(Continued on page 19)

WARMWATER FLY FISHING

I was going to cover flies this month but I had a lot of questions on the best times to fish at our last meeting. Since we have so many new members, I am going to reprint an article I wrote.

The biggest mis-conception in bass fishing is "bass don't like bright light".

This is absolutely NOT true. Bass love a nice bright day. What they don't like are the ultra-violet rays. On a sunny day the largemouth can hide in the brush or weeds or some other form of structure and can hardly be seen. It is very easy for him to ambush his prey in this way. With a combination of overhead cover and the proper depth, the bass can stay quite comfortable out of the UV rays.

On a bright sunny day in clear or semi-clear water, one of the main factors in how much of the UV reaches the bass is the humidity level. I think I woke some of you up with that one.

Doug Hannon, a very successful tournament bass fisherman who keeps very complete records, stated that in his career he has caught over 500 bass weighing over 10 lbs. He also states that over 90% were caught between 10am and 3pm. Isn't that the middle of the day when bass are supposed to be hard to catch? One of the reasons for his success is humidity. Doug lives in the deep south where the humidity is always high. If you have ever watched any of the bass tournaments on TV, you will notice almost all bass are caught in the middle of the day.

Humidity is the percentage of moisture in the air. A 50%

(Continued on page 17)

Kiene's fly shop



Sacramento's Leading Fly Fishing Outfitter!

- Full Service Fly Shop
- Largest Selection in Northern California
- Friendly and Knowledgeable Staff
- Complete Instructional/Guiding Program
- Hosted Worldwide Travel
- Private Water Program

The staff at Kiene's would like to thank our friends at the Granite Bay Fly Casters for their continued support and friendships. We are committed to the continued growth and prosperity of GBF!

• Kiene's Fly Shop Will Meet or Beat Any Price in the Sacramento Area!

2654 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento CA 95821
916/486-0958 800/4000-FLY
e-mail: info@kiene.com

www.kiene.com

*certain restrictions may apply

GBF Annual Dinner: April 6 Focus on Alaska!

By Chris Ronshausen

Annual Dinner Coordinator

The Place

Summer is around the corner and Alaska fishing will soon be prime! Whether you're interested in catching big game (salmon—5 species) or smaller quarry (principally dolly varden, rainbow and grayling), it does not matter: there all there!

Anyone who has been to Alaska (or traveled much at all) knows the research generally involved when planning for a trip of such magnitude. Alaska, although one of the "united states," is unique in many ways, but mainly in its topography. It is a land of extreme expanses, mammoth mountains and wide, deep bodies of water. And as you can expect, the fish are particularly wild, big and plentiful.

If you are planning a trip to "the last frontier," or simply are enamoured by the "land of the midnight sun," the flora and fauna therein, one of the best ways to begin to expose yourself to its environment is through another's experiences and pictures.

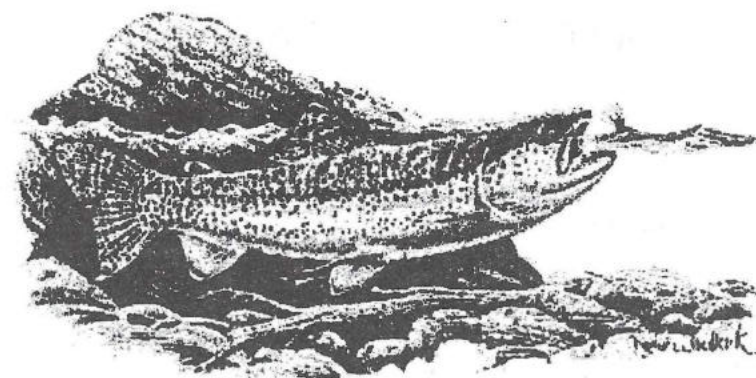
Brian O'Keefe will spend a day and evening with our club sharing both.

The Schedule

11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse: Steelhead and Photography

At the day program, **Brian O'Keefe** will talk about steelhead fly fishing opportunities available in Alaska. Be prepared to take notes on the type

(Continued on page 7)



Lots of gift ideas!

**AMERICAN
FLY FISHING CO.**

3523 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95864
(Just off Watt-north exit from Highway 50)
916/483-1222 or 800/410-1222

We make fly fishing fun and easy!

The Leader

(Continued from page 4)

dry. When dry, I restock my vest with the items I regularly use. I empty all the pockets in my float tube and remove the tube from the lining. I clean the lining and inspect it for any rips or damage seams. I inspect the tube for any nicks or cuts and repair if necessary. I replace the tube and inflate my tube fully, then restock the assembled tube with the items I normally carry. I do this same process with my pontoon boat.

For my neoprene waders I wash them with unscented mild soap, using a soft bristle brush to remove mud and debris. Again, I rinse with water, hang my waders and allow them to thoroughly dry. Once the outside is dry, I turn them inside out to ensure complete drying and to help prevent odor buildup.

For my breathable waders I hand wash my waders in warm water with an unscented, mild soap. I rinse them thoroughly and hang them to dry. If I find that drops of water will not bead on the outside, I will spray my waders with a water repellent spray, like 3M Scotch Guard for fabrics. DO NOT USE A SILICOE BASE SPRAY.

Last items to clean are my fins, boo-ties, and wading boots. I inspect both to ensure there are no rips and to ensure the felt soles are securely fastened to the bottom of my wading boots. I hand wash both in warm water with an unscented, mild soap. I rinse them thoroughly and hang them to dry.

(by John Jaillet of the Penticton Flyfishers of BC)

of equipment and methods required for success. And get ready for some spectacular “eye candy”!

Speaking of which, there will also be a photography component to this meeting. Brian will not only share his beautiful, oft-published and award-winning photographs with folks via a slideshow. He will also be taking time to explain how to prepare for such shots, display and describe the preferred equipment to use and walk us through some of his own experiences leading up to the “catch.” There will be refreshments provided at this event.

5:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (See map provided.)

The bar opens at this hour. Treat yourself to a glass of wine, cold beer, soda or mixed drink before dinner and “shoot the bull” with folks. Like last year, this year we’ll have a large(r) variety of foothill wines (mainly red fruit-bombs) available to sample—of course, for a small donation.

Now would be a good time to assess the awesome trips and gear Frank Stolten has provided for the silent auction. Bring your checkbook—and good luck!

And don’t forget to pick up a bundle of raffle tickets and listen for your number (2) later in the evening. This year there will be *many* spectacular prizes! Last year, everyone went home with something!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 307 Montrose Dr. Folsom Ca. 95630
(916) 985-2065



©2002 MapQuest.com, Inc.; ©2002 Navigation Technologies

A SAD NOTE

John Lyon past away last month are condolence to his family and friends.

FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM

*Sponsored by American Fly
Fishing Company*

Pattern for January Program:
(featured in the December Leader)

Don't be shy submit a fly! Ask for a critique from a more experienced tier; it will ultimately increase your chances at catching fish and winning certificates to help support your habit.

For the winner of each category, American Fly Fishing has generously donated the following prizes for each month's contest.

Beginner: \$15 Gift Certificate

Non-beginner: \$25 Gift Certificate

* The winner of the gift certificate in the non-beginner category will be determined by a drawing between those who have entered that specific contest.

February Winners:

Experienced: Bragging Right Ron English
Steve Johnston \$25 Gift Certificate

Beginner: Steve Johnston

Program rules:

- * judging will be during the meeting
- * best tied fly announced 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.

1. De-barb the hook. Cover the shank with thread.
2. Take a small bunch of olive marabou and tie in a tail at the hook bend, just above the back end of the barb. The tail should be shank length.
3. Dub a slim body up to a point just forward of the halfway point of the shank.
4. Tie in the wing case, with the long end pointing out over the bend of the hook. Tie it in so that the shiny side is up, because you will ultimately want the dull side up after bringing the wingcase over the thorax.
5. Tie in the mono eyes, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.
6. Dub the first half of the thorax, making it a bit bulkier than the abdomen.
7. For the legs, tie in a small bunch of olive marabou on each side of the hook, just in front of the half of the thorax that you just completed. Pinch off the marabou so that it extends no farther back than the point of the hook.
8. Now dub the front half of the thorax, taking care not to disturb the legs. Dub a small amount of olive rabbit around the eyes, using a figure eight motion.
9. Bring the wing case over the thorax and tie off in front of the eyes. Trim the excess and form a nice, small head.

Damsel nymphs should be fished slowly with small strips, as they are very poor and slow swimmers. I've found it helpful to fish parallel to reeds and cat tails, because hatching damselfly nymphs move toward shore or along the reeds looking for a suitable stem to crawl up. Once they accomplish that, they dry out and hatch.

See ya on the creek...!!!
This fly will be judged at the may meeting

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
 April, 2002

Doug's Damsel

We've all seen those bright blue, delicate and lacy-winged beauties darting over and around a pond or lake on a bluebird spring day. Those ubiquitous critters, along with their olive, grey and tan brethren, are "Damsel flies". Sometimes they are so populous that hatching nymphs latch onto your float tube and stare you down with their bug eyes. April being one of the prime months for bass fishing, and damsels being an early season bass diet mainstay (at least at lower elevations), you should be armed with at least one or two good damsel imitations. Doug's Damsel, originated by Doug Jorgensen, clearly qualifies as "good". It also meets my principal criterion for a practical fly pattern: it is simple to tie. Olive is the theme of the materials list below; you can vary the theme by using grey or tan.

MATERIALS:

Hook	TMC 101, Mustad 94859, Daiichi 1180; #12
Thread	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Olive marabou, shank length
Abdomen	Olive rabbit dubbing
Thorax	Olive rabbit dubbing
Wing case	Olive duck quill, shiny side down
Legs	Olive marabou
Eyes	30# Mono heated to form eye shape (or packaged plastic eyes)
Head	Small thread head

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fl
yt
ie

CREEK WEEK

Roseville's Creek Week begins on Saturday, April 6 with a nature walk/bike ride event along Miners Ravine trail from 9 A.M. to noon. Learn about Miners Ravine ecology and how you can help preserve and protect our creeks and natural systems. Hands-on exhibits including native plant identification, geology, flytying, and water quality testing will be stationed at the trail head at the north end of the United Artists Theatre parking lot, 520N Sunrise Avenue,

Creek Week also has features a Creek Week Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 13. Hundreds of residents, students, and scout troops have a fun and productive morning pulling tons of trash from local creeks and open space. Volunteers receive free Creek Week T-shirts. This community event is sponsored by Dry Creek Conservancy, the City of Roseville, and many local businesses.

Remember however that this is the same day as the GBF Annual Dinner day program. We did this last year, GBF plans to provide a team of workers. Call David Baker at 315-0715 to sign for helping with flytying and/or for cleanup.

Kiene's Fly Fishing Expo 2002 **Saturday April 20th**

Granite Bay needs representation at the Club Table. This is a great way to get acquainted, visit this great shop and give back to Granite Bay Flycasters. You may be a new member to get involved. A friendly smile is all that is needed, so think about adding one or two hours to your visit to the Expo. The club provides brochures and supplies. The schedule is 8:30-10:30, 10:30-1:00, 1:00-3:30, 3:30-5:30. Phone Linda Shaw at 530 885 3111 or E-mail her at Coolinda@juno.com

ASK THE EXPERT

Question : Chris Ronshausen ask: What is the most predominated insect on the American river?

Answer : Denny Welch says: I here Bill Carnazzo uses earth worms with a splash of wd40.

Editors note: if you have any question send them to jocowboy@msn.com

Arno Dietzler Licensed Guide

A few of the Lake and rivers Arno is equipped to guide

- * The Merced
- * The Sacramento
- * The Yuba
- * New Melones Lake
- * Oroville Lake

Give Arno a call and ...Hock up!

(916) 483-8711
dietzler@csus.edu



SPRING CREEK FLYCRAFT AND GUIDE SERVICE

Bill Carnazzo' Licensed Guide

622 South First Street
Dunsmuir, Ca. 96025
(530) 235-4048

2079 Country Hill Ru
Newcastle, Ca. 95658
(916) 663-2604

- . Back Country Guide Service
- . Upper Sacramento River
- . Fly Tying Instruction
- . Fly Casting Clinics