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## 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

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		1	2	3 Conservation Committee Mtg. 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General Mtg. 7-10:30 P.M.	11 Conclave 11, 12, And 13th	12 Salmon Festival
13 Salmon Festival	14	15 Fly Tying Jam Youth Fly Tying 6:30-9 P.M.	16	17 Board Mtg. 7-9:30 P.M.	18	19
20	21	22 Youth Fly Tying 6:30-8:30 P.M.	23 Fishout Upper Sac	24 F/O	25 F/O	26 F/O
27 F/O	28	29	30	31		

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**President's Message**  
*By Denny Welch*

longer It won't be much and trout season will end. We will then endure the annual ritual of hanging up the 3 and 4 weight rods, the burning of incense in a haphazard attempt to rid the wader bag of that ungodly smell, picking the crusty or goopy stuff off our fishing vests (or as Rosemary has been known to say, "I'm not touching that stuff.") and the brief moment of reflection on another year past. The memories are the best part, you know. New friends, lots of fish caught, funny stories, sad stories, great trips. Memories last forever (or until you turn fiftysomething at which time the memory is shot...but that's another story.)

I won't forget last month's Crowley Lake fishout. There are going to be stories told and legends made from that trip. The Hagopian's and their Camp Hilton (wall-to-wall carpet inside the tent), Gary setting off the car alarm at 5:30 a.m. (twice), Sturmer White locking himself inside his car, Inga, Jack's one-liners, the Hunter Boys (both deaf as doorknobs) trying to be quiet in the morning and me teaching Ron English how to catch Crowley fish. Over 25 people from GBF were there and memories were made.

Our last big fling of the year is coming up this month. The Upper Sac trip is scheduled for the weekend of October 25, 26 and 27. Many of us will be going up on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Upper Sac is my personal favorite trout stream. There's almost 30 miles of fishable "blue stream" water on the Upper Sac alone...then there's Hat Creek, Pit, McCloud, Fall Rivers within spittin' distance. Bill and Ron are putting on their own clinic this

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year....1/2 day nymphing clinic on the river and 4 hours of guided fishing in the afternoon...all for \$40.00. We are also going to have a catered dinner Saturday night at Bill Carnazzo's place. Last year's trip was a huge success and this one is going to be better. We've already got about 30 people signed up for the trip and there will be many more. Give me a call (530-889-8562 or email me [dennywelch@jps.net](mailto:dennywelch@jps.net) if you have any questions.

The Salmon Festival is coming up and I'd encourage all of you to attend. GBF will be there in force teaching kids how to tie woolly buggers...we tied over 650 last year. Call Pete Peterson for more information.

The NCCFFF Conclave is also scheduled for it's annual run in Kings Beach at Lake Tahoe in Mid-October. If you tie flies you don't want to miss this event. Call Nathan Joyner for more details.

Make friends, make memories, get involved.

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## RESERVATIONS UPPER SAC.

It is important that you make reservations now if you plan on staying at Cave Springs, Prices run be\$36 for a one -bed to \$80 for a six-person mobile home. They will definitely fill up quickly. Telephone number is (530) 235-2721. Talk to either Louie or Belinda when you call and let them know you're with GBF

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**Copy due to Editor no later than the 25th of the month**

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## Rod Building 101

Mark your calendars... the next rod-building workshop starts in October! This is a great opportunity to learn everything you need to know to build your own 'custom' fly rods!

The workshop consists of three rod-building sessions to be held at the clubhouse between 6:45pm-8:45pm on October 15, November 19, and January 21 (same nights as the club's 'Third Tuesday Night Fly Tying Jams'.) The sessions are open to all club members, and are free (materials & components to build a rod start around \$100).

Mike Brune and Paul Meyers will provide instruction. Please sign up for this workshop at the October general meeting so we know how many people to expect. If you won't be at the October general meeting and want to participate in this workshop, please call Mike @ 916-723-

## Festival of Fly Fishing

### NCCFFF Conclave to be held October 11, 12, 13

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF), serving fly anglers in Northern California and Northern Nevada, invites you to attend the annual Festival of Fly Fishing weekend to be held October 11, 12, and 13 at North Tahoe Conference Center in Kings Beach, California.

Al and Gretchen Beatty are the featured headliners. Award winning fly tyers and avid anglers, Al and Gretchen will share their tying skills and angling experiences. The exhibit hall and fly tying all start at Friday afternoon, followed by the 5:00 p.m. traditional Friday night welcoming reception that includes entertaining fly fishing games and an appetizer buffet. Saturday will feature continuous fishing programs, exhibits, fly casting instruction, and tying demonstrations by over 60 of northern California's best fly tyers. A dinner and live auction will be held on Saturday night. The dinner usually sells out, so reservations are recommended.

Conclave registration is available by the day or for the weekend. For more information contact Tom Smith at (775) 685-2383 or email to [edsontiger@aol.com](mailto:edsontiger@aol.com)

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### HELP NEEDED FOR FISH COUNT

Have you ever wanted to see the large trout that reside in the Little Truckee River? Now is the time to volunteer to help this fishery. The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will be doing several electroshocking fish counts on the Little Truckee River between Boca and Stampeded October 16-18. If you wish to help with the electroshocking, you may participate one, two, or all three days. However, you must be available to work the entire day once you arrive. We will meet daily at 8 AM at the Boyington Mills Campground (approximately half way between Stampede and Boca on the Stampede Meadows Road). The more volunteers we have each day, the earlier we can get away to fish our favorite streams or lakes in the area.

It is really amazing the size of the trout that are in the lakes, browns will be moving up to prepare for spawning and the rivers hold some large rainbows preparing for the winter season. Winds always come up in the afternoon so wear warm clothes and be prepared for rain.

If you are helping more than one day, lodging is available at UC Davis' Sage Hen Creek Research Station for \$7.50 per night per person in the cabins, or you may stay in motels in town or campgrounds near the work site. The cabins have four cots and a wood stove; a bathroom with sever showers (hot water!) is just outside. If you want to bring food to cook your breakfast and/or dinner at the Research Center, there is a mess hall complete with a gas stove, microwave oven, and several refrigerators for your use. You'll need to take your lunch to the work site each day. There are many good restaurants in nearby Truckee; and if you wish to try your luck in Reno in the evening, it is less than an hour away.

In order to participate you must be a current member of GBF, and also sign a liability release form for use of the research center facilities. Neoprene waders must be worn for safety; breathable waders do not provide enough protection from the electrical charge in the water. It is important the neoprene waders do not leak because the experience could be shocking. DFG will provide shock-proof gloves and, depending on availability, may be able to provide neoprene waders.

If you wish to participate, please contact John Carroz at (916) 783-0802 or Joe Bania at (530) 677-4263 right away since we need to have the release forms signed and in Joe's hands no later than the 10th of October. Release forms will be available at the general meeting on the 10th.

## YOUTH FLYTYING CLASSES

Sponsored by Granite Bay Flycasters

Dates; 11/15; 11/22; 12/6 2002

Time; 6:30 to 8:30

Place: Granite Bay Activity Center at Folsom Lake St. Park

All tools and materials provided.

Cost \$3.00 for club members and \$5.00 for non members

One adult is welcome to take the class with each registered youth at the same cost per person

Ages:10 to 17

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## OCTOBER SPEAKER

Ric Ferrentino from Grass Valley has been familiar with water issues on the Yuba River for over ten years and is also a fellow flyfisher. His talk will be about issues surrounding the Yuba River water shed from a flyfisher's perspective.

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## EAGLE LAKE FISH-OUT

Jim Hunter

Plans are for late October early November. There will be a sign-up sheet and more information October Meeting.

Fishing at Eagle Lake has been very good from sun-up until 11: am.

Call me if you have any questions or need help with accommodations. **Remember think warm**, for it's very cold there this time of year especially early mornings.

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## Remember Mr. Zip?



Many of us remember when the United States Postal Service first started asking us to use ZIP codes in the early 1960s. There was so much resentment that many of us refused to add a ZIP code to our letters.

A big campaign was launched which introduced us to Mr. ZIP, the cartoon mail carrier. Slowly people started to use Zip Codes on letters. Now we wouldn't think of mailing a letter without including that famous five-digit number. Now, I'm not even sure that a letter would even reach its destination without one.

With the advent of home computers and the internet, we are learning that e-mails are as important as addresses and telephone numbers.

As fishmaster, the surest way of supplying you with information is via e-mails. Supplying your e-mail is as easy as contacting me at [gkasd@quiknet.com](mailto:gkasd@quiknet.com). This will add your name and e-mail to my address book correctly the first time. If you sign up for a fishout or clinic in the future, I can automatically include you to that respective group so you are up to date on the happenings. If you include your telephone number in the text, I will also add it for future reference.

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## Crowley Lake, What a Blast

Gary Flanagan

I just got home from our latest fishout. I am sitting in front of the computer looking at the pictures from our trip. It reminds me of how much fun we had.

We sat around campfires telling stories, some of them true, but most of us were capable of telling down right lies.

Eating pizza on Friday Night in Mammoth while Linda Shaw stood on tables and chairs attempting to get all of us in frame for a perfect group picture was a hoot.

The Saturday night potluck couldn't have been more perfect. We all made pigs of ourselves eating steak, chicken and fish barbecued to perfection.

I couldn't believe the camp Bill and Bev Hagopian set up. How does wall-to-wall carpet, with real beds sound?

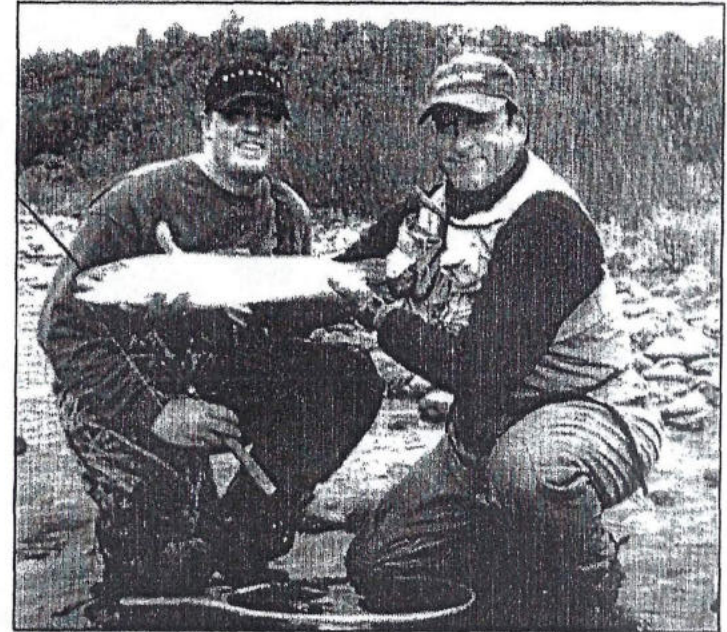
**Twenty-eight** GBF members arrived to fish Crowley Lake and it's surrounding rivers. I believe that this is the best participation at a fishout I have seen since becoming a member. This is fantastic; we are a fishing club after all!

Make sure to check out all the great pictures of our trip posted on the GBF website.

Everyone caught fish. Crowley was a bit slower than last year. The water was lower because of the drought, which made for harder access into the water but some of us had ten fish mornings, just ask Denny Welch.

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**Progress Report: Heenan Lake Project** by Barbara Bania

In early August the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) approved GBF's structural design for the interpretive display we're constructing at Heenan Lake. The contractor has been selected for the fabrication and we hope to install the structure in mid-October.

The site selected by CDFG was our second choice of the six possible sites we identified and, with the exception of the sloped and rocky terrain, is the most logical. Fortunately, the High Sierra Fly Casters (HSFC), our partner in this endeavor, found a contractor who was working only a few miles away; he agreed to excavate the site and dig the footings for a very nominal fee. That was accomplished September 10. Joe and Barbara Bania, and two HSFC members (Jim Norton and Bob Taormina), did the hand labor of putting safety fencing around the holes.

As soon as all of the details are worked out regarding installation of the footings, the HSFC will coordinate the concrete pour.

Initially it appeared CDFG preferred the structure to be made of wood but when we recommended wood colored powder coated steel for durability, they concurred. Because we're using custom fabricated steel, we probably will not need as large a work party for installation but there are still plenty of opportunities to help. We will

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Shad, in contrast, are frequently easy to catch. They don't grow as big as stripers—the biggest are 6 or so pounds—but they fight really hard and are far more numerous. In a morning or afternoon session an angler can catch more than 20 of the ras-cals!

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Pattern for October Program:  
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**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.

### Aug. Winners:

Experienced: **Jerone Smit**

Drawing for \$25 Gift Certificate

Beginner: **Bruce Becker** \$ 15 Gift Certificate

### 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.
- \* two categories: beginner and advanced. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the advanced.

### Materials:

Hook	Tiemco 3769, Mustad 3906, #10-16.
Thread	Orange 6/0 pre-waxed.
Body	Orange floss
Thorax	Hare's Ear
Hackle	Gray partridge hackle

### Instructions:

1. Cover the hook with a layer of thread, but only back to a point just above the hook point.
2. At that point, tie in a 2 inch tag of floss so that the tag sticks out to the rear. Now tie in the floss to be used in forming the abdomen.
3. Return the thread to the front of the fly and tie in a partridge hackle after stripping off the fuzz. It should be tied in by the quill with the shiny side of the feather facing forward.
4. Wrap the body floss forward, forming a nice tapered body. Tie it off at the front 1/3 point on the shank.
5. Pull the floss tag forward as a shell back and tie it off at the same 1/3 point.
6. Dub a small thorax with the hare's ear dubbing. Be sure that the hackle is positioned in front of the thorax.
7. Grab the hackle with hackle pliers and wrap one or (at most) two turns. The shiny side of the hackle should be facing forward, so that the barbules gently sweep backward. Whip finish...and

See ya on the creek!!!!

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## Flytier's Corner

by

**BILL CARNAZZO**

### **Soft Hackle Flies- "Partridge and Orange"**

**October, 2002**

Soft hackle flies have emerged from relative obscurity with the increased popularity of "swinging"-referring, of course, to the down-and-across drifting technique, not the lifestyle that goes by that name. The wavy, enticing movement of the long soft hackle as the fly works across the current, can produce vicious strikes from large fish.

Soft hackle flies were called "spiders" by English anglers, because of the leggy hackle. "Spider" has a different meaning for American anglers, who envision a fly with oversize hackle that causes it to "skate." Soft hackles are distinct from traditional "wet flies" both in form and function.

Soft hackle flies are quite simple to tie, and the patterns call for common, inexpensive materials. Simple and cheap-now there's a pleasant combination.

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Jim Holmes reported that two of the fish he caught on Saturday morning were twenty inchers while fishing at the Layton Springs access. Good going Jim.

Karl and Jessica Wolff our newest members braved their first time in float tubes and were rewarded by several Crowley Lake Lunkers. They quickly learned how Crowley could go from flat to whitecaps in a blink of the eye.

I spent a pleasant afternoon at Hot Creek with Ron, Jeannie, Linda Shaw and Soyna Adamson catching perfect jewels known as Native Rainbows. At the end of the day Ron, Jeanie and I relaxed neck deep in one of Hot Creek's famous thermal pools. The waters rushed past us at temperatures ranging from frigid to almost scalding. It was wonderful.

There are just too many pleasant memories to share with you now. Every one of us has stories to tell. Make sure to ask us them at the next meeting.

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**UPPER SAC CLINIC FOR GBF MEMBERS**

Bill Carnazzo

GBF's Upper Sac outing will be held October 23d through 27<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Ron Rabun and I are offering a clinic featuring the following:

- \$ morning instructional clinic including equipment, rigging, fly choice, reading the water, and successful nymphing techniques.
- \$ afternoon guided fishing for 4 hours.
- \$ cost: \$40.00 per person

We will be able to do this clinic at this price if a minimum of eight persons sign up. A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. For information, call Bill at (916) 663-2604 or (916) 996-6286 (cell).



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