

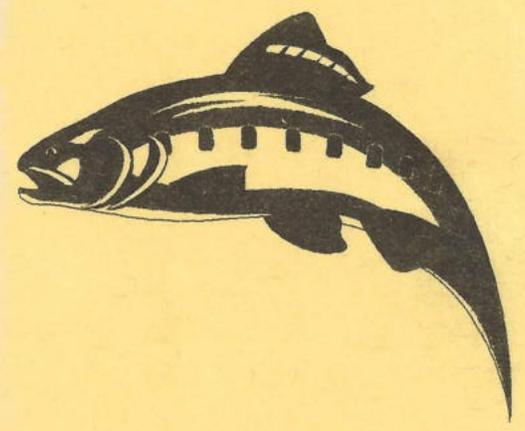
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Granite Bay Flycasters

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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President's Message
By Denny Welch

I am quivering with anticipation as I write this. It is now Thursday morning, August 22nd and I've just put the finishing touches on a planned fishing trip to the Feather River set for tomorrow morning. Tom Ross, Ray Mahlberg, Art Hawkins, the Hunter Boys and I are hitting the road the first thing in the morning so that we can be in Oroville at first light. The salmon are thick in the river and fish to 40 pounds are not uncommon.

The Crowley Lake fishout is coming up quickly. Gary Flanagan says that over 20 people have already signed up and that he is still getting calls. This trip is one of the premier fishouts of the year and I encourage all to attend. The trip is scheduled for the weekend of September 13th, but I know that several people will be going up on Wednesday the 11th. Gary can be reached at 223-4320.

The Upper Sac fishout is scheduled for the weekend of October 25th, but a number of us will be leaving on Wednesday the 23rd. I will be leading this trip and will have a sign up sheet available at the September meeting. I hope to talk Bill Carnazzo and Ron Rabun into putting on another nymphing clinic during this trip. The one they did last year was a huge success. I'm also working on getting some reduced rate guiding services for those who are interested. The Upper Sac is my favorite trip of the year. If you have any questions give me a call.

The "half-pounders" should be in the American River any time now and I understand that they just reduced the flow on the Lower Yuba so fishing there is going to be fantastic very soon. Fuller Lake is still fishing well and it won't be

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long before Lake Amador and its monster cutbows are the rage.

We are so fortunate. You see, I just returned from Southern California and what a contrast. Lake Hodges in Escondido held the state record for the biggest largemouth bass for a number of years...but the lake has been dry for three years. You can drive mile after mile after mile and not see a stream or a lake or a pond. San Diego has 1 ½ million people and only 2 flyshops. I count my blessings every time I go down there.

I encourage you all to take advantage of what our club has to offer...whether it's fishouts, rodbuilding, fly tying, conservation or the myriad of other activities we have. You will find good people here and friendships that will last forever.

Until next time.

Club Needs Laptop Computer.

The Club would like to put the Membership database on a laptop computer that could be passed along from Membership VP to Membership VP. If you have one to donate or know of one please let Denny or Drake

Johnson know.

Thanks.

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that fly. Too many bass fishermen use the same techniques all year. These fishermen are in that 90 percent that catch only 10 percent of the fish.

Tidbit: The largest largemouth ever caught was in 1932 and weighed 22 lbs. 4 oz. It was caught at Lake Montgomery in Alabama. The largest smallmouth was 11 lbs. and 15 oz. and was taken at Dale Hollow Lake in Kentucky. However, out of the 10 largest bass ever weighed, 8 came from Calif. water.

Pete Peterson

WANTED - 30 FLY TYERS

It is Salmon Festival time again. Last year we showed 689 kids how to tie a fly and all tyers who helped said they had a good time. This is a big event for GBF and I need your help. The dates are Oct. 12-13 from 9:30am to 4pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. I need firm commitments. We also badly need any fly tying supplies that you might not use. We especially need feathers and marabou. The color and quality are not important.

Thank you - Pete Peterson

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Crowley Lake Fish Out

September 13,14 & 15

Gary Flanagan

It's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about the annual Crowley Lake Fish Out. Crowley is a magical destination that makes me feel like I have traveled to an exotic location. From the time I traverse the mighty Sierra Nevada Mountains, I have the perception that I am a million miles away from the Sacramento Valley and all of my perceived problems.

Crowley fishes so well this time of year. Fish and Game Regulations have changed to catch-and-release; single barbless hooks and for the most part, this trophy lake is left to us Flyfishers. The last two years have produced fish on average of between 16" and 18 inches. **FISH IN EXCESS OF 20 INCHES HAVE BEEN CAUGHT!** It is not uncommon to average over ten fish for a morning of fishing!

We will be staying at Convict Lake, which is only a few miles from Crowley. Convict has a great campground and cabins are available at the lodge. For more information check out www.convictlake.com

For more information on fishing Crowley Lake, e-mail me at gkasd@quiknet.com

I will send you more information on the area.

MERCED FISH OUT

Twelve Granet Bay Fly casters including 5 fairly new anglers made the trip to the Merced Fish out. We did not escape the 107* weather or the poor air quality, however, everyone had a good time.

New friends were made and new talents discovered. Friday night, Jaroen Smit and Peter Trenbly honored us with 3 hours of wonderful guitar music. That alone was worth the drive. Saturday afternoon, we enjoyed the swimming hole which was deep enough to leap into from the 15 foot high boulder. It was decided, next year, we will take water toys. Saturday night we kept it simple and ate at the Cedar Motel Lodge. An uninvited guest, a young black bear, visited Bill and Bev Hagopians' tent site attempting to get some dried hot chocolate, but was chased off by Bill.

Carol Scott improved her fishing skills and had a lunger break off her flies on Sunday. Suzanne Del Sarto brought her adorable twin girls on Friday and had to continue on their own trip on Saturday. Lonnie Hood arrived on Saturday with rod and lovely friend Jill in hand. Frank Massey and Tom Berg were great companions.

You probably noticed I haven't mentioned fishing. The truth is very few were caught, but the expertise of David Baker and his coaching gave us the best odds. And it is always a delight to be in a river, wet wading while using a fly rod.

Linda Shaw

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fly in the "zone". If fishing a rock wall, use a full sinking line and work the fly slowly away from the shore being careful that the fly remains on the bottom. This call for a very slow retrieve.

Largemouth will feed in water temperature as high as 80-85 degrees. However, they will be looking for shade of some sort. This can be under a boat dock or tree or in weeds. At all times there will be some largemouth in shallow water. This is where most of the bass tournament fish are caught. tournament fisherman Doug Hannon has recorded over 500 bass caught weighing over 10 lbs. apiece between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. He also caught most of these fish in the deep south where it is hotter and the sun is brighter. On a very bright day with no wind to ruffle the surface, back off from the shore and cast a little longer distance. It is very important to work a piece of structure thoroughly. Do not just make one or two casts and move on. If you feel that a bass should be in a particular spot, make ten or twelve casts or even more. The day of our picnic last year, I made about twenty casts to some brush by the club house before a 3 1/2 lb. spotted bass took the fly.

Hot or not, bass eat more in mid-summer than any time of the year. This is when the baitfish have reached a size attractive to bass. A study showed that bass eat 222 percent more in July and August than they did in May and June. When the water reaches close to 80 degree, downsize your fly and slow down the retrieve.

Don't not fish in the summer as a hardware fisherman I know does. Use a little common sense and give some thought to your fly selection and how you plan to retrieve

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WARMWATER FLYFISHING

Summer is here, the water is getting warmer, the days are longer and the sun is brighter. This can be some of the toughest bass fishing of the year. There is a big difference on how smallmouth and largemouth handle these conditions. Both species are still readily available, especially early a.m. or late p.m. Largemouth fishing can be outstanding between sunset and sunrise the following morning but I do not like to fish at night so we will skip over this phase.

Smallmouth are the toughest to catch in summer. They like the water cooler than the largemouth so will go deeper during the day. However, it is not uncommon for smallmouth to come up from the depths as much as 20-25 ft. to take a fly. This makes it much easier to fish for smallmouth in clear water such as Pardee, Berryessa, sometimes Camp Far West, and most rivers. The best flies at this time are minnow or crayfish imitations. Retrieve the minnow imitation as if it were injured - short jerky pulls with a pause in between. Flies with lead on the body have a distinct advantage at this time as an injured minnow will sink in a horizontal position. Lead eyes will make the fly sink head first which is not natural. Sometimes I will bend the hook slightly so that it will have a wobble as it sinks. If you use "lure eyes" or plastic eyes, the fly will retrieve erratic if the eyes are not mounted opposite of each other. Put one of the eyes closer to the hook eye and the other eye back further. The two flies I like the best for the minnow imitation are the Whitlock Sheep Shad and the Lefty's Deceiver. If the water has a visibility of at least 10 ft., don't be afraid to try surface flies, and a sinking tip fly line will put your

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Floating Indicator Clinic

September 28th

Granite Bay Flycasters is having a "floating indicator clinic" on the morning of Saturday, September 28th. The current plan is to hold the clinic somewhere along the American River Parkway or at the Lower Yuba River at the Highway 20 Bridge.

A sign up list will be available at the September meeting. Space is limited. You may also enroll by e-mail at gkasd@quiknet.com.

This clinic is open to active members only. So far the instructors will be Gary Flanagan and Bill Carnazzo.

The fee for the clinic is \$15.00. This fee is due at the September General Meeting. Different types of indicators will be provided for you to try.

Please bring a floating line and 3X-tapered leader. You will also need your waders

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X-CADDIS

Years ago this pattern became one of my (Bob) favorites when it allowed me to catch fish that were refusing my friends flies. They are excellent fly anglers so it wasn't that I was better a better fisherman I just had a better fly. This version of the pattern has some advantages over the way most people tie it. Wayne has shown these methods to students attending his workshops at annual FFF Shows.

The X-Caddis was originally tied about 1980 by Craig Mathews and company at Blue Ribbon Flies, West Yellowstone, Montana. Early patterns were tied with dubbed beaver bodies, but now most tiers use Antron because it is "buggier." It is a fly for spring, summer and fall, and will take fish during the day when there is no hatch, during a hatch and during the "evening rise." Most of the time fish it drag free using a floating line. Some anglers put floatant on the whole fly, but there is an advantage to putting floatant only on the wing. This makes it float low like a crippled caddis that hasn't freed itself from the shuck.

A description of how to tie the X-Caddis can be found on the FFF website at <<http://www.fedflyfishers.org>>.

(by Bob Bates of the Inland Empire Fly Fishing Club of Spokane WA, and Wayne Luallen of the Kaweah Flyfishers of Visalia, California for the FFF ClubWire Email Newswire)

America's Endangered Fisheries

We recently announced our annual list of the nation's most threatened fish habitats, highlighting Yellowstone Lake in Wyoming, the Klamath River in Oregon and California, and the Gulf of Mexico. Pointing the finger at over-harvesting, non-native fish, and on-point source pollution, the FFF:

- * Petitioned the U.S. Department of the Interior to increase funding for research and removal of lake trout at Yellowstone
- * Called for the reduction of irrigation take-down in the Klamath
- * Requested that authorities pay increased attention to run-off and application of existing federal clean water standards to reduce the growing "dead zone" off Texas and Louisiana due to excessive nitrogen and other pollutants leading to de-oxygenation of the water.

Guided Striper and Shad Floats American River

Dave Howard, Guide

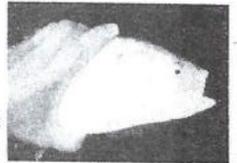


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The stripers range in size from 1 pound to over 50 pounds! They are fierce battlers, and aggressively chase flies. They are no dummies, however, so catching the big ones isn't always a snap

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 rascals!

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Pattern for September Program:
(featured in the August Leader)

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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: **Alax Giannini**

Drawing for \$25 Gift Certificate

Beginner: Gary Flanagan \$ 15 Gift Certificate

Bragging Right Jerone Smit

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.

Shellback Pearlescent mylar
Thorax Natural rabbit dubbing (greyish tan)
Head Black thread

Instructions:

1. Using olive tying thread, cover hook with thread. The thread should extend about 1/2 way down the bend.
2. At that point, tie in rib material, and a 1/8" strip of the mylar, leaving it pointing out to the rear.
3. At the same point, tie in the green fluorescent thread. Bring tying thread to front of hook. Then wind the body thread forward to about 1/8" behind eye. Tie off there.
4. Bring the mylar over the back of the fly and tie down at forward end of body.
5. Rib the fly with the gold wire, thus fastening down the mylar shellback. Tie off ribbing.
6. Dub a small thorax with the rabbit and whip finish the olive thread.
7. Bend on the black thread and form a nice small black head. Whip finish again.

See ya on the creek!!!!

Flytier's Corner**By****BILL CARNAZZO****Electric Caddis****September, 2002**

The Electric Caddis is a pattern I sometimes use in the mid-afternoon when caddis flies engage in "behavioral drift". Fished on the point of the tippet, with another fly (such as a Prince Nymph) on the dropper, it makes a deadly choice. You will generally need to add weight to your tippet to get the fly (or flies) down to where those big ones are lurking.

Materials:

Hook Tiemco 2457 or other "scud" hook
in #12-14.
Thread Olive
Body Florescent or lime green flat nylon
thread
Rib Fine gold wire

New 'Official' GBF Clothing!

We finally settled on some new vendors for club merchandise - and the first shipment of new shirts is on its way! Along with the new vendors, we've also made some changes to the program itself, as follows.

The new clothing was carefully selected to help establish a little different 'look' for the club. Rather than put our logo on a wide range of disparate garment styles and colors, we've made an attempt with this new merchandise program to begin to define a more standardized club theme (with regard to shirt styles and colors, anyway). The new program is based on two shirt styles, in two club colors, with a new two-color club logo. Going forward, we expect that the new 'look' will help convey a more unified and organized image of the club - particularly during representation at public events.

Here's what's coming: High quality, lightweight canvas, long-sleeved shirts, and sturdy pique polo shirts in every conceivable size (including women's) - each embroidered with the new two-color logo. We've also ordered plenty of ball caps with the new logo, and just so we don't take ourselves too seriously, we're getting some nice club T-shirts too! The best part is... these items will all be sold at club cost - starting at about \$10! Some or all of the new merchandise will arrive in time for the September general meeting, so don't forget to bring your checkbooks ('cause we

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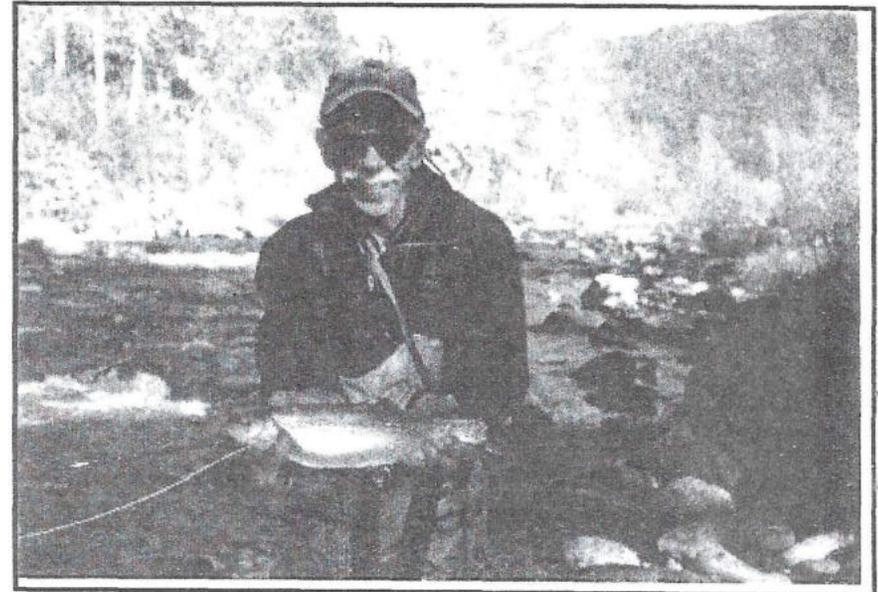
UPPER SAC CLINIC FOR GBF MEMBERS

Bill Carnazzo

GBF's Upper Sac outing will be held October 16th through 20th. On Saturday, October 19th, 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 September and October meetings. For information, call Bill at (916) 663-2604 or (916) 996-6286 (cell).



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