Granite Bay Flycasters
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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 Lester Snow 916-967-7563.
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President’s Message
By Denny Welch

It’s Thursday morning as I write this and my fingers are sore. You see, I spent all day yesterday fishing with a group from the club at Ryan and Amanda’s Fishing Hole. (Ryan and Amanda are the young children of the owners.) This Fishing Hole place is located in God Knows Where, CA along a rickety rack country road that’s as flat as a barn door and that goes on forever. If you’re going 80 miles an hour you’ll miss the small sign with an arrow pointing to the right. Trust me.

There must be a dozen ponds on the property, all with different species of fish. I can best describe it as kinda like fishing in rice paddies, except the water’s a little deeper and no one’s shootin’ at ya. Except for the zip, zip, zip of a flyline whizzing past your ear, there’s not a lot of noise out there and if you look real close you’ll see someone else’s barn or house on the horizon. There’s a ramshackle hut where they collect your money ($75) and a porta-poop and that’s about it.

We started fishing about 8:30 a.m. My first cast I caught a small 2 pound bass. My next cast I caught another small two pound bass. Same thing on the third, fourth, fifth, etc. casts. It was like that all day. I got tired catching bass so I turned around and walked a couple steps to the pond behind me which had all the trout. I caught rainbows to about 6 or 7 pounds with the average fish going about 16 inches. I walked down
to the next pond and caught carp and even a small catfish. Then it was back to the bass pond (fish on every cast), then to the trout pond, and so on and so forth.

Fish have teeth and every time you take the hook out of a fish's mouth you nick your thumb or finger. That's why my fingers are numb today. Jim Hunter's thumbs were actually bleeding he caught so many fish. It was a fantastic day fishing. See Mike Brune for more information on Ryan and Amanda's Fishing Hole.

The club is moving along smoothly. Our membership is up and our activities are many. John Hogg had two casting clinics on the American River and got rave reviews. John knows how to make it look easy and, better yet, knows how to teach. Mike Kuhl and Art Hawkins are in the midst of their net building clinic, Mike Brune is winding down the rod building clinic, and Pete Peterson and Bill Carnazzo are still plugging away on the bass and trout fly tying clinics.

The annual dinner hasn't happened as I write this, but I know it'll be a big success. It's a couple days away and there's a flurry of activity with last minute details. Karl Wolff, Paul Meyers, Art Hawkins and Gary Flanagan have poured their hearts into this dinner and I have a hunch it'll be the best ever.

Until next time.

Denny
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CONSERVATION CORNER

This year the annual Creek Week celebration is from April 5th through 12th. Come out and join other GBF members on work party in Roseville and/or Rocklin or join a group in your own neighborhood. If you wish to plant trees and/or install a fence at Breen Park in Rocklin on Saturday the 5th, call David Baker at (916) 315-0715. If you want to remove invasive, non-native plants in Roseville's Maidu Interpretive Center on Sunday April 6th from 1 - 4 pm, call John Carroz at (916) 783-0802.

To join other GBF members and clean-up one of numerous Roseville & Rocklin Sites on Saturday, April 12th from 9 am – noon, call David Baker. You will have to call to find out where to the GBF members are meeting on the 12th. Join GBF in supporting Creek Week.

GBF Conservation Committee meetings are at 7 PM on the first Thursday of the month and located at Round Table Pizza on Douglas near the Auburn Folsom Road. All GBF members are welcome. To receive the conservation meeting minutes send an email to jwcarroz@surewest.net

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Gearing Up for Spring

It is time to check out your fly lines, clean them, and replace the old, rough, and cracked ones. Check your backing on your rods — no use losing the trout of a lifetime to old backing! Oil and lube your reels (yeah, you should have done it last fall, but you ought to do it again, even if you did oil them last fall).

Clean out your fly vests or packs. Reorganize. Throw away and replace old tippet under 3X - it will almost certainly be brittle and weak. Restock your vest and pack with missing items or those you are running short of. Get rid of rusty flies. Reorganize your fly boxes. Consider putting together a bass box, a panfish box, a coastal box, and a trout box or boxes (for the coming month and next year).

I personally prefer chest packs and funny packs over a vest, so I have different packs for different purposes. Consider putting together a coastal pack and a fresh water pack. The coastal pack should have heavier leaders and tippet (say 8 lb to 12 lb.), room for a fly box that will hold ten to twenty flies - some of which may be fairly large - (I carry a larger assortment of flies on the boat and only carry the flies I think I will need/want in the pack), and a water bottle for long sessions wading the flats. The freshwater pack should have moderate to heavy weight tippet (5X to 9X), room for two fly boxes (one for bass and one for panfish, or one for dry flies and one for wet flies when fishing for trout). Both packs should have nippers, hook sharpener, lip balm, a bandana, and possibly spare sunglasses. The freshwater pack may include fly floatant, indicator yarn, and lead shot.

I also pack a small, but larger, boat bag with my fishing license, additional flies, line cleaner, sun screen, hats, spare sunglasses, a knife, paper towels in plastic bags and or lens cleaners, a towel in a plastic bag, fly floatant, small binoculars, GPS, etc.

This creates a system that allows me to be ready to fish any time. All I have to do is pick up the appropriate pack, the larger bag, and the appropriate rod tube (I keep my most used rods in cases with the reels attached) and I am set to go fishing.

Getting this done before our great spring fishing hits will have you ready for the coming season and maximize your fishing time!

(by Jay Forrest of the Alamo Fly Fishers of San Antonio Texas)
Sacramento Fly Tying Event

On April 12th, the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers, will conduct a fly tying event at the Hart Senior Citizens Center at 27th and "J" Street in Sacramento. The Hart Center is a short block and a half off Business 80 in Sacramento. Approaching from the West take the "J" Street turnoff, follow 30th Street to a left back under the freeway on "I" Street to 27th and J. From the East, take the "E" Street turnoff from Business 80, stay straight ahead on 29th Street until a right on "I", following 1 street to 27th. The Hart Center building and grounds occupies a whole block. The site of the event is the Cyprus Room of this facility. The hours are from 9 AM until 3 PM. There will be at least thirty tyers tying flies that work in regional waters for stripers, bass, trout, salmon and shad. Regional waters range from the American, Yuba and Feather rivers to the big lakes, the Delta and the Sierra mountain streams and lakes. Top regional tyers have accepted invitations to tie, and there will be seats where you can observe all the tricks the tyer uses. In addition, there will be a silent auction of flies donated by some of California's top tyers. The cost of the Hart facility has been graciously under written by the area three fly shops, American, Kiene's and Fly Fishing Specialties. The cost of admission is $10 which goes to fund NCCFFF's conservation and education activities. This will be a fun event and a chance to learn the tricks for tying flies that work. Look forward to seeing you there.

THOUSANDS OF YOUNG SALMON, STEELHEAD KILLED IN MOVE TO SAVE WATER

Federal water managers killed thousands of young salmon and steelhead after they cut back flows into Northern California's Northern American River from Folsom Dam. The Bureau of Reclamation reduced the flows to save water for later, inadvertently killing 10,000 juvenile fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead. "You fix one thing and, whoops, something happens somewhere else," said a spokesman for the reclamation bureau.

-- Sacramento Bee
Quotes

"My biggest worry is that my wife (when I die) will sell my fly fishing gear for what I said I paid for it."
— Koos Brandt

"There was a paradigm shift this year that exploded the conventional scientific thinking that ecosystems respond slowly and steadily to degradation, that we will see the line coming before we cross it. A new study concludes that humanity's assault on the environment has left many ecosystems in such a fragile state that the slightest disturbance may push them into catastrophic collapse, causing them to shift abruptly with little or no warning. Despite appearing viable, there comes a tipping point once their resilience has been sufficiently undermined. Such changes can be irreversible."

Santa Fe New Mexican
The Environment, Not Terrorism, is Our Biggest Problem
By KENNY AUSUBEL

"...It's about respecting our heritage. In many ways, we don't respect our elders, both our human elders and nature, what came before us. I think we need to undertake a fundamental shift in our values, to recognize that everything is a subset of the environment, and if we do not respect the environment, we are contributing to our own demise."
— John Quigley, protesting the cutting of a 400 year-old oak tree near Santa Clarita, Ca.
April Fish Out

Again, Tony Hamamoto will host, what is becoming an annual event, Fish Out at Greenstone Country. The locals consider it, as one of the best Largemouth Bass fishing in El Dorado County. However, it’s private! Many people have been asked to leave, including some of our members.

We have scheduled two fish outs to accommodate the Saturday only and the weekday only members. Unlike last year, with a limit of twenty members and a short notice, we will limit it to fifteen members for each day, this year. The dates are Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19.

Friday’s agenda is to fish all three lakes: Indian Creek Reservoir, Picnic Lake and Gymhaka Lake and provide a fish count to the newly formed Greenstone Lakes Committee. The committee cleared the weeds, last fall!

Saturday’s fishing will be limited to Indian Creek Reservoir. We strongly recommend this date for those, that never flyfished from a float tube or a small boat. A great place to begin and learn! If, you don’t own a float tube you can fish with us. Many of us have extra tubes and fins. Check with us at the next meeting for more information. Also, Tony will be BBQ’ing for lunch (with your $5.00 signup fee). Bring the family, have a picnic and enjoy what we hope is another beautiful day in the foothills!

Tony recommends a 5-wt or larger rod with a sinking line or a floating line with a long leader. The flies he recommends are damsel, white popper and clousser.

Tony says that we could start fishing at 8 in the morning. To get there from Sacramento, go east on Hwy 50 towards Placerville and take the Greenstone Road off ramp. Proceed north, by making a right turn, go under the freeway to Green Valley Road. Right turn, eastbound on Green Valley for ½ miles, make a left at entrance gate, (Tony will provide the access code). Follow Stagecoach Road to the third lake, Indian Creek Reservoir.

Sign up early, call Tony Hamamoto @ (530) 642-9132 or e-mail him hamam-
FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM
Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Pattern for April Program:
(featured in the March 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 monthest’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.

December Winners:
Experienced: SORRY NO REPORT ON WINNERS
$25 Gift Certificate
Bragging rights
Beginner: $15 Gift Certificate
No Entry

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.

See ya on the creek.........
Flytier’s Corner

BY BILL CARNAZZO
April, 2003
CLOUSER MINNOW

The Clouser minnow was created by Bob Clouser, an eastern fishing guide. He later collaborated with Lefty Kreh, and together they refined Bob's initial design, naming it the “Clouser Deep Minnow.” Now it's called the "Clouser Minnow," or just "Clouser." Whatever name you give it, the Clouser catches fish...Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Striped Bass, trout, and numerous saltwater species.

The Clouser's design causes it to ride with the hook bend upside down, creating a naturally “weedless” unit. It's also lean and mean...i.e., it should be tied sparsely with supple materials, to imitate a frantic bait fish. After tying a Clouser, fish it close in to observe its movement. The heavy "eyes" cause it to dip and rise with the strip, and the bucktail and flash undulate enticingly. Fish find it hard to resist this creature...so let's crank one or two.

While the Clouser is relatively easy to tie, each step is important, and proper material selection, quantity, placement are critical to imparting fish-tempting action to the fly.

MATERIALS

Hook: Eagle Claw L067U (shad hook), #6-2/0
Thread: To match buck tail colors
Eyes: Bar bell (matched to hook size), painted red with black iris.
Wing: White (usually) buck tail
Middle wing: Crystal flash, flashabou, or similar material

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover front 1/3 of hook with thread. At about the 1/3 point, make two slightly spaced "lumps" of thread to serve as banks to align the eyes.
2. It is important that the eyes be placed at the 1/3 point, or even a bit farther back on the hook, in order to allow tying room in front of them for attaching and securing the buck tail.
3. Place the bar bell on top of the hook between the 2 thread

Shock Waves

Shock waves are those peaks and valleys in the fly line that are observed when the fly is cast. They are caused by oscillations in tip of the rod. They rob the caster of distance and control. Consider, for instance, a cast wherein the line contains only six shock waves, the first of which is 18 inches from peak to valley, the second shock wave is half the height of the first, etc. to a final shock wave of about _ inch. Adding these up results in nearly 3 feet of peaks and valleys that must be stretched out before the line straightens.

Since this article is written with reader participation in mind, I ask that you try the following to illustrate the reason for these oscillations. Hold an empty fly rod firmly in front of you, parallel to the ground. Next, move the rod as though making a sidearm forward cast. When you stop, count the number of times the tip oscillates before coming to rest. Try it again, except this time, start more slowly and speed up only at the instant before completing the forward rod movement. You should have noticed a significant decrease in the size and number of oscillations in the rod tip. I urge you to work at this, attempting to achieve only one oscillation before the rod tip comes to rest. The trick is to start very slowly, adding speed only at the last instant of the casting motion. Work on it with the back cast as well.

Now that you can both create and correct the problem at will, string-up and experiment with variations in this slow-to-fast casting motion. Start by doing your best to create as many shock waves as possible in the fly line. You know how to do it; begin your casting stroke with too much speed. Next, apply the correction excessively by starting your casting stroke so slowly that you can barely stand it. The balance is between these two and is unique for each caster. When you discover this balance, you will have achieved a significant improvement in casting distance and control. Oh, one other thing, you should never experience tailing loops again.
SAGE ROD FOR SALE
I have a Sage SLT, 9 ½ foot four piece rod for a number 8 line, for sale. The rod is beautiful...like brand new. I have used it a few times for shad and steelhead. The retail price for a new one is $610.00. I am willing to sell it for $450.00. The SLT is a medium speed rod, very light, but with tremendous strength in the butt section. It casts smoothly and almost effortlessly, and handles heavy lines well.
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