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- **August 2003**: General meeting. 7pm-10:30, see pg. 7
- **Conservation Committee meeting**
- **Board meeting 7pm-9**
- **Fly Tying Jam**
- **Personal Watercraft Clinic: Lake Natoma**
Well, I’m back from La Paz, feeling badly that I missed my first general meeting as the new president of Granite Bay Flycasters (but I figured that fishing Baja was a good enough excuse to use and knew that Art “Numbers” Hawkins could hold down the fort).

With the great presentation by Mike Wier of Tahoe Flyfishing Outfitters and the rest of the GBF team, I was positive that I wouldn’t be missed. One of the benefits of surrounding yourself with good people is that operations continue with or without you being there.

In accordance with GBF, being a club devoted to fly-fishing, I felt it was reasonable to be off fishing. After all, it wasn’t like I had to attend my own funeral or any other lame excuse like that.

So braving the heat, humidity, saltwater, cervasa and Tequila Shooters, always upholding the good name of GBFC, with Ron, Jeanne and Nick English.

The Sardina weren’t abundant so flyfishing was kind of tough. We did manage to land Pargo, Bonito, Skipjack, Triggerfish, Dorado, Trumpetfish, Needlefish, Jack Crevalle, Ladyfish, assorted Rockfish, Mackerel and Pompano on flies. Nevertheless, we were drooling for big fish. I only had two problems. First, my biggest rod was an eleven weight with only thirty pound backing. Secondly, the fish weren’t aggressively on the bite.

So I reluctantly slipped over to the dark side. The Panga Captain had brought along a short and ugly casting rod with about three hundred yards of seventy pound monofilament line. You know, the kind of stuff you get your fly line tangled up with on the Feather and American Rivers during Salmon season, the reason you swear under your breath about Fish and Game banning conventional tackle and cursing the people that fish that way.

There we sat, watching two live mackerel bouncing along behind the boat as our motor droned endlessly, lulling Nick and I into a listless stupor resembling an acute form of retardation. About the time I was positive that the fish gods were going to punish me by never again allowing me to hook a fish, a school of Needle Fish came flying out of the water, scared to death and fleeing for their lives.

Before I could come to grips with this phenomenon my rod tip slammed down hard and a beautiful Striped Marlin exploded into the air behind the boat. After a dozen leaps, twirls, spins and some aerial flips the great fish sounded for the topaz depths of the Sea of Cortez.

See: President page 11
“Soft Hackle Pheasant tail”

Here is an interesting variation on the old standby, the Pheasant Tail Nymph. There can be no question that the “PT,” as that marvelous bug is called, is a fish-catcher...assuming it is fished properly. I can attest to that based on experience as recent as July 18th, when a #14 plain (i.e., no bead) PT accounted for a nice large Rainbow on the Upper Sacramento. Adding the soft hackle does not necessarily “improve” on the PT pattern; rather, it adds a different dimension to it by creating the illusion of an emerging mayfly. What can be better than swinging a soft hackle fly that looks like a highly successful fly box standard like the PT? It works well with short-line techniques also.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Place hook in vise and smash barb. Add a few turns of lead at thorax area, if desired. Cover hook shank with thread.
2. At the point just above the back end of the barb, attach 4 or 5 PT center tail feather fibers for a tail (length approximately equal to hook shank); don’t trim the butts yet.
3. At the same point, attach a piece of fine copper wire for the ribbing.
4. Wrap the remaining PT fibers forward to cover the back 2/3 of the shank, forming the abdomen. Wrap the copper wire forward in evenly spaced wraps.
5. At the forward end of the abdomen, tie in 5 or 6 PT fibers by their tips, with the butts facing to the rear. These will ultimately form the wing case.
6. At the same point, tie in two or three peacock herls by their tips, and twist them together with your hackle pliers. Be gentle—they tend to break otherwise.
7. Wrap the herl as a thorax and tie off, leaving room at the front to tie in the wing case, and wrap the soft hackle.
8. Bring the PT fibers over the top of the herl, and tie them off behind the eye, leaving sufficient room for the soft hackle.
9. Tie in and sparsely wrap the soft hackle, “wet fly” style. Tie it off, form a nice smooth, small thread head, and whip finish. Now, go fish it, and...

See ya on the creek!!!
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 venue. A small traverse over the mighty Sierra Nevada Mountains gives me the perception that I am a million miles away from the Sacramento Valley and far away from all of my perceived troubles and woes.

Crowley fishes extremely well this time of year. California Fish and Game Regulations have changed the lake to catch-and-release; single barbless hooks and for the most part, this trophy lake is pretty much left to us flyfishers. It's nice not to have to contend with hundreds of powerboats thrashing the water.

The last three years have produced for us fish on the average of between sixteen and eighteen inches. Fish in excess of twenty inches were caught and there is always that twenty-pound German Brown lurking around the corner! 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. Cabins fill quickly so make your reservation now.

I will provide more detailed information in the September issue of the Leader.

For more information on fishing Crowley Lake, e-mail me at: flanagan@surewest.net.

Crowley Lake Sept. 25-28

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Burney Falls area Oct. 3 – 5

Yeah, I know, we’re in the dog days of summer and some of our N. California Rivers and Lakes are fishing great. But, as the cool nights of Fall come, the fish will be looking up at flies a little more.

One of our state’s treasures is Burney Falls St. Park, a special place for me. I’ll never forget my first visit there, seeing the falls, my first Salmon Fly hatch, and catching beautiful wild trout.

The reasons I’m excited about this Fish Out are the superb fishing and beautiful surroundings. Large Rainbows and Browns are typically caught in October. Some of the hatches include October Caddis, a multitude of other Caddis, midges,
Surf fishing clinic Sept. 20

Hone your skills in the surf with the best trio and a clinic and present the intricacies of our Pacific coastal fisheries.

This one day seminar Sat. Sept. 20, with Ken Hanley Jay Murakoshi and Gary Bulla is sure to fill fast (limited to 10 people)

**Ken Hanley**, author of *Flyfishing Afoot in the Surf Zone and Flyfishing the Pacific Inshore* (among other popular titles) and flyfising instructor at schools and clinics for the past 30 years. **Jay Murakoshi** is known for his extremely high-quality saltwater flytying and pattern designs. His flies are standards in the collections of pro anglers worldwide.

**Gary Bulla** is our own local surf flyfishing guide and teacher. He guides kayaking and big game flyfishing trips in Baja.

The class will cover game-fish species and their habits, fishing estuaries and harbors along with reading the water, field strategies, equipment selection, casting and more. This class takes place in the field. At press time there were 2 spots available.

**Location:** Goleta Beach Park just north of Santa Barbara.

**Cost:** $150.00

**Time:** 8 am on the beach and get acquainted. Ends 5 pm.

**Bring:** food, snacks, water, equipment.

**Mail to:** Gary Bulla Fly Fishing Adventures, 1290 East Main Street Santa Paula, Ca. 93060

**More info:** call (805) 646-0286 or email: info@garybulla.com.

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**Granite Bay Flycasters club logo merchandise:**

**Pocket T-Shirts** - $10
Unisex sizes, one color (light heather grey), Hanes ‘Beefy-T’ brand

**Light Canvas Shirts:**
Short-sleeve: $25
Long-sleeve: $27 (2XL/3XL: $29)
Men’s and women’s sizes, two colors, great quality Cabela’s brand.

**Men’s Polo Shirts** - $23
(2XL/3XL: $25) White only, great quality Cabela’s brand (these will not be re-ordered)

**Hats** - $10
Baseball cap style, one size fits all, two colors, great Cabela’s brand

Contact Mike Brune (916) 723-4524 to check availability on any of the above, or if you’re interested in helping with the club merchandise program.

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Salmon Festival Oct. fly tyers needed

The Salmon Festival is approaching fast: this year’s dates are Oct. 11-12 (at Lake Natoma, as usual). This change to the second weekend in Oct is supposed to be permanent, so mark your 2004 calendars too!

In years past, I have asked the Sacramento fly fishing club for help showing kids who attend the festival how to tie flies. Unfortunately, they haven’t always been able to supply reliable volunteers. So this year I’m asking GBF members to step up and make this a GBF-exclusive event!

This year we’ll be located next to the lake with the rest of the kids’ exhibits, so we should be busier than last year. We expect to have over 700 kids! We will need a minimum of 12 tyers to give us 2 shifts, for Sat. & Sun., making a total of 48 spots (shifts) that need filling. My sons and I will cover 10 of these spots, but I need 38 more firm/confirmed sign-ups.

You do not need to know how to tie flies to help at this event. Last year Karl & Jessica Wolff came about 15 minutes early and learned all they needed to know in just those few minutes. I would like to especially see some of the new members volunteer as it is a great event and a good time to meet other club members. Besides helping the kids, this is a really fun event.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the next 3 club meetings.

-Pete Peterson, 786-9133

Dedication coming

Heenan Lake structure complete

THANK YOU to all the workers from GBF and the High Sierra Fly Casters who helped Saturday, July 26 at Heenan Lake. It was hard work but the display structure and the parking lot look terrific. The educational material will be posted prior to opening day of Heenan’s season.

We are trying to arrange a christening/acceptance of the structure by a California DFG representative on opening day. The season begins at sunrise Friday, August 29. Hope to see you there.

(Full article next month’s Leader)

-Barbara Bania

LAST YEAR KARL & JESSICA CAME ABOUT 15 MINUTES EARLY AND LEARNED ALL THEY NEEDED TO KNOW TO HELP ...
Website: new look, new tools

For those that may not know, Granite Bay Flycasters has a website. While it has been dormant for some time, like a volcano, it has awoken and is erupting, and it is going to be huge.

Let me explain: the website is going to be a place for:

✔ Finding out about important announcements (like Martis Lake)
✔ Viewing The Leader before it arrives in your mailbox
✔ Previewing next month’s fly tying contest fly with color pictures
✔ Instructions. In addition, all past month patterns will be available
✔ Viewing a complete list of scheduled Fish Outs
✔ Getting a complete 12 month calendar for all known club activities; plus other important dates.
✔ Getting the names and contact information for GBF Officers and Board
✔ Providing other members with write-ups about fishouts and pictures. This might also include providing additional information about a fishout that cannot be communicated at the monthly meeting
✔ Finding out how and submitting articles to The Leader

And the newest addition: Granite Bay Flycasters Message Board—the newest thing to hit the website. This Message Board will be used for all of the following:

• Fishing reports
• Organize and schedule fishing trips.
• Ask questions and get answers

So, like a volcano, the website is approaching the sky by getting bigger.

Please take the time to visit the website: new look, new tools.

New and improved gbflycasters.org

The newly added Message Board makes communications between members easy and instant. Messages categorized by topics and threads of conversations are viewable by all. Planning a trip? Looking for a partner? Tips on the hot spot? Here is the place to go.

See page. 12 for related ‘Message Board’.

-Paul Meyers, Granite Bay Flycasters Webmaster.
Local guide shares: hot spots, advice

Dave Shafer will be our guest speaker at the August club meeting.

Dave, a licensed guide, instructor, and staff expert at American Fly Fishing Co. His ample qualifications as one of Sacramento’s leading fly fishing authorities makes this presentation well worth attending.

**Speaker:**

**Dave Shafer**

**American Fly Fishing Co.**

Dave’s been guiding and teaching fly fishing for eight years now, and his easy-going style makes him popular with novice and advanced flyfishers alike. Dave’s also a member of the Ross Reels Pro Staff, and is a contracted, professional fly tier for the Targus Fly Company. In fact—his own

‘Shafer’s 3D Nymph’ pattern is proving to be a very popular and productive pattern!

As a long-time guide on waters such as the Upper & Lower Sac, the McCloud, the Pit, Putah Creek, and the American, Yuba, and Truckee Rivers, Dave’s presentation at the August meeting—which will focus on his experience with the Upper Sac, McCloud, and Pit Rivers—is sure to be informative. And because Dave’s also an expert on our local Shad and Steelhead fisheries, be sure to bring your questions on those subjects to the meeting as well.

Don’t miss this chance to pick the brain of one of our own sure-to-be local legends!

**When:** Aug. 14, 7 PM  
**Where:** GBF Clubhouse
Wanted: New Fish Out Coordinator

Granite Bay Flycasters is looking for an active club member to take over as the club’s Fishmaster/Coordinator. This position is one of the most important posts in GBF. You will be responsible for making sure the Club has at least one monthly Fish Out. This can be accomplished by leading your own Fish Out or by selecting other club members to lead Fish Outs to their favorite waters.

If you are interested in this position or want to learn more, please contact Gary Flanagan at: flanagan@surewest.net. I will send you a publication on how to properly lead a Fish Out. If you would like additional information call me at: (916) 223-4240

President
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After what seemed like hours, my sparring partner slipped alongside our Panga and the fight was over. I could not have been a happier guy. After pictures were snapped we revived, kissed and sent Mister Marlin back to his briny element.

Ron, Nick and I caught Roosterfish over fifty pounds, Nick had a fish on, stripping off over three hundred yards of seventy pound test, before spooling his reel and breaking off. The Captain figured it was a Yellowfin Tuna in excess of two hundred pounds!

Fishing through pods of Dolphin exceeding two hundred animals that were herding Tuna. We also followed a lazy Manta Ray that had a Remora on it’s back larger than an adult Salmon. The Manta was only about five feet under the surface and when we glided over the huge beast I realized he was larger than our twenty foot boat!

Next year I hope to have a seventeen-weight rod and if the fish gods will allow, I plan on having a repeat performance with Mister Marlin. I’d go back in a heartbeat.

-Gary Flanagan

Burney
...from page 6

and Blue Winged Olives.

We will make our base at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. There are also motels in the town of Burney, about 10 miles away. From our base, there are literally six or more quality waters: Burney Creek, Hat Creek, Pit River, Fall River, McCloud River, Manzanita Lake, and others. There are also three fly shops with plenty of flies and information.

Please contact Karl Wolff at: kwolff@qwestonline.com or (916) 719-0860 if you want to sign up or have any questions.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners

Beginners:
June       July
G. Flanagan  Bill Aaberg

Non-Beginners:
June       July
J. English  Alex Griannini
1.) Go to the message board by clicking on the ‘Message Board’ link located on the club’s homepage at www.gbflycasters.org

2.) On the page that comes up, read the ‘Welcome’ text at the top, then click on the words ‘Sign Up’ in the box just below that text.

3.) On the page that comes up, enter all the required information*, and click the ‘Sign-up’ box at the bottom of the page.

NOTE: If the next page shows this message: “There are errors in your form!”, read the whole message to identify the problem(s), fix the indicated problem(s), and click ‘Sign-up’ again. If the next page starts with this message: “Thank you for signing up.”, go to step 4.

4.) Open or refresh your e-mail application and look for a message from ‘info@dream-tool.com’. Open and read that message.

5.) Make a note of the ‘Security Code’ (number) supplied in that message and click the URL link also provided there.

6.) On the page that comes up, enter your e-mail address and your ‘Security Code’ (from step 6), and click the button labeled ‘Submit’.

7.) On the page that comes up, click ‘Return to Message Board’.

You’re in! You’re on! You’re ready to begin using the board!

Using the message board is fairly self-explanatory:

☞ To open an existing message, just click on its ‘Subject’ line.

☞ To reply to a message you’ve opened, just click ‘Post Reply’.

☞ To go back to the main board, just click ‘Return To Index’.

☞ To post a brand new message, just click ‘Add New Message’.

If you have trouble registering or using the message board, please feel free to contact Paul Meyers or Mike Brune for assistance. Have fun!

*The ‘Username’ you choose will appear in the messages you post. The ‘Security Question’ & ‘Answer’ you select will allow the board Administrator to verify you in the event that your Username and/or Password ever need to be reset for any reason.
GBF Member Survey - Fall 2003

We want your feedback to help us make our club the best it can be!

Please complete this survey and bring it to the August club meeting to be entered into an exclusive Survey Prize Raffle happening that night! If you can’t make the August meeting, mail your completed survey to the club P.O. Box to be entered into a separate Survey Prize Raffle. (Mailed-in surveys must be received by 8/20 to be eligible for the separate Survey Prize Raffle.)

For each of the following, please rate how important the item is to you and how well we are doing now. Rate on a scale of 1 through 10, with 1 being the lowest or worst, and 10 being the highest or best. If you don’t have an opinion on an item, or the familiarity to rate it, leave it blank or provide comments.

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If you can not attend the meeting Mail to:
Granite Bay Flycasters
PO Box 1107
Roseville, CA 95678-8107
# Member Survey (Part 2)

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Please add any other comments or suggestions on any topic:

**Overall, how would you rate your level of satisfaction with your membership in GBF?**

**Member Information**

This data will help us prioritize club activities (fishouts, classes, etc...)

1) Rank the type of fishing you do (or would like to do) by frequency (1=most often, 2=less often, etc.):
   - River/Stream___
   - Ponds/Lakes/Reservoirs___
   - Salt water___

2) Rank the type of fish you pursue (or would like to pursue) by frequency (1=most often, etc.):
   - Trout___
   - Salmon___
   - Steelhead___
   - Striped Bass___
   - Black Bass___
   - Shad___
   - Other___

3) Circle your skill level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

4) What activities are you willing to do in support of our various conservation projects?
   - Letter writing___
   - Workparties___
   - Phone Calls___

5) If each new issue of The Leader were published on the club’s website in the first week of each new month, would you still want a hardcopy mailed to you?  Yes___  No___  Don’t use a computer___

6) Would you like to see more club fly fishing activities for children aged 8 to 16?  Yes___  No___

Name_________________________ (optional. Not needed if you will be attending the August meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to participate in the drawing, please provide your name. All names will be kept confidential by the Board.)

If you can not attend the meeting Mail to:
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- Bruce Reese
- Todd Wilson
- Grant Wilson
- Mike Anderson
- David Berko
- Patrick Casselman
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