

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Nick Marmolejo

Ray Nunez helps out a young boy tie a Woolly Bugger at the Salmon Festival. 65 volunteers helped tie 551 flies over the two day event.

November 2003



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President's Message

G a r r y F l a n a g a n

What a fantastic weekend we had at the annual Salmon Festival! Granite Bay Flycasters featured fly casting demonstrations, provided individual hands-on fly casting lessons for festival attendees and helped hundred of kids tie their first fly. Members answered questions about the club and provided visual displays of rod building, net building, fly-casting and fly tying. This event should result in several new club memberships at our next monthly meeting.

I still can't believe how many club members volunteered to help out this weekend. Pete Peterson was able to convince lots of members to help out at our booths—some even working both days. Although, as much fun as our volunteers had manning the booths; I really shouldn't call it work. GBF was truly the hit of this year's Salmon Festival. Other booths were sending kids and parents down to us to tie flies and cast rods. Great job Pete! I'll let him get into the particulars of the weekend, but for those that showed up to help, thanks so much for being there.

Well, tomorrow morning I am off to the Rouge River for a week of Steelhead fishing, and I can't wait to get on the water. This will be my first trip to the Rouge and I heard the fishing has been fantastic—and I have the added pleasure of going with Sturmer White, Paul Meyers, Karl Wolff, John Peterson, Denny Welch, Ray Mahlberg and Stan Hellekson of Fly Fishing Specialties. I am sure I will have some new "Dumb Denny" stories to share with you. Speaking of stories, I am

looking forward to having Lonnie Hood stand up at a meeting and tell us about his "trip" at the Crowley Lake Fishout.

(I noticed you missed the last meeting Lonnie.)

It will be over by the time you read this month's *Leader* but our friend and mentor, Bill Carnazzo, is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, October 15th. My prayers go out to him for a successful and speedy recovery.

Don't forget to plan on attending our annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, December 13th, at the GBF Clubhouse. Think about entering a pot of your secret family recipe so that we can share it with club members. Also, don't forget to bring any flyfishing equipment you no longer need and want to sell. We have a lot of new members in the club who will be there with cash in hand looking for bargains. We are also inviting the local fly shops to bring their closeouts and sale items so there will be lot of equipment to choose from.

For those of you that couldn't attend the October meeting, Granite Bay Flycasters has been awarded the 2003 Conservation Club of the Year by the Northern California Federation of Flyfishers for our efforts in the area of Conservation. Thanks to everyone in the Conservation Group that made this possible and a special thanks



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The Crystal Maggie



Here's how the Crystal Maggie is to look. Killer on the Upper Sacramento.

Ron Rabun, who ties this fly, calls it “the ugliest fly you will fish on the Upper Sac.” According to Ron, “the Krystal Maggie October Caddis Emerger provides tremendous success during the October Caddis hatch.” Is the fly a dry fly or a nymph? The answer, according to Ron: “It’s almost both. The bottom line is that it works—I mean it REALLY works.”

The Maggie originated in the Ted Fay era as an October Caddis emerger imitation. According to Joe Kimsey of Dunsmuir, he developed this pattern in the '60's as part of the “bomber” style flies originated by Ted Towendollie, Ted Fay, and Joe Kimsey for wet fly fishing on the Upper Sac and Klamath Rivers.

Over the last 28 years Ron has developed several of his own variations of the bomber-style flies, including Ron's Krystal Maggie and Ron's Cree Spentwing Bomber.

Ron's Crystal Maggie differs from the original Maggie in several significant ways: application of “Krystal Hair;” use of uncut deer hair for the tail and wing; and weighting to create neutral buoyancy. These characteristics help to suspend the fly and simulate the caddis emerger's wing as it releases from the shuck during

the “rocketing sedge” emergence.

Ron fishes the fly either on the point or the dropper, depending on the stage of the hatch. During the early hatch, Ron prefers to use a “Peeking” version of Bill's Stick Caddis (a version that I have tied for many years to imitate the beginning of the emergence of the insect from its case) on the point, and a Krystal Maggie on the dropper, with two or three size BB shot. This provides coverage for emergers from the bottom through the middle of the water column.

As the hatch progresses, Ron likes to put the Maggie on the point with a #16 Flash Bach Hare's Ear on the dropper, using only one or two split shot. This rig fishes the mid- to top-portion of the water column. The Hare's Ear covers the smaller hatching caddis and mayflies.

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MATERIALS

- Hook:** Tiemco 200R, Daiichi 1260, or Mustad 9674, #8
- Thread:** Orange 3/0 or 1/9 Weight 4 wraps of 4 amp fuse wire
- Tail:** 10 deer hair fibers and 3-4 strands of orange Krystal Hair
- Body:** Orange yarn and burlap strands
- Wing:** 8-10 strands of orange Krystal Hair, and 10-15 deer hair fibers
- Hackle:** Brown or cree saddle.
- Head:** Orange thread.

Tying the Crystal Maggie

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I N S T R U C T I O N S

1. Wind lead onto bare hook in the middle of shank, and cover shank with thread, building a shoulder in front of and in back of the lead.

2. Trim a small clump of deer hair and mix in the Krystal hair strands. The tail should be tied in so that it is abnormally long, equal to the length of a normal caddis or Stimulator wing.

3. Tie in a burlap strand and an orange yarn strand at the same spot: where you tied in the tail. Holding the two together, take one wrap behind the tail to make it stand up slightly, and then wrap them forward together to a point just ahead of the lead. Cut the excess.

4. Tie in the orange Krystal Hair strands at that same point: They should extend to the front of the tail.

5. Tie in the deer hair wing, making

it the same length.

6. Select a dry fly quality hackle, and tie it in dry fly style.

7. Form a neat, noticeable head of orange thread, whip finish, and glue.

See ya on the creek...but not until next year, as I will be out of commission following October 15th.

For those of you who are going on the Upper Sac outing, have a great time. The fishing should be outstanding.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for:
October

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Non-Beginners

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Jeroen Smit

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Tie this months fly and bring it to next month's general meeting to be eligible for gift certificates donated by American Fly Fishing Company.

Get input and critiques from experienced tiers. This will help you improve your skills and help increase your chances of catching fish.

Rules:

- Judging takes place during the general meeting.
- Winning flies are those that best match the specific pattern recipe published. No other pattern is accepted.
- Non-beginner category winner will be drawn from among entries in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

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GBF receives NCCFFF ‘Conservation Award’

Granite Bay Flycasters was recognized for the best conservation program from September 2002 to August 2003 at the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave, held September 26-28, 2003, in North Tahoe. Frank Stolten, who has worked for many years supporting fishing-related conservation, accepted this prestigious award for the Club. Highlights of GBF conservation activities leading to this recognition are given below:

Granite Bay Flycasters’ conservation programs are intended not only to help preserve and improve fishing opportunities, but also to educate our membership and the general public about the intrinsic importance of our watersheds. For 14 consecutive years, GBF sponsored over 65 Salmon and Steelhead egg-rearing aquarium projects in schools within Sacramento, Placer, Nevada and El Dorado Counties. GBF coordinated teacher training, purchased equipment, distributed eggs and talked to students about how important they are in protecting all wildlife. The club promoted environmental awareness for members participating in the club’s Golden Trout program.

The club’s conservation committee

meets monthly and meeting minutes are regularly written, posted on the club web page (www.gbflycasters.com) and sent to the board and conservation committee members. Regular articles appearing in *The Leader* present distilled reports on a variety of conservation topics. The value of resource conservation has gained increasing GBF member support because of a conscious effort to present a number of inspiring speakers and offer hands-on volunteer opportunities.

GBF joined with the High Sierra Club and the California Department of Fish and Game in constructing an interpretive display at Heenan Lake: Other hands-on opportunities for our members included Department of Fish and Game (DFG) hosted electroshock fish surveys on the Little Truckee and Truckee Rivers and the posting of GBF-purchased Cal-TIP signs at numerous local stream locations to help reduce poaching. We taught catch-and-release techniques and ethics at club meetings and at the Salmon Festival, Sacramento Sport’s Exposition, and Forest Hill Frontier Days.

Generous funding of ten external fishery-related environmental organizations and GBF in-house programs has been

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to Dave Baker for all the hard work that went into submitting the club for consideration.

I was pleased to learn that we have several new members that have joined the Conservation Group as a result of attending the October Conservation meeting.

If you wish to become involved in one of our projects contact Bill Hagopian, VP Conservation.

Until next time,

Tight lines and keep your feet dry.

Dave Howard memorial to be held Nov. 2

Dave Howard, guide and friend to Granite Bay Flycasters passed away Oct. 21 to his longtime battle with cancer.

A memorial will be held at the GBF Clubhouse Nov. 2., Further details are being arranged.

For more information contact Denny Welch 530-889-8562.

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

Recently the Board of Directors determined that the officers, directors and others that volunteer to run activities (fishouts, clinics, etc.) are not adequately protected from personal financial liability when acting in good faith and in the best interest of the Club. The Board approved the below indemnification clause, which is consistent with other non-profit organizations. Members attending the November 13th meeting will be voting on the Indemnification Amendment.

Additionally, the Board approved the addition of a Non-discrimination Policy and an Anti-sexual Harassment Policy that are in keeping with the Club's goal of family-oriented fellowship with other fly-fishers.

Section 10 - Indemnification

"The organization shall indemnify

and hold harmless, to the maximum extent permitted by California law, any person (to include officers, directors, or others acting on behalf of the corporation) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding (other than

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2004 Membership Renewal

As 2003 is winding down, it's time to think about renewing your Club membership for 2004. Those members who avoid the rush and pay their 2004 membership dues this year will be eligible for a special raffle to be held at the December General Meeting.

Membership Dues:

Individual : \$30

Family : \$35

Send to: GBF

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an action by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor) by reason of the fact that such person is or was an agent of the corporation, against any and all liabilities, expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation.”

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

“Granite Bay Flycasters does not condone discrimination with regard to race, color, national origin, reli-

gion, sex, age, disability or veteran status in regards to membership or participation in any educational programs or activities which it operates.”

ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

“It is the policy of Granite Bay Flycasters to provide an environment free from all forms of intimidation, hostility, offensive behavior, and discrimination, including sexual harassment. Such discrimination or harassment may take the form of unwarranted/offensive verbal or physical conduct or verbal or written derogatory or discriminatory statements.”

Salmon/Steelhead Recovery Project Nov. 15

The GBF Conservation Committee is sponsoring a half-day trip to the East Bay Municipal Utility District Mokelumne River Habitat Improvement Project on Saturday, 11/15. Joe Merz, fisheries biologist with East Bay MUD, will be our host. The program includes a discussion

of the Salmon Life Cycle, the current Salmon and Steelhead restoration project and a visit to the spawning grounds to see the fish in action. Joe will also help us line up some good spots to fish following the workshop.

Signup sheet will be out at the October general meeting. We still have 5 openings.

-Mike Laing

Conservation Committee

Conservation Award

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possible because of a highly successful annual fund-raising dinner of which about six thousand dollars is earmarked annually for conservation.

Get Involved!

To be more involved in the Conservation Committee, contact: Bill Hagopian, email: billh@surewest.net

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Trout & Steelhead Specialties

'Take a kid fishing'; Ryan & Amanda's fishing hole

'Bring a kid fishing—get in for half price'. That's the deal that Jeff Vogt of Ryan and Amanda's Fishing Hole is allowing our club for this (our second) club 'fishout' at his incredibly productive fish farm in Pleasant Grove (just 30 minutes from Sac).

Our last event there was a smash... I mean a fish smash on nearly every single cast of a topwater bug! The action has settled down a bit since then (Jeff's celebrating one year in operation next month), but the Fall bite is getting better and better every single day now.

The fish are healthy and feisty (on lightweight gear). His bass (2-3# ave.), carp (1-2# ave.), and trout (1-10#, when available) are tons o' fun on #4 or #5 rods, and his light-biting/hard-fighting catfish (3-5# ave.) demand a #6 or #7 rod to get the upper hand. This is a kid's fishing paradise! The

youngster(s) you bring this day will never forget their experience. Plan on hooking, fighting, landing (and photographing, if desired) dozens of nice gamefish—and having a day that will be remembered for years to come.

Prices: Adults; \$30, Youths (7-15 yrs); \$15, and kids under 7 are always free. This includes unlimited all-day, all-ponds, all-species catch & release fishing. Jeff says that any club members who show up that day without a kid can also get the special rate.

Check out Jeff's website: (www.ryanandamandasfishinghole.com) for more info and directions. We'll meet 8 am, but feel free throughout the day. More information and sign-up sheet to be at Nov. general meeting, or you can call Ray Nunez at 916-276-9347, or Mike Brune at 916-723-4524.

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Take a tour through the High Sierra

Jim has been fly fishing since he was 11, when he bought his first fly rod with paper route money. He retired a year ago from his rocket science job (really) so he could pursue his love of fishing, photographing and writing about his adventures. He writes weekly for *Western Outdoor News*, covering Northern California rivers and lakes, as well as for magazines; and has won awards for his articles and photos. Jim has been lucky

SPEAKER

JIM JONES

WRITER/PHOTOGRAPHER

enough to fish for, and catch, king salmon in Alaska, atlantic salmon in Scotland, grayling in Austria, and steelhead in British Columbia.

But his love for fishing the



Jim Jones with a catch

steelhead, salmon and stripers of his back yard river, the American, brought him into the fight to protect it. As president of Save the American River Association, he led successful efforts against the diversion plans of the Bureau of Reclamation and East Bay Municipal Utility District.

Jim will be showing slides from his High Sierra pack trip, which he writes about in the current issue of *Western Outdoors*. He went in by pack train and spent 5 days fly fishing the streams and lakes of the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area for goldens, rainbows, and brook trout.



A few images from Jim's tour through the High Sierra's

Photos by Jim Jones

When: Nov. 13, 7 pm
Where: GBF Clubhouse

O'Neill Forebay Nov. 23, go for 'big bass'



Photo by Dan Blanton

Another typical 'monster' Bass from O'Neill Forebay

O'Neill is the equalizing basin for San Luis Reservoir, located near Los Banos in the Central Valley (about 2 hours from Sac). Between these two waters, stripers to over 100 lbs are known to thrive. The world record fly-caught striper (54.5 lbs.) came from the forebay, and fish in the 50# class are taken fairly regularly on conventional gear. A decent number of 30# class fish are taken on flies each year—this is real 'big game' fly fishing!

This outing requires appropriate tackle and flies, a boat (pontoons, float tubes, and conventional are all OK), and reasonable weather (thick fog or heavy winds will cancel). Tackle & technique questions can be directed to fishout leader, Sturmer White, at 916-791-2618. Another great source for O'Neill info

is Dan Blanton's website: Dan's an O'Neill addict.

Camping is available on a first-come/first-served basis at the Madeiros area of the lake (there should be no problem getting in there at this time of year). Chemical restrooms are available. The cost of camping, launching, and fishing is not too expensive.

Sign up for this unique opportunity at the November club meeting—and think MONSTER bass!

O'Neill Forebay Fishout regional Info

Fishout leader: Sturmer White
916-791-2618

Websites of interest:
www.danblanton.com

Camping:
San Luis Reservoir SRA:
209-826-1196

Maderios Campgrounds:
800-444-7275

San Luis RV Resort:
800-378-7275

Baysalt campground:
209-826-1196

Mark your calendars

Swapmeet & Chili Cookoff Dec. 13

This event is a perennial favorite with long-term members who know the kinds of tackle deals that could show up at the clubhouse on this day. For newer members, this is a 'must attend' club function that provides the possibility of picking up some 'seasoned' gear that more

often than not, comes with sage advice—and a story or two!

And of course, everyone will enjoy the various chili recipes competing for bragging rights to this club-favorite event. Over the years we've had some real masterpieces—and

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Burney Falls Fishout

Fishing, weather, scenery: incredible!

This event was planned to perfection by fishout leader Karl Wolff. Even without the fair number of beautiful rainbows and other fish caught-’n-released on the Pit River, Hat Creek, and Burney Creek over the weekend, this trip would have been a success for just the knowledge (Dave Shafer’s clinics were awesome) and friendships gained.

Having pre-arranged meeting places on Friday and an organized potluck Saturday night meant participants could keep in touch with each other throughout the weekend. This allowed for the sharing of information, ideas, and opinions—which often leads to new fishing partnerships and friendships... the hallmark of a truly



Photo by Mike Brune

Burney Falls during mid-day light.



Photo by Mike Brune

Dave Shafer speaks to the group during his clinic.



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

Mike Powers ties what he hopes to be the ‘killer fly’, which caught him nine on Hat Creek, later that day.



Photo by Mike Brune

Dave Shafer speaks to the group during his clinic.

successful GBF fishout!

Hopefully we’ll get Karl to provide a more detailed fishout recap (that can be posted on the website with more photos). In the meantime, here are a few shots from the weekend.

Special thanks to Dave Shafer for donating his time and experience to help us get the most out of this event. Dave’s a real pro-book him sometime to see for yourself!

-Mike Brune

The beginning days of GBF: 1st year

Granite Bay Flycasters—The first Year.

Well, here we are in our eighteenth year as the Finest Northern California fly fishing club. Many of the GBF members have not been with the club FOREVER as I have, and may wonder how we came about, what happened during the formation of GBF, and what has transpired through the years. Through the next few issues of *"The Leader"* I will attempt to enlighten you and put into print the events of those formative years, and review all the happenings we went through to the present year as have been recorded in the annals of the club records, and from time to time some events as I recall them.

At present, I have three huge boxes of club records and newspaper articles, three large 3-ring binders of Board minutes; and thousands of wonderful memories of fish outs, club events, and just plain old general knowledge to draw from. So lets get started.

Sometime in the late summer/early fall of 1985 a Park Ranger (Jeff Herman), a fly shop owner (Terry

Hellekson and son Stan), and a few local fly fishers gathered in the Multi-purpose room of the old Roseville High school to form a new club for the North Sacramento/South Placer fishers. We hashed around many topics and ideas for a club and decided to appoint (anyone who would volunteer) as part of the formation committee.

So, on a cold Dec. 5th in '85, we all met again in the MP room at Roseville High to put in motion the new Granite Bay Fly Fishers. First official permanent officers were: President—Nicolai Laqualia; VP—Peter Dibble; Secretary—Warren Schoenmann; Treasurer—Fred Zimmerman. Several committee chair-persons were also assigned to get the club off the ground and running. And yes, we even had a Youth Member Chairman—Tom Dibble (Pete's son). We had to get a membership, create rules and regulations for the club to operate under, plan outings—and get volunteers for what was rapidly coming together. We even had a published newsletter for this our first club meeting: "Granite Bay Fly Fishers Bulletin #1". Board meetings would be held

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Swap meet, chili cook-off

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a few dogs (or 'roadkill chili' it may have been called). Either way, the price is right (chili and fixins are free) and the crowd is top-notch (club members, friends, and shops).

Speaking of shops, we're inviting all our local favorites to bring their 'sale' merchandise to the clubhouse for a few hours on this day. There's also talk of asking some other local fly clubs to come. As far as we're concerned, the more the merrier...

buyers and sellers! Have any fishing-related stuff you haven't used lately? It's invited... (you are too)!

Wow... new, used, marked-down, and abused (oops, I mean 'returned') goods at swapmeet prices. What a concept, and what a great way to do a little holiday spending on yourself for a change. And if you have a chili recipe that you'd like to share, sign up for this event at the next club meeting. The 'party' runs 9am-1pm on 12/13 —be there!

-Mike Brune

Upper Sac. Nov. 6th - 9th

I've been leading the Upper Sac trip for several years, and this year's trip is shaping up to be one of the best ever. We've got over 50 people signed up for the trip and if history repeats itself, more than that will actually show up. I will be putting a lot of information out via email and the message board, but I wanted to include some random notes for *The Leader*.

1. 'Cave Springs' is our base camp, because they are large enough to accommodate us and have a dozen motel rooms, about that many house-keeping cabins, several large group cabins, RV parking with hook-ups, pool, hot tub, bocce ball court, grass infield, BBQs and is owned by Louie Dewey. It's right next to I-5 and a 2 minute drive to the river.

2. Think safety above everything. Meaning: bring a wading staff. If you don't have one they can be purchased at any good fly shop. The "Ted Fay shop" in Dunsmuir usually has them for about \$20. Ron Rabun may also have some available for purchase.

3. Bring warm clothing. We're going later than usual so we may have some adverse weather.

4. We'll probably only fish until 5 pm or so. We'll be off Daylight Savings time this year, and I suspect it gets dark pretty early in the canyons.

5. If I only had two flies to fish, I'd go with *Bill's Stick Caddis* and *Ron's Krystal Maggie* both in size 8's. (I'd also cheat and bring some #8 orange *Stimulators*.)

6. Sometimes crowds are good. Don't worry about 50 people on the river, there's plenty of room. We'll have a lot of time in the evening to drink beer, or Diet Coke. Maybe we can see how many baldheaded, fat guys can fit into a hot tub.

7. Meals are on your own, but it's sure a lot more fun if we all get together as often as possible. Last year we did Mexican one night and Italian the next. We'll probably do something like that this year as well, and I may try to do a third night's dinner also. More to follow on that one.

8. Don't look for a lot of rules, there aren't any.

9. 'Streamside' puts out a good map of the river.

10. Feel free to bring the family. There are plenty of hiking trails along the river and we're only 5 miles from Mt. Shasta.

11. If you can't make the full 4 days, then come up when you can. Last year we had several people who had only came for a day.

If you haven't signed up yet and want to go, then give me a call.

Upper Sacramento regional Info

Fishout leader: Denny Welch:
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Lodging
Cave Springs: 888-235-2721
www.cavesprings.com

Camping
Castle Craigs State Park
just below Dunsmuir

Railroad Park
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Shops
The Fly Shop: 800-669-3474
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Montana's Ruby River region

This is your chance to fish Southwest Montana, surrounded by the region's famous trout streams: Madison, Beaverhead and Big Hole River—all within your budget.

As a group we will stay at the Broken Arrow Lodge (meals included). The Ruby River, with private access, flows thru the lodge property. Also, numerous lakes are nearby for you float tubers.

The lodge is a modest, family oriented fishing/hunting lodge for fly-fishing enthusiasts. They also offer horseback riding.

- Date: July 12th thru 25th, 2004
- Lodging: \$106.75/day or \$743.75/week
- Guided Float Trips: \$276.25 for 2

I do recommend using a guide for the Madison, Beaverhead Rivers



Photo by Worley Bugger Fly Co.

Montana's Ruby River is known for the beautiful views and the great fishing.

and, the Ruby River is known for having big fish, is very easy to fish (wet wade), and no guide is required. Come to the November meeting to sign-up and learn more about this exciting adventure.

FishOut Leader: Bill Aaberg;
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- **Bill Aaberg**



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GBF, the first year

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at “Studio Nicolai” on Vernon street and Club meetings would be held in the MP room until we could get our next big project , the clubhouse, (already offered in previous discussion) underway.

During the Dec. 10th, 1985 meeting, a name was proposed for the club: “The Granite Bay Fly Fishers”, (4 words) and the Editor, Fred Zimmerman, ‘took editorial license’ as he stated, and proposed “*The Leader*” as the unofficial name of the club newsletter. The president requested that each of us think about a name for the club, sketch a logo and we would vote on it at the next meeting. Later we decided to change the name to “Granite Bay Fly Casters” (4 words). In January 1986, we officially became the “Granite Bay Flycasters” (3 words).

With officers nominated and committee heads assigned, we had a very short time to decide whether or not we wanted to tackle the job of building a clubhouse that had been offered by the Folsom Parks and Recreation District Ranger (Jeff Herman). We decided to act now, before some other club accepted the option. The vote was unanimous, so we met with Park Officials to cement the agreement of the clubhouse building relocation and renovation project.

There were three small buildings scattered around the Granite Bay lakeshore that were either to be destroyed or moved together somewhere and become one large “Activity Center”. The word went out and all the new club membership donated many, many, weekends and evenings

to set piers, move the buildings in place, and complete the task of creating the interior and exterior of the clubhouse. Though we were instrumental in completing the project, two other local clubs (Granite Bay Lions Club and Folsom Lake Trail Patrol) also donated their time and skills to bring this project together.

Through the years, it has proven to be a very worthwhile first-endeavor of a great bunch of diverse people. This in itself got the club off to a great start and provided the solid backbone of the club and its camaraderie that exists today. Actual work on the building project started January 6, 1986, and first Official club meeting was held there March 13, 1986. An excerpt from the March newsletter: “Please be there by 7:15 pm , bring mosquito repellent and a chair if you don’t want to sit on the floor”.

“BRING A CHAIR IF YOU DON’T WANT TO
SIT ON THE FLOOR”

The clubhouse was far from complete, no electricity (we used a generator), and you had to step up to get inside ‘cuz the front deck and cover weren’t built either. Interior was a little short of lighting and walls were bare, but we had a good first club meeting.

April brought the completion of the interior and exterior of the building. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held by the Club on the afternoon of May 10th. The kitchen, storage rooms and many other amenities weren’t in yet including the heating/air conditioning; but we had a clubhouse to use.

At the April 1986 meeting, the logo committee met and selected the 3 final sketches for our club logo for vote by the membership. At the July

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Salmon Fest ties near record Wolly Buggers

The Salmon Festival is over, and it was probably the best one GBF has ever had, even though we had some wind problems Sunday that played havoc on the fly tying materials and fly casting into the wind.

The final count of tying flies came to 551. This is higher than I estimated, but lower than our record of 689.

The best news of all is that the fly casting demo's—and working with people, 'one-on-one' letting them try casting—was a success. This year's festival will cause us to change our direction at future festivals: we will not downplay the youth tying, but we will build on our success with the casting phase of the festival.

I could write a book on what the GBF members accomplished this year: 65

Scott Peterson gives Caylice Bowen a brief lesson on tying a Woolly Bugger.



Photo by Nick Marmolejo



photo by Mike Brune

Jeff Putman gives a beginning casting demonstration.

volunteers is still going around in my head. That's FANTASTIC. Everybody worked so hard that it is impossible to single anyone out. We had a great turn-out of new members and they all stated that they had a great time.

Thanks to all, you did a great job.

-Pete Peterson



photo by Paul Meyers

Dena Meyers points out the parts of the Wolley Bugger.



Photo by Paul Meyers

Bill Carnazzo conducts a small group casting lesson at the Salmon Festival at Lake Natoma.

GBF, the first year

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meeting we voted on the club logo and it was printed on that month's cover of *The Leader* for all to see. The call went out for membership to decide on badges, lapel pins, patches, etc. for: the members to wear, and in August we sent our first order for club wear. Those of you who go way back will remember the square patch that was sewn on the original blue corduroy caps, sewn into the light blue polo shirts and tan club jackets.

Throughout the year many improvements were made to the clubhouse. Lots of major items were donated by members, like a refrigerator, stove, microwave, kitchen cabinets, coffee

makers, pots and pans, projection screen, window mini-blinds, etc., and by the end of the year we had a real functioning club and clubhouse. I found an item in the Sept. '86 Leader: "The clubhouse is now 85% complete, and work will continue every Thursday night (after meetings) until complete".

We even managed to get a committee together and manned the Registration table for the Federation conclave at Kings Beach in September, our first year. The conclave was a great and successful event; we even had snow the first day of the convention.

The First annual dinner was held on December 11. The event was catered by a local restaurant and was limited to the first 125 who purchased tickets, because it was held at the clubhouse, and the local fire department restricted us to 125 persons. In spite of the close proximity and restrictions in the clubhouse all enjoyed the dinner and had a great time with our guest speaker, Mel Krieger.

Well, that's the way we all became the GBF bunch. Hope you enjoyed the history lesson and I'll try to get the next year-or-so details in print for a near-future newsletter.

**-Warren Schoenmann,
Club Historian**

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Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gbflycasters.org or call Gary Flanagan 916-223-4240.

Doors open between 6:30pm and 7pm for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30pm. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show or other presentation. Each meeting also has a raffle, and visitors are always welcome!

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