

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Ed Fritz

Erin O'Brien's first time 'fishon', guided by Bill Carnazzo on the Upper McCloud River

*September 2003*



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# October 2003

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# President's Message

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

(take 2)

It's Friday night and I am still sitting in front of the computer staring at a white screen. Valerie Dun, the current president of the Sacramento Club told me that the hardest part of being a club president was writing the President's Message each month. She is right.

I'm tired and a bit frustrated right now. I attended our club Conservation meeting last night, but that is not why I am tired and a little down. The meeting went well, but after I got home I went into the California Fish and Game Commission Website and looked at the proposed changes in the sport fishing regulations and saw that they are going to try and close fishing in the low flow section of the Feather River for ten months out of the year and, in my opinion, without a valid resource reason. I was up until five this morning beating and banging on the keyboard, putting together a letter that might spontaneously combust when you read it. But it isn't a proper document for the President's Message so I won't talk about it now. I have to stay upbeat.

While on the conservation front, I noticed we have a lot of members that have expressed a strong interest in being involved in Club Conservation Projects. We also have a strong core group that has been involved for the past several years in projects like river restoration, interpretive displays, electro fish studies, entomology and water quality monitoring, and salmon counts, to name a few. Bill Hagopian volunteered to head up our Conservation

group. Contact Bill (see back page of the Leader each month for contact name/numbers) if you are interested in becoming active in the conservation arena and getting involved in one of our many projects. Also let him know if you have a suggestion for a project and are willing to be involved. He will welcome your input.

This year, GBF is going to have a major presence at the Annual Salmon Festival. Last year, this festival had a draw of approximately seventy thousand (70,000) attendees! This year, Granite Bay Flycasters will probably help over one thousand kids learn to tie a fly. In addition to our fly tying booth, we will have casting demonstrations, casting lessons and a separate GBF booth for recruiting new members into our midst. Our goal is one thousand members by the end of this year. (*I'm just kidding Sturmer.*) Our emphasis will, however, be on family memberships. I look forward to seeing everyone helping out Pete Peterson who will surely have his hands full. The festival will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already volunteered contact Pete and work a shift. A nice side benefit of working the event is free parking.

I like this club we have, Granite Bay Flycasters, and I have made a lot of friendships that I cherish. Our Club has recently enrolled a lot



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# The Dark Lord Nymph



This pattern, which is actually a variant of the hoary old Prince Nymph, was to the best of my knowledge created by Ron Hart, a friend and fellow guide who lives in Mt. Shasta. Fred Gordon has a similar fly, and I suspect many others (me included) have “fiddled” with the Prince Nymph in an effort to attract more trout. What the Prince represents has never been clear—but no one can argue with its success. Likewise, it’s not clear (at least to me) what the Dark Lord represents. It works, and that’s all that counts in the last analysis. I usually fish this as a point fly in a size 18 during the August “dog days,” when only “LBS”—little black, er...stuff—seems to work. So, tie up a few of these little gems and hide them in a corner of your fly box for a dog day—or for any day on the water.

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

This fly is tied using the same steps as the Prince Nymph. The materials, of course, differ somewhat.

**1.** Place hook in vise and

smash barb. Slide the black bead onto the hook. Cover the hook with thread back to a point just above the back of the barb.

**2.** Tie in the brown biot tail; it should be about 1/3 of the length of the shank. Most tiers find this step difficult. To make it easier, tie the two biots on separately. Later on, with practice, you can tie them both on at one time. Form a small thread ball just above the back of the barb. Place one biot on the far side of the hook, and tie it in just in front of the thread ball; don’t wrap all the way back to the ball yet. Now tie in the other biot on the close side of the hook in the same manner. Hold both biots firmly in place, and wrap back to the thread ball. Secure the butts and cut any excess.

*see Tying page 5*

## **MATERIALS**

- Hook:** Tiemco 3761, Daiichi 1560, Mustad 3906B, or other standard nymph hook, #12-20
- Bead:** Black metal bead, sized to hook
- Thread:** Black 8/0
- Tail:** Brown goose biots
- Rib:** Fine gold oval tinsel
- Body:** Fine black dubbing (rabbit, beaver, or synthetic)
- Wing:** Black goose biots
- Hackle:** Black soft hackle (or use brown if a substitute is needed.)

# Tying the Dark Lord

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**3.** Tie in the ribbing material just above the back of the barb, in front of the biots. Now dub a slim, tapered body to a point just behind the bead. Leave a tiny bit of room between the back of the bead and the dubbed body; this will make it easier to tie in the wing biots.

**4.** Wrap ribbing forward in even wraps, and tie it off just behind the bead.

**5.** Take two black biots and place them one on top of the other, in a slightly "criss-cross" position so that they look like a slightly open pair of scissors. Measure them to the length of the shank, and tie them in just behind the bead.

**6.** Tie in a black (or dark

brown) soft hackle (hen works), and take 2 or 3 wraps. Tie it off and cut excess.

**7.** Apply a tiny bit of dubbing behind the bead and in front of the hackle to finish the fly, whip finish, glue, and tie this little devil to your tippet.

See ya on the creek!!!

## Monthly Fly Tying Winners for Sept.

Beginners:

**No Entries**

Non-Beginners:

**Jeroen Smit**

### *Don't be shy, submit a fly* **Fly Tying Skills Program**

Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Beginner: \$15 gift certificate

Non-beginner: \$25 gift certificate

Tie this month's 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 entreis in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

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## President's message

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of new members. Some are experienced flyfishers and some are new to our wonderful sport. Introduce yourself to the new members. They are easy to spot. They look like you did when you first joined. Offer them any assistance they might need to become comfortable with us. They may be too shy to ask, so please don't be too embarrassed to offer your help. Adhering to the simple principle that our reach should always exceed our grasp, we are always exploring new ways to grow and come together. As large as we have become, we must remember that GBF is made up of individuals. This is what makes us great.

Fishouts, Fishouts and more Fishouts. In the next two months, the club will be fishing many famous waters like the Upper Sac, The Pit, The McCloud, Eagle Lake, Hot Creek, Crowley Lake, The East and West Walker Rivers, both forks of the Carson, Rouge River, Trinity River, Lower Sac, Lower Yuba, The Feather (still open), the Stanislaus, Cosumnes and the Fall River, to name a few. Ain't this a wonderful place to live and be a flyfisher? Oh yeah, the American River too. And let us not forget Pyramid Lake. Did you know I like the Fly Fish?

It is going to be a tough October because we have so much going on, but the Fish and Game Biologists with the Heritage Wild Trout Program are going to need our help again with their electro-fish studies up in the mountains. This isn't the Army: Volunteer! I learned a lot about fly fishing last year by participating in these fish counts and it's a blast.

Our native wild trout have now been afforded official status, but there are no funds available for the projects. Maybe instead, we should start "Adopt a Wild and Native Trout Program" and keep a good fish from going bad. For just eighty cents a day, we could raise 'em right and teach 'em to stay away from the bad elements like hatchery trout, brookies, browns and big ugly pike from the bad side of the tracks. They thrive on Rotenone, you know. I'm going to adopt an Eagle Lake Trout. They are my pick for being our most streetwise native trout. They live in water that no other fish wants to invade. That's why we haven't been able to screw them up. Oh, except for that 'no water-thing' in Pine Creek. Have you checked your fish's genetics lately? Did I mention I was tired?

Speaking of tracks, I sure hope a train doesn't fall on us while we're fishing the Upper Sacramento River this month. Hopefully, if it does, the cars will be empty. Then it will be O.K. I'm going to bed now and dream of a time when there really were Spring Run Salmon in the Feather River System.

Good night, dear....

### **[www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)**

- Updated information
- Fishouts
- GBF Message Board
- Conservation issues
- Classes and Clinics
- River flow information
- Fly tying tips and recipes

A whole slew of info on what's going on: check it out.

# Salmon Festival help needed

The initial sign-ups for fly tying at the Salmon Festival are unbelievable.

The night of the meeting we had 35 sign-ups and the following day, I had phone calls adding 5 more to the list. Truly, GBF RULES!

Now for the hitch: at the last board meeting, it was determined that we would like to have our own club booth. Meg Grow, who runs the Salmon Festival, also asked if there was any possibility that we could give fly casting demonstrations. Another club has promised these demo's for the last 5-6 years and have never done anything. In addition, Gary Flanagan thought it would be a good idea to let some of the visitors actually try fly casting. Between the fly tying, casting

demo's and hands-on sessions this should be the largest community event undertaken by GBF.

Since it is mostly families that visit the festival, this is a great opportunity to introduce women and kids to the sport and the club; than the Sacramento Sportsman show generally does. It's good public relations for GBF.

Naturally, I need more sign-ups. There are some members already signed up for fly tying that have distinct talents that I would like to use in the GBF booth (rod and net building). I need to replace these people in the tying booth. We also need volunteers for fly casting demo's and hands-on fly casting with the public. I need someone to keep the kids in line at the fly tying

*see Casting, page 8*

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# Casting, tiers, helpers needed

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booth in case Bob & Audrey don't get back from Alaska. I would also like some volunteers to just show up and fill in where needed.

As you can see, this is a monumental undertaking that can only be accomplished by GBF. I doubt if any club can match what we do. For any specific duties, please come to the next meeting early so we can put you where you will do the most

good. I also appeal to the members who have already signed up for one of the tying shifts. Please think about making this an all day deal and sign up for whatever we need.

Volunteers will need a parking pass to park free. I will have these at the Oct. meeting. If you can not attend, call me and I will mail you the pass which is worth \$5.00

**-Pete Peterson  
786-9133**

## Casting Fundamentals clinic

Thank you John Hogg for donating your time and skills teaching another casting fundamentals clinic Sept. 14.

The clinic was very informative and instructional. I highly recommend this clinic to anyone wanting to learn how to flycast.

The clinic was an intimate one, with six individuals and three experienced casters (John Hogg, Gary Flanagan, and Steve Johnston). We met at Sailor Bar on the American River (10am sharp). First, John explained the fundamentals of the roll cast. Each participant practiced their roll casting as the experienced casters gave them hands-on attention. John then showed us the

forward and back cast. Again, we practiced as the experienced casters gave us pointers and tips on what we were doing right and what we were doing wrong. It was a fun day. Thanks for all the help.

**-Mike Howes**



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John Hogg instructs the group at Sailor Bar

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# New members orientation session

Oct. 9th GBF will host an orientation session for all members wanting to learn more about club activities and local fishing opportunities. We will meet at the club house at 6 pm prior to the general meeting. During this session I will review the following:

- 1) Local fly shops
- 2) How to get information on fly fishing:
  - a. GBF library and how it works
  - b. Club members and GBF Board
  - c. GBF Website, message board, and fishing links
  - d. The best Northern California fly fishing books
- 3) Golden Trout Program
- 4) Fish outs and what to expect
- 5) Local fly fishing opportunities
- 6) Club calendar
- 7) Clinics and Classes offered
- 8) Conservation highlights - Salmon egg program
- 9) Questions and answers

Please come early next month and learn more about your club resources and local fishing opportunities!

Also, visit the website for additional and up-to-date information: [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org). It's also renewal time for most current members. Contact Lester Snow at: 916-967-7563 to check your membership status.

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# Casting 101, solutions for problem casters

Anyone visiting Keine's Fly Shop knows Jeff Putnam has been an avid fly fisherman for over twenty years.

Jeff began tying flies commercially at the age of 13 and appeared as a "Master Fly Tier" at International Sportsman's Expositions, where he currently demonstrates fly casting presentations. Jeff has worked as a guide for lodges in Montana and Colorado and independently in Northern California. After guiding, Jeff went on the road as a sales rep for Dan Bailey's and other fly fishing manufacturers. He has worked for several Northern California Fly Shops, and currently works at Kiene's Fly Shop.

Jeff now runs his fly fishing schools and travel business, and serves as a "Prostaff" member for Scott Fly Rods, Patagonia, and Waterworks Fly Reels. He has fished exotic locations such as



Belize, Christmas Island, Alaska, and Canada. Jeff's favorite fishing experiences include trout on spring creeks, tarpon on the flats, and spey fishing for steelhead.

His presentation will include discussion on fly casting and casting while fishing. Basic casting fun-

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*SPEAKER*

**JEFF PUTMAN**

*GUIDE, CASTING INSTRUCTOR*

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damentals will be presented along with advanced techniques. He will break down the lecture under the following topics: Equipment (rods and lines), Basic Casting Mechanics, Efficiency, Single and Double Hauls, Distance, Casting in Windy Conditions and Resolving Common Casting Problems with part of the lecture for questions and answers.



**When:** Oct. 9, 7 pm

**Where:** GBF Clubhouse

# Pontoon fishing safety reminders



A peaceful way to fish a river, be cautious though.

**F**all offers steelhead fishing on local rivers. Drifting in a pontoon boat can be an enjoyable experience, follow these common sense rules & the simple reminders will go a long way in keeping you out of trouble on the river.

1. Learn to read the water. The real secret to successful drifting is to let the natural flow of the river do the work. Use it to your advantage!

2. Safety is always a concern. A personal life vest is mandatory on most waters. Caution: some states/ rivers do not allow inflatable life vests. Vests should always be worn in rough/unknown water or windy conditions. It is a good idea to tie down your oars as they can easily be pushed out of the oar-locks if struck by an object. A spare oar is not a bad idea. I always tie a loose 10ft. line between the bow-stern pontoon rings which can be used to tie down when exiting/tethering the boat or otherwise can be grabbed easily if

needed in an emergency. I usually carry a hand pump as air pressures change during the day. A patch kit is optional, but I always carry a Leatherman-type tool in my side pouch.

3. Anchors are another issue. They should always be used when the boat is beached. Scope out at least 8ft. of rope regardless of water depth. I have chased several boats down river when anchored too tightly. Anchors can be used midstream, in mild flowing water. Always deploy the anchor when the boat is facing straight down stream; if the boat is angled, a pontoon can dig in or otherwise tip you over. Take care when anchoring in very fast water. My motto: "If not sure, don't anchor". Caution: Anchors do get caught in rocks & may not be retrievable; cutting the rope & abandoning the anchor may be the only option.

4. What to do about rods? Tie them down or tether if in unknown or questionable water. I personally

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An advertisement for Nevada City Anglers. The top part has the text "Nevada City Anglers" in a large, bold, serif font. Below this, on the left, is a vertical list of services: "Full Service Fly Shop and Guide Service". To the right of this list is a black and white photograph of a fisherman in a hat and waders, standing in a river and holding a large fish. Below the list of services is a circular logo with a fisherman and the text "Nevada City Anglers" and "Flyfishing Specialists". At the bottom, there is contact information: "530-478-9301 • Hours: 9-6, 7 days" and "417 Broad St., Suite C • Nevada City, CA 95959".

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# Heenan Lake Dedication complete

The Heenan Lake dedication ceremony August 29, Banky Curtis (Regional Manager, Region 2) accepted the donation of the *Heenan Lake Interpretive Display* on behalf of the California Department of Fish and Game. Quite a few members of both donor clubs (Granite Bay Flycasters and High Sierra Flycasters) were present for the ceremony and several did some fishing as well. The clubs received many compliments on both the structure and the contents.

Some exhibits on the display will remain 'as-is' permanently, some are designed to be updated annually and, periodically, some will be removed and totally new exhibits installed. This will be at the discretion of CDFG but offers of help will probably be accepted.

All club members who assisted during the past 18 months should be very proud of their contribution—it could not have been accomplished as quickly or effectively without such teamwork.

**F i s h O u t**

frank stolten

## Eagle Lake Oct.31 - Nov. 2

It's that time of year to start thinking about big trout—seriously big trout—and begin making plans to attend our annual pilgrimage to Eagle Lake. Due to the abundance of food in this highly alkaline lake, Eagle Lake rainbows grow at phenomenal rates; with the latest census figures indicating the average trout approaching 20 inches. This unique strain of alkaline tolerant rainbows also does very well when introduced to other waters, regardless of alkalinity. If you've fished Lake Crowley or Davis, chances are you've already done battle with Eagle Lake rainbows.

We'll be fishing Eagle Lake at prime time, when the fall weather cools the water enough to entice the fish out of the depths and into the shallows where we can all have a crack at them. Fish any way you want—boat, pram, float tube and pontoon all work and, if you don't have any of these, wading is also very effective. So don't feel left out

if you don't have some kind of watercraft. To make it even friendlier, when the fish are on the bite they aren't very selective, so if you've got olive or cinnamon woolly buggers in sizes 6-10 you're in business.

Staying overnight at Eagle gives you few choices which are listed on page 18.

If you're going, don't delay in making arrangements since October/November is the best fishing time and accommodations book up early. If you haven't been to Eagle Lake yet you owe it to your-

*See Eagle Lake page 18*



# Pontoon boat basics

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do not care for vertical rod holders as I have seen many rods lost when pulled out by overhead branches. My preference is to lay/string my rod lengthwise along the pontoon. A plastic case, rope loops or shock type cord all work well. Remember to pay attention to what is above & below you when floating down a river. Banging into obstacles in the river or on the bank can expose rod tips to breakage.

5. While drifting down river it is common to get into shallow water, to graze the bottom, hit a rock or bank. The pontoons normally are rugged enough to withstand most impacts. Always face down river & let the natural current do the work. The key is to keep away from sharp objects! Watch out for sticks, sharp rocks & overhead sweepers (trees or branches hanging over the water). Keep your feet on the pegs, out of the water when drifting or they may get caught & pull you out of the boat. I do not use fins on moving water for similar reasons.

6. Reading the water is important. As the river flows you will encounter fast, slow, shallow & deep water. Water will form a natural "V" indicating the channel, follow through the "V" where practical. An inverted "V" indicates a submerged object, pass to one side or the other. When there is a bend in the river the deeper channel is usually towards the outside bank.

7. When faced with an obstruction or anything else you want to avoid – point the boat towards the object & row away from it. Short, shallow, strong strokes work well for adjusting boat direction. Many times the object creates a "bow wave"

which may help by pushing you away from the obstruction. In very swift water flow however, the current can carry you directly into the object. There is usually a depression after passing an object midstream & you may be drawn back towards the obstacle (back eddy).

8. It is common to encounter small waterfalls (drops) along the river & many times we become overly concerned when faced with the dilemma "find a way around or go over". If there is no other easy option, face them, take on straight forward & normally the boat will porpoise straight through.

9. Hydraulics are similar to depressions except they are created by object(s) under water & not always visible. Hydraulics can be scary, they are rough, can bounce you around, spin, or otherwise hold you in place for what seems like an incredible length of time. Rowing either forward or backward will help stabilize/control the boat & eventually will carry you out/through the rough water.

10. Holding the oars down into the water can assist in aiding the current to carry you down stream & stabilize the boat. A hard upstream wind can halt your progress & even push you backwards. Just holding the oars submerged in the water can be more effective than rowing, assists in offsetting the wind influence & can keep you moving down stream.

11. If you fall into the water, don't panic, roll onto your back & face down stream so your legs will protect you from objects. Pull backwards with both hands & eventually you will get to shore.

**- John Peterson**

# Upper Sac. Nov. 6th - 9th

Well, it's that time again. The Upper Sac is one of the premier trout streams in the State of California and it's been an annual destination for GBF for a number of years. Simply put, the Upper Sac fishout is one of the biggies. Last year we had about 50 members participate and from all accounts everyone had a pretty good time. Here's a repeat of the 2002 debrief:

"It's Monday morning now and the Upper Sac trip is over. I'm tired and sore and broke, but all the agonies I'm suffering now are well worth it. We had 48 GBF members go on this trip. When you consider that the Upper Sac is about the size of a one-lane road in most spots you may think that 48 anglers are a couple too many. Actually, it wasn't crowded at all. We had some people fishing the McCloud, some on Hat Creek, some floated the Lower Sac, some fished up river, some fished down river and some fished in town. We depleted the inventories of both fly shops in Dunsmuir and most of us probably spent a lot of money on things we'll never use again. That's OK though because we have the swap meet coming up soon (more to follow on that). A couple dozen of us got together for Mexican food on Friday night and 30 of us gathered for Italian on Saturday.

The memories of this trip are many: I did my traditional rendition of a bellyflop, Dick Henry did a new version of a buttlop and Trevor Lawton simply walked in water that covered his waders. Dave Baker taught us by example how to appease the Fish Gods. When releasing a fish he also released his rod—and reel—and flyline and all the other junk we put on it and watched it float away and slowly sink into the dark abyss. He



Photo © Val Atkinson

**Fisherman at Mossbrae Falls on the Upper Sacramento River**

never did get it back. It's a bad idea to name Tom Ross as the designated driver. Frank Massey learned why it's not a good idea to drag your anchor as a means to slow your pontoon boat. He also learned how to cut a rope real fast. He will also learn that there is no secondary market for wet cell phones and that new ones are pretty expensive. I learned that the bumper of my truck is stronger than the 4x4 posts holding up the roof of the motel. I also learned how much it costs to replace a 4x4 post which holds up the roof of a motel. I lost my fishing vest. Several of the wives made cookies and I nominated myself as the official cookie taster/tester. I was wavering between Karen Flanagan and Joanne Mahlberg when a surprise last minute entry came along. This years cookie taster/tester award goes to.....Diane Powell (of Powell Rod Co. lineage). Now, Diane, about that 4 wt..... Ask Jack Ramos where his favorite restaurant, the Cat's Head, is located.

I could go on and on with the memories made on this trip, but there's only so much space. The point I'm trying to make is that this is what our club is all about. We get together and have a blast. Sometimes we even

*see Upper Sacramento page 15*

# Upper Sacramento river Fish Out

fish.”

This year's trip is going to be a little later than usual, Nov. 6th - 9th. We'll use Cave Springs Resort as home base again (I think they got the roof fixed). They have cabins, motel rooms, RV parking, pool, etc. If you know you're going, I suggest you make reservations ASAP because they sold out last year.

Bill Carnazzo and Ron Rabun will be putting on another clinic on Saturday, Nov. 8th., cost has not yet been determined. Bill is excited about us going this late in the season. He says the fish are bigger and because the water is starting to cool off a little he says the fish are slower and more apt to take “big, bushy, ugly bugs”...something like a poorly tied Stipulator.

I'll have a sign-up sheet at September's meeting, but if you can; drop me an email, so I can start getting things organized beforehand. I

can't make any promises, but this may be the best Upper Sac trip yet.

You gotta be there.

## Upper Sacramento regional Info

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# Great American River Clean-Up 2003

What a beautiful day! We meet at South Sunrise Park at 9am, and spent the next 3 hours picking up trash along the American River, the trails, and roads. It was amazing how much trash (garbage too.) there was. We had fun talking about potential fishing holes

and what a great place we have in our backyards. After the clean up we had a little barbeque and then went our separate ways. Next year we will advertise this event more and hopefully more members will join. It gives you an opportunity



Photo by Bill Hagopian

Some of the crew from GBF helping out at the Great American River Clean-Up

to get to know the river better, see new fishing areas, and share in good comradely. Thanks to Mike and Irene Brune, Mike Howes, and Pete Koistinen, for helping with the clean up.

- **Bill Hagopian**

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# Regional Striper and Shad guru

Dave Howard is known to many of us as a friend and through his guide service on the American River here in Sacramento. He is also known through his generosity as a guest speaker at many of the local fly clubs. As an authority on striper and shad fishing he has produced his video on "Stripping for Stripers", filmed on the American River, featuring several local guides and large fish. Dave is a professional photographer by trade and has worked extensively in the commercial real estate business as well as working on and producing several other videos.

Dave was born in southern California and spent much of his youth on a surfboard "hanging ten". He also lived for while in Tahiti where the waves were even bigger. He did a stint in the military and saw Vietnam. His interest in fishing began while fishing the offshore waters with his dad. Tuna and marlin off Catalina were the catch of the day. When Dave eventually moved to northern California he started fly fishing and discovered what real fishing was all about! As with all of us, his interest grew with intensity. He eventually took a couple of years off work to cast a fly in every piece of water there was. He learned to cast. He learned how to think like a fish.

It was one day more then 30 years ago, while being frustrated by shad on the American River that I first met Dave. He saw I needed help; and as he has done with all who have ever met him, offered to show me how to catch fish. Dave is a "natural" as a teacher and as a



Dave Howard holds a catch with Jerry Shull

guide. We all excel at what we like to do best. Dave's guide service is way more then just catching fish and as those who have fished with him know, they are now better casters and understand the where and the why of the fish. While drifting the river with Dave, it becomes clear that he has been there many times before, having conversations with old friends all along the river.

Dave has recently taken a leave of absence from his guide business. He is currently receiving medical treatment for cancer. As the phone rings here at Fly Fishing Specialties and clients want to book Dave, its difficult for us to explain that for a while they must go elsewhere. We wish Dave a speedy recovery and look forward to having him back on the river soon.

**-Bernie Halterbeck  
Fly Fishing Specialties**

## Eagle Lake FishOut

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self to try this trophy trout fishery. For further information contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894.

### **Eagle Lake Regional Info.**

#### **Fishout leader:**

Frank Stolen: 916-725-6894

#### **Camping:**

Eagle Lake RV Park: 530-825-3133

687-125 Palmetto Way,  
(Spaulding Rd.)

Eagle Lake, CA 96130

located adjacent to the Spaulding airport

Mariners Resort: 530-825-3333

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Eagle Lake CA 96130

#### **Private cabins:**

Heritage Land Co.: 530-825-2131

located in Spaulding

Lakeview Inn: 530-825-3555,

located adjacent to the Spaulding airport

#### **Eagle Lake info also at:**

<http://www.anglernet.com/web/maps/eagle1.htm>

### **Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds**

**Wanted:** 5-6 wt. reel in good working condition. Contact Ron DeBerard (530) 823-8186 or e-mail: [rdeberard@cwnet.com](mailto:rdeberard@cwnet.com)

**For Sale:** Powell Legacy Fly Rod; 9 foot #6 weight, 4 piece. With aluminum case. Like Sage RPL. Brand new condition, never used. Retail for \$587. Sell for \$250.00. Call John Bonatto 916-773-1613 email: [jbonatto@pacbell.com](mailto:jbonatto@pacbell.com)

To place a classified you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Submit your listing to: [jburkholder@nmvinc.com](mailto:jburkholder@nmvinc.com) with subject line: GBF: classified. Or mail your info to: Jeff Burkholder, 11300 Coloma Rd. Suite B14, Gold River, CA 95670.

## Conservation Committee update

### **Legislation:**

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Flyfishers (NCCFFF) has been supporting the efforts of CalTrout and other sport fishing organizations regarding the protection of watersheds and fisheries habitat. The Federation is sending a letter to Gov. Davis requesting that he sign two important bills (SB 810 & SB 923) recently approved by the California State Legislature.

SB 810 would give the Regional Water Quality Control Boards the authority to stop timber harvest plans that violate water quality protection standards. SB 923 would impose a fee on industrial timber operators that would pay for water quality monitoring and inspections by the RWQCB during logging operations.

To learn more, go the NCCFFF web-site at [www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org).

### **Salmon/Steelhead Recovery Project Field Trip-11/15**

The GBFC 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 Salmonid 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. Please sign up, participation limited to 25.

**-Mike Laing  
Conservation Committee**

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Individual: Olivia Pedersen, Michael Powers, Ed Street

Membership application available online at:

[http://www.gbflycasters.org/About 20GBF/GBFApplication.pdf](http://www.gbflycasters.org/About%20GBF/GBFApplication.pdf)

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship

**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](http://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!

**Membership:** Membership applications are available online [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Lester Snow 916-967-7563 or visit the website [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)

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