Pete Koisten with a ten pound plus, American River Steelhead from a past Club Super Bowl Fishout.

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For more upcoming FishOuts for Jan./Feb: page 6
Here it is the end of the year. Soon I will be in need of a new fishing license. Hopefully, Santa will remember I was a good little boy and on Christmas Morning I will again find a new license nestled in my stocking next to the oranges, bananas and walnuts. I hope he remembers I also need a Salmon/Steelhead Card and a Bay Enhancement Stamp. Boy, I love Santa! You hear that, Santa! You think you can throw in a new 11wt Sage XP! I will continue to be a good boy, I promise! I haven’t arrested anyone since I retired from the Sheriff’s Department! Well, except for that guy that was snagging King Salmon on the Feather River in August. Sturmer White and Art Hawkins put me up to that. Besides, who thought Fish and Game would really respond.

The 11wt rod reminds me, never, ever borrow fly-fishing equipment from your friends. So far this year, I have had to buy Mike Brune a new rod tip and a fly line that was unfairly removed from the reel by and over zealous Dorado in Mexico. I hope he chokes on it, the fish I mean, not Mike. I have also had to buy Sturmer White a new fly line to replace the one that I wrapped around a boat propeller while fishing for Striped Bass in the Delta. I can’t believe I couldn’t convince the fly shop it should be covered under the warranty. So, as I already said, “Don’t borrow stuff from your friends.”

We have had a lot of fun this year as a Club. At least those of you who participated in Club events, so if you want to have fun get involved.

The more you volunteer the more fun you will have. Like George Zimmer, of the Men’s Warehouse, “I guarantee it.”

As I write this, it is the morning after the November meeting and was very pleased at the turnout. The place was filled with people. My wife, Karen, outdid herself with the refreshments. I think everyone likes the food. She has even acquired a small following of members who hungrily await her arrival. They almost qualify as food stalkers.

According to Mike Howes we had some new members sign up and bunches of members renewing their membership early. Also, several single memberships were changed to family memberships. I even paid my dues for 2005 as I am sure the rest of my Board did.

I enjoyed watching Rick Bush talk on the work he is doing on the importance of estuaries for Salmon and Steelhead on north coast drainages like the Navarro River. Rick was the recipient of the GBF scholarship awarded in 2004. It was good to see that our money is being put to such an important use, to understand our fisheries.

Our own member Art Hawkins was the featured speaker. Art presented “Fishing from Horseback” which was a pictorial chronicling last July’s fishout into the Eastern Sierras above the June Lake Loop. It was one of the most professional
“BWO Quigley Cripple”

Last month we tied the Baetis “emerger.” In October we tied the Baetis nymph. This month we will work on the Baetis adult, sometimes called “Blue Winged Olive” or “BWO” for short.

This version of the BWO is a “thorax” style fly. Thorax flies feature a wing that sits farther back than standard “catskill” style flies. In the latter, the wing is located at the front 1/3 point on the hook; thorax-style flies feature a single wing mounted at the midpoint of the shank. The wing is constructed in a narrow form when viewed from the front, but wide when viewed from the side. Thorax-style hackle is spaced throughout the thorax area instead of being densely packed, and a “v” is normally trimmed in the bottom part of the hackle to allow the fly to ride low on the water.

A good explanation of this pattern, its origin, and of the thorax technique, can be found in Randall Kaufmann’s Tying Dry Flies (Revised Edition).

Instructions

1. Mount thread just above the back of the barb area. Build a tiny dubbing ball here.

2. Measure four to ten blue dun hackle fibers to the length of the shank, and tie them in just ahead of the dubbing ball. Split them into two bunches of equal size by bringing thread up between the fibers.

3. Move the thread forward to the halfway point on the shank. Trim out the top center of the stem of a blue dun turkey flat, and strip off all of the short fibers near the bottom of the stem.

4. Squeeze the clump together to form a bunched, flat wing, and measure it to the length of the shank. Position it at the midpoint of the hook, or just ahead of that point, and tie it in directly on top of the hook. Trim the butts at an angle tapering to the rear of the hook, and tie them down.

5. Lift the wing while keeping it squeezed between thumb and forefinger, and take a wrap around its base. As you wrap around the base, pull rearward and catch the thread.

See ‘BWO Quigley Cripple’

Materials

Hook: TMC 900BL (or similar dry fly hook), sizes 16-22

Thread: Olive 8/0

Body: Olive or olive-brown fine synthetic dubbing

Wing: Blue dun turkey flat

Tail: Four to ten blue dun hackle fibers

Hackle: Blue dun
Tying the BWO Quigley Cripple

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in the remaining stubs of the butts. That is all that is needed to stand this wing up properly.

6. Return the thread to the tail area and dub a slender, tapered abdomen.

7. Just behind the wing, tie in a blue dun saddle or neck hackle of proper size.

8. Dub a nice thorax behind and in front of the wing, leaving a space behind the hook eye for the head.

9. Wrap the hackle in back and in front of the wing. Six or seven wraps should be enough. Tie the hackle off and form a nice, small head.

Don your specs so you can see this tiny creature, dress warmly, and see ya on the creek....for some cold winter fishing.

2005 Membership Renewal Drive

The year is closing fast. There is still time to get your name in the Membership Renewal raffle. The membership table will be at the December General Meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting you can mail your check.

The 2005 club membership dues are $30 for individual; $35 for a family.

You can renew your membership by mailing a check, made out to “Granite Bay Flycasters” to:
Granite Bay Flycasters
Attn. Membership renewal
4120 Douglas Blvd #306-356
Granite Bay, Ca. 95746-5936

Members that renew by Dec. 31, 2004 will have their names put into a raffle. This year we have not one, not three, but two prizes to be given out. The raffle will be held at the January general meeting, need not be present to win.

-Mike Howes, Membership

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

Observe a fly tying master tie this fly at this month’s general meeting and bring it to next month’s 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 certificate winner will be drawn at random from among entries in that category.
• Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for Nov.

Beginners:
Michael Powers
Non-Beginners:
John Carroz
Best Tie: Jeanne English

For more Fly tying recipes go to:
www.gbflycasters.org
Power reform, other Conservation issues

Another month has passed and it appears that all is quiet but the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) Conservation committee is very busy. Some items that you might be interested in:

1. California Hydropower Reform Coalition is working to help establish flow regulations to insure adequate flows and water temps to support fish. Rivers under dam relicensing are Klamath, Feather, Battle Creek, Butte Creek, and the American River.

2. The proposed increased pumping of water from the Delta. This may not seem important to you but the water must come from our fishing areas. An example would be what has happened to Folsom Lake this year. Southern California and the Westland Water District want more water and they plan on taking it.

3. New Zealand Mud Snail. NCCFFF and Bay Delta have provided funding to try and find a method for treating fishing equipment without doing any harm to the environment and still being able to kill the snail.

While the GBF’s conservation committee does not actively participate in these issues, we do support NCCFFF with funds and person power.

Our committee tries to focus on local projects that can be fun and involve the whole family. Conservation of cold-water fisher-

GBF upcoming Fishouts

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the upcoming few months:

1. Trinity River (Steelhead). Mike Howes is the outing chairperson for this trip. He can be reached at lifeisreal@aol.com, or at (916) 863-6795. The dates are December 10th through 13th. The river is producing some very nice steelies, but the weather will be cold and maybe damp so be prepared. If we get a lot of rain and the river is blown out, we will probably cancel the trip, so stay tuned. Mike is maintaining an email list of those who want to go, and will keep you posted. We will be staying at the Del Loma RV Park, which is 73 miles west of Redding. In good weather it takes about 4.5 hours from Sacramento to get there; allow more time if there is bad weather. There are five cabins. Three of them can sleep 3, and go for $55 per night for two plus $5 for the extra person. The other two can sleep 4 at $75 per night for two and $5 for each extra person. The larger cabins have stoves and all cabins have microwave ovens, picnic tables, and BBQ kettles. Mike has put a hold on all cabins until he can get a head count. If you bring your own RV, the charge is $22 (full hook ups). If you prefer a tent, the cost is $2.00 per night, with one tent allowed per cabin. You will need to bring all of your own food, as there are no restaurants in the near vicinity. For equipment, a 7 or 8 rod will do. Bring a floating line set up for indicator fishing. You can

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President’s message

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presentations and goes to show that there is a lot of talent and information within our Club. I hope this trend continues and more members are willing to share their special interests with the rest of the Club as a monthly speaker.

I am excited that returning member Jeremy Gray has offered to do a presentation on New Zealand. I have seen some of Jeremy’s pictures and I can tell you they are magnificent.

GBF Fishouts, Winter fishing

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also swing flies, in which case you may wish to have an intermediate line and also a fast-sinking sink tip line. Flies for the Trinity vary, but egg patterns (small) can be counted on. If you want up to date information, call the Fly Shop in Redding: (530) 222-3555. Mike will send the group an email on Dec. 8th to confirm everything.

2. Amador Lake (Trout). Dick Davis is the outing chairperson for this trip. He can be reached at richarddavis311@msn.com, or at (916) 434-1951. The date is Jan. 26, 2005. This is a good time of year to fish Amador. Trout weighing up to five pounds are not unusual. The most popular flies in the past have been a black leech, or black or dark green Woolly Buggers.

See “GBF Upcoming, FishOuts” page 12
Blank Alignment for Reel Seat, Guides continued:

In the previous article, we discussed locating the spine or spline (the backbone) in graphite blanks for each segment of the entire blank. Finding the backbone is analogous to purchasing new tires for your car and balancing your new tires correctly for optimum performance. The eyes and reel seat should be put on in alignment with the spine, but whether on the spine itself or opposite of the spine is up to the builder.

Placing the reel seat and rod guides at a random place on the blank rather than the spine will cause inferior performance when casting or playing a fish. When forecasting your rod, you will also tend to have shorter, less accurate casts. Also, if you are fighting large fish, the rod (with proper spine alignment) will not have a tendency to twist in your hands because of torsional effects set up by improperly placed spine.

Some manufacturers mark the spines on their blanks. However, it is always important to check their marks for—the following reasons: 1) the spine may be marked incorrectly by the manufacturer, and 2) no graphite blank is perfectly straight. Many manufacturers align rod sections so that the finished fly rod appears straight when sighted along the guides. It is more important to properly align the reel seat and guides with the spine rather than to adjust the blank sections so that they appear straight, because without the proper reel seat and guide alignment your rod will not perform accurate or longer forecasts casts, or in the case of large rods, may not have adequate fighting strength.

Another step to ensure the correct spine alignment is to join the pieces by aligning your spine marks or the manufacturer’s marks (once you’ve verified that they do indeed see “Blank Alignment” page 9.
Blank Alignment

mark the spine). This should be a good approximation of the spine for the entire blank. Next flex the entire blank to ensure that the spine of the each individual section is aligned with the spine of each of its neighboring sections. It may be necessary to rotate the tip section slightly to achieve a uniform spine in the joined blank.

The standard method for aligning the reel seat and guides is to position them on the opposite side of the spine. This positioning allows the strength of the spine to improve casting accuracy and distance on the forward cast.

An alternative to this positioning is to place the reel seat and guides directly on the spine. This positioning is used when forward casting accuracy and distances are secondary to fighting big fish. Consider this positioning when using a rod size of 13 or greater to catch large fish. Placing the guides on the same side of the spine allows the rod to bend more easily toward the fish without the rod twisting when a load is placed on the line.

In summary, it is up to the rod builder to decide on what is the primary function of the rod. Do you want to have a rod which (1) just appears straight; (2) is accurate with a lengthy forecast, or (3) is intended for the primary purpose of fighting extremely large fish (with a rod size of 13 or greater). You may want to carefully experiment on your blank to test how correct spine alignment influences your rod. I will be interested in thoughts you may have regarding the spine alignment.
Every year at our December Club meeting, we get together for a holiday potluck banquet, which is provided by the membership, and this year is no exception. The GBF Board will pay for and provide the Drinks, Coffee and Desserts. Frank Stolten has already committed to bring his “Special Holiday Coffee”, for those of you over the age of twenty-one.

Karen Flanagan, our Refreshments Coordinator, has divided up the membership by last name and asked that everyone bring a dish according to the chart below:

| A-H | Appetizers |
| I-R | Main Dish |
| S-Z | Salads |

We do not bring in a speaker for the December meeting; however we plan on having a continuous looping PowerPoint of the membership having fun at past GBF events. There will also be an open microphone for anyone who wants to get up and sing, tell stories or make comments.

There is also a tradition that each member brings a gift for the President. I will provide a large table in the center of the room on which to deposit these Fly Fishing Gifts. (just kidding). Seriously though, the “Holiday Potluck” is a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season and we hope to see you there. Spouses and children are always welcome.

If you have something special you want to bring, contact Karen Flanagan at (916)791-3528 or email: kflanagan@surewest.net

April 2, 2005

The Annual Dinner date is official!

Mark your calendars for a fantastic evening of food, fellowship, and fishing gear (raffled and auctioned, of course, along with lots of other great merchandise)! You'll definitely want to attend the Granite Bay Flycasters 19th Annual Dinner on April 2, 2005.

By the way... the annual dinner committee is still looking for a few more club members to step up and help with the planning and execution of this important club function. Remember... the club’s annual operating budget depends on the success of this event!

Lastly, the dinner committee is requesting that club members take lots of photographs of upcoming club outings. The committee will be producing an electronic slide show of club activities to be shown at the dinner and they want your best shots to be in the show!

(Film, slides, or digital... any kind of photographs will work for this presentation. Save your shots for now, and be ready to submit them to the committee in the months ahead. Information on how and where to submit photos will be announced when available.)
Pyramid Lake trout season opens Oct. 1 and on Oct. 6 Susan and I found ourselves on the shore of Pyramid Lake trying to decide where to fish. There was not one person fishing the nets, and things didn’t look good. We stopped at the ranger station to buy our permits, and walking back to the car I saw 7 boats trolling Pelican Point. We drove up there to do some spying. The boats were trolling along the edge of the rocky points and they were picking up fish.

The day was so nice with light winds we decided to fish from our float tubes. As soon as we got into the water I saw large schools of Tui Chubs, Cui-Vi, and some Sacramento perch. After trying different flies I found one they liked. It was a 3 inch black leech, and it was the closest thing I had that matches a Cui-Vi baitfish. Susan was fishing with a 6 wt. with clear intermediate line; I was using an 8 wt. with a #3 shooting head. That day Susan kicked my butt. She landed 7 fish between 19-24 inches and I had to listen to her complain about how her arm was hurting and how come the net was so small, and I only caught 2 fish with my heavy line that day. It was a special day to see the school of bait fish trying to escape the cutthroat, while the cutthroat were trying to decide which one they wanted to eat. That day while I was trolling a fly and talking to Susan, a cutthroat about 24 inches swam right along with me for about 20 feet, I could see his eye check me out, and then it made 2 complete circles around me before it swam off to look at Susan, I guess I looked like a giant duck with big feet.

The last time I fished Pyramid Lake was Nov. 10 with Jim Holmes, his son and Gary Flanagan. It was another good day for float tubing Pyramid Lake. The first day of fishing was slow and we used intermediate lines with Tui Chub
You’ll need a #5 or 6 rod. While fish sometimes feed near the surface, it is best to be able to fish all levels of the water column, so bring an intermediate line as well as a fast sinking line or sink tip. If the fish are up, long (10-12 foot) leaders are best, tapered to 4X. If the fish are down, shorter leaders with stronger tippets will work. To find Amador, go to their web site and/or consult a Thomas Bros. Guide. Car pooling is best since there is a $6.00 per car charge. You will have to pay another $13.00 to fish. Float tubes, and pontoon boats are allowable. You can get breakfast at the lake’s grille, which opens at 7:00 am. We will meet there at that time. Dick will call Amador a few days before the outing to check on weather and fishing reports, and will notify those who sign up.

3. American River (Steelhead). Alex Giannini is the outing chairperson for this trip. The date is January 30, 2005. This may change depending on conditions, but pencil it in anyway. You can reach Alex at freshwater_flyfisher@hotmail.com, or (916) 784-7422. We will have more info on this outing in the January Leader.

4. Lower Yuba River (Steelhead). We have set up two dates for this outing. We are privileged to be able to access the river through the UC Davis property for both dates. You can sign up only for one of the dates, but do so early as there is a limit of 20 members

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flies. The next day Jim and I used fast sinking lines, and Jim found a pod of fish off a rocky point. The fish wanted a big black and purple willie bugger with a ripping retrieve. We landed 8 to 10 fish each between 16 to 26 inches long, and we shared the lake with 7 other float tubers that day, which also enjoyed another great day float tubing Pyramid Lake.

A special thanks to Gary Flanagan for driving back down to Pyramid Lake in the dark of the night to look for Jim and Myself.

The results from our first STILLWATER FISHING PERSON SHOOTOUT at Pyramid Lake.

Day one: Gary Flanagan gets top honors with 5 fish landed.

Day two: Jim Holmes gets top honors with 10 fish landed. This trip Jim found out how lucky he was.

PYRAMID LAKE FACTS

The lake supports a population of Lahontan cutthroat trout, Sacramento perch, Tui Chub, Tahoe suckers, and Cui-Ui.

CUI-UI: or Koo-ee-wee Its head is relatively large, wide and flat. The color is blackish-brown above, fading to flat white on the sides. Most of the Cui-Ui feeding is done around rocks where the thick algae coating are populated by microcrustacea. Dave Koch Cui-Ui hatchery releases one million fingerlings that are about four inches long, and they are planted into Pyramid Lake in the fall.

TUI CHUB: The color is dusky olive above and whitish below, with blue and gold reflections along the sides. The Tui Chub are omnivorous feeding on algae covered rocks hosting crustaceans and chironomid for the young of the year. The Tui Chub will invade the shallows in the evenings and return to deeper water in the morning, and the Tui Chub will move to deeper water in the fall and be near the surface.

Average winter water temp. 43 degrees (this lake doesn’t freeze over)

PYRAMID LAKE TURNOVER: Typically occurs between December and February.

There’s a great website www.pyramidlakefisheries.org.

Be safe, and have a good day float tubing Pyramid Lake.

-Gene Goss, fishon
Upcoming GBF Fishouts

We have Paul Meyers to thank for setting this up with the university. Pete Koistenen will chair the first date, which is February 19, 2005; Paul Meyers will chair the second date, which is March 5, 2005. You can reach Pete at (916) 772-6564 or travelmaster@surewest.net. You can reach Paul at (916) 797-1955 or paul_meyers@hp.com. There will be more info on these two outings in the January Leader.

I am also planning on two clinics: float tubing; and pontoon boat handling and safety. The dates for these have not yet been set, but will probably be by the date that the January Leader comes out.

I NEED HELP IN SETTING UP OUTINGS. Please contact me with your ideas. We want the outings to mirror what the members want, so your input is valued. Thanks.

Sign up early and often.

-Bill Carnazzo

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For Sale......Outcast Pac-8 pontoon boat, completely set up and ready to go, like new condition, used very little, asking $500.00...same quality as newer version, that list for $1089.00. Also Stillwater float tube (U-shape) $45.00. For details call Mac Hunter, 916 791-0359.

For Sale: Early model Water Otter pontoon boat. aluminum frame, oars, 2 way hand pump, rigged for anchor.$115 OBO. For details call: Walt Dombrowski (916) 652 5204.

For Sale: 2 New, mint Sage rods with blank warranty cards, original Sage tubes and sleeves. Never been cast, slight rub where rods sat in dealer’s rack. Each is in beautiful condition. XP 490-4 $450, XP 690-4 $470. List price for each is nearly $600! Buy one or both. Call Nick Burnett at 916-488-3725 or email at nickburnet@aol.com

The Stillwater classic pram. $500.00 firm oars extra and 10 foot Don Hill Drift Boat and Trailer Custom seats, oars, $1,500 Contact Bill Ossolinski Tel # 916-354-8474 E-Mail bossolinski@sbcglobal.net

Float Tubes for Sale: Two excellent float tubes for sale at $60 apiece. Both are “U-shaped” with two bladders. Call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604 (home) or (916) 295-9353 (cell).

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

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ies is a cornerstone of the club’s activities and expenditures. We are active in a number of areas that we hope will help conserve our streams and lakes. If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to participate, please come to the conservation meeting held the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Round Table Pizza 6811 Douglas Blvd in the Raley’s shopping center.

New Members

New Family members:
Robert and Pat Frey
David and Marget Williams

New Individual member:
Bob De Ross

Family member:
Nicole Meyers and Ana Nunez

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**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 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:** Applications are available online www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: $30; Family memberships: $35; 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

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