

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Gary Flanagan

A twenty inch Eagle Lake trout caught by Frank Massey at the Eagle Lake Fishout Oct. 21-24.

November 2004



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President's Message

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

I recently looked at the Club Membership Roster and I am amazed at the growth we have had over the last year. If we count individual memberships as one member and we count a family membership as two, we are close to three hundred members strong! It is truly amazing just how large Granite Bay Flycasters has become and with this growth has come change. A lot more responsibility has been placed on GBF Board Members and Committee Members. It takes a fair amount of planning to assure events go smoothly and I am extremely grateful for all the members that volunteer to organize Club events. Those that take the time to help out have always said that they get so much more out of the Club than the effort they expend.

Recently, GBF participated in the annual Salmon Festival at Lake Natoma. Vic Giannini and his son Alex, along with Jim Hunter organized this event and worked both Saturday and Sunday. Dozens of Granite Bay Members showed up and participated. These members helped children tie their first fly, teach fly-casting to the public and represent Granite Bay Flycasters at the Club booth. There were also Club Members from the Sacramento Club (CFFU) who showed up at our location and helped teach casting to the public. As a result, once again, The Salmon Festival was a huge success and I extend my thanks to everyone that volunteered for this event.

Last week. Bill Carnazzo and I

fished the Lower Sacramento River from the Barge Hole downstream through what they call "the canyon" for a total float of approximately

eleven miles. Bill was red hot on the Steelhead catching several over five pounds. I was a slow starter but finally managed to land several nice Rainbows. I don't usually use a guide but I have had limited success on the Lower Sac in the past and I needed help. It was very nice having **Chris Parsons**, of **The Fly Shop**, row us into fish, while handing us cold drinks and food all day. And for this service, Bill and I only whacked him a few times with our casts. What surprised me was how Bill was able to miss Chris and reach out and touch me from the opposite end of the drift boat. Man, getting hit in the back by a sinker and two flies sure stings! Soon, I was also able to develop this technique and smack Bill a few times. Thank God for barbless hooks.

Finally, remember in the first paragraph when I was talking about volunteering? This is what makes Granite Bay Flycasters successful. The Club is much stronger and there is more camaraderie throughout the Club when a greater number of members volunteer. Even if you have only been a member for a few months, please consider signing up to work



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“BWO Quigley Cripple”



The Blue Wing Olive Nymph

Last month we tied the Baetis nymph. This month we will work on the Baetis emerger. Just what is an “emerger?” I’ve never seen a fly tyer’s dictionary. Fly tying books usually contain a glossary listing and “defining” a few terms. But if you examine the glossaries of other manuals, you will almost always read a different “definition” of the same term. Over the years, two usages of the term “emerger” appear to have emerged (lousy pun). Note that I used “usages” rather than “definitions,” because there is a difference. As opposed to the formality of a definition, a usage is more of a common understanding—which, in a nutshell, is how we fly tyers view the world. We don’t like hard and fast rules. Maybe that’s why you won’t find a true dictionary of fly tying terms—and I suspect it’s better left alone. But I digress.

The first usage involves imitation (suggestion) of that stage of the insect during which it transforms itself into an adult. The process differs among the principal trout foods—Mayflies,

Caddisflies, Stoneflies, and Midges—but the common factor is the act of transformation. For example, visualize a Mayfly struggling in the surface film to free itself from its nymphal shuck. The other usage relates to the hapless insect that cannot complete emergence, and is stuck in its shuck. Probably a better term for this unfortunate situation is

“cripple;” many tyers use this term, and you will find it used in the literature. Trout key on cripples—maybe even more than insects still in the emerging stage—because they are easy prey.

Happily, many flies that are called “emergers” are designed vaguely enough to be suitable imitations of both transitioning nymphs/adults and cripples. The BWO Quigley

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MATERIALS

Hook: TMC 100 or Daiichi 1560, #14-22 *Note: for the contest we will use size 14 to keep the playing field even.*

Thread: Gray 8/0

Body: Olive rabbit or muskrat dubbing

Rib: Gray 8/0 thread
Trailing shuck Gray marabou

Wing: Elk hair dyed dun color

Hackle: Medium dun or olive

Tying the Blue Wing Olive Nymph

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Cripple meets that test. The Quigley Cripple is as old as dirt. I have used QCs successfully for trout, bass and other panfish, and for steelhead on the lower Yuba River. It's a natural for an emergent BWO.

I n s t r u c t i o n s

1. Smash the barb. Cover the back 1/3 of the hook with thread.

2. Tie in the trailing shuck. It should be somewhat sparse, and the length of the hook shank.

3. Tie in the gray thread (ribbing material) at the same point, and push it to the rear and out of the way for now.

4. Dub a very sparse, tapered abdomen, stopping at about 1/3 of the shank length behind the eye of the hook.

5. Rib the abdomen with several turns of the gray thread.

Hint—wrap the ribbing in the opposite direction that you wrapped the dubbing; it will tend not to sink into the body.

6. Cut a small bunch of the elk hair and even the tips in your stacker. Measure the tips to equal the length of the shank, and tie the hair in directly on top of the hook at the point where the body ends. The tips of the hair will be pointing out over the hook eye. Pull them up and take several winds at the front base of the hair so that the hair protrudes forward at a 45 degree angle to the hook. Trim the butts of the hair so that you leave an amount equal to the middle third of the hook. This is designed to mimic the remaining wing case.

7. Tie in a hackle dry fly style just behind the wing. Make 5 or 6 winds and tie it off there.

8. Move the thread to the front of the wing and form a nice small head. Whip finish and trim the thread.

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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.

See ya on the creek....for some cold winter fishing.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for June

Beginners:

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Non-Beginners:

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Best Tie: **Michael Gervais**

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New Members Orientation Nov. 11

New to the club?... to the area?... to the sport of flyfishing?... or all three? Want some help - or just some specific information? Here's a chance for new (or existing) Granite Bay Flycasters members to get valuable one-on-one time with more experienced members who'll share their knowledge on fishing tackle, techniques, locations, and more!

We'll meet at the clubhouse by 6pm on Thursday the 11th - and talk until the November general club meeting gets underway that night. The meeting will be Q&A

format, so bring any/all questions regarding equipment, resources (tackle & information), skill development needs/opportunities, and of course... places to go fly fishing!

Learn how to get the most out of our great club... and this wonderful sport. Interested members need just show up! This is a quarterly (or semi-annual) event only - so don't miss out! Mark your calendar right now... to arrive at 6pm, Thursday, November 11th at the Granite Bay Flycasters clubhouse in the Granite Bay Activity center at Folsom Lake.

November Fishouts

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the month of November:

1. **Upper Sacramento River, November 4-7** Denny Welch is heading this outing up. As you can see, it is a four-day outing and it is during prime time for the October Caddis hatch. Hopefully it won't be over too early this year, but chances are it will be great. Be prepared for cold weather, and for rain/snow. But, it can be warm too, so bring all kinds of clothing. For info, contact Denny at dennywelch@jps.net

2. **Trinity River** This is a tentative outing. I won't schedule it unless I have a showing of interest, which I will solicit at the October meeting. We will be after steelhead, because they will be behind the salmon gobbling up the eggs. If you couldn't make the October meeting, give me a call or send me an email: billcarnazzo@aol.com

I NEED HELP IN SETTING UP OUTINGS. Winter fishing is rapidly approaching, and we need to schedule some good outings for the months of December, January, and February. 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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up-to-date
info go to:
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President's message

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at a Club event. Besides really contributing to the Club's success, being a volunteer affords you the opportunity to really get to know other members thus developing additional friendships and fishing partners.

Our Annual Dinner is coming up and the Dinner Committee needs many more volunteers. The proceeds from the Annual Dinner's raffle and silent auction represent the source of ninety percent (90%) of the Club's operating income for the year. This is why your annual dues are so low and most everything is free or at a nominal cost to you as a member. Did you know that your yearly dues only pay for the production and mailing of The Leader? So I think you can see why

your support of the Annual Dinner is so important, as a volunteer, a donor and as an attendee. Get in touch with Joe Aichroth, Dinner Chair, at 916-772-4177 and find out where your participation can make a big difference.

Finally, don't forget to spread out all your fly-fishing equipment and decide what you no longer need. The GBF swap meet and Chili Cook off is coming up on November 27th at the GBF Clubhouse. This is not only the place to sell you surplus equipment, but you can also add to the stuff you have at a bargain price. Additionally, the chili ain't that bad either so if you have a favorite recipe, cook up a batch and share it with us. Last year there were many entries and the winner took home a \$50 first prize.



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Rod Building 104

Blank Alignment for Reel Seat & Guides:

In the previous articles, we have discussed why you would want to build your own rod, types of rod blanks to choose from, and rod blank actions. So as rod builders and users, we know there are many blank options, and manufactured rods available for many different uses. Now we are ready to focus on the actual details of rod building.

For those who are not really interested in building a rod, never fear! These rod-building articles can still be extremely useful in selecting already built rods. These articles will explain what makes rods work



Photo by Nick Mamolejo
Bill Avery cleans off a bit of epoxy from a students rod during rod building workshop

the way they do (operator error excluded) and the individual parts that went into the building of your rod. You will also gain knowledge in performance characteristics of rods, types of components available, and rod costs.

There are a lot of details to cover because there are many things that you, the rod builder, have control over in regards to performance when building a fly rod. We will try to keep the rod building details as clear as possible, but because of the level of detail required, and the limited space available in The Leader, it may take several articles to cover a single topic clearly. Soon all of these Rod-Building articles will be posted on the internet at www.L3rods.com with additional pictures and diagrams in the hopes of explaining things more clearly. So, here we go...

Finding the Spine (alias the Spline)

After you have selected a blank for

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a new rod, it is important to align your blank for proper reel seat and guide positioning. This process is analogous to purchasing new tires for your car. When the tires are put on the car, they must be balanced correctly for optimum performance and wear. So with fly rods, for optimum rod performance, the reel seat and guides must be fit to the proper side or parallel axis of each blank segment. If the reel seat and the rod guides are placed at random place on the blank rather than the spine, the rod will not work as well casting and playing fish.

Around the circumference of the blank, there is a line that runs along the axis of the blank segment. This "line" is the least bendable spot around the circumference. When rod blanks are fabricated,

essentially every blank has an unbending side that is called the spine. The term spine is used interchangeably with the word spline. It is the metaphorical "backbone" of the blank segment and must be located for proper reel and guide placement.

In some cases, the effective spine will be very easy to find and in other cases it will be almost non-detectable. In a few cases there will be two effective spines, with one more prominent and maybe even 180° opposite of the other. This spine is a result of blank construction deviations. Sometimes the spine can deviate and migrate throughout the entire length of the blank.

In order to locate the spine, first wrap some masking tape around each blank segment near the cen-

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“Fishing from Horseback” well almost.



Last July six GBF members plus three others ventured over Monitor Pass, past Mono Lake to June Lake at the base of the eastern Sierra's. This group of nine made reservations to be the first group of the season to ride into Frontier Pack Station's two high altitude camps to fish for Golden Trout. Art Hawkins will share the group's five-day horseback fishing experience in the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area and show his pictures of this exquisite area and camp life. Members interested in taking this trip at some point in the future will gain insight in how to prepare for this outstanding trip and what to expect in terms of the trip in and out, fishing, accommodations and meals.

Art joined GBF in February 2002 and immediately became an active member. He and Michael Kaul have conducted several net building clinics every year since March 2002, having helped 61 members create their own laminated wood-framed nets. In June of 2002 he was elected Treasurer and is now serving his third term as Treasurer / Board Member. Art commented that volunteering has paid great

dividends. He has met a significant number of members working club sponsored events and conducting the net clinics. This has resulted in the opportunity to get to know members beyond a brief hello at the monthly meetings that in turn has lead to invitations to fish with many members, many of whom have helped him improve his fly fishing skills and techniques. "Prior to joining GBF I managed to get in 3 or 4 fly fishing outings a year, now that number can occur within a month" he said. "Being an active member has resulted in numerous opportunities for one day trips to our home waters not to mention great trips to the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area, the Green River, Montana, the Upper Sac and the Fall River."



When: Nov. 11, 7 pm
Where: GBF Clubhouse

Wanted: Club members that have an interesting fishing trip that they can share with the club as a speaker. Can be combined with another club member. Please contact Ron English at (530) 677-7169

Fall busy for Conservation

Fall is a very active time of the year for the conservation committee. We have the docent program at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery during November and December; the salmon count on Secret Ravine on November 19, and salmon eggs delivery to the classrooms. We hope you have already signed up but if you would like to participate in any of these activities please give me a call (771-5837) and I will give you the information that you will need.

The first part of December we will be doing a new project on the American River. We will be involved with the removal of sand, rocks, and gravel at couple of isolated ponds; one is near the San Juan Rapids and the other near

the Sunrise Bridge. The Bureau of Reclamation is requesting our assistance with the removal of this material between the ponds and the river. These ponds are created when the water flows are high. The salmon and steelhead spawn in these areas and the fry become trapped when the water flows start dropping causing these ponds to become isolated from the American River. This project will help prevent the stranding of salmonids as the river drops. If you could help give me a call, so I can let you know the date, time, and location.

Remember we all should be conservationist. Since, we as fisher people we should be taking care of the habitat for our sport!

Annual dinner committee needs you!

Time for all good members to come to the aid of their club, to ensure another successful annual dinner event. We need your input, ideas, energy, enthusiasm, raffle donations, financial contributions, beer, cookies, etc...

Join in the fun and reward of helping put together our famous annual fund-raising dinner. We'll be feeding and entertaining 200 people, executing an incredible raffle and silent auction, *and generating the funds needed to pay club expenses for another year!*

Get involved... get busy... get on the phone to our annual dinner coordinator, Joe Aicroth (916-772-4177) to see how you can help with event. Make a difference – be a part of the club's biggest, most important function of the year!

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Tackle swap, chili cook-off

This is another one of those biggies that most of us oldtimers look forward to each year. Rods, reels, waders, fly tying stuff, boats, fins, float tubes, clothing...you name it and chances are it's going to be FOR SALE at incredible prices. It's also a great opportunity to trade yer junk for someone else's junk.

The last couple years we've been fortunate enough to have some of the fly shops represented at the swap meet as well. They bring in their overstocked merchandise and we benefit from their next-to-nothing prices.

HINT: Get there early and stay late.

GBF scholarship winner

Focus on estuaries for salmon in Nov.

Join the Conservation Committee in welcoming Richard Bush during the Nov. 11 General Meeting. He will present his Masters research at UC Davis, which focuses on the importance of estuaries in the rearing and refuge for juvenile coho salmon and winter-run steelhead. Not much is known about the importance of the estuaries to the life cycle of the salmonids.

Rich's study investigates many of the unanswered questions such as : 1) Do estuarine-rearing salmonids grow more rapidly than riverine-rearing fish, 2) How long do juvenile salmonids reside in estuaries prior to outmigration, 3) Are juvenile salmonids rearing in estuaries

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This is also the day set aside for our foray into the taste tempting, stomach crunching, gastronomical disaster known as our chili cook-off. There's a \$50 prize for the best chili. We've had Road Kill Surprise by the English's, Antelope Chili by the Flanagan's and Hormel by the Johnson's. Last year's crown pleasing favorite was my Spaghetti Chili. Unfortunately, my chili was only supported by the silent majority so I was robbed and didn't get the fifty bucks. My entry this year will be my famous "Just Passin' Thru" blue chili.

This year I'd like everyone to give their chili a name. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



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more likely to return as spawning adults than fish that don't utilize estuaries, and, 4) Do estuaries provide better water quality for fish in comparison to inland stream conditions? This research will provide much needed information on the estuarine use of coho and steelhead in California coastal rivers that may help guide future state and federal management actions.

Rich became interest in fish at a young age exploring the Sea of Cortez. He earned his B.S. in Biology while attending Kansas State University on a football scholarship. He has worked on fisheries projects in Idaho's Selway



Rich with a steelhead

Bitterroot wilderness, Arizona's desert waterways, Oregon's Grande Rhone River and the Navarro River here in California. Rich says if he wasn't attending graduate school he would probably be enrolled in a culinary school in the West with a no-name river nearby with a good evening hatch.

How long can it hold-on

Fishing not bad on Putah Creek

Pete Koisten and Gary Flanagan recently spent the morning on Putah Creek at a undisclosed location. This German Brown was

caught on a size 20 WD40 along with several nice Rainbows on dry flies.



Photographs by Pete Koisten.

A small Putah Creek Rainbow caught on a caddis dry pattern on a recent outing. Note the New Zealand Mud Snails on the rocks. If left unchecked this fishery could be a thing of the past.

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Larry Lee inspects a students handle during last Rod Building workshop

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ter. Have a pen available to mark the spine location on this tape when you have found it.

Now hold the blank segment at about a 45° angle with the butt end

resting on a hard, smooth surface. With either your right or left palm supporting the top of the blank segment, use the other hand press down on the center of the blank (bending it slightly and rolling it back and forth). While doing this, you will notice a point where the blank seems to jump and you will notice an increased stiff resistance in the hand pushing down. This point on the blank axis is the effective spine or spline. You will need to mark the point on the masking tape with the pen to indicate the spine. Continue the procedure of locating and marking the spine on the remaining segments. For those in the rod building class, this technique is part of the class.

In the next rod-building article, we will discuss positioning of the reel seat and guides based on the spine location.



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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; 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

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