

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Frank Headly

Mike Howes on Amador Lake during the January 11 Granite Bay Flycasters FishOut.

February 2004



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Steelhead fish-out, Yuba river. Ray Nunez, leader	2.	3.	4.	5. Conservation Committee meeting	6.	7.
International Sportment's Expo, San Mateo						
8.	9.	10.	11.	12. General meeting: 7 pm see page 10	13.	14.
		Beginning Fly Tying class				
15. Steelhead fish-out, Yuba River. Paul Myers, leader	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19. Board meeting 7pm-9	20.	21.
		Beginning Fly Tying class				
22.	23.	24.	25. Purchase discounted Annual dinner tickets see page 7	26. Nominations deadline: Wet Fly Award & Conservation Award.	27. Fly Fishing Show, San Rafael	28.
		Beginning Fly Tying class				
29.						

President's Message

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

Didn't I just finish a President's message the other day? I fear it is true that the older one gets the faster the years go by. It seems like just yesterday that it was 2003. It won't be but a few months that I will turn fifty. How dare AARP send me a membership card. I still feel like a teenager when I am chasing trout on the creeks and rivers of my youth. The fish never remind me I am not as young as I once was. That is, as long as I take my Advil or Aleve before I start hopping from rock to rock. Oh well, enough of my whining...

What a great sports show we had. A lot of members stepped up and represented GBF at the Cal Expo Booth last month. Good job members Thanks! And thank you, Jeff Burkholder for your coordination of this event. It should provide us with a lot of new members in the future.

Although I wasn't able to make it I understand Jin Hunter made sure everyone had fun at the Amador fishout and Alex Giannini did a tremendous job at the American River Fishout.

Our annual dinner is drawing near and it is going to be a good one. I have openly promised not to win the grand prize this year but for those of you that attended last year you will recall that I didn't win the Outcast Pac 1000 pontoon boat, my wife did. I am very unlucky. That's why I don't gamble. Please support your annual GBF dinner this year. Proceeds from this dinner allow us to operate throughout the year by funding our conservation projects, the annual campout and picnic and all the other activities we provide

to the membership. If you have something to donate like time, raffle prizes or even a cash contribution it will be most appreciated. You may contact Karl Wolff or Ray Nunez.



I am looking in awe at all the activities being offered to the membership over the next few months and frankly I am overwhelmed. There are casting clinics, Fly tying classes, rod building classes, fish-outs, net building classes and great monthly programs. How can it get any better? Have I told you lately we have a fantastic club?

Finally, I recently took a short trip over to the coast with my daughter Amber before she leaves. You see, she has enlisted in the Army and will be attending nursing school after she survives basic training. I kind of feel guilty when a wicked smile overcomes me as I think of her having to wake up before noon and wonder how she is going to like her drill sergeant. I love her dearly and I Karen and will miss her. Hang in the kiddo.

While we were in San Francisco, we dropped by Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club. I looked out at the ponds and to my surprise Mel Krieger was out there throwing a Spey Rod. After a bit, I had the opportunity to be introduced to Mel by Wayne Taylor. Wayne is also a long time member and past president of GGACC. Wayne and I had been

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The 'Wolly Bugger'



'Wolly Bugger'

In the Jan./Feb. issue of *American Angler*, the editors featured the results of a poll taken on their web site. Readers were asked to post their ten favorite flies. Guess what pattern came in first. Yup...it was the plain, old, ugly Woolly Bugger. Who knows (or cares) whether their poll was done in a scientific manner—I find humor in this paradoxical result. Look at any fly fishing catalog, or go into your favorite fly shop. How many thousands of exotic patterns are displayed, each with its own mystique, each with its creator's warranty that it is by God the fish-catchingest fly ever conceived at the vise. But there's more: listen to the rest of the top ten list—Hare's Ear; Elk Hair Caddis; Pheasant Tail Nymph; Adams; Prince; Parachute Adams; Royal Wulff; Ant; and Stimulator. Somewhere buried in all this business there is a lesson about what one really, really needs in one's fly box. Anyway, it does pay to get back to basics once in awhile, if for no other reason than to get centered once again amidst the blizzard of new-fangled patterns all screaming for attention and notoriety. The Woolly Bugger is simple, requires only a few

common materials, is easy to tie, and...catches fish.

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

1. Place bead (if used) on the hook. Wrap lead around the shank. In the bigger sizes (#6, 4) use 10 wraps of .020; reduce the size and wraps as the hook gets smaller. Cover the hook shank and lead with thread. Stay back from the eye a distance equal to at least 1/6 of the hook shank.

2. Apply a coat of Flexament to the hook shank, and wrap back to

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MATERIALS

Hook: 2x or 3x streamer hook, such as Mustad 9671 or 9672, or Tiemco 5262 or 5263

Thread: Heavy duty flat nylon; color to match materials.

Weight: Lead, wrapped around shank, size .015 or .020

Bead: (Optional) black or gold bead, sized to fit hook

Tail: Marabou, color of choice (e.g., brown chenille, olive marabou (option: include flashy material such as Spirit River Lite Brite along sides of tail

Body: Chenille in proper size to match hook (option: use crystal chenille, or fuzzy mohlon yarn).

Hackle: Webby saddle hackle, color coordinated with body (i.e., use something with contrast).

For the contest, use the materials that you prefer or those that you have on hand, and whatever size hook you wish.

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the bend of the hook, just above the back of the barb.

3. Cut a small bunch of marabou from the stem, and wet the butt ends to gather it together. Tie it on directly on top of the hook. If you want to make the fly a bit flashy, add some flashy material on each side of the tail; do it sparsely, as too much will tend to put the fish off. Wrap everything down securely

4. Tie in a saddle hackle by its tip, at the same point that the marabou was tied in. It should be tied in "wet fly" style, with the shiny side forward. Tie in the chenille (or mohlon yarn) at the same point.

5. Wrap the chenille forward in tight wraps. If you applied a bead, end the wraps about 1/8" behind the bead. If you did not use a bead, leave the same amount of space behind the eye.

6. Grab the butt end of the hackle, and begin wrapping it forward. Be sure to keep the shiny side pointing forward, so that the hackle sweeps back. When you reach the front of the fly, take a couple of extra wraps at the front. This creates a heavier profile at the front of the fly. Tie the hackle off, and then use your fingers to sweep the hackle back toward the tail. Add wraps in front of the hackle to force it to stay in the swept-back position.

7. Whip finish after forming a nice, tapered head. Apply a droplet of super glue to the head, or behind the bead if you used one.

Fish this ugly old dog deep, or on a swing. Where possible, use the short line nymphing technique.

See ya on the creek!!!

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 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 January

Beginners:

Mike Lang

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Tom Zoglman

Best Tie: **Jeanne English**

Nominations for Wet Fly award

It's not too late to submit a Wet Fly Award nomination. Remember, this annual 'award' is given to the club member who has demonstrated the highest level of 'oneness' with the waters we fish – who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry – who has gone above and beyond the limit of

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testing a three-piece leader when Mel walked up to us. I felt kind of dumb just standing there with a rod in my hand because Mel was looking at me like I was suppose to do something with it. I am not very proud of my casting ability being mostly self-taught and never patient enough to perfect my casting for the sake of casting. But there I was, in the presence of royalty with a fly rod in my hand, standing at the most prestigious fly-casting venue in the United States. I was proud after it was over that Mel had only noticed that I had a slight tailing loop problem. If you ever get over to Golden Gate Park stop by the casting ponds. You never know whom you might meet. It is truly an

awe inspiring place for a flyfisher to visit.

And finally, I would like to thank the Fly Fishers of Davis Club, the California Flyfishers Unlimited Club and Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers for their involvement and generous donation to GBF. This money helped to offset the costs we incurred convincing the California Department of Fish and Game to address the New Zealand Mud Snail Infestation on Putah Creek. Together we made a difference and this alliance has brought our area clubs closer together. I am sure we will be doing a lot more thing in the future.

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mere waders to fully immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis – who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who's slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won't mind having the 'story' recounted aloud at the annual dinner?

If someone comes to mind, please fill out a nomination form at the February club meeting. If you can't make that meeting, just contact any Board member to relay your nomination.

All nominations are kept secret until the winner is announced at the Annual Dinner.

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“A Drier Look at Fly Fishing”

Seth Norman returns as our 2004 Annual Dinner speaker with a light-hearted look at the sport he's taken seriously for almost 40 years. Expect an evening of stories, essays, rumors and revelations...and a menagerie of characters with whom he's shared waters and laughter.

The “Master of Meander” for *California Fly Fisher*, Seth is also Book Review Editor for *Fly Rod &*

Reel, author of *Meanderings of a Fly Fisherman*, *Flyfisher's Guide to Northern California*, and *A Fly Fisher's Guide to Crimes of Passion*. His essays, humor and fiction have appeared in nearly all the major fly fishing magazines, along with *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Outdoor Life* and *Field & Stream*. He's won both the Robert Traver's Award for Short

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GBF club logo merchandise available

Long-sleeve, short-sleeve, men's sizes, women's sizes, tan-colored, sage-colored – you name, we've got it (as long as you want high-quality, light-weight canvas shirts with a two-tone club logo embroidered over the left chest pocket)! But

wait... we also have nice club logo ball caps and T-shirts for only \$10 each. See and buy these items at most monthly club meetings (and if you don't see an item at the meeting, ask Mike Brune – it just might be in his car).



ANDY BURK—February 21



JAY FAIR—March 6

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Annual Dinner Is Next Month

This is our famous Annual Dinner, raffle, and silent auction event – the proceeds of which are the primary funding source for all club activities in the fiscal year ahead. Everyone who comes to this event has a good time, helps sustain the club for another year, and has a real shot at walking away with fabulous prizes. Here's the gist...

Who: Club members, friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who wants to help support our great organization and have the chance to win thousands of dollars worth of tackle, trips, and other great merchandise!

What: Fabulous dinner, incredible raffle, amazing silent auction, awesome presentation, and an

instructional day program! The dinner presentation and day program will be conducted by renowned fly fishing author and editor, Seth Norman.

When: Saturday, March 27th, 2004. No host bar opens at 5:00 pm; dinner is served around 6:30 pm. The day program (usually a related skills or information session) runs 10 am to noon at the clubhouse. Details on the day program will be published asap.

Where: The Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. (between Howe and Fulton) in Sacramento. This famous venue was carefully chosen for its quality of food, facilities, and services. The street address is
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Fiction from the John Voelker Foundation, and the Roderick Haig-Brown Award for a body of work representing the ethics of fly-fishing. Of course, Seth was also charged with Sabotage, Sedition and five violations of the Malaysian Internal Security act, along with the Islamic crime of *khalwat* - "*Illegal Proximity to a Woman*."

It's been six or seven years since Seth last headlined the GBF Annual Dinner—which based on his full-time involvement in our sport is like a lifetime of fishing adventures (and anecdotes) to the average fly fisher! So even if you saw him last time, Seth's new presentation for this year's Annual Dinner is sure to amaze and amuse you... to entertain and enlighten you... to delight and excite you... to (you get the idea).

The Annual Dinner is March 27th.



Annual Dinner speaker Seth Norman.

Remember. Get your dinner tickets before the end of February to save \$5 per ticket (which gives you more money to spend on raffle tickets and the chance to win thousands of dollars worth of gear and other goodies).

Get your dinner tickets at the Feb. 12. If you can't make that meeting, see the 'Annual Dinner Tickets' article (also in this issue) for more info.

Raffle/Auction Items Needed

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Here are some of the kinds of things club members have contributed in years past:

- New, unused merchandise—fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services—in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Handcrafted goods—again, fishing-related or otherwise.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Ray Nunez at

916-276-9347. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are acknowledged in the published dinner program.

2004 Membership Renewal

As 2003 has come and gone it's time to renew your Club membership for 2004.

This will be the last issue of The Leader you will receive unless you renew by February 15th. And, you can't participate in club FishOuts!

Membership Dues:

Individual : \$30

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A tour through Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula



Kamchatka Peninsula, The 'last great stronghold' of wild trout and steelhead on the planet.

Below: Will Blair with a couple catches.

Bottom: The scenic Kamchatka Peninsula region is very much like Alaska.

Will Blair is the newest addition to *The Fly Shop Travel Team*. Will, an accomplished guide in Russian and American waters and has spent several years fishing in Russia as well as in Alaska. He will be speaking on the topic of fishing the Kamchatka Peninsula where he has spent 5 summers getting to know the region.

SPEAKER

WILL BLAIR

GUIDE/THE FLY SHOP



Will will give us a tour of the Kamchatka Peninsula, The 'last great stronghold' of wild trout and steelhead on the planet. A 160,000 square mile wilderness that has more rivers than sportsman.

The geography of the Kamchatka Peninsula similar to Alaska. Most of the territory is dotted with volcanoes and tundra meadows separating evergreen and birch forests that stretch to the horizon. Kamchatka is far south of the Arctic circle and blessed with weather similar to western Canadian provinces. Kamchatka is larger than the combined acreage of California, Washington and Oregon combined. With a population less than that

of Toledo Ohio and one road into the interior Kamchatka is certainly pristine.

The Kamchatka Peninsula is a 5-hour flight from Anchorage dotted with spectacular volcanoes, and more moose, reindeer, and brown bears than people. It is a wilderness larger than California and Oregon combined, with more 14,000-foot peaks than Colorado. The Kamchatka coastline is twice the distance as from Mexico to Canada, and has more than a thousand rivers teeming with trout, char, salmon and wild steelhead.

When: Feb. 12, 7 pm

Where: GBF Clubhouse

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2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. The phone# is 916-925-8230.

Why: Because you want to win some of the thousands of dollars worth of new fishing gear, trips, and other cool stuff that will be raffled or auctioned off this night, plus you want to show (and provide) your support for club activities through the year ahead.

How: Three ways to join in the fun... 1) Buy dinner tickets at a monthly club meeting, 2) Donate funds and/or prizes for the raffle or auction, and 3) Volunteer to help

the 'dinner committee' that puts the whole thing together. You choose the ways!

Dinner tickets are \$35 each (or \$30 each if purchased before the end of February). Funds donated for the dinner are used to buy raffle prizes from local stores at huge discounts.

Volunteers are always needed for various dinner efforts - contact Karl Wolff if interested.

Annual Dinner Committee wants you

It takes a lot of club members to pull off our sole fund raising event of the year - the Annual Dinner, raffle, and silent auction. You can help!

The 'big event' takes place on Saturday, March 27th and it's never too soon (or too late) to pitch in!

If you're interested in helping with this important club event, please call Karl Wolff at (916) 719-0860 immediately. Karl can tell you the efforts that are still needed, and can put you in touch with other committee members who need what you can offer.

The Annual Dinner is only as great as we make it - so why not make it as great as we can!

Renew your membership now!

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Three session rod-building workshop

A three-session rod-building class (workshop) will commence next month for anyone interested in learning how to make a 'custom' rod – or how to just copy a factory rod while saving 20-50% off the retail price (for a better-made, better-looking rod, too).

The three class dates will coincide with the club's 'Third Tuesday' fly-tying 'jams' in March, April, and May (since we already have

the clubhouse reserved on those dates). So the classes will occur on 3/16, 4/20, and 5/17, and last from about 6:30-8:30pm.

Sign up for this workshop at the Feb. 12 club meeting and be thinking about what rod you want to build. Unless you have a specific rod in mind, you can make an inexpensive (but wonderfully usable) short graphite 3 weight (creek & bluegill) rod for about \$50-\$60.

GGCC hosts Spey-O-Rama April 23-25

The Golden Gate Angling and Casting club is pleased to invite you to participate in our upcoming Spey-O-Rama event on April 23-25. This event will bring together the best Spey casters from four continents and will be one of the premier events in the world focused solely on Spey casting.

This event will feature manufactures and retailer exhibits, FFF Certification for Spey Casting Instructors, demonstrations and instruction by the world's best casters. Best of all these events will be held on water at the Angler's Lodge and Casting Pools in Golden Gate Park.

Spey casting is one of the most exciting and fastest growing sectors of our spor, and by bringing together the world's best Spey casters and tackle manufacturers for this event, this is a great opportunity to advance the sport.

A video production company will be producing a video-DVD on Spey casting. They will have a film crew at the pools all 3 days.

This event is free to all, yet confirmation is needed to attend. Please contact, Bill Ward, President



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of Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club 20 Woodleaf Lane, Redwood City, Ca. 94061 or E-mail spey@ggacc.org. or Mel Krieger, Chairman of Spey-O-Rama.

Spey-O-Rama Schedule

April 23: Exhibits; FFF Certification for Spey Casting Instructors

April 24: Exhibits; Spey Demonstrations and Instruction

April 25: Exhibits; Spey Demonstrations, and Spey Casting Competition

Annual Dinner Tickets on Sale

Be sure to bring your checkbook to the February meeting to purchase your Annual Dinner Tickets. Save \$5 and buy your ticket(s) before March 1. Why not include a donation towards the purchase of raffle prizes on the same check. The financial success of this single event funds our conservation programs as well as allowing us to keep our membership dues so low. As a contributor you will be listed on the Donors Page included in the evening's program. Small member contributions added together allow us to purchase some pretty spectacular raffle prizes. So, do your part to make the evening a huge success.

Get a friend to join you at this fun event and introduce them to GBF. For every ticket sold to a non-member (spouses excluded) listing you as their sponsor you will receive \$5 in raffle tickets. Make sure you get credited for the sale, bring their check to the meeting and buy theirs and yours at the same time. At the time of purchase you need to select your entrée for the evening. The choices are Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian.

If you can't make it to the meeting, mail your check before March 1 to: Granite Bay Flycasters Attn: Art Hawkins, 4120 Douglas Blvd, #306-356, Granite Bay, CA 95746-5936

Conservation Committee update

Over the past year, Granite Bay Flycasters has many new members. Many of the new members have no idea what the Conservation Committee is about or what it does. I too was in that position a couple of years ago when I joined. One possible reason was the committee

had no known mission statement, which would tell our membership, very simply what we

are about. So, we adopted a new 'mission statement', which helps in directing the goals of the committee.

GBF Conservation Award

At the dinner we will be awarding the Granite Bay Conservation Award. The recipient of this award is nominated by the club and the committee, for the person's com-

mittment to conservation issues, and their participation in the GBF mission.

The committee would like to have the members of GBF participate in this nomination process. If you have someone you would like to nominate for the award, the committee

requests you submit nominations to: Bill Hagopian (V.P. conservation) via email

billh@surewest.net or mail to the GBF your nomination to the GBF address.

Website

If you haven't checked it lately, the GBF Website, has a calendar of annual activities. While the date changes from year to year, we now show the month the activ-

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"TO PROVIDE CONSERVATION DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP FOR GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS, BY PROMOTING THE PROTECTION OF FISHERIES AND WATER RESOURCES AND TO STIMULATE PARTICIPATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY IN CONSERVATION EFFORTS".
- CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

Golden Trout Fly Fishing

Join us as we pursue Golden Trout in the beautiful Ansel Adams Wilderness near Yosemite National Park. Granite Bay Flycasters has reserved July 3-7 with Frontier Pack Train to explore Crest Creek, Gem Lake, Thousand Island Lake, San Joaquin River, Algers Lakes, and Rush Creek. You will fish for Rainbows, Brookies, and our state fish, Golden Trout.

The trip is full service. We travel on horseback, have mules carry our gear, take solar showers, and eat fresh food prepared daily. What more can you ask for?!

The normal price is \$850 per person plus two percent U.S. Forest Service Fee and \$5.00 reservation fee for 8 people. If we get 9 people to go, the price is reduced to \$755/person

plus fees.

A \$170 non-refundable deposit is needed by Feb. 20th to secure the group rate. Full payment is due by June 3rd.

Refund of deposit or balance will be returned only if you fill the spot on the trip. Deposits can be applied only to that season's trip (if you are sick on July 3rd you can use your deposit on another 2004 trip with Frontier).

All financial arrangements are between you and Frontier Pack Train. If we have fewer than 9 people going you will pay the regular rate. I will coordinate logistics, forms, etc.

If you are like me, you have wanted to fish for Golden Trout for a long time and experience the High Sierra via a pack trip. Well, this is the year!

Call me for reservations, (916) 276-9347.



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Bailey Creek June 14-17

I've been able to book a 4 day, 3 night stay at Bailey Creek Lodge for GBF members, at a reduced rate. It will be limited to eight members.

I don't have all of the details yet, but this is a great opportunity so I thought I'd give everyone notice at the earliest possible time. Bailey Creek is a small stream located east of Red Bluff off of Highway 36.

The lodge is a modern, attractive, homey facility. All meals are provided. Bailey Creek runs in front of the lodge, with access limited to lodge guests. The lodge also has two small lakes, one of which has

hefty wild Brown Trout. Float tubes are allowed.

The owner's booth at CalExpo was near the GBF booth. I talked to him at length, and saw his DVD presentation. He will be at San Mateo, so if you go to that show be sure to stop by and see for yourself.

The reserved time is as follows:

Sunday, June 14—arrive

Monday—fish

Tuesday—fish

Wednesday—fish and leave.

For further info, call Bill Carnazzo H-(916) 663-2604 or Cell-(916) 295-9353.

GBF to host regional fly tying jamboree

Fly tyers from the region will gather March 13 at the clubhouse for a tying jam unlike any other.

GBF is going to be hosting a fly tying event on behalf of the Northern California Council / Fly Fishing Federation. It is an honor for our club to be chosen to host this event, and for some reason I've been asked to coordinate it on GBF's behalf.

We will have fly tyers from many of the local clubs (GBF, CFFU, Stockton, Davis, Ione, Amador, Marysville and Auburn) set up shop in the clubhouse. My initial thoughts are about 20-25 people

tying at any one time. Chairs are set up opposite the tyers for people to sit, observe, ask questions, tell lies, etc.

There will be many 'name' tiers in attendance and the event will be conducted much like an NCC/FFF conclave event. We'll have a good time and good food. Admission fees is \$5 and all proceeds go to NCC/FFF.

If you are interested in being involved let me know dennywelch@jps.net or call me 916-786-2070

-Denny Welch

Golden Trout opportunities abound

1) Did you go on a club fishout last month – or are you signed up for one this month?

2) Did you work a shift in the club booth at the Cal Expo ISE show last month?

3) Are you signed up for the GBF 'beginner' or 'bass' fly tying classes starting this month?

If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes' – and you've never participated in the club's famous Golden Trout Program, you need to contact the Golden Trout Coordinator, Mike Brune, immediately, 916-723-4524, email: m.brune@comcast.net.

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occur and once the date is known we will update the website. Additionally, to save you time and effort the website has several links related to conservation sites. You might find them useful and informative. Also, at the website are photos of past projects, current activities and minutes of the meetings.

Meetings

All members of GBF are invited to attend committee meetings and participate in our activities. Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 PM. at the Round Table Pizza, near Raley's Market at Douglas and Auburn-Folsom in Granite Bay.

-Bill Hagopian, V.P. Conservation

Intermediate plus casting clinic

I will be conducting a casting clinic that will show you techniques that will help you improve your catch rate. The criterion for this clinic is that you already possess the ability to do basic casts. It would help if you have already completed a beginning-casting clinic. There will be three sets of clinic's, two day's each in March. There will

be sign up sheets at the general meeting.

We will cover several types of casting that are regularly used while flyfishing. These skills include both dry fly fishing and sub surface nymphing and how they apply to small streams, large streams, bass ponds and lake situations. Plus, we

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Casting clinic

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will address individual questions on specific problems students may have encountered in the past.

It is necessary that you be able to do the Double Haul Cast on many of the casts we will be learning. For this reason we will develop efficiency in the double haul. That being said, we will be more interested in accuracy than your ability to cast distance. Exercises will include Casting Around the Plane, Oval Casting, Walking Hauls and casting a shooting line.

Cruise Alaska with GBF members

Hey Flycasters, we do lots of fishouts together, how about a "Cruise-out" for couples? My wife and I are booking a 7-day cruise of Alaska's Inside Passage, departing from Vancouver and disembarking in Anchorage. I've set up a tour group through our travel agent, which will afford us a discount off of their published fares.

This 7-day Princess Cruise is also known as the "Voyage of the Glaciers" along Alaska's famed coastline, including the Inside Passage, Glacier Bay National Park and Prince William Sound, with ports of call in Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway.

Booking by Feb. 20 affords us better stateroom selection (Glacier/Coastline view side of the ship) and saves \$500 per person. Early booking fares start at \$1,149 per person, double occupancy for an inside stateroom. Ocean view rooms run \$1,449 to \$1,649 and staterooms with a balcony are available from \$1,724 to \$1,884. Round trip airfare, tips and trip cancellation insurance add about \$600 per

We will cover the following casts: Single/Double Haul; Shooting; Line; Cross-Chest; Air Mends; Reach Mends, left and right; Curve Casts, left and right; High Backhand casts; Oval Casts; Skip Casts; Downstream Casts; Weighted and Indicator Casts; Bow and arrow Casts.

If you are interested in attending there will be several sign up sheets at the Feb. meeting. This will be limited to 5 people per class, we will have three to four classes.

-Sturmer White

person. Land excursions in ports of call and alcoholic beverages are additional. We have departure date choices of July 3, 10 or 17, and we've tentatively selected July 3rd, but will opt for an alternate date

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SPECIAL EVENTS!



ANDY BURK—Feb. 21



JAY FAIR—March 6



KEN HANLEY—March 20



BOB QUIGLEY—April 3

ANDY BURK'S FLY TYING CLINIC

Saturday, Feb. 21 • 11 am–4 pm • \$50

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KEN HANLEY'S FAVORITE FLIES & SECRET SPOTS

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BOB QUIGLEY'S SPRING HATCH PATTERNS

Saturday, April 3 • 11 am–4 pm • \$50

MEL KRIEGER'S BEGINNERS TO INTERMEDIATE CASTING CLINIC

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For details on these events, call or click.



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ISE show a success with new members

"Hello, are you a fly fisher?" were the words of the day, for four days at Cal Expo.

The GBF was well received by attendees of the International Sportsmen's Expo, with hundreds of club brochures and the Jan. Leaders handed out the club is sure to grow.

Jeff Burkholder, GBF expo coordinator said, "it would not have been the success it was without the help and commitment of all the volunteers for the booth. Without their follow-through and professionalism, the club could not get the message out to so many potential fly fishers. It's a great event for all involved."

Jeff continued with "I want to thank everyone for doing their part to make GBF look so good. It went so smoothly for my part, I might coordinate it next year."

The GBF would like to thank the

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if it makes it possible for more to join in.

If you are interested in joining this first ever GBF Cruise-out or want more information, contact Art Hawkins, 725-3026 or email at art.hawkins@rcsis.com.

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

Float Tube For Sale: Wood River Stealth-rider V-Boat with storage bag Like new – only used twice \$135.00 (55% off retail) Art Hawkins (916) 725-3026

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



Photo by Kent Ripley

Left - Right; Mike Gervais, Nick Marmolejo, Pete Peterson, Michael Powers and GBF President, Gary Flanagan at the ISE booth.

more than 40 members involved in making the GBF representation possible at the Expo.

Orientation session Feb. 12

Feb. 12th there will an orientation session for all members wanting to learn more about club activities and local fishing opportunities. We will meet at the clubhouse prior to the general meeting, 6pm. During this session I will review the following:

- Local fly shops
- GBF library and how it works
- Club members and GBF Board
- GBF Website, message board, and fishing links
- The best Northern California fly fishing books
- Golden Trout Program
- Fish outs and what to expect
- Local fly fishing opportunities
- Club calendar
- Clinics and Classes offered
- Conservation highlights
- Question and answers

Interested? Contact Ray Nunez, New Member Orientation Coordinator (916) 276-9347 or email: ray_nunez@hp.com.

Introduction to flycasting

Floyd Dean, FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor

Art of teaching the anatomy of flycasting

This is the beginning of a series of articles on fly casting that will cover the basics through advanced casting. Most people think learning to fly cast is difficult. Well, it can be but it doesn't have to be. One reason why learning to fly cast has been so difficult for so many people is that there has been a lack of consistency in methods of teaching fly casting. We are told so many different methods, each presented as the 'gospel' by one instructor or another. Many of us are left totally confused as to which method to use.

Some teach no movement in the wrist, or no movement in the elbow or no movement in the shoulder. Some teach the old method of holding a book pinned between the elbow and the body so as not to drop the book. Some use an analogy of pulling a light chain down to turn on a light. There are all types of devices and theories that were created in the past in an attempt to restrict the movement of those three joints in one way or another.

In establishing the certification program the FFF is attempting to standardize and improve casting instruction across the country. During this process a study in fly casting is emerging that is gradually clarifying the most important basics and how they can best be taught. This process is ongoing.

One fact that is becoming increasingly clear is that each of us have unique body mechanics which must be taken into account. Our strength, range of motion, etc. Chris Corich will tell you that he does not have the wrist strength that Steve Rajeff possesses so he has developed his own style, that is unique to Chris,



Floyd Dean

utilizing less wrist movement. A petite woman may cast better if she stops her back cast by having her forearm hit against her bicep in order to make a good positive stop and form a loop. But then, she has to add a drift and a little follow through to smooth out the cast.

Each of us will need to make some adaptation according to our body mechanics. The one universal factor that is emerging from this recent study of casting is that if you take one of the three joints out of the cast completely you lose a certain amount of efficiency. It's impossible to make a really good long distance cast with a book under your arm. Or just try to throw a baseball without using shoulder, elbow and wrist. All three joints come into play. It's the same in fly casting. But to do it well it takes control of all three joints.

In future articles, I will try to take some of the mystique out of fly casting as we cover the basics from the grip, roll cast, pick up and lay down, the pitfalls of double haul, triple haul, curve casting, distance casting and more.

Tight Loops!

-Floyd Dean

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The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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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 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 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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