

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Alex Giannini holds a Steelhead. Alex is leading the FishOut Jan. 25, see page 8 for details.

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|                                     |        |                   |   | 1. Conservation Committee meeting | 2.     | 3.       |
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# President's Message

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

It is the start of a new year and the end of the old one. I hope this year is as eventful and fulfilling as the one we just had.

I want to focus on some of our plans for 2004 and where Granite Bay Flycasters, as a club is headed in 2004.

Don't forget to sign up for your shift in the GBF booth at this year's Sport's Show at Cal Expo. Jeff Burkholder is the coordinator this year and has a web page for the schedule at: [www.nmvinc.com/proofs/gbfc/expo](http://www.nmvinc.com/proofs/gbfc/expo) This show is always a success and accounts for lots of new members.

Plan on attending this year's President's Picnic, Campout and One Fly Contest. Ask someone who attended last year how much fun they had. Over a hundred people showed up for the barbeque at the PG&E Bear Valley Campground. Last year the picnic was in June. When we firm up the date, we'll let you know so you can mark your calendar.

I am especially looking forward to going to Montana this year, staying at the Broken Arrow Ranch and fishing the Ruby and Madison Rivers with Bill Aaberg in addition to all the other great outings.

Our membership renewals are way ahead of last year. About half of our membership has already paid their 2004 dues. None of us ever remember dues being paid this early. This seems like a small thing unless you are Lester Snow. I actually caught Lester sporting a big smile on his face at our last meeting. Lester, our Vice President in charge of Membership is the one

that thought up the idea of having a drawing for those that paid their dues by the December meeting. Way to go Lester! If you haven't renewed yet, it is now due. Don't miss out on your next copy of the Leader because you delayed.

If you missed the Swap meet and Chili Cook Off on December 13<sup>th</sup>, you missed some of the best deals I have ever seen. I got a new pair of Patagonia Waders dirt-cheap and tried fifteen out of the nineteen of the chili entries. Mike Howes' Chili won the \$50- prize.

Valerie Dunn showed up at the swap meet with several other CFFU members. They ate chili, spent money and challenged us to a fly fishing contest at Fuller Lake this spring. I took her up on her offer as long as she let's Denny be on her team.

Kiene's Fly Shop and Fly Fishing Specialties brought tons of stuff that they offered to us at ridiculously great prices. Thank you Bill and Stan for supporting us through out the year.

Finally, I wanted to give you an update on Putah Creek and the New Zealand Mud Snail. As you have probably heard, an East Bay MUD biologist found an infestation of NZMS on the Mokelumne River. Even though the snail is elsewhere, it doesn't negate the hard work everyone is doing at Putah.



# “Chernobyl Ant”



“Chernobyl Ant”

This fly looks like an ill-conceived, jumbled mess tied and glued onto a hook. What self-respecting trout would take the monster? Well...for one thing, my friend, past GBF president (and now Montana resident) Marie Stull won the famous Jackson Hole one-fly contest with it. Many guides tie this huge meal on clients' leaders before the drift boat is put in. Its origin is attributed variously to Emmet Heath, a legendary Green River guide, and to Allan Woolley. But it has undergone so many permutations that it has become one of those generic patterns that is tied according to the particular angler's personal preferences. For example, changing the foam colors and using knotted pheasant tail fibers for legs, together with a deer hair wing, will turn the ant into a hopper. This fly has earned a place in Dave Hughes' "searching patterns" fly box. In Dave's words: "It is likely that whatever you tie, based on the Chernobyl theme, it would take fish. It's a shame, but that is trout fishing. The goal of the game is to catch trout, and this fly does it." (See **Flyfishing & Tying Journal**, Winter 2003 edition, page 41. Amen—enough said.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover the hook shank with thread Stay back from the eye a distance equal to at least 1/6 of the hook shank.

2. Cut a section of tan foam into

a strip around 1/4" in width, and 1 1/4" in length (proper dimensions for a #6 or 8 hook); this will be used to form the belly. At the same time, cut a strip of black foam to the same dimensions. Round one end of the foam strips, making sure that they are exactly even. [Note: foam cutters shaped for the Chernobyl Ant are available from River Road Creations at: "riverroadcreations.com"]

3. Apply a coat of Flexament to the hook shank Take both sections of foam, even them up, and with the tan at the bottom, place them on top of the hook, with the round end to the rear, sticking out past the bend around 1/4".

4. To avoid cutting the foam, make the first wrap fairly firm, while holding the foam tightly on top of the hook. Make each successive wrap tighter. Seven or eight wraps should

See 'Chernobyl Ant' page 5

## MATERIALS

**Hook:** 2x, 3x, or 4x hopper hook such as Mustad 94831, Tiemco 5212, or Daiichi 1280, #6-12

**Thread:** Orange or black 3/0; I prefer a heavy duty flat nylon when tying with foam.

**Underbody:** (Optional) Undersized brown saddle or dubbing

**Back:** Black 2mm closed cell foam

**Belly:** Tan 2mm closed cell foam

**Legs:** Black round rubber leg material

**Indicator:** Yellow, white, or orange 2 mm closed cell foam

**Legs:** Mottled brown hen hackle, or grouse, tied full.

# tying the Chernobyl Ant

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be sufficient. It will still try to move around the hook, but the Flexament will eventually hold it and we will use Superglue when the fly is done.

5. Pull back the black foam and take several wraps around the tan foam at the tie-in point.

6. If you decide to form an underbody, wrap the thread forward to the front of the thread base, add dubbing (color of choice) to the thread, and dub backward to the point where the foam was tied in. If you are using a hackle underbody, wrap it backward in the same manner.

7. Rotate the vise (or turn the fly over) and tie in two pieces of rubber leg material with "X" wraps. Now take 2 wraps between the sections so that they end up in an X shape. There are other ways to do this; I will demonstrate them at the monthly meeting.

8. With the hook in the original position, wrap around the belly foam, keeping it on top of the hook.

The wraps should be made in 1/8" increments, so that you achieve a segmented appearance. Stop at a point about 1/4" behind the hook eye.

9. Turn the fly over again and, using the same procedures as in step 7, tie in the front legs. Return the hook to the upright position.

10. Form one more segment with the tan foam; after doing this, you should still have about 1/8" of room behind the eye.

11. Bring the black foam over the top and pull it forward so that the front end is matched with the front of the tan foam. Tie the black foam down at the point where you formed the last segment of the tan foam.

12. Cut a tiny 1/8" wide, 1/4" long section of the indicator foam, and tie it in on top of the black foam at the same spot.

13. Bring the thread under the front "tabs" of the foam, wrap a nice head, and whip finish.

14. Grab the superglue and a bodkin. Place a tiny drop of glue on the tip of the bodkin and smear it on between the black and tan foam tabs at the head of the fly. Hold them together for a few seconds, taking care not to get glue on your fingers. It takes only a tiny amount of glue, and if done right it holds almost instantly. Use the same procedure to glue the rear tabs together.

15. Turn the fly over and place a drop of glue on the head wraps, and the two points where the foam was cinched down.

See Chernobyl Ant page 6

## *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 certificate winner will be drawn from among entries in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

## Monthly Fly Tying Winners for December

Beginners:

**Tom Zoglman**

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

**Bill Aaberg**

Best Tie: **Jim Holmes**

# President's Message

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Closing Putah was the correct thing to do and proceeding with an effective treatment is important in learning how to protect our waters from these invasive species.

I can't be prouder of GBF, CFFU, Flyfishers of Davis and all the other organizations that banded together to protect our fisheries.

Thanks everyone.

## Chernobyl Ant

**16.** Take a deep breath.

Fish this high-floating bomb in pockets and riffles. If you are drifting, toss it against the bank and tease it out in short strips, or under overhanging brush—and hang on. You can also suspend a nymph or midge from the bend of the ant. That is a very effective tactic, especially at the beginning of a hatch.

See ya on the creek!!!

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## Interested in fishing Baja?



Photo by Jim Black

**Mark Pinski with a Dorado in Baja**

A few club members are planning a week long trip to Loretto in July to fish for Dorado, Roosterfish, Sailfish, Bonito, and others. Mark Pinski, Gary Flanagan, Bill Carnazzo and I have already discussed this trip and would like to see if anyone else would like to join us.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,500 to include guides, hotel, meals, air fare from LA, and transfers. The travel arrangements and deposit will be required by the end of January. Please give Karl Wolff a call 916-719-0860 if you are interested.

# Annual Dinner March 27

The famous Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is coming!

This is our club's largest organized event of the year and everyone's invited to come and join in on the fun, food, great prizes, amazing raffle, incredible auction, fantastic program, and all the rest of what makes this event so popular! As our primary fund-raising function for the year, your purchase of dinner tickets (and maybe some drinks, raffle tickets, and auctions) helps the club subsidize the kind of great programs, activities, outings, and conservation efforts we have come to expect from Granite Bay Flycasters!

**Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who's willing to help sup-

port our great organization (and be eligible for great prizes at the same time)!

**What:** Fabulous dinner, raffle, silent auction, and other prizes, along with a famous guest speaker who will also conduct an instructional 'day program' at the clubhouse.

**When:** Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The day program usually runs 10am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 5pm (bar opens at 5:30pm; dinner is served around 6:30pm).

**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.

**Why:** Because you want to win some of the thousands and

*See 'Annual Dinner' page 8*

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## Steelhead Fishout January 25 2004

January 25 I will be leading a fish out for Steelhead on the American River.

Last years steelhead run where some super-heavy weights who demanded an 8 weight minimum fly rod with floating line and lots of backing.

The fly selection varied from glo bugs, egg patterns, large nymphs, or my favorite is the "egg sucking leech".

A minium of 10pound test tip— and lots of split shot—will probably get the job done. Boots, waders, wading staff, and polarized glasses are a big help. It's rumored that a very special Steelhead may make a return appearance to see if our past president is willing to sacrifice another rod.



Alex Giannini with recent catch on the American River.

Water conditions will influence location of this fish out on the American River.

Contact Alex Giannini via email: [freshwater\\_flyfisher@hotmail.com](mailto:freshwater_flyfisher@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Annual Dinner; Seth Norman guest speaker

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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 \$upport for the club.

**How:** Three ways to join the fun... 1) Buy dinner tickets at our monthly club meetings<sup>1</sup>, 2) Donate funds, prizes, or services for the raffle or auction<sup>2</sup>, and 3) Volunteer to help with the 'dinner committee' that puts the whole thing together<sup>3</sup>. You choose the ways!

This year we're fortunate to have **Seth Norman** as our dinner speaker and day program leader. Dinner tickets are \$35 each - and there will be a special prize for whomever buys (sells) the most! Funds donated for the dinner are used to buy raffle

prizes from local fly shops (at big discounts). Volunteers are needed for various dinner efforts. Please contact Karl Wolff 916-719-0860, email: [kwolff@qwestonline.com](mailto:kwolff@qwestonline.com) if you want to help.

### Raffle prizes sought

Looking forward to the raffle? You're not alone... the Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner raffle is one of the most highly-anticipated club events of the entire year.

And the success of this event is directly attributable to the abundant, generous donations of our devoted local flyshops, the tireless prize-gathering efforts of our Annual Dinner organizers, and you - our club members,

see 'Raffle' page 11

## Beginner fly tying seminar Feb. 2004

A seminar for beginners; and for those who have some tying experience, but have not reached the "intermediate" stage, has been scheduled for February.

The class will be limited to the first twelve members who sign up and pay the \$15.00 fee. Seats will only be reserved for those who pay at the time of sign up. Emphasis will be placed on techniques that will enable the students, with practice, to tie most trout nymphs and dry flies. For more information, call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting if space is available.

If you don't want to wait until then to sign up, mail a check to Bill at 2079 Country Hill Run, Newcastle CA 95658.

### **Tying Seminar Dates**

February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2004. (Tuesdays, 6:30 pm)

Bass Tying class: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, March 1.

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or you may be 'released'



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# Conservation Committee update

In recent editions of the Leader we have reported on efforts of The Northern California Council of the Federation of Flyfishers (NCCFFF), GBFC and other conservation and sport fishing organizations to strengthen the role of Regional Water Quality Control Boards in the regulation of timber harvesting. Recent legislation has been passed by the legislature that has resulted in a more proactive approach by the Central Valley Regional Board to monitor timber harvest plans in the Sierra. GBFC will be participating in this effort along with the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL).

We are currently in the process of providing information to RWQCB staff regarding the most appropriate sites to monitor during the winter storm season when erosion and siltation of streams is most likely to occur. We will be recommending monitoring timber operations on the North Yuba while SYRCL will be recommending sites on the South Fork of the Yuba.

The plans on the North River of concern are the Fiddle Plan, a pending plan located on both

sides of the North Fork at Indian Valley Campground, the Romano Plan (approved) adjacent to the Wild Trout Section of the river below Sierra City, the Bald Ridge plan (approved) on Haypress Creek, a major tributary of the North Fork and the Commodore Plan being proposed opposite Sierra City. This plan will require the construction of a new bridge across Haypress Creek near the mouth of the creek as it enters the North Fork.

The conservation committee will keep you posted on the results of our work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the results of the water quality monitoring.

**Mike Laing**

**BGFC Conservation Committee**

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## 2004 Membership Renewal

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

The February issue of the Leader will be your last issue unless you renew by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Keep up the tradition, renew now!

Membership Dues:

Individual : \$30

Family : \$35

Send to: GBF

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4120 Douglas Blvd. # 306-356  
Granite Bay, CA 95746-5936

## Nominations sought for 'The Wet Fly Award'

The Board of Director will be taking nominations for the annual Wet Fly Award at the January meeting. This 'award' is given to the club member that 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 mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis – who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Hmmm... Who do you know who's slipped, stumbled, fallen, crashed,

or capsized while fishing – and won't mind having the 'story' recounted aloud at the dinner? Nomination forms will be at the meeting - if you have a nominee in mind, just fill in the name of the hapless character, write a brief description of the event that deserves the award, and put your name on the form so that we can contact you for more details. If you have a nomination but can't make the January meeting, just bring it to the February meeting or contact any Board member to relay your 'story' by March 1st. Nominations will be kept secret until the winner is announced at the annual dinner.

## Annual Dinner event could use your help

With the help of many club members, we are preparing for the most successful annual dinner event in the history of the club! The 'big event' is Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

To achieve this goal, we need strong support from members. Last year, the dinner was very successful because we had this kind of support. This year, we're again appealing to those with interest to help us create

a truly spectacular event. We need your help. We need your organizing skills, your creative skills, your artistic skills, your communication skills, and your 'jack-of-all-trades' skills.

Please call me to find out which efforts/activities we still need volunteers for. The Annual Dinner is only as great as we make it, so why not make it as great as we can! Contact Karl Wolff at 916-719-0860.

## Raffle donations needed

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friends, and families.

Each year, club member contributions to the raffle make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the club buy more prizes.

You can make the difference.

Here are some of the kinds of things that club members have contributed to the Annual Dinner raffle in years past:

- New, unused merchandise fishing-related or otherwise.

- Professional services of yourself, a company, or other organization in the form of a gift certificate or coupon.

- Handcrafted goods – again, fishing-related or otherwise.

- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please bring your donations to the March club meeting, or call Paul Meyers at 916-797-1955 to make other arrangements. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**-Mike Brune**

# Water planning and water control in Sacramento region

The new year brings the GBF club a new look into the waterways of our region we will have the honor to have Leo H. Winternitz, Executive Director, Sacramento City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (Sacramento Water Forum) as our speaker for the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Winternitz credentials are as follows: a M.S., 1992, Environmental Management (Water Resources), University of San Francisco and a B.A., 1975, Biology, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

Mr. Leo Winternitz has over 25 years of water resource experience in California. As Executive Director of the Water Forum, Mr. Winternitz plans and manages the activities of the City-County Office

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*SPEAKER*

**LEO H. WINTERNITZ**

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of Metropolitan Water Planning on behalf of the Water Forum, a diverse group of 40 stakeholder organizations representing business, agriculture, citizens groups, environmentalists and water managers who have collaboratively negotiated a regional water supply and environmental protection agreement to the year 2030. Before this position, Mr. Winternitz served as Assistant to Chief Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources. He advised and assisted the Chief Deputy Director



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in developing and implementing Department policies and programs in areas that included project operations, environmental management, CALFED Program development, and human resources management. Mr. Winternitz's other work responsibilities have included developing the CALFED Program's Environmental Water Account and the Program's Monitoring and Research Program. He has managed the Department of Water Resources' Sacramento / San Joaquin Delta fish and water quality programs, and served for eight years as an elected board member to the Arcade Water District. Mr. Winternitz has also worked for the Water Resources Control Board, serving as the staff specialist on Bay-Delta water quality and water right issues.

**When:** Jan. 8, 7 pm

**Where:** GBF Clubhouse

# Heenan Lake Project: Final Report

Since the last newsletter article this is a final report for the project:

- The project was officially completed in December when the final report was submitted to DFG. The display appears to be well received by the public and DFG staff members who have seen it.

- The removal of the display panels to storage in the spawning shed for the winter occurred October 29. All went smoothly. [It was a project obligation to determine any removal/storage problems and get them resolved before CDFG took full responsibility for the display structure.]

- The permanent sign was installed and looks gorgeous thanks to Mike Radoff's skill in carving and design. He calls himself a craftsman but we believe he's a true artist. We've taken the sign down for the winter to protect it from the weather; it will be reinstalled at the same time the display panels are reinstalled next spring. Since Highway 89 is closed by a gate an average of 5 months during the winter between the junction of Highway 4 and Topaz Lake, few people would be in the area who hadn't already seen it.

- The estimated value of the project, if it had been contracted out, would have been in *excess of* \$15,000 but the resulting outlay

of membership dollars from each club was only \$1,216 thanks to the High Sierra Fly Casters obtaining a \$2,000 grant for this project from FFF on behalf of both clubs.

- The figures below show reimbursed expenses and donations for the project. The results are impressive! Fifty-five percent of tangible expenses were donated. When tangible expenses (whether paid for or donated) are added to time donated (at \$10 per hour), and mileage donated (at 34¢ per mile), the total outlay for the project was equal to \$25,651. [If this had been a local project, time and mileage would have been significantly less.]

## Tangible Expenses

Paid For: \$4,433

Donated: \$5,409

## Other Donations

Time (Hours): 1,180

Miles: 11,770

**All who worked on this project (see list below) deserve special recognition for your efforts -- it could not have been accomplished without you.** [If we failed to list someone, please let us know; we used the on-site sign-in sheets to compile this list.]

**-Joe and Barbara Bania**

## Thank you to the volunteers

David Baker  
Mike Carratti  
Ron English  
Michael Gervais  
Bill Hagopian  
Fran Radoff  
Rick Radoff  
Lee Smith

John Bergman  
John Carroz  
Gary Flanagan  
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## Lake Amador Jan. 11

Well here we are already 2004 doesn't seem possible. Our first GBF fish out will be at the one and only Lake Amador, Jan. 11.

In my estimation, is not the most picturesque place in the world but, they do serve a great breakfast, and there are big, and I mean big fish. Amador does fish well this time of year. Our last outing, one year ago, there were some very big fish caught, (Trout five lbs are quite the norm.) We have about 20 signed up so we should have a great outing. In the past the most popular fly has been a (Black Leach) pattern or a (Wolly Buzzer) also dark black, or even dark green. For those of you that have not fished Amador before, a 6wt rod works well, floating line long leader works best, traditionally they seem to feed more towards the surface, however that could change

so be prepared with intermediate or a weighted line. The cost using a float tube one person is about \$13.00, car pool is the way to go because they charge I believe \$6.00 a car. If you have any questions or if I can help in anyway you can reach me at (916) 408-8966 or [jimfishon@pacbell.com](mailto:jimfishon@pacbell.com). Check your Thomas guide for directions; I plan to be there early along with some other old timer's so if anyone needs assistance, we can help.

### **Lake Amador Fishout details**

**When:** January 11

**Cost:** \$13.00 per float tube. \$6.00/ car

**Fishout leader:** Jim Hunter, 916-408-8966

**email:** [jimfishon@pacbell.com](mailto:jimfishon@pacbell.com)



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## GBF at Cal Expo Sportsman show Jan. 14-18

With the new year comes all the new gear, that means tradeshow season. In our area that means the Cal Expo Sportsman show, which the club will be hosting a booth.

Jeff Burkholder is heading this committee and has put together a schedule online at:

[www.nmvinc.com/proofs/gbfc/expo](http://www.nmvinc.com/proofs/gbfc/expo). This has the schedules available and he will post correspondence for all involved.

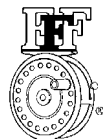
If you would like more information about the show and events also visit the Sportsman's Expo website at: <http://www.sportsexpos.com/>.



*You are invited to attend the induction of*

***Mr. Michael Fong***

*into the Northern California Council/ Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame*



**Stop by and join us on your way home from The Fly Fishing Show.**

Join local Northern California fly fishers and national celebrities at the Marin Rod and Gun Club, on February 28, 2004 starting at 5:00 p.m., for an evening of dinner and special ceremony as we celebrate Michael's contributions to the sport of fly fishing. Michael is the 25th recipient of this prestigious Hall of Fame honor.

*"Michael Fong was a giant in the world of fly fishing. His tireless efforts did much to popularize and advance our sport. He has left a legacy that will benefit future generations of fly anglers, and for this the Federation of Fly Fishers will be forever grateful."*

*Jim Rainey, Federation of Fly Fishers Executive Director*

For reservations to this special event, please visit our web site at

[www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org) or [www.insideangler.com](http://www.insideangler.com)

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The entire event is only \$35/person.

Your check to NCCFFF is your reservation.

Mail To:

Phil Greenlee, NCCFFF, 1911 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002-0132.

Information: John Ryzanych, [john@iconproducts.net](mailto:john@iconproducts.net) (510) 881-8210

## Yuba River Feb. 1 and 15

It's that time of year. The days are short, cold and wet and Steelhead have returned from their journeys at sea. Since they have been gone for months, they are looking for fly fishers to tell their journeys. Therefore, being kind and considerate soles, 20 GBF soles on two different days will make the trek to welcome the steelhead back to their birthplace.

Ok, so the above is not the totally true. 20 GBF members will be welcoming the steelhead and hopefully enjoy their company for a few moments and then parting company so that someone else may enjoy their company.

For several years, GBF has had a relationship with the University of California, Davis to get access

to waters that are typically unavailable to the general fly fishing population. UCD runs a research property that is covered with oak forest that contains deer and turkeys everywhere and best of all at one end of the property is the Yuba River. The property is a few miles above the highway 20 bridge and has no general public walk in access. As a result, this area gets very little fishing pressure. This is a unique opportunity for 20 GBF to fish for this wonderful and hard fighting fish.

On two different Saturdays in February, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the club has has received written permission to take some of its members onto the property. The fishout leader for

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# Yuba River FishOut

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the 1<sup>st</sup> is Ray Nunez and he can be contacted at 916-276-9347 or ray.nunez@hp.com. The FishOut leader for the 15<sup>th</sup> is Paul Meyers and he can be contacted at 916-785-9446 or paul.meyers@hp.com.

This is a limited access area and a limit of 20 fly fishers has been placed on the club by UCD; the following is list of requirements to help insure a successful fishout.

- 2004 GBF membership dues need to be paid by the January meeting. Those that don't have their dues paid will be moved to the bottom of the wait-list. This is a requirement for insurance purposes.

- Cancellations are always difficult both for the person that is canceling and the person leading the fishout. However, in this case, I think the person most affected is someone on the waiting list that could go. I'm hoping that on each fishout above, we have 20 fly fishers. To accomplish this in the past, we have requested a \$10 commit fee. However, do to logistics this year, this is not possible. Instead we are asking each fly fisher to be honest. If you cannot or don't think you can go, please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Early notice means that the fishout leader has time to contact and confirm that the next person on the waiting list is available to go.

The Steelhead on the Yuba are not as big as the ones on the American; however, they fight as hard as any other fish their size. Their jumps and long runs place you into the backing. This is what fly fishing is all about, that huge rush of adrenaline! Thoughts like "Is my tippet strong enough?",

"Hum, did I test that now?", "Ah, Do I have enough backing?" and "Wow, this is a beautiful fish!" go through ones mind.

The equipment needs for this river are simple:

Length: 9 to 9.5 foot

Weight: 6 or 7 weight rod

Reel: good adjustable drag with 100 yards of backing capacity

Line: floating

Leader: 3 or 4X, 7.5 to 9 foot leader (fluorocarbon optional)

Tippet: 4 or 5X (fluorocarbon optional)

Nymphs: mayfly nymphs, stone fly nymphs, caddis lava and pupae under a large indicator that can support a few split shot. Usually this fishout is too late in the year for egg patterns to be effective.

Dries: elk hair caddis and yellow stimulator (to imitate the squalla stonefly) can be effective if there is a hatch or insects on the water.

One thing I would like to stress is that this is big water and it is moving. Depending on power requirements, the water flow might change thought out the day so keep; therefore, keep one eye on the water level so you don't find yourself on the wrong side of the river. A couple of things I think about before hand can help if you are going to venture into the water:

- Boots with felt and studs
- Wading staff
- Fishing Partner
- Personal flotation device
- Common sense

More information on this fishout will be provided in the February issue of The Leader, website, message board and email.

**- Regards, Ray Nunez  
and Paul Meyers**

# Swap meet, Chilli cook-off review

*Photos by:  
Art Hawkins*



Standing room only for shoppers at the annual swamp meet.



There were many so events to sign-up for...

## 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

**For Sale:** PAC 1000 pontoon boat. Like new. Retail \$1400. Will sell for \$850. Bill Carnazzo: (916) 663-2604, or [billcarnazzo@aol.com](mailto:billcarnazzo@aol.com)

**For Sale:** Two Older Outboard Motors  
Johnson 6HP - 50th Anniversary Series (1972)  
Ran smooth/great when put into storage three years ago. Missing slow speed adjustment knob (but looks like a standard knob). Comes with original Johnson 6 gallon auxiliary gas tank & hose. Used infrequently/serviced regularly, one owner. First \$100 steals it.  
Eskaa 7HP - Model 1747 (1972)  
Ran inconsistently when put into storage three years ago. Otherwise good condition. Comes with original owner's manual, service directory, Eskaa 3.25 gallon auxiliary gas tank & hose. Also has convenient 3 quart internal gas tank. Used infrequently/serviced regularly, one owner. Free with purchase of Johnson motor, above, or first \$50 gets it. Call Mike Brune for more info at (916) 723-4524.

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.



and so much chili to sample...



but then theres always time to rest.

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Individual: Joe Aichroth, Kevin Hager, Nicole Hager, Bruce Bartholomew, Toni Bartholomew

Membership application available online at:

[http://www.gbflycasters.org/About GBF/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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