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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

Michael Powers on Hat Creek during last year's Burney Falls Fishout.

May 2004



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May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2.	3.	4.	5.	6. Conservation Committee meeting	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.	13. General meeting: 7 pm 'Members Night'	14. Burney Falls Fishout See page 6	15. Camaron Park Fishout
16. _____	17.	18. Rucker Fishout See page 6 Fly Tying Jam Fly Rod Building	19.	20. Board meeting 7pm-9	21. Exploratory Pacific Inshore Fishout	22.
23. _____	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30.	31. Memorial Day					

President's Message

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

Before I became president of Granite Bay Flycasters, I had been averaging about three days a week on the water fly-fishing. Every week offered a new adventure in piscatorial pursuits. I still have the major trips planned this year, but it's the short trips to the Yuba, East Carson and American Rivers that I have been missing out on. It seems like every time I think about fishing something gets in the way. Club functions, the meetings for the New Zealand Mud Snail are the culprits. Waaaaa, you say. Well, you are right. I seem to have forgotten that you make time to do the things you want to do. I have never known a full day to give up more than twenty-four hours and we all need to make the most of the time we have. I must get back into the fly-fishing groove and improve my mental health.

If you weren't at the last meeting, you missed a good one. I thoroughly enjoyed Jay Murakoshi's presentation on fishing Baja. I can't wait to get back down there this July. After seeing Jay's presentation, I must remember not to dangle my feet in the water from the boat like I did last year. It made me uneasy to see what a Hammerhead Shark did to Jay's fish while it was on the end of his fly-line.

I hoped everyone enjoyed the auction we had at the April meeting. It went over extremely well and earned \$210 for the Club. Chris Parsons, a pro guide out of the Fly Shop in Redding, offered this float trip

on the Lower Sacramento at a reduced price. When I called Chris and told him we had sold his trip for \$360- he was so pleased he offered us another trip that we will auction off at the May meeting. Chris picked up some additional bookings from us so this was a win-win for everyone. Thanks, Chris for the donation. Dave Drake and Pat Perkins, who had just joined during the break, turned in the highest bid of \$360- which earned them the trip with Chris. Dave and Pat out bid the likes of



Denny Welch, Hank Ortman and several other Club members. This was Pat and Chris' first meeting. Way to

go, guys! Don't let it be said that GBF members are tight wads. Well, maybe just a few of us are a little tight with our pennies, (no names mentioned).

I wanted to update everyone on the spread of the New Zealand Mud Snail. The snail has shown up in Tim Aplers Hatchery in Lone Pine. This is a major blow to Tim and to all hatcheries in California. The Alpers strain of trout is a legend for its fighting and acrobatic abilities on the end of an angler's rod. This strain has been planted in many locations throughout the state and is a staple component of many

*"NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL
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The 'Simpleton Frog'



'Simpleton Frog'

I call this little bug the "Simpleton Frog" because it's so simple to tie—in fact, it is the essence of simplicity in a fly pattern. There is nothing original about this design. Lee Haskins, who came up with the "Gurgler" concept, gets the credit for the basic design. The only real changes from Lee's pattern are in the type of foam used, and the smaller size of the Simpleton. Also, the legs are tied with swiss straw, which seems too stiff as it comes out of the package. However, it softens significantly in the water, and the legs move enticingly. Bass fishing is primo now, and this little bomb will pound them up—no question there. Bluegills also like it. It should be tied with a weed guard, since it seems that most foothill ponds and small lakes became weeded up early this year. I have chosen olive foam for the fly for obvious reasons. However, the same basic design can be used for a spider pattern when tied in other colors, such as black.

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

1. Cover the hook shank with thread.

2. Cut a piece of 2mm foam to the shape shown in the sidebar picture. Use this blank as a template. The "handle" part of the blank is what is tied on to the hook.

3. Tie on the handle, being sure to include a part of the wider portion leading to the body itself. About 1/3 of the hook shank should be sticking out to the rear (see photo of the fly).

4. Make the legs using a piece of swiss straw. Note that this material is usually doubled over. Spread it out so that it is reasonably flay, and cut it in half along its axis. Take a piece about 4" long and tie in an overhand knot near each end of the material. Double the material over, placing the knots together. Trim the butt ends evenly, leaving about 1/8"; this tag will represent the frog's feet. You can split this tag with a snip of your scissors, to replicate "toes" on the frog. See illustration in the sidebar; the knot joints are marked with a black pen.

5. Straddle the hook with the legs, and move them back to where the chenille was tied in. Measure the legs so that they are about 1-1/2 times the length of the shank, and tie them in. Figure eight the legs so that they stick out to the sides. See sidebar illustration.

6. Tie on the pearl crystal chenille at the same point that the body and legs were tied on. Move the thread forward to a point about 1/8"

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MATERIALS

Hook	Daiichi 1260, size 6-10
Thread	Olive 8/0
Underbody	Pearl crystal chenille
Body	Olive 2mm foam
Legs	Olive swiss straw (synthetic)

tying the 'Simpleton Frog'

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behind the eye. Wrap the chenille forward and tie it off where the thread ends.

7. Pull the foam forward over the top of the hook, and tie it down at the same point.

8. Trim the foam stub to about 1/4" (smaller for smaller hooks).

9. Place a few winds of thread in

front of the stub so that it will stick upward, and then whip finish.

10. If desired, make black or brown spots on the top of the foam, using a Sharpie or other indelible marker. You can also use a red Sharpie to color the underside of the foam stub that forms the head.

See ya on the creek...or, in this case, the bass pond!

G.B.F. Outing Schedule 2004

Month Coordinator	Outing date
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May

Burney Karl Wolff	5/14-16
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Pac. Inshore (pre) Karl Wolff	5/21-23
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Rucker Pete Peterson	5/18
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Don't be shy, submit a fly **Fly Tying Skills Program**

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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.

June

Shad (American) Ron English	6/2
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North Yuba Clinic Bill Carnazzo	6/12
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Shad (Road 48) Hexagenia (Natoma) Jim Holmes	6/16 6/23
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Pres. Picnic (Fuller)	6/24-27
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One-fly contest Bill Carnazzo	6/26
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July

Pack trip Ray Nunez	7/2-4
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Baja (Loreto) Karl Wolff	7/8-7/14
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Ruby River (Montana) Bill Aaberg	7/18-25
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Monthly Fly Tying Winners for April

Beginners:

Larry Goodel

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Ron English

Best Tie: **Bill Aaberg**

President's Message

planting programs. It will be interesting to see how the California Department of Fish and Game plans on handling this infestation. A bad decision on the Department's part could prove disastrous to our fisheries and compound an already grave problem.

One positive thing that has come out of our "action group" is

that we now have NZMS warning signs that contain CDF&Gs logo that have been printed and will be posted along the majority of rivers in California prior to the Sierra Trout Opening Season on April 24th. These posters are being paid for and posted by the angling community and are a way we can help slow the spread on the snail.

F i s h O u t

bill carnazzo

Last Call: Bailey Creek Outing



This is your last chance to sign up for this great opportunity before I open it up to non-members. 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. 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 cost will be \$200 per day. This is a special price for GBF members. It represents a reduction of about 1/3 from the regular price. The reserved time is as follows:

Sunday, June 13—arrive
Monday, June 14—fish
Tuesday, June 15—fish
Wednesday, June 16—fish and

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GBF Schedule 2004

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August

GBF/CFFU- Joint Fishout/Camp-out Indian Creek Reservoir

8/13 - 15

Feather (salmon) 8/17

Truckee 8/25

Bill Carnazzo

Trinity 8/27-29

September

Crowley 9/10-12

Sage Hen Creek 9/17-19
Entomology clinic, sponsored by
GBF Conservation Committee

October

Little Truckee 10/6
Ron English

Upper Sac
Denny Welch

10/13-17

Other trips being discussed as a possibly are a combine East Carson/Rosachi Ranch with Kirman, or have it as a separate outing.

Also remember, some of the dates are tentative; much depends on conditions. The outing chair person will make a judgment call on all Fishouts and final schedules.

Check the GBF website www.gbflycasters.org for additional trips and updates. The message board is a great resource for im-protu outings too.



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Gary Duerst and Bill Hagopian are just a couple of the dedicated and hard working members that help make the Annual Dinner a success.

Fifty-two members or 28% of our membership supported the Annual Dinner with donations in the form of cash and/or merchandise that totaled over \$4,000. Special thanks goes to all of you for making a significant difference. Also, thanks

to those who attended the Annual Dinner and purchased raffle tickets and/or purchased silent auction items.

Without the support of our members in our "once a year fundraiser" we would need to significantly increase the annual dues and the fees charged for our truly outstanding clinics. If you aren't listed below, there is always next year.

-Art Hawkins

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Rucker Lake May 18

This fish-out is primarily for bass, both largemouth and smallmouth. The lake is over populated so the fish tend to run on the small size. However, if you can get your fly to the bottom of the lake, there are quite a few 3-4 pound bass. These bass are not particular as to what fly you use. Fatal Attractions, Clouser's and Wooly Buggers work the best with a 6-7 wt. rod. However, a 5 or 8 wt. would be fine.

There are no signs to tell you where Rucker Lake is. The turn off to Rucker is approximately 3/4 of a mile past the second entrance to Fuller Lake. There is a street sign that says Leahona, (spelling may be off but it is close). To verify that

you are on the right track, there is a sign on the left side of the road that says Hwy. 20 - 4 miles. Turn right on Leahona until you come to a Y in the road (approx. 1/2 mile). Take the right fork past the storage tanks and the road will wind down to the parking lot. The right fork is not hard to find if you look for a large tree in the middle of the Y. If the campground by the lake is not crowded, you can drive down and drop off your gear. Then drive back to the parking lot.

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Annual Members night

Each spring, we devote a general meeting for "Member's Night." This night provides our membership with information and displays of what Granite Bay Flycasters offers the membership. We don't have a guest speaker or a long drawn out introduction by the president. What we do offer are displays at several tables of club activities.

Activity coordinators will have informational displays set up for the following activities:

Club Fishouts, Entomology program and clinic, Salmon Egg Program, Fly Tying Clinic, Net Building Clinic, Casting Clinics, Rod Building Clinic, Conservation Projects, Golden Trout Program,

President's Picnic and One Fly Contest, Youth Programs, Bamboo Rod Display, Membership Table, Knot Tying, Guide Table, American River Hatchery Docent Program, Salmon Festival, a display of club equipment that can be checked out by members like rods, reels and fly tying kits.

A lot of our long time members have said this meeting is most enjoyable evening of the year because it affords them the time to just hang out and visit with other GBF members.

When: May 13, 7 pm

Where: GBF Clubhouse

"One Fly" contest at the President's Picnic



Photo by Gary Flanagan

It's a known fact that there is always great food and is often teated as the reason for attendance for many at the annual President's Picnic.

June 25-27, GBF will hold its annual President's Picnic and now-annual "one-fly" contest, that Saturday of the President's picnic and camp-out.

Last year the camp-out and picnic was a huge success, attended by numerous members and their families. One of the highlights of this event for me was seeing all of the

kids there. Another highlight was the one-fly contest at Fuller Lake. Rick Radoff took the most-fish prize, but there were many other (some humorous) prize categories (smallest fish; no fish; etc.).

Anyone can participate, and the teams are chosen randomly by drawing names from a hat.

There is no cost to participate, but we do have to have an advance sign-up list in order to assemble the teams.

For details, or to have your name added to the list, call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604 (home) or (916) 295-9353 (cell); or send an email: billcarnazzo@aol.com.

There will be a sign-up list at all of the general meetings between now and the picnic.

-Bill Carnazzo

Burney Falls May 14-16



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

GBF membr Michael Power did some early morning tying last year at Burney Falls. He was one of more than 40 people that attended last Octobers' Fishout.

Are you chomping at the bit for the trout opener? We have scheduled a fish out for Burney again this May. For those 40 of you who made it last October., you know what a great time it was.

One of our State's treasures is Burney Falls St. Park, a special place for me. I'll never forget my first visit there, seeing the falls, my first Salmon Fly hatch, and catching beautiful wild trout.

The reasons I'm excited about this Fishout are the superb fishing and beautiful surroundings. Rainbows and Browns are

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Nymphing clinic

N. Yuba river JUNE 12, 2004



North Yuba river just out of Sierra City.

Photo by totalescape.com

This clinic is one of GBF's most popular events. It is always "sold out." Last year we had over 20 par-

ticipants---and I believe everyone caught fish on nymphs by the end of the day. The purpose of the clinic is to teach nymph fishing skills, with a sprinkling of other skills such as rigging, reading the water, and wading safety.

The clinic is held in the morning, followed by self-provided lunch. The afternoon is spent fishing. I, along with the other instructors, will work with each individual to help with problems and hone skills.

As usual, we meet early in the morning at the pizza joint in Downieville, and head for the river after assembling there. We can handle 20 persons. We will have a waiting list in case of cancellations. The fee is \$20.00. I will check with those who signed up to make sure that they are committed to attend, so that those interested will have a chance to sign up.

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GBF Scholarship awarded

UCD student to research Steelhead

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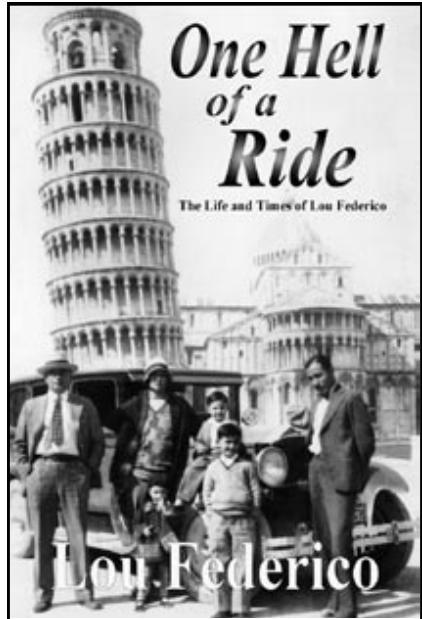
The \$1000 scholarship is intended to fund a student's research project focused on fresh water fisheries or fresh water fish habitat conservation. The club has offered this scholarship a number of times over the past years and is much appreciated by the professors and students at UCD.

The research projects all have costs and require funding. Our GBF Award helps the students to defray some of the costs.

This year, four very impressive proposals were submitted and evaluated by the Conservation Committee. The winning proposal, "A Re-Evaluation of the Rearing Habits Used By Threatened Pacific Coast Steelhead", studies the importance of estuaries in the rearing of steelhead. The goal of the study is to determine if the growth rate and fitness is higher in juvenile steelhead that choose to rear in the estuaries rather than tributaries. Little is known about the importance of the estuaries to the steelhead, yet the steelhead must pass through the estuaries on their migration to and from the ocean.

The study intends to help fishing managers understand the relationship of the estuaries to successful

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GBF Scholarship to help fund Steelhead research

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steelhead populations and to help the fishery managers improve the declining steelhead runs in

Northern California.

Richard Bush had been invited to attend on of our general meeting in the near future so share his research with the club. We all are looking forward to hearing from him and appreciate his efforts in fishery conservation.

For additional information about what the GBF Concervation Committee is involved, visit the GBF website: www.gbflycasters.org.

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Burney Falls Fishout

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typically caught in May. Some of the hatches include Salmon Flies, Golden Stones, PMDs, Green Drakes, Mahogany Duns, Sedges, Midges and Blue Winged Olives.

We will make our base at McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park. There are also motels in the town of Burney, about 10 miles away.

From our base, there are literally six or more quality waters: Burney Creek, Hat Creek, Pit River, Fall River, McCloud River, Baum Lake, Manzanita Lake, and others. There are also three fly shops with plenty of flies and information.

Contact Karl Wolff via email: kwolff@qwestonline.com 916-719-0860 to sign up or have any questions.

Bailey Creek Fishout

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leave.

There will be a sign up sheet at the May tmeeting. We are limited

to eight members, so you'll need to sign up then if you want to go. We already have five confirmed. For further info, call me at (916) 663-2604 (home) or (916) 295-9353

North Yuba River Nymphing clinic

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-Bill Carnazzo

New Members

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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: 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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