

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

Mike Brune gives 5 yr. old, Alic Torres a little coaching as he ties flies at the 2nd Annual Flyfishing Awareness Day at Late Natoma as his father watches behind him.

*September 2004*



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# September 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2. Conservation Committee meeting	3.	4.
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# President's Message

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

I am in a rut, a routine, and a repetitive loop of sameness. Oh, the agony of predictability. I originally started my message this month by writing, *I just got back from fishing Baja and blah, blah, blah...* Then, I looked at the August President's message from last year, which begins, *"Well, I'm back from La Paz and blah, blah, blah..."* I would like there to be some freshness in my monthly message, but it appears to be beyond my reach to provide you a Pulitzer writing.

There are two new things I did do in Baja this year. Mike Howes and I went Squid fishing and I actually drank Tecate from a **can** at a little place about five miles north of town! When I got back to the lodge I discovered the Ron and Jeanne English were trying to give away cans of Tecate for free. I hate canned beer! Don't let it be said I am not an adventurer though!

I just got back from the Indian Creek Reservoir Fishout. We had a total of about twenty-six people including CFFU members. The fishing wasn't all that good until Sunday morning when Mike Brune and John Peterson started catching larger numbers of fish with some of the fish reaching the twenty-two inch mark. We had a good turnout for the potluck and I wanted to extend a special thanks to Carol Brown (Ken's wife) for putting up with an all male group. Carol, I hope we all behaved properly.

I am really excited about the upcoming Sagehen Entomology Clinic that the Conservation Group is putting on. Unfortunately, the clinic is full but there is a waiting

list. Please contact Mike Laing if you wish to be placed on the list.

I wanted to take a moment to let the membership know that "We", the

**Granite Bay Flycasters Board**, are continually trying to make sure that we do what is necessary to meet your needs as a Club Member. We all work hard to help you have all the information you need regarding Club functions. This is accomplished via The Leader, the Website, E-mail announcements, the Message Board and announcements at the General Meeting. Input from you helps us meet your needs; please take the time to let us know what you like best and where we can make improvements. Send the Board Members an email, make a telephone call or tell us in person. The Board's contact information is located at the back of The Leader each month.

Last night we had a great turnout at the monthly Fly Tying Jam. Our new format has a tier demonstrate the tying of a fly or flies that are geared to an upcoming fishout. So members can learn a new tie or tie anything else they want and have a fun evening with other members. A special thanks goes out to Jim Hunter, Mike Kaul and Jim Holmes for showing their favorite Crowley Lake Flies. This new format is starting to bring in more tiers for the Jam. I counted fourteen members at the Jam, including myself.



# Alaska Popsicle fly



'The Alaska Popsicle'

In preparing for my recent trip to Alaska to fish for Silver Salmon, I tied a lot of interesting patterns that were recommended by experienced anglers. One in particular, recommended by Stan Hellekson, was the Alaska Popsicle. The fly is so simple as to be amusing; but it is also so effective as to be astounding. I have no idea what it is supposed to represent, except perhaps a cluster of eggs drifting in the current. Still, the colors throw doubt on that theory. To be sure, I used a number of patterns for the Silvers; however, the Alaska Popsicle stood out as the clear winner for tempting these wonderful fish into striking, notwithstanding the lowest water conditions in over 30 years.

**1.** Slip the bead over the hook and up onto the area behind the eye. I found that I had to drill out the hole in the bead slightly in order to get it to slide over the

doubled wire of the 7999 hook.

**2.** At a point no farther back on the hook than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch, tie in a large bunch of orange marabou, spreading it around the hook. Immediately in front of that bunch, tie in a similar bunch of red marabou. Similarly, tie in a bunch of purple marabou just in front of the red. You should now be right up against the back of the cone bead.

**3.** Tie in a sparse bunch of silver flashabou as a topping. It should extend slightly beyond the tips of the marabou.

**4.** Whip finish behind the cone bead.

Use a non-slip monofilament knot to tie the fly onto the leader, cast it directly across the stream, mend, and swing the fly through the drift, and....

See ya on the creek....

## MATERIALS

<b>Hook:</b>	Tiemco or Targus 7999, size 1/0 or 2/0
<b>Thread:</b>	Black 170 denier flat nylon
<b>Body:</b>	Orange, red, and purple marabou
<b>Bead:</b>	Gold cone bead matched to hook size
<b>Topping:</b>	Silver flashabou (sparse)

Spey Casting Clinic Aug. 15

# A day with Jeff Putnam, Master Spey Caster and Instructor

Jeff Putnam is one of only seven persons in the United States to achieve "master" status by certification, in spey casting. Jeff works at Kiene's Fly Shop, and runs his own business that includes guiding, casting and fishing instruction, and numerous other classes. He is also a rep for Scott Rod Company.

In response to an inquiry from me, Jeff has offered to put on a spey casting clinic for eight GBF members on Saturday, September 11th. The cost will be \$25.00 per participant for a six-hour instruction period (on-stream) with Jeff.

This is an incredible opportunity to learn this form of casting correctly from the start from a top notch

instructor. I will schedule the clinic if I receive a sufficient showing of interest by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call me if you are interested—I'm the first one signed up on the list. Bill Carnazzo—(916) 663-2604.

## Nimbus Hatchery Docent Program

It is time again for the Nimbus Hatchery Docent program to get into swing. The program allows GBF members to be involved in the community by being a tour guide for school children at the Nimbus Hatchery. Tours are 1 hour to 1 ½ hours. New docents will be partnered with experienced docents until they feel comfortable doing their own tours. I have the schedule for the school tours and will share it with those interested in the program. Training for the docents will be provided at the hatchery visitor center on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon

Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to noon

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### *Don't be shy, submit a fly* **Fly Tying Skills Program**

Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Beginner: \$15 gift certificate

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Observe a fly tying master tie this fly at this month's general meeting and bring it to next month's meeting to be eligible for gift certificates donated by American Fly Fishing Company.

Get input and critiques from experienced tiers. This will help you improve your skills and help increase your chances of catching fish.

Rules:

- Judging takes place during the general meeting.
- Winning flies are those that best match the specific pattern recipe published. No other pattern is accepted.
- Non-beginner category certificate winner will be drawn at random from among entries in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for June

Beginners:

**Jack Ramos**

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

**Ron English**

Best Tie: **Jim Holmes**

September 19

## Webber Lake- source of the Truckee



Photo by Mike Brune

GBF, and Webber Lake club member, Lou Federico lands another Webber Lake lunger.

Join us for a day of private-water fishing on Webber Lake - the source of the Little Truckee River! Just over 20 miles from the town of Truckee, Webber is a small, natural spring-fed lake that's stocked with nice (2-8 lbs) rainbows, browns, and brookies.

About eight years ago, the family that owns the Webber Lake property - which also includes the first 1/2 mile of the Little Truckee River - decided to create a fishing club whose annual membership dues would support maintenance of the lake (including the regular planting of LARGE trout). Generally, only members and guests are allowed to fish on the property, but with special permission, non-members are sometimes allowed to fish the lake for a daily fee of \$75. For our event, the lake manager has agreed to let GBF members fish the lake (and Little Truckee section) all day for \$50 per member.

The lake is less than a mile wide and averages 6-20 feet deep. There are some deeper holes,

but the trout tend to feed nearer the surface if the weather has been cool. Fish can rise to various hatches and wind-born terrestrials throughout the day, but most fall to wooly-bugger and leech-type patterns worked 5-7 feet deep in and around the cove that feeds the Little Truckee River. Elsewhere around the lake, slow trolling wet flies from 5-15 feet deep can

definitely pay off. NOTE: When the weather has been consistently hot at Webber, the lake fishing can be very challenging and the Little Truckee section can be low or even dry.

All types of watercraft (and motors) are allowed, and there is a small boat launch available. The lake speed limit is 5 mph. A float tube would work just fine at Webber, though a pontoon, pram, or canoe will cover more water, faster - particularly in persistent afternoon winds. Barbless hooks only.

We plan to meet the lake manager, Ken Bretthauer, at the lake gate around 8:00am. Please be prepared to pay Ken directly. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, and a lunch. For more information on this fishout, contact Mike Brune at [m.brune@comcast.net](mailto:m.brune@comcast.net)

Directions to Webber Lake from Truckee: Go north on Hwy 89 for 13 miles, then turn left onto Forest Service Road #7. Go 8 miles further to the gate at Webber Lake.

April 2, 2005

## Annual Dinner options being sought

What ideas do you have for our next Annual Dinner? What changes would you recommend to make our next dinner the best one ever? Do you have experience helping to organize a large dinner event or other fundraiser?

The club's Annual Dinner is the single most important club function of the year. Proceeds from this event literally pay the club's bills for the year ahead - so planning for it is an exclusive opportunity to impact, directly, the success (and future) of this great organization.

The Annual Diner committee will be forming soon and you're invited to join. Committee meetings usually run about 2 hours - one evening per month. Just five or six

people will be chosen for this year's committee, so be sure to convey your interest very soon.

To participate on the committee (or to just share your ideas), please contact our Annual Dinner Coordinator, Joe Aichroth, by phone: 916-772-4177 or e-mail: [jaich@surewest.net](mailto:jaich@surewest.net) Here's your chance to make a difference... don't miss out!

### Membership Renewals

Remember; if you've not renewed your membership it's coming up soon!



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# Rod building basics: 102

## What About Blanks?:

Fly rod blank materials have come a long way in terms of strength and weight in the last 50 years. Prior to the early 1900's, fishing rod blanks were made of green-heart wood or whatever suitable wood stick one could find. Bamboo cane and then split-bamboo were two other materials utilized for rod blank construction. Around 1950, fiberglass materialized in—to both solid and hollow blanks. In 1974, the Fenwick Company introduced fishing rods made of a revolutionary new material called graphite or carbon fiber. Graphite blank material has been patted, pinched, and tweaked over that past few decades to become the outstanding fly

fisherman's dream it has become today. With each new generation of graphite developed, the graphite blank has become much lighter and stronger enabling the fly fisherman to cast and catch fish with greater ease.

While graphite will not solve all angling issues (such as operator error), graphite rods do possess some qualities that make them the best fishing instruments yet created (at least in the humble opinion of the author). Graphite rods are very sensitive to vibration caused by fish (or maybe a rock) striking the fly. They transmit vibration along the blank from the tip to the angler so you can feel the action. After hooking the fish, the extra sensitive graphite rod magnifies movement of the fish, while the allowing the angler to experience greater joy in the fight between man and fish.

Graphite is much more responsive than wood, split bamboo, or fiberglass. Energy is stored and released more quickly, so a higher degree of control and accuracy is possible. Advantages include:

- Ability to control tighter loops for longer and more accurate casts.
- Sensitivity and responsiveness enabling a quicker hook set (which means more hookups, woohoo!)
- Dampens out more quickly at cast completion, meaning less vibration in line and higher achievable casting distance.
- Allows for more tolerable casting in a significant wind.

When comparing similar weights, graphite is four times stronger than steel and two and a half

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times stronger than fiberglass. This means that less material is needed to build the graphite blank as opposed to a fiberglass blank for the same strength. Smaller diameter blanks can also be made, thus cutting down air resistance resulting in even more carefree casting.

Graphite blanks do have drawbacks however. For example, graphite blanks are much more difficult to make than fiberglass. They also act as lightening rods during thunderstorms, and are more subject to breakage when hit by a hard object. There is one graphite rod, however, that is not as sensitive to impacts. This rod is called Hexagraph. It is a solid graphite rod which, when looked at in cross-section, is shaped like a hexagon

and resembles a split bamboo rod. The casting of this rod is similar to the casting employed while using a split bamboo rod. This rod made its acting debut in the movie "A River Runs Through It", in which it was used to imitate a split bamboo rod. Drawbacks of this rod are it is more expensive (Up to \$1500) and heavier than hollow graphite rods.

Graphite is a wonderful material for a fly rod, however, fiberglass, or split bamboo may still produce that personal experience or feeling that you prefer. The experience of building your own rod with *any* material can add a certain amount of pride and enjoyment to each fly fishing expedition.

If you can't wait to get started into building your new fly rod,

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# “Upper Sacramento”

## *A night of two lawyers*

We could have called this “The Night Of The Lawyers”, but chose not to do for fear of no one showing up for the presentation. Bill is the retired Chief Assistant City Attorney (CACA) for the City of Sacramento and Denny is an estate

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planning attorney with offices in Roseville. Bill is a licensed guide and lives part-time in Dunsmuir, right along the banks of the Upper Sac. He has guided hundreds of anglers on the Upper Sac over the years and knows better than most



Photo courtesy of Val Atkinson, [www.valatkinson.com](http://www.valatkinson.com)

the who, what, where, when and how on how to fish the river.

Denny has been fishing the Upper Sac since high school and knows a couple secrets himself. He has led the Upper Sac fishout for the past several years and it has turned into one of the most popular events of the year. If nothing else he can recommend some pretty good restaurants in the area and can give you some hints on how to quickly tear down the roof of a motel.

This is going to be one of those “don’t miss” programs. We’re going to show some pretty good fish pictures, we’ll swap some stories and we’ll probably end up telling some pretty good lies. You’ll get some good information on one of the best blue ribbon trout streams in the nation and some home grown humor from some local boys.



**When:** Sept. 9, 7 pm  
**Where:** GBF Clubhouse

# Eagle Lakes Oct. 21-24

It's that time of year to start thinking about big trout—seriously big trout—and begin making plans to attend our annual pilgrimage to Eagle Lake. Due to the abundance of food in this highly alkaline lake, Eagle Lake rainbows grow at phenomenal rates; with the latest census figures indicating the average trout approaching 20 inches. This unique strain of alkaline tolerant rainbows also does very well when introduced to other waters, regardless of alkalinity. If you've fished Lake Crowley or Davis, chances are you've already done battle with Eagle Lake rainbows.

We'll be fishing Eagle Lake at prime time, when the fall weather cools the water enough to entice the

fish out of the depths and into the shallows where we can all have a crack at them.

Fish any way you want—boat, pram, float tube and pontoon all work and, if you don't have any of these, wading is also very effective. So don't feel left out if you don't have some kind of watercraft. To make it even friendlier, when the fish are on the bite they aren't very selective, so if you've got olive or cinnamon woolly buggers in sizes 6-10 you're in business.

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## Eagle Lake Regional

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### Private cabins:

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located in Spaulding Lakeview Inn:  
530-825-3555, located adjacent  
to the Spaulding airport.

### Eagle Lake info on the web at:

[http://www.anglernet.com/  
web/maps/eagle1.htm](http://www.anglernet.com/web/maps/eagle1.htm)

# Fish in the classroom, Little Truckee shocking, sign-up now

We realize that many of you are very busy, so the conservation committee is trying to get the word out for various programs in hopes that more of you can participate. Many times, we do not have much notice as some programs depend on the weather, water flows, temperatures, and nature. On the website, under conservation, we have an annual calendar, showing what is planned for the year.

## Fish in the classroom

As we approach fall there are going to be several programs that the club participates in and you may want to participate in them too. Fall brings the annual fish migration and in preparation Mike Howes is doing an article on the Nimbus Hatchery Docent Program, David Baker is doing one on the Salmon Counting in the Dry Creek Watershed, and Frank Stolen is doing one on the Eggs in the classroom. All these programs are fun and if you can make yourself available for one or more of these programs, I believe that you will have fun and learn a lot.

## Electro Shock program

One program that has very little lead-time is the electro shocking that we do with the DFG. DFG is planning on electro shocking surveys during the month of October. The waters that they are going to shock are the Little Truckee, Truckee, and West Carson. The

exact dates have not been determined yet, due to the lack of confirmed flow schedule information. The West Carson has no such constraints, so there's a good chance that DFG can go ahead and do the West Carson first. The DFG is hoping to do it during the Columbus Day week.

A sign-up sheet will be at the September meeting. If you would like to participate in any of these programs please sign up and we will notify you when we have confirmed dates.



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# Docent program signup

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Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to noon.

You only have to attend one of the meetings. You will be given information on the salmon life cycle and go on a tour of the hatchery.

On Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:30, a training program designed for teachers in the Salmon Egg Program will be held at the hatchery visitor center and is opened to everyone. The program will present detailed information on

the salmon life cycle and various projects teachers can do with their students. The school tours start November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sign up and experience the excitement of the young children as they see a salmon jump up the fish ladder. I will be putting out a signup sheet for the program and training at the September general meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me on 916 863-6795 or by email: [lifeisreel@aol.com](mailto:lifeisreel@aol.com).

**-Mike Howes**

## New 'Service Pin' program announced

At the June general meeting a new program was introduced to help recognize GBF members who make a significant contribution to the club.

The Service Pin program is intended to distinguish such individuals by presenting them with a small brass 'Service Pin' (die-struck with the GBF logo). Going forward, the Board will try to present a few Service Pins at each general meeting and will publish recipient names in the following month's *Leader*.

### Club Service Pin Recipients

From the Board of Granite Bay Flycasters, a special thank you to the following members whose efforts make our club a better organization.

June: **Bill Carnazzo, Frank Stoltzen, Sturmer White.**

July: **Jack Ramos, Michael Gervais.**

August: **Ron English, Jeanne English, Warren Schoenmann, Jim Hunter**

**-Mike Brune**

## Outdoor survival courses online

An Outdoor Survival Techniques course is available online through Sierra College Community Education Fall schedule. There is a audit offer for the first two classes to see if you want to continue, at no charge. It takes 6 weeks to complete the course. You can get information on the course by going to the website.

I take as many of these as I can, just incase I might need survival

knowledge one time. Comfort in the out of doors.

**-Linda Shaw**

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Oct. 9-10

# Salmon Festival help needed



Photos by Gary Flanagan

**GBF member, Sonya Adamson helps a young girl in tying a 'bugger' at the 2003 Salmon Festival.**

Once again by popular demand, Granite Bay Flycasters will be at the Salmon Festival on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. My name is Alex Giannini. My Father and I are coordinating the Granite Bay Flycasters booth at the Salmon Festival this year and we need your help. Jim Hunter has also offered to assist us with organizing the festival.

Because what we did last year was so successful and everyone

had fun, we are going to do the same thing.

We need volunteers for the Club Booth, the Tying Booth and the Casting Area along the shoreline of Lake Natoma. Even if you are new to Fly Tying and Fly Casting we still need your help. The sooner you contact me the better chance you will have at picking the hours you want to work. Everyone that volunteers gets a free parking pass that will make entry free into the

*See 'Salmon Festival' page 19*



**Flycasting lessons are just one of the many events conducted at the Salmon Festival.**

## Casting Instructors Wanted for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> youth derby at Gibson Ranch

We're looking for a few club members to provide informal casting instruction to kids at the fourth annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at Gibson Ranch County Park in Elverta. This event is organized by the Granite Bay Lions Club – with whom we share use of the Granite Bay Activity Center (our 'clubhouse').

Instructors are needed between 10:30am and noon. We'll use GBF

rods 'n reels – and your general knowledge of effective fly casting technique. You don't have to be a casting expert to do this event, any skill level is wanted.

For more information on this rewarding event - or to sign-up to help - please contact GBF Board member Mike Brune at 916-723-4524 or [m.brune@comcast.net](mailto:m.brune@comcast.net). It's the volunteers that make GBF so great!

# An 'Evening with Ed Engle'

Spend an exciting evening with renowned Flyfisher, Flytier, Author, Teacher, Guide and all around Trout Bum, Ed Engle, Oct. 30, 6 -9 pm at the River Exchange Center, in Dunsmuir, CA.

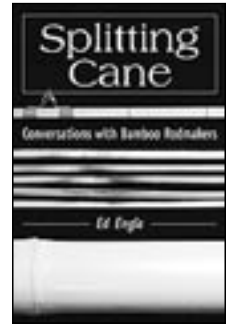
The Program will include topics on Bamboo, Tying Small Flies and Small Fly Tactics as well as a lighthearted look at Ed's 30 years of experience devoted to a life of flyfishing. A highlight is always Ed's humorous anecdotes about fishing with A. K. Best, John Gierach and other great flyfishing personalities.

Ed will have several of his books on hand for signing which include; Fly Fishing The Tailwaters, Splitting Cane: Conversations with Bamboo Rod Makers, Tying Small

Flies and soon to be released Fishing Small Flies.

Admission: \$10, which includes \$5 book discount & all the beer you can drink. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.

Seating is very limited, so tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets or information contact the Hidy Rod Co. at [www.hidyrods.com](http://www.hidyrods.com) or or (707) 823-8699. This event is sponsored by Ted Fay Fly Shop and the Dunsmuir Flyfishing Company.



Ed Engle, author

## GBF Outtings for Sept.

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the month of September. There will be sign up sheets for these outings at the August general meeting. I will be getting very tired landing Silver Salmon and large Rainbows in Alaska while you are sitting in the clubhouse listening to Gary conduct the meeting. So sorry, but someone's got to do it.

### **1. Truckee River, September 7.**

This will be a weekday (Tuesday) trout outing. I will be the outing chair for this one. Call me at (916) 663-2604 for details.

**2. Crowley Lake, September 10-12.** Gary Flanagan is the outing chair. This is a traditional GBF outing at this time of year. Be

prepared for large fish. Call Gary at (916) 663-2604 for details. There is an article on Crowley in this issue of the Leader.

### **3. Sage Hen Creek, September**

**17-19.** This will be a combined educational and fishing outing, to be held at the UC facility at Sage Hen Creek. There are cabins and a nice common building. The educational part will feature a biologist discussing bugs that the participants will have collected from the creek, combined with a corresponding fly slide show and discussion. There will be an article on this interesting outing in the August Leader, and there will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting.

Sign up early and often.

**-Bill Carnazzo**

# Montana Fishout Report



The GBF crew at Broken Arrow Lodge, Montana.

Photo by Bill Aaberg

Fourteen Granite Bay Flycasters traveled to Broken Arrow Lodge on the Ruby River in southwest Montana. The group consisted of Jim Holmes, John Peterson, Roger Bryan, Gene Allen, Jim Hunter, Dick Davis, Jack Ramos, Linda Shaw, Bill & Bev Hagopian, Art Harris, Dean Chaix and Bill Aaberg.

The Lodge is a modest, family oriented fishing/hunting lodge. It is centrally located between the Beaverhead and Madison Rivers. The Ruby offers an abundance of fishing for all levels of expertise. Regardless of your fishing ability, the river can be easily waded. The trout are very visible and it is a lot of fun to cast that fly to a feeding trout. Graylings were the dominate fish for the dry fly fishers. But, if you wanted to go after those big browns you had to nymph with an

indicator. Most of the big browns (18 to 21-inches) were taken with size 18 to size 22 nymphs.

We had a great time sitting around the dinner table telling stories and tying that special fly that would work the next day. Some stories to share:

- Jack caught a 21-inch rainbow on a size 22 nymph (20-20 club).

- Dick caught his largest ever brown trout ( 22-inch) near the red barn on the Ruby River.

- Jim Hunter is now the grayling king after spending 3 days casting for those pesky critters.

- Jim & John fished all the rivers within a two hour drive of the lodge, but they had their best fishing near the lodge on the Ruby River.

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## Federation of Fly Fishers *A Festival of Fly Fishing*

### Conclave 2004

Redding Convention Center, Redding, CA

### Friday & Saturday October 15 & 16, 2004

**Featuring**  
**Jack Dennis, Steve Rajeff,**  
**Scott Sanchez**

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## Montana's Ruby great for all levels



Another great Montana catch

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- And who was the only one to catch a fish on the Madison, but Ms. Bev.

- How about that moose that met up with Linda. However, she was in total control as she returned to the car minus flies, indicator and

her net!

- Bill Hagopian was the star on several occasions. On the last day, Bill broke his only rod and repaired it with duct tape. He then landed 5 browns over 17-inches. You will have to ask him about the other "wet fly"

episodes.

The food was great, the fish were big and the company of the Granite Bay Flycasters made for a very enjoyable experience.

**-Bill Aaberg**



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# Fly Fishing Awareness day successful for all; young and old



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

Mike Brune, GBF member helps Alec Torres (5) tie a 'wooly booger', while his father Marco watches.

*"IT WAS QUITE FUN, I NEVER KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT FLYFISHING UNTIL NOW. I WANT TO LEARN MORE."*  
**-KEVIN TAYLOR (15), ATTENDEE**



Photo by Nick Marmolejo

**GBF member, Larry Goodell demonstrates fly-tying skills.**



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

**Nancy Siegler, of the Ladybugs conducts a demonstration on float-tubing techniques.**



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

**Jim Holmes, winner of the Outcast float tube**



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

**Dave Shaffer demonstrates basic casting techniques to a small crowd of students.**

# Salmon Festival coming soon

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park free.

For those of you that have never tied a Wooly Bugger before and want to learn, I will be at the September meeting before it starts and I will show you how to tie one. It is simple.

A sign up sheet will be available

at the September Meeting or you can call Vic and Alex Giannini at 784-7422 or e-mail us at [freshwater\\_flyfisher@hotmail.com](mailto:freshwater_flyfisher@hotmail.com)

-Alex Giannini

## Rod Building basics

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GBF has scheduled a beginning rod clinic for Oct. 19 and Nov. 16, which will coincide with the club's Third Tuesday fly-tying jams at the GBF Clubhouse. Each class runs from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Intermediate classes addressing more in depth rod building techniques are scheduled for Jan. 18, 2005 and Feb. 15. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either: Bill Avery at 916-632-1275, [billavery@grantk12.ca.us](mailto:billavery@grantk12.ca.us) or Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, [larrylee@l3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@l3rods.com).

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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

**For Sale:** 1 Bauer M2 Reel, like new. \$125; extra spools available. (530) 677-7169. Ron or Jeanne English.

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

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

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

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Richard Fish  
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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:** 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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