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Craig Robertson with a 26 inch Yuba River Steelhead

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President's Message

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

The Granite Bay Flycasters 19th Annual Dinner, Raffle and Silent Auction is now just a memory, and what a memory. This was the best and most successful dinner GBF has ever had. I judge this by the smooth and efficient way everything went. Ron Rabun's PowerPoint Slide Show not only showed pictures of the membership having fun, it truly showcased the myriad of activities the Club offers its membership. I freely admit that I was against having PowerPoint Slide Show in lieu of a name speaker. I now gladly admit I was wrong and after seeing this lively presentation set to music; I was ready to join the Club all over again. I had invited three guests and was curious how they liked the presentation. All three of them enjoyed seeing what we provide and they are looking forward to joining. If fact, GBF had more guests at this dinner than there has been in past years so I was also wrong that not having a speaker would keep non-members away. Finally it is also important to look at the bottom line, which is how much the Dinner earned the Club. This dinner netted more income for the Club coffer than any other dinner that came before. Joe Aichroth, and his Dinner Committee did a great job and when you see them make sure to thank them for all the hard work they did to make the 19th Annual Dinner look easy. Great job, Guys!

We have a full summer in store for you. Lots of clinics, fishouts and speakers are planned for your enjoyment and let's not forget the summer highlight event of the

year. The Past President's Picnic in June is going to be a lot of fun for you and your family. Four days of free camping in our own private campground



along side the Bear River, a one-fly contest on Fuller Lake, a picnic that is free to the membership where you will be able to eat world famous "Tony Hamamoto's" delicious slow cooked ribs. The coordinators, Frank Massey and Mike Powers are planning all sorts of fun games and activities in the campground, like blindfolded fly tying, horses shoe tossing contests and many more fun games. Frank Massey will also have a special tent set up where he will be treating any depressed anglers. I am sure his recommendation will be that you need to fly-fish more. Be sure and bring a few chunks of wood for our community fire pit where, after dinner, we sit around and visit with one another. If we are lucky, Jim Coleman and the Conservation Crew will be giving tours of the Bear River Restoration site that GBF worked so hard on. This project is a textbook example on what a Club like ours can do to restore and protect our trout streams.

Bill Carnazzo's Short line Clinic is also coming up in June. This clinic is a must for those of you that want to increase your fish catching ability. Fishing nymphs this way will increase your ability to catch trout

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Tying “Bill’s Bassy Bunny”



Bill's Bassy Bunny

Bass—especially the lunkers—love “bunny leech” flies. There are plenty of bunny patterns out there, and it may be that someone else has already “invented” this fly. However, I’ve never seen one tied quite like my Bassy Bunny. So far this Spring the bigger bass have hit this fly like a bullet train. I’ve tested it on my own ponds, as well as various other lakes and ponds. If I had a boat, I’d test it in the Delta. If I had a Leer jet, I’d try it in New Zealand. Alas, I have neither boat nor jet, but I can dream—can’t I?

Bill’s Bassy Bunny is made to sink, and sink fast. It doesn’t cast like an Adams, so you’ll need to open up your stroke and slow it down. But be ready as soon as it hits the water, because bass will grab it on the drop due to its enticingly wiggling motion as it falls downward.

Let’s build this brute using purple bunny strips and wool for the con-

test. Tie it in other colors for your own use; the possible combinations are limitless (e.g., olive and brown).

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

Before beginning the fly, lay out several long bunny strips on a piece of cardboard, and tack down the ends so it’s stretched tight. The skin side should be facing up. Using a fine brush, apply glitter paint to the skin down the length of the strip. Set these painted strips aside to dry; they will be cut into smaller pieces and used as tails. The paint should dry clear, leaving only the glitter on the skin. The bunny strips for this purpose should be the straight cut variety (sometimes called “Zonkers”), not the cross-cut type. Unpainted cross-cut strips can be used to wrap the body, but

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MATERIALS

- Hook:** “Stinger” hook, such as Tiemco 8089, #6-10
- Weed guard:** 30 or 40 pound monofilament
- Thread:** Danville pre-waxed 140 denier (black)
- Eyes:** Large (7/32”) Spirit River “Real Eyes Plus” in red
Tail Bunny strip, approximately 3/16” wide
Tail glitter Clear drying glitter paint (available at craft stores)
- Body:** Bunny strip wrapped around hook
- Head:** Ram’s wool spun around hook and eyes, clipped to shape
- Weight:** Lead (.020) or substitute wire wrapped on shank

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the straight type works almost as well.

1. Smash the barb. Wrap the lead/substitute wire around the middle of the shank, using 10 wraps. Tie in a 4" piece of mono-filament directly on top of, and at about midpoint on the hook. Continue to tie it down while winding rearward to a point about 1/3 of the way down the bend. Just let it stick out behind the hook for now. Bring the tying thread to a point about 1/4" behind the eye, covering the lead and mono with a layer of thread. Coat everything with Dave's Flexament.

2. Invert the hook and tie in a pair of eyes on the underside of the hook at about 1/4" behind the eye. Use plenty of figure-eight wraps. Coat the tie-in point with Flexament and return the hook to

its upright position. Why tie the eyes in on the bottom? If they were tied in on top, the hook would ride upside down—in this case an undesirable result.

3. Return the thread to a point just above the back of the barb. Cut and tie in a 2" strip of the glitter-painted rabbit, with the glitter side down. At the same point tie in an unpainted piece of unpainted rabbit strip (the cross-cut type wraps a bit better, but it is not essential). Wrap the strip forward to just behind the eyes, stroking each wrap rearward to form a full body. Tie and trim the strip.

4. Using a wire flea comb (available wherever pet supplies are sold), comb out the kinks in a small section of the ram's wool on the skin. Cut a small bunch of combed out wool from the skin and push it longitudinally over the hook to behind the eyes. Tie it in there, and sweep it back. Using the same method tie in one more bunch behind the eyes, and several bunches in front of the eyes. Hint: don't cut large bunches; a medium sized bunch will tie in and spread around the hook much better. Leave a bit of room behind the eye.

5. Whip finish and cut the thread. Trim the wool from around the eyes, and into a shape roughly like a sculpin head, blending it into

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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

Non-beginner: \$25 gift certificate

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 March.

Beginners:

Brian Staab

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Mike Lang

Best Tie: **Mike Lang**

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the bunny fur.

6. Tie the thread back onto the hook just behind the eye. Bring the mono up through the eye and wrap it three times behind the eye. Pull the mono up so that the loop is even with the bend of the hook. Wrap it securely in place, whip finish, and trim the thread.

7. Cut the mono so that it is flush with the eye. Heat your bodkin in a lighter flame and push the point of the bodkin up through the eye while it is hot. This will melt the mono in place and clear the eye. Using Flexament, glue the head.

You can cast this brute with a 5 or 6 weight rod, but use a slow, open stroke. Your leader should be constructed so that it has a strong butt section. Bass are generally not shy, so I use a short leader that tips out at 8 or 10 pound test. A weight forward floater works well for small ponds that aren't too deep. An intermediate full sinking line works best for larger, deeper water. Strip the fly back with differing retrieves; when the fly gets close to you, watch its seductive action as it is retrieved. You may want to bite it yourself...

See ya on the creek....

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Free tying Tools for members use, check out

Are you interested in fly tying, but don't know what tools you need? Have you wanted to attend the monthly fly-tying jam but didn't want to spend a lot on money on a vise? Did you know you can check out a GBF fly tying kit for FREE?

GBF members (in good standing) have the privilege of checking out fly tying tools for 30 days. The kit includes a vise, bobbin, whip finish tool and everything you need to tie

flies except materials.

To check out a fly-tying kit, members must provide a refundable deposit of \$20, (cash or personal check made out to GBF), at check out. Upon return of the equipment undamaged, your cash or check will be returned.

If interested and for more details, contact Larry Lee at (916) 962-0616 to reserve use or pickup of GBF fly-tying equipment.

GB F Rods & Reels available for loan to members

Would you like to try out high quality Sage 5 wt. or 8wt. 9'-0" rod with matching reel for FREE?

GBF members (in good standing) have the privilege of checking out a rod and reel for 30 days at a time. These rods come with Albright disc drag reels with two spools containing a floating line and a 22grain sink tip line.

Members only have to make a

refundable deposit of \$30, (cash or personal check made out to GBF), when checking out the rod and reel combination.

Upon return of the equipment, undamaged, your cash or check will be returned. If interested and for more details, contact Larry Lee at (916) 962-0616 to reserve use or pickup of a GBF rod and reel.

GBF has new Youth Program

As the new Granite Bay Flycasters Youth Program Coordinator (GBFYPC) ... boy, is that a mouth full, I was trying to figure how to start out an introduction. I have been Fly-Fishing for over 15 years, but still consider my self a very beginner. My fishing partner used to be my wife (Agnes, I think she would go to keep me quite), but now I have a new fishing buddy, my daughter

Anessa (age 8). But we still try to get Agnes out on the water. With my daughter, I found that I need to find ways to entertain her to keep her interest. So I thought what better way than the GBF Fly-Fishing Young Group Coordinator. Anessa loves going to the meetings. For the last couple years, whenever someone asked her what would she like to

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Rod Building 107C

Guides; spacing and size continued

This is the third of four articles covering guide sizing and spacing on a blank. Discussed below are some of the specifics a rod builder may want to consider when choosing guide spacing and sizes.

Bottom stripping guide location and size: When casting a line with a fly rod, the fly line is typically fed with the left hand for a right-handed caster, or the right hand for a left-handed caster. The line is essentially “shot” from the rod from loose line that lies on the water, bank, boat deck, or stripping basket. During this process the line has to pass through the bottom stripping guide (the guide closest to the butt of the rod) at an angle. The angle between the line and the rod decreases when the bottom stripping guide is placed closer to the tip of the rod. Conversely, if the lower stripping guide is placed closer to the reel, the line angle in relation to the rod passing through the bottom stripping guide increases. To minimize friction and increase the casting distance, the guide should be placed closer towards the tip. However, if the stripping guide is placed too far towards the tip, the caster will experience line slap, which instead increases friction and decreases casting distance. In addition, severe line slap can also cause blank damage. It is important that the rod builder consider placing the bottom stripping guide close enough to the butt end of the rod to eliminate line slap.

Another technique to reduce line slap is to change the rotational angle of the guide from the other guides (from bottom being



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

0 degrees to an angle of 20 to 45 degrees) towards the hand feeding the line. This will help reduce friction. Another technique to reduce line slap is to increase the size of the lower stripping guide to keep the line away from the blank. A high profile guide (built with the loop further away from the foot) will also position the line further from the blank and will help prevent line slap. For optimal performance, the rod builder should consider placing the first stripping guide about 1/3 of the total length of the rod from the butt of the reel seat. This distance will vary based on the length of the rod and may be from 24 to 37 inches.

Tip top guide: In terms of tip top guides there are two choices. These include: (1) a regular loop; and (2) a large loop. Typically fly rods of weights through 6 weight use a regular loop sized guide. Fly rods of 7 weight through 15 weight use the large loop size. If minimal friction is desired for 4, 5, or 6 weight rods, use a large loop. It works great although it might look rather odd.

Remaining guides: For a “traditional” fly rod, the first guide below the tip top is usually placed between 3 ½ to 5 inches away. The

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remaining guides should then be proportionally spaced (assuming straight taper of blank) through the remaining distance from the first guide to the bottom stripper guide. This provides an even force distribution on the blank under stress, thus causing less breakage. If the blank has a compound taper, with the action mostly tip oriented, more guides should be placed in the tip length, and fewer guides placed on the stiffer lower portion of the blank.

For proportional guide spacing, simple mathematical formulas have been developed. However, it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the mathematical formulas and their derivation. If you are interested in learning about them in more detail, feel free to

contact myself or refer to "[The New Advanced Custom Rod Building](#)" by Dale P. Clemens, page 194. If you are only interested in using a calculator (given length, number of guides, and length of first guide to tip top), try the following web link: <http://www.uwm.edu/~stetzer/guideN.html>. This web link provides a couple of good methods.

The number of guides needed for the rest of the rod varies based on length. There should be enough guides so that line closely follows the bend of the rod when bent down in the fighting position. The following procedure will show how your line is carried by the guides when flexing. You may want to engage someone's help for this procedure. Support the fly rod to a 45 degree angle, with the guides located

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Annual members' night May 12

Each year at the May general meeting Granite Bay Flycasters hosts it's annual Members' Night. In lieu of having a speaker, the meeting is devoted to providing information on club activities, clinics, and services. This May meeting will be no exception and will be designed to inform the new members about the diversity of Granite Bay Flycaster.

Members who have been around for several years also find benefit and pleasure by sharing their expertise with the membership. Fly tying, Knot Tying, Rod Building, Net Building and Bamboo Rod making are just a few of the skills being displayed.

Members dealing with community involvement projects; Salmon egg program, Docent program, Salmon festival, will be on hand to give information on how to participate in these events. The internal workings of the club; "the Leader", Library, Web site, and information on the board of directors will also be presented. Come and join us for this informative evening. Members' Night also gives everyone time to visit with one another and share their stories and experiences. This event is always well attended. See you there.

When: May 12, 7 pm

Where: GBF Clubhouse

Annual elections announcement

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of the positions to be voted on and the members who have been nominated so far.

- President: Art Hawkins, Jack Ramos

- Vice President – Membership: Paul Meyers

- Vice President - Conservation: Heath Wakelee

- Secretary: Nick Burnett

- Treasurer: Larry Lee

- Director, 1 year term: _____
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- Director, 3 year term: Michael Kaul, Jeff Burkholder, Chuck Honeycutt, Mike Lang, Kent Ripley, _____?

The slate of candidates is shaping up nicely but that doesn't mean there isn't room for anyone else

who would like to offer their time and assistance. Like other activities in the club, being on the Board is actually fun while being very educational. Just ask anyone who has ever served on it. It takes very little time (usually 2 hours a month) and is a great opportunity to become involved in the club and help chart its future direction. For GBF to remain the great organization it is, we totally depend upon the support of members willing to donate their time and talents. Please consider how you can help and become more involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time and assistance for any of these positions, or would just like more information, please contact Frank Stolten 725-6894 or Mike Brune 723-4524 prior to the June meeting.

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below the rod in their normal position. Lock the line and then pull down on the line past the tip. This places the rod in a bend similar to fighting a fish. Make sure the line follows the arc of the rod. There should be no excessive line angles with the line following the bended rod. Rules of thumb for guides needed are; (1) an 8 ft. rod needs about 9 guides (excluding tip top); (2) a 9 ft. rod needs about 10 guides

(excluding tip top); and (3) a 10 ft. rod needs about 11 guides (excluding tip top).

For the guide sizes that should be used, guide size will vary based on the rod weight. A typical fly line has different taper designs (different diameters at different distances), and different densities. These considerations will be discussed in more detail in the upcoming article, so that you can choose the proper size of guides for your custom rod.

2005 'Wet Fly' award

I had the pleasure of attending the second Yuba River Fishout at the UC Davis Property. I was feeling lazy all day and hung out on the shoreline, occasionally casting


a dry fly at rising fish and watching members wading the river and enjoying myself watching them catching those powerful Yuba River fish. The sun was shining, the birds were singing and everything was right with the world.

As the day passed, there were less and less of us until only the brave remained. I was still on the shore of the river while Paul Meyers and Jeff Burkholder were the only remaining members pounding the water in search one last trout. The sun had disappeared behind the mountains and the shadows were casting longer than I was casting my rod. I looked up to see Paul exiting the river and heading towards his truck.

Jeff had won the endurance test and was the only angler left standing. Did I say standing? After I had my last glimpse of Paul I looked back at Jeff. He was bent over on his right side in about three and a half feet of water. As he stood upright, several pints of water rolled off his shoulder and arm. He looked me and yelled,

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"I dropped my hemostat and was grabbing for it". I nodded and made another cast toward a rising fish. As I started to pick up my line for another cast, I looked up and could only see Jeff's Australian type hat, a pair of glasses and a pair of eyes that only can be described as the kind you see at an amusement park when the roller coaster starts its first descent. I always wanted to watch a Poseidon Missile being launched from a submerged submarine. Jeff coming out of the water is probably as close as I am going to get. Water blew all around him as he lifted off the bottom. I was a little disappointed he didn't go airborne, but he jetted up enough to make me think it was possible. I failed to mention he came up about twenty feet from where he went down.

Jeff exited the water and finally stood on dry ground. With a sheepish grin, Jeff declared, "At least I

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VICTIM*

saved my hemostat." The water in his waders had settled to his ankles and looked like the stockings older women wear.

Jeff silently sloshed up to the parking lot. I was walking behind him, quietly whistling to myself and trying to be the compassionate and caring person I am always endeavoring to be.

Paul took one look at Jeff and smiled that "knowing smile". We winked at each other and knew we had a victim for the Wet Fly Award. Jeff went to his vehicle knowing he had been had and there was nothing he could do about it.

As Jeff stood, in stashed dry shirt, in the diminishing light, drying himself and searching for more dry clothes, I couldn't bring myself to snap the picture I so desperately wanted to take.

Jeff did, indeed win and was presented the 2005 Wet Fly Award at the Annual Dinner.

-Gary Flanagan

Note: Always take note for next year's winner.



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Annual Dinner donor appreciation

GBF's 19th Annual Dinner was a resounding success. The Dante Club was packed with nearly 200 attendees, 43 Silent Auction Items and 140 Raffle Items. The raffle items alone had a value in excess of \$16,500. The Silent and Live Auctions generated over \$8,000 in proceeds for items purchased by the winning bidders at a fraction of their retail value.

The year-after-year success of our annual fund raiser can be attributed to the dedicated work of the Dinner Committee, the generosity of the fly shops, local businesses and members who donate funds for the purchase of raffle prizes and actual raffle prizes either purchased or made by the donor. Listed below are the 40 generous members who donated cash and/or merchandise in excess of \$4,000:

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In addition to winning the myriad of prizes, those in attendance enjoyed a lively slide show showcasing members involved in the many events and clinics that make up the Club's activities during the year as well as pictures of those prized "catch and release trophies" held by our successful anglers.

The success of this single event makes it possible for the Club to keep dues low yet still provide speakers at monthly meetings, provide local schools with the renowned Salmon/Steelhead Egg in the Classroom program, underwrite

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North Yuba river Nymphing clinic



Bill Carnazzo with a Yuba Rainbow

This clinic is one of GBF's most popular events. It is always "sold out." Last year 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, all of which goes to GBF. 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. For details, or to have your name added to the list or the waiting list, call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604 (home) or (916) 295-9353 (cell); or send an email: humpyfly@yahoo.com.

-Bill Carnazzo



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June 4-5

Eagle Lake fishout

Eagle Lake is in Lassen County northeastern California, and is the second-largest natural lake in the state. Eagle Lake is at 5,100 feet above sea level, covers about 29,000 surface acres when full and has more than 100 miles of shoreline. It is home to a special strain of native rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss aquilarium*). Commonly known as Eagle Lake trout, which is one of the trout that qualify you for the Heritage trout challenge. Our club had the privilege to have Jay fair (www.eagle



Fishout leader, Gene Goss on Eagle Lake

flyfishing.com) at our March meeting and he did a fine job of describing how to fish Eagle Lake. Jay Fair says that about 10 percent of Eagle Lake holds 90 percent of its fish, and with 100 miles of shoreline you have to move around a lot to locate the fish. At the March meeting Jay Fair said his hot tip was that McCoy Flat Reservoir could be very good this spring. It is about 40 miles away from the BLM camp on the North end of Eagle Lake, and this year we are going to take a trip over to fish McCoy Flat Reservoir. I am also going to fish Dodge Reservoir, Round Corral Reservoir; Buckhorn Reservoir, they have Eagle Lake rainbow trout planted in them. (Fly Fishing California Stillwater's) by Bill Sunderland, has information on these Reservoirs. These lakes are about 60 miles away from BLM camp at Eagle Lake so I will do an over night trip to these lakes. You say how do you do all

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Fly Tying Jam at the GBF Clubhouse

It is almost Shad Season and I was checking my inventory of shadflies only to find last year's supply is lacking in numbers and diversity.

Let's get together at the "Jam" and tie some of these fun and simple flies for the upcoming runs that will soon be in our Valley Rivers. If you have not fished for the American Shad and want to learn what flies will work, join us at the next Fly Tying Jam. Fly tying kits are available upon request. Also, 8-wt rods with a 200grain sink tip line is perfect and is also available to check out.

Shadflies are fun to tie, bright, big and easy. Use your imagination!

You will need shad fly hooks,

(Mustad 1197 size 4 or 6, are great), and some brightly colored chenille and feathers. Think ocean flies. Take a look at the flies in your favorite local fly shop and we can duplicate them for your shad fishing enjoyment!

The jam starts at 6:30 and runs until we are done, about 8:30 for those of us who have to work the next day. The Fly-tying Jam is an informal get-together with an emphasis this month on shadflies. Many members come and tie flies of their own choice while others just come to visit and watch. Everyone is welcome!

See 'ya there!

-Jim Holmes

email: jwholmesjr@aol.com

May 25

Lake Davis Fishout

Lake Davis is home to big trout and great fishing. The last week in May can be cold and windy, just windy, or calm and spring like. Sometime in late May or early June the damselflies will be in full hatch from about 9 am to mid-afternoon and damselfly patterns work well. The fish will probably be going for the nymphs swimming deep or just below the surface even if the weather isn't warm enough for a full hatch. Also blood midges, small copper johns just below the surface or at intermediate depths will be effective with or without damselfly nymph action. Small (10-14) dark olive (crystal flash or dull) wooly buggers mimic damselflies or snails and fish well at intermediate depths. Snail patterns in green or



Frank Massey on Lake Davis

orange work around weed beds and deep. The best plan is to have 2 rods (5-6 wt) with one rigged with floating line and one with intermediate sink line (clear or camo is best.)

Sometimes you can sight fish to or lead fish as they cruise and porpoise for subsurface nymphs. They can even be in 1 foot of water and you can cast to them from shore. Other times a floating line with

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foam indicator can be cast where fish are active and you can wait for a a cruising fish to take your subsurface fly.

About 9 foot leaders should be fine (shorter if fishing deep with a clear line and want better control.) 4 x tippets often work, but if fish are running 20 inches plus then 3 x will give you a lot more confidence.

It is a 3 hour trip to Davis Lake from Granite Bay. If weather is warm you don't have to be on the

water until about 9, but if conditions are colder you will wish you had been there earlier. Late snows this year mean we will have to wait until right before the fishout to decide which access we will choose. When you sign up at the general meeting try to give your email address so I can communicate with you about plans. You can also indicate your interest by email to me at: fmassey@jps.net

-Frank Massey

Upcoming events

Unfortunately we had to cancel the pontoon boat clinic due to extremely high, unsafe water conditions. I'm going to get around to

setting a new date—I just haven't had the time. We had a good time at Greenstone, where Tony was the ever-gracious host.

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the upcoming few months:

Orienteering clinic. Art Livingston will provide instruction on compass and map reading at 6:30 on **April 14th** at the clubhouse. This is the evening of our April general meeting, so plan on arriving at the club house at around 6:15 so Art can get started on time. Art can be reached at (916) 722-2992.

Rancho Murietta. This is another fabulous opportunity to fish for large bass in a beautiful setting. We have Bill Osselinski and Knute Anderson, Rancho Murietta residents, to thank for this one. There will be two outings at Rancho Murietta, because we can only accommodate 10 at a time. The first one is on **April 20th**, and the second one is on **May 7th**. Again, I believe that this one is full, but you should

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check with me on that, as I have the sign up lists. We will provide directions and other information to those who have signed up. My phone number is (916) 663-2604.

Sly Park Reservoir. Gene Goss is hosting this outing on **May 11th**. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions, call Gene at (916) 962-7375

Bridgeport area. Bill Hagopian is hosting this outing. The dates are **May 13-15**. Here is your opportunity to get in some early season Eastern Sierra trout fishing. This is an excellent way to start out your trout season. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. If you have questions, call Bill at (916) 771-5837, or send him an email message at billh@aurewest.net.

Red Bluff ponds. Mike Lang's family owns a ranch west of Red Bluff. There are two nice bass ponds on the ranch, and Mike is hosting Granite Bay Flycasters there for a bass outing. Frank Cunha, Mike, and I fished these ponds earlier in the year. You will be delighted. The dates are **May 14-15**. We are limited to a total of 10 members. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting.

Sage Hen Creek Entomology Clinic. This is the second annual clinic being conducted by Ken Davis, a very qualified and experienced biologist who specializes in stream biology. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. For information, call John Carroz at (916) 783-0802, or send John an email message at jwcarroz@surewest.net.

Davis Lake. Frank Massey is

hosting this outing on May 25th. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. This is your chance to hook and land very large trout (and maybe a @\$%^&* pike) from your float tube or pontoon boat. Don't miss this outing.

Future outings. Finally, here is some early info on future outings: in June a float on the **Lower Sac**, outings at **Eagle Lake, Manzanita Lake** in Lassen Park, a shad outing on the **American River**; the **North Yuba clinic**, **Indian Creek Reservoir**, and the **President's Picnic** camp-out and one-fly contest; and **Rock Creek, Mt., Lake Alamanor, Lake Natoma, and Surf Perch** outings in July. We will also have fill-in spur of the moment outings in between the ones named. Don't forget the **North Yuba nymph fishing clinic**, also in June, if you want to learn how to catch fish on nymphs.

HELP!!! I need someone to lead the Manzanita outing, the shad outing, and one that I'd like to schedule for Putah Creek.

I NEED HELP IN SETTING UP OTHER OUTINGS. Please contact me with your ideas. We want the outings to mirror what the members want, so your input is valued. Thanks.

FINALLY, I won't be able to serve as Fishmaster after June 30th (in fact, I'd like someone to take over earlier, if possible). My guiding commitments and upcoming fishing trips will keep me in Dunsmuir and other places much of the time during the next 6-8 months. It's a fun and not-too-time-consuming job, so feel free to volunteer.

Sign up early and often.

New Snack Coordinator Needed

Karen Flanagan has been our "Snack Coordinator" for the past two years during the GBF Monthly Meetings. We all know what a great spread of food and drink she has been providing for the membership. Unfortunately, for us, she is also the President of Granite Bay High School Football Team's "Touch Down Club." Last year's it was extremely difficult for her to balance both responsibilities and she has decided to step down as our Snack Coordinator in order to have sufficient time to devote to her son's activities.. She will be missed and we appreciate her service to the Club.

Beginning at the July meeting, we will need a new volunteer to

provide snacks during the refreshment break. This is not a gender specific job and everyone is urged to consider this important Club position. This can also be co-chaired with another person or two and the responsibilities shared.

The Club provides \$50 a month for the coordinator to buy food and drink plus the money collected in the donation container on the table where members have the opportunity to add to the kitty to enhance the next month's offering. The more money in the kitty means the better the snacks will be.

If you are interested in the "Snacks Coordinator Position", contact Art Hawkins at art.hawkins@rcsis.com or Phone: 725-3026.

June 16-19

Past President's annual picnic

WHERE: Bear Valley Group Picnic Area (PG&E Group Campground)

DIRECTIONS: From Roseville, take I-80 east to the Hiway 20 (Grass Valley) exit. Go approximately 5 miles to Bowman Lake Road. (This is the road to Fuller Lake.) Go approximately ¼ mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The campground is on the left.

WHEN: We have the campground reserved for the entire weekend. You can come up Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday **or** you can camp out for the entire weekend. Make it for part of the weekend or for the whole weekend...it's entirely up to you. We'll be setting up on

Thursday morning and tearing down sometime Sunday afternoon.

THE RULES AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF:

1. Have a good time.
2. Bring the family.
3. Charge of \$10 to cover guests not part of a family membership.
4. GBF will provide food...Ribs, chicken, etc. on Saturday night. Side dishes will be assigned alphabetically. Other than that **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS AND UTENSILS, ETC.**
5. A Not So Special Olympics will be on Fri afternoon
 - a. Blind draw two-person teams.
 - b. Two Handed/Two Fisted

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Horseshoes

c. Backward Casting--as your partner spots for the caster

d. Blindfolded Fly Tying-- as partner spots

e. Scavenger Hunt Fly Tying

6. The barbecue will be fired up so any one can cook there own meals Fri evening and we will start the bonfire at dark to celebrate the winners of the Not So Special Olympics

7. The One-Fly contest will be on Saturday at Fuller Lake. The Awards Ceremony and BBQ will take place at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening at the campground.

8. First come first served for campsites we have limited space at the main camp ground for RVs. I believe we can fit 3 or 4 at the Main campground; we can

park the others at the parking lot for the nature walk just up the road and within walking distance

9. Pit toilets (clean)

10. Hot water

RSVP AND QUESTIONS: Let us know via email Frank Massey (fmassey@jps.net) or Michael Powers (powers@ cwnet.com) if you're going to be there; how many are in your group; and what day's you'll attend. We need the headcount for food. You can email us with any questions. (However, not questions about contest rules will be answered as we will make them up as we go.) At the May meeting we will have signup sheets for attendees, volunteers, and participants in the contests also attendees.

There will be a lot more information available at May meeting.

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do, the answer would mostly "Go fishing". All though sometimes we have different idea of what that means, at least it gets me closer to the water.

I would like to begin by setting up some trips. The first one will be at Indian Creek Reservoir (better know as the Lake at Greenstone.) Plan on meeting at the Reservoir/Lake at 9:00 AM, Sunday morning June 12 and fish/play through 1:00 PM. Please e-mail or call if you are coming so I'll have an idea of how many to expect. I'll send or e-mail you directions and the gate code.

Bring a snack or sack lunch.

If you have any suggestions for future fishing trips or projects, please let me know. Other thoughts, during the Tuesday September 20 at 6:30 PM Fly-tying Jam nights, I would like to start a fly-tying class for the kids. But I need instructors and volunteers.

Jim Forshey

Home (530) 622-7547

Answ./FAX: (530) 622-7157

Jim@Seahorses.com

GBF would like to thank Rey Nunez for his past hard work in setting up the Youth Program.

May 20-22

Sagehen Entomology Clinic

The Conservation Committee is hosting another stream ecology workshop at the U.C. Berkeley Sagehen Creek Field Station on May 20th and 21st (Friday night and Saturday). On Sunday May 22nd, those who wish may join us to fish the Truckee.

Ken Davis and Bill Carnazzo will again conduct this workshop. It includes on-stream insect collection, identification and matching various flies that mimic the insects.

One of the unique features of the Sagehen Creek Field Station is a large viewing chamber located under the creek water level that will allow us to see fish and macro-invertebrates on the creek bottom. This viewing area was built and donated to the field station by the Golden Gate Casting and Angling Club.

If you were to take a similar entomology clinic through UC Davis, you would pay \$300.00. However, the cost for this workshop is only \$40, which includes two nights lodging in the cabins, plus dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Mike Howes will again be coordinating the meal preparation. The cabins are "rustic" but comfortable, with bathrooms and showers nearby.

You will need to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow, drinks (i.e. water, beer, wine, etc.) and whatever food you want for Sunday. Be prepared for whatever weather we will have in May at 6,380 feet elevation. Check a current weather report before going. GBF will also have duty sign-up sheets to assist in meal preparation and clean-



up - and everyone must leave their cabin space clean. For more information on the facility, go to <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~sagehen/index.html> and select the PDF information sheet to see photos of the facility and a map.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the April general club meeting. Space is limited so sign-ups for this event will be first-come/first-served, unless you attended last year's workshop. [Priority will be given to those who are attending for the first time.] Only GBF members are eligible to sign-up. - Please provide payment at the time of sign-up. Those who attend the workshop last year may sign a waiting list, and attend if there is space available.

Sunday, May 22 following the Stream Ecology Workshop, we will have a GBF fish out, probably on the Truckee River. A separate sign-up sheet for the fish out will be available at the April meeting. It is not necessary to attend the Stream Ecology Workshop in order to join us at the fish out.

For more information contact John Carroz at jwcarroz@surewest.net or telephone (916) 783-0802

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this in two days? Well, you can't, so I will spend a week in the area. I plan to be at the BLM camp grounds June 4-5 for the Eagle Lake fish out, and let the weather and water conditions tell me where to fish and spend my time. I will be camping at the BLM campgrounds on the north end of Eagle Lake. There are other places to stay at Eagle Lake like Stone's landing. It is on the north

end of Eagle Lake and it has an RV park, restaurant, and a launch ramp. The town of Spalding also has RV parks, restaurants, launch ramps and is on the middle part of Eagle Lake. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting and I will talk more about the fish out.

Fishon Gene Goss 916-962-7375
email: eugenesusan@aol.com

Thank you Ron & Jeannie

Good Shopper Needed

If you are someone who likes to shop (*especially in fly shops and sporting goods stores*) while using someone else's money the Club has the perfect opportunity for you. For as many years as I have been a member the Monthly Raffle has been handled by Jeannie English. And, apparently Jeannie has "shopped until she dropped". So the June raffle will be her last time. Accordingly we need a new Raffle Coordinator starting in July.

Jeannie has done a wonderful job of finding a variety of offerings each month ranging from interesting to unusual to very useful to very desirable to own. With her temping offerings she has managed to net an average of \$85 a month towards the Club's operating expenses allowing us to free up more funds for our Conservation Outreach programs. Thanks Jeannie for doing such an outstanding job!

GBF is one of the most, if not the most successful Fly Fishing Club in the central valley. What makes this club thrive is the number of

volunteers who willingly give their time to help other members in clinics, take on leadership roles and fill in when help is needed in a variety of positions and activities. July marks the start of GBF's next fiscal year. Besides being our accounting year, it also marks the time when volunteers in various positions change. This includes the Officers, members of the Board and sometimes Coordinators of the various activities that go on each month. By getting involved in something other than fishing you have an opportunity to get to know other members and actually get more out of being a member. So even if being the Club's shopper is not the job for you be aware of other opportunities where you could put your talents to use and be a contributing member to the Club's success.

If you are interested in the "Raffle Coordinator Position" or want additional information, contact Art Hawkins at art.hawkins@rcsis.com or Phone: (916) 725-3026.

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conservation projects, support conservation organizations that protect our watershed and fish habitat, and sponsor the Annual

Picnic / Camp Out weekend. Special thanks goes out to all our members who helped make this the most successful Annual Dinner yet.

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

For Sale: Sage 6 wt. 9 foot flyrod, model 690-3. 3 piece, SP+ rod with tube and sleeve. Used only occasionally. \$350. Call Steve Greenfield at 916-408-5017 or e-mail at steve_g@starstream.net.

For Sale: Outcast Super Fat Cat float tube \$175.00.

Sage 590-4 SLT. Medium Fast Action. \$325.00

Sage 896-4 SLT. Great Steelhead Rod. \$325.00

Contact: Steve Johnston (530) 644-4061

To place a classified you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Submit your listing to: jburkholder@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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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 Show 916-967-7563 or visit the website www.gbflycasters.org

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