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Photo by Michael Powers

Fisherman on the Upper Sacramento River GBF Fishout trip in November.

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President's Message

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

It's been two days since the December Meeting and I have been reflecting on what a nice time I had sitting down and visiting with everyone. Usually, prior to a meeting I have to put together a written agenda containing announcements and go through, in my mind, how to present things so the meeting goes smoothly and progresses on time. I get so focused on things that I don't get a chance to relax and enjoy the meeting. December's potluck is one of the few times I can just be another member and hang out like everyone else. I can't believe how much great food everyone brought for the potluck! Salads, appetizers, main course meals, desserts and festive drinks, we had everything. It all looked so good, it was hard to know where to start. Once again, I need to thank my wife Karen for decorating the Clubhouse and baking all the pies, breads, cakes, cookies, brownies and other sweet creations. I also want to thank each and every person who brought a dish to share. Did you notice that a lot of you brought your spouses? I did and I thought it was great. Keep bringing them to the meetings and Club functions. It's nice to see your better half.

The morning after the meeting I was up at 3:30am. Ron Hayashi and I fished Franks Track for Delta Stripers. I was overcast all day but it was warm for December. Ron got into lots of nice sized fish that day and we really enjoyed casting big flies to big fish. Several members have recently fished the Delta with Mike Costello. Mike is one of the premier guides in the Delta and

I don't know anyone that isn't impressed with his scope of knowledge and expertise regarding fishing for Striped Bass. I recently talked with Mike and he agreed to allow me to interview him in a question and answer format for a Leader article. I am compiling a list of about fifteen questions that should help members become better anglers in Delta waters. The Delta is a huge and complex system, which can be confusing and intimidating. One can spend a lot of time fishing unproductive waters using the wrong equipment until they learn how to fish smart. If you have a suggestion on any questions for Mike, e-mail them to me and I will compile a list.

Right now, we have a group fishing the Trinity River. In the next few months there will be fishouts on the American River, the Yuba River, Rancho Seco Lake, Lake Amador and other close by locations. In addition to fishouts, there are a lot of other activities getting under way:

- Sturmer White will be teaching his guaranteed "Fish Catching Casting Clinic"
- Bill Carnazzo will be teaching his intermediate fly tying class.
- Larry Lee and Bill Avery will also be conducting rod-building classes. Since Larry and Bill have been teaching his classes, members have produced scores of rods.

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“Pettis’ Unreal Egg”



The Pettis' Unreal Egg

Jim Pettis is an independent guide who specializes on the Lower Sacramento River at Redding. I've known Jim for many years, and have fished with him a number of times. Jim is a creative fly innovator, who has several successful, proven patterns to his credit. You will find the Pettis Unreal Egg in any fly shop, bar none. There are a number of variations on the single egg pattern, including his Unreal Roe, which is a cluster arrangement on the hook. He also has created deadly caddis patterns, such as the Pulsating Caddis, and the Pulsating Caddis Emerger. Personally, my steelhead fly box always contains the Unreal Egg in a number of sizes and colors—I wouldn't be without them. Jim fishes the egg pattern under an indicator, often with his Unreal Roe pattern as a trailer. His leader is long, often reaching 12 feet beneath the indicator. Jim's theory is that the yarn will catch in the fish's teeth when they strike, giving the angler a bit of extra hook-set time. For some good pictures of the tying techniques for this fly see **Tying Glass Bead Flies**, 1997, Joe

Warren (Frank Amato Publications, Inc.).

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

1. Slip a bead onto the hook, place the hook into the vise, and cover the front third of the hook with thread.
2. Cut a small bunch of yarn about $\frac{3}{4}$ " in length. Slide the end of the yarn over the hook eye so that the yarn surrounds the hook and partially covers the bead. Secure the yarn there with tight thread wraps.
3. Push the bead forward and into the yarn butts and run the thread under and behind the bead. Take 4 or 5 wraps there to secure the bead in place.
4. Tease the yarn outward in a circle using a small brush. The purpose of this step is to set the yarn up for pushing it rearward over the bead, with the yarn filaments covering the entire bead.
5. Pull the yarn rearward over the bead. Wrap around the fibers

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MATERIALS

Hook: Tiemco 2457, Daiichi 1510, or other egg hook, #12

Thread: Red 6/0

Underbody: Dark orange or red silver lined glass bead

Overbody: Glo Bug yarn, or McFly Foam in peach king, champagne, apricot, pink, red, or other colors

Tying the Pettis' Unreal Egg

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loosely to gather them behind the bead. Make sure that the fibers are well distributed around the bead, and take a few tight turns.

6. Whip finish tightly, and trim the yarn short against the thread wraps. Push the whip finish forward against the back of the bead to cause the yarn to puff slightly away from the bead. This creates a

translucent appearance, especially when the creature is wet. The effect of the bead beneath the yarn is to imitate the egg's nucleus. Prior to Jim's pattern, egg imitations had red or other colored spots to simulate the nucleus.

Dress warmly, think cold winter steelheading, and see ya on the creek....for some cold winter fishing.

Feb. 14, 21, 28

Intermediate Flytying clinic 2005

I will be teaching an intermediate tying clinic; the dates are the following Mondays: February 14, 21, and 28, 2005, at 7:00 sharp at the clubhouse. Unless we can't reserve the clubhouse for those dates, the dates are firm. If we have to change dates, I will announce that at the

January meeting. There will be a signup sheet at the January and February general meetings. If you are not able to attend that meeting, but are interested in the clinic, call me at 663-2604 or send me an email at billcarnazzo@aol.com to sign up or for details. The fee for this class will be \$15.00.

-Bill Carnazzo

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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.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for Dec.

Beginners:

Jack Ramos

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Denny Welch

Best Tie: **Jim Holmes**

For more Fly tying
recipies go to:

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Salmon counted, eggs delivered more events to come

A big THANKS goes to the Granite Bay membership. The Dry Creek Conservancy had a very successful one-day salmon count on the Dry Creek Watershed. There were 633 live and 139 dead salmon counted. Out of the 37 participants, 16 were members of GBF.

We have updated our Conservation Calendar for 2005. Please visit GBF's website for our schedule.

The Salmon Eggs delivery was

very successful again this year. Thanks to Rick Radoff and Frank Stolten who coordinate Granite Bays Salmon egg program. We had 16 members deliver salmon eggs to local schools.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or would like to participate, please come to the conservation meeting. Our next meeting is January 6, at 7 pm at Round Table Pizza 6811 Douglas Blvd in the Raley's shopping center.

GBF Swapmeet/Chili cookoff good trade for all involved

There ought to be good reasons why cooking chili can teach you something about fly-fishing. Maybe something can be learned about blending the spices, or using good ingredients, or not making it too scorchingly hot that can tell us about tying the perfect nymph or having exactly the right set up for a particular piece of water. There ought to be, but I'll be damned if I can figure out what it is! Lacking some great literary comparison, I'd like to offer a couple of hints that I've learned about cooking chili over the years.

The first is: think about texture. Meat breaks down after being simmered any length of time and any respectable chili benefits from a good long simmer on the stove or campfire. When I make chili, I combine hamburger, cubed beef from some relatively cheap but flavorful



Photo by Bill Hagopian

Good deals and good eats, as always, are part of the GBF Annual Holiday Swapmeet and Chili Cookoff.

cut like chuck, and cubed pork. The size of the cubes depends on how long I have to cook—about a half inch stands up pretty well to 10-12 hours of heat. The onions and hamburger will pretty much disintegrate over that time, resulting in a rich base; the beef and pork cubes will give you the texture that stands up and gives you an interesting chili experience.

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President's message

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▪ Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul will once again be conducting their net building clinics for the 24 members who signed up last spring. Over the past three years they have helped 61 members build gorgeous laminated wood nets. The delay in starting their 3-session clinic has been a shortage of net bags. Hopefully they will be available soon.

Thanks to Sturmer, Bill Carnazzo, Larry Lee, Bill Avery, Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul for sharing their special skills with GBF Members.

Jim Holmes and Jim Bitcon have agreed to co-host the monthly Fly Tying Jam. Jim Holmes wants to present a theme each month and invite guest tiers who will help attendees tie flies that can be used at upcoming fishouts. We have found

that when we use this approach, it generates more interest in the Fly Tying Jam.

Finally, Nick Burnett took first place in the annual Chili Cook Off which earned him 50 bucks, which is about what he spent for the ingredients. This also includes bragging rights for being the best. Make sure you read Nick's article on making chili.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and each and every one of you has made a resolution to make time to enjoy the great outdoors with a fly rod this coming year.

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membership for 2005



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Rod Building 105

The many shapes, colors and styles of reel seats

There are many colors, shapes, and types of materials used in construction of reel seats that a rod builder can choose from when building a custom rod. Reel seats, which can range in cost from a few dollars to \$150, come in various sizes, and are either up locking or down locking (to be discussed in a later article). As a rod builder, it can be fun to have the large selection of reel seats, but at the same time it can be really hard to make a decision! We will be discussing a few basics, so that you can have a better understanding of how to choose a reel seat for your custom rod. Your decision in selection of a reel seat should be based on weight, strength, durability, appearance, and price.



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

There are primarily three basic types of reel seats to choose from (see figure-Forecast seats from Batson Enterprises): (a) graphite, (b) all metal, and (c) skeleton (metal, graphite, and wood inserts). A discussion of each follows.

Graphite reel seats are light, durable, strong, and inexpensive. Their graphite-filled bodies and stainless-steel hoods will never corrode, and the nylon liners inside the hoods grip reel feet firmly while preventing corrosion between the steel hoods and aluminum reel feet. The tightening nut and sliding hood of the graphite seat ride in a keyway, which means you do not have to align anything to mount your reel. You just insert one end of the foot of the reel into the fixed hood and tighten the locking nut on the other end of the reel foot and your reel is securely mounted. These reel seats can also be swapped end for end to make the rod up locking or down locking, based on your preference. If you are looking for value and a

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lightweight rod, graphite reel seats are the best choice.

All-metal reel seats range from stamped aluminum (a few dollars), to machined aluminum alloy with hard anodized finish (approximately \$30), to machined titanium or titanium alloy (approximately \$150). These seats are typically used in 7-weight size rods and larger, and are often used in conjunction with fighting butts. Also, these seats (for large weight reels) will typically have double locking nuts so your reel will not come loose fighting large fish. If you want to build a saltwater, salmon, steelhead, or bass rod, these reel seats work great. One word of caution however: avoid super-cheap reel seats because their finishes will corrode quickly, crude threads wear out,

loose fitting nuts can jam, and flimsy hoods can easily split.

A skeleton seat uses the ends of a tubular metal seat – the fixed hood, threaded portion of the barrel, sliding hood, and nut – but fills the space between the fixed hood and threaded barrel with a wood or woven graphite insert. Many higher-end factory-made Freshwater rods have skeleton-and-insert reel seats that look very classy. Typical wood types used are cocabola, birdseye maple, tiger maple, maple burl, walnut, box elder burl, and cherry burl. Metals typically utilized are nickel silver, aluminum, or titanium carbide plated. These reel seats make the rods look stylish and very exotic. You would tend to use skeleton reel seats on nearly any freshwater graphite fly

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The Fly Shop's Chris Parsons



Redding local, Chris Parsons, from The Fly Shop, will be speaking at the first meeting of 2005.

Chris Parsons calls Redding California home, and he's been described as a nice guy by some, a "nut" by others. He makes his living as a fly fishing guide working with The Fly shop.

Chris will be narrating a presentation on his experiences and a techniques fishing and guiding Northern California waters; like the Trinity, Lower Sacramento, Upper Sacramento, Pit River and other regional fisheries.

When: Jan. 13, 7 pm

Where: GBF Clubhouse

Choosing the right 'reel seat'

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rod and even some light to medium saltwater rods. These reel seats can cost from \$10 to \$150. Another skeleton reel seat that uses woven graphite is used on some factory made rods for both durability and its modern, high-tech appearance. You can also find a few skeleton reel seats that have cork inserts. Cork has the advantage of being lightweight and, some would say, its appearance is great.

There are many manufacturers that make reel seats, and you may be overwhelmed with the selection. However, a few to consider are Forecast (Batson Enterprises), Fuji, Struble, Angler's Workshop, and Pacific Bay. If you do not find the exact reel seat you may want, you may want to consider making your own. This can range from being

very simple to being very complex. We will discuss this in a future article.

Finally, make sure that the reel you are using will fit into the reel seat. If the reel seat turns out to be -larger than necessary to accommodate the foot of the reel, you can adjust the reel seat to fit by a tightening ring. The North American Fly-Tackle Trade Association (NAFTA) has specified a standard reel foot size length of 2.50" plus or minus 0.10" and many of the reel seats conform to this standard.

This article is a preliminary guide to choosing a reel seat. This topic will be discussed in more depth in a future article. Remember, choosing that perfect reel seat is a personal choice. The fish really couldn't care less!

-Larry Lee

Chili cook-off/Swap meet

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The second thing I've learned is to use a variety of peppers. Different peppers give different levels of heat and, more importantly, taste. My chili features Anaheims, Pasillas, green Jalapenos, yellow Jalapenos, Serranos, and even a Habanero (one—for nearly fifteen pounds of meat in my base recipe—let's not get suicidal here!) For 15 pounds of meat, I use about three pounds of different peppers, de-veined and de-seeded and chopped in a food processor. I also use two different kinds of chili powder (nearly a cup total) and about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of ground cumin. A #10 can of diced tomatoes and a couple of left over beers round out the recipe. Be prepared

to skim off some of the fat that rises to the top after a few hours. I use equal amounts of hamburger, cubed beef and cubed pork and make it all up in the biggest heavy bottomed pot I can find. Oh, and one other thing....No Beans, Ever! You want beans, go to Boston!

Finally, invest some time. Don't expect to start chili the morning of the day you want to serve it. Every batch I have ever made has benefited from a chance to stand overnight and simmer slowly for a long time. That's why when I make chili; I make a seriously large batch. Use what you need and freeze the rest. It should be stored in airtight containers and thawed as needed.

Everyone I have talked to at Granite Bay Flycasters has been more than willing to share their extensive fishing knowledge; it seems only fair that I offer a few chili hints in return. See you on the water!

-Nick Burnett

Note: Nick Burnett is this year winner of the GBF Annual Chili Cook Off.

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Deals and good times were par for the annual GBF Swap Meet & Chili Cook-off. A good way to spend little cash and to keep out of the cold.

Fly casting 101 & 102

Beginning casting clinics upcoming



Sturmer with a Delta Stripper

Sturmer White will be teaching Beginners Fly-Casting 101 and 102 at Maidu Park, Roseville, CA on Saturdays, January 15th and 29th, 2005 at 8:30 AM. The original December date has been changed to allow more time to get the word out in the Leader and allow sign-up's at the December and January general meetings. And it will also give you another free morning to enjoy your Christmas shopping!

Casting is an Art, a Science and a Skill and as such requires practice to become better. Of course practicing while fishing is not a good idea, but Catching fish is. In this clinic you will learn the basics that will help you become a better angler and fly-caster if you practice what you have learned.

Here is an overview of some things that will be covered:

We'll start with the little things that often count the most such as stance, grip and surroundings. Following that, we will take a look at the basics of casting such as the roll cast and the simple forward cast. We'll cover the concepts of

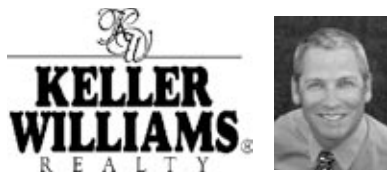
loop size, rod angle, wrist movement, arm movement, body movement, and more. We will also talk about rod loading, the pickup, the back cast and timing.

The exercises will include: Basic Roll Cast, Pickup & Letdown, False Casting, Mending Line on the Water

This will be a two-day clinic that will last about 3 hours each Saturday. The Club has eight (8) Sage loaner-rods for anyone needing one. Call Larry Lee at (916) 962-0616 for information. The class will be at Maidu Park, Roseville.

The fee will be \$15.00 in advance

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Yuba River Steelhead Fishout

It's that time of year. The days are short, cold and wet and most importantly Steelhead have returned from their journeys at sea. Since they have been gone for months, they are looking for fly fishers to tell their journeys. Therefore, being kind and considerate souls, 20 GBF

members on two different days will make the trek to welcome the steelhead back to their birthplace.

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

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

On two different Saturdays;



Fishout leader Paul Meyers with a Yuba River trout.

February 19th and March 5th, the Club has received written permission to take some of its members onto the property. The fishout leader for the February 19th is Pete Koistinen and he can be contact at 916-780-0925 or peterkoistinen@comcast.net.

The fishout leader for the March 5th is Paul Meyers and he can be contacted at 916-785-9446 or paul.meyers@hp.com.

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

- 2005 GBF membership dues need to be paid by the January meeting. Those that don't have their dues paid will be moved to the bottom of the wait-list. This is a requirement for insurance purposes.

- Cancellations are always difficult both for the person that is canceling and the person leading the fishout. However, in this case,

see 'Yuba River' page 16

Sportsman's Expo volunteers needed

As we the New Year has come and gone, it brings thoughts of all the new gear and latest shop-talk; which leads one to the International Sportsman's Expo. Each January, the ISE show is the one place to find out about the products, services, guides...well, pretty much everything for our sport, plus some.

GBF is right in the middle of it all again, Jan. 20-23, with booth; right next to the Fly Tying Theatre too this year, what a location!

Jeff Burkholder is leading the coordination again and has posted the schedule and information for volunteers, this is located at: <http://www.nmvinc.com/proofs/gbfc/expo/>. There you'll find the schedule, parking, entry pass situation. As always, the ISE has cut back on the number of passes, (4) so we must have a rotating process, which Jeff has outlined within the web page, by having each volunteer

group return the pass to the 'Will Call' booth after their scheduled time. Once in the event you can tour about freely.

Jeff has some tips to those that are wanting to attend the show and don't want to pay full price for parking; Discount vendor parking is available at the ISE Show Management Booth, \$3.50 per day, suggestion: if you know someone that is attending prior to your attendance, have them purchase your parking passes and arrange to get them.

Look at the web page and sign-up for a time slot. We will be changing the booth with new photos and there are scheduled demonstrations on Entomology, Rod Building and Net Building. Remember, the whole purpose of our being at the event is to help educate and inform about the club and what we have to offer.



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The hunt for raffle items

Annual Dinner Update

If you haven't already marked your calendar to attend our biggest event of the year (happening April 2, 2005, here's one more reason to do so; Earn five dinner raffle tickets for each business raffle donation you secure.

We want to increase the number of 'non-fishing' items in the dinner raffle so we're offering a little incentive for club members to help us line up great raffle prizes.

Here's how it works... You ask your local grocer to make a donation to the raffle – they do, and you get five free raffle tickets. You get your favorite restaurant to pitch in a 'dinner for two' – and you get five free raffle tickets. You tell your neighborhood hardware store about our activities and they make a donation - you get five free raffle tickets. It's that simple.

We even have a proven solicitation letter* that can be left with businesses. Bottom line... for each business donation you turn in at our monthly club meetings over the next three months, you'll get five free raffle tickets at the dinner – and five more chances to win some of the thousands of dollars worth of prizes that will be handed out that

night. *Copies of the solicitation letter can be downloaded from the club website.

Everyone knows *someone* who owns or works for a business that might contribute something to help Granite Bay Flycasters continue its 19-year tradition of serving the community. Business raffle donations range from gift cards, certificates, and coupons to actual merchandise. Almost anything over \$20 (value) is helpful, and donors who contribute over \$100 (value) will receive special recognition at the dinner.

Other news... Dinner tickets will be available at the January club meeting so bring your wallet because the price increases to \$35 on March 1st... We need your photographs for the dinner slide show – submit prints, slides, or digital media (along with your name and ph#) to any Board member at one of the next three monthly club meetings... Personal donations of funds to help finance the dinner event are always much appreciated!

Remember... Saturday, April 2nd for good food, great friendships, and fantastic raffle prizes!

-Mike Brune

Remember:

for the most up-to-date info go to:

www.gbflycasters.org

GBF Fishout upcoming schedule

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

1. Amador Lake (Trout). Dick Davis is the outing chairperson for this trip. He can be reached at: richarddavis311@msn.com, or at (916) 434-1951. The date is January 26, 2005. This is a good time of year to fish Amador. Trout weighing up to five pounds are not unusual. The most popular flies in the past have been a black leech, or black or dark green Woolly Buggers. You'll need a #5 or 6 rod. While fish sometimes feed near the surface, it is best to be able to fish all levels of the water column, so bring an intermediate line as well as a fast sinking line or sink tip. If the fish are up, long (10-12 foot) leaders are best, tapered to 4X. If the fish are down, shorter leaders with stronger tippets will work. To find Amador, go to their web site and/or consult a Thomas Bros. Guide. Car pooling is best since there is a \$6.00 per car charge. You will have to pay another \$13.00 to fish. Float tubes,

and pontoon boats are allowable. You can get breakfast at the lake's grille, which opens at 7:00 am. We will meet there at that time. Dick will call Amador a few days before the outing to check on weather and fishing reports, and will notify those who sign up.

2. American River (Steelhead). Alex Giannini is the outing chairperson for this trip. The date is January 30, 2005. This may change depending on conditions, but pencil it in anyway. You can reach Alex, via email: freshwater_flyfisher@hotmail.com, or (916) 784-7422.

3. Lower Yuba River (Steelhead). We have set up two dates for this outing. We are privileged to be able to access the river through the UC Davis property for both dates. You can sign up only for one of the dates. There is a limit of 15 members per date. To be fair, signups will be taken only at the January meeting. If you can't make the meeting, ask someone

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Yuba River Fishout

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

The Steelhead on the Yuba are not as big as the ones on the American; however, they fight as hard as any other fish their size. Their jumps and long runs place you into the backing. This is what fly fishing is all about, that huge rush of adrenaline! Thoughts like "Is my tippet strong enough?", "Hum, did I test that knot?", "Ah, Do I have enough backing?" and "Wow, this is a beautiful fish!" go through ones mind.

The equipment needs for this river are simple:

Length: 9 to 9.5 foot

Weight: 6 or 7 weight rod

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Yuba River Fishout



Another Yuba River wild trout

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Reel: good adjustable drag with 100 yards of backing capacity

Line: floating

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

Tippet: 4 or 5X (fluorocarbon optional)

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

Dries: elk hair caddis and yellow stimulator (to imitate the S k w a l l a stonefly) can be effective if there is a hatch or insects on the

water.

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

going to venture into the water:

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

In order to keep things fair, signups will start at the January meeting (no pre-signups). A signup

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Above the Highway 20 Bridge, GBF will be allowed to go after these great trout.

Upcoming Fishouts

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to sign you up. Once the spots are filled, there will be a waiting list. We have Paul Meyers to thank for setting this up with the University. Pete Koistenen will chair the first date, which is February 19, 2005; Paul Meyers will chair the second date, which is March 5, 2005. You can reach Pete at (916) 780-0925 or peterkoistensen@comcast.net. You can reach Paul at (916) 797-1955 or email: paul_meyers@hp.com.

I am also planning on two clinics: float tubing; and pontoon boat handling and safety. The dates for these have not yet been set.

Finally, here is some early info

on future outings: Pyramid Lake in late March; Greenstone Lake, Rancho Murietta Lake, and Red Bluff ponds, all for bass in April; Davis Lake in April; Putah Creek in May; a float on the Lower Sac in June; and Bridgeport area in June. We will also have fill-in spur of the moment outings in between the ones named. And, don't forget the North Yuba clinic, also in June.

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

Sign up early and often.

-Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

Casting clinics upcoming

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(covers both sessions) and is payable to Granite Bay Flycasters.

We only have room for 10 beginners for this class. A second class can be setup for any overflow. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting.

Contact Sturmer White with

questions: 916-791-2618; Email: sturmerwhite@surewest.net

The follow-up clinic called Beginners Fly-casting 102 will be offered Saturday, January 29th at 8:30 am. and will further assist in technique and enhance your skills as a flycaster.

Yuba River Fishout; Feb. 19, March 5

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sheet will be placed at the front of the room and at break people can sign up for one of the trips. Additionally, to create as much access for the membership as possible, we are requesting that people only sign up for one of the fishouts (not both). A wait list will be managed and people on the wait list will be called if someone drops. However, managing a wait list is difficult work, so if you know you cannot go, please don't sign up.

Yuba River Fishout

Fishout Leader:

Paul Myers,
916-780-0925
email: paul.meyers@hp.com

Where: UCD private section of the Yuba River

When: February 19 and March 5
Your GBF dues must be current and good standing, for insurance requirements.

Mark your calendar for the GBF Annual Dinner April 2, 2005

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

For Sale.....Outcast Pac- 8 pontoon boat, completely set up and ready to go, like new condition, used very little, asking \$500.00... same quality as newer version, that list for \$1089.00. Also Stillwater float tube (U-shape) \$45.00. For details call Mac Hunter, 916 791-0359.

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: 2 New, mint Sage rods with blank warranty cards, original Sage tubes and sleeves. Never been cast, slight rub where rods sat in dealer's rack. Each is in beautiful condition. XP 490-4 \$450, XP 690-4 \$470. List price for each is nearly \$600! Buy one or both. Call Nick Burnett at 916-488-3725 or email at nickburnet@aol.com

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

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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- Fishouts
- Fly patterns
- Links to flyfishing websites
- River Flow info
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- and much more

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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.

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