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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



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President's Message

A r t H a w k i n s

Here I sit staring at a blank screen, wondering where to begin, what to write. In fact, doing a monthly message will probably be the hardest part of being President, at least for me. First, I want to thank the membership for your vote of confidence and the opportunity to serve the Club as your President.

Now, how did I get into this situation? I retired in 1999 and found that while I had time to pursue my hobbies, fly fishing and woodworking, all my friends were still working and I had no one to fish with during the week. I remembered seeing GBF's Fly Tying booth at the Salmon Festival and in January 2002, I decided it was time to attend a meeting and find out if this would provide me with an opportunity to find others who were in the same predicament. I have to admit, I had a preconceived notion that I'd enter the clubhouse and find a small, cliquish group huddled together telling fish stories and totally ignoring a stranger in their midst. Wow, was I wrong. First a member greeted me in the parking lot and accompanied me to the clubhouse. Once inside he introduced me to Denny Welch, then President. When I looked around there weren't 20 people in the room, more like 70 or 80. And they weren't a bunch of "old fishermen"; there were young and old alike, men, women and kids. I really felt welcome when Denny called for all first time visitors to stand up and introduce themselves. But when I stated I was retired Denny piped up saying "That's all we need, another

member that can fish anytime while the rest of us work". I soon realized he was just kidding and indeed I would find others to fish with and a whole lot more.

While I've only been in the Club 3½ years I have gotten a whole lot more out of it besides a monthly meeting and finding someone to fish with. In February I teamed up with Michael Kaul and we started our Net Building Clinics. We just completed our fourth year of clinics and there are 80 members that are truly proud of their laminated wood nets. In May I volunteered to run for Treasurer. Then I found myself having a ball working with kids at the Salmon Festival and I've served on the Annual Dinner Committee the past 3 years. Besides volunteering I took advantage of the great clinics offered by the Club; casting, fly tying, bass fly tying and short-line nymphing, just to name a few that have really helped improve my fly fishing prowess. It has been said by many before me, "the more involved you get the more you get out of being a member". This is especially true in GBF. There is no better way to make friends and really get something out of being a member than by volunteering. The success of this club is a direct result of lots of members contributing, not just the same core group doing everything. Having said that, we have had several positions open up because members have done their "tour of duty" and this provides an opportunity for additional members to make a contribution. Positions that are

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Tying “Bill’s Dangerous Damsel”



Bill's Dangerous Damsel

Maybe because of the weather we've had this spring (who knows?) the damsel hatches have been sporadic and generally late. So, I thought it might be useful to present another alternative when tying damsel nymph imitations—one that I know catches fish. As I have mentioned many times in this column, simplicity is good—the simpler the pattern, the more likely it will be tied. This pattern is the ultimate in simplicity, requiring only two types of material—a strand of crystal flash and some damsel-olive marabou. If that isn't simple, I'll eat a plate of damsel and dragon fly nymphs—raw! I recommend that you select your marabou carefully for this fly. Don't buy the “shorts” or blood-feathers as they are called. Look for the long, fluffy feathers as that is what we will use.

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

1. Smash the hook barb. Wrap 5 turns of .010” lead at the thorax area.
2. Tie in a bunch of long-strand

marabou as a tail; the tail should extend back around 1.5 times the shank length. The tie-in point is just above the back end of the barb. Don't trim the butts.

3. Tie in a piece of pearl crystal flash at the same point as the tail was tied in.

4. Take the marabou and crystal

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MATERIALS

Hook: Curved shank hook such as Tiemco 2302 or Daiichi 1260, size 10.

Thread: Olive 6/0 or 8/0, or 70 denier flat nylon Ultra Thread

Weight: 5 wraps of .010” lead

Tail: Damsel olive marabou

Abdomen: Damsel olive marabou wrapped with a single strand of pearl crystal flash

Wing case: Damsel olive marabou

Thorax: Damsel olive marabou

Legs: Damsel olive marabou

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flash and twist them together counter-clockwise to form a fuzzy rope. It helps to moisten the tips of the fingers you will be using to twist the material.

5. While still holding the twisted marabou rope, take your hackle pliers and grab the rope near your fingers. I have found that the electrical clip type of hackle pliers work best for this task. Wind the rope forward with the hackle pliers until you reach a point about 1/3 of the shank length behind the hook eye. Tie off the rope there but don't cut the butts (see now why we need the long marabou and not the "shorts?"). When you tie off the rope, try to do it so that the butts are directly on top of the hook.

6. Pull the butts rearward and tie them back in that position; they will be used as a wing case.

7. Tie in another bunch of marabou by the tips just in front of where the wing case marabou was tied back. Tie in another piece of crystal flash at the same point, and twist the marabou and crystal flash as you did for the abdomen. Wrap a nice, fluffy thorax and tie off the thorax rope about one eye's length behind the eye.

8. Pull the wing case marabou forward over the thorax, and then push back on it to form a puffed-up looking wing case and tie it off just behind the eye.

9. Cut another bunch of marabou and even up the tips by grabbing them with your opposite hand and pulling on the tips. Using scissors to even up marabou results in an unnatural look, so just "pop" the ends off.

10. Push the tips over the eye of the hook, surrounding the eye as you do so. The tips should extend about half way down the hook shank. Tie the bunch off just behind the eye and whip finish.

Now get dangerous and fish Bill's Dangerous Damsel with an intermediate line, using slow, short strips to imitate poor-swimming damsel nymphs.

See ya on the creek....

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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 March.**

Beginners:

No Entries

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Larry Goodll

Best Tie: Ron English

Merchandise Coordinator Position Open

The Merchandise Coordinator maintains the Club's inventory of club-logo shirts and hats – including storage, display at meetings, and periodic re-ordering. Facilitating occasional custom orders and developing special purchase ideas can make this role as fun as it is important to Club operations! In addition to needing a Coordinator,

a backup volunteer is being sought to fill in if the Coordinator is unable to attend a meeting.

If you're interested in helping the club in this way – and can commit to attending the majority of monthly club meetings, please contact Art Hawkins at 916-725-3026. Volunteers make GBF great!

To make the club an active club it takes volunteers. Help GBF remain active. Take the time to volunteer.



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currently in need of a volunteer are **Raffle Coordinator, Librarian, New Members Coordinator and Logo Merchandise Sales.** None of these are overwhelming jobs, but they need to be filled for the Club to continue to be successful and provide benefits to the membership. In fact, it would be great to have two or three members form a team approach with one person as the primary coordinator. This way there is a backup if one has an "excused absence" (gone fishing) or the team could alternate meetings.

Every year since I joined the Club it has grown in membership and increased the number of clinics and fishouts. Denny set a goal of 200 members during his second term and he succeeded. Since that time membership renewals have been very high and with a steady stream of new members our ranks have swelled to 235. If you count the family memberships as two members we have well over 300 members. During the two years that Gary Flanagan was President he really focused on improving communications with the membership so that everyone would be informed and could avail themselves of the Club's many offerings. He recruited Paul Meyers and Kent Ripley to take on enhancing the website and developing a message board. Jeff Burkholder volunteered to become the editor of *The Leader* and has turned it into a top notch publication. Now our website and *The Leader* showcase GBF as the outstanding organization it is. Gary also implemented his "Email Blasts" to remind members of upcoming activities, last minute changes and

anything else of importance.

Given where we are in our maturity as a club, my goal for the coming year is to get more members involved in participating in Club events and hopefully volunteering at least once, be it leading a fishout, assisting in a clinic or event, or taking on a coordinator position that opens up. With a club this big we need more volunteers to insure that there are plenty of activities and that we don't "burn out" volunteers through over utilization. As a new member to the Club there is no better way to feel like you really belong than to volunteer and get to know other members. Already this year we're off to a great start. There are seven new members on the Board, Larry Goodell volunteered to head up the Golden Trout Program, Mike Powers and Frank Massey are organizing the games at the Past Presidents' Picnic and Jim Forshey is reactivating our Youth Program. After two years of providing us with delectable goodies to snack on Karen Flanagan is stepping down but we won't go hungry because Roger and Phyllis Mattson have volunteered to keep the munchies coming. There is nothing like having new volunteers that can bring in fresh ideas and keep the Club vibrant and dynamic.

In closing, I'd like to give proper recognition to Mike Laing. Somehow part of the text in Gary's President's Message last month didn't make it in the final copy. And just for clarification we have a Mike Laing and a Mike Lang. The latter is tall (big Mike) and was elected to the Board in June. What should have been in last month's *Leader* about the other

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Rod Building 108A

Thread Types, Sizes, and Colors

This is the first of two articles discussing thread choice on a custom fly rod. Different threads can be used to tie on your guides, hook keeper, ferrule protection, and tip protection, respectively. Your choice of thread for each makes your rod truly one of a kind. Thread color, thread size, and length of wrap are very important for aesthetics and functionality. In this article, we'll look at some of the choices you have when selecting thread for your custom rod.

Before selecting a type, size, and color of thread, the rod builder should first consider what the overall "look" they are trying to achieve. When you look at all of the manufactured fly rod blank colors available, you will find the fly blanks tend to be very muted and non-flashy. Blanks are usually black, matte black, transparent black, dark brown, chestnut, dark green, olive green, light tan, dark tan, or dark blue. The purpose of muted coloring is to avoid giving off a flash that may spook the fish when casting the rod. You will notice that most commercial good to high quality rods are all built with this type of color scheme. Some commercial rods do, however, have a very subtle amount of enhancement color here and there to enhance the rod's appearance and perhaps entice the fisherman to purchase that particular rod. Thread colors are available in various shade, tones, and patterns to match the blanks.

There are many types, sizes, and colors of threads being manufactured at this time. Detailed

descriptions of several thread types, including regular nylon thread, NCP (no color preserver) nylon thread, metallic thread, electra metallic thread, trimar thread, and silk thread are provided below to give you an idea of the variety of choices available to customize your rod.

Nylon Thread: The most commonly used thread listed above is the regular nylon thread, which comes in more than 30 colors. Nylon thread is available in sizes A, C, and D. Size A is the smallest diameter, while size D is the largest. Most fly rods are built with size A thread, which is very strong and provides a very pleasing visual appearance. The use of a color preserver on the nylon thread prior to applying epoxy will prevent the thread colors from becoming muted after the epoxy is applied.

NCP Nylon Thread: A specific type of nylon thread used in rod building is called NCP nylon thread. Like most nylon threads, it is available in more than 30 colors and also comes in sizes A, C, and D. When using this thread, colors will tend to be brighter and less muted after epoxy is applied without the use of a color preserver.

Metallic and Electra Metallic Threads: These threads tend to have very vivid colors. They are both made with a nylon thread core that is surrounded by a metal thread. Metallic thread is available in about 20 colors, while Electra Metallic is only available in 5 colors. They are both available in sizes A, C, and D. Electra Metallic thread provides a

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holographic effect and radiates a brilliant array of light. However, both of these threads can be used for a bright accent to any rod.

Trimar Thread: This thread is a blend on NCP nylon and a single, thin metallic fiber that is twisted into one thread to give a variegated effect. This thread is used for accent and comes in only one size (C/D). No color preserver is needed to preserve the brilliance of color.

Silk Thread: Silk is the world's strongest natural fiber and is stronger than steel in tensile strength. The Japanese have been producing the finest silk thread in the industry for many years. There are more than 45 colors produced for rod building. Silk thread comes in three sizes: 100, 50, and size A. Size 100 is the smallest diameter, while size A is the largest. When using silk thread, you must use silk color preserver to preserve the color, or you may have problems with the thread darkening after epoxy is applied. This is the most expensive thread, but the price is negligible in relation to the entire rod cost. Silk thread only costs about \$3.00 per rod.

As you can see from the small handful of threads described above, there is a lot of variety in thread type, size, and color to make that custom rod take on your own personal stamp. If you would like to get a more specific idea of what type of thread you would like to use for your rod, try browsing www.anglersworkshop.com. They have many types of thread available for sale at reasonable prices.

In the next article, we will discuss

how the length of thread wrap modifies rod action and how the placement of thread can protect weak areas in the rod.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please feel free to mail me at larrylee@13rods.com or telephone me at 916-962-0616.

Conservation Committee Changes Meeting Night

Beginning on July 5th, 2005, the Conservation Committee will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. We convene in the meeting room of the Round Table Pizza parlor located at 6811 Douglas Blvd., Granite Bay which is a short distance down Douglas from our meeting location at Folsom Lake. The Round Table telephone number is (916) 791-8063 and you can call Heath Wakelee, VP Conservation, at (916) 870-5253 to give input or for directions. Your comments are welcome and encouraged.

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PRESERVING HABITAT IN WESTERN PLACER



Alex Giannini on Dry Creek

Robert M. Weygandt has been a member of the Placer County Board of Supervisors for ten years, currently serving his third four-year term. He represents the western sector of Placer County including the communities of Lincoln, Sheridan and the majority of Rocklin. Robert has been avidly in-

ROBERT WEYGANDT,
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volved in Placer Legacy—a program to protect land, water and open spaces within Placer County.

Robert will be sharing the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP) for western Placer County. Placer County and its partner agencies – the Placer County Water Agency, the Placer County Transportation Planning

Agency, and the City of Lincoln – are in the early stages of preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan under the Federal Endangered Species Act and a Natural Community Conservation Plan under the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act.

Creating a Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) would define where and how open space is managed by specifically planning how we protect and manage our habitat and natural areas. The PCCP is an essential tool enabling us to build a vision that ultimately preserves the open and rural character of Placer County. The HCP/PCCP could outline conservation measures for up to 34 species, one of which being the Steelhead Trout.

When: July 14, 7 pm
Where: GBF Clubhouse

From an unknown author - "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space." Well, my experience with fellow flyfishers proves that we often fish on the edge. Fortunately we usually survive that leap to a lone rock and the risks we take trying to retrieve a \$1.85 fly are certainly heroic. Taking risks make the adventure that much more enjoyable when it culminates in reaching the right place to fish a riffle or getting a fly back that has been a favorite.

The enjoyment we experience when flyfishing today is the result of those that came before us who preserved and protected some fishable water. Today we have increased pressure on our fishing opportunities because the protections have

not kept up with population growth or budget declines. We are thrilled by a tug on our line and I am also thrilled by the positive response of club members when asked if they would volunteer to help restore some of the local fish habitat. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and I'll work diligently to provide local opportunity for us to preserve quality fishing opportunity for future generations.

We have already been in contact with the Dry Creek Conservancy, Placer Legacy and Cal Trout (to name a few) about how we can help with local projects and our own Ken Davis has invasive plant specie removal locations for us to consider. Eventually we hope to have at least one project per month for members (and their families) to volunteer their efforts.

So what can you do in the short run. Don't come to the conservation planning meetings unless you really like that type of activity. Do come out to help with a restoration project when asked and consider writing letters or attending meetings when those opportunities present themselves. And thank you in advance for wanting to preserve our wonderful sport for future generations.

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Conservation Strike Force to be formed

At the July 5th meeting of the Conservation Committee we will be discussing the formation of a small group of GBF members (10 to 15) who are willing and able to be on call for Emergency Conservation Strike Force work. We anticipate the Strike Force could be called out on 24 hour notice to pull apart a beaver dam that is blocking the upstream movement of salmon or to remove a fallen tree from a stream in a wilderness area where no power tools are allowed.

Strike force members may receive special training plus receive a pin and a black T-shirt in recogni-

tion of their membership. If the Conservation Committee approves the concept, writes up a "job description" and the Board approves, we'll have sign up sheets available.

If you have participated in a similar activity, please don't hold back providing your input to the group. We'll have the strongest team by building on the strengths of our members. Provide your input by attending the July 5th or August 2nd Conservation Meetings or telephone Heath Wakelee, VP Membership at (916) 870-5253.

-Heath Wakelee

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Mike follows:

Also recognized at the Annual Dinner was Mike Laing who was the recipient of this year's Jim Coleman Conservation Award. Bill Hagopian, VP Conservation, presented Mike with the plaque recognizing him as the most significant contributor to the Club's conservation programs during the past year. Mike has been the Conservation Committee's primary liaison with the FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers - where he is a very active member) and has spearheaded a number of the Committee's important activities. His dedication to the Club (and the conservation cornerstone on which it was founded) sets an incredible example for all Club members.

Now, go fish and when the opportunity presents itself, volunteer - you won't regret it.

Tight lines.... Art



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July 14-17

Virginia Lakes Fishout

GBF is headed over the Sierras from Thursday to Sunday, July 14 - 17 to beautiful Virginia Lakes. Located off Highway 395 just south of the town of Bridgeport, these three small natural lakes are true Sierra Gems! Several high granite peaks tower over these pristine lakes while soaking their toes in the silent depths of these natural water features.

The Virginia Lakes are accessible by vehicle at an altitude of 9,600 feet (so bring plenty of warm clothes). Then if you want a treat, take a short hike up the trail to one of the many walk-in lakes that contain Golden Trout. The lakes are generously stocked with very active fish in the 12-14 inch range

but we can also expect to catch holdover rainbows, an occasional Alpers up to 6 pounds, as well as native browns and brooks. It is a great place for both the beginner and experienced float tuber and a wonderful place for families.

Within a short drive are several moving water experiences like the Walker (East and West), Green Creek, Robinson Creek and Virginia Creek. The area boasts a nice campground at Trumbull Lake where I will be reserving some campsites. If you are bringing an RV be aware that here is a size limit of 26 feet for RV's. Additionally there is a lot of unimproved camping a short distance down the road

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2005 Annual Dinner Survey results

At the Dinner Committee's debriefing meeting held after this year's dinner it was suggested that the membership be surveyed on various topics regarding the Annual Dinner. This would allow Committee to receive feedback from the membership on preferences, likes and dislikes as well as obtain suggestions for next year's event. At the May General Meeting (Members' Night) survey sheets were handed out and the Committee received 75 responses. Since not all of the questions were answered by some of the responders, the percentages shown below reflect the percentage of those responding to that specific question.

- Did you attend this year's Annual Dinner? 52 or 69% of the

responses came from members who had attended this year's dinner.

- Have you attended the Annual Dinner in prior years? 43 or 57% of the responses came from members who had attended prior year's dinners.

- Was distance a factor? 57 or 98% of those responding said "no".

- Is the entrée important? 56 or 79% of those responding said "no".

- Would you pay \$5 more for a better entrée? 42 or 84% of those responding said "yes".

- Would you prefer a speaker or slide show? 57 or 70% of those responding selected "slide show".

- Would not having a speaker

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influence your attending? 61 or 88% of those responding said "no".

- Would your spouse be more likely to attend with a speaker or slide show? 49 or 64% of those responding chose "slide show".

- Would you attend the dinner if held on Sunday at 4 pm? 54 or 84% of those responding said "yes".

- 19 or 25% of the surveys turned in had comments.

- 53 or 71% of the surveys turned were signed by the member.

The Dinner Committee extends its thanks to club members who submitted surveys. With your input the 2006 Dinner Committee can work towards meeting or exceeding member expectations and preferences.

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Meet the Officers & the Board

Running a club with 300+ members is not up to one person. At GBF we have many talented members who willingly give of themselves for the benefit of other members. Here's a brief recap of the officers and directors who will lead GBF over the next 12 months.

- Bill Aaberg – Director: Bill has been with the Club for two plus years. In addition to having been elected to the Board in 2004, Bill has organized an annual GBF trek to the Broken Arrow Lodge in Montana for a week of fly fishing in Big Sky Country. He also served as the Club's liaison to American Fly Fishing Company.

- Joe Aicroth – Director: In 2004 Joe volunteered to be on the Annual Dinner Committee working on obtaining raffle prizes. He enjoyed the Dinner Committee's camaraderie so much he volunteered to Chair the 2005 Annual Dinner which had great success and will be doing it again in 2006. Joe earned his Golden Trout Award and coordinated GBF's involvement in Fly Fishing Awareness Day. He has also participated in river clean up days, the Salmon Count and ISE's Sportman's Expos.

- Nick Burnett – Secretary: Nick is a relatively new comer having joined in March of 2004 but it didn't take long for him to get involved. This past December he walked away with the award for the Best Chili served at the Annual Swap Meet & Chili Cook-off. Nick volunteered to fill this key position along with his trusty laptop.

- Michael Kaul – Director: Michael served as a Director this past year and ran for re-election. For the

past four years he has teamed with Art Hawkins to run the Club's Net Building Clinics. Besides serving on the 2005 Annual Dinner Committee, Michael leads an annual fishout to Virginia Lakes. This past year he also ran a booth at the Folsom Zoo featuring flies made of "Chicken Feathers" in keeping with their theme.

- Mike Lang – Director at Large: Mike has been a member for 2 years. He got active in Club activities early attending several clinics and fishouts and worked a couple of Club events allowing him to earn his Golden Trout Award. This past year Mike did a stellar job as the Raffle Coordinator for the 2005 Annual Dinner. He enjoyed being actively involved so much he decided to run for a Director position.

- Larry Lee – Treasurer: Shortly after Larry joined the Club he started conducting rod building clinics. He has also written several articles published in the Leader on rod building. Larry has served as Treasurer on other non-profit corporations, knows his way around the books and volunteered to be Treasurer. Additionally, he is in charge of the Club's Rod & Fly Tying Equipment Loaner Program.

- Art Livingston – Director: Art has been a member for about 10 years. After retiring in June 2004 he started to attend meetings on a regular basis. Art recently conducted an Orienteering Clinic for members, something he enjoys when he can't get on the water. Now that working for a living is a thing of the past Art has gotten more involved with the Club.

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- Paul Meyers – VP Membership: Paul has been a very active member and has been a Director the past two years. He took on the role of webmaster when the position became available in 2003, brought the webpage current and implemented the message board feature that many Club members use to pass along information and put together fishouts. He has also served as the Club's Liaison to Fly Fishing Specialties. Paul will be resigning his Director position after being elected VP Membership.

- Kent Ripley – Director: Kent assumed the role of Webmaster summer last year and along with keeping it current has made some

significant improvements. Our website has attracted many new members and is a true reflection of the professionalism of GBF. Dec 03 beg 5 / conserve in fall / promote events

- Heath Wakelee – VP Conservation: Keith has been a fly fishing conservationist for 20 years. He has been a very active member in the Conservation Committee for the past two years. His goal for the coming year is to organize work projects on local streams as well as develop a group willing to write letters and attend government meetings in Sacramento related to protecting or recreation waters.

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My apologies,

It's 3 am, I'm blurry eyed and I've been digging for hours searching for material and photos to fill these 20 pages, and not make it look as filler (the infamous trick of a publisher). After re-laying out the issue five times. I gave in and went back to the original layout, which lead to this blank page.

It's been fun creating and designing The Leader for GBF and being your editor for the past two years. Though, I will have to say goodbye. For I can not continue as the Leader editor and keep the level of quality I like to achieve. Each issue takes over 25-30 hours to produce, and with family health issues, a very busy business to run. I found it to be more and more difficult to schedule and it started to feel like work producing each issue. Besides, I've not been fishing more than once this season.

And, I wanted to attend meetings and events, it's been difficult to do that the past couple months. My best to Paul Meyers for volunteering his efforts (life) to accepting the gavel (mouse) to continue this great publication.

Thank you all who contributed articles, photos and assistance. Also, thank you Gary Flanagan for your support and assistance when I was getting pretty stressed around deadline time. Remember we said 'when it was not being fun, it was time to get out of the water'.

Thank you again,
-Jeff Burkholder

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Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

Pontoon Boat for Sale

Nine foot long Fish Cat pontoon boat (made by Outcast) for sale. The boat comes with double pontoons, comfortable seat with swivel, oars and oarlocks, storage bag on each side, a stripping apron, a built-in wheel assembly for easily wheeling the boat to and from the lake or river. The boat is in perfect shape. I've purchased another boat and want to sell this one. \$500.00. If you are interested, please call Bill Carnazzo at (916) 663-2604 (home) or (916) 295-9353 (cell), or send an email to humpyfly@yahoo.com.

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.

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

Virginia Lakes Fishout

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along the creek. There is a small store with a lunch counter that has showers for a nominal fee at Little Virginia Lake.

As for equipment, a five weight rod with an intermediate or type II sink is usually the ticket but there is also generally some dry fly action early and late. Buggers and Matukas (cinnamon, brown, green or black) generally work well along with several small nymphs and even San Juan Worms worked last year.

If you are looking for a beautiful spot with great fishing for a July outing please join us. If you plan on going call Michael Kaul, (530) 677-8022 so we can get an adequate number of sights reserved for camping.

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Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship

Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gbflycasters.org or call Gary Flanagan 916-223-4240.

Doors open between 6:30pm and 7pm for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30pm. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show or other presentation. Each meeting also has a raffle, and visitors are always welcome.

Membership: Applications are available online www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Lester Show 916-967-7563 or visit the website www.gbflycasters.org

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