

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Bill Hagopian

Beverly Hagopian with a 25 inch German Brown Trout, caught on the East Walker River during the May Fishout at Bridgeport.

June 2005



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1.	2.	3.	4 Eagle Lakes Fishout
5.	6.	7.	8.	9. Conservation Committee meeting: 7 pm	10.	11. Yuba River Clinic see page 12
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President's Message

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

Well, it has been two years and my term limit is up and now it is time for a new President of Granite Bay Flycasters to take over. My new job is to support the new President. As I look back, I remember the promises I made to you. I knew when I took over from the past president, we had a great Club but I wanted to make it even better.

While we already had a great group of members, great programs, great fishouts and great clinics, I saw a need for better communications. My promise to you was to create several media avenues where you would always know what the Club was offering. This was accomplished in three ways. First, we made the Leader a professional looking publication that contained current information. No one had to wonder who the monthly speaker was going to be. You always knew what fishout and clinics were being offered and who was assigned as the Fishmaster. This was accomplished by asking for articles by members in charge of the various activities be submitted in advance of reasonable deadlines and by the hard work of Jeff Burkholder, a man who would normally charge fifteen hundred dollars each month to produce such a publication. Jeff owns a marketing company but still donates his time and expertise to provide the best darn newsletter a club like ours could ever have.

Next, Paul Meyers became our Webmasters and through his skills and hard work, he whipped the GBF Website into shape and added the message board. Kent Ripley took over as Webmaster this year

and is doing a great job too. Keeping current information on the website has been responsible for part of the huge increase in membership

over the past two years and the website is not only used for communicating with the membership, it showcases the professional nature of Granite Bay Flycasters and its members.

Finally, with e-mail blast, (group e-mails), we are able to provide the membership with last minute information and reminders which help you plan your activities with the Club.

It bothers me when I hear some members say that Granite Bay Flycasters is just a "little 'ol fishing club." We are so much more than that. We are a vital Conservation Organization that makes a difference. We are a strong and targeted membership that businesses, organizations and groups seek out because of our numbers, buying power and influence. We are an educational entity that teaches Flyfishing, Fly-tying, Rod Building, and Net Building and creates an environment for children and adults that instills the attitude of conservation and protection of the natural environment. Future adults learn about our Club and fisheries management through our "Eggs in the Classroom Program."

Over the past two years we have



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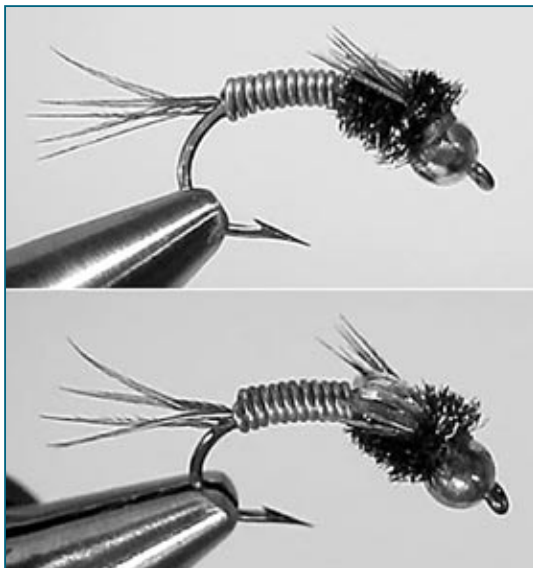
Tying “the Copper John”

The Copper John, designed by John Barr of Colorado as a dropper fly for his “hopper-dropper” system, has been described as the hottest nymph pattern in the U.S. That may well be true... I don't know (or care) what the statistics show. What I do know is that if you talk to anyone who has used this pattern you will most likely find her/him to be a devotee' of this relatively simple fly. Not only is it a good pocket water searcher, it can function as a midge pattern in smaller sizes when using Chironomid techniques. The original version was tied with regular copper wire, but red and chartreuse are also popular. The best wire to use is Ultra Wire because it won't tarnish. For additional background information, see Skip Morris' article on this fly in the latest (summer, 2005) issue of *Flyfishing and Tying Journal*.

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

1. Smash the hook barb. Apply the bead, and then wrap the lead/substitute wire around the shank, covering the front ½ of the shank. Push the wire into the rear opening of the bead. When this is done, the wire should cover less than ½ of the shank. Start the thread behind the lead and move it to the point just above the back of the hook barb.

2. Measure two biots to a length equal to 2/3 of the shank, and tie



The Copper John

MATERIALS

- Hook: Standard 1X long nymph hook such as TMC 3761, sizes 14-20
- Bead: Gold, sized to hook (e.g., for #14 use 1/8")
- Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0, or 70 denier flat nylon Ultra Thread
- Weight: Lead or substitute wire, sized to hook (e.g., for #14, use .015)
- Tail: Dark brown goose biots
- Abdomen: Copper wire (color of choice) sized to hook (e.g., "brassie" size for #14)
- Wing case: One strand of pearl Flashabou over a strip of brown Thin Skin, topped with epoxy or clear Loon Hardhead cement.
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Legs: Brown partridge flank feather fibers

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one in on each side of the hook at the same point. Bind the biots down right to the back end of the lead so that a smooth transition is formed.

3. Tie in a piece of copper wire just behind the lead and wrap back to the tie-in point for the biots. Move the thread forward, covering the shank and wire with a smooth layer of thread to form an even base for winding the copper wire. Leave the thread at the back end of the lead.

4. Wind the copper wire forward in tight turns to the thread, with each turn hard against the last. Tie the wire off at that point.

5. Tie in a strand of Flashabou dead center on top of the thorax, followed by a thin strip of Thin Skin. These should both be point-

ing to the rear.

6. Tie in 2 or 3 peacock herls at the rear of the thorax area, spin them together with the thread, and wind the rope forward to the bead. Tie it off there and trim the excess.

7. Pull the Thin Skin forward and tie it off behind the bead. Do the same with the Flashabou strand, keeping it dead center on the top of the thorax. Trim the excess on both materials.

8. Cut a small bunch of partridge fibers and tie them in on the far side of the hook just behind the bead. Do the same on the close side of the hook. The legs should extend no farther than the midpoint of the abdomen.

9. Whip finish and trim the thread. Put a tiny drop of epoxy or Hardhead cement on top of the thorax, making sure you don't let it spill over and soak into the peacock and/or legs. There should be a bit of a "hump" formed by the epoxy or cement, so you may have to apply more than one coat. I prefer the Hardhead cement; it holds up just as well as epoxy and is a whole lot easier to use.

See ya on the creek....

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

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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:

Robert Peters

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Ron English

Best Tie: **Mike Lang**

Announcement annual elections

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: Mike Lang
- Director, 3 year term: Joe Aichroth, Jeff Burkholder, Michael Kaul, Art Livingston, Kent Ripley, Craig Robertson

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 assis-

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President's message

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seen our numbers swell. The saying that was popularized in the movie Field of Dreams applies, "Build it and they will come" holds true. Not only did you come, you stayed. In previous years, we lost about 25% of our membership at renewal time. The past two years we have retained most of our members. I am convinced that communication, coupled with lots of activities plus the interaction between new and old members made it happen. Our Club is like a family that has their act together. We are all accountable to each other and everyone is treated equally. We don't have a clique of old members that exclude new members that join the club; we embrace and welcome new comers.

For those of you who did not attend the Annual Dinner I thought you should know I selected Art Hawkins as the recipient of this year's President's Award. This is the same award I received from Denny Welch when I was on the Board the year before I became President. I did not give this award to Art lightly. He is one of those hard workers that makes this Club so successful, doing what is needed without having to be asked. He carried out his unprecedented three terms as Club

Treasurer flawlessly and professionally as well as volunteering to do many other jobs. Art is one of the most organized people I know. He is truly an asset to our Club.

"Mike has been the conservation committee's primary liaison with the FFF (Federation of Flyfishers - where he is a very active member) and has spearheaded a number of the committee's important recent activities. His dedication to the club - and the conservation cornerstone on which it was founded - sets an incredible example for all club members.

Finally I want to thank all the other members who have served as officers, board members, clinic leaders, fishout organizers and activity hosts during my term as President. It is individuals that are willing to give their free time for the benefit of the membership that makes GBF such a great club.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you fine people. It was my pleasure and I hope to be able to fish with you all in the next few years. I have once again accepted the position of Fishmaster and I promise I will continue to provide you organized and fun fishouts.

Tight Lines and please, keep you feet dry...
-Gary Flanagan

June 21

Fly Tying Jam Canceled

Every June, we lose the use of the GBF Clubhouse for the Fly Tying Jam. California State Park Instructors conduct a week long Life Guard Training Class for their State Park Rangers and they have their training equipment spread

out in the Clubhouse during that period. Additionally, Jim Holmes, the Jam coordinator is unavailable that evening.

Sturmer White will be conducting

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Guides; spacing and size continued

This is the last of four articles covering guide sizing and spacing on a blank. It covers the importance of considering types of fly lines when choosing guide sizes.

Fly Lines:

Modern fly lines will vary in taper design and weight depending on the individual manufacturer and the company's marketing philosophy. One company's five-weight line may vary greatly from another company's five-weight line. Standards have been established by the American Sportsfishing Association (ASA, and formerly the American Fly Tackle Manufacturers Association or AFTMA) that relate a fly line weight for a given 30 feet in length. There will be an article later going into detail discussing different lines and they affect your rod.

In general, the larger the weight of the fly line, the larger the cross-sectional area of the line used and the farther it can be cast. In addition, floating lines are much larger in diameter than sinking lines. Some lines have both floating and sinking segments. Recently, some manufacturers have begun producing larger diameter floating fly lines so that the line floats higher in the water. This type of line may have a diameter up to 1/64" larger than typical floating fly lines. Beware of purchasing a new floating fly line because you may notice that you can cast the line neither as far nor as easily as when using the older style of floating fly line. If you upgrade the diameter of the line



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

without a change in guide sizing, the line has less room through which to slide, creating less freedom of movement for the fly line. If this does occur, you will need to clean your line more often and dress your fly line with a slick substance to reduce the friction between the line and the guides. When looking to achieve a longer cast with a larger diameter line, you may want to use larger guides when building your rod to accommodate the line.

Here are some basics to consider when choosing your guide sizes with respect to line sizing:

- Consider manufacturer recommendations, and maybe even enlarge the guides a size or two to compensate for larger diameter floating lines.
- Consider selecting a fly line size that matches your rod using the ASA standards.
- Consider trying titanium carbide eyes. They are very hard, and provide minimal line sliding resistance.
- Consider using the Fuji "New Concept" method (<http://www.fujitackle.com.au/concept.htm>). Fuji has put a lot of time and effort

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in developing it. I have used this method on several rods and it has worked very well. This link discusses spinning and bait casting rods, but fly rods can also benefit from this concept.

The following manufacturers also have some good recommendations:

1) Sage (http://www.sageflyfish.com/for_the_fanatic/guideSpacingChart.shtml), and

2) St. Croix (http://www.stcroixrod.com/content.asp?id=68§ion=builder).

I have spent a large amount of time researching many sources of what to look for in terms of guide sizing and spacing to use for a new rod (internet, books, and various knowledgeable people). It can be

very confusing because there are so many differing opinions. There are many guide sizes that can be used for the same weight, and same action of rod. However, in the end, if you follow the basics that have been outlined in this and the previous three articles, you will be off to a good head start in choosing the right guides and spacing for your new rod.

If you would like to discuss more about guide spacing and sizing, please feel free to contact me at larrylee@L3rods.com or call me at 916-962-0616.

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FISHING THE LOCAL CREEKS



Alex Giannini on Dry Creek

Alex Giannini is one of Granite Bay Flycasters' youngest members. He is also a veteran GBF member of six years. Alex, now in High School, has lead fishouts for the Club, written articles for the Leader and taught fly tying. He has become skilled at all facets of flyfishing and continues to hone his abilities as an angler.

He and his father Vic have concentrated on learning how to fish

*ALEX GIANNINI,
LIFETIME FISHERMAN*

many of our local waters. Many of these locations are often not given the credit they deserve as quality fisheries. Alex has created a PowerPoint Presentation, as a high school project, and he will be presenting it as the featured speaker at this coming June Meeting.

Alex will be presenting the fishing opportunities on Dry Creek and the upstream reaches of this unique fishery.

According to Alex, "Dry Creek is an overlooked fishery that provides miles of beaver ponds and warm water potential, all in your backyard. I will discuss accesses to the creek, techniques and tackle that will put you into large fish in a small creek."

His skills, knowledge and abilities make him a huge asset to our Club and the sport of flyfishing.

When: May 12, 7 pm
Where: GBF Clubhouse

Red Bluff Ponds Fishout a Success, thank you Mike Lang

A dozen or so Granite Bay Flycasters members attended the bass fishing outing near Red Bluff on May 13-15. In attendance were me (Bill Carnazzo), Frank Cunha, Rick McCombs, Sturmer White, John Peterson, Mike Howes, Tony Hamamoto, Frank Stolten, Ron and Jeanne English, Chuck Honeycutt, Mike Lang, and Christine Johnston (please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone). The location was spectacular—a beautiful cattle ranch located in the mountains west of Red Bluff—and the weather cooperated for the most part, except for Sunday. The ranch belongs to members of Mike Lang's family—and a dog named Duke, who kept

us laughing with his antics while wrestling with an understanding (but wary) cat and harassing a resigned older, and much larger dog. Mike and his family were gracious, kind, and patient hosts and deserve a big, thundering "thank you" from the club.

Everyone caught plenty of bass and crappie, but the big story of the outing was Rick McCombs' good fortune in landing an approximately 9 pound catfish that took his hair frog popper—believe it or not. John Peterson "released" a Force Fin on the first day and unfortunately was unable to retrieve it from the deep despite valiant efforts. The fishing was so good at times that someone (I won't mention who) was overheard to say "Someone give me a fly that doesn't work!" Now that's good fishing—and there was actually some truth to the statement.

A big thanks also to Mike Howes and John Peterson for getting and excellently preparing the food for the entire crowd for the whole weekend.

-Bill Carnazzo

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North Yuba River Nymphing Clinic



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North Yuba River nymphing clinic is one of the most popular GBF clinics.

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. There will be a sign up sheet at the May meeting. 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.



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Rancho Murieta bass outing

Bill and Knute hosted three separate outings at Rancho Murieta this year. The first outing was for Pete Peterson's "Bass Fly Tying Class" and the other two were the scheduled fishouts. Rancho Murieta is private access property and Bill and Knute were most gracious hosts, providing and cooking delicious food and serving soft drinks (for a small—too small—fee).

As a Granite Bay Flycaster member and participant, I want to thank Bill and Knute for their great sense of humor, and their kind, thoughtful, and generous contribution toward making all three of these outings successful and fun for participating members.

Thanks to Bill Ossolinski and Knute Anderson.

-Bill Carnazzo

President's Picnic June 16-19

We need to get a head count for the campsite, food purchase, One Fly Contest, and the Not So Special Olympics. Please don't delay because all planing stems from the attendance.

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. Check out the map on the web site. (Thanks Kent)

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 Sat. afternoon
 - a. Blind draw two-person teams.
 - b. Two Handed/Two Fisted Horseshoes
 - c. Backward Casting--as your partner spots for the caster
 - d. 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 tell fish stories and psyche-out the competition for the one fly contest or 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 5:30 p.m. Saturday

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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

VOLINTIERS NEEDED

We need People to step-up and volunteer for clean up after Saturdays Picnic.

We also need help with The NOT SO SPECIAL OLIMPICS on Saturday Afternoon.

It would be appreciated if we could find a qualified assistant chef to help Tony with some prep on Fri night.

ITEMS NEEDED

If any one has a MEGAPHONE

that we could use for the weekend please let use know.

We are also looking for HORSE_ SHOES

Please Bring **FireWood** for the campfire.

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 days you'll attend. You can email us with any questions. (However, no questions about contest rules will be answered, as we will make them up as we go.)

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August 7, 2005

Casting for Recovery, Pit River

I would like to thank those Granite Bay Flycasters Members who have so kindly volunteered to be a river helper for our up-coming retreat this August. We could still use a few more volunteers. If you would like to help out please give me a call or an e-mail at fishen@directcon.net or call me, Nancy Siegler, at (530) 677-6034



What is Casting for Recovery?

Casting for Recovery is a national non-profit support and educational program for women who have or have had breast cancer.

We provide an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by the disease to gather in a beautiful, natural

setting and learn fly-fishing, "a sport for life." Just as importantly, we offer an opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.

Our weekend retreats incorporate counseling, educational services and the sport of fly-fishing to promote mental and physical healing.

Founded in 1996, Casting for Recovery has been offering free retreats across the country. We rely on local volunteers and organizations to support our community based retreats.

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Why fly fishing and breast cancer?

To Fish is to Hope

The retreats provide an avenue for social support and group interactions, reducing the feeling of isolation many survivors might have.

The dynamics of fly-fishing provide a healing connection to the natural world, relieving everyday stressors and promoting a sense of calm.

Fly fishing techniques provide a gentle exercise for joint and soft tissue mobility.

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The retreats offer a forum for women with similar experiences to meet, learn a new skill and gain a respite from their everyday concerns.

What we do

Casting for Recovery provides weekend retreats at no cost to the participants including lodging, meals and professional instruction.

Any woman who has experienced breast cancer is eligible to attend a retreat (with medical clearance from their physicians).

Trained facilitators staff each retreat including: a psychotherapist, a health care professional (e.g.



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Casting for Recovery group from last year.

physical therapist, nurse), and four fly fishing instructors.

July 11

Beginning fly tying workshops

Learning to tie Flies can be difficult and frustrating. It can take several years to gather the information and learn the techniques needed to tie proportionate and fishable flies if you attempt it alone. If you are thinking about starting this relaxing and fulfilling pastime, then you are in luck, because you belong to GBF and we are going to have a beginning fly tying class that begins on Monday July 11th. The class will be five weeks long, every Monday in the activity center from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm. If you join this class you will learn how to tie nine different flies, including some of the most productive patterns used on our local waters.

More importantly, you will gain knowledge of the art, and skills to use and develop throughout your years of tying. My name is Paul Egan and I will be conducting this



Paul Egan will be teaching a new variation of the beginning flytying

class. I have been tying for 18 years and fly fishing for 10 years. I joined GBF this last February and have been truly delighted. The best addition to my fly vest over the past years has definitely been the GBF nametag.

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I have never taught a class before but I have taught individuals to tie one on one. I am greatly honored to have this opportunity to give back to the sport that has brought me so much joy in the past years. In the first class, we will be tying a Wooly Bugger and you will be provided with all of the materials. You will need to buy the supplies for the remaining three weeks. At the first meeting, we will go over tools, vices and material selection, and a list of supplies will be handed out. In the last class, you will be taught how to tie two of the most Productive Steelhead patterns I have ever used.

Neither of these patterns can be found in any fly shop as of yet. The

supplies will also be provided for this class. You will receive written, detailed instructions on each fly. We will start with putting a hook in the vice and end up with the whip finish.

You don't need any prior experience. If you don't have a vice or set of tools you can get a loner set from GBF. The class will be limited to five people, so it will fill very fast. The cost is \$30.00. There will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting. You can also contact me directly by e-mail at SacStretch81@aol.com or call me at (916) 919-2221. I am looking forward to this class and meeting more of our members.

Tight Lines.....

-Paul Egan

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Knot-tying clinic - June 21st

Sturmer White will conduct a knot-tying clinic on the Picnic Tables at the GBF Clubhouse on the evening of June 21st. This will be a great opportunity to learn and practice all the simple (but crucial) fly-fishing knots that are used to connect your fly reel to your fly.

Golden Trout Program participants: This is your chance to

complete the required knot-tying category – don't miss it! Sturmer will gladly sign off your Golden Trout handbook after you have demonstrated the designated knots.

The clinic gets underway around 6:30pm and will last 60-90 minutes as needed. Please call Sturmer at 916-791-2618 with any questions.

Summer beginning Flycasting clinic

I will be conducting a Beginning Fly Casting Clinic on Wednesday, June 15th and continuing on to Wednesday, June 22nd. Clinic hours will be from 6 PM and until 8:30 PM. These hours will accommodate those of you who work and it will be a more pleasant part of the day.

This clinic would take place at Maidu Park. Two stop lights south of Douglas Boulevard on Rocky Ridge Road. After entering the Park stay left all the way around the park to the soccer field parking lot. Bring a 7 1/2 ft. tapered leader an old one, or an inexpensive one.

Larry Lee will bring several club rods for our beginners to practice with.

Please advise me by a reply as to whether you can make it or not. I currently have eleven Club Members signed up, but there is room for more. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June Club Meeting. If you plan on attending, please bring a check for (\$15) to the Club Meeting. Please make checks payable to Granite Bay Flycasters.

Our club has some excellent casters and trainers and I am sure you will enjoy the experience working with qualified instructors. You may also contact me, Sturmer White at (916) 791-2618. Lets have some fun learning how to cast a fly rod.

Little Perch big smiles



Christopher Peters, son of GBF member Robert Peters, hold his first catch from Mather Lake.

Caught on #16 black ants, tied by dad, this is how it all begins in a flyfisher's history.

Photo by Robert Peters

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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.

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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Annual elections

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tance 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.

Fly tying Jam

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a Knot Tying Clinic beginning at 630 PM at the picnic tables just outside the Clubhouse. Anyone who still wishes to meet and tie flies outside on the picnic tables are welcome to join Sturmer.

By the way, Folsom Lake is full and the water is all the way up to the Clubhouse and the willows are flooded, which means the Bass fishing around the Clubhouse can be good. Bring a rod and practice

New Members

Family membership: Russ and Aaron Williams, Tom and Becky Stephens, Bill and Jean Montgomery, Michael & Linda Clifford

Single membership: Michael Matus, Curtis Mau, Mark Hibbert, Frank Saiz, Bill Avey

Welcome back: John Gargiulo

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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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