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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Gary Flanagan

**A Big fish Big Fly? This 25inch German Brown was caught at Putah Creek on a size 20 WD-40**

*March 2005*



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February 2005

## President's Message

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

Spring is upon us and that can only mean that Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner is close at hand. The date of the dinner is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Dante Club. Tickets are going fast so if you want to reserve your tickets call Art Hawkins at 725-3026. This year, Joe Aichroth and the rest of the Dinner Committee have a few new things in store for us. This will be the first year that there will be a live auction for two special items. They are doing a live auction because of the success we recently had at some of the general meetings where we auctioned off some float trips. I really enjoyed the fun and excitement of a live auction. Also we are going to have a PowerPoint presentation set to music in lieu of a guest speaker. The committee decided to try this to keep the dinner from bogging down. They plan on giving you a fast paced format that will keep everyone entertained. Please keep in mind that the Annual Dinner is how we raise the lion's share of money that we use to operate the Club through the year. Whether you attend or not, this is the time we need you to make donations. These donations can be in form of cash or merchandise.

I am pleased to announce that **Frank Massey** and **Mike Powers** have volunteered to coordinate the Annual Past President's Picnic this year at the PG&E Bear River Group Campground. Again this year we will have the One-Fly Contest at Fuller Lake and our famous **all-you-can-eat baby back rib and chicken dinner** on Saturday afternoon. For those of you that

don't know, the four days of camping is absolutely free and the dinner is also free to Club Members. What a deal! Thank you Frank and Mike for stepping up. I have a feeling you two will probably have to most fun that weekend.

Please take a look at Nancy Siegler's article, "**Casting for Recovery.**" Nancy is not only the President of the Lady Bugs; she is also one of GBF's newest members. Last year through the Lady Bugs, GBF provided several volunteers who helped teach and guide Breast Cancer Survivors at the Pit River Lodge. Everyone that volunteered for this event enjoyed it so much; they are planning of doing it again. We still need more help so if it fits into you schedule, please contact Nancy.

We are still looking for members who are interested in Board Positions. The election is in June. There are openings for President, Vice President of Conservation, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Director position. Please consider if you would like to serve or you know someone who you would like to nominate. Frank Stolten and Mike Brune are in charge of the Nomination Committee. You can contact Frank at 725-6894 and Mike at 723-4524.

Take a look at all the clinics and fishouts we are having. I dare



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## Tying the “Hanley’s Furled Damsel”



Hanley's Furled Damsel

I have featured Ken Hanley's creative flies in this column a number of times. At the Sacramento ISE show, Ken showed me how to properly furl antron yarn. His technique produces excellent furled fly bodies every time, if done properly. Damsels, dragons, baitfish, alevins, and many other flies can be tied with furled bodies. For this month's fly, we will tie Ken's furled damsel fly. Color is a matter of choice; however, because so many damsel nymphs are olive in color and hue, olive is a good choice. This fly imitates the insect during its last maturation stage before becoming an adult. Damsels are delicate insects, so the body should be small and fine in its mass.

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

**1.** Smash barb on hook, and cover the front of the hook shank with thread. When doing this, leave a blank area equal to two eye-widths just behind the eye. This is true for virtually all patterns.

**2.** Separate out about 20-30 fibers of Z-lon yarn; length should be around 4 inches. Place one end in the jaws of your vise and hold the other end in your right hand, stretching the yarn out toward yourself.

**3.** Twist the yarn counterclockwise using both hands. The yarn should be twisted tightly. When you will it warming between your fingers, stop twisting. Hold the yarn tight in your right hand, and with your left thumb and forefinger grasp the strand in the middle and twist it clockwise so that the strand furls back on itself. You will see that this technique produces a finely tipped furled body that stays put without unraveling.

**4.** If you desire eyes on the fly, tie them in now. Tie in the furled body about 2 hook eye lengths behind the eye. Don't trim the butts just yet.

**5.** Grasp the butts of the yarn in your left hand and pull them backward over the front of the body, as you would if you were forming a wing case. Before tying the butts down, using your left hand push the butts forward so that you achieve a slight “puffed” effect over the back of the fly. This creates the appearance of an engorged thorax, similar to the insect approaching its emergence as an adult.

**6.** Tie the yarn down, being sure to leave the puffed up appearance of the thorax. Whip finish, and then

*See page 5 “tying the Hanley Furled Damsel”*

### MATERIALS

**Hook:** Daiichi 1130, #12

**Thread:** Olive 8/0

**Body:** Olive Z-lon, Zelon, or similar material

**Eyes:** (optional) Olive mono, size small

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trim the yarn to about ¼” in length just behind the tie-off point.

As in the case of last month's fly, don't store these flies in a box configured with compartments. Rather, they should be stored in a foam or

similar box to prevent tangling of the antron material.

Fish this jewel slowly, to imitate the swimming motion of the nymph as it moves toward shore for the hatch.

See ya on the creek....

## Old line and flies, anyone?

Our annual dinner decorations coordinator, Karen Flanagan, needs your spare monofilament, fly lines, and old flies (and she's not just trying to replace the gear that Gary lost on his last fishing trip). Karen is once again designing and building the annual dinner decora-

tions that help make this event so memorable – and she needs your old line and flies for creating the right atmosphere. Bring your stuff to the March club meeting (or call Karen for other arrangements), and she promises to store it where Gary can't find it!

### Deadline March 15

## Searching for Wet Fly Award nominees

The Board is still accepting nominations for the Club's infamous Wet Fly Award. Who do you know

that has slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won't mind having the story recounted aloud at our Annual Dinner on April 2nd? Contact any Club Board Member by March 15<sup>th</sup> to relay the deserving story. The winner receives a very nice (and appropriate) trophy at the dinner.

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

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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 Dec.

Beginners:

**Larry Goodell**

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

**Michael Gervais**

Best Tie: **Mike Lang**

For more Fly tying recipes  
go to:

[www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)

## Flytying Jam March 15th

Granite Bay Flycasters Monthly Fly-tying Jam will be held at the GBF Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30pm. The Jam is always the third Tuesday of each month.

This month, Jim Holmes will be tying Peacock Herl-bodied flies. If you wish to tie along with Jim, bring some Peacock Herl, some ribbing material and something for tails if you want to tie some of these fish catching flies.

Peacock Herl Bodies have been around for a long time because fish are attracted to the buggy look it gives a fly. There is something about the iridescence of Peacock-herl that attracts fish. It is also very user friendly and it is much easier to work with compared to some of the more advanced dubbing techniques. Jim will show you ways to strengthen the herl by wrapping it around thread or wire before incorporating it into the body of your fly. This will help keep your flies from being ripped up by all the toothy fish you are bound to catch.

Others may choose to tie their favorite bass flies, (It is close to

spring, after all!) or flies for Pyramid Lake. Our upcoming fishout at this great Nevada Fishery is later this Month and this is the time of year when you can hope to land twenty plus Cutthroat Trout a day in the 18" to 20" class and five pounders are not uncommon!

As always, the Fly Tying Jam is a FREE event. All you need to do is bring a vise, tools and your own materials, plus lots of enthusiasm! Heck, you can even come and just watch if you want.

Free use of the Club's fly tying vises and tools are available. If you think you want to learn to tie flies but don't want to spend a lot of money to find out, contact Larry Lee and arrange with him to check out a vise and the tools you will need. You may keep them for thirty days at a time. Larry can be reached at [Larrylee@l3rods.com](mailto:Larrylee@l3rods.com) or call him at (916) 962-0616.

For any other questions about the Fly Tying Jam, you can contact Jim Holmes at (916) 967-6709 or [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com)

**-Jim Holmes**

## Casting For Recovery Instructors needed

I just received the list for the Casting for Recovery Retreats for 2005. Our club and Granite Bay Flycasters will be sponsoring the retreat that will be held at the Pit River Lodge.

The date is August 5-7. We need river helpers for August 7<sup>th</sup>. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is for the staff to move on to other issues for holding this retreat. You pretty much have to come up the night before to be ready in the early morning to help the ladies with their fly-fishing. I can tell you

from experience that this is quite a day and very rewarding for the ladies as well as for each individual that helps out.

Last year we had several folks volunteer and at the last minute some did not make it. My only requirement is that if you sign up please keep your promise. These ladies are depending on us to be there to help them. We are in a very remote area and can't get any replacements at the last minute. We try to make it a one on one if possible. Last

*see "Casting for Recovery" page 11*

## Fishing Photos Wanted

We need more photos for the annual dinner slide show! If we get enough shots, we'll produce a PowerPoint presentation for the dinner with images of club members catching fish, losing fish, getting skunked, getting skunk-drunk, camping out, falling out (of their tube or boat)\*, participating in other club functions, and otherwise enjoying each others company. \*If you have one of these photos, you also have a Wet Fly Award short-list nominee!

To get your shots in the show, bring photographs or slides (digital shots on CD ROM preferred) to the March meeting and give them to Mike Brune. You can also e-mail photos to Mike at [m.brune@comcast.net](mailto:m.brune@comcast.net). Please pro-

vide any pertinent details (names, location, etc...). All photographs/slides will be returned if requested. Photos of club events over the last year or two are acceptable.

This is your last chance to get photos in the dinner show. March 10<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff for all submissions. Call Mike for other arrangements if needed (916-723-4524). Think about submitting a few shots from your last fishout, campout, or other club event you could be a star at the annual dinner!

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Rod Building 107A

## Guides; a basic overview

This will be the first of three articles covering guide types, guide sizes, and guide spacing on a blank. A little later we will provide details on tying the guides onto your rod. The number of details to consider when choosing and placing guides on your blank is part of the fun! Building one's own fly rod can help bring out the creative at heart. It can be somewhat complex. There are many types of guides, which come in lots of different materials, shapes, and sizes. Proper guide selection is very important for proper rod performance. Casting distance, fish fighting, and appear-

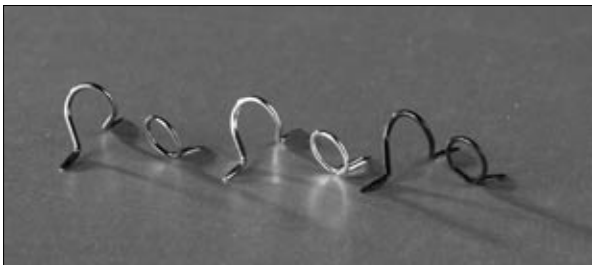


Photo by Jeff Burkholder

The various cork handles for flyrods

ance on your custom rod are all greatly affected by the guides used. In general, there are three different guide types on each rod. They are: stripper guides, snake or single-foot wire guides, and the tip-top wire-loop guide. This article gives a brief overview of type of guide, what they're made of, and their general location on the rod.

There are typically one to two stripper guides (see photo) are generally 1 -2 double foot guides located just above the handle. These guides have a ceramic-ring located in the center of a stamped metal guide. This type of guide is used primarily with bait casting or spinning rods. There are a number of ceramic materials used such as aluminum oxide, silicon nitride, and silicon carbide (SiC). Each type of ceramic ring has a hardness associated with it, dependent upon the ceramic material. Of the listed materials above, SiC is the hardest material. Diamonds are used to polish the surface of a SiC guide to get the required smooth surface. A very hard ceramic insert provides a smooth surface for the fly line to slide on, one which will not be worn by line contact. A major advantage

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## Guide basics

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of a smooth, hard surface with less drag is that you can control a cast for longer distance. Also the metal frame set for the stripper guides are coated in titanium carbide, chrome, and black chrome as illustrated in the photo from left to right. Typical stripper guide sizes are 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 25, and 30. Size 8 stripper guides are used on 2, 3 or 4 weight rods, while a size 30 stripper guide might be used on a 15 weight rod.

Snake or single-foot wire guides (see photo) make up the majority of the guides on a fly rod. They are located between the stripper guide or guides and the tip-top guide. Snake and single-foot wire guides come with different coatings such as titanium carbide, chrome, and black chrome (as illustrated in the photo from left to right). The

titanium carbide coating is the hardest, and therefore causes the least amount of line sliding resistance. However, chrome and black chrome coatings are also quite hard and durable. These guides come in the following sizes: 1/0, 1, 2/0, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 A size 1/0 used on rods up to a 4 weight, while a size 6 guide is used on rods up to a 15 weight.

Tip-top guides (see photo) are made of the same materials and coatings as snake and single foot wire guides. A tip-top guide, as its name implies, is located at the tip of the rod. The guide consists of a loop, which is either a regularly sized loop or a large loop. The tube section of the guide, which fits over the blank, is constructed in various diameters, which range from 3.5 to

see "Guide Basics" page 13

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## Jay Fair, a lifelong journey flyfishing

For March, we are privileged to have Jay Fair as our program. Jay's web site ([www.eagleflyfishing.com](http://www.eagleflyfishing.com)) has a full description of Jay's background, his flies, and his guide service. Here's some of what Jay has to say:

"As a young boy in 1936, I became a nut for fly-fishing and now at 80 years old I still feel the same.

"Being raised in northern New Mexico I knew every rock and riffle in all the rivers. At thirteen I was tying my own flies and would fish everyday for 90 straight days in the summer....

*JAY FAIR,  
GUIDE/FLYTIER*

"Fifty years ago I decided to dye my own feathers, as the colors desired were not available. Of course at that time more trout fishing was needed in my life so I moved to northern California and that filled the ticket. "All of my friends wanted colors like summer duck, rust, burnt orange, leech brown, dark cinnamon and many other colors. I wasn't selling them then and to get those colors was quite expensive. That is when I decided to start J Fair's Hand Tied Flies and Supplies, now known as Eagle Fly Fishing. It was a nice hobby and I was on the water everyday with my son Glenn and son-in-law Randy Siever. They both have over 40 years of fly-fishing under their belt and I have 67 on the water. Any way you look at it, it equals 147 years of experience. You cannot fish that many years

*"BEING RAISED IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO I KNEW EVERY ROCK AND RIFFLE IN ALL THE RIVERS.*



Jay Fair

without learning something.

"I learned in the early years that a dyed grizzly hackle would outfish anything. And a weighted nymph fished with a floating line, dead drifting it in the wind is extremely deadly. Big fish are easily caught this way. Still water fisheries produce large trout. Of course fishing with our Wiggle Tail helps a lot.

"My buddy Denny Richards and myself guided Klamath Lake and Montana for many years. We have had great times together and he uses a lot of our materials."

**When:** Feb. 10, 7 pm  
**Where:** GBF Clubhouse

Wanted: Club members that have an interesting fishing trip that they can share with the club as a speaker. Can be combined with another club member. Please contact Ron English at (530) 677-7169

## Casting for recovery

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year some of us had to take 2 or 3 ladies.

Unfortunately we can't pay you to do this so it can cost you gas, time and lodging, but it is really worth it. Remember the fly-fishing in this area can be very good, so come up early and go fishing. If you want to float the Fall River let me know and I can set you up with a guide. It is quite a fishery. I fished it for the first time last year and had a ball.

Requirements:

- You have to be at least an Intermediate skill level Fly Fisherman. You have to sign the river helper form from CFR.

- You need to bring only yourself and your normal fly-fishing gear.

- You have to be ready to go fly-fishing at the Pit River Lodge at 8:30 AM on August 7<sup>th</sup>.



Casting for recovery needs your support

- If you have extra an extra wading staff, please bring it along to help out with your ladies wading experience.

- You are invited after the fishing to enjoy a nice lunch at the lodge with the ladies.

Please know that they will think the world of you after the fishing and want to continue with questions about fly-fishing and about you.

I know the date is a long away, but as soon as you decide to do this event, please call me so I can send you all the information. It is our goal to have 12 river helpers there. So far I have 2.

Thanks so much.

Nancy Siegler, president of the ladybugs fly-fishing club

The Casting for Recovery Web Site, is [www.castingforrecovery.org](http://www.castingforrecovery.org)

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The GBF Conservation Committee has invited Mark Rockwell, Conservation VP for the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF), to speak at our April General Meeting on Thursday, 4/14. Mark is a member of the Gold Country Fly Fishers, Nevada City, and also is a licensed fishing guide who guides on the Fall River.

Mark will discuss the work of the NCCFFF Conservation Network in the areas of water resource management and fisheries protection. The NCCFFF Conservation Network, composed of fly fishing clubs in Northern California and Northern Nevada with a combined membership of over 2,000, has been working in cooperation with other environmental and water shed protection groups in many areas of interest to GBFC members. Under Mark's leadership, NCCFFF has been involved in fighting for protection of wild steelhead and coho salmon, taking legal action to prevent re-occurring spring run salmon kills on Butte Creek, working jointly with CalTrout on a campaign to force the Union Pacific Railroad to prevent further derailments on the Upper Sacramento River, participating as a stakeholder group in the Pit River and Klamath FERC hydropower relicensing process, working with the Sacramento Water Forum to support a new flow standard for the Lower American River and working with member clubs and DFG on the New Zealand Mud Snail contamination problem.

Mark will also provide his perspective on current plans by the Bureau of Reclamation to renew long-term water supply contracts

for Central Valley Improvement Project (CVIP) contractors. This is a large and complex issue that in the opinion of NCCFFF and other conservation and tax payer organizations, has the potential for severe consequences. The unrealistic promises represented by these long-term contracts will lead to environmental impacts on Northern California Rivers and the Bay Delta and lead to increased tax payer subsidization of water costs. For more information on this issue, see the Planning and Conservation League web site, [www.pcl.org](http://www.pcl.org), click on "A Water Management Strategy for California" Another resource for California Water Issues is the non-partisan budget watchdog organization, Tax Payers for Common Sense, [www.taxpayer.net](http://www.taxpayer.net).

-Mike Laing


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## Rod building; "Guide Basics"

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7.5. These numbers represent 1/64<sup>th</sup> of an inch. For example, a 4.5 tube diameter is  $4.5/64 = 0.070$ ". Regular loop tip-tops are used for 0 weight to 6 weight rods. Large loop tip-tops are used on 5 weight to 15 weight rods.

In addition to the guides, a hook-keeper is also attached to the blank to provide a place to attach your fly when transporting the rod or in between sessions. Hook-keepers come in small size and large sizes, and are typically made of the same material as snake and wire loop guides.

There is a significant amount of information available if you are interested in learning more

about guide material and types. A good website to get started on is: [www.batsonenterprises.com/guides.php](http://www.batsonenterprises.com/guides.php). Batson Enterprises manufactures Forecast rod components and is dedicated to providing high quality components and rod blanks at a reasonable cost. They give a brief discussion on guide types and the some brief information about manufacturing of guides. Check out the VD (stripping guides), UD (stripping guides), SN (snake guides), SF (single foot wire guides), and the F (ceramic single foot fly guides) types.

The next rod building article will provide in-depth information about selecting guide sizes for your new rod.

## Greenstone Country outing April 9

Jim Forshey and Tony Hamamoto invite you to spend a beautiful spring day at Greenstone Country April 9. A gated community established in 1983. Greenstone has over three hundred homes, each built on lots three acres or more. Before development, the property was a cattle ranch belonging to the El Dorado County Supervisor Jack Sweeney's family. Jack and other old timers recall how good the lake and pond fishing was prior to restricted access. It's even better now that access is limited to members and guests.

There is a rumor in Greenstone Country that in the mid nineties two DFG wardens moonlighted at Greenstone as security officers. They recommended that DFG plant the Florida strain large mouth bass in Indian Creek Reservoir, the main lake on the property as an

experimental site. The rumor must be true because large mouth bass weighing five pounds have been caught. Chances of landing an even bigger large mouth bass are greatest during April, depending of course on temperature and clarity conditions. Normally during April female bass make their nests and the males protect those nests. Both sexes become even more aggressive than their normal selves during this time—making, of course, for great bassin'.

Here are some gear recommendations:

1. If you really want to go after the big ones, use a #6 or 7 rod with an intermediate sinking line and Woolly Buggers.
2. If you just want to enjoy fishing and do not care to catch the biggest large mouth bass of your life, bring

see "Greenstone" page 15

Annual dinner April 2

## Are you coming for dinner?

Our famous Annual Dinner, raffle, and silent auction extravaganza is just a few weeks away. This is the club's biggest event of the year – and generates the funds needed to pay for club activities over the year ahead. Everyone who comes to this event has a good time, helps sustain the club for another year, and has a real shot at walking away with fabulous prizes. Here's the gist...

- Who: Club members, friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who wants to help support our great organization and have the chance to win thousands of dollars worth of tackle, trips, and other great merchandise!

- What: Fabulous dinner, incredible raffle, amazing silent auction, awesome slide presentation, and plenty of fishin'-tale-tellin'. The

slide show will include members' fishing photos from the past year or two put to music (with a few clever captions added).

- When: Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. Bar opens at 5:00 pm; dinner is served around 6:30 pm.

- Where: The Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. (between Howe and Fulton) in Sacramento. This famous venue was carefully chosen for its quality of food, facilities, and services. The street address is 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. The phone# is 916-925-8230.

- Why: Because you want to win some of the thousands of dollars worth of new fishing gear, trips, and other cool stuff that will be raffled or auctioned off this night, plus you want to show (and provide) your support for club activities through

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## Greenstone outing in April

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your 5 or 6 weight rod, both intermediate and sinking lines, Woolly Buggers, damsel nymphs, and poppers. Tony will keep your posted on the Granite Bay Flycasters web site bulletin board on the conditions and what flies are working.

3. A float tube or pontoon boat (or other flotation device) is needed for Indian Creek Reservoir. Fishing is possible from shore, but it's best to get out on the water.

To get to Greenstone Country and Indian Lake Reservoir, from Highway 50, take the Greenstone Road Exit, Exit #41, head north (right turn from Sac.) on Greenstone Road and where it ends on Green

Valley Road, make a right turn. Travel about ¾ mile; look for the gate entrance on left. Turn left, to the gate, which is Stagecoach Road. Tony will give you the entry code on the bulletin board. Drive about three miles past two ponds and you will see Indian Creek Reservoir. Please arrive after 8 am.

Tony Hamamoto will not be providing lunch, so he could spend more time as a Fishmaster. Tony says, "make it a family event, bring a child who has never caught a fish and I will show you a location that is "guaranteed." You will have an opportunity to fish the other ponds on the Greenstone Country property.

## Volunteers Needed for Keine's Annual Expo

Volunteers are needed in GBF's booth to attract new club members on Saturday, April 23, 2005, from 9am – 5pm. See the activities below. If you are interested, please contact Larry Lee at (916) 962-0616 or email larrylee@L3rods.com. Let's get out there and represent our club!

Keine's Annual Expo – 2005

see "Kienes Expo" page 19

### March 26

## Pontoon Boat Clinic

I have made arrangements with Stan Hellekson, Fly Fishing Specialties, for a pontoon boat clinic. Stan will teach technique and safety. This is a great opportunity for club members as Stan has a lot of experience with pontoon boats. The clinic will be held on the American River at a location to be determined. The clinic will be limited to 22 members. We have 16 members signed up already. The

sign up sheet will be available at the March general meeting. There is no charge for the clinic. However, we need to have a firm commitment from those who have signed up so that no spots on the list are wasted. Even if 22 members have already signed up, put your name down because you will be on the waiting list in case there is a cancellation. There is no charge for the clinic, but you

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## Raffle/Auction Items Needed

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the Raffle Committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or even better discounts).

Please consider donating something to this year's dinner. Your contribution will help us raise the funds we need to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you can benefit all year! Here are the kinds of things members have donated previously:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Handcrafted goods – again, fishing-related or otherwise.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes, member contributions pooled together can buy some pretty spectacular

prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please bring your donation to the March club meeting or call Mike Lang at 530-677-7491. Any contribution is appreciated (not to mention tax deductible), and contributors ('sponsors') will be specially recognized at the dinner in one of these sponsor categories (based on the cash or value or merchandise donated):

- Golden Trout Sponsor - \$100 and above
- Brown Trout Sponsor - \$50 to \$99
- Rainbow Trout Sponsor - \$25 to \$49

This is a great opportunity to help the club help you (and fellow members) in 2005!

-Mike Lang

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must have your own pontoon boat. If you have questions, please call

me at (916) 663-2604, or send me an email at [humpyfly@yahoo.com](mailto:humpyfly@yahoo.com).

-Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

## Fishouts upcoming

By the time you have read this article, the two Yuba River fishouts will have occurred. Although I'm writing this article before the second one (March 5<sup>th</sup>) happened, from what I understand a lot of fish were caught at the first one. Thanks to Paul and Pete for their work in setting up these outings and making them happen.

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

1. Float tube clinic. On March 12, 2005, Gene Goss

and Jim Holmes will conduct a float tube information and safety clinic. There is no charge, and it will be held at the club house as it was last year. Gene and Jim do an excellent job on this clinic. Attendees will learn about float tubing rods, reels, lines, flies and, most importantly, techniques. There will be a discussion of the various types of tubes and associated equipment, as well as handling and safety tips. The will also be doing the Pyramid Lake outing (see below). There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting. You can also call Gene (962-7375) or Jim (967-6709), or send them an email [eugenesusan@aol.com](mailto:eugenesusan@aol.com), [jwholmes@aol.com](mailto:jwholmes@aol.com).

2. Pyramid Lake. Jim Holmes and Gene Goss will host the Pyramid Lake outing on March 20-22, 2005. There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting. Jim and Gene will provide details on this outing later, but for now put it on your calendar.

3. Pontoon boat clinic. Stan Hellekson, co-owner of Fly Fishing Specialties, will again host a moving-water pontoon boat information and safety clinic on March 26, 2005. Stan has a lot of experience in a pontoon boat, and will share that information with Granite Bay Flycasters members. He will

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## Ruby River and the Broken Arrow Lodge

In mid-July, some members get the great opportunity to be at Broken Arrow Lodge, a modest, family oriented fishing/hunting lodge. Located on the Ruby River and centrally located between the Beaverhead and Madison Rivers, a couple of the greatly known fisheries in the region. The Ruby offers an abundance of fishing for all levels of expertise. Regardless of your fishing ability, the river can be easily waded.

- Date: July 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Lodging: \$106.75/day or \$743.75/week (includes 3 meals per day)

Last year 15 Granite Bay



Flycasters attended this fishout and everyone had a wonderful time.

For additional information, call Bill Aaberg at 916-773-1897 email: adryfly@comcast.net to reserve your room.

## Fishouts upcoming

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discuss equipment, handling technique, and safety issues. The clinic will be free, and will be held on the American River. Because we've already had a lot of signups there will be a morning and afternoon clinic. I will have a final sign up sheet at the March meeting.

5. April outings and events. Tony Hamamoto will host a one day outing at Greenstone Lake on April 9, 2005. This outing is extremely popular, and will be limited in the number of attendees. More information will be sent out on this outing later, and there will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting. Art Livingston will hold a clinic on orienteering at 6:00 p.m. before the regular club meeting on April 15, 2005. We are also going to hold a weekday outing at Rancho Murieta on April 20, 2005. Sign ups for these outings will be taken at the

March general meeting.

Finally, here is some early info on future outings: Putah Creek, Sly Park, Davis Lake, Red Bluff bass ponds, Sage Hen Creek, and Bridgeport area outings in May (a very busy time); in June a float on the Lower Sac, an outing at Indian Valley Reservoir, and one at Manzanita Lake in Lassen Park; and Lake Alamanor, Lake Natoma, and Surf Perch outings in July. We will also have fill-in spur of the moment outings in between the ones named. And, don't forget the North Yuba nymph fishing 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

## Annual Dinner

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the year ahead.

• How: Buy your dinner tickets at the March club meeting. If you can't make the dinner, please consider making a donation (funds and/or prizes for the raffle or auction). Donations can be brought to the March meeting, or you can contact Mike Lang for other arrangements. Mike's ph# is 530-677-7491.

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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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: jburkholder@nmvinc.com with subject line: 'GBF: classified'. Or mail your info to: Jeff Burkholder, 11300 Coloma Rd. Suite B14, Gold River, CA 95670.

## President's message

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anyone to say we aren't an active and vibrant Club. We ought to change our name to Granite Bay Flycasters Over Achievement Club. I know you hear me talk about volunteering a lot but without member involvement, we couldn't provide everything we do. Thanks to everyone that makes Granite Bay Flycasters the best Club ever.

## Kiene's expo

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their new line of products for 2005. Participants will be able to try many of the new rods on a casting pond that is going to be available. Top local fishing guides will also be present. If you come early free coffee, juice and doughnuts will be provided, while for lunch there will be free hot dogs, bottled water and sodas.

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

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

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

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