

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Art Livingston

John Peterson demonstrating safety equipment on his pontoon boat during the GBF Pontoon Boat Clinic on the American River.

February 2006



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# President's Message

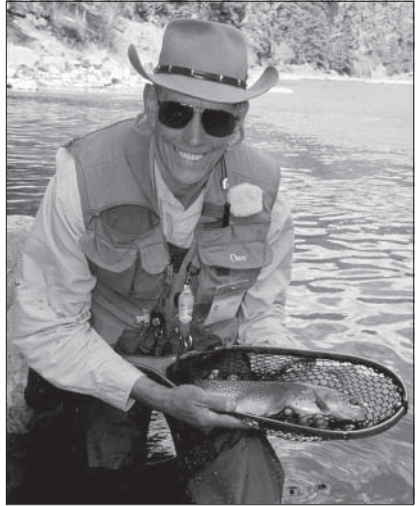
Granite Bay Flycasters has been a very successful club for many years, and that success can be attributed primarily to one thing, new volunteers every year. In many organizations there is a small core of members that do almost everything year after year. Sooner or later these hardy soles either burn out, or get so entrenched in what they do and how it is done that the organization stagnates, and the membership declines.

GBF, on the other hand, has been very fortunate to have a lot of members over the years who have willingly volunteered to serve in key positions, some serving for a year's term, others for two or three years before turning the reins over to another member who steps up. It is hard to believe, but there are only 5 months left in this fiscal year (2005-06), and it is time to start looking for the next crop of volunteers to provide leadership starting in July to insure our continued success as an active and fun club. One of the big benefits of volunteering is that you get to know a lot more members, and that leads to many more opportunities to have someone to fish with for a day, or to join you on a trip.

This year we will have several key openings that must be filled to insure that GBF continues to be a top notch organization.

- Gary Flanagan has served the Club tirelessly for the past 5 years. In FY 2001-02 & 2002-03 he was the Fishmaster and a Director, in 2003-04 & 2004-05 he served as President, and this year, 2005-06, Past President & Fishmaster. Gary

## Art Hawkins



is ready to kick back and just fish for a while, so we need a new Fishmaster. This job is one of coordination; scheduling the fishouts and clinics. There is a cadre of active members willing to head up these activities, it is just a matter of asking them to take the lead, scheduling the date, and doing some follow-up to insure everything is on track. In fact, Gary has lined up all the fishouts and clinics through June, and some beyond. The next Fishmaster will benefit from Gary's step-by-step outline for the position.

- Nick Burnett is this year's Secretary, and due to changing demands at work, he has had to travel and work evenings, making it difficult and at times impossible to attend Board Meetings. The Secretary's job entails attending the monthly Board Meeting (2 hours on

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## 2006 Membership Renewals – 15 Days Left

The New Year is upon us and the Club is in full swing. The special drawings for renewing membership have been done. Congratulations to Sturmer White and Gary Flanagan for winning the drawing in November and December, respectively. Because the Club has completed the drawings, this doesn't mean that the Club's membership renewals drive is over. On the contrary, the Club still wants everyone to send in their renewals.

If the Club has not received your renewal check by February 15<sup>th</sup> you will be dropped from the distribution list for the Leader and you will not be allowed to sign up for clinics and fishouts or participate in other Club functions, like the President's Picnic (or weekend).

My guess is that those that haven't renewed are like me. When they think of it they don't have a pen, check and envelop handy. Therefore, a day goes by, then a week and so on. So I'm asking that everyone stop for a moment and go and get that pen, check and envelop (yes, don't forget the stamp and it now takes 39 cents) and send a check made payable to Granite Bay Flycasters for \$30 (individual) or \$35 (family) to

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If you have question or concern, please contact me. My email address is [paul\\_meyers@hp.com](mailto:paul_meyers@hp.com). Or you can call me at (916) 785-9446.

... Paul Meyers

VP of Membership

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

**For Sale:** "Used twice" - Caddis, Nevada Model U-Shaped Float Tube. Price: \$50.00. Contact Gary Flanagan (916) 223-4240.

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To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of *The Leader*, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: [artlivings@comcast.net](mailto:artlivings@comcast.net) with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Art Livingston, 8330 Newbridge Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. All ads must arrive by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

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# HUGE Raffle & Auction Coming

The famous Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner, Raffle, and Auction is almost here!

This is our club's largest event of the year and everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun, food, great prizes, amazing raffle, and incredible auctions! As our primary fund-raising function for the year, your purchase of dinner tickets (along with some raffle tickets and auction items) helps the club subsidize the kind of great programs, activities, outings, and conservation efforts we have come to expect from Granite Bay Flycasters!

Who: Club members, friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who is willing to help support our great organization (and be eligible for great prizes at the same time)!

What: Nice dinner, huge raffle, amazing silent auction, fun live auction, awesome slide show (all club member photos), and various other prize and award presentations.

When: Sunday, April 2, 2006. Bar opens at 4:00pm; dinner will be served around 5:00pm. Mark your calendar right now for this event – you don't want to miss it!

Where: The Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. (between Howe and Fulton) in Sacramento. This will be our third consecutive annual dinner at this famous venue.

Why: You *definitely* 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.

How: Buy your dinner tickets at the February or March club meetings. If you can't make a meeting, mail your check to the Club's P.O. Box and mark the envelope "Attn: Dinner Tickets" making sure to list each attendee's name and entrée selection. At the same time, how about including a cash donation that allows the Club to pool all cash donations and buy gear from the fly shops at discounted prices. Remember, it is because of member support of the Annual Dinner that we are able to keep our dues so low and yet offer a wide range of programs and events.

Special Offer... Buy your dinner tickets by February 28 and you will receive five free raffle tickets for each dinner ticket you purchase! Tickets are only \$35 each this year.

The Dante Club is located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. The phone number is 916-925-8230. Dinner choices are: Prime Rib, Lemon Herb Chicken, and Portabella Mushroom Ravioli.

Don't miss this opportunity to mingle with fellow fishermen and women, win expensive fishing gear and trips (along with other great prizes), and support your favorite fly club!

*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.

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

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## Free Raffle Tickets Could Pay off BIG TIME!

It only takes one. One raffle ticket will win a new pontoon boat at the Annual Dinner on April 2, 2006. One ticket will win a new Sage rod—one, a new Ross reel. Another ticket will win a new fishing vest. Get the idea? Just one raffle ticket could do a lot at this year's dinner.

Five raffle tickets could do even more. Moreover, five raffle tickets are what you'll get FREE for each non-member you 'sponsor' for the dinner. To sponsor someone, just have them buy a dinner ticket and designate you as their sponsor. (Sorry, member spouses don't count.) It's that simple. Get some people to buy dinner tickets; get a bunch of free raffle tickets.

Another way to get free tickets is to secure raffle prize donations from local businesses. For each raffle prize (or silent auction item) you're responsible for obtaining, you'll receive five free raffle tickets. These donations must come from someone other than you. (Our real goal here is to get more non-fish-

ing items in the raffle and auction.)

Bring your merchandise or gift certificate donation to Mike Lang or Michael Kaul. Cash Donations need to be sent

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along with your dinner ticket purchase, and can be on the same check.

In addition, there's one last way to get free raffle tickets. Buy your dinner tickets by February 28 and you'll receive five free raffle tickets for each dinner ticket you purchase! Wow... so many ways to win BIG at this year's dinner!!!

## Raffle/Auction Items Needed

Can you donate something to this year's Annual Dinner? Club member contributions have a big impact on the success of the dinner because the more raffle prizes we have, the more raffle tickets we sell (and the more funds we raise for club coffers). Therefore, your donation of merchandise or funds now can help the club throughout the entire year ahead!

Here are the kinds of things club 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.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please bring your merchandise or gift certificate donation to Mike Lang or Michael Kaul. Cash donations should be sent via check to the Club's PO Box. On the envelope, write 'Annual Dinner.' Alternatively, cash donations may be sent along with your dinner ticket purchase and can be on the same check.

Any contribution is appreciated, and all donors are duly acknowledged at the dinner. Contributors are recognized in the printed dinner program in one of three sponsor categories (based on the cash or value of merchandise donated):

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

Here's your chance to help the club help you (and fellow members) in 2006!!!

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## The Wet Fly Award

This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of 'oneness' with the waters we fish... who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry... who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis... who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who's 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? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story by March 15. Remember... think wet!

## GBF Message Board

Hey GBF'ers, when was the last time you visited our website [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)? Besides all the latest on Club activities, including the calendar for the current and future months, we have an active Message Board. This is a great place to communicate with other members on a variety of subjects:

- Share a quick recap of your latest outing;
- Set up an impromptu fishout by having other members join you;
- Post some used gear you want to sell.

Remember, we have about 360 members, so the message board can reach a large audience.

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## Fly Tying Jam February 21, 2006

The weather is still nasty. Now is the time to be sure that your fly boxes are filled and ready for those first warm days of spring. Santa was good to me and brought me Mike Mercer's new book, which I have been drooling over. I am trying to tie many of his flies, especially the epoxy back models. Although involved, there are not a lot of new techniques, just a lot of steps. If anyone else received this book and wants to share experiences tying some of those flies, I hope to see you at the fly tying jam. For others, bass bugs and steelhead flies are the key. Just show up and try your hand at tying or try something new.

The good Rangers close the gate at 7:00 and sometimes a little earlier so we start at 6:30 and go until we are done, usually about 8:30. This is a free event!

... Jim Holmes  
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## Fishing Photos Wanted

We're preparing our Annual Dinner slide presentation and want your fishing photos in the 'show!' This will be a fantastic PowerPoint production put to music and composed entirely of club member photographs. We need your shots from Club fishouts, campouts, classes, conservation events, club members fishing, etc... any club-related photos from the past year are welcome!

To get your shots in the show,

give them to Mike Brune at the February or March club meeting. Digital media, prints, or slides are OK and will be returned if requested. You can also e-mail your digital photo files to Mike at [m.brune@comcast.net](mailto:m.brune@comcast.net). Please indicate at which club event your photos were taken if applicable. Pictures of members fishing at non-club events are welcome too.

Think about submitting a few shots and you too can be a star at this year's annual dinner!

## Got a Story and/or a Photo to Share?

Have you taken a trip or gone on a fishout that was so great you would love to share it with other members? Or, do you have a gift for writing interesting short stories about your fishing experiences? Occasionally, we have space in *The Leader* for just such articles. Just put your fingers to the keyboard and send your creative contribution to our Editor, Art Livingston, at [artlivings@comcast.net](mailto:artlivings@comcast.net). He will keep it on file and use it on a space available basis.

We also need photos with a caption to put in *The Leader*. Or, perhaps you have a picture taken at a GBF event or fishout that would make a perfect cover photo. This is especially true when we are publicizing an upcoming annual event, and you have a picture taken at the same event last year. If you have some photos, send them to Art Livingston and he will keep them on file. Having items on file will really help keep *The Leader* interesting each and every month.

## Challenges and Opportunities for California Heritage and Wild Trout

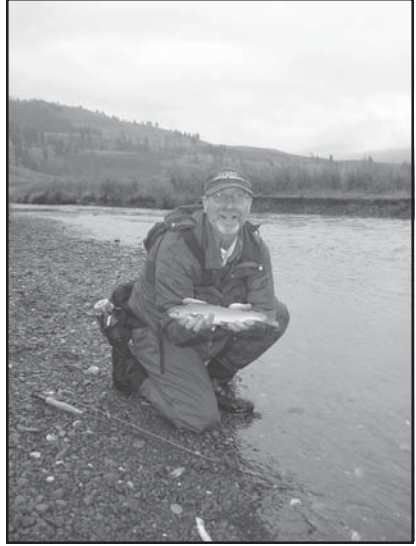
Dave Lentz is a Fishery Biologist working for the California Department of Fish and Game as the Trout Management Coordinator. Dave has worked with the DFG's Wild Trout Project since 1989. As the Project Leader, Dave coordinates wild trout management statewide, working with other DFG wild trout specialists. One of the Wild Trout Program's responsibilities is to conduct a statewide inventory of trout streams and to monitor wild trout waters. Other activities include monitoring fishing on trout waters and recommending special

### **DAVE LENTZ**

*Dave will talk about California Department of Fish and Game's trout fishing programs.*

angling regulations for wild trout fisheries. To accomplish stream surveys DFG wild trout biologists work with other biologists from state and federal agencies and with volunteers, mostly from the affiliated clubs from the two California Councils of the Federation of Fly Fishers, The Wild Trout program manages over 1,170 miles of streams and 20 lakes.

Dave acquired his background in aquatic ecology while studying and working in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah. He studied at Montana State and Utah State Universities and has worked in environmental consulting, for a university research laboratory, and for the State of



California. This work has included experience in water quality monitoring and research, environmental assessments of development projects, water rights, and fishery management. As a college student, Dave was fortunate to work summers for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Yellowstone National Park. In this world-class wild trout setting Dave was inspired by and learned about wild trout biology and management.

Dave will talk about California Department of Fish and Game's trout fishing programs. Dave will provide an update on the status of the Heritage and Wild Trout Program. He will provide information concerning new legislation and DFG efforts that affect trout an-

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gling. He will talk about some of the upcoming issues facing our wild trout resources and things that may affect our future wild trout angling. Come to the meeting with questions about California trout fishing and your favorite waters.

When: February 9, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Missing Emails?

Have you been missing out on the GBF Email Blasts providing last-minute Club information and upcoming event reminders? If so, I don't have your correct email address.

Currently, 28 members do not get the GBF Email Blasts. Many of those resulted from people changing their email addresses and not letting us know their new one. Unlike your land line telephone service and US Postal Service, emails do not get forwarded when you switch. To get on the distribution, send me an email addressed to [art.hawkins@rcsis.com](mailto:art.hawkins@rcsis.com). (Don't overlook the "dot" between my first and last name).

## Park Closes Earlier

Folsom Lake Park is operating under Winter Hours, and they close the park at 7:00 P.M. In fact, some nights the Ranger closes the entrance gate between 6:30 and 6:45 P.M.

If you are attending a clinic or the monthly fly tying jam, plan on arriving no later than 6:30 P.M., as we don't have a Gate Keeper to allow you in once the Ranger locks the gate.

Again, thanks to Michael Gervais and Jack Peuler, our volunteer Gate Keepers, you can gain access to the park until about 7:20 P.M. They are out there even in the bad weather to let you access the park after closing time, but they need to get to the meeting before it starts too. So, it is best for you to arrive by 7:15 or earlier, allowing you time to park and get to the Clubhouse prior to the start of the meeting. While the actual meeting gets underway at 7:30, remember there is the fly tying demo of the Fly-of-the-Month at 7:00 P.M. Also, you can check out books, tapes and DVDs from our Library prior to the start of the meeting.

## Got Badge?

With our membership now exceeding 300, and new members joining each month, it is most helpful if all members wear their name badges to meetings. This makes it easier for new members to remember those they have met and get to know you by name. Also, long-term members will get to know those who recently joined if the new members wear their name badges as well. Lastly, name badges are a savior to those who are "name recall challenged," regardless of how long they have been a member. So do your part and wear your name badge.

### New Members

Single membership: Shawn Hauptman, Julie Frost, Don Segur

Family membership: Osvaldo Koch, Kurt Koch, Victoria Harris, Maria Baggett

Returning: Tom Simms

## Rod Building 201A: Tools, Materials & Cork Handle Preparation

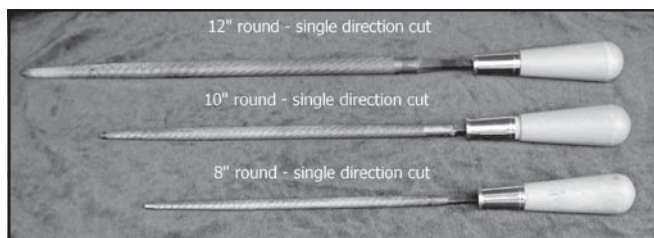
Building rods requires a number of assembly steps to complete the custom fly rod. Up to this point we have discussed many of the decisions the custom rod builder must make in selecting the actual fly blank, cork handle style, reel seat, guides, guide spacing, and thread for the custom fly rod. In addition to selection of the components of the custom fly rod, various tools and materials are required for building the custom fly rod. General tools and materials needed to construct the custom fly rod include round and flat files, scissors, probes, burnishing tool, epoxy (up to 4 types), glue sticks (two types), hand rod-wrappers with tensioners, dremel tool, sand paper, brushes, drying motors, and masking tape. In general, tools and materials for rod building can be categorized as hobby or craft type. The tools can vary from the home-made to the more complex specialized motorized rod building machines and lathes, or materials can vary from specialized glues and thread to ordinary masking tape, sand paper, brushes, and measuring tape that you

may already have at home.

This will be the first article (including photos) in how to build custom fly rods with its tools, materials, and steps required. While providing these steps, the preparation and assembly steps given here are not cast in stone. You may be as creative as you like. There are several books with photos written on custom rod building that I would be glad to direct you to. I hope you find the next articles very informative and interesting. If you have any questions or have suggestions, please let me know. Everyday I am learning more about custom rod building by the interaction with others, and I am happy sharing this new information.

### Pre-made cork handle preparation (Part 1):

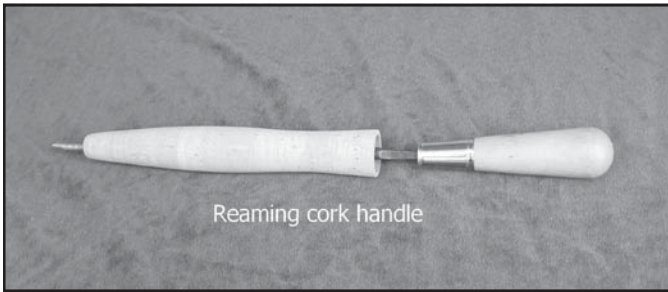
Tools needed for pre-made cork grips or other exotic wood handles are round files to enlarge the hole in which the blank fits through (see photo of round files). Round file sizes normally used are 8", 10", and 12" in length. The round files generally are coarse (bastard type) and



Round Files

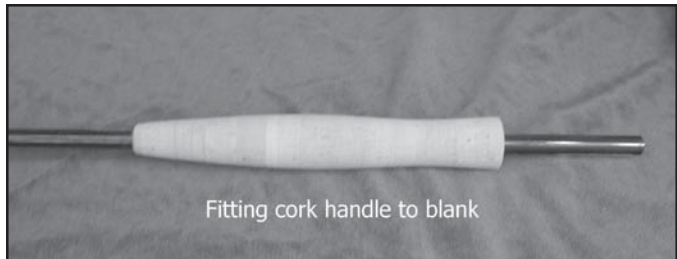
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cut cork in one direction. The correct diameter of hole must be reamed in the cork handle so the cork handle will fit firmly over the blank at the precise location the cork grip will be located.

When starting to ream the hole in the pre-made cork handle, one starts with the smallest round file and ream from both ends. As you are reaming out the hole, make sure you keep turning the cork handle so you ream out the hole uniformly (see photo with file). Be careful not to over ream the ends of the cork handle. If this condition happens and is not corrected, the cork handle will have a squishy spot and will eventually break. To correct this condition, you will have to apply masking tape to the blank to build the blank up to match the oversized hole in the cork handle. We will address building up blanks with masking tape in a later article.



Also, be careful and not handle the cork too harshly because cork is very fragile until the cork handle has been glued to

the blank and the glue has been allowed to cure. Continue reaming out the cork handle and fitting the cork on the blank in a repetitious manner until the cork handle fits firmly on the blank at the correct position. Depending on the size of the hole required, you may switch up to a larger diameter file as you continue reaming out the handle. If you happen to oversize the hole

in the cork, it can be corrected. When you have completed this task (see photo of cork handle on blank at proper location), we will prepare the reel seat for placing on the blank.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at [larrylee@L3rods.com](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com) or telephone at (916) 962-0616

President's message

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the third Thursday of every month), taking notes, and then publishing the minutes. Nick regrettably has informed the Board he cannot guarantee that he will be able to attend all the Board Meetings because of work, and if someone were to volunteer to fill in his remaining term (February to June) he would be most grateful.

- Larry Lee, Mr. Rod Builder, has served as Treasurer this year as well as having conducted many, many rod building clinics over the past couple of years. Larry's term is up in June, so we need someone who likes to work with number\$ to take over as Treasurer in July. This is a key position that must be filled. The Treasurer writes the checks, makes the bank deposits, prepares the monthly financial report and attends the two-hour monthly Board Meeting. The Club's financial records are recorded in Quicken. I served as Treasurer for 3 years, and will be available to assist the new Treasurer as needed.

- Lastly, the Bylaws are structured such that Director terms expire in staggered years, so there is year-to-year continuity. Thus, each year there are three new Directors brought in to provide leadership. A Director's involvement is basically to attend the 2-hour Board Meeting each month and provide thoughts and ideas on running the Club.

We have been fortunate over the years to have a constant influx of members who volunteer to serve the Club, and with them come fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm. You don't have to be a long-time mem-

ber or a great fly fisher to serve. I offer my own experience as an example: I joined in January 2002, started co-leading Net Building Clinics with Michael Kaul in February, and was elected Treasurer in June. And because of my involvement, I have gotten a lot of enjoyment out of being a member, and I have given something back to the Club in return. I invite anyone who has the slightest inclination to get more involved, to give me a call to learn more about any of these positions [(916) 725-3026. We need you to step forward to insure the Club's vitality continues. None of these jobs approach a major time commitment, and can be the source of a lot of fun, camaraderie and really benefit the Club. I await your call.

....Art Hawkins

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## “Snowshoe Biot Emerger”

Tying with snowshoe rabbit fur is not new. Historically, this fur has had a limited application in the world of fly tying. An old pattern called the “Usual,” created by tyer Fran Betters, is one of the few flies in the literature that feature snowshoe rabbit. I was introduced to the material by Ron English, who brought me a couple of feet from Canada some years ago. He liked it because of its flotation qualities and its natural sheen. I tied a few Caddis patterns with it and became a believer. Since then, while I’ve always carried a few with me, I’ve not experimented with the material by using it in other types of patterns.

Then along came Jim Schollmeyer and Ted Leeson’s winter, 2004 article in *Fly Tyer* magazine, entitled “A Good Hare Day.” This excellent article details how to prepare a snowshoe rabbit foot; where the best hair on the foot is located; and how best to use it while tying. They set out a number of snowshoe patterns, while pointing out that it can be substituted for other materials in many traditional patterns. I commend this article to you for a good history of this material, as well as instruction in how to use it. I have chosen one of those patterns, the Snowshoe Warren Emerger as the basis for the fly featured here. I call it the Snowshoe Biot Emerger because I have substituted a biot body for the more fragile peacock herl stripped quill. Otherwise, the fly is the same as the one in the article.



“Snowshoe Biot Emerger”

### Tying Instructions

1. Place the hook in the vise and smash the barb. Cover the shank with thread back to the tail tie in point, which is directly above the back end of the barb.
2. Tie in a few antron fibers for the shuck. They should be about as long as the hook shank.
3. Tie in a turkey biot by the tip, with the “hard” edge toward the bend of the hook. Wrap the biot

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### MATERIALS

Hook:	Standard dry fly hook, such as Tiemco 100; #18 to 12
Thread:	8/0 Uni-Thread, color to match body
Tail (shuck):	Cream or tan antron yarn fibers
Body (abdomen):	Tan or sulphur turkey biot
Wing Case:	Snowshoe rabbit fur (light, if available)
Thorax:	Dubbing of choice, color to match natural (here golden olive)
Head:	Thread



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forward in nice tight turns to the thorax area, about 1/3 shank length behind the eye. Wrap back over it to about the mid point of the hook. This will secure it well.

4. Cut and prepare a small bundle of snowshoe rabbit fur. As pointed out in the article mentioned above, the best hair is from the bottom of the heel, a little way back from the front of the foot. Don't cut too much hair as it will be difficult to handle; use small bunches and combine them if needed. Not too much is needed for the wing case. Try to align the tips by adjusting them with your fingers; hair stackers don't work well with this material.

5. Tie the hair in at the midpoint of the hook, with the tips facing rearward—they should stick out well beyond the bend.

6. Dub a nice full thorax.

7. Pull the fur over the top of the thorax so that the tips now point out over the eye. Push back slightly so that a tiny space is created between the fur and the top of the thorax. Tie the fur down securely behind the hook eye.

8. Pull the tips upward and create a small lump in front of the fur to force it to stick up at a roughly 45 degree angle.

9. Whip finish and admire the result. The fly will sit nicely in the surface film without any floatant; if you do use floatant use it sparingly to avoid matting the fur. The rear of the fly should never under any circumstances be greased with floatant, as it is supposed to hang down beneath the surface. Fish it where Caddis are emerging, and...see ya on the creek! By the way...check out my new web site: <http://billcarnazzo.com/>

## Yuba River Steelhead Fishout

Our second 2006 Lower Yuba River fishout will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at the UC Davis Foothill Research Property. This Fishout is again open to twenty GBF members. Because of limited space, a \$10 commit fee is required to hold your spot.

The fishout leader for February 25 is Pete Koistinen. He can be contacted at (916) 780-0925 or [peterkoistinen@comcast.net](mailto:peterkoistinen@comcast.net). There are still a couple of slots open and the sign-up sheet will be put out again at the February Meeting.

- 2006 GBF membership dues need to be paid prior to the fishout. Those that don't have their dues paid will be moved to the bottom of the wait-list. This is a requirement for insurance purposes.

- Don't forget to buy your 2006 fishing license, Steelhead Punch Card and a Bay-Delta Enhancement Stamp

The equipment needs for this river are simple:

Length: 9 to 9.5 foot

Weight: 5, 6 or 7 weight rod

Reel: good adjustable drag with 100 yards of backing capacity

Line: floating

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

Tippet: 3X or 4X (nymphs), 5X or 6X (dries), (fluorocarbon optional)

Nymphs: San Juan worms, mayfly nymphs, stone fly nymphs, caddis larva and pupae under a large indicator that can sup-

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port a few split shot. Usually this fishout is too late in the year for egg patterns to be effective.

Dries: Elk hair caddis, Skwalla stonefly patterns, and PMD patterns can be effective if there is a hatch or insects on the water.

One thing I would like to stress is that this is big water and it is moving. Depending on power requirements, the water flow might change during the day; therefore, keep one eye on the water level so you don't find yourself on the wrong side of the river. A couple of things to keep in mind before venturing into big water:

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

E-mail and phone sign ups will

be accepted starting the day after the Feb meeting.

Don't be discouraged if you aren't one of the first 20 to sign up - a wait list will be managed and people will be called if someone cancels. Last year there were enough cancellations so everyone was able to go. However, managing a wait list is difficult work, so if you know you cannot go, please don't sign up.

Like last year we'll do a hot lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) for those who are interested.

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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**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](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Art Hawkins at 916-725-3026.

**Doors** open between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. 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 on-line at [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 prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Paul Meyers at 916-797-1955, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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