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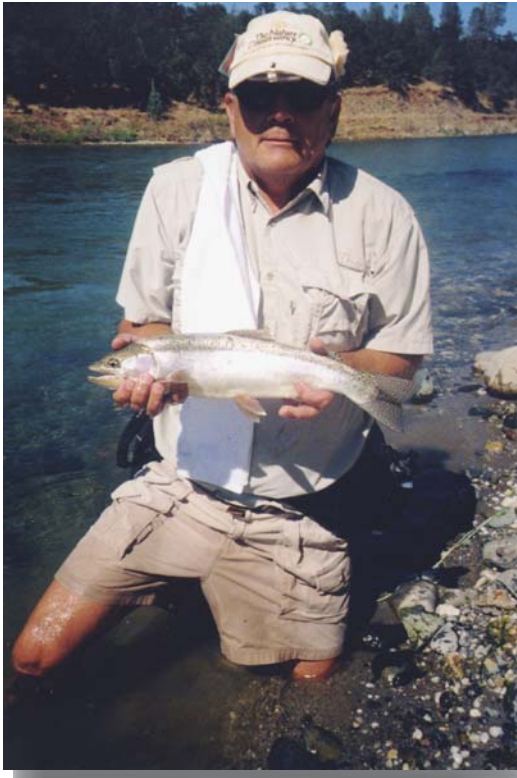


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Club Member Bob Hyink with
Yuba River Rainbow



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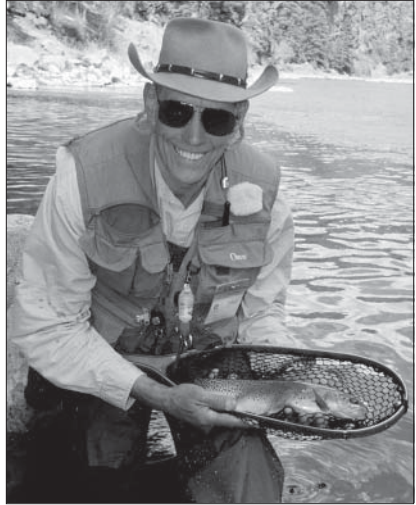
If I didn't know better I'd swear it was May given the warm, dry weather of the past few days. However, it is still February and the Club is gearing up for two of our major events of the year, the Annual Dinner and the 4th Annual Past Presidents' Picnic.

Our club offers a wide variety of activities and programs each year including interesting monthly speakers, conservation projects, Salmon/Steelhead Eggs in the Classroom, financial support to conservation organizations that work on protecting our natural resources and the waters where we enjoy fishing, the annual picnic, clinics, fishouts, a webpage with a message board and our monthly newsletter. How do we do that for a mere \$30 annual membership fee? Well, it isn't possible and it is not how we fund our varied programs, nor do we hit members up for contributions multiple times during the year. In order to provide all these benefits we call upon all our members to support one major fund raising event each year, our Annual Dinner.

To be successful it takes a lot of behind the scenes work by Joe Aicroth and the Dinner Committee and support from the entire membership. What is so great about the Annual Dinner, besides funding well over 50% of the Club's operating funds each year, is that it provides members with a chance to win thousands of dollars of merchandise in the raffle and an opportunity to purchase equipment from the top industry manufacturers at wholesale prices, as well as purchase guided trips and overnight stays for pennies on the dollar through the silent and live auctions.

The Dinner Committee pulls it all

Art Hawkins



together, but to be successful we need 200+ members to attend the event. That's where you come in, if you haven't already bought your ticket put your check in the mail to the Club, mark the envelope "Annual Dinner" and while you're at it, get a friend who isn't a GBF member to go with you and you'll receive \$5 in raffle tickets for each non-member. Whether you attend or not, now is the time we need you to make a donation in the form of cash or merchandise. Cash donations are especially beneficial as the Club pools the donations and purchases items from the fly shops at a significant discount. We are a 501 (c) (3) corporation so your contributions are tax deductible. Contributing members are recognized in 3 sponsorship categories in the evening's program and on our website. Send your check for tickets and/or your donation to the Club's mailbox and mark the envelope

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Annual Dinner Live Auction Fly Fishing Russia

Granite Bay Flycasters is very pleased to announce that Larry Bryant owner of "Fishing in Russia" has donated a six-day float trip to Russia for our annual dinner live auction.

This trip is a six-day fly-fishing float trip on the Kamchatka Peninsula. This trip is all-inclusive from the city of Petropavlovsk, Russia. All transportation to and from the river via helicopter, camp supplies and food as well as river guides on the river is included.

This announcement will give you the opportunity to beg and plead with your spouse ahead of time so you will be able to bid on this fantastic trip without any ugly scenes at the dinner. None of us like to beg in public.

Round trip airfare is not included to and from the United States to the City of Petropavlovsk. Airfare from the US to Kamchatka and back will run you about eleven hundred dollars. Once you arrive in Russia, everything else is included in this package. If you are interested in bidding on this and other live auction items, plan on attending the monthly meeting in March. There will be a short video that shows the terrific fishing available on this trip and Mike Lang will be on hand to answer any questions. You can also go to Larry's Website at www.fishinginrussia.com for more information.



Raffle/Auction Items Needed

Donations are still being accepted for this year's Annual Dinner. 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.

Please bring your contributions to the March club meeting and give them to Mike Lang or Michael Kaul. You can also call Mike Lang for other arrangements if necessary (530-677-7491). Cash donations should be sent via check to the club's PO Box. On the envelope, write 'Annual 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

Thank you for considering this important way to help the club!

Yuba River
Fishout
March 11, 2006

Fishing gear, trips, and more up for grabs!

Our famous Annual Dinner, raffle, and auction extravaganza is just a few weeks away now (April 2nd). If you haven't already purchased your tickets for this event, here are a few more reasons to step up and support the club with your attendance...

Raffle prizes are rolling in. Examples include Scadden and Outcast pontoon boats. High-end rods and reels from Sage, Abel, and other top makers. Custom-made rods, including a beautiful spey rod. Waders, vests, fly boxes (full of flies), and fly lines. Feathers, rod-building kits, fishing art, and plenty o' accessories.

We're also lining up some impressive non-fishing prizes like restaurant meals, massages, a Bed & Breakfast stay, a fitness club membership, photography classes, gift bags, jewelry, and much more.

And of course our popular silent and live auctions always include incredible famous-maker gear deals, guided fishing trips, and some exotic locale fishing/travel packages!

Lots of fishing gear, lots of other prizes, and lots of fun. That's a lot of reasons to attend this year's dinner! And if that weren't enough... please remember that this is our club's sole fund-raising event of the year and your purchase of dinner and raffle tickets helps us pay for all the various club programs and activities we enjoy so much.

Dinner tickets will be on sale at the March club meeting. After that checks need to be mailed to the Club's address and must be received no later than Monday, March 27th. If you mail in your dinner check be sure to list who the ticket(s) is for, entrée selection (Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian) and a contact phone number. Even if you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a dona-

tion (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 at (530-677-7491).

Fishing Photos Wanted

We need more photos for the annual dinner slide show! With enough shots, we'll have a spectacular PowerPoint presentation of club members catching fish, losing fish, getting skunked, getting dunked, camping out, falling out (of their tube or boat), participating in other club functions, and otherwise enjoying each others company.

Bring your photos, slides, or electronic media to the March 9th club meeting and give them to Mike Brune. You can also e-mail photos to Mike at m.brune@comcast.net. Please provide any pertinent details (names, location, etc...). All materials can be returned if specifically requested.

This is your last chance to get photos in the dinner show. March 9th 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 and you too could be a star at the annual dinner!

New Members

Individual membership: Mike Clifford, Rick Duverney, Sonja Sorbo, Jason Wang, Bruce Spurlock, Hans Geyer, Don Van Sant, John Gorski, Ron Happe

Family membership: Mike Andreasen, Misti Andreasen, Carmine Forcina, Suzie Forcina, Ken Stram, Nathan Stram, Alex Stram

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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Fly Fishing Basics Class

Granite Bay Flycasters will once again sponsor a clinic that we call "Fly Fishing Basics." The purpose of this popular class is to provide beginning fly fishers, or those who need some basic assistance, a comprehensive course on the essentials of fly fishing. This class is also a precursor to the June North Yuba clinic where nymphing and dry fly fishing is taught on stream. The class does not cover casting instruction, which is taught in our regular casting classes.

The instructors are Bill Carnazzo, who is a professional guide and master fly tyer, and Sturmer White, a veteran fly fisher, master fly tyer, and casting instructor. The class will be held on April 3 and 10, 2006 (Monday evenings) from 6:30 until 8:30, at the Granite Bay Flycasters club house (Folsom Lake Activity Center). There is a \$15.00 fee for the class, payable to Granite Bay Flycasters.

The clinic will cover equipment (what you really do need, and what you don't); basic entomology (i.e., fish food sources); fly selection; safety in wading and fishing; fishing strategies; and reading water.

There will be a sign up sheet at the March general meeting. The class will be limited to the first 20 members who sign up and pay their fee. Sign

ups for the remaining slots for this limited clinic will only be allowed at the March meeting, (no pre registration.) If you placed your name on the list at the February meeting, you must present

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payment for the clinic (check payable to GBF and given to Bill Carnazzo) by the beginning of the March meeting to ensure your slot for the clinic.

The Wet Fly Award

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 to relay the deserving story. The winner receives a very nice (and appropriate) trophy at the dinner.

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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

For Sale: "New" - Outcast PAC 1000 Pontoon Boat. Price: \$1,000.00. Contact Gary Flanagan (916) 223-4240

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 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 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

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mail your entry to me at (artlivings@comcast.net). Title your e-mail "Caption Entry". Please state if you wish to remain anonymous. For those technologically impaired or just too cheap to pay for Internet service, you can phone me, if you own a phone, at (916) 722-2992.

If you have a photo that you feel begs for a proper caption, please e-mail it to me, in JPEG format, at (artlivings@comcast.net). Space permitting, we'll place it in a future edition of the *Leader*. All photos submitted must be GBF related. In other words, they must be about a club event, or a club member doing something related to fishing.

. . . Art Livingston
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Lake Camanche Fishout (March 17, 18, and 19)

For those of you who don't know this, Lake Camanche has a Trout Pond that is heavily stocked with trout from the Amador Hatchery. I've seen them stock fish pushing 10 pounds. The Trout Pond is located next to the Monument RV Park with full hook-ups in all 100 paved sites. This Fishout will provide an excellent opportunity to spend time with both your family and GBF members, and still get in some quality fishing.

The Trout Pond is a popular destination for many types of fisherman. Bait and Lure anglers encircle the entire pond. Wading is impossible. Float tubes or pontoon boats are a must. The pond is large enough to handle a large group of float-tubers without getting the feeling you're playing bumper boats. If you feel too crowded, you can walk down to the main lake to try for some bass in the cove below the RV Park. A 5 wt. rod with either floating or intermediate line will work well for this pond. Black, green, and rust colored woolly buggers usually work well. Other lake patterns will also work.

If you'd like to camp overnight in the RV Park, this is the information you need. Each site is paved and has water, electricity, and sewer hook-ups. The cost is \$36.00 per night. You can have one RV and one car per site with a maximum of 8 people and two tents per site. To make a reservation, call Lake Camanche at (866) 763-5121 or (866) 763-5178. You want to make a reservation at the Monument RV

Park on the South Shore. They will charge you \$8.25 for a registration fee. Most likely, this time of year there will be plenty of sites available. However, if you want to be sure, make a reservation.

If you're not camping overnight and want to come and fish for a day, you will have to pay \$8.50 for a Day Use Pass and \$3.50 for a Day Fishing Pass. Everyone, even the overnight campers, must purchase the fishing pass for each day of fishing.

There will be a sign-up sheet for this fishout at the March Meeting. For more information and directions to Lake Camanche, their web page is (www.camancherecreation.com). If you have any other questions, call me at (916) 722-2992.

. . . Art Livingston

Humor in Waders

At one time or another we've all been in a funny situation while stalking our aquatic prey or we've been the lucky one to be sitting on the bank and enjoy something funny unfold before our eyes. Recently Tom Petty submitted just such an article to The Leader and it got so many rave reviews that we'd like to have a monthly feature we've titled "Humor in Waders". So get those fingers clicking at the keyboard and send your article to me. Art Livingston, Editor (artlivings@comcast.net).

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Angler's Education Service

Trent Pridemore resides in Grass Valley and Carnelian Bay, California. His family emigrated from Fairbanks Alaska in 1946 and settled in the Bay Area. He received a degree in Field Zoology from UCSB and worked as a timber cruiser in Humboldt and Trinity Counties. After a Doctorate at UCSF, The Air Force sent him to the Philippines and other parts of Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict.

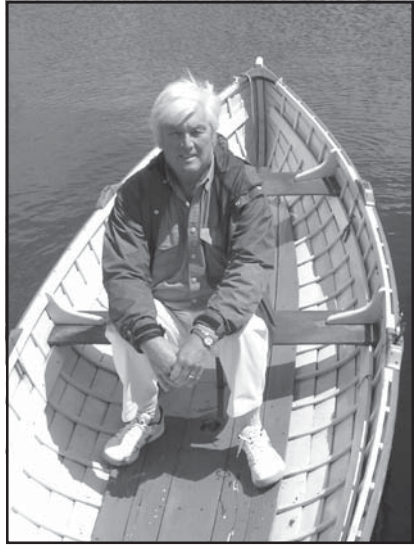
His zoological background stimulated an earlier interest in fly fishing that led him to involvement in angling conservation. He was Project Chairman of the Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force in the mid "70's" that ultimately led to what

Trent Pridemore

*One of his main interests is
Stillwater Angling for Trout.*

has become a major and unique trout resource in the Wild Trout Program. Other angling related activities include writing for several publications and guest appearances on radio and television. He has taught classes on fly tying, fly casting, and angler's entomology. One of his main interests is Stillwater Angling for Trout. In the mid "nineties", he formed Angler's Education Service to expand his lecturing and educational programs.

About eight years ago, he was invited to participate in the making of an ESPN segment that was shot on the private lakes of Battle Mountain Ranch out of Choteau Montana. The scenery was incredible and the fly fishing so superlative that he has chased similar Private Stillwater all over the West.



Most are found on ranches that have been opened to the fly fishing public for a fee. It is a win win situation for the rancher and the fly fisherman. The operation could be warm water bass ponds, a mountain lake that offers angling access for a day fee or a lodge package that includes fly fishing as well as accommodations and meals. Stocking and propagation programs initiated by the operators offer the angler chances at large, superbly conditioned fish in pristine settings. Angler numbers are limited to provide special angling experiences.

In his presentation, he will give an overview of facilities that he has visited and fished. Private lakes have proved to be fly fishing laboratories. He will cover fly patterns, Stillwater tactics, and the underlying aquatic biology that controls success.

When: March 9, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

Hidden Valley Fishout

Granite Bay Flycasters member Tom Bartos has organized the first warm water fishout of the season on four private lakes located where he lives in Hidden Valley. The dates for this fishout are Thursday March 23rd and Saturday March 25th.

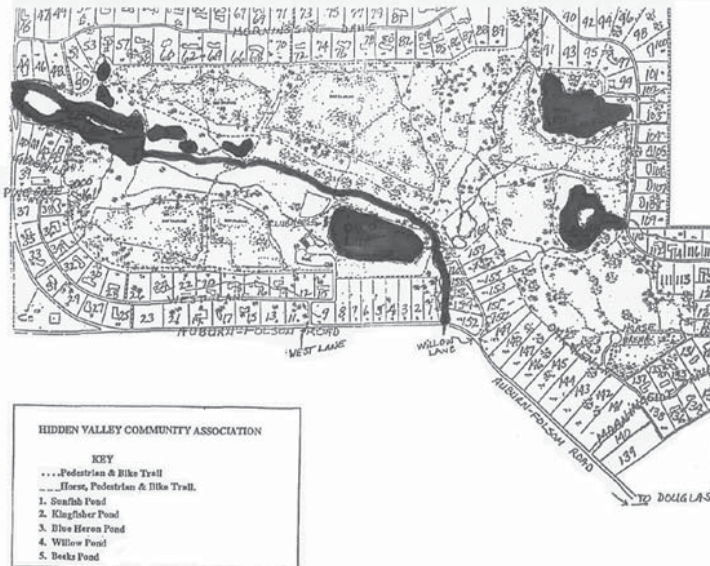
Hidden Valley Community Association is a private community built in 1950. It consists of 162 homes that surround 200 acres of forest preserve that has 4 lakes, 7 ponds and Miner's Ravine running through it. The lakes range in size from a few acres to about 15 acres. The county has indicated that this preserve is the largest privately owned designated undeveloped property in Placer County. Members are allowed to pasture their horses in this preserve which has miles of trails and is broken down into small pastures.

The lakes are filled with large mouth bass, crappie and bluegills. We also have our fair share of beavers. A few years ago our caretaker

caught what he described as a 12 pound bass. My experience is that they range in the 2 to 6 pound range. On a good day which consists of a couple of hours fishing I have caught as many as a dozen bass. The pan fish are abundant although not the size I would prefer. We practice a catch and release policy and have private security patrolling the community for trespassers.

The board of directors has approved two outings of 10 people at each outing from GBF. A letter will be given to those attending the fishout so that if they get stopped they can show it to the security patrol. We will meet at the Hidden Valley Clubhouse where I will provide a map and decide where people will be fishing. Float tubes are the best method for fishing although we do allow pontoon and small boats without motors.

There will be a sign up sheet for this event at the March meeting. For further information contact Tom Bartos at 791-6072 or Gbf@surewest.net.



Rod Building 201B: Handle, Blank Preparation for Epoxy

Troubleshooting: Pre-made cork handle preparation hole is too large:

Previously we discussed and provided pictures for the preparation of gluing the cork handle onto the blank. This is accomplished by using a round file and enlarging the hole in the middle of the pre-made cork handle. This article will explain how to adapt a hole that was made too large for the pre-made cork handle, so that you are able to epoxy the pre-made cork handle to the blank.

Suppose that when you first place the pre-made cork handle onto the blank, you notice that the hole in the center is too large. This means that the pre-made cork handle hole is approximately 1/64" in diameter larger than the diameter of the rod blank. When the hole is too large, it is impossible to get the epoxy to fill in the gap between the blank and the re-made cork (see picture). If this situation occurs, you must build the blank up by using masking tape to fill in the gap between the blank and hole in the handle. Step one is to position the handle to the exact location on the



Figure 1

blank where it will rest once the epoxy is set. In Figure 1, I marked

the upper limit of the masking tape rings with a white fabric pencil (found in fabric stores & fly fishing shops). In Figure 1, you can also see that the reel seat sits at the butt-end of the blank with the pre-made cork handle above. It is important to get this location as exact as possible because when building the blank up with the masking tape, if the tape is not located properly, it will interfere with either the reel seat or the winding check.

After marking the exact location for the masking tape on the rod



Figure 2

blank, begin building the blank up with masking tape by applying the masking tape in concentric rings. These concentric rings of masking tape will be built up to just allow the cork handle to slip over the masking tape with a very slight resistance (see Figure 2 showing the cork handle over the masking tape). The masking tape can be 1/2", 3/4", or 1" in width. Normally, I begin by applying the masking tape rings at the upper end of where the cork handle will sit, and then apply the next masking tape ring at where the bottom end of the cork handle location on the blank. Leaving approximately 1/4" between rings, I typically alternate from the upper end of the cork handle location on

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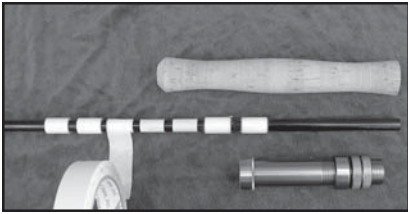


Figure 3

the blank to the lower end of the cork handle location on the blank (see Figure 3 showing building up of masking tape rings). If you have oversized the cork hole as discussed in the last article, you can correct your mistake by using this method of applying masking tape rings to the blank to allow the cork handle to fit correctly.

The next rod building article will provide guidance for gluing reel seat components together, and then preparing the blank for acceptance of the reel seat. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at larrylee@L3rods.com, or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

Fly Tying Jam - March 21

Come join us at our monthly fly tying jam! All level tiers are welcome, even if you just want to come and watch! I am still enthralled with the Mike Mercer book and have been tying many of the flies within. The beaded flies (along with the epoxy flies) are great looking and I look forward to fishing them this year. SO...I will be working on flies with beads at this month's fly tying jam. Barbara Bania and others have expressed interest in participating in this beaded event.

We have plenty of beads. Just bring along some 2x long hooks, green dubbing, vice and appropriate thread to create your masterpiece. Others at the jam will be tying bass bugs and other flies of interest. Remember, the fly tying jam begins at 6:30 PM and the gates close a little earlier than 7:00 PM. Don't be late; we have no gatekeeper for this FREE event.

. . . Jim Holmes

967-6709 jwholmesjr@aol.com

Net Building Clinic

Have you noticed many of GBF's members are very proud of their laminated wood nets? There's a reason for it, they built their nets under the guidance of Michael Kaul and Art Hawkins. For the past four years Michael and Art have been conducting clinics in Art's workshop. They will be conducting two clinics in March limited to 4 participants in each.



Each clinic has three 2-hour sessions, usually held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Members can chose between four different styles and have a choice of several types of hardwoods. Cost of the clinic is \$25. A signup sheet will be available at the March meeting.

Thanks to all of you that signed postcards, wrote letters and attended meetings about the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP). We are opposed to the project as currently proposed because of the harmful impact of exporting a huge amount of additional water out of the delta.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Creek Week stream clean up project scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 22. On that date, the Granite Bay Flycasters will assume responsibility for cleaning up a local stream in the Dry Creek Watershed and we'll have a good time doing it. Put on your waders and pick up some trash along the stream bank. Good work, good fun.

Recently the Granite Bay Flycasters were invited to meetings regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) re-licensing of the Yuba, Bear and Middle Fork of the American Rivers. What this amounts to is competition for water running down the river with the energy companies wanting to manage the river for power generation and the recreation users (fishing, rafting and even gold panning) wanting their interests considered. Fortunately, Bill Carnazzo has volunteered to help represent our fishing interests and he will bring years of both legal and fishing guide knowledge to the committee. Thank you Bill.

John Carroz will be the lead at our Sagehen Creek outing that is planned for late September. Ken Davis did an outstanding job doing the entomology training for the past two years and this year Gary Flanagan will pick up that baton - or should I say net. We hope to have an overview presentation on Friday night about the great work going on in the Sagehen Water-

shed. On Saturday morning Gary will present an entomology PowerPoint program followed by an on stream workshop. In the afternoon on Saturday, we'll have a short line nymphing clinic or free time to fish. Saturday evening we hope to have some of the graduate students at Sagehen present some of their work and Sunday morning we'll learn even more from additional candidates. Sunday afternoon we will spend time fishing or driving back down the hill towards reality.

Finally, we want to thank David Lentz, Trout Management Coordinator for the California Department of fish and Game for a fine program in February. David is responsible for knowing where all the big fish are in our streams and I think David may become my newest best friend. With the infusion of money from passing AB7, the DFG Heritage Trout Program will be putting in place some exciting programs to help reestablish wild trout in some of our cold-water streams. Members of Granite Bay Flycasters have participated in some Heritage Trout Program electro fish surveys for the past few years and we hope to participate again this year. If you have never electro fished before - wow - a great learning experience that you will want try.

Monthly Fly Tying
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“Biot Emerger”

Last month we featured the Snowshoe Biot Emerger, which is a floating emerger—meaning it suspends in the surface film with at least part of the fly visible above the surface. Within the generic term “emerger,” there are fly patterns that actually don’t float, and are designed to be fished differently than their floating cousins. These patterns are like the traditional “wet fly,” designed to be fished sub-surface.

Traditionally, wet flies have been fished in a manner that makes the fly resemble an insect swimming and/or rising to the surface to hatch. An example of this is the old “Liesenberg Lift” technique. There is a lot of very interesting and hoary tradition to wet flies and the manner in which they are fished. For their technical and entertainment value, I commend you to such wonderful works as Nymph Fishing for Larger Trout, by Joe Brooks; Trout, by Ray Bergman; and Nymphs and the Trout, by Frank Sawyer, to name but a few.

For our purposes, this month’s fly represents the genre of emergers that are in reality wet flies, or “soft hackle flies,” as they are sometimes called. (Sylvester Nemes has written a series of excellent books on soft-hackle flies). As I have repeatedly said in this column, simplicity is divine—nothing is better than being able to crank out a dozen bugs in that last hour before running out the door to fish. The Biot Emerger can be tied in many colors and combinations. For the contest, let’s use olive as the basic color of the fly.

In each issue, *American Angler* magazine features a column by Dave Klausmeyer called “Klausmeyer’s Quick Fly.” Dave presented this pat-



“Biot Emerger”

tern in a recent issue of the magazine.

Tying Instructions

1. Place the hook in the vise and smash the barb. Wrap the front half of the hook with the weight-wire, leaving a space behind the eye enough to make the head. Cover shank with thread base.

2. Tie in two biots for the tail, with the concave curve facing outward. The tail length should equal the hook

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MATERIALS

Hook:	Standard dry fly hook, such as Tiemco 100; common sizes are 10-18
Thread:	8/0 pre-waxed, color to match body (here olive)
Tail:	Olive turkey or goose biots
Abdomen:	Olive turkey biot
Thorax:	Fine olive dubbing, such as “Fine & Dry” by Spirit River
Hackle:	Brown partridge hackle dyed olive
Weight:	.015 lead wire or non-lead substitute
Head:	Thread

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shank length. Wrap down the butts securely and smooth out the abdomen with thread.

3. Tie in a turkey biot at the tail tie in point, which is just above the back of the barb. Wrap the biot forward, with the concave curve of the biot facing away from you. Tie it off at a point 1/3 of the shank length behind the eye.

4. Dub a small thorax; it should be slightly thicker than the abdomen. Leave the head area entirely free of thread and dubbing.

5. Tie in the partridge hackle just in front of the thorax. It should be tied in by the tip of the feather, as this makes it easier to wrap. Take one or two wraps of the hackle and tie it off. Clip the excess.

6. Whip finish and cut the thread. Form a nice small thread head on that area that you have (hopefully) left open, whip finish, and cut the thread. If desired, add a drop of head cement to the head; make it a tiny drop, or the glue will leach into the hackle and make it stiff—which is just the opposite of the desired effect.

Read up on how to drift a soft hackle or wet fly, and...see ya on the creek!

Bass Fly Tying Class

This year there will not be a bass fly tying class in the format it has been in the past. Instead, there will be a class once a month on the same night as the Fly Tie Jam, which is on the third Tuesday of each month. There will be a sign-up sheet at each meeting designating which flies we will tie that month. This will allow members to take just one or two classes that interest them without showing up for the five consecutive weeks we had in the past. As usual,

all supplies will be furnished for a fee of \$5.00 per class. Each tier needs to bring their tools, thread and head cement. To allow you to pre-plan what you might like to tie, following is a projected list of the flies we will tie. If this format works, I will extend the class. **THIS CLASS IS NOT FOR BEGINNERS.**

This class will be limited to nine students at each session. A sign up sheet for the first session will be available at the March general meeting.

March: Clouser, Lefty's Deceiver, Half & Half
 April: Sar-Mul-Mac, Gurgler
 May: Foam Diver, Sheep Shad
 June: Punch, Hair Jig
 July: (tentative) G r u b , Shimmer Bluegill

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President's message

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"Annual Dinner." Be sure to list the names of each attendee and the entrée selection for each person (Prime Rib, Chicken or Vegetarian) and a contact phone number. Tickets must be purchased by March 27th.

At last year's Past Presidents' Picnic Frank Massey and Mike Powers treated us to an entertaining event between the One-Fly Contest and the outstanding BBQ dinner; The Not-So-Special Olympics. Frank and Mike came up with an array of fly fishing related events that brought out the competitive juices and lots of laughter by all who participated. I'm thrilled that they have agreed to head up this year's Picnic and we can only wait and see what their incredible imaginations come up with this time. So mark your calendars for the Past Presidents' Picnic to be held June 15th through 18th. For those new to GBF, this four day event features free camping at PG&E's Bear River Group Campground, a One Fly Contest on Fuller Lake with lots of prizes and an all-you-can-eat baby back rib and chicken dinner. Make plans now to camp for one or more days or just come up for Saturday's festivities.

More information will follow in the months ahead.

GBF is so successful because we have so many who are willing to volunteer and give something back to the club and our members. Thanks to Jeff Burkholder who coordinated our participation in January's International Sports-men's Expo and to all those who volunteered to work a shift. As a result we had several fly-fishers who found out about GBF at this year's show attend our February General Meeting and join the club. This year we have had many members join the club who are somewhat new to fly fishing. As we all know this can be a challenging sport to undertake and without some guidance at the start it can be very frustrating to say the least. Thankfully Bill Carnazzo and Sturmer White will once again be conducting their "Fly Fishing Basics" class for the benefit of those just getting started. Thanks guys for again donating your time and talents and for those of you who benefit from the generosity these and other Club members, get involved wherever you can and lend a hand. Not only is it rewarding you will get to know other members and have more people to fish with.

Tight lines, ...Art Hawkins

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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 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 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.

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