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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Mike Powers

Kids enjoying the youth casting games at GBF's Annual Picnic

August 2007



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President's Message

Well, it has been a strange summer so far—it has been hot, then cools off, and then gets hot again, and the wind has been pretty constant. The water conditions around the State are poor, the rivers are low and hot, and the lakes aren't faring much better. Please be extra careful handling the fish that you catch and release, as with these conditions they will be put under a lot of stress.

There isn't too much going on this month, but the fall is around the corner, and fishing conditions should improve. There are several events starting in September, including the Casting For Recovery Retreats that we volunteer to help with, and also a Boy Scouts of America event at Beal Air Force Base on September 29th that we have volunteered to help with.

On October 19th and 20th the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is holding their Festival of Fly Fishing in Redding, and we have volunteered to help teach fly tying. There were sign-ups for these events at the last Club meeting, and they will be out at this August meeting also. If you have any questions about any of these events and would like to help, contact me, or see me at the meeting.

Bill Carnazzo, along with help from Denny Welch and Mike Susslin. has summarized the fish

Rick Radoff



out survey, and will be putting together the fish out schedule for the next twelve months. So, keep an eye out for the schedule, and mark your calendars to attend as many fish outs as you can, for it is always a rewarding experience.

Also, pay attention to the "Conservation Corner" in *The Leader*, for Bill Templin will have many ways that you can volunteer your time for the sake of improving the environment so that we can continue enjoying our sport.

Please remember that the Board meetings are held the Thursday after the General meeting, and all members are welcome. Also, the Conservation Committee is meeting on the same day at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse just before the Board meeting at 7:00 pm. I encourage you to attend both of these meetings and get more involved with the workings of the club.

I hope that you are all having a great summer, and I hope to see you all at the general meeting on the 9th.

Tight Loops . . . Rick Radoff

Pacific Surf Fishout July 11 - 13

Eight GBF members recently headed down South of Santa Cruz to fish the surf of the Pacific Ocean. Most of us camped at the Sunset State Beach in very comfortable weather conditions (daytime highs around 70 and lows in the 50s). On Wednesday afternoon, we had a clinic at the picnic area to review fly fishing equipment and then headed to the beach to discuss and practice surf fishing strategies and techniques. Group and one-onone instruction was given at the beach.

On Thursday morning bright and early at 6 am, we joined a Santa Cruz Flyfishing club member, Sam Bishop, at nearby Palm Beach to acquire some local knowledge of the beaches. Sam fishes the beaches almost every morning before work, so it was great to fish with him. Sam recently caught a 10+ lb. Striper at Palm Beach. The fishing was not red hot, but some Barred Surf Perch were caught and released by our members.

Everyone had a great time fly fishing, learned some new fly fishing skills, and some new friendships were formed. I am planning on having the Surf Fishout again next year. Stay tuned for more information.

It was a pleasure to lead this GBF Fishout.

. . .Karl Wolff

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Fly Tying Jam

Our next fly tying jam will be on August 21, 2007 starting at about 6:30 at the GBF clubhouse. As usual, we will be tying flies of general interest and anyone interested in tying flies, watching how flies are tied or thinking about learning how to tie flies is invited. In general, we are just a group that ties flies usually with a theme in mind but you can tie whatever you wish or get your fly tying question answered at this FREE event.

This month I will be working on some more of the Denny Rickard flies which are VERY effective flies for catching large stillwater fish. All you need is your vise and tying equipment, some 2x and 3x hooks, marabou and fuzz to match. We will be discussing the merits of different types of dubbing and using a dubbing loop.

Any questions, give me a call or e-mail!

. . .Jim Holmes 967-6709 jwholmesjr@aol.com

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for July

Beginners: -

Dave Thompson
<u>Non-beginners:</u> Bill Avery

\$25.00 Gift Certificate:

Jim Holmes \$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

Fly Tying Vises For Sale:

- 1. I have a near-new Dyna-King "Sidewinder" vise for sale. This true rotary vise is the top of the Dyna-King line. You can see it and review its features at http://www.dyna-king.com/flyvise_dtl.asp?itemval=14&pv=0&pid=012 . At retail, with pedestal base, it sells for \$429.00. My vise comes with the following add-on items: Magnifier (\$45); trim bag (\$35); clamp base with long shank (\$79); midge jaws (\$40); Black Stream fly tyer's lamp (\$95); tool caddy (\$40). The grand total at retail would be \$723. I am asking \$500.00 for it.
- 2. I also have a Thompson A vise that comes with both the pedestal and clamp bases. I am asking \$45.00 for this vise.

Contact Bill Carnazzo (530)367-5209

For Sale: Float Tube

Fish Cat 4, new - \$160 Fish Cat Bag, new - \$50

Used once, excellent condition. Bag is heavy-duty and designed by Fish Cat for this tube. Will take \$135 for both. Call Wayne Dahl at 916-296-6254.

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: fstolten@comcast. net with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

Warmwater Corner

We are now well into two of the hardest months of the year to catch bass. The heat of July & August will drive the bass deep and will require different tactics. If you can get on the water at first light and are able to fish evening around sundown, there is still excellent fishing to be had. The rest of the day it is necessary to go deep. There are exceptions however. If you can find moving water such as a tidal flow or an underwater spring bringing cooler water to the surface, the fishing can be excellent.

If you are not able to take advantage of either of these two options, then go deep.

In addition, you will need to slow your retrieve WAY down. The retrieve for mid summer and mid winter are about the same. Bass will also want a larger fly than normal. They want their meal to provide more substance than the energy expended to go after it. I personally like bottom-bouncing flies at this time. With a slow retrieve and the fly bumping the bottom the fly will cause a disturbance of which the fish will take note. Another method I like in hot weather is to use a floating fly on a full sinking line. The good news is that in a three-year study it was found that bass eat over 200% more in July & August than they do in Mav & June.

To blow the whole theory up, the largest smallmouth and the second largest largemouth I have ever caught were both taken in the middle of the day on very hot days. Both fish were also in less than two feet of water.

At the August fly tying jam, I will be tying the Sar-Mul-Mac. This is one of my favorite flies. It moves a lot of water on the retrieve and is very easy for the fish to pick up on.

Tidbit – There is a big fallacy that bass do not like bright light. This is not entirely true. What bass do not like is UV rays. A bright day can be some of the best fishing if a few clouds are going over or if the humidity is over 50%. A high humidity will break up the UV rays so that the bass will get these rays in a scattered form.

GO BASSIN

. . . Pete Peterson



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Fly Fishing is 1807 Years Old Today (more or less)

Taken from the <u>Backcountry Fly</u> <u>Fishers Newsletter,</u> Naples, Florida

If there is any truth to the reports about the origins of fly fishing, 2007 will mark the 1,807th year of the sport. Apparently, somewhere in what is now northern Greece an enterprising fisherman noticed that fish would rise to the surface to gulp down a newly emerged fly. This man probably caught one of the flies and tied it on to a primitive hook. No such luck; the fly would wilt and fall off the hook. The ancient fisherman then fastened a piece of red wool around a hook, attached a couple of feathers and found success in attracting what were most likely trout. Thus the sport of fly fishing was borne in frustration and the natural human quest for a better way. Why he selected red wool when the natural flies were dark brown will never be known. The length of the rod, the makeup of the line and the reel, if there was one, are lost to history. But the almost 2,000 year development of fly fishing was born. It is probable that fly fishing migrated from Greece to Italy and then north to Germany and Britain. Records from medieval times in Germany mention catching trout on feathered hooks. Few details are known about the rods, reels and lines used in the sport. But it is known that rods were made from ash and hickory with bamboo eventually coming into use.

The real emergence of fly fishing owes much to the interest in Britain beginning around 1800. Bamboo rods in the lengths of 12 to 16 feet were commonly used. Then brass ferules were introduced that permitted long rods to be made in sections and more easily carried. Reels in this period resemble today's bait casting reels. They were positioned at the butt end and on top of the rod. Narrow and below-the-rod reels produced in America ultimately replaced the British designs. Lines presented the largest challenge. Made from a mix of horsehair and silk, they readily absorbed water and sank and wore out quickly. Casting into the wind proved impossible. The partial solution was the braided silk line. It enabled longer casts (18 to 23 yards with a 16 foot rod) and durability. Silkworm gut came into use for leaders and hooks and fly patterns were vastly improved.

Rapid industrialization and development of new materials as the world entered the first half of the 20th century gave rise to improvements in virtually every aspect of fly fishing. Availability of affordable equipment and transportation opened the sport to fishermen below the gentry

Fishout Calendar July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 Granite Bay Flycasters Outing Committee

To those who took the time to fill out a fishout survey, we appreciate your effort in helping us construct a fishout schedule for this year based on your input. We presented the survey results at the July meeting in Powerpoint format after selecting the 20 locations that received the highest number of votes.

Based on the survey results, the fishout schedule for this year is set out below. While all dates are tentative, especially the ones that are farthest out in time, you can use this schedule to make your plans.

In addition to the scheduled outings, there will be "impromptu" outings at some of the other locations listed in the survey itself, and at some of the locations that were written into the survey form by those who responded. For these, we will use the message board and "email blasts" to notify members in advance.

<u>Fishout Location</u>	Est. Date	Outing Leader
American (lower) (Steelhead)	15-Jan-08	Mike Susslin
Bridgeport area	June 12-15, 2008	Bill Hagopian
Burney area	may 23-25, 2008	Mike Powers
Crowley Lake	Sept 12-14, 2008	
Delta	12-Nov-07	
Folsom Lakebass	26-Apr-08	
(Rattkesnake)		
Fuller Lakepicnic	June 5-8, 2008	
Greenstone	20-Apr-08	
Hot Creek	October 3-5, 2007	
Manzanita Lake	18-Jun-08	Denny Welch
Natoma Lake	16-Jul-08	
Pit River	Sept 26-28, 2007	
Rancho Murietta	16-Apr-08	Ossolinski/Anderson
RubiconUpper	May 17-18, 2008	Bill Carnazzo
Sac (lower)Ahad, Road 48	9-Jul-08	Mike Susslin
Sac (upper), Mc Cloud	October 9-12, 2007	
Sly Park Lake	25-Jun-08	
Truckee (main river)	Sept 12-14, 2007	
Truckee (little)	Sept 12-14, 2007	
Virginia Lakes	June 27-29, 2008	Mike Kaul
Yuba (lower)	Jan 9 &	
	Feb 12, 2008	
Yuba (upper) nymph clinic	July 18-20, 2008	Bill Carnazzo

Feel free to contact the outing committee members if you have any questions. Because the schedule is somewhat tentative, please feel free to provide input. Our names and contact information is on the last page of the Leader.



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GBF-Monthly Meeting

August Program:

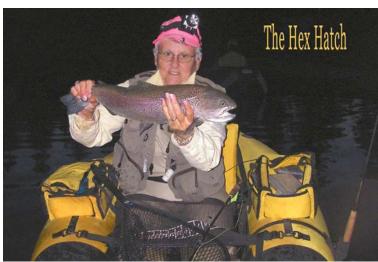
The Fish & Game Warden and Henderson Springs

This month there will be two speakers. The first is James A. Swan, Ph.D. who will speak about an endangered species affecting all of California...the fish and game warden. The "thin green line" that defends fish and wildlife is underfunded and largely unheralded, and nowhere is this more evident than in California. He is a widely published author, speaker, college professor and a regular columnist for ESPN Outdoors.

Next, Nancy Siegler will give a presentation on her experiences fishing at Henderson Springs. She has been fortunate to fish there many years and will share with us what she has learned to be successful in this remarkable trophy fishery. If you've fished there before, or even if you haven't, you won't want to miss her informative and insightful presentation.

Henderson Springs is a private 500-acre fishery located in Big Bend off highway 299 East of Redding. It features 4 lakes, one pond and a spring creek all filled with very large trout. This remote and very private fishery is considered one of the best stillwater fisheries in the entire United States.

When: August 9, 7:00 PM Where: GBF Clubhouse



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Nancy
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Henderson.

Salmon & Steelhead Trout Classroom Education Program Training Session, Sept. 8th

There will be a sign up for volunteers for this program at the August general meeting. On Saturday Sept. 8th there will be an in-service given to new Teachers for this program at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery Visitor Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. While we don't require the volunteers to attend this in-service training session it is highly recommended. We deliver eggs to classrooms twice a year, once in November for Salmon and again in February for Steelhead. This program is open to all GBF members and we invite your participation. If this interests you or if you have any questions about the program call Frank Stolten 725-6894 or Rick Radoff 624-2107 for more information.



As I "receive the torch" from our latest VP for Conservation, Heath Wakelee, I am quickly beginning to much more appreciate what he has done during his tenure. Thanks from all of us GBF Members for all of your hard work and positive contributions Heath!

We are starting to hold our Conservation Committee meetings every 3rd Thursday starting at 6 p.m., just before the Monthly Board Meetings that start at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Granite Bay. The August meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 16. Hopefully this will work out well with most of you who want to participate on the Conservation Committee, but if not, we will find a more satisfactory solution for our meetings. We will continue to prioritize our plans and objectives for this coming year. Please let me know ASAP if you have items to be added to the Agenda.

The Sierra Nevada Alliance is holding their Annual Convention up at Kings Beach on the north side of Lake Tahoe on Aug. 3 through 5, 2007 http://www.sierranevadaalliance.org/conference/ I highly recommend your attendance if you can make it. Not only is the area beautiful, but the subjects are highly relevant to our interests.

Placer County Water Agency will be holding field visits to various parts of the Middle Fork American River Project area during the weeks of August 6 and 13th reviewing specifics of their projects being implemented to collect the information that is expected to be needed in the FERC relicensing project for the next 5 years (contact wtemplin@ surewest.net for more information).

Auburn State Recreation Area is organizing one or more floats down the Middle Fork American River to provide insight into the issues in the "Peaking Reach" below Oxbow Reservoir during August, but the dates have not yet been set (contact wtemplin@ surewest.net for more information).

The American River Watershed Group meets on Thursday, August 16 from 10 a.m. till 12 noon at the Canyon View Community Center in Auburn (see http://arwg.net for location map and address). The speaker this month will be John Hanson, Wild Trout Fisheries Biologist for the North Fork American River region talking about their existing Wild Trout Angler Surveys and possible expansion of the program and

Angler survey boxes to other locations throughout the region, and how we can help!

The Upper American River Foundation http://arwg.net/uarf.html meets on Thursday,

August 23, from 7 till 9 p.m. at the Placer County Resource Conservation District http://www.placercountyrcd.org/Conference Room at 251 Auburn Ravine, Suite 107 Auburn, CA 95603-3719 in Auburn, CA Among the topics discussed will be status of suction dredging legislation, progress on the Watershed Education Summit – North, and Fish and Game's Wild Trout Angler Survey program.

I look forward to working with you all to improve the quality of and access to our local fisheries. With you're your help, I'm sure we can find many ways that we can make meaningful improvements in the quality of our local aquatic environments!

. . .Bill Templin wtemplin@surewest.net

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set. A few of the developments were: Cork Handles, Standard reel seats, Fast-winding, single-action reels, Floating lines (at least for a few minutes,) Shorter rods, Ultra-light split cane rods, and better gut for leaders.

But nothing in the development of fly fishing had occurred in any prior period that compares with the improvements since 1950. A few of the really big steps include: Fiber glass rods, following closely by

Graphite fiber rods (how did we do without them?), Nylon lines followed by hollow PVC lines with nylon cores, Monofilament leader material of all sizes and types, Light, strong, large diameter and narrow drumreels with variable drag (reliable and sealed) These lists do not do justice to the unending array of improvements to equipment and flies over the centuries. In addition to equipment, one of the major developments in the sport in the last 40 years has been the growth of salt water fly fishing. I say growth, because fishing for salt water species harkens back for centuries. Salmon fishing is mentioned in very early writings about fly fishing. And no doubt a key factor in the emergence of fly fishing was the formation of fly fishing clubs. Many were established in Britain in the 1800's and now they flourish all over the world. For comprehensive information on the history of fly fishing go to: www.flyfishinghistory.com or http://en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Fly fishing.

Changed Your E-mail Address?

If you have, please let us know so we can keep you regularly informed of any special events, unscheduled fishouts, or other timely information you'll want to know about. Contact Vice President of Membership, Bill Carnazzo, at 530-367-5209, or bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net.

Royal Wulff

It never hurts to revisit some of our "older" patterns that have been mainstays for a very long time. We tend to forget some of the old classics amidst the hype about new materials, exotic patterns, and an ever-expanding universe of new "must-have" flies. The Royal Wulff certainly qualifies as a classic catskill-style dry fly. I have heard many opinions over the years as to why fish attack this odd-looking creature. What it boils down to is that no one knows why it works—it just does. I consider it to be a "searching" pattern because it suggests many different insects. For example, its body configuration could represent an ant.

The Royal Wulff is one of a series of Lee Wulff creations. If you want to learn more about Lee Wulff and his famous series of high-floating, durable dry flies, visit the following page from the Federation of Fly Fishers web site: http://www.fedflyfishers.org/FlyOfMonth/wulff.htm.

Instructions:

- 1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Cover the shank with thread wraps.
- 2. Tie For the tail, cut a small bunch of calf tail or calf body hair and even up the tips after cleaning out the underfur. The measurement reference for the wing length is the length of the shank. Tie in



Steps 1 and 2

the hair at the end of the shank, just above the back of the barb (or where the barb would be if the hook was not barbless). Use the "45 degree) technique to tie in the hair...see my web site for instructions on this technique, at the following page: http://billcarnazzo.com/flytying/tipsandtricks/index.htm.

3. Move the thread forward to the forward 1/3 point. Cut and clean a larger bunch of hair, and

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook: Tiemco 100 or 900

BL; Daiichi 1190.

Sizes 12-18 Thread: Brown 8/0

Tail: White calf tail or calf

body hair

Body: Peacock herl and red

floss or red mylar

Head: Thread--small

Wing: White calf tail or calf

body hair

Hackle: High quality brown

neck or saddle

hackle



Step 3

even up the tips. The measurement reference for wing length is the length of the hook shank plus a tiny bit extra. Tie the hair in with the tips out over the eye, again using the 45-degree technique. Trim the butts on a taper toward the tail, and cover most of the butts with thread with firm wraps.



Steps 4, 5 and 6

- 4. Stand the wing up and take a few wraps in front of it. Don't apply more than a few wraps; building up a big shoulder in front of the wing base will cause big problems later when you get to the point of wrapping the backle.
- 5. Take several wraps around the base of the hair to gather it into a nice bunch. Take another

wrap around the base, but this time trap the thread in the remaining wing butts and pull the wing rearward. This will make the wing stand up straight. Apply a few more wraps in front of and behind the wing.

6. Using your bodkin, separate the wing into two equal bunches. Separate the bunches and wrap diagonally through the separated wings, first one way and then the other. Again, don't use many wraps—a few will do. Apply a drop of super glue to the base of the wings.



Step 7

- 7. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point and make a loop as you would if you were going to make a dubbing loop. Cut one end of the loop and let the loop thread hang free for now.
- 8. Tie in three 3 peacock herls by their tips. Wrap these around the piece of hanging loop thread and twist the thread and herl into a tight "chenille." Grab the herl chenille with your hackle pliers and make two or three tight wraps to make a butt. Don't cut the herl. Instead tie it off and move

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Step 8 the chenille forward and out of the way for the moment.



Step 9

9. Tie in a piece of red floss or red mylar tinsel where you tied off the herl chenille. Take several wraps of this material and tie it off.



Step 10

10. Wrap another section of the herl chenille up to the rear of the wings and tie it off there.



Steps 11 and 12

- 11. Tie in a high quality brown saddle hackle just behind the wing. If you are using neck hackle, tie in two hackles as this fly is meant to be bushy.
- 12. Wrap the hackle forward, taking 5 or 6 wraps behind the wing and an equal number in front of the wing. Tie off the hackle and whip finish.

Tying tips:

- 1. I prefer the mylar tinsel to floss. The tinsel will not darken like the floss when it is wet.
- 2. Apply a liquid silicone substance such as the one made by Mucilin, to your dry flies as they come off your vise. Allow 24 hours drying time before using the flies. This will create a waterproof coating.

Fish this beauty in riffles. Keep it floating high and dry. You will like its visibility on the water. The white wings show up like a neon sign. See ya on the creek.

Why Build Your Own Fly Rod?

This Such a simple question generates many answers. Some answers involve logical reasons such as saving money or building the rod that meets your specific performance standard for a specific application. Other answers may revolve around more abstract, philosophical, psychological, or emotional-based reasons such as a psychic flash into a dream of catching a huge fish on a special rod. Whatever your reasons, the satisfaction of constructing your own rod can be immense and fulfilling. It is probably identical to the feeling one gets by tying one's own flies and catching fish on them. Those new rods, with all of their different looks and feels. can be an extension of your own creative expression, and more importantly, catch fish. It can also be worthwhile passing rod-building skills on to others, and watching new rod builders enjoy themselves learning new skills that encourage their own ideas.

When building one's own rod, the builder will have to address many details regarding the type of fly rod to construct. One rod will NOT be able to fit all situations because of the huge variety of fishing conditions in which one can find oneself. come in different lengths, number of segments, line weights, rod weights, material stiffness. blank colors, eye sizes (with different colors), reel seat types and colors, handle configurations types, etc.. Some basic questions an anglers should ask themselves when deciding what type of rod to build are:

 What kind of fish and size do you want to catch (i.e. bass, trout, salmon, marlin, dorado, tarpon, etc.)?

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- What type of water are you planning to fish (i.e. small creeks, large rivers, lakes, ocean, etc.)?
- What rod break down size for easy transport to the fishing location is needed?
- What types of flies are going to be used (i.e. how big, weighted, dry or wet)?
- How much money and time are you willing to spend on your rod?

The ultimate decision to build your own fly rod is completely yours, but once you've made it, the excitement of building something you can use from scratch, the thrill of catching the first fish, and the envy of your friends and family because they know what it takes to make one, just can't be compared. If you can't wait to get started into building your new fly rod, contact Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, email: larrylee@L3rods.com.

FLY TYING JAM

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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, or call Rick Radoff at 916-624-2107.

Doors open between 6:00 P.M. and 6:30 P.M for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and site show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

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 Bill Carnazzo at 530-557-5209, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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