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Photo taken by Rick Radoff

Ron Hayashi with a nice striper taken at the delta fishout on Veteran's Day.



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18. Fly Tying
 Jam 6:30 PM

14. Salmon
 Count
 9:00 a.m.

13. Monthly
 Members
 Meeting
 7:00

27. Conservation
 Committee
 Meeting 7:00

President's Message

Rick Radoff

Fran and I just got back from the Granite Bay Flycasters Board meeting, and again my President's message is due, so here I go. I'll probably finish it tomorrow, and get it to Frank Stolten, our Editor of *The Leader*, one day late (sorry Frank).

Well, the mentor program is off and running. If anyone would like to be a mentor, let me know and I will include you in the program. If anyone has any questions about the mentor program, please contact Joe Aichroth, Bill Carnazzo or myself, and we will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

WOW! what a great fish out we had at the Delta. I would like to thank Denny Welch and Pete Peterson for putting it together, and handling the logistics for this great event. I would also like to thank all of the members that provided their boats and guided us Delta novices, well done!

Events to come in the near future are the Chili Cook Off and annual Swap Meet at the clubhouse on December 1st, and our annual Holiday Pot Luck at our December meeting on the 13th. I will send out an e-mail blast reminding you about both events, and listing what beginning letter in the last name should bring what dish to the December meeting.

A little further in the future is the ISE show in Sacramento starting on the 17th of January 2008. Bill Carnazzo and Mike Howes are Co-chairing our booth, and will be



looking for volunteers. The sign-up sheet for the ISE show will be at the next two meetings, and is posted on the website already. So, if you can help, please let Bill or Mike know.

A lot further in the future is our annual dinner, which is going to be on March 14th at the Elk's Lodge in Carmichael. Tickets for our annual dinner went on sale November 1st. Make sure that you get your dinner tickets early for two reasons, one to save money, and the other is to make sure that you get your tickets; we sold out early last year, and had to turn away some that wanted tickets at the last minute.

Tomorrow I will be helping Sturmer White at his Casting Clinic given at Gibson Ranch. I am sure that we will all have a good time. Well, as you can see, there is always something going on in this club, and like I have said many times in my messages, you can receive many rewards from being a member of the Granite Bay Flycasters, but only if you put the time and effort into belonging. I hope to see you all at the December Holiday Pot Luck Meeting.

..Rick Radoff

**Granite Bay Flycasters
Classifieds**

Fly Tying Vise For Sale:

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. Contact Bill Carnazzo at 530-367-5209.

Pontoon Boat:

I'm selling an 8-foot Pontoon boat made by Water Skeeter. It's in excellent condition and comes with oars, pump and storage platform with a mount for an electric motor. Selling for \$225. Contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894.

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*.

Your Dues are Due!!!

December marks the time when Granite Bay Flycasters begins collecting member dues for the upcoming year. So, it's time to renew your membership by ponying up your dues. Here's the dues schedule:

- Individual membership: \$30.00
- Family membership: \$36.00
- Youth membership: \$15.00

You can pay your dues at the December meeting, where Ron and Jeanne English will be sitting in for Bill Carnazzo, membership chair, to collect dues (Bill will be in Mexico catching huge largemouth bass at El Salto Lake, a world class bass fishery). We'll also ask Mike Howes, Treasurer, to assist them. You can also send your check to Granite Bay Flycasters at 4120 Douglas Blvd, #306-356, Granite Bay, CA 95746—5936, or to Bill at 5209 Crestline Drive, Foresthill, CA 95631. Be sure to make out your check to "Granite Bay Flycasters." So, you have three easy ways to renew—and now is the time. Thanks.

**Monthly Fly Tying
Winners for November**

Beginners: -

Art Livingston

Non-beginners: -

Ray Ito

**\$25.00 Gift Certificate
from American Fly Fishing
Company:**

Ray Ito

It is the habit of most fly fishermen to use floating line for floating flies and sinking line for sinking flies. However, warmwater fishermen have not followed these criteria for several years. I personally use sinking line with floating flies and floating line with sinking flies for about 40-50% of my fishing.

When using a floating line on a sinking fly in fairly shallow water it is much easier to watch the end of the line for any signs of a take. Use a quick pull and pause retrieve to make the fly take a jigging action off the bottom. This is a great technique to keep in touch with the fly to depths up to 10-15 feet. Be sure that you use a straight line from your reel to the fly. Flies used in this technique work very well if they are tied with a rattle.

A full sinking line with a floating fly is one of my favorite ways of fishing. It helps if you treat the fly with a float paste such as Dave's or Umpqua. This technique works extremely well when you have a weedy bottom. Keep the leader just long enough to be retrieved just above the top of the weed bed. Most bass will hide down in the weeds and will be constantly looking up. In shallow water I will use an intermediate line instead.

The third technique I like is to use a sinking tip with a floating fly. I make my cast toward the shore and start my retrieve. In shallow water the fly will still be on the surface. As the fly approaches deeper water, a strong pull on your line will make the fly dive and swim. When you stop the pull, the fly will return to the surface. To keep the fly down longer, just keep on pulling on your

line. I use this technique with floating flies and divers.

The next time you are in your boat or float tube, give these techniques a try.

Trivia: Always keep the fly line in a straight line from your reel to the fly. A largemouth can inhale, taste, and spit out a fly in less than a second. This gives us a great advantage over hardware fishermen. Our materials are much more natural and the bass tend to hold them much longer than they would something made out of plastic or wood. A straight-line method gives us a much better feeling of what is going in. For bass fishing you must **KEEP YOUR HOOKS SHARP.**

Upper Sac Fishout Report

If you weren't there, you missed a good one. Although the weather threatened with showers on Thursday, it turned out to be a good weekend. The water conditions were excellent with good flow and clarity. Bill Carnazzo gave his short line nymphing clinic on Friday morning to 7 enthusiastic fly fishers and it was catch and release from then on. Laura Ford caught her first fish on a fly, what a thrill. Gil Machado caught a fish he estimated to be 5 pounds. There were other large fish in the river due to the state stocking some brood fish. As it turns out everyone seems to have caught fish every day. Our group dinners were fun affairs with lots of fish stories being told. Mark this outing on your calendar for next year.

. . . Joe Aichroth

Yuba River UC Davis Fishouts

The University of California at Davis has an agricultural research station on the banks of the Lower Yuba River. This property is closed to the public, but our club is fortunate to have a relationship with the management. Therefore we are allowed twice yearly access for fishing. This is a great deal for us because we get private access on a river that typically gets fairly heavy angler pressure. The property is beautiful (and private); there are shade trees, a few picnic tables, a brick BBQ grill pit, and a porta potty.

Karl Wolff (karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net 916 719 0860) will lead our fishout on January 12, and Pete Koistinen (peterkoistinen@comcast.net 916-780-0925) will lead on February 16. The fishouts are limited to 15 anglers for each date, and there is no fee. Signup sheets will be available at the general meetings. If you miss the meeting please contact either Karl (for Jan 12) or Pete (for Feb16) to get signed up, however no signups will be taken prior to the December general meeting. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list, sign up anyway; we'll keep a waiting list. Please sign up for one fishout only (OK to wait list on the other one)

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16-inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American, flow rates around 2000 CFS are ideal. A few hints for success on

the Yuba: keep moving – if 2 or 3 good drifts don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, don't stand in water that you should be fishing. The fish can be close to shore; you'll probably catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner, archive July 2006, for Paul Egan's excellent Skwala pattern. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website's "Fishouts" section.

OK, we hope to see you on these great "private water" fishouts.

...Karl and Pete

Wet Flies Wanted

Actually... we want Wet Fly Award nominees. This infamous annual recognition is bestowed on the club member who 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 March 14th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story by March 1st. Remember... think wet!

Raffle/Auction Items Needed

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner. Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

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Bob Clouser Presentation at Conclave 2007

I attended Bob Clouser's small group presentation on the proper way to tie a Clouser Minnow. Following are the instructions that Bob gave us.

MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	S71SS, or Mustad 3407 (need to sharpen this hook), down to #6
Thread:	Light yellow 6/0 thread
Eyes:	Dumb bell eyes
Belly:	White bucktail
Flash:	Pearl flashabou
Overwing:	Chartreuse (or other color) buck-tail
Head:	Thread, with 5 minute epoxy
Blue:	"Fishin glue" (used to glue rubber worms to hooks) - Or, you can use super-glue

Tying Instructions:

1. **Tying on the eyes.** At the 1/3 point on the shank behind the hook eye, tie on the thread with the usual jam knot. Just behind these thread wraps, tie the eyes on the top of the hook. Use X-wraps—not figure-8 wraps. To straighten out the eyes after tying them on, alternate your X-wraps; this will have the effect of pulling the eyes back into proper alignment. After finishing with the

X-wraps (about a dozen in each direction), wrap beneath the eyes, and between them and the top of the hook. This has the effect of pulling together all of the X-wraps and cinching them down tight. Apply glue to the underside of the hook to secure the wraps.

2. Tying on the white belly.

Advance the thread to the hook eye with spiral wraps—not tightly spaced wraps, and then wrap back to a point ½ way between the hook eye and the eyes. Here are Bob's guidelines for selecting good buck tail, cutting it off the hide, cleaning it, and tying it on:

- Use only the topmost part of the tail; this is where the hair is softest (and softness is what you want because it imparts more motion). The soft hair is not hollow and will not flare.

- It does not matter if the hair is kinky or straight, as long as it is soft.

- Doe tails are better than those from a buck (hm-m-m-m-m—true in other areas also, I suppose)

- When cutting the hair off the hide, grab the bundle by the tips, pull downward, and cut at the same time; this has the effect of making all of the longer hairs go to the middle, and the shorter ones to the outside.

- Grab the tips and clean out underfur and "shorts."

- Measure the cleaned bunch of hair to 2 ½ times the length of the hook; the bunch should be no larger than the size of a large toothpick.

- When you have measured

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the hair to length, trim the butts before tying it on the hook.

- Place the trimmed butts just ahead of where you left the thread, as specified above. Tie them down with a loose wrap and then pull the thread up on your side of the hook. This will place the hair directly on top of the hook. Take a few more wraps to secure the hair in place. If you've done it right, it will take very few wraps.

- Pull the hair back toward the bend but not down to the shank. Using the same loose-wrap procedure as in the previous bullet, secure the hair with 2 or 3 wraps behind the eyes and then spiral wrap back to mid-shank and then back to eyes. Spiral wraps are widely spaced going both ways.

3. Tying on the flash. Rotate the hook so that the eyes are on the bottom (this is how the fly will ride). Advance the thread to a point just behind the hook eye. Take 13 or 14 strands and double them around the thread. Tie the flash down and wrap back to a point behind the eyes. Part the flash equally on both sides of the hook point. Trim it longer than the buck tail (about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ " longer)—this adds more movement and gives the fly a "flash tail" look.

4. Tying on the "back". The white belly on a bait fish is smaller than the back; i.e., most of the baitfish is darker. Therefore, use a little more hair for the back (not a lot more, just a small increment). The length should be the same length as the belly, so as to not interfere with the flash's movement. Cut and measure a bunch

of the chartreuse buck tail. Trim the butts and lay them on the shank just a bit on your side of the hook. Use the "45-degree" technique to make the hair roll up on top. The tie-in point is the same as the belly. Keep all of the dark hair on top.

5. Forming the head. To form the head, wrap forward from the eyes to the eye of the hook. The head should not be too large. Coat the head with a thin coat of epoxy.

...Bill Carnazzo

Salmon Count

It looks like there won't be a big amount of rain in the next couple of weeks. Experience has taught that if salmon haven't arrived by the middle of December they probably won't be coming. We know that a small amount have entered the creeks, and State and local agencies believe it's important to document the spawner presence this year so...

We will meet at the bottom of the hill at the theater parking lot at N. Sunrise and Eureka at 9:00 Friday, December 14th.

Please email to dcc@surewest.net if you can participate on December 14th.

We will be wading in the streams so waders are necessary. If you have used your waders elsewhere please be sure they are clean so we don't introduce mud snails and other pests. Find info on the mud snails at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/mudsnail/Mudsnail_FAQ.html.

Do your rain dance,

...Gregg Bates

American River Steelhead Fishout

The months of January through early April provide a good chance to catch adult steelhead right here in Sacramento on the American River. Last year was phenomenal because of the consistent water flow and an exceptional run of steelhead. It wasn't uncommon to catch up to ten fish per day, and most of the fish were quite large. I was lucky enough to hook and land several fish over eight pounds. I also had several hookups where the fish took me into the backing. One of the biologists I talked to said that the fish coming up the river have gotten a lot larger over the years and he attributes that to a new Russian River strain of steelhead that were introduced to the American River system several years ago.

Let's hope this year will be as good as last year. This fishout will also present an opportunity to practice your spey casting if you choose to do so. It certainly appears to be one of the more effective ways to catch and land some of these elusive fish. Spey casting gives one the ability to cover water more effectively. Indicator fishing is also very productive in most of the pocket waters and tailouts. The fishout will be held on January 15th near Sailor Bar just below Nimbus Dam. The water flow needs to be at a certain level to make for good fishing. We may have to reschedule according to the flow that day.

Now here is the "catch", and I'm not talking about the fish. When the fish are in the river, there are also scores of local hardcore fishermen using both fly and spin casting methods. Given the fact that we will

encounter many other fishermen, I would like to keep the number of participants at 10 to make the fishing somewhat manageable. This will require a team effort to stake claim to good water and to rotate the fishout members in and out, depending upon where the fish are holding. The fishout will have to start at least a half hour before sunrise to give us a chance to cover some of the good water. Imagine yourself standing in the water at your spot while it is still dark. If you're keen on doing that, then sign up. This may not seem to be the most fun way to go fishing, but I must say that if you do get the chance to hook a fighting steelhead, then it will have been well worth it. Typically the fishing is good until the sun is on the water at around 11 a.m. We should hope for rain and overcast conditions to make it a whole day operation.

You should bring a 5 to 6 weight spey rod or a 7 to 8 weight single hand with sink-tips lines up to 400 grains. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Michael Susslin
916 759 9730 cell
msusslin@hotmail.com

Loaner Rods & Tying Tools

GBF allows active members in good standing to check out equipment under the following conditions.

A deposit of \$30 by personal check is required to check out a fly rod and reel combination for a one-month period. A deposit of \$20 by personal check is required

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to check out a fly tying kit. Checks are to be made payable to Granite Bay Flycasters. Upon return of the equipment by the next monthly meeting, your check or cash will be returned to you.

To check out a rod and reel combination, see Bill Carnazzo or Pete Peterson. Pete will have two 5 wt. and two 8 wt. units at all club meetings. To check out a fly tying kit, call Paul Egan.

The 5 wt. rods have a floating line on them. The 8 wt. have a floating line and we do have some extra spools with a sinking tip. We are also working on obtaining some 8 wt. full sinking lines.

Outing Committee Report

Upcoming Outings

You can view the fishout list (through July, 2008) on the website; also, keep up with the message board for "impromptu" outings. If you don't have access to the Internet and want a copy of the list, just give me a call or send me an email and I'll see to it that you get the list. There are articles in this issue regarding each scheduled outing. Please read the individual articles for details.

January 12 and February 16, 2008---Lower Yuba outing at UC property (Outing chair—Pete Koistenen and Karl Wolff).

January 15 Lower American Steelhead outing (Outing chair—Mike Susslin)

Signups will be taken at the December meeting for these outings. There is no limit on attendance so

we can take signups via phone and email.

For information on the individual outings, call or send an email to the outing leader (as listed in the article) or to one of the Outing Committee members—we are listed at the back of the Leader.

Recent Outings

The Upper Sac outing was a big success this year. Everyone caught fish and the weather was great. The nymphing clinic was attended by virtually all members who were at the outing. The highlight of the clinic was watching new nymph fly fishers land fish. Thanks to Joe Aichroth and Eric Palmer for planning and managing this outing—they did a great job.

The November 12th outing on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta was a blast. I believe we had nine member boats (and one rented by Karl Wolff), and around 15 passengers. Everyone caught stripers and bass, and laughed about a lot of things until our sides hurt. Ask Ron Hayashi about his huge "golden striper." Thanks to Denny Welch and Pete Peterson for their great work in putting this first-time Granite Bay Flycasters event, and to all of the member boat owners who offered seats on their boats to passengers. I think everyone will agree that this needs to be an annual event.

**Yuba River
UC Davis Fishouts**

**January 12th &
February 16th**

GBF - Monthly Meeting

GBF has a tradition of celebrating the holidays with a Pot-Luck Banquet at the December meeting, and this year the tradition continues. There won't be a speaker, and only a minimum of announcements. In the spirit of a pot luck event, we are requesting members to bring a dish to share per the chart below:

A-H	Salad
I-R	Appetizer
S-Z	Main Dish

The club will provide beverages and dessert. This is an opportunity to socialize with our fellow fly fishers, reliving the fun times we had the past year and telling a tall fish tale or two. This is a great way to kick off the Holiday Season and we hope to see you there. While spouses and children may shy away from attending a regular meeting where "they all talk about fishing" they are encouraged to attend and hopefully meet some of your fishing buddies.

When: December 13, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse



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Meetings:

We are now holding our Conservation Committee meetings every 4th Thursday starting at 7 p.m., at the Raley's on San Juan at Sunset Ave.

Activities Past:

On **October 25**, we had 4 members present at the meeting at Raley's on San Juan at Sunset and you might want to send a letter of support for the new Cal Fish and Game Commission appointment. Mike Laing attended our Conservation Committee meeting last month and suggested that we support Jim Edmondson, former Director of Cal Trout. Mark Rockwell would like to hear from us if we support Jim. Hopefully our November 29 meeting and December 27 meetings will continue our increasing attendance! Happy Holidays to you all!

Activities Future:**Dry Creek Salmon Count:**

The Nov. 9 planned date for the event was delayed for lack of salmon and rain. We're still hoping to have the right combination of flow in Dry Creek and response from Salmon to tie in with GBF member David Baker for the annual Dry Creek Conservancy Salmon Count. This is a very popular event with GBF members because it can be very interesting to wade in a narrow, shallow creek with salmon from 10 to 30 lbs. sharing it with you. Let David Baker know at the next meeting or by phone/email

if you are interested in helping this year.

Angler Access to Navigable Streams

- There are things that we can do to help the legal system enforce their existing laws and cut down on special interests/favors being provided by local sheriff's departments. The question is, "What role do we want to play in this?" Let me know if you have an interest in this.

"Adopt a Watershed"? What do you think about that? It was proposed at the last Conservation Committee meeting that GBF adopt the North Fork American River Watershed through the U.S. E.P.A. "Adopt Your Watershed" program, <http://www.epa.gov/adopt/> Like Bill Carnazzo has said many times, "We need to focus on an area and make it ours!" This might do it, if you think we can get the members to support the idea. Obviously, many of us have a lot of inside information on this area, and it's close!

Placer Nature Center's outreach program needs our help. They want to continue to teach watershed conservation and they need some volunteers from GBF to show the teachers & students the connection between the natural hatches and the artificial flies that are so important to our fisheries and our enjoyment of the fisheries. We've received a request from Linda Desai and Leslie Warren for volunteers and \$3,000 to help

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expand their outdoor education to meet the need they have from teachers and students in the region.

Trout Telemetry on the N.F. American River the Upper American River Foundation project that has been on hold since we didn't get funding from the CalFed Watershed Program is still alive and Lisa Thompson (U.C. Davis) and Tim Horner (C.S.U. Sacramento) are working on proposals for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy support. They will need our help catching fish to telemeter. This is a fascinating idea for tracking the wild Rainbows and Small Mouth Bass to see where they go to survive the hot summer low flows. This idea came from a successful project on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River in Idaho and could help provide some very useful information for us to use to help protect important spawning areas as well as cooler places that our fishery needs to survive. Anyone interested in Adopting A Trout or Bass? If you know of the Henry's Fork project you know that they have donors who name their fish and donate towards the project to help it continue to be successful. The donors get to name their fish and get the information on their website linked to a map that tracks the fish movement over time. If we get the funding, the adoptions will follow! Let us know if you might be interested!

Earth Day Events at Roseville, Sierra College and CSU

Sacramento - David Baker offered to lead the GBF display-tableting effort for this year's Earth Day in Roseville and Bill Templin mentioned that opportunities always exist at the big CSUS and Sierra College Earth Day events too. These events will all happen in April 2008, but it's not too soon to start planning now! (about 5000 people attend the CSUS event alone). This would be a good follow up to our annual showings at the ISE Show in January that will be here before we know it! It's a lot of fun to get involved with these events, you should try it.

Trout Unlimited "Embrace A Stream" proposals are being considered as a collaboration with the UC Davis/CSU Sacramento projects and would tie in well if we "Adopt the Watershed". Dave Lass, TU, suggested that we work with Barbara and Joe Bania to make it happen. Got any suggestions?

Bob Simms "Where's the Salmon?" talk at the North Area Sportsmen's Association annual membership meeting on Thurs. Dec. 6 should be very interesting. Bob Simms from the KFBK Outdoors show on Saturday mornings 5 to 8 a.m. will be speaking at Zigato's Restaurant off Highway 16 at Canterbury Lane in Sacramento. All GBF members interested in a good evening out are welcome to attend. The dinner is only \$30 and is for a good cause since this group has been actively encouraging "responsible fishing, hunting and networking"

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by outdoor's enthusiasts in this area since the late 1940's when WWII veterans returned and decided the area needed a group like this. For more info, contact Bill Templin 916-601-9954 wtemplin@surewest.net.

December 27: Conservation Committee Meeting (see above for location).

Significant Issues:

San Joaquin River Restoration Agreement - H.R. 24 and S. 27 - Thanks for your continued contacts to your U.S. Senators and Congressmen on funding for the "San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act" - "This legislation is needed to fully authorize and approve a landmark Settlement agreement between the parties to NRDC v. Rodgers, an 18 year case concerning the restoration of flows and native salmon populations to the San Joaquin River, and

it's tributaries. (H.R. 24 <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>) and Senate (S. 27 http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm).

Thanks and Happy Trails to you for many good fishin' spots.

. . .Bill Templin
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**Granite Bay
Flycasters Booth at
the Sacramento I.S.E.
Show at Cal Expo**

We have had a booth at the Cal Expo ISE show for many years. It is a major source of new members for the club, as well as a fun social event for those members who volunteer to help by staffing the booth. This year the show dates are January 17-20, 2008. Rick Radoff and I are the coordinators for the booth.

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Super Minnow



Hello again, when Bill Carnazzo asked me to write the December article for the leader I was delighted and honored to do so. Then he suggested I do a striper fly...even better...for stripers have been my main focus for the past few months. And, the top producing fly on my boat has been the Super Minnow that I am featuring this month.

The few of you who have taken my class should pay attention to the instructions because a fly like this is always in the development stages and I have made some changes to its construction. The Super Minnow is still an easy to tie, durable fly that catches lots of fish. It can be tied in any number of color combinations and in sizes from #2 to 5/0. The fly this month will be chartreuse over white in a size 2/0. This has been the best fly for early fall. If you have fished with me lately we have been using the synthetic version in a 3/0 or 4/0. The larger flies will work better now until the water gets cold. It is probably cold now that this article is in print so I will be going back to the smaller flies like the one here.

Tying Instructions:

1. Mount hook in vise, sharpen then smash the barb.

2. Remount the hook in the vise bend down.

3. Tie on eyes approx 1/8 in. behind the eye bend of the hook.

4. Wrap the thread to the rear of the hook. Apply zap-a-gap.

5. Wrap the thread five turns forward.

6. Clip, clean and stack a clump of white buck tail; separate the clump in half.

7. Tie in the first half, tips pointing to the rear about 1/2 inch past the bend of the hook, letting the buck tail cover the sides of the hook shank.

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Eagle Claw #410 (bronze) or #413 Plated
Thread:	Danville fly master plus white
Weight:	.030 lead wire
Eyes:	Real eyes dumb-bell
Flash tail:	10 strands of silver flashabou and 10 strands of pearl flashabou
Tail:	White buck tail
Tail minder:	30# mono
Body:	Pearl crystal chenille
Belly:	White buck tail
Under Wing:	White buck tail
Wing flash:	Crystal flash to match overwing
Wing:	Two stacks of chartreuse Buck tail
Topping:	Doug's bugs Electra-Flash

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Steps 3 through 11

8. Tie in all 20 pieces of flash pointing forward, pull them to the rear of the hook and tie them down again. The tips should extend about 1½ inches past the buck tail.

9. Tie in one end of the tail minder on the side of the shank, form a loop and tie in the other end on the opposite side of the shank.

10. Now tie in the second half of the buck tail on top of the tail minder.

11. Use your bodkin to pull the tail through the loop. Leave some buck tail on the under side of the loop.

12. Tie in a piece of crystal chenille, wrap the thread to the eyes and then wrap the chenille. Tie it off and clip the tag.

13. Clean and stack another bunch of buck tail and tie it in over the eyes with a couple of figure eight wraps. (The points should be just as long as the shank of the hook.) Pull the butt ends over the eyes, tie them down and clip the tags on a taper to form a base layer for the nose and glue.

14. Remove the hook from the vise and turn it over.

15. Clip, clean and stack a small bunch of buck tail. Use curly or semi-hollow hair. It should extend to the hook bend and have enough



Steps 12 through 18

volume to fill the gap of the hook.

16. Tie it down in front of the eyes and taper cut the tag ends. Tie them down and glue.

17. Select 5-7 strands of crystal flash. Tie them in with the loop method. When securing them pull one end to each side of the fly and position it at 10 or 2 o'clock.

18. Slide cut the crystal flash on each side so it ends just beyond the bend of the hook.

19. Select your first bunch of chartreuse buck tail. Clean, stack lightly and tie it in so the points just stick past the bend of the hook. Taper cut the tag ends tie them down and glue.

20. Select your second bunch of chartreuse buck tail. (Always use two stacks, it will hold together better and taper the fly much smoother.) Clean and stack lightly. Tie it in on top of the first bunch. The tips should be slightly longer than the first. Taper cut the tag ends tie them down and glue.

21. Topping: Tie in the Electra-Flash with the loop method, slide cut, tie down and glue.

22. Form the "nose" of the fly. Glue and then for a more lasting finish apply two coats of Loon Hard Head fly finish clear.

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As a note to all of the people entering flies in the monthly contest, I would love to hear stories about, or see pictures of fish caught on your flies.

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Delta Fishout Report

We had the Delta fishout on Veteran's Day, November 12th. It was GBF's first trip there and I really didn't know what to expect. When we first announced it I thought we might get 4 or 5 boats and maybe 10 anglers. As it turned out, we had 11 boats and 26 anglers.

The boats, like us, were in varied stages of decay. Some leaked, some didn't. Some rode really low in the water and appeared on the verge of collapse. I won't mention names (Bill Avery), but some didn't appear to have any flyrods on board while others seemed to have every gizwiz known to mankind dangling throughout the midships. Most of the motors started the first time, but others sputtered and sputtered and smoked and belched out that acrid, foul smelling junk that seems to collect in the bowels of an engine that hasn't been used in years.

Only one of us got lost, but I won't mention any names (Pete Peterson). I fully expected someone to try out for the Wet Fly Award while boarding their boat. I was ready with the camera, but, alas, no excitement.

We left Tower Park Marina about 7:30 a.m. and took the short trip

down Little Potato Slough to the Mokelumne River. Close your eyes and imagine our little ragtag armada motoring one by one under the Highway 12 bridge humming to the tune of Anchors Aweigh. The Naval Academy choir was singing softly in the background. Larry Goodell led the pack with his bib overalls (looked like the Gorten fisherman), Rick Radoff standing on the bow of the boat with his best Napoleon pose, a misty eyed Sturmer White tossing rose pedals on the troubled waters in tribute to fallen heroes. The only thing missing was our loving wives and small children waving small flags atop the bridge as we crossed beneath.

We split up after that. Some fished Sycamore Slough, some Hog Slough, some Beaver Slough and some the Mokelumne. Some even split off and fished their own secret places. About 15 minutes out I hooked my first fish...a small striper. I should have been more proud because it was my only striper of the day. Rick did well as did Ron Hayashi who brought new meaning to the Golden "Trout" award....all 28 pounds of it. Some of the guys were fishing three to the boat and it took on a comic atmosphere with three guys trying to dodge each other's flies.

We stayed out there most of the day and I think almost everyone got into fish. Those that did had a great time and those that didn't also had a great time. We swapped some lies in the restaurant/bar afterwards and everyone there said we should do it again. Maybe we could do an annual Veteran's Day

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Blank Alignment for Reel Seat and Guides:

In the previous article, we discussed locating the spine or spline (the backbone) in graphite blanks for each segment of the entire blank. Finding the backbone is analogous to purchasing new tires for your car and balancing your new tires correctly for optimum performance. The eyes and reel seat should be put on in alignment with the spine, but whether on the spine itself or opposite of the spine is up to the builder.

Placing the reel seat and rod guides at a random place on the blank rather than the spine will cause inferior performance when casting or playing a fish. When casting your rod, you will also tend to have shorter, less accurate casts. Also, if you are fighting large fish, the rod (with proper spine alignment) will not have a tendency to twist in your hands because of torsional effects set up by improperly placed spine.

Some manufacturers mark the spines on their blanks. However, it is always important to check their marks for the following reasons: 1) the spine may be marked incorrectly by the manufacturer, and 2) no graphite blank is perfectly straight. Many manufacturers align rod sections so that the finished fly rod appears straight when sighted along the guides. It is more important to properly align the reel seat and guides with the spine rather than to adjust the blank sections so that they appear straight, because without

the proper reel seat and guide alignment your rod will not perform accurately or make longer casts, or in the case of large rods, may not have adequate fighting strength.

Another step to ensure the correct spine alignment is to join the pieces by aligning your spine marks or the manufacturer's marks (once you've verified that they do indeed mark the spine). This should be a good approximation of the spine for the entire blank. Next, flex the entire blank to ensure that the spine of the each individual section is aligned with the spine of each of its neighboring sections. It may be necessary to rotate the tip section slightly to achieve a uniform spine in the joined blank.

The standard method for aligning the reel seat and guides is to position them on the opposite side of the spine. This positioning allows the strength of the spine to improve casting accuracy and distance on the forward cast. An alternative to this positioning is to place the reel seat and guides directly on the spine. This positioning is used when forward casting accuracy and distances are secondary to fighting big fish. Consider this positioning when using a rod size of 13 or greater to catch large fish. Placing the guides on the same side of the spine allows the rod to bend more easily toward the fish without the rod twisting when a load is placed on the line.

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In summary, it is up to the rod builder to decide on what is the primary function of the rod. Do you want to have a rod which (1) just appears straight; (2) is accurate with a lengthy forecast, or (3) is intended for the primary purpose of fighting extremely large fish (with a rod size of 13 or greater). You may want to carefully experiment on your blank to test how correct spine alignment influences your rod. I will be interested in thoughts you may have regarding the spine alignment.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at larrylee@L3rods.com or telephone at (916) 962-0616.

Net Building Clinics

Are you one of those who noticed one of your GBF fishing buddies has a beautiful laminated wooden landing net and asked him where he bought it, only to have him/her

respond "I made it"? Well, you too can make a net to be proud of. For the seventh consecutive year Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul will be conducting a series of Net Building Clinics over the winter months.

Each clinic, conducted in Art's woodshop, consists of three sessions lasting about two hours each. Each clinic is limited to 5 members (Art wishes his shop was much bigger). There are three net styles and several varieties of wood from which to choose. The \$25 cost pays for the wood and net bag and results in a net that would cost between \$80 and \$95 in a fly shop.

A signup sheet will be available starting with the December meeting and the first clinic will be scheduled sometime in January. Priority (opportunity to attend the earlier sessions) is given to members who are enrolled in the Golden Trout Program, followed by first time net builders and lastly those who want to build their second or third net.

If you have any questions contact Art or Michael.

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Delta trip. If I had to change one thing on this trip it would be Sturmer and the rose pedals. It didn't work. Instead, I'd probably change Sturmer out for someone else...maybe Ron English.

...and that's the way it was, Veterans Day 2007.

...Denny Welch

Photos from the Delta Fishout



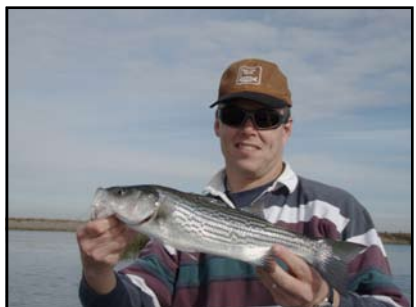
Ron Hayashi with his "Golden Trout."



Mel Odemar worked hard for this beauty.



Art Livingston's pretty happy with this one.



Mark Pinski with a typical bright delta striper.

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Here's what we need:

1. A team to help set up the booth on the night before the show begins—i.e., Wednesday evening January 16th. We are allowed to begin setting up the booth at around 4:30. The team will be responsible for bringing a table and a couple of chairs, the club banner, the booth structure and associated equipment, and other items that will be needed. The team should consist of three members, with one designated as the point person. Please help—there will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting.

2. Pictures of members fishing or conducting other club activities, such as clinics, outings, fly tying, or community events such as the Salmon Festival. If we can get a digital file we will print them in large format. So get those pictures to us.

3. Volunteers to staff the booth during the show. Details on this part of the booth process are on the club's web site where Kent has set up a page with all the necessary information, and the procedure for signing up for a time slot in the booth. Only two members are needed for each time slot. You can sign up by following the instructions on the web site page, or by signing up at the December and January meetings. **Volunteers are admitted to the show free of charge (but you have to pay your own parking fees).**

Check out the page Kent has created on the web site. He's done a great job at concisely setting out all of the necessary information and the sign-up process.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

Fly Tying Classes Planned

Granite Bay Flycasters is offering both beginning and intermediate/advanced fly tying classes during Spring, 2008. Admittedly this announcement is premature. However, it's important to plan your schedule because the classes will use a multi-session format. We can't take signups until early spring, but between now and then members can think about and plan for these classes, and ask questions as necessary. Both classes will be limited in terms of the number of members who can attend. Past experience has shown that limited-attendance classes are far more productive.

The beginning class will be taught by Paul Egan. Paul will be conducting the class on several Saturdays in March. Paul is a creative and excellent fly tyer and instructor. He has taught beginning classes in the past for the club.

The intermediate/advanced class will be conducted by Bill Carnazzo on six successive Tuesdays commencing April 1, 2008. The class will commence at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at the Raley's Event Center located in Raley's store at Douglas and Auburn/Folsom Road. There will be a different expert tyer at each session, demonstrating different types of flies and techniques. This format has worked very well in recent years.

If fly tying is one of your interests, be sure to consider these classes. There may be a small fee required to fund the cost of materials or other items given to participating members.

Membership

Welcome to the following new members:

Greg Hopkins
Tony Pisanu
Randy Mealhow

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 239 paid memberships. Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net, and I'll send it in a reply. It is in Excel format. The Board's policy is that the list is not to be used for any commercial purpose, and is not to be distributed to persons outside the membership—so please observe those restrictions. I will have membership application forms at each club general meeting.

If you have changed your email address, or your physical address or phone number(s), please notify me of the new address and/or phone number. The email address is very important since your President sends out email blasts containing interesting and useful information. The physical address

is also important because that's where the Leader will be sent. We don't want our membership list to become stale, so please help us out on this.

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Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

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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 slide show, or other presentation. All meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

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