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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by his guide

Mark Pinski with a 110-pound sailfish
caught at Zihuatanejo, Mexico

July 2007



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8.	9.	10.	11. Pacific Surf Fishout	12. Monthly Meeting 7:00	13.	14.
15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam 6:30 PM	18.	19. Conservation Committee Meeting 6:00 Board Meeting 7:00	20.	21. North Yuba Nymphing Clinic
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President's Message

Rick Radoff

The first half of the year is over, and Granite Bay Flycasters starts its new fiscal year this month with some new Officers and Directors. I would like to welcome Bill Carnazzo (V.P. Membership), Bill Templin (V.P. Conservation), and Mike Howes (Treasurer) as the new Officers elected in June; and the new Directors consisting of Pete Peterson and Jack Ramos (Directors for the next three years), and Bob Williams as Director at Large (Director for one year). I know that I speak for all of the Board when I say that we look forward to working with you in the coming year.

We are saying goodbye to Jeanne English (V.P. Membership) who did a fantastic job with membership; Heath Wakelee (V.P. Conservation), who for the last two years has done an excellent job in conservation; and John Hogg (Treasurer), who did a great job keeping track of all of your funds. We also say goodbye to Directors Kent Ripley, Bob DeRoss, and Tom Bartos, all of whom had meaningful insight that came out at the Board Meetings. It was my pleasure to serve with all of these fine people, and I know that if we need help in any area, these folks would stand up and be the first to volunteer.

I would also like to thank the remaining Board, Fran Radoff (Secretary), and Directors; Ron English, Karl Wolf, Joe Aichroth, Mike Kaul, and Past President Art Hawkins, for their time and contributions of leadership that help make this the best Fly Fishing Club in the country.

Many thanks to the Committee



Chairs and Co-Chairs (Listed on the last page of *The Leader*) who provide the back bone of the Club's monthly business that insures our lasting success as a Great Club.

What a Great Annual Picnic and One Fly Contest that we (the lucky ones) attended in June. If you missed this, make sure that you put it on your calendar for next year!! Mike Powers and Dan Lovesee did a fantastic job organizing the event, and Tony Hamamoto, with assistant Don Van Sant, cooked up the ribs and chicken that was to die for.

John Gorski stepped up and volunteered to run the One Fly Contest, of which Ron English won with thirteen fish caught in a three hour period. Congratulations to Ron and all of the contestants that won prizes in the One Fly Contest, and the Not So Special Olympics.

Special thanks to Bill and Marilyn Kiene (Kiene's Fly Shop) who sold us the prizes with a great discount.

Thanks to all that attended and brought the salads and deserts. There was food galore.

Check *The Leader* and website for up-coming events for the months ahead, and try to stay cool (like on a River or Lake).

Tight Loops . . .Rick Radoff

Pacific Surf Fishout July 11 - 13

Grab your 8 to 10 weight rods. The club is planning a surf fish out July 11 to 13 in the Santa Cruz area. This is your chance to catch surf perch, mackerel, stripers, halibut, and more. This fish out date has been selected at the prime time of year for Northern California surf fishing. Ten to Forty fish can be caught per day. It is a lot of fun and nice to be at the beach.

This is the fishing that Ken Hanley and Jay Murakoshi have been promoting for over twenty years. Please check out their websites for more information:

<http://www.pacificextremes.com/>

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Equipment needed: 8 to 10 weight rod, matching reel, sinking line, 8 to 12 lb. leader, 3 way swivels, waders, wading belt, strippin basket, wind/water jacket, sunglasses, hat, and a few saltwater flies.

Campground reservations should be made very soon at Sunset Beach State Park in the Santa Cruz area. Campgrounds fill-up fast. More info on the park can be found at:

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=544

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Karl Wolff at: karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net or (916) 719-0860.

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North Yuba Nymphing Clinic

Where: North Yuba River above
Downieville

When: July 21, 2007

Chairperson: Bill Carnazzo

Fee: None

Signup limit: 20 members

Equipment needed:

Rod - 4 or 5 wt, 9'(preferably, but
an 8 ½' rod will do)

Line - floating only

Leader - 7 ½' leader tapered to 3x

Flies - to be determined

In July waders are optional. A complete equipment list will be given to participants well in advance of the outing.

Purpose: Do you want to learn how to fish with nymphs in pocket water, or learn different techniques for this type of fishing? This is your opportunity to do so on a first-class river. You will learn rigging, reading water, spotting fish, proper approach/wading techniques, short line strategies, and much more.

Signups: Signups will be taken commencing with the June general meeting, and continuing into the July meeting if the clinic doesn't fill up in June.

More information: Bill Carnazzo-
bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net; (530) 367-5209.

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*.

Outing Committee Report

Before getting to the schedule of outings for the next few months, I'd like to thank those who responded to my request for help. A number of members said that they'd help with individual outings—which is great. Denny Welch and Mike Susslin both volunteered to be co-fishmaster. In thinking it over, it seemed to me that rather than have a single person as Fishmaster, we should try a "committee" approach. I've seen this approach used in a number of clubs that I have visited this past year to put on their program. Anyway, we'll try it and see how it works.

Following is information on outings as of the date this article was written (June 11, 2007). Some of it will be dated by the time that you receive your Leader, but bear with us on that point as there is no other convenient way to present this report.

SCHEDULED OUTINGS

Here's what's going on in June and July in the "scheduled" outing category:

June 23 — Lower Yuba (rescheduled). This is a "limited" outing, meaning that it is limited to those who signed up. Pete Koistinen is the outing chairperson. He can be reached at (916) 780-0925. His email address is peterkoistinen@comcast.net.

June 28-July 1 — Virginia Lakes. The chairperson is Mike Kaul. His phone number is (530) 677-8022. His email address is sandyk@directcon.net

July 11-13 — Pacific Inshore fishing at Santa Cruz. The outing chairperson for this outing is Karl Wolff. His phone number is (916)

941-8584. His email address is karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net

SCHEDULED CLINICS

June 16 — Andy Burk Czech Nymphing Clinic. This is a "paid" event to be put on by Andy Burk. It is limited to the six members whose names were drawn from the hat after a very large signup. We are going to see if Andy can do a second one to accommodate more members. News on that will be forthcoming.

July 21 — North Yuba Nymphing Clinic. This clinic will be limited to the first 20 members who sign up at the June and July general meetings. The clinic chairperson is Bill Carnazzo (me). My phone number is (530) 367-5209. My email address is bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net

UNSCHEDULED EVENTS

We make use of the web site, email "blasts" and the message board on occasion to arrange an impromptu outing or clinic. These will normally always be unlimited in terms of member participation. The only event in this category to date is a clinic to be put on by member Mike Powers on June 14th on the Truckee River. The clinic is called "Swinging Flies for Trout." See the web site and the message board for specific information. Mike's phone number is (916) 683-5057. His email address is mike@fotopowers.com .

RECENTLY COMPLETED PAST EVENTS

May 16 and 23 — Shad clinics (paid events) put on by Al Smatsky for Granite Bay Flycasters members who signed up and whose names were drawn from the hat. There were 8 members present for the first clinic, and 9 members for the second one. Al did a terrific job and members learned a lot. Un-

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fortunately there were no shad to be caught, but it was still fun and informative.

MEMBER OUTING SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who responded to the survey on fishouts. The results have been tabulated and will be discussed in a brief presentation at the July meeting in Power Point format.

Finally, please check the web site and the message board often for info on upcoming fishouts, clinics, classes, and other events.

. . .Bill Carnazzo

Warmwater Corner

The fly for this month is the Half & Half. This fly is half Clouser Minnow and half Lefty's Deceiver. This has been an excellent fly for all types of fishing. It is one of the first flies I use at Fuller Lake and Manzanita for trout. I tie this fly on hooks ranging from 5/0 down to size 4. I actually had a 24-inch rainbow take this fly on a 1/0 hook at Whiskeytown Reservoir.

For those of you with a boat, or have a friend with one, this is possibly the best largemouth bass fishing year of all times. The Delta around White Slough and also Disappointment Slough has been kicking out bass in the 5-8 lb. range on a regular basis. For those that use tubes, Amador Lake has been excellent. As of June 6, Amador has planted in excess of 25,000 lbs. of their own breed of trout. This entire lake can be fished from a tube or pontoon boat. On weekdays the area around Beal's point at Folsom has been good. Lake Natoma has also been good out of a tube.

This is also an excellent time to fish for smallmouth on the American River above Clementine Lake.

This is strictly wade fishing. If you park in the upper Clementine parking lot, you can usually fish upstream on weekends without too many people around. You will encounter a raft or two, but they are not a real problem. For this water, nothing beats a simple dark colored wooly bugger.

In fishing with several club members recently, there were a lot of bass lost due to not being properly hooked. In most instances a fly rod WILL NOT set a hook as it does on trout. They have an extremely tough mouth due to what they eat. To hook and land bass on a regular basis, you must use a strip strike. This is nothing more than using your retrieve hand to jerk back on the line very hard when you detect a strike. Try to rip their head off. De-barb and sharpen all hooks. This last comment was for one of our illustrious lawyer members.

. . .Pete Peterson



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A Sailfish Adventure

Most of the fly fisherman I've fished with over the years know that if it has fins, that I'm probably interested in fishing for it. That makes me a generalist when it comes to fly fishing. I guess that means that I know a little bit about lots of types of fly fishing, but I'm not an expert at anything. What attracts me to being a generalist is that I love the challenge in seeing if I can fool the fish into taking the fly. Whether it's crawling on my hands and knees in a meadow stream high up in the Sierras, or trying to search and cast to Dorado in the lower reaches of the Sea of Cortez. Somewhere along the line, I got it in my head that I'd like to cast to and land a sailfish on a fly. I'm not sure exactly why, but it might have to do with I had not tried to do it before and the fish are really big.

My wife suggested that we go to Zijuatanejo, Mexico. Of course I gave an immediate positive response. It's a good destination for families or groups, as there are multiple things to do, in addition to the year-around fishing for a variety of saltwater species. Zijuatanejo is reasonably priced, and it is far enough south and close to warm water currents that there are sailfish present year around (although the peak time is December to January).

The family vacation was halfway over before I had an opportunity to head out to fish. The outfitter was particular about the conditions to search for sailfish, hence I did not have the opportunity to head out up to that point. The sailfish had not been around in good numbers and it appeared that the full moon might had played a role. I've heard multiple theories on the why a full moon turns some fisheries off, although I'm not certain why, it probably has something to do with light for feeding opportunities 24 hours a day.

I boarded the 24-foot super-panga (handmade fiberglass boat) with my weapon of choice; a 12-weight rod with a good reel and 350 years of backing. I had a number of saltwater baitfish flies that I've used on other trips. Before I left, I made sure I had some extra 4 to 6 inch deceivers, as I knew sails liked good size baitfish and plenty of 30-pound test leaders with bimini loops on both ends.

The first thing that my pangero (Guide) did was cut off the 12 inches of 40-pound mason I had on as a bite tippet and replaced it with 6 feet of 100# monofilament. He explained that the bite tip I had was good for most species, but that the sailfish would probably slice through my line with its tail flopping. Hence the 6 feet of 100# line. I thought to myself, "I wonder how that 6 feet of 100# test is going to affect my casting." I think the pangero chuckled when I pulled out my 4-6 inch deceivers. He reached into a bag and pulled out a large plastic box with about half a dozen 10-12+ inch flies that dwarfed my deceivers. Each fly looked like it had been tied with about 3-4 packs of flashaboo. Each fly had two very stout tandem hooks in a size "Really big/0." Apparently sails are often difficult to hook so the double hook is a necessity to find something other than bone to sink the hook in to. I thought to myself "hmmm how am I'm going to cast my 1 foot long fly, with 6 feet of 100# bite tippet?"

The deckhand brought out a fresh caught local fish called a Goggle Eye

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that the sails were particularly fond of and pulled out what looked like a sewing kit. He meticulously sewed the fish onto a straight hook that had no point or bend in the hook. The barbless Goggle Eye fish was hooked with a teaser and connected to a conventional fishing rod. The deckhand dropped the bait/teaser overboard and several adjustments were made to the rigging until both the deckhand and the pangero were satisfied with how it swam. He repeated this hookless teaser on a second rig and when we motored out to likely grounds about 30 miles out both hookless teasers were set overboard about 80-90 feet behind the boat.

The location we went out to was navigated to by handheld GPS. The site of land was not visible that far out due to the humidity in the air that formed a haze the further you looked away from your current location. The location of the sails and other bluewater species depend on the location of the baitfish and the warm bluewater currents (82 degree water). The blue water currents location varies depending on the time of the year and other current conditions. At that particular location, the blue water currents can be as close as a few miles out (very few world locations have blue water that close) to 50+ miles out.

I had read about actual blue water fishing multiple times and have had it described to me on more than a couple of occasions as well. Here I was finally out there getting a chance to do it myself. I had my line stripped off into a bucket ready to cast with the rod in a ready-to-grab position with the right amount of tension on the fly and reel. The idea was to grab the rod and make one backcast and heave this monster of a fly with 6 feet of bite tippet out to the vicinity of the fish. I thought to myself, "No false cast at all, what's up with that?" When we set to trolling with the two hookless teasers out, I was surprised at how fast we were trolling. I shouldn't have been too surprised though. Sailfish are the fastest fish in the open ocean. And in the open ocean where there is no cover, the term "slow" is a relative term. It's either swim fast or be eaten. Sailfish can swim 60 mph (yes, you read that correctly). Our plan for hooking one of these fish was simple. Troll around, the sailfish would come up behind the boat, the deck hand would immediately remove the hookless teaser that the fish was not chasing, the pangero would tease the fish in by keeping the hookless teaser just out of reach of the sail. The boat would be kicked out of gear and come to a stop, the pangero would say "now" at which I would cast my fly straight out and as soon as it hit the water I was supposed to start stripping the fly like it wanted to escape. The sail would take the fly and I had to wait about 2 seconds until it turned away and then could I "strip set" the hook. Then I was supposed to clear all the line and keep my fingers the hell away from the line, unless I wanted to lose one or two of them. Got it? Didn't sound too hard. I mean I had read about it a couple dozen times and rehearsed it weeks before arriving.

But first we had to locate some sails. It's a big wide ocean out there, you can't see the land due to humidity fog, and the ocean is thousands of feet deep. Although the fish can be scattered here and there, what we were look-

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GBF - Monthly Meeting

July Program:

Distance Spey Casting



Larry Takeuchi and Doug Duncan
spey casting on the American River
at Watt Avenue.

The July 12th program will be on distance casting with spey rods for fishing and competition. Larry Takeuchi, Doug Duncan and Simon Hsieh will demonstrate their techniques on Folsom Lake and give a talk explaining how and why it all works. These are 3 of the best spey casters in North America, and they live right here in Sacramento!

Doug and Simon are championship casters who consistently place highly in competition events. Doug developed specific techniques to fully load and launch huge casts regardless of one's physical strength or stature. Simon developed his own particular equipment and casting style to achieve incredible distances. Simon is also the owner and creator of

"Nextcast Flyfishing," a maker of high performance spey lines and rods. Together, these men are at the cutting edge of classic spey casting.

These three gentlemen have been extremely generous with their hard earned knowledge, and have been kind enough to share it with all of you. **So, come out early on Thursday, July 12th. The casting demonstration will take place at 6:00PM on the lake, and the presentation/talk will be given in the club house during our normal meeting.**

When: July 12, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse



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ing for was a concentration of fish chasing bait around. Find those fish and the chances of getting a fish to the boat go up immensely. Two hours into the search the deckhand and pangero simultaneously jump up into action. The deckhand is reeling a teaser in as fast as he can. The pangero has the other teaser rod in his hand and is keeping the hookless teaser just out of reach of the sail. It's amazing how long the sail will stay behind the teaser as long as he thinks he has a shot of capturing the prey. The pangero says "ready," (the boat is kicked out of gear) "cast." My hands were practically trembling in anticipation. I snapped my line backward and then forward and was pretty proud of myself that I put the fly right in front of the fish. The pangero yelled at me, "What are you doing? I said cast straight out!" The sailfish half-heartedly followed the fly up and mouthed it. I couldn't set the hook into anything except the bony mouth. Opportunity lost. I'm not sure exactly what happened, I just lost my composure in all the excitement and forget that I was to cast straight out behind the boat in the opposite corner from where the sailfish was chasing the teaser. When the teaser is pulled out of the water the sailfish is looking around for about a second or two to see where the teaser went. When the sail sees my fly, he will turn 90 degrees and hit the fly from the side. This is critical to get the sail to take the fly from the side so when you strip set one of the tandem hooks will get buried in the side of the mouth where there's no bone.

About an hour or so later we had another sail behind the boat, the pangero was having a hard time teasing the fish closer to the boat. When the fish left I thought maybe I blew my opportunity of the day. Fortunately, we rose up another fish behind the boat later. This time I put the fly straight out and the fish turned and hit the fly from the side. I immediately set the hook. Mistake. I just pulled the fly out of its mouth. It's best to wait a second or two and make sure the fish turns. You don't want to wait too long as the sail will mouth it's prey to kill it before swallowing it. The pangero wasn't happy. He was working pretty hard trying to find fish in less than stellar conditions and I made some rookie blue water mistakes. I promised myself that I would redeem myself if I got another opportunity. Luckily for me I got another opportunity. I did everything right until I went to set the hook again. This time I lifted the rod up, like setting the hook on a trout. What was I thinking. . . I was supposed to strip set the hook with my left hand. All I did was pull the fly out of the mouth and away from the fish. Three strikes and you're out, the day was done.

The next morning I felt a little more confident. I had learned hard lessons from my mistakes. That didn't stop my pangero from testing me about my goals of catching a sail. When we passed by multiple schools of bonita chasing bait, he asked me if I wanted to stop and fish for them. I didn't say a word, but shook my head no and pointed out to the open blue. A big smile cracked his face and he gave a slight approving nod. Unfortunately day two ended up like day one, with no fish and with 4 reasonable opportunities to hook a fish. It is difficult to hook a sail with all that bone in the mouth. If we were using bait we would have just let the fish swallow the hook before

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setting it. On my last opportunity I had done the technique correct, but I had the line loop up and catch the reel when I set the hook fairly on a fish. So close, yet so far away. I knew I could do it, it was just a matter of keeping my composure and learning from my mistakes.

I took a day off before going out for the third and final day. I found myself rehearsing in my head all the correct nuisances I needed to overcome to be able to hook up a sail. I woke up on the last day, more determined than before. The pangero greeted me with "It's a brand new day, we start with a clean slate." He was right. I found myself a couple of hours later with a sailfish chasing a teaser. The deckhand pulled the other teaser out. By this time the pangero didn't have to count out "ready. . .now" I knew when to cast. The boat was kicked out of gear. In one cast I punched out the monstrosity of a fly and as soon as it hit the water I stripped it. The sail turned 90 degrees and intercepted my fly from the side. I waited till he turned away and then "strip set" with line hand; I looked down immediately and focused my attention on making sure my free line disappeared out of the bucket. Then disappearing line was on my reel. I held my composure and knew not to do anything until the first run was over, this I had learned from chasing Dorado around in southern Baja. The reel was spinning so fast the handle was just a blur. About 200 yards out the fish slowed down but was still taking out line. After setting the hook again I was in familiar territory fighting a saltwater fish. When I could gain some line I would reel in some line. Sometimes the fish would surge out and take line with it. Fly reels are actually good at bringing line in; their 1:1 ratio is like having a granny gear on a bike that is ascending a big mountain. The fish tail-walked a number of times and gave a number of aerial maneuvers. Each one was greeted by a gentle bow by me as not to keep the line too tight. When I was able to work the fish over to the side of the boat, the deckhand was able to grab the fish's sword-like mouth using a pair of gloves and wrapping a rag around it. The fish thrashed around and I thought he was going to pull the deckhand overboard. The fish was tagged and we hustled in a couple of pictures before releasing the fish back into the water. My first sail weighed 75 pounds and took 21 minutes to land on a 12-weight. It was a great feeling that leaves me with goose bumps even as I write this now.

I didn't care if I hooked another fish on the trip, but my luck had turned for the better a little later. I found myself hooked into a large sail that left me wondering how come I didn't own a 14-weight rod. My hands cramped up during the fight and my sunglasses steamed up. I also wish I had some type of fighting belt to rest the butt of the rod into. Fifty one minutes later I had my largest fly-caught fish ever at 110 pounds. That fish was tagged as well.

Blue water fishing for sails requires good gear, patience to hunt down the location of the fish, composure and enough time on the water to learn from your mistakes. The challenge is real and the reward is great. I'm squirreling my rainy day money away to get a ticket down to Mexico again. Hope to see you there.

. . .Mark Pinski

Jay Fair's Wiggle Tail Nymph

For those who don't know Jay Fair, he is known as the "guru" of fly fishing (and dark side fishing) on Eagle Lake, where there is a special strain of fish sometimes called "Eagle Lake Trout." These fish are large and they fight hard—but they can be notoriously difficult to catch. Suffice it to say that Jay has been around a long, long time. Over the years he has developed a series of flies that work—really work—for Eagle Lake fish. Not surprisingly they work elsewhere too—meaning anywhere that trout or bass will grab something that moves enticingly through the water and looks something like a leech, damsel, or whatever lives in the neighborhood. Through his company, called Eagle Fly Fishing, Jay has marketed many products as well as his patterns. Although the company was recently sold, Jay continues to advise the new owners and is active in the fly fishing community. One of his more remarkable products is a line of crystal chenilles called "shuck." It comes in many beautiful fishy colors (e.g., burnt orange) and in three different sizes: long shuck; short shuck; and now baby shuck. I must admit to a bit of bias here, since I am a member of the Jay Fair "Pro Team," but I don't think anyone will disagree with me when I say that Jay's materials are of excellent quality and the range of choices is broad. To see a list



Wiggle Tail Nymph

of Jay Fair products, just "Google" on "Jay Fair products" or "Eagle Fly Fishing."

The Wiggle Nymph is a sparsely tied fly—too much material will adversely affect the fly's motion in the water, which is clearly the key its success. It is suggestive of damselfly and leeches, and can be tied in a variety of colors and color combinations. For this month's pattern we will tie it in burnt orange.

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Scud hook, size 10
Thread:	Black 8/0
Tail:	Burnt orange marabou
Body:	Jay Fair baby shuck material in burnt orange color
Head:	Thread--small
Weight:	Lead wire or substitute - .015 diameter
Hackle:	Burnt orange premium saddle or neck hackle

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Instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb. Wrap 4 or 5 turns of lead or substitute on the shank and cover hook and lead with thread back to bend (just above back of barb).

2. Tie on a tail of marabou. Use a ¼" section from the mature part of the plume. The tail should be 1" to 1 ¼" in length. Resist the urge to use more marabou and be sure the length is correct.

3. At the same point, tie in a short piece of burnt orange baby shuck and a burnt orange saddle or neck hackle with barbule length equal to the hook gape. Tie the hackle in by the tip.

4. Wrap the baby shuck forward to a point about 1/16" behind the hook eye; tie it off there.

5. Wrap the hackle forward, using only 4 wraps. Tie it off at the same spot as the baby shuck. This is important—leave enough room for a nice, small, smooth head.

6. Whip finish at the head and apply a tiny drop of head cement or super glue.

Tying tips:

1. When forming the head of the fly try to end up with a cone-like shape. Avoid making too many wraps. When doing your whip finish, move rearward with each turn of the knot, ending up at the rear of the head.

2. Before learning to use a whip finisher, learn to do the whip finish knot by hand. There are a number of reasons for this hint,

including the probability that at some point you will have forgotten to include your whip finisher in your traveling tying kit. Also, by learning how to tie the knot properly, you will better understand what the whip finisher does and does not do. It's not an easy knot to learn, but once the movement is understood it will become intuitive.

The Wiggle Tail Nymph moves with graceful motion through the water. Before you fish it, wet it well and move it around in the water (on your leader, of course) in front of yourself by moving the tip of your rod. You'll see why this fly is so inviting to fish—and, you'll better understand how to retrieve it once you cast it to your intended target.

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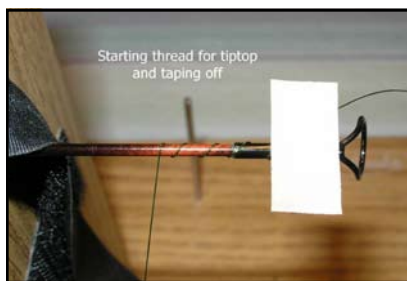
Rod Building 204F Reinforce Ferrules With Thread

This article will provide direction for permanently tying thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop guide. I have also included some suggestions for adding small trim bands to spice up the look of your rod. A subsequent article will discuss epoxy preparation and application.

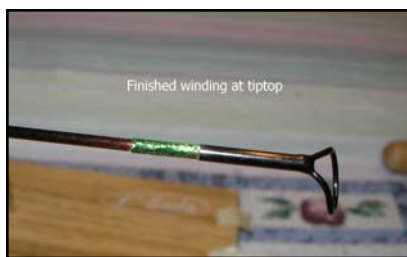
A few general notes regarding tiptops and trim bands:

Most damage to fly rods occurs to the tiptop section. This is the most fragile part of the entire fly rod because of its relatively small blank diameter. The tiptop can be protected by keeping it out of confined areas so it doesn't accidentally get hit against walls, etc. It also can be protected in a small way by adding thread to the base of the tiptop.

The thread width will need to be approximately 1/8" to 1/2". Complete the winding of the thread using the techniques discussed in previous articles. There are two photos attached to remind you of these methods: 1) the beginning of the winding process is shown in "Starting thread



for tip top and taping off;" and 2) the completed guide is shown in "Finishing winding of tiptop."



Fly rods generally have very muted thread colors. These colors range from black, brown, red, blue, green, tan, charcoal and so on. Trim bands usually consist of threads of a different color than the primary thread (including metallic thread) that are embedded in the main thread wrap. Fly rods tend to have few trim wraps because fish sometimes frighten very easily. You do not want to lower your chances of catching the fish by using a rod with flashy, bright colors. However,

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trim wraps can be tastefully done to show off your rod building skills and give your rod that special touch (see photo: "Gold metallic trim wrap in the ferrules and the butt section"). This photo shows a gold metallic trim wrap in the ferrules and the butt section of the rod. Another photo shows green metallic trim wrap at the ferrules and the butt section (see photo; "Green metallic trim thread in ferrules and butt section").



These trim wraps are entirely up to you. I recommend joining a rod building class to learn how to place trim wraps on your rod. With just a little effort, you can really enhance the appearance of your rod.

As always, rod building classes are available for learning these processes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at larrylee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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Time to pass the torch. Your new VP Conservation is Bill Templin, a man I met a few years ago and someone for whom I have great respect. Bill is both highly dedicated and committed to protecting and preserving the American River Watershed. He has a "water" background and can describe almost every bug in the water, but even more interesting is his vast knowledge of where those bugs are and where the fish are that are feeding on them.

My chief undertaking these past two years has been trying to motivate all GBF club members to spend at least four (4) hours per year on conservation matters. Some club members spend a lot more than 4 hours a month on conservation issues and others perhaps don't get all their hours in each year. Along

the way we offered two hours for making one telephone call to support or defeat an issue and two hours to write one letter. Note that I'm not saying that you must support the GBF position – just get involved! Learn about an issue and make a statement. You will make a difference.

In June there were some significant "Wins." Salmon in Oregon were kept on the Endangered Specie List (vs. demoted to the Threatened List), and hatchery fish are no longer going to be counted in recovery surveys when taking counts of "native fish." The water pumps to Southern California were closed for a few days in deference to the Delta Smelt and we are pleased that water is becoming a hotter issue in California. We may not think that the water in the Delta

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is important to us – but - where does that water come from? If there is a salinity change in the Delta, more fresh water will have to come from the Sierra and that could significantly alter the American River Watershed. Something to think about.

Well, I'll stop rambling. Please support your new VP Conservation, Bill Templin. I will.

Tight Lines, Heath Wakelee

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