



Photo taken by Dick Howard

Dave Baker and Rick Radoff with trash collected on Miner's Ravine Creek during Creek Week

June 2007



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President's Message



Rick Radoff

Well, this is my last President's Message for this term, but since I am running unopposed for President for our next fiscal year starting in July, you will see twelve more messages from me. I was asked why I am running

for President again, and after I answered, I remembered a letter I received recently from Jim Victorine (GBF's third President), which included some nice comments about the club and "Something To Think About," Author Unknown. I am going to finish this message with:

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Are you an active member, The kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings And mingle with the flock, Or do you stay away from them And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part To help the work along, Or are you satisfied to be The kind that "just belong?"

Do you think to lend a hand And help to make it tick, Or leave the work to just a few And talk about the "clique"

There's quite a program scheduled That I'm sure you've heard about, And we'll appreciate it, if you, too, Will come and help out.

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/

http://www.fliesunlimited.com/

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

More information and a sign-

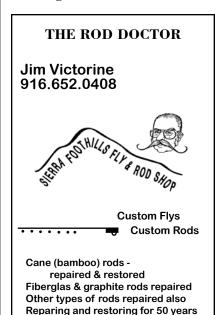
up sheet will be available at the June club meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Karl Wolff at:

karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net or (916) 719-0860.

Fishout Survey

My thanks to those who took the time to fill out a fishout survey form and get it to me. In fact there is still time to do so before the June general meeting if you go to the club website and click on the link that is there for the survey form. Once you've filled it out you can save it to your drive and then email it to me at bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net. I will present the results in a brief Powerpoint presentation at the June general meeting.



Annual Elections

The annual election of officers and directors takes place at the June general meeting. Below is a list of positions to be voted on and the members who have been nominated.

President: Rick Radoff

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Vice President

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Director (2)

3-Year Term: Jack Ramos

Pete Peterson

Director-at-Large

1 Year Term: Bob Williams

Fly Tying Jam

Your normal Jam leader, Jim Holmes, will be traveling to the wilds of Oregon on June 19 and Pete Peterson has graciously agreed to lead the Jam on that day. He said that he is going to do some bass flies and has detailed what he has planned elsewhere in the Leader. This is a great opportunity to learn some different techniques for LARGE flies and have some great bass fun!!!

The starting time is the same, 6:30, and Pete usually gets there a little earlier than I do so the room will be cool! Have a great time and see 'ya next month!!!

. . .Jim Holmes

Leaky Waders

From The FFF Clubwire

Submitted by Daryl Crowley of the West Michigan Hacklers

John Gierach calls them "rubber pants." That's meant to be funny, but for many years and often yet today, that's what they are: rubber pants. Or Gortex pants, neoprene pants or some other miracle fabric pants. Not quite the same as the rubber pants you wore as an infant, but still meant to prevent water from getting where you don't want it, albeit this time you're trying keep the wetness out.

There is just one small problem with waders: they inevitably Sometimes right outleak. of-the-box, sometimes a little later, sometimes a lot later. but sooner or later they all will leak. It's a curse that wading fishermen must live with. We all know of a miracle pair that seem to go on for ever, but these are like people who live to beyond 100; it happens, but only a very small percentage of the population ever see 100, or own a pair of the mystical invulnerable waders. Sure it's just water, and in the count on to never leak again. However if a leak is the result of that nemesis of waders, the dreaded seam leak, you are pretty much done. Sometimes you can stop

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Virginia Lakes Fishout June 28 - July 1

Once again GBF is headed over the Sierras to beautiful Virginia Lakes. Located off Highway 395 and not too far from the town of Bridgeport, these small natural lakes are true Sierra Gems. Several high granite peaks tower over these pristine lakes. Both Virginia Lakes and Trumbull Lake are accessible by vehicle (elevation 9700'), but if you want a treat, take a short hike up the trail to a walk-in lake that contains Golden Trout.

Michael Kaul, a long time Granite Bay Member is leading this trip. The fishing is usually excellent all day long (mostly on subsurface flies) with 20 fish mornings common. A short hike up the trail brings you to a couple of lakes filled with Brookies that readily take dry flies. Mike has fished the Eastern Sierras for years and if you have an interest in learning about the area's fishing opportunities, Mike

is the man to talk with. Professionally, Mike is a high school teacher and he brings his easy going, patient approach onto the water. He has helped many a beginning float-tuber catch fish on Virginia Lakes. This fish out is perfect for beginning anglers (there will be lots of folks there willing to help you and extra equipment can be arranged for), and experienced flyfishers alike who love beautiful scenery and fantastic fishing. A short drive from the campground will bring you to many fly-fishing venues like the East Walker, Green Creek, Twin Lakes, Robinson Creek, Mammoth Lakes, Bodie, and Bridgeport Reservoir, to name a few.

The area boasts a nice campground at Trumbull Lake. Mike will secure some campsites for us at Trumbull. More information will be available at the May and June meetings.

If you do plan on going, please call Mike at (530) 677-8022 so he can get an idea of how many

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more campsites he needs to secure. Space can be limited and larger RV's may need to camp in an area just down the road. As an extra bonus an extraordinary taco dinner will be provided on Saturday.

Welcome New Members

Joe Puglisi, Howard & Kimberly Lee

Please remember to let me know if you change your email address, phone number or address so I can correct it on the membership list. Thanks, Jeanne English (530) 677-7169 or rtefish@d-web.com



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a seam leak for a while, but if water has found the seam, the writing is on the wall. It's with the utmost dread that we examine our waders after finding a wet spot near where the seam resides. We hope against all hope to find a hole, a rent in the fabric, a tear, a breach, something that we can actually fix. But often to our dismay we find the malignant seam leak. Like a Hospice worker for waders, we begin the administration of various sealants to the afflicted seam, increasing the dose with each application, not in the misguided hope of affecting a cure, but merely attempting to ease their passage.

Leaky waders can inspire genius as well. I once saw a guy below a popular tail-water fishery, who upon fetching his long ignored rubber waders from a nail on the garage wall, discovered that the inseams of both legs were completely separated. This was beyond a seam leak, these were seam slots. This neophyte figured - "No problem" and wrapped both legs with garbage bags and secured them with duct tape "ala Red Green". How could these possibly leak now? It took him all of five seconds to appreciate that water is not so easily dissuaded by "Possum Lake magic".

A few years back a popular supplier of waders introduced a

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ANNUAL PICNIC AND ONE-FLY TOURNAMENT JUNE 7TH - 10TH

This year's picnic will be better than the last. Just ask anyone who attended the events last year, what fun we had? Every year we learn and improve.

WHERE: Bear Valley P.G.E. Group Campground

WHEN: Thursday June 7th- Sunday June-10th

Or whenever you can make it.

DIRECTIONS: From Roseville take I-80 east to the Highway 20 "Grass Valley exit". Go about 5 miles to Bowman lake Road. "This is the road to Fuller Lake" Go Approximately 1/3rd of a mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The Campground is on the left before you cross Bear River.

THE DETAILS: 1. Bring your Family, 2. Have great Time. 3. GBF will provide the best barbeque of the year Thanks To Grill-Master Tony and all the volunteers on Saturday eve. If every one brings a side dish or desert, what a feast we will have. Campsites are first come first served. We have limited space at the main campground for RV's but plenty of space within walking distance just outside of the campground.

We will have signup sheets at the May meeting or E-Mail me at: mike@fotopowers.com (916) 606-5558. All are welcome, but we need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-fly tournament.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday - June 7th: Arrive any time, set-up camp, open a soda and kick back. Or go fish!

Friday - June 8th: Go Fish!

Saturday - June 9th:

9:00 Start One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake

12:00 End tournament. Barbeques fire up, thank you chef Tony and the assistant chefs. While the ribs are cooking we'll hold the 3rd annual "Frank Massey Memorial Not-So-Special Olympics" Thank you Dan Lovesee for your willingness to plan fun games for everyone.

5:30-6:00 Dinner

6:45 Awards ceremony for the One Fly Tournament and the Massey games. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

Sunday - June 10th: pack up and Go Fish!

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

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*.

Virginia Lakes

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June 28 - July 1

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GBF-Monthly Meeting

June Program

Our speaker for June is Keith Kaneko, local fly fishing guide and destination travel agent. Keith has guided for the past 6 years on the Northern California waters of the Feather. American, and Yuba for trout, shad, stripers and steelhead. A self-described refugee from 'corporate America,' Keith also established his own fly fishing travel business, Angling On the Fly, three years ago, and has been spending much of his time booking clients to faraway destinations, as well as constantly scouting new fly fishing opportunities overseas. His office is conveniently located in the back of Kiene's Fly Shop, and you may have undoubtedly run into Keith at the shop because he frequently helps at the front counter preparing travel customers for their trips. Keith has chased saltwater and freshwater species around the world while searching for world-class destinations. Tonight he will present what he feels are two of this finest fly fishing experiences:

- Alaska's Finest: Salmon, Trout, Char, Grayling on the Kanektok River (Alaska West)
- Tarpon: The Yucatan's New Frontier (Tarpon Cay Lodge)

Join us as Keith takes us on

a journey to places most of us

When: June 14, 7:30 PM Where: GBF Clubhouse

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' rod will do)

Line - floating only

Leader - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

<u>Signups:</u> 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: Contact Bill Carnazzo at bcarnazzo@ftcnet. net; (530) 367-5209

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for April

Beginners: - Gil Machado

<u>Non-beginners:</u> - <u>Bill</u> Lockhart

\$25.00 Gift Certificate:

Ron English \$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company



Warmwater Corner

At the June fly tying jam, we will be tying the Half & Half (half Clouser and half Lefty's Deceiver). Several members have asked about when I will tie certain flies. Following is a list for the rest of the year.

July Dan Blanton's Whistler

Aug. Dan Blanton's Sar-Mul-Mac

Sept. Fatal Attraction

Oct. Whitlock's Hair Jig (this is the fly I caught a 15 lb bass on)

Nov. Whitlock's Sheep Shad

Dec. Lefty's Deceiver

Please remember that this is NOT a beginner's class. Neither are any of these flies hard to tie. There are several lake fish outs coming up and I will be there to help any way I can.

Trivia: How big was the last bass you caught? If you do not have a scale, a very accurate method is: measure the girth of the fish at its widest point and square this measurement. Multiply this number by the total length of the fish from the tip of its head to the tip of its tail. Divide the number by 800. Thus a fish with a 20-inch girth and 22 inches long will weigh about 11 pounds. 20x20=400; 400x22=8800; 8800 divided by 800 is 11 pounds.

If you have not fished Cameron Park this year, now is a great

time to give it a try. It can be fished from shore or float tube. For some reason, this lake has been fishing poor in the morning and best from 2 p.m. on.

. . .Pete Peterson

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wader with a zipper in the front. I assume these were for male waders. Now my experience with zippers would tend to make be believe there is nothing you could do that would result in a waterproof zipper. The waders were returned to the manufacturer almost as fast as they were sold and one can only imagine why. Consequently they were quickly withdrawn from the market. Now they are back. This time they are sporting a price tag that would make the fashion stores in New York City blush. I could go on about the need or merit of waders with zippers, and even more about the mentality of folks so obsessed with "convenience" that they would spend a ransom on waders with a built in excuse for leaking. Maybe they have solved that problem and it required an expensive high-tech solution, but I still can't help but wonder why? Just because you can do something doesn't always mean you should. I could go on about waders with zippers, but I'm not going to go there. Some things are just too creepy to be explored.

Book Review

Fly-Fishing for Smallmouth by Bob Clouser

Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2007

226 pages, hardbound, illustrated, Color and B&W, suggested price \$39.95

Bob Clouser and river smallmouth bass go together like peaches and cream. They are inseparable. Thus, a course book by Bob on fishing for smallmouth bass in rivers and streams is something to take note of. The author's book is a complete fly fishing guide to fishing for one of the finest game fish that swims. The book opens with chapters on the smallmouth bass story, seasons for fishing smallmouth, finding smallmouth in moving water, and what smallmouth eat. Next there is a chapter which allows the reader to look into the fly boxes of one of the premier smallmouth fly fishers. This is followed by chapters on casting tips and presentation strategies useful for smallmouth bass fly fishing. The book then provides a chapter with 10 tips to catching a trophy smallmouth bass, and a chapter on equipment suited to smallmouth bass fishing. The final chapter is a collection of comments on smallmouth bass fishing in various parts of the United States by some of the finest smallmouth bass fly fishing guides in the country. A very useable index completes the book. The color photography is top notch and is well designed to compliment the text. The line drawings illustrating techniques are also very well done. The writing is good though a bit wordy in a few spots.

Overall, the book is very well written, designed, and edited. There are not a lot of books that have been printed on fly fishing for smallmouth bass. This one is a wonderful addition to the list. It is not only informative, it makes the reader want to get out the 8 weight rod and give it a go in a river or stream near home.



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Ron English Shad Fly

Ron English recently went to a fly tying conclave in Idaho. While there he observed a tyer using a unique yarn called "Disco Yarn" to tie various flies. Ron thought it would make a nice leech, so he tied some in black and maroon. The bass loved the results. Ron showed me the fly one afternoon at Greenstone, and told me that the yarn is available at Wal Mart. Just what I need—more tying material!! So, off I went to Wal Mart on a search-and-buy mission. I found it after receiving no help from a befuddled-looking clerk, and bought skeins of black and maroon (about \$4.00 apiece). There are many other colors to choose from. My greatgreat grandkids will be tying with it—that's how much there is in a skein.

I threw it into my tying bag for my Fall River trip, just for giggles. While there I had good luck on large fish using a fly called "Bloody Black Leech," tied with STS Trilobal Dubbing in the bloody-black color. After losing the last of the leeches, I discovered I didn't bring the STS dubbing. The Disco Yarn caught my eye and the wheels began to turn. What I ended up doing was twisting a black and a maroon piece together to intermix the colors. The result looked good—and it actually performed on trout and fished deeply for me and several others in our group. So, let's tie this extremely simple fly since there



Bloody Black Leech

are still a lot of spring bass to be caught.

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook: Any streamer hook.

I prefer the Daiichi

1260, but a Tiemco 200R will work. Sizes

6, 8, 10

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: None needed—the

yarn wrapped on for the body forms its

own tail

Body: Disco yarn—black

strip and maroon strip twisted together (try different colors if

you wish)

Head: Cone head bead—

this is optional, but I personally like it. Tie a few without the

cone also.

Weight: Lead wire or substi-

tute—size to match hook size. Use 4 or 5 wraps behind cone to secure it in place.

Instructions:

- 1. Smash the hook barb. Place the cone onto the hook, place the hook in the vise, and wrap 4 or 5 turns of lead or substitute on the shank. Push it up directly behind the cone; this will hold the cone in place.
- 2. Secure the lead in place with thread wraps and then wrap back to the end of the shank (just above the back of the nowsmashed barb).
- 3. At that same point, tie in strips of black and maroon Disco Yarn. Twist them together by weaving one around the other until you have a woven strip about 5" long. Using a dubbing comb or brush, gently brush the yarn downward to pull free any of the yarn that was caught in the twisting process. Move the thread forward to behind the cone.
- 4. Grab the ends of the yarn with a hackle plier and wrap forward to the cone, being careful not to place too many winds on the hook. It is best to tie leeches sparsely so they present a sleek profile. Leeches don't look fat while they are swimming.
- 5. Tie the yarn off behind the cone and whip finish. Simple, eh?

Useful tips for fishing leeches:

1. In lakes it's best to use an in-

termediate line to keep the leech high in the water column.

2. Your strips should be short and slow. If you have watched leeches swim, they generally don't move fast; movement is achieved by contractions of the body, which then stretches out.

Tying tips:

- 1. When tying with any soft material with long "barbules," such as soft bugger-type hackle or yarns such as Disco Yarn, sweep the material backward as your move toward the front of the fly.
- 2. Keep things as sparse as the pattern and/or its intended use will permit. I am a firm believer in "less is more" in this regard.
- 3. When putting beads or cones on hooks, place the hook in the vise so that the jaws grab the shank and the bend is down. This puts the point in a vertical position. Then, using a good pair of tying tweezers, pick up a bead or cone and slip it onto the hook, all the while holding your other hand under the hook to catch the bead or cone if you drop it.

You are going to like how Disco Yarn flies move in the water. When the fly is stripped, the material lays flat against the shank; when it pauses, the material splays out enticingly. With the cone and weight, it also dips and rises with the retrieve.

Rod Building Reinforce Ferrules with Thread

This article will provide direction for permanently reinforcing the ferrules and placing thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop. Subsequent articles will collectively describe how to: 1) tie thread adjacent to tip top, 2) add some small single or multiple trim bands, and 3) prepare the rod for epoxy application to the thread.

In all of these photos, I used a metallic colored thread that I hope shows the steps clearly. If you have a difficult time following the steps outlined here, it would probably be helpful to enroll in a rod building class and learn these techniques from an instructor

A few general notes regarding Ferrules:

Fly rods can be very long and easily be damaged when not in use if the rod is not broken down into segments. In the last few years, compact pack rods have really flooded the market because of their ease of storage. Ferrules are those locations that usually one inserts one end into the other end. The end that is inserted is the male end, and the end that gets inserted into it the female end. When winding the rod with thread, the female end

needs to be reinforced. The reinforcement prevents the ferrule from splitting when in use.

Again, when the female end of the ferrule is wrapped for reinforcement, the final wrapping threads ideally should not overlap, but should be as closely adjacent to each succeeding wrap as possible so that the blank does not show through. Some basic steps that have been discussed in the previous four articles have been left out due to space constraints. If you have questions on this process, please review the previous four articles.

Reinforcing the Ferrule with thread on the female end of the blank segment:

As a first step, insert the male end of the blank into the female end. Now take a marking pencil and mark the male end of the blank (see photo:"marking male end"). Now pull the male end of



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the blank from the female portion, and you now can see the amount of insertion (see photo: "distance of insertion").



The thread length should be a maximum of the distance inserted to a minimum of approximately 3/4". I usually error on the side of caution and make the ferrule wrap length the distance of the insertion. If



no guide is involved, you can start the wrap from either direction. In this case the wrap is tied approximately 1 1/2" to 2" in length. I generally stop/start the wrap about 1/8" or less from the end of the blank (see photo: "distance of wrap from end"). You have now completed tying on the thread onto the ferrule



to reinforce it.

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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Conservation Corner heath wakelee, VP Conservation

Wow, I'm just back from spending two weeks along the Georgia coast and now I have to shift into fresh water mode - not a problem....can't wait to hit the American River watershed this weekend. On Saturday (May 19th) I'll be joining Bill Templin for a clean up around Yankee Jim's Bridge in Colfax. Now, I do know you won't be reading this and joining us, my point is that doing a little clean up work might give you information about very good, local places to fish.

We have accomplished a lot this year, and next year should even be better. Our major achievement this year is the awarding of almost \$22,000 in grants to local organizations that oversee the American River Watershed. Our funds have helped change the river flows to be more natu-

ral, and have helped provide more cold water that is a necessity for our rainbow trout population. We have educated youth about the importance of clean, unobstructed water in the watersheds, and have taken our conservation message to both the California and federal legislatures.

This has been a very good year. Thank you for all your positive, constructive actions you have taken to preserve and protect our natural resources.

Yuba River

Fishout

June 23



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So come to the meetings, often, And help with hand and heart; Don't be just a member But take an active part.

Think this over, member, You know right from wrong, Are you and active member, Or do you "JUST BELONG"

Tight Loops..... Rick Radoff

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

Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gblycasters.org, or call Rick Radoff at 916-624-2107.

Doors open between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and side 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: \$53; 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 Jeanne English at 530-677-7169, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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