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Students eagerly waiting for the delivery of salmon eggs  
at Alta Sierra Elementary School

March 2007



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# President's Message

Rick Radoff

The response we have gotten on the survey sent out has been very good. If you haven't sent one in yet, please do. The survey was sent out in an e-mail blast, and is on the website also.

If you haven't been getting e-mail blasts from me, please contact Jeanne English and give her your information. Just like address changes, e-mail changes should be updated also, so that we can keep you informed and updated on club issues. We will have all of the information from the survey compiled and ready to give a report of the findings to the membership at the May General Meeting.

I would like to thank Bill and Ellen Tydeman for volunteering for the Librarian position as co-chairs. This is also a good time to remind the membership to check for any un-retained video's or books that have been checked out for an unreasonable amount of time, and please turn them in.

I would also like to thank Tom Bartos for volunteering to help Ron English with the programs for the rest of our fiscal year. We still need someone to volunteer for Programs as a co-chair with Tom; this is a great position to volunteer for. Please contact Ron English or Tom Bartos (both are Board members and their phone numbers are listed on the last page of this newsletter) for more information on what is involved in being a Program's co-chair.

Ron English chaired the committee to clean up our Bylaws, along with Frank Stolten, Mike Howes, Art



Hawkins and Tom Bartos. That work is now done, and the revisions to the Bylaws will be posted on the website and also sent out in an e-mail blast for your review. The revisions to the Bylaws will then be voted on at the April General Meeting. I would like to thank each member of this committee for their dedication and work on this project.

Mark your calendars—the two biggest events of the year for the Granite Bay Flycasters are coming up—the annual dinner is March 25, and Mike Howes (Dinner Chairman) and his committee are giving hints of some surprises. So, if you haven't bought your dinner tickets yet, then get with the program and don't be left out.

Our next biggest event is our annual club picnic, and one fly contest which will be June 7th through the 10th. Mike Powers and Dan Lovesee will be co-chairing this event, and yes, Tony Hamamoto will again be the Chief Cook. Thank you to these gentlemen, and yes, they will be asking for volunteers to help.

I've been naming and thanking a lot of people in this message, and

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## Hidden Valley Warmwater Fishout March 21 and March 24

Again this year, Granite Bay Flycasters member Tom Bartos has organized another warm water fishout on four private lakes located where he lives in Hidden Valley. The dates for this fishout are Wednesday March 21 and Saturday March 24 at 8:00 AM.

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

The lakes are filled with large mouth bass, crappie and bluegills. Last fall a member caught a 12 pound bass in one of the ponds. I happened to run into him right after he released the fish and saw a picture in his camera. It was a monster. He is still there for anyone to try to catch. My experience is that the bass range in the 2 to 6 pound range. On a good day which consists of a couple of hours fishing I've caught as many as a dozen bass. The pan fish are abundant with crappies going in the 16" to 18" range. The crappies put up a real fight. We practice a catch and

release policy and have private security patrolling the community for trespassers.

The HVCA board of directors has approved two outings of 10 people at each outing from GBF. A letter will be given to those attending the fishout so that if they get stopped they can show it to the security patrol. We will meet at the Hidden Valley Clubhouse at 8:00 AM where I will provide a map and decide where people will be fishing. Float tubes are the best method for fishing although we do allow pontoon and small boats without motors. There are also plenty of areas that can be fished from the shoreline.

There will be a sign up sheet for this event at the March meeting. For further information contact Tom Bartos at (916) 791-6072 or Gbfs@surewest.net

## The Annual Dinner Is Here!!!

You've heard about the famous guest speaker, you've read about the exclusive 'day program' for dinner ticket holders, and you know about the thousands of dollars in prizes and trips to be raffled/auctioned off at this event, so in case you haven't bought your tickets already, here's the latest on this 'must-attend', only-once-per-year, family-friendly extravaganza...

- The dinner is on March 25th. Buy your tickets at the March club meeting (or call Bill Hago-pian at 916-771-5837 for other arrangements). Tickets are \$40 each.
- Dinner location is The Dante Club in Sacramento at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, between Howe & Fulton. No-host bar opens

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at 4:00pm - Dinner served at 5:15pm.

- Our famous raffle and silent auction is incredible! Thousands of dollars worth of gear, trips, and more will definitely be going home with dinner attendees.
- Our guest speaker for the evening, Brian O'Keefe, will lead an instructional 'day program' - exclusively for dinner ticket holders - at the clubhouse that day.
- Club member donations are still needed! Bring merchandise, gift certificates, funds, etc...to the March club meeting or call Mike Howes (916-863-6795) for other options.
- We want your photos in our 'Members in Action' slide show. Bring them to the March club meeting or send to Mike Brune ([go.fish@comcast.net](mailto:go.fish@comcast.net)).
- We need 'Wet Fly Award' nominations (a club member who's gotten very wet while fishing). Send your stories to Mike Brune ([go.fish@comcast.net](mailto:go.fish@comcast.net))
- Please attend this event to show your support for the club...to get to know other club members better...and to celebrate the fellowship of fly-fishing!

## March Program

The program for March will be in two parts. The first part will be an excellent video on the basics of catch-and-release and the proper way to land and release a fish without doing any harm. The second part will feature Ron English showing slides of the some of the most interesting places he and Jeanne have fished over the last few years.

When: March 8, 7:30 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Fly Tying Jam

Our monthly fly tying jam will be held at the GBF clubhouse starting at about 6:30 on Tuesday, March 20th. As always, the gates still close at 7:00 (I'm not sure how this will work with the "new" daylight savings time) but we need to plan to be inside by that time.

By this time, Kiene's will have had their warm water expo and American will have given their celebrity fly tying so we all should have a bunch of new ideas to share. My fly boxes are still quite empty of emergers and dries so I think that we can still work on some of those basic designs...caddis emergers, callibaetis emerger, and another caddis dry.

All are invited to the jam, either to tie, or just watch or comment on tying...there is no fee, nor do you have to tie what are the sample patterns, the idea is to get our club members in the mood for tying and fishing!!!! This is the time if you have questions or problems, bring them along and see if we have fly tying solutions.

If you have any questions, send me an E-mail.

. . . Jim Holmes  
967-6709

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### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for February

**Beginners:** - Jim Northup (his second win, he moves to non-bgrinner)

**Non-beginners:** - Jeanne English

### **\$25.00 Gift Certificate:**

Mike Powers

\$25 gift certificate from

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## Bridgeport Fishout May 18 - 20, 2007 with Bill and Bev Hagopian

Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras. Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen, and miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850's. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers, and streams. There is good fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large rainbow and brown trout and Northeast of Bridgeport is the East Walker River, a premier fly-fishing stream.

Bev and I will be camping at Lower Twin Lakes Campground; we have reserved campsite # 8 and #9. It's located approximately 10 miles southeast of Bridgeport, off of Twin Lakes Rd. Camping can be very cold at night since the campground is at 7000 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creekside cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the

area. I will put up links on the club's message board.

**Directions:** From Sacramento area, go to Highway 395 and go south. US Highway 395 runs through Bridgeport. At the first street in Bridgeport, (at the Gas Station) turn right on to Twin Lakes Road. Travel on the Twin Lakes Road for about 9.5 miles, then make a left turn onto South Twin Lakes Road, and go approximately 0.6 miles across the bridge. The campground is on the right.

**Equipment:** See Website.

A word to the wise: Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. Best to fill up in Minden or Walker.

For more information about lodging or RV sites, contact Twin Lakes Resort at (760) 932-7751. Upper Twin Lakes (760) 932-7071. Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070. Camping Reservations (800) 280-CAMP. Mono Village (760) 932-7071. Doc and Al's Resort (760) 932-7051. Also see GBF's website with links.

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I would like to close with thanking all of the membership for your continued support of the club through membership renewals and support of our annual dinner. Hope to see you all at the next club meeting.

Tight Loops...Rick Radoff

## Norcal Warm Water Expo at Kiene's Fly Shop March 10th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Kiene's Fly Shop, in conjunction with BASS-N-FLY Promotions, will be offering its first expo focused exclusively on warm water species. There will be tying demonstrations by local and national tyers, presentations on local premiere bass fisheries, demonstrations of specialized casting techniques, information on travel to world class bass fishing opportunities, demo the newest bass fishing products, and, win a prize in a great raffle. For more information go to [www.Kiene.com](http://www.Kiene.com) or call 1-800-4000-fly.

### Welcome New Members

Jon Peterson; Dan Alhona;  
Dylan & Maggie DePaulo; Mike,  
Cathy & Cody Kitts; Mark  
Younger; Gail Miller; Jeff, Jenine,  
Jackie & Eric Windeshausen

## The Art of Fly Fishing

Is always in the cast. A good cast will represent a thing of beauty. Many refer to the cast as an art form, even a ballet on water as the whispering of the fly line moves so peacefully and gracefully through the air settling so quietly onto the water. The stage is a beautiful Nature setting with a very precise and smooth motion and Rhythm of the angler. It can be a real thing of beauty. Many also find it a peaceful experience just to watch someone casting on a river. Close your eyes and you too can come to this place.

### The Excitement of Fly Fishing is in "The Spirit of the Fly"

Fly fishing is more challenging therefore it is more fun!

The bait fisherman is a relaxed soul while the fly fisher is always on the move. It is the hunt that makes the challenge.

The Hunt, once you experience it on the fly you will be hooked forever into the world of fly fishing. How do you know, all I can say is you will know it when it happens.

What is the hunt?

### It goes something like this:

You awake to a nice day and decide it is a splendid day to go fly fishing. Gathering up all your gear you are off in a flash. As you head to your favorite fishing spot you are remembering the last time you were there and how great things were. It was just becoming early evening, the light was getting low and you were heading back towards the car (which was about a mile away) as you came around a large pine you saw something across the river. Stopping right in your

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tracts as you continued to stare at the spot and, yes, there is was again, ever so quietly the nose of a trout taking a dry fly. You quickly assessed the situation and knew just what fly you wanted to tie on and how you would make the cast to this spot without spooking the fish. Ever so quietly you made the cast, you watched with wide eyes as the fly appeared to pass right over the spot you saw the fish. Nothing. Quickly bringing in the fly and making another cast just a little closer to the bank you watched as the fly drifted so naturally along the water. In a flash ker-splat out came this enormous fish consuming your fly. You raised your rod tip and the fight was on. The fish pulled strongly and erupted like a circus act into the air. His head was shaking but you held your ground and the fish landed back into the water. Your rod was bent like a paper clip. He sped quickly up stream, now you were into the backing of your line, your heart was beating somewhat faster and you knew you had to land this one. Give and take, twisting the rod, putting pressure on the fish and then boom he was air bound again and heading further up stream. What a fight. Now the pressure was placed harder on the fish and you made headway moving him ever closer to you. But not so quick as he turned, made another splendid jump, and headed up stream again. You felt the line ease and thought he was gone, but up he rose again. Now you pulled harder and soon this beautiful 22-inch rainbow was placed gently in your net. You quickly removed the hook, gently holding onto the fish and, keeping him in the water, you could see his gill pads working and his muscle

tone returning. In a short time you released him, watching him swim off into the darkness of the river and you exploded in a nice jump of excitement. To have hunted and landed such a wonderful fish what a special thing. This, my friends, is as good as it gets, this is the hunt, the most exciting experience any fly fisherman can ever have.

### *The Spirit of the Fly*

**What is that all about?** So, to catch a fish, you have to think like a fish, and to think like a fish, you have to know what a fish likes to eat and what they are all about. Since fish like flies & bugs, the trick is to know when different flies & bugs are in what life stages' when the fish are eating them...Wow! Or you can just guess.

Then "there is fly tying, which duplicates nature with feathers and fur, in order to fool that little, wily trout," This can be a terrific way to

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learn about the flies and bugs in a rapid way.

**Number one,** You must believe in the fly you choose. Positive thinking is always a good thing. I believe that your spirit can be transformed into that fly. Believe it and so it will be. The fly carries your spirit.

**Number two,** You need to put your time in on the water to understand the flies & bugs that live there. What ones, what color, what size, what time of year. Dry fly or subsurface or? Time into fishing will help make these things stick to you like glue. You may forget why you went to the garage, but you will not forget where you catch a fish on the river and what you were using when you caught it.

**Number three,** You should pick up a book on flies for rivers and for lakes. Very handy to read, look at the pictures. It will aid in you learning the flies more easily. Keep your fly boxes organized by dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, terrestrials and such. This too will help you learn your flies, and their names. I arrange my fly boxes often, too often according to my husband.

**Number four,** You must always know that fly fishing is a never ending learning experience there is always a lot more to learn, and a lot of nice places to go to do that learning.

**Number five,** Look up and look down, look all around. The bugs and flies are everywhere. Not always in plain view, sometimes under rocks or logs, in bushes, trees and the brush. Just look and you shall find what mother nature has placed there for the fish to find. Then try to match it or use something similar.

. . . Nancy Siegler

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**Following are changes to the Bylaws which the Board is proposing and will be voted upon at the April general meeting. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with them since your vote will determine their implementation. (Underline means new verbiage, strikethrough is deleted.)**

**April 2007 Proposed Changes to the BYLAWS  
Granite Bay Flycasters, Inc.**

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Regular Members (hereinafter called "Members") - Those persons who have paid their dues for an individual or family membership, as prescribed by Section 9, shall be Members, and shall have full rights and privileges of membership in the Organization, with one voting right each per membership.

A family membership is defined as two adults residing in a single domicile with or without minor children.

(b) Youth Members - Those persons over the age of twelve (12) and under the age of eighteen (18) who have paid their dues in full shall have full rights and privileges of membership in the Organization, but no right to vote.

(c) Life Membership - Life membership shall include spouse and all other members of his/her immediate family until the age of eighteen (18). Effective January 1, 2007, no additional Life Memberships shall be granted.

**ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS**

Section 1 - Eligibility

One member of a Family Membership (husband, wife and children) may be nominated and only one member of a Family Membership may serve on the Board.

**Section 2 - Balloting**

All elections shall be by secret ballot and only one voting right "per Membership", except where there is only one (1) nominee for any office of vacancy. Ballots, if not previously mailed to Members, shall be passed out at the time of election to all Members present as recognized by Tellers appointed pursuant to Section 3 of this Article. If ballots are mailed, all ballots must be received by the Annual Meeting to be considered valid. Ballots may be turned in at the Annual or Special Meeting, but not later than the point in time when the President declares the polls to be closed.

**Section 3 - Nomination for President, Vice President-Membership, Vice President- Conservation, Secretary, Treasurer, Director at Large and two Directors.**

At the General Meeting (May) preceding the Annual Meeting the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, shall present the nominations of at least one (1) and preferably two (2) Members as candidate(s) for each office or vacancy to be filled, having secured in advance agreement by each such candidate that he/she will so serve if elected. After the nominations of the Nominating Committee have been placed before the meeting, the President shall call for and accept nominations from the floor. Nominations will be closed at the end of the May meeting. Nominees shall be listed in the newsletter and posted on the web site, if available, for Members prior to the Annual Meeting. Should an Officer or open Director position lack having at least one nominee at the close of nominations at the May meeting, a Member may be nominated at the June General Meeting prior to the balloting. Subject to their agreeing to serve if elected, such nominee(s) will run as a write in candidate.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section 2 - Term of Office

The elected Directors shall serve from July 1st following their election for a period of three (3) years. ~~Directors may stand for re-election without restriction.~~ Two Directors shall be elected each year for a three-year term. ~~Directors having completed a full three-year term may not run for re-election in consecutive terms.~~ One Director-at-Large shall be elected each year for a one-year term. This Director shall not have previously served as a Board Member or Officer.

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

### Section 4 - Vice President-Membership

The Vice President-Membership shall have and may exercise all the powers and duties of the President during absence or disability of the latter, and shall perform other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, including being an alternate signer on checks of the Organization. The main duty of membership chairperson shall be delegated to the Vice President-Membership.

### Section 6 - Secretary

The Secretary shall prepare and maintain full and complete minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given, in the manner prescribed by these Bylaws, of all elections, and shall perform other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors, including being an alternate signer on checks of the Organization. The Secretary will maintain an original copy of each set of minutes which are to be signed by the Secretary after approval of each month's minutes by the Board of Directors. At the close of each fiscal year the Secretary will forward the original copy of the signed minutes to the Organization's Historian.

### Section 7 - Treasurer

Subject to the control and direction of the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall:

4. Prepare and submit to the Board of Directors, after the close of each month, a statement of the financial condition of the Organization, in such form and detail as the Board may require and shall also present an annual financial statement no later than the first-second Board Meeting of the fiscal year. The Treasurer is also responsible for providing a copy of the annual financial statement to the Organization's Historian each year. The annual financial statement shall also be made available to any Organization Member upon written request at any Board meeting to the Treasurer.

5. The Treasurer shall prepare or oversee the preparation of the annual Federal and State tax returns and any informations returns of the Organization by their due date or deferred due date resulting from the filing of an extension.

## ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

The Organization is organized solely as a non-profit entity. ~~not organized, nor shall it be operated, for pecuniary monetary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to its members and is organized solely for non-profit purposes.~~ No part of the profits or net income of the Organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any private individual. Upon the dissolution ~~or winding up~~ of the Organization, its assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a non-political, non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal

*Conservation Corner* heath wakelee, VP Conservation

SAVE THE DATES

Please mark Sunday, April 22nd on your calendar as a day to get out into the field and help clean up a local stream. This year, Creek Week will run from April 21 to April 28 for Roseville and Rocklin, and our local streams really need your help. One good aspect of this event is that the whole family is encouraged to participate. Sure, some of us will don our waders and may get wet but other will walk the stream banks to

collect trash and put things back in order. Because many of us have conflicts with any events held on a Sunday, I would have preferred it if the event could have been held almost any other day. However, our day is part of a larger picture so we need to view this as our opportunity. Additional information about Creek Week will be posted in March on the Dry Creek Conservancy web site ([www.drycreekconservancy.org](http://www.drycreekconservancy.org)).

The week after Creek Week we

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are going to participate in another clean up that will include a BBQ and fishing! It looks like the Ralston Afterbay area will be the target so look for more details about this as the date gets closer. It will likely take place on Sunday, April 29.

Nothing prevents any of us from always carrying a trash bag with us while we are out in the field. We should be picking up the carelessly discarded fishing line, those pitched in the bushes Styrofoam worm containers and all the tossed Power Bait jars. What I usually do is mentally mark the location of trash on my way in to a location and then pick up what I can on the way out. It does not take up much time and it sure can make a positive difference the next time you visit that area.

We are working on some other club projects and hope to have one or more available soon. Working with the American River Watershed Group ([www.arwg.net](http://www.arwg.net)) and with permission from the various agencies, we hope to get out before the snow melts and clean out some culverts. More about that later when the details have firmed up.

## 2007 Renewals Due!

Renewals for 2007 may be paid to Jeanne English at the February and March meetings. The dues are a mere \$30 for individuals and \$35 for a family membership. Don't miss out on your access to clinics, fishouts, and the Leader. A check can also be mailed to the GBF post office box address. March 15 is the deadline for renewal. Thanks for your past participation and early renewals.

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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## String Leech



*String Leech*

Resting my casting (and catching) arm, I watched as Keith stung a hefty Alaskan Silver Salmon near the mouth of the Tsiu River in southeast Alaska. The fresh brute raced downstream as Keith's reel screamed. I walked over to watch him land the exhausted bright female. "Seventeen pounds if it's an ounce" remarked our guide as he hauled the fish off, destined for the cooler back at the quad-runners we'd used to get to the beach.

I'd been catching my share that rainy, windy day on various typical Silver Salmon patterns, but I was curious about the odd-looking fly that Keith was now trying to revive after it's bout with the silver lady. "What's that?" I asked. "String Leech," he replied with a sly grin as he reached into his vest for a big box loaded with the black and purple beasts. "Take a couple," he offered. I thanked him and relieved him of several 2/0 versions.

I've used leeches extensively, but never an articulated version. The String Leech is so named because it is tied with two hooks—the front one being cut off at the bend and

the rear one attached to it with a "string." One particularly interesting version is the "Fergus' Mother of All Leeches," which you can check out via this link: <http://www.yagersflies.com/sprifestoutml.html>, or see the fly article in Northwest Fly Fishing magazine, Winter 2005 issue. Often called an "articulated leech," in the water the fly moves irresistibly. In the case of Silver Salmon, I suspect it just plain

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### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Front hook: any inexpensive black salmon style hook (#6-1/0); rear hook; any "octopus" style hook-up eye, short shank, wide gape (1/0-2/0)
Thread:	Black 210 denier flat nylon
Underbody:	Black or purple cactus chenille
Interior flash:	Pearl fine flash-abou or crystal flash
Eyes:	Spirit River "Eye-balz" or extra large bead chain
Tail:	Black or purple regular cut rabbit strip
Overbody:	Black or purple cross-cut rabbit strip
String:	30# backing
Hackle:	Black or purple schlappen
Head:	Black gthread

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makes them mad and they try to kill it. The materials are simple and the tying technique, with the exception of the string, is not unusual. For some interesting history on this fly, see: <http://www.flyfishusa.com/newsletter/112303>.

**NOTE: I will add "tying tips" at the end of the article text each month. The tips will usually relate to the fly featured in the column for that month. However, if the steps are self-explanatory, the tip(s) might relate to a different technique or type of pattern.**

**Secondly, be sure to check the web site for additional pictures of the fly and/or the tying steps. It is not possible to include more than one picture in the Leader, but the website affords us more space.**

#### **Instructions:**

1. Bend the barb on the rear hook and place it into the vise. Cover it with thread.
2. Tie in a strip of regular-cut rabbit strip at the bend as a tail; the tail should extend about 1" to the rear of the bend.
3. Tie in a length of cross-cut rabbit and some cactus chenille. Wrap the cactus chenille forward and tie off about 1/8" behind the eye.
4. Wrap the rabbit forward, leaving a bit of space between wraps to allow the cactus chenille to show through. Tie it off at the same spot.
5. Tie in several pieces of flash at the same spot (see tip below) and trim to the length of the tail.
6. Tie in a long webby schlappen hackle and take 2 or 3 wraps at the head. Form a head while sweeping the hackle to the rear and whip finish. Set this fly aside for a moment.
7. Place the front hook in the vise and cover the shank with thread. Return the thread to the front of the hook and tie on the eyes on the top of the hook (see tip below). Apply super glue.
8. Cut a 6" piece of 30# backing and color it black using a Sharpie. Place an overhand knot at one end and tie the material in at the front of the hook, behind the knot. This will keep it from pulling through. Tie it down firmly along the far side of the shank, back to the bend.

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## Rod Building 204B (2 of 3) Tying Guides to Blank

This is the second of three articles that provide direction for permanently tying the guides to the blank. These articles collectively describe how to: 1) tie the hook-keeper to the blank with thread, 2) reinforce the ferrules, 3) place thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop, 4) add some small single trim or trim bands, and 5) 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 the instructor. Also, it should be kept in mind that this is not the only way to tie on guides, but it is a technique that learning rod builders seem to adapt to quite quickly.

### **Tying on the guide (continued from previous article):**

A few general notes to refresh your memory from the last article:

During the final wrapping, threads should ideally not overlap, but should be as closely adjacent to each succeeding wrap as possible so that the blank does not show through.

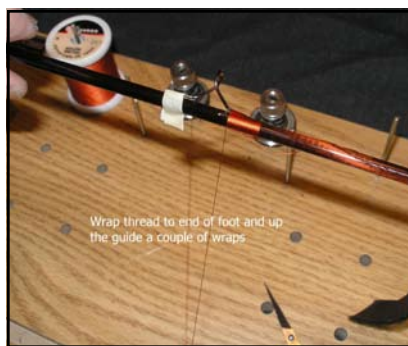
### **Continued:**

To continue the wrapping sequence from the last article, stop winding the thread when you have approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the guide foot left to wrap. Leave the foot facing

down. Now, pick up the piece of string that you saved earlier, and make loop out of it. You will place the loop (loop facing towards the guide) under the string from the spool. The tension in the string from the spool will hold the thread loop in place. This loop is needed to put the end of the thread under the wraps to complete the wrap and secure the thread (see photo: "put in the thread loop").



Next, continue wrapping the thread until you have completed a couple of wraps beyond the guide foot, up on the guide itself (see photo: "thread wrap to end of foot").



Hold the wrapped thread down with your thumb or index finger (see photo: "hold down wrapped thread"). Clip the thread from the spool while holding down the thread

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at the wrap (see photo: "clip thread from spool"). Leave approximately 6 inches of thread to work with.



Insert the end of the clipped thread through the loop, while still holding the wrapped thread down with your finger (see photo: "insert end through loop"). Now, take the



opposite hand and hold the end of the thread firmly, putting the remaining fingers of that hand (or

just one finger, if that is all that will fit) onto the blank to keep it from rotating (see photo: "hold end of thread tightly").



Because of space limitations in this newsletter, this article will continue in the next issue.

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](mailto:larrylee@L3rods.com) or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



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9. Run the other end of the backing through the eye of the rear hook and create a loop by tying the backing in along the near side of the front hook. The loop should be about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" in length, creating a short separation between the two hooks. Some tiers like the length to be longer. I prefer the shorter connection to limit fouling of the two hooks.
10. Now tie the front fly in the same way that the rear fly was tied. Alternatively, you can make the front fly (or the rear one) a different color to provide contrast. The nice thing about this pattern is that you can tie it using virtually any color of bunny strips.
11. After you've finished the front fly and completed the whip finish, cement the head area well as the fish will beat this fly about its head and shoulders. Finally,

cut the front hook off at the bend.

### **TYING TIPS**

1. It is faster and easier to tie in materials such as flashabou or crystal flash by wrapping the strands around the tying thread once and evening up the two ends. This allows you to control exactly where the material will be tied in, and to easily wrap it down.
2. When tying on eyes (whether on the top or bottom of the hook) just wrap diagonally between the eyes and around the hook. Once you've done this 5 or 6 times, wrap horizontally around the eyes. This tightens up the diagonal wraps. Don't bother with the "figure 8" method as it ends up not nearly as tight. Always add superglue before proceeding with the rest of the fly.

Tie a boxful of these brutes, bend one on your line, have at it, and...see ya on the creek!



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## Steelhead Egg Delivery

On April 14th a group Granite Bay Flycasters met at 8:00 AM at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery to gather steelhead eggs for delivery to 25 classrooms. We had our largest turnout ever with seventeen volunteers, five of them first timers, showing up to help distribute the eggs. This is one of GBF's most important conservation and education programs, and I'm especially pleased with the ongoing support our members continue to provide. In

addition to myself and Rick Radoff (my co-chair), the following club members participated, and I'd like to thank each one for volunteering their time in support of this program:

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### Granite Bay Flycasters

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**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Rick Radloff 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 slide 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](http://www.gbflycasters.org) and at general meetings. Single membership, \$30; Family memberships, \$35; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Jeanne English at 530-677-7169, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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