

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



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Tie'em big, tie'em small but come out to the monthly Fly Tying Jam, have fun and learn a few new techniques.

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# FEBRUARY 2008

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Baum Lake Fishout Feb. 1 - 4	Baum Lake Fishout Feb. 1 - 4					Fishing Art Show Flower Farm Coffee House 6 - 9 pm
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				8AM Steelhead Egg distribution 5:30 PM Conservation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Monthly Members Meeting		Lower Yuba Fishout
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# President's Message

Rick Radoff



I am writing this message the night before Fran and I leave for New Zealand for a month. I will bring back lots of photos.

I want to thank Bill Carnazzo and Mike Howes for co-chairing the responsibilities for the booth at the ISE show, and thank all of the volunteers that helped man the booth throughout the show. I want to recognize the co-chairs of the Conservation Committee. They are: Bill Hagopian, John Carroz, Mike Laing, Tom Petty, Robin Egan, Kent Ripley, Bryan Woodhouse, Ronald Otto, Mel Odemar and Jim McGowan. I look forward to the new Committee's ideas and enthusiasm.

We have lots of clinics and fish-outs in the months ahead, so check the schedule and make the most of it. Mike Howes and his dinner committee are doing a great job, and Mike has some more surprises in store for us, so don't delay. Buy your dinner tickets soon, for the dinner will be a sell out again this year.

The Mentor Program is moving along well. Joe Aichroth tells me that six members have been assigned a Mentor to date. If you have any questions regarding what a Mentor could do for you, contact Joe

Aichroth or myself, and we will be happy to explain the program.

Well, I am way behind on the many things that I have to get done before I leave, so this President's Message is going to be short. I will miss the next Board and General Meetings, but look forward to seeing you all at the March General Meeting, which is the night before our Annual Dinner.

Tight Loops. . .Rick Radoff

## American River Steelhead Fishout Report

Five adventurous souls, braved the cool, fog-shrouded waters of The American River early on January 15th to try their luck with the feisty steelhead that frequent these waters in the winter. The water was very low and a little off color, but very fishable. Not many fish showed, but three salmon were hooked by one member fishing near some reeds. A variety of methods and flies were used, but no one was able to entice a strike from a silver bullet. The sun finally burned through the clouds about 10:45 A.M., and all things considered it was a great day.

### Welcome New Members

Jim McGowan  
Sean Golden  
Tom Garrett

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Dues for 2008 are payable now: \$35 for family memberships and \$30 for individual memberships. There are three easy ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay at the general meeting.
2. Send your check to the club's postal address (see address on Leader).
3. Send your check to me at 5209 Crestline Drive, Foresthill, CA 95631.

All checks should be made out to Granite Bay Flycasters. **Members who have not renewed by the time that the March, 2008 Leader is to be sent out will no longer receive The Leader.** So, please renew at the earliest possible time. It makes our job a lot easier.

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 253 paid memberships. Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net), and I'll send it in a reply. It is in Excel format. The board's policy is that the list is not to be used for any commercial purpose, and is not to be distributed to persons outside the membership—so please observe those restrictions. I will have membership application forms at each club general meeting.

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

er will be sent. We don't want our membership list to become stale, so please help us out on this.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

## Fly Tying Classes Planned

Granite Bay Flycasters is offering both beginning and intermediate/advanced fly tying classes during Spring, 2008. Signups will be taken at the February general meeting. Both classes will be limited in terms of the number of members who can attend. Past experience has shown that limited-attendance classes are far more productive.

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

The intermediate/advanced class will be conducted by Bill Carnazzo on the following Tuesdays:

April 1 Jim Holmes and Gene Goss (Stillwater flies)

April 8 Sturmer White  
(Tying hair bugs)

April 15 Bill Carnazzo (October Caddis Quintet)

April 29 Ken Hanley (TBA)

May 13 Pete Peterson (Pete's famous bass flies)

May 20 David Lee  
(Dave's originals)

The class will commence at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at the Raley's Event Center located in Raley's store at Douglas and Auburn/Folsom Road.

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

## Introduction to Fly Tying

It's that time again—in between fishing seasons. This is a great opportunity for us to brush up on our skills, or learn new ones. Intro to Fly Tying is going to be a two-session clinic. The cost of this class will be \$10. Space is limited to 15 participants, and a sign-up sheet will be available at the February general meeting.

This class is going to cover knots, material selection, vises, tools, work area organization, and basic tying techniques. We will be tying some old standard patterns that will demonstrate the techniques that can be expanded upon with future practice and classes.

The class will be held at the Raley's on the corner of Auburn-Folsom Rd. and Douglas Blvd. from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on two Saturdays, March 1st and 15th. Be sure your schedule is clear. Each class builds upon the last.

No tools or materials are needed for this class. Everything will be supplied. If you haven't bought a vise yet, DON'T until you take this class. This is a great way to experience fly tying for young and old alike.

If you have any further questions regarding this class or others, please contact Paul Egan at [paulegan81@yahoo.com](mailto:paulegan81@yahoo.com) or (916) 640-5126.

### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for January

**Beginners: -**

Don Van Sant

**Non-beginners: -**

Ron English

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

Ron English

## Fishing Art Show Feb. 9th in Loomis

The Flower Farm Coffee House at the corner of Auburn-Folsom Rd. and Horseshoe Bar Rd. in Loomis is inviting all outdoor enthusiasts to a show of the artwork of well known fly fishing guide Mark "Smitty" Smith.

There will be a hosted reception for Smitty and his work at the Coffee House on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The free reception will include local wines, Steelhead Ale and appetizers, as well as the acoustical guitar music of Nick Righos.

Smitty spends his spring and summer guiding in the Yellowstone area of Idaho and Montana, and is best known on the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. He spends fall and winter practicing his art at his home in Bishop, California. He specializes in fish and other nature imagery, using gyotaku techniques on hand made paper. His work has been featured at many galleries throughout the West, especially those focused on outdoor art.

All are welcome.

## What's a 'Day Program?'

This is where we invite our Annual Dinner guest speaker to come to the GBF clubhouse during the day for a free, hands-on, one-on-one, eye-to-eye, ear-to-ear (you get the point...it's intimate) instructional clinic on some aspect of our beloved sport.

This year, we're lucky to have Lori-Ann Murphy as our dinner speaker and day program instructor. The Annual Dinner is on Friday, March 14th, so the Day Program will take place the following day, on Saturday, March 15th, from 10-2 at the clubhouse.

Among Lori-Ann's many talents is her noted fly-casting prowess. She's a casting champion by rights, and as a professional guide Lori-Ann has for years been helping people fine-tune their casting strokes to catch more fish. So it's only fitting that for this year's Day Program Lori-Ann will conduct an informal casting clinic to help you catch more fish in 2008!

The day program is your chance to mingle and munch (yes...snacks are provided) with a fly-fishing expert whose personal insight and advice might be otherwise unavailable. And since Day Program attendance is limited to Annual Dinner ticket holders, this is just another great reason to attend the Annual Dinner! Be sure to get your dinner ticket(s) before they sell out.

The Annual Dinner evening presentation is intended to entertain and inspire. The Day Program is designed for asking questions, getting individualized advice, and learning first-hand from a recognized expert. You don't want to miss either of these great GBF events!

## Outing Committee Report

### **Upcoming Outings**

You can view the fishout list (through (July, 2008) on the website; also, keep up with the message board for "impromptu" outings. If you don't have access to the Internet and want a copy of the list, just give me a call or send me an email and I'll see to it that you get the list.

### **Lower Yuba February 16th.**

Pete Koistinen is leading this outing. His sign up sheet has 25 members so he will have to do a lottery because the limit is 15 members under the UC property rules. Pete will notify each person who signed up as to whether his/her name was drawn in the lottery.

### **Baum Lake February 1-4.**

Karl Wolff is planning an "informal" outing—i.e., one that is not on the schedule—at Baum Lake. Karl has posted notice of this outing on the Granite Bay Flycasters message board, so please check there for details.

### **Delta outing #2.**

Robin Egan has volunteered to work out a second Delta outing. We are planning it for late March or early April, so check the message board for info on this one. There is a separate article in this issue of the Leader on this outing.

We currently don't have outing scheduled for March (except perhaps the Delta outing), but there

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will be informal outings for bass and maybe for some early trout action. We do have four bass outings scheduled for April, so check the on-line schedule. More info on these later.

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

. . . Bill Carnazzo

## GBF Delta Explosion - When Bass Meets Frog

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 31st for the next GBF Delta adventure! March is a prime large mouth bass top-water month and is one of the best times of the year to catch the largest LMB of your life due to the pre-spawn condition of these fish. They'll be hungry and eating a lot to fatten up for the spawn, since they do not eat much during that time.

This is personally my absolute favorite kind of fly-fishing. I love the challenge of casting my frog into just the right spot, whether it be hopping it off the rocky bank into the water, sliding it just under that low-hanging tree, or maneuvering it right around the back of those reeds. Then, there's the suspense of sneaking him out (I can hear it now, bloop, bloop, bloop), and the ever-mounting anticipation of that explosion! The thrill of setting my hook in the fish that I know just

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### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

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HAS to be there, and watching that fish dance across the water to the boat is just awesome! My heart is thumping a mile a minute just thinking about it!

This is also a good time of year to be out on the delta and see just what kind wildlife is out there. Bring a good pair of binoculars! It is not uncommon to see turtles sunning themselves, families of raccoons foraging for food along the banks of the sloughs, or wild mink playing along the rocky banks of the rivers. There are also otters, and many species of birds to be seen. They will be doing their best to distract you, so that bass can just explode on your fly because you didn't have time to set the hook (LOL).

Now, here's the catch... we need people with boats to volunteer to host those without boats or other flotation devices (prams, pontoons and kayaks may still be effective). We'll be making two lists, those with and without boats. We'll also need to know if there will be room, and how much, on those boats for those without. Those with boats may have plenty of gear for you to use/borrow. Check with your "captain". Line is important: I'll be using the new Sage Small Mouth Bass line on an RPLXi 7 wt. I'll most likely be fishing top-water exclusively, but there are many other ways to secure that grab. We usually have a rod set-up for the occasional squeezer boil.

So, tune those boats up, get your under-hand casting fine-tuned, and get yourselves signed up! Make sure we have accurate and complete contact information for you, because there will be further logistics information to be passed around.

Launch location will be Herman & Helen's Marina at sun-up. H&H is located at 15135 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton, CA 95219. Please send inquiries to Robin Egan at [Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com), (916) 396-0030 or Paul Egan at [paulegan81@yahoo.com](mailto:paulegan81@yahoo.com), (916) 640-5126, with "Delta Fishout" in the subject line.

## Clinics and Classes

At the February meeting there will be signup sheets for the following one-evening clinics:


April 2 - Indicators: making your own, and rigging them (Mike Powers; Bill Carnazzo)

April 3 - Fly fishing knots (Sturmer White; Ron Hayashi)

April 17 - Fly fishing entomology (Terry Eggleston)

...Bill Carnazzo

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A group of us met briefly at the January general club meeting. Thanks to all who participated. The general consensus is that we want to find local causes to focus on for this year.

Ron Otto brought up the FERC Yuba-Bear/Drum-Spaulding/Rollins re-licensing and the need for getting involved, however we don't yet know to what extent we can participate. Ron may present more information on possible donations for the project at the February conservation meeting. For those who are as lost as I was when this was mentioned, Ron provided this brief history and explanation of this potential project:

"Since the Gold Rush, cold clear water has been brought down from the Sierra for use in the surrounding valley and foothills for mining, and when the mining played out, for agriculture, domestic use, and later for hydropower. Significant agricultural, domestic, and hydropower use continues. This water plays a vital role in the health of anadromous streams from the Dry Creek system to the Lower Yuba--and is a crucial element in sustaining coldwater fisheries and habitat. There are no guarantees that this water will continue to flow in the way that it has. But with hydropower generation comes federal regulation and licensing; Nevada Irrigation District/NID and Pacific Gas and Electric/PG&E are coordinating their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission/FERC re-licensing processes. With the ongoing FERC re-licensing of the Yuba-Bear/Drum Spaulding Projects, we have the opportunity to profoundly affect these streams in our local area for

up to 50 years. Our primary focus has been on the streams of Western Placer County, including Dry Creek, Secret Ravine, Auburn Ravine, Coon Creek, and others. These streams have exceptional resources which deserve our protection. In addition to rich riparian habitat, surprising fishery resources--with potential for restoration--are present. E.g. DFG recently sampled and reported near 8,000 steelhead trout per mile in reaches of Auburn Ravine. Salmon and steelhead have long been present in the Dry Creek system, Auburn Ravine and Coon Creeks, although their populations appear in several cases to be greatly diminished. This is an ideal opportunity for the Granite Bay Flycasters to become actively involved with the FERC re-licensing, and, possibly, with a local project or projects. Aside from support with letters and review and preparation of FERC-related communications, if anyone can attend meetings held during the work week and participate on behalf of GBF it would help a lot. We've begun preliminary discussions with a local fishery biologist about a possible project or projects, and I may have more specifics to present for the February GBF conservation meeting if things progress quickly enough.

Information on FERC hydro re-licensing and access to NID/PG&E's FERC-related websites can be found through the FWN site, <http://foothillswaternetwork.org>. Project time schedules, meetings, proposed studies, and process flow diagrams are located on the NID site. Planning for Western Placer stream studies is set for 2008. The process moves swiftly,

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Dennis Breer, or “Denny” as his friends call him, along with his wife Grace are full-time residents of the Flaming Gorge area where they operate their Green River guiding service Trout Creek Flies. At age five, Dennis caught his first trout with the encouragement from his grandfather in 1954. His interest in fly-fishing became his passion in the 1960’s.

After guiding in Alaska for eight seasons in the 1980s, he started his guide service on a river he had always loved and admired, Utah’s Green River, in 1987. His credits include many TV appearances on the Green River. He is a well-known fly fishing guide, and has logged over 2,000 Green River days since the mid-1970s as an angler and guide. He has been featured in many magazine articles in the major fly fishing publications, and several books such as John Gierach’s *Sex, Death and Flyfishing*. He has served several terms as president of GROGA, a local association of Green River guides and outfitters.

Dennis is also the representative for the Flaming Gorge Tailwater’s trout fishery on the

Flaming Gorge Work Group. This work group consists of state and federal agencies, and others who have an interest in the operation of the Flaming Gorge facilities.

In 2001 Dennis was appointed by the Governor of the State of Utah, and served one term on the “Blue Ribbon Fisheries Advisory Board,” who’s charge is to create a Blue Ribbon Fisheries program for Utah.

With dedication and commitment, Dennis and Grace have built Trout Creek Flies’ reputation as the premier guide service on the Green River. They have surrounded themselves with a professional guide staff that is second to none.

Dennis has written a Green River guidebook “UTAH’S GREEN RIVER- a Fly Fisher’s Guide to the Flaming Gorge Tailwater,” available through Trout Creek Flies or Amato Publications. His Green River Fishing Report on Trout Creek Flies website at [www.fish-greenriver.com](http://www.fish-greenriver.com) has a large readership. This website additionally offers a great deal of Green River information for visiting anglers.

In 2001, Dennis and Grace acquired a new home for their operation by the acquisition of another outfitter, “Green River Outfitters.” Along with this acquisition came a great facility, new opportunities and expanded services that were never before possible through Trout Creek Flies.

Dennis willingly shares his

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knowledge of the Green River when and wherever possible, and is looking forward to visiting with old friends and meeting many new ones at the upcoming slide presentation on "Utah's Green River."

When: February 14, 7:00 PM  
Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Lori-Ann Murphy: our 2008 Annual Dinner Guest Speaker

Lori-Ann co-founded Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures in 1992. This was the first company to offer "women only" guided fly-fishing trips worldwide. Since then, Reel Women has grown to include women's and men's guided trips, coed guide schools, basic fly fishing schools, casting clinics, and destination trips for everyone.

In 1989, Lori-Ann was the first woman to become an Orvis-endorsed fly fishing guide and has served as a consultant to several tackle companies in the fly-fishing industry. She is currently on the Pro Staff for Scientific Angler's products and Clacka-Craft drift boats. Lori-Ann has a distinct love for fly-casting and was honored to win "The Best of the West" ISE Casting Competition in 2003. Her enthusiasm and

dedication to our sport is unparalleled and guaranteed to be contagious for everyone around her.

Lori-Ann's home waters are located in southwestern Montana and the Snake River in Idaho and Wyoming near Jackson Hole. When she's not fishing or guiding on the river, Lori-Ann can be found giving presentations at sport shows and fly fishing clubs around the country.

**The OLN (Outdoor Life Network) Fly Fishing Master's** was held in July 2007. Lori-Ann was on the winning team, Team Under Armour! Lori-Ann has been prominently featured in *The New York Times*, *CNN's Impact*, *Outside Magazine*, *ESPN*, and *Martha Stewart Living*. She also worked as the fly fishing consultant for Meryl Streep and Kevin Bacon in the movie **The River Wild**.

Lori-Ann says her greatest accomplishment, however, is working with The Reel Women Guide Team and spending time with people who love to experience nature through fly-fishing. That's exactly why she's the perfect guest speaker for our 22nd Annual Dinner, Raffle and Auction coming Friday, March 14th. Be sure to get your dinner ticket(s) before they sell out!



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## Randall Kaufmann COAL CAR



Once again we find the days shorter and the evenings cold and damp. Some of the best time to fill the fly box and experiment with some new patterns. This fly is one of my favorite flies to tie. Not because it catches fish, (I have never caught a fish on one) not because it has any sentimental value, (I know no one who ties it). I tie this fly for one reason, it's sexy!!! That is a quote from a local steelhead guide.

### **Tying Instructions:**

1. Smash barb and place in vice.
2. Tie in the thread with a jam knot behind the open loop of the hook.
3. Wrap the thread to the rear of the hook to a spot on the shank above the midway point between the point and the barb.
4. Pull some barbs from a hackle feather and tie them in for a tail. The tail should angle up.
5. Tie in a piece of fine French oval tinsel.
6. Tie in a piece of orange thread.
7. Wrap the orange forward three wraps.
8. Tie in a piece of pink thread.

9. Wrap the pink forward three wraps
10. Tie in a piece of black chenille
11. Wrap the chenille forward four wraps
12. Tie in a black hackle from the butt end. (barbs should be twice the length of the gap of the hook)
13. Wrap the hackle four turns directly in front of the chenille. Tie off and clip the end.
14. "Three finger sweep" the hackle back over the fly and tie it down into a wet style.
15. Now clip a small bunch of squirrel tail fibers, clean out the short fibers, and lightly stack.

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### **MATERIAL LIST**

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|---------|--|
| Hook:   | TMC #7999  |
| Thread: | Black Flymaster-plus   |
| Tail:   | Black hackle fibers  |
| Rib:    | Fine French oval tinsel (silver)   |
| Body:   | 1/4 Orange DMC Floss (#608), 1/4 Pink DMC Floss (#892), 1/2 black chenille; DMC Floss may be found at fabric/craft stores, such as Hancock Fabrics, located at El Camino and Fulton. |
| Hackle: | Black hackle (soft and webby)  |
| Wing:   | Dyed black squirrel tail   |
| Head:   | Black thread and clear coat  |

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16. Tie in the squirrel tail fibers by the clipped ends with the points extending to a mid point of the tail.

17. Taper cut the butt ends of the squirrel tail so the head will form smoothly.

18. Form a long smooth taper for the head and whip finish.

19. Glue the head with head cement. Then when it is dry apply two coats of Loon Outdoors hard head fly finish clear.

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

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**Anatomy of a Fly Line**

The "weight" of a fly line is based on the weight, in grains, of the front 30 feet of fly line. This standardization of fly line rating allows line and rod manufacturers to coordinate their efforts in designing rods and lines that are perfectly matched with each other. At the time that these standards were adopted, 30 feet was considered a reasonable length of line needed to adequately load the rod.

Since rod stiffness has changed over the years, many line manufacturers are now "pushing" the weights of their lines to the top end of the spectrum to help fully load the newer rod materials. Some anglers routinely move up a line weight for a specific rod.

The lines and weight most fly fishers are concerned with are:

<u>Line weight</u>	<u>Weight in grains of the first 30 feet</u>
2	74-86
3	94-106
4	114-126
5	134-146
6	152-168
7	177-193
8	202-218
9	230-250
10	270-290
11	318-342
12	368-392

While there are literally dozens of fly line brands in the world, all of them are made by one of only 7 manufacturers. They are Cortland, Rio, Scientific Anglers, Monic, Northern Sport Fishing Products,

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## Rod Building 105: Reel Seats

There are many colors, shapes, and types of materials used in construction of reel seats that a rod builder can choose from when building a custom rod. Reel seats, which can range in cost from a few dollars to \$150, come in various sizes, and are either up locking or down locking (to be discussed in a later article). As a rod builder, it can be fun to have the large selection of reel seats, but at the same time it can be really hard to make a decision! We will be discussing a few basics, so that you can have a better understanding of how to choose a reel seat for your custom rod. Your decision in selection of a reel seat should be based on weight, strength, durability, appearance, and price.

There are primarily three basic types of reel seats to choose from (see figure-Forecast seats from *Batson Enterprises*): (a) graphite, (b) all metal, and (c) skeleton (metal, graphite, and wood inserts). A discussion of each follows.

Graphite reel seats are light, durable, strong, and inexpensive. Their graphite-filled bodies and stainless-steel hoods will never corrode, and the nylon liners inside the hoods grip reel feet firmly while preventing corrosion between the steel hoods and aluminum reel feet. The tightening nut and sliding hood of the graphite seat ride in a keyway, which means you do not have to align anything to mount your reel. You just insert one end of the foot of the reel into the fixed hood and tighten the locking nut on the other

end of the reel foot and your reel is securely mounted. These reel seats can also be swapped end for end to make the rod up locking or down locking, based on your preference. If you are looking for value and a lightweight rod, graphite reel seats are the best choice.

All-metal reel seats range from stamped aluminum (a few dollars), to machined aluminum alloy with hard anodized finish (approximately \$30), to machined titanium or titanium alloy (approximately \$150). These seats are typically used in 7-weight size rods and larger, and are often used in conjunction with fighting butts. Also, these seats (for large weight reels) will typically have double locking nuts so your reel will not come loose fighting large fish. If you want to build a saltwater, salmon, steelhead, or bass rod, these reel seats work great. One word of caution however: avoid super-cheap reel seats because their finishes will corrode quickly, crude threads wear out, loose fitting nuts can jam, and flimsy hoods can easily split.

A skeleton seat uses the ends of a tubular metal seat—the fixed hood, threaded portion of the barrel, sliding hood, and nut—but fills the space between the fixed hood and threaded barrel with a wood or woven graphite insert. Many higher-end factory-made Freshwater rods have skeleton-and-insert reel seats that look very classy. Typical wood types used are cocobola, birdseye maple, tiger maple, maple burl, walnut, box elder burl, and cherry burl. Metals typically utilized are nickel silver, aluminum, or titanium carbide plated. These reel seats make

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the rods look stylish and very exotic. You would tend to use skeleton reel seats on nearly any freshwater graphite fly rod and even some light to medium saltwater rods. These reel seats can cost from \$10 to \$150. Another skeleton reel seat that uses woven graphite is used on some factory made rods for both durability and its modern, high-tech appearance. You can also find a few skeleton reel seats that have cork inserts. Cork has the advantage of being lightweight and, some would say, its appearance is great.

There are many manufacturers that make reel seats, and you may be overwhelmed with the selection. However, a few to consider are Forecast (Batson Enterprises), Fuji, Struble, Angler's Workshop, and Pacific Bay. If you do not find the exact reel seat you may want, you may want to consider making your own. This can range from being very simple to being very complex. We will discuss this in a future article.

Finally, make sure that the reel you are using will fit into the reel seat. If the reel seat turns out to be larger than necessary to accommodate the foot of the reel, you can adjust the reel seat to fit by a tightening ring. The North American Fly-Tackle Trade Association (NAFTA) has specified a standard reel foot size length of 2.50" plus or minus 0.10" and many of the reel seats conform to this standard.

This article is a preliminary guide to choosing a reel seat. This topic will be discussed in more depth in a future article. Remember, choosing that perfect reel seat is a personal choice. The fish really couldn't care less!

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Airflo and Shakespeare. The first 4 are located in the US.

Basically, all fly lines are nothing more than a core covered in a coating. All the characteristics of a fly line, its weight, whether it floats or sinks, if it is weight forward or double taper, are controlled by those 2 factors. Applying the coating is by far the most important and secretive part of the process.

The cores of all fly lines are typically made of braided nylon, solid nylon mono or hollow core nylon fiber. Kevlar, Dacron and other synthetics have been tried over the years, but, so far, nothing works as well nylon. Braided nylon is the most common, since it retains the least coil memory and is the supplest, especially in cold weather. Typical break strengths for braided cores are 12 pound test for 3 weight and lighter, 20 pound test for 4-8 weight and 30 pound test for 9 weight and heavier.

Once the core is made, stretched, dyed, singed and heat set, it's ready for the secret coating process to begin. This is where things get complicated very quickly. The core is passed through a series of dyes where the coating is applied. These dyes open and close at specific times to allow the coating to build up or be reduced, thus producing the tapers. All these processes have been done on 2,500 foot lengths of line. After coating, the lines are cut to length in the right spots, hand inspected, boxed, labeled and shipped to stores around the world.

. . . Pat Hinchliffe  
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so we need to be "in the loop" and heard when it matters!"

Ok, so on with the rest of the story... Tom Petty is willing to head up the scholarship program. He will contact Ken Davis about UC Davis and look into Sac State and Sierra College as possible candidates as well. And, last but not least, I've volunteered to write the conservation articles for the Leader.

Due to the limited time, congestion, interruptions and noise, it was very difficult to hear at the general meeting, but I'd like to thank Rick Radoff for providing extra time at the break for us to meet. It was agreed that the committee would meet on the same night as GBF, at the Raley's store on the corner of Folsom-Auburn Rd and Douglas Blvd 5:30 - 6:30 pm. This will give us one hour and if more time is needed we can continue at the Club House. John Carroz volunteered to reserve the meeting room, and he will also attend the January board meeting. Until next time, Robin Egan - Tggr514@yahoo.com.

## The \$2000.00 Adams

When I decided to try my hand at fly tying, several years ago, I had no idea whatsoever of what I was getting into. I started with a simple instruction book, a Thompson 'A' vise, some basic tools and enough feathers, hooks and fur to tie some twenty-five, size ten, light Cahills.

It soon became apparent to me, that if I were to be successful in my endeavor, I would have to add a few new items to my meager collection. Naturally, this led me to buy some new books, a few extra tools, a couple of grade B necks, three dozen different size dry fly hooks and two small bags of gray and ginger dubbing fur.

As any sympathetic fly tier would compassionately understand, I soon found out that these were not enough. After all, how could I tie a Royal Coachman without peacock herl or a weighted nymph without fuse wire?

The answer obviously lay in: First making a list of all the paraphernalia

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needed to tie every dry, wet, nymph and streamer fly known to man (from size 2 to 22, of course) and second, transferring the savings I had set aside for my son's college education, to the accounts of most of the country's leading suppliers of fly tying material.

Unfortunately, this idea did not go over too well with my wife, who, as anyone will readily realize, is not sympathetic to fly tying as you or I may be. The obvious alternative therefore, was for me to sneakily charge these just needs to my VISA and Mastercard cards and have the suppliers ship them directly to my secretary's home address.

Having pulled this coup successfully, I found myself confronted by a new dilemma: Lack of space. I surveyed the situation very carefully and soon deduced that it would psychologically be in my two sons' best interest, if they shared one bedroom instead of their having separate ones.

That evening, at the dinner table, I casually mentioned reading an American Medical Association report exulting the benefits of siblings being able to communicate freely from one bed to another. "We could also buy another color TV set and put it in their room..." I quickly added, when I saw the frown in everyone's face.

That did it. My wife saw herself, undisturbed, watching soap operas in the family room. The boys saw themselves undisturbed, watching the ball games in their bedroom, and I, of course, saw myself undisturbed, tying millions of flies in my brand new hobby room!

Three days and a brand new 21" Sony color set later, the move was completed; I finally had my own fly tying room.

It was then that I realized I had overlooked something minor... like a chair to sit on, a bench for my vise, shelving for the books and other incidental needs. Obviously, something had to be done quickly to remedy this awkward situation. The following day, I stopped at the local unpainted furniture store and bought a desk, chair, three bookcases and a large storage cabinet. Next, I went to the local department store and purchased three cork bulletin boards, a high intensity lamp, some magnets, a wastebasket and a few other desperately needed items.

Within two weeks, my fly tying room was completed. The furniture, now stained a light maple, was in its proper place. The books, in the bookcases, were filed in categorical order. Materials and tools were stored systematically in the desk drawers on the file cabinet. Everything was just perfect!!

That evening, to my utmost satisfaction, I tied a gorgeous, size 14 Adams which was reminiscent of the first dry fly I had bought for seventy five cents. I closed my eyes and, in my head, I added all the money I had spent so far just for this beautiful fly. I nearly had a heart attack when I figured that, this Adams had cost me almost two thousand dollars!

The following day, I went to a favorite trout stream, tied my brand new Adams to 6X tippet and cast it as gently as I could, to rising trout on the opposite bank. Needless to say, the fly got snagged on an overhead branch that was totally out of reach. I pulled on the line, snapped the leader and watched the equivalent of two thousand dollars just hang there.

As my mother used to say, "Easy come...easy go..."

... Gil Padovani  
FFF Club Wire

## Grante Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner

March 14, 2008

Doors open 5pm, Dinner at 7pm

Carmichael Elks Club, 5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael 95609

### **Last Chance to buy Annual Dinner Tickets**

The last chance to buy tickets for the Annual Dinner, in person, will be at the February general meeting. Tickets will not be on sale at the March meeting. Tickets may be purchased by mail until March 5th. Mail ticket request to:

Bev Hagopian, 7124 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville, Ca. 95747

Please include the name of the person(s) and meal choice with your ticket request. The meal choices are as follows:

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Please consider donating a raffle prize or auction item to the Annual Dinner. Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.

- Other handcrafted goods – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

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

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**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 Radoff at 916-624-2107.

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

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