

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Ron Hayashi

Bill Carnazzo, demonstrating some of the basic knots at the recent Knot Tying Clinic.

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# President's Message

Rick Radoff



Well, this is my twenty-fourth and last President's Message. Where has the time gone?

Thank you All for the support that I have received during the past two years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your President. Special thank yous to each Board Member that I have served with during the past two years. It takes passion and commitment from Volunteers like you to make a club like the Granite Bay Flycasters be so successful. Also, many thanks to all of the members that volunteered in one form or another, i.e. bringing snacks, leading fishouts, giving classes and clinics, helping with our booth at various events, helping with conservation, and helping with our annual picnic and dinner. A very special thanks to Frank Stolten, our *Leader Editor*, and Kent Ripley, our Webmaster, who keep us informed and visible to many other organizations. It takes many volunteers to run our very diverse Fly Fishing Club, and I applaud you all.

Early congratulations to your new President Mike Howes (running unopposed), and all of the new Officers and Directors for the new fiscal year of 2008/2009. I am sure that you will all do an outstanding job.

I congratulate all of the Members of the Granite Bay Flycasters that make up our great club that is well respected in the Fly-fishing community, and the Conservation community as well. Fran and I are off to the Board meeting in about an hour, and tomorrow we are off to the Bridgeport Fishout led by Bill and Bev Hagopian. We look forward to a great weekend of fishing and socializing with GBF Members, which is one of the greatest rewards of being a Granite Bay Flycaster.

I hope to see you all at the June General Meeting.

Tight Loops. . .Rick Radoff

## Sugar Creek Ranch



Let me start by saying what a wonderful fishing experience this was at Sugar Creek Ranch from April 4-6.

Gary Rhea and I set out on Friday April 4th at 7:40 am and headed up I-5 toward Redding with 325 miles ahead of us and filled with expectations of lots of big fish to be had. We left I-5 a couple of hours later on to Hwy 3 to Etna CA. Etna is about ten

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## MEMBERSHIP

Persons wishing to join Granite Bay Flycasters can go to the appropriate page on our fabulous web site and download the application form. Once it is downloaded and filled in, it can be sent to our club address or to me with the appropriate fee check.

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 Leader will be sent. We don't want our membership list to become stale, so please help us out on this. Also, **please check your email spam file periodically, or change your spam filter settings so that it automatically sends you a message telling you which messages have gone into that file; it appears that club-originated messages and some from individual members (including me) are going into spam files.** This will result in you not receiving important information about clinics, classes, outings, and other events, as well as email blasts from President Rick.

. . .Bill Carnazzo

## Outing Committee Report

### **Past outings**

As of this writing, the May 19th **Cameron Park** outing hasn't yet been held. Thanks to Bill King for working on this. Incidentally, Karl Wolff landed a huge bass there a few weeks ago—somewhere around 8-9 pounds. I'm sure that Karl will be glad to show you the nice picture he has of his trophy.

**Sly Park** is scheduled for May 28th; Gene Goss and Jim Holmes are handling this one. There are very nice Smallies in this lake, folks, so be sure to sign up and participate.

**Davis Lake** is scheduled for May 31-June 1. Once again Gene Goss and Jim Holmes, along with Ken Stram, are handling this exciting fishout. Ken has volunteered to allow members to camp out at his place near the lake. It should be a great outing, and I hear the lake is full of nice trout. Hopefully no one will catch a pike.

**Bridgeport/eastern Sierra** was also held in May. Thanks to Bill and Bev Hagopian for their annual help with this event. They know how to make it a fun, communal outing for members.

### **Upcoming outings**

#### **1. Outing schedule.**

You can view the fishout list (through (July, 2008) on the web-site; also, keep up with the message board for "impromptu" outings. There are a **few changes to the schedule:**

**Burney** will be held in the fall instead of May 23-25; we may com-

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bine this with the fall Casting for Recovery program. Stay tuned.

**The Upper Rubicon** trip will be June 21-22 instead of June 14-15

If you don't have access to the Internet and want a copy of the outing list, just give me a call or send me an email and I'll see to it that you get the list.

## **2. Upcoming outings**

**Annual picnic.** Mike Powers is heading up this event, and has formed a committee to help out. The dates are June 12-15. Once again, Tony Hamamoto, an excellent chef, will cook his matchless ribs. There will be a signup sheet at the May meeting, so be sure to participate in this fun event. The "not-so-special Olympics" will again be held, as well as a fly tying contest and a one-fly contest on Fuller Lake.

**Upper Rubicon.** This outing, scheduled for June 21-22, will introduce members to the 10 miles of river just below Hell Hole Reservoir. Access is via the Hunter Trail, beginning at Ellicott's Bridge. I will be hosting this trip; and a signup sheet will be available at the June meeting.

**Manzanita Lake.** Denny Welch and Hans Geyer will be hosting this outing on June 18th. Manzanita Lake is a beautiful alpine lake that contains large brown and rainbow trout. There will be a signup sheet available at the June meeting.

**Virginia Lakes.** Mike Kaul will host this outing on June 27-29th. Mike has done a great job on this for many years. The fishing has been good, with lots of camaraderie and good food. Sign up at the June meeting for this fun outing.

**Lake Natoma.** Jim Holmes will be handling this outing, which

is scheduled for June 11th, once again. This is your chance to catch trout on the huge *Hexagenia* nymph and adult patterns.

### **North Yuba Nymphing Clinic.**

This popular event will be held this year on July 19th, on the North Yuba River above Downieville. Members who want to learn how to successfully catch trout on nymphs, or improve their skills in that regard, are encouraged to sign up. I will conduct this clinic, with the help of some Granite Bay Flycasters stalwarts. We have to limit this to 20 members, so we will likely have to use the lottery format due to the traditionally large response. We'll take signups on this in June and July, but for now place the date on your calendar if you want to participate.

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

### **Outings, Classes, and Clinics.**

As of this writing, we haven't established dates for a number of clinics that are on the drawing boards, including one on advanced knot tying, another on lines and leaders, a spey casting class, a stillwater fishing class, and a few others. Ample notice will be provided for these.

### **Schedule of Outings, Classes, and Clinics for July-December, 2008**

It's time to plan our outings, classes, and clinics schedule for the second half of 2008. We've had a great time with our outings during the last year (July, 07 to present),

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but we need to keep up the momentum. We've already had offers from Chuck Honeycutt to chair a Heenan Lake outing late this summer; Ron Hayashi and Sturmer White to do an advanced knot clinic; Ron Hayashi and John Peterson to do an introductory spey clinic; and Jim Holmes and Gene Goss to do a class on still water fishing. Members have also asked for a clinic to demystify lines, leaders, etc., and we will do that.

We need input from members on suggested outings for this upcoming period, as well as volunteers willing to lead the outings. The response for the last year has been terrific. We also want suggestions for classes and clinics, which are an important part of our education mission. We are, first and foremost, a fishing club--so we need to do outings, and we need to pass along our skills to members wanting to improve theirs.

**Here's what we'd like:**

1. Suggestions as to fishout venues.
2. Volunteers to lead outings.
3. Suggestions as to classes and clinics that would be helpful, in addition to those mentioned above.

You can send your suggestions to Bill Carnazzo, whose contact information is set out below. From there the outing committee, consisting of Bill, Denny, and Mike Susslin, will take over and come up with specifics and a schedule. Thanks.  
Bill Carnazzo

## Lake Natoma Fishout

Our local Lake Natoma Fishout is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11 in the evening starting at about 6:00. We will be fishing the Hexagenia hatch, if it comes off. This is a very late hatch and it doesn't happen until almost dark, if at all.

You will need some Hex nymphs for the pre-emergence, emergers and dries for the actual hatch.

We will be fishing from tubes or other floating devices, meeting at the southeast part of the parking lot near the Lake Natoma boat center, keeping our cars together. Last time the rangers were very unhappy with a few who parked away from the group and were going to ticket them, so keep together!!

We had a sign-up at the last general meeting but if you want your name added to the list, give me a call or e-mail.

This is a maybe event...if the bugs are not hatching, it will be fruitless to go. Gene Goss and I will be keeping our eyes on the water and let you all know if this is a go as we get closer to the event.

... Jim Holmes  
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## Annual Elections

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

President	Mike Howes
Vice President, Membership	Bill Carnazzo
Vice President, Conservation	Robin Egan
Secretary	Karl Wolff
Treasurer	Chuck Honeycutt
Directors (2), 3 year term	Larry Goodell, Ray Ito, Mike Susslin
Director-at-Large, 1 year term	Tom Pettey

## Warmwater Corner

Well, This is a great time to fish for bass, both smallmouth and largemouth. They have finished spawning at the lower elevations. After spawning, the females will go to deep water to rest for about two weeks. The male guards the nest until the fry start eating small insects. The male will then go to deep water and rest for two to three weeks. Neither fish will readily take a fly during these times. However, after they have rested they will go on a feeding frenzy.

The most dominant food available to them this time of the year is the minnow and small panfish. The best place for them to find this food is in the weeds along the shore. If you fish the Delta, try the floating weeds. On these floating weed beds, try a popper thrown right in the middle of the weeds. You will be amazed at how much of this tangled bunch of garbage that the bass can penetrate to get your popper. You can also fish the edges of the weeds but your cast has to be very close to the edge of the weeds. Use either a single or double weedguard.

Another fly that works well for largemouth is the rabbit strip fam-

ily of flies. These flies need to be fished on the bottom in a very slow retrieve. Smallmouth will also take this pattern in a smaller size fished in a rocky area such as off of a dam or an overflow area.

Some fishermen have complained to me that when a largemouth takes a fly, it is so subtle that they cannot feel the take. If this is your problem, put a few inches of your rod underwater. It will greatly increase the sensitivity of the strike. With smallmouth this is not a problem, you will know when one takes your fly.

...Pete Peterson

### 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*.



*"This lake looked a whole lot bigger on the map."*

Well, summer is near and the heat is here! The conservation committee met on May 8th and finalized the 2007-08 donation schedule. This year we were given an extra allowance and dispersed a total of \$20,000. \$10,000.00 of this, as I've previously reported, is being given to the Placer County Legacy Project and will be used for the Auburn Ravine Fish Passage installations. An enlarged copy of the check will be presented to the Placer County Board at their next board meeting on May 27th. We are very excited about this and look forward to seeing this project move forward, and hopefully do some hands on work too.

Another new project has come up as well. The Sac-Sierra Chapter of Trout Unlimited is participating in an Embrace-A-Stream project focusing on the improvement of a specific section of the Upper Mokelumne River. We are donating a total of \$600.00 for help with this project, in addition to getting involved with the installation process of the woody

debris (fourteen large wood habitat structures and 20 root wad structures) within the Electra Road section of the river. This installation is planned for late summer / early fall, and we will need several volunteers for the job. Details of this project will be posted on the conservation page of the GBF website.

The committee also agreed to commit to a small donation to South Yuba River Citizens League specifically for their 3rd Annual Spring-run Chinook Salmon Symposium. This would be in addition to our budgeted donation. For more information on this event, visit [www.yubariver.org](http://www.yubariver.org) or [www.calsalmon.org](http://www.calsalmon.org). This event will be July 10-12th this summer in Nevada City, CA.

We are creating a list of volunteers that could be available for DFG wild trout surveys to be done on our local waters. If anyone who hasn't signed up yet is still interested, please contact Mike Laing at [mwlaing@aol.com](mailto:mwlaing@aol.com). DFG also wants to know which waters we would be interested in the most.

David Baker reported that for Creek Week this year, GBF members Frank Stolten, Mike Howes, Joe Aichroth, Bill Hagopian and Rick Radoff, volunteered to man a GBF display at the Roseville Earth Day celebration on April 19th held at their new Utility Exploration Center. The booth featured GBF's classroom fish-rearing program and fly-tying demonstrations. GBF members, along with American Civil Construction personnel, Roseville City employees and a couple of walk-on volunteers also removed water

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hyacinth on Linda Creek in Granite Bay on April 27th. Our members included Candida and David Lee, Eric Palmer, John Carroz and David Baker. They say it was a hard and dirty job, but the rewards were getting to know our fellow club members better, seeing several mother ducks and their ducklings, and doing a little to restore a local creek.

Well, that's all for now folks. Stay tuned next month for more from your conservation committee! Our next meeting will be held at the Raley's in Granite Bay at the corner of Douglas Blvd and Auburn-Folsom Road at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 12th in the conference room in the back!

. . .Robin Egan,  
[Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com)

P.S. I will post the full details of our donation schedule on the website for members' review.

## Manzanita Lake Fishout Wednesday, June 18

When the girls were young, Rosemary and I would haul out the tent trailer and make our annual pilgrimage to Lassen National Park and camp out for a week at the Manzanita Lake Campground. We did that for many years because it was one of our favorite places in the world to camp and to fish. The girls got older and the tent trailer finally gave out so we quit going. It's probably been 15 years since I've fished Manzanita.

Manzanita Lake is located less than 1/2 mile from the entrance to Lassen Park off of Highway 44. It's located about one hour east of Red-

ding. It's one of the prettiest lakes you'd ever want to see. It's smaller than Fuller Lake and you can probably hike around it in 30 minutes or so. The large paved parking lot is right next to the lake which makes it easy to get your float tube, pontoon or pram in and out of the water. The lake itself is a fly anglers dream. Crystal clear and usually full of hungry rainbows, the lake has a healthy dose of subsurface vegetation which leads to good angling.

For those who want to camp, the campground is located within walking distance of the lake. The campground is big, RV friendly and clean. It even has its own small store.

If you can stay up there for a few days the park is full of other small lakes. For those with more energy than me the park has numerous hiking trails and other points of interest.

Hans Geyer and I are leading this trip. We'll have a sign up sheet available at the June meeting and will also have a posting on the message board. Feel free to give either of us a call with any questions. Hans...916-797-3721 or me at 916-786-2070.

Until next time,

. . .Denny

## Virginia Lakes Fishout June 27 - 29

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

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*GBF - Monthly Meeting*



The Speaker for our June meeting will be Leo Gutterres. Leo is a long time resident of Stockton, CA, and has been an avid fresh and saltwater fly fisherman for many years. Among other things, he is well known for his "Leo's Lucky Poppers," which have not only proven to be incredibly effective surface patterns for all bass species, but are absolute works of art. He has also developed a furred leader system that efficiently turns over the most wind resistant flies, while providing shock absorption on violently thrashing fish. Equally important, he has refined an aggressive style of fighting and ultimately subduing large tarpon.

Leo will give us a presentation on "Tarpon on a Fly." In his inimitable style, he will cover preparation and practice as well as the equipment, rigging and techniques that will put the odds in your favor of landing a "Silver King." He will also discuss the particulars of some of his favorite tarpon destinations.

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miles from Sugar Creek. It is a small town with only a few amenities but the best you will have for 25 miles. Bob's restaurant is a small town diner and is ok. The Outback steak and rib place in town was the best. It is outback of the bar and hence it's name.

We stayed in the guide's cabin at Sugar Creek which is separated from the main lodge and is about a quarter mile up the road. It has two bedrooms, one bath, small furnished kitchen and a living room. The cabin was comfortable and met our needs well. The main lodge has rooms for six with all the amenities, even a fly tying station.

Gary and I started fishing early Friday afternoon on the larger lower ponds and had some success around the culverts which fill the ponds. These ponds hold the larger fish which respond to darker wooly buggers, dark bead head leaches and crawdad flies. Saturday & Sunday morning we chose to fish the middle ponds. They are smaller and shallower but hold large numbers of 12 to 14 inch fish which you can fish directly to all morning long. Don't plan on fishing these ponds after noon - the fish must have a strong union because they stopped biting exactly at noon both days. These fish were attracted to dark bead head leaches and crawdad flies. We used five weight rods which seemed to work well.

This entire fishery is set in what was once the third most productive gold strip mining operation in California. The mining stopped around 1950 according to documentation found in the lodge. However, the devastated landscape stands all around you as a stark reminder

of the destructive forces of man's greed. The terrain is full of wildlife. There is evidence of beavers and we had several deer approach us during our stay.

My compliments to Mike Kalpin, Sugar Creek's owner, for his hospitality and not over developing this fine fishery.

. . .Dennis Baker

## Bridgeport Fishout 2008

Everything about the fishout was a high: the altitude, the price of gas, the temperature and the success! One would expect going to the Eastern Sierras in mid-May would be cold and possibly wet, but this year the weather was fantastic. The temperatures were in the mid-eighties during the day and the forties at night.

A total of 18 GBF members attended the fishout. With the cost of gas (in Bridgeport regular was \$4.69) it was great to see so many people in attendance. This was the first fishout for several members. Special thanks to Mike Kaul for helping the newer members with still water fishing.

Overall fishing was good, averaging about 6 fish per day per person.

Save next May 15 -17, 2009 for the next Bridgeport Fishout.

. . .Bev and Bill Hagopian

### **Welcome New Members**

Here is a list of our newest members; please make a point of welcoming them at our meetings:

John Gorski  
Corley Phillips  
Dan Brosier

## Burk's Hare's Ear Bottom Roller

Last year Andy Burk treated 6 Granite Bay Flycasters members to a clinic on "Czech Nymphing," which is very similar to the short line method that I teach in my clinics and during guide gigs. Once properly learned, these methods are extremely productive. Learning the proper drift technique takes time and patience, but it pays significant, real dividends in the long run. Andy's rig differs somewhat from the rig that I use; actually, I like his rig so much that I've modified my own in a few respects to include some of Andy's concepts.

I've learned a lot from watching Andy tie and talking to him about fly construction. Above all, he is a practical tyer—meaning that he ties flies that do indeed catch fish, and are not overly difficult to tie. His "bottom roller" series certainly meets those criteria. The flies are very heavy; consequently they sink quickly and stay down when drifted properly. One of my favorites among the various rock roller patterns is the Hare's Ear Bottom Roller. That's the one we'll tie for this month's fly. If you want to watch Andy tie this fly, check out his UTube video at <http://video.aol.com/video-detail/andy-burk-burks-bottom-roller/1094338183>.

### Tying Instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless version of the scud hook. .025 lead wire from the middle of the hook bend to the bead. Push the bead and lead back

from the eye slightly, because the fly will be tied off in front of the bead. Apply a thin layer of Flexament to the bead and lead.



Steps 1 & 2

2. Tie the thread on in front of the bead and build up a small

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### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1130 (or Tiemco 2457) scud hook, size 8
Thread:	Tan monochord or similar thread
Bead:	3.3 mm gold tungsten bead
Abdomen:	Arizona Peacock Synthetic Dubbing - Hare's Ear color
Ribbing:	Monofilament tying thread, or a piece of 5x tippet material
Wing case:	Pearl "Sili-skin"
Thorax:	Arizona Peacock Synthetic Dubbing - Peacock color
Weight:	.025 lead, wrapped from mid-bend to behind bead

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bump there to keep the bead from sliding forward. Jump the bead with the thread and cover the shank/lead with thread.

3. Cut a piece of Sili-Skin approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and 1" long. Cut the end to a point, but leave the backing on for now. Peel the backing back slightly from the point you just cut, and tie that point in, sticky side up. It should be tied in on the lead wraps, and stretched rearward while wrapping the thread over it to the rear. Continue to leave the backing on for now, and let the Sili-Skin hang there out of the way.



*Steps 3 & 4*

4. Tie in the monofilament ribbing at the rear end of the abdomen and place it in your material clip for now.

5. Dub a nicely tapered abdo-



*Steps 5 & 6*

men with the Hare's Ear color dubbing material. End the abdomen approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$ " behind the bead.

6. Dub a collar (thorax) of the Peacock color dubbing material.

7. Pull the Sili-Skin over the top of the body, stretching it slightly over the top of the bead. Tie it down in front of the bead.



*Steps 7 & 8*

8. Wrap the mono ribbing forward, making sure that the Sili-Skin does not move to the far side of the hook as you wrap. Tie the ribbing off in front of the bead and whip finish the fly.

9. Using a small wire brush or other dubbing teaser tool, rough up the bottom of the fly somewhat to create a fuzzy look.



*Step 9*

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## Rod Building 107C: Guides - General

This is the third of four articles covering guide sizing and spacing on a blank. Discussed below are some of the specifics a rod builder may want to consider when choosing guide spacing and sizes.

**Bottom stripping guide location and size:** When casting a line with a fly rod, the fly line is typically fed with the left hand for a right-handed caster, or the right hand for a left-handed caster. The line is essentially “shot” from the rod from loose line that lies on the water, bank, boat deck, or stripping basket. During this process the line has to pass through the bottom stripping guide (the guide closest to the butt of the rod) at an angle. The angle between the line and the rod decreases when the bottom stripping guide is placed closer to the tip of the rod. Conversely, if the lower stripping guide is placed closer to the reel, the line angle in relation to the rod passing through the bottom stripping guide increases. To minimize friction and increase the casting distance, the guide should be placed closer towards the tip. However, if the stripping guide is placed too far towards the tip, the caster will experience line slap, which instead increases friction and decreases casting distance. In addition, severe line slap can also cause blank damage. It is important that the rod builder consider placing the bottom stripping guide close enough to the butt end of the rod to eliminate line slap.

Another technique to reduce line slap is to change the rotation angle

of the guide from the other guides (from bottom being 0 degrees to an angle of 20 to 45 degrees) towards the hand feeding the line. This will help reduce friction. Another technique to reduce line slap is to increase the size of the lower stripping guide to keep the line away from the blank. A high profile guide (built with the loop further away from the foot) will also position the line further from the blank and will help prevent line slap. For optimal performance, the rod builder should consider placing the first stripping guide about 1/3 of the total length of the rod from the butt of the reel seat. This distance will vary based on the length of the rod and may be from 24 to 37 inches.

**Tip top guide:** In terms of tip top guides there are two choices. These include: (1) a regular loop; and (2) a large loop. Typically fly rods of weights through 6 weight use a regular loop sized guide. Fly rods of 7 weight through 15 weight use the large loop size. If minimal friction is desired for 5 or 6 weight rods, use a large loop. It works great although it might look rather odd.

**Remaining guides:** For a “traditional” fly rod, the first guide below the tip top is usually placed between 3 ½ to 5 inches away. The remaining guides should then be proportionally spaced (assuming straight taper of blank) through the remaining distance from the first guide to the bottom stripper guide. This provides an even force distribution on the blank under stress, thus causing less breakage. If the blank has a compound taper,

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you want a treat, take a short hike up the trail to a walk-in lake that contains Golden Trout.

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. 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. Space can be limited and larger RV's may need to camp in an area just down the road. More information will be available at the June meeting.

**Joint Tahoe-  
Truckee Flyfishers/  
Granite Bay Flycasters  
Truckee River Fishout  
July 12, 2008**

Here's a great opportunity to learn about the Truckee River and surrounding waters from people who know and fish it.

The TTFF (Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers) has invited Granite Bay Flycasters to a joint fishout/BBQ in Truckee on July 12th. This is their annual BBQ, which will be held at

Regional Park on the River. There are many locations close by to fish and enjoy the outdoors.

The main course is ribs, chicken, and tri-tip and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Anyone interested in joining TTFF for a day of fishing the upper mountain rivers and lakes can sign up at the June and July meetings. More details to follow as we get closer to the date.

Equipment needed for nymphing: 4 or 5 weight 9 foot rod, floating line and 7 ½ foot tapered leader (3x). For dry fly fishing you'll need a 9 foot leader tapered to 4x. We will be wade fishing so you need wading boots and a staff. Camping is available in the area for those interested.

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact Bill Carnazzo at [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net), or at (530) 367-5209. You can also contact Vickie Fenner, president of TTFF, at [vfenner4@gmail.com](mailto:vfenner4@gmail.com).

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**Tying tips:**

1. When you are ribbing the fly, start with close wraps at the rear, widening the gaps as you go forward. If you look at a living nymph's segments, you will see this pattern.

2. Visit the following web site for some color ideas for Czech nymphs, which are very similar to Andy's Bottom Roller flies: [http://www.czechnymph.com/en/index.php?show\\_page=gallery&glsection=1.&glarchive=0&glcurrent\\_item=30](http://www.czechnymph.com/en/index.php?show_page=gallery&glsection=1.&glarchive=0&glcurrent_item=30).

Fish bottom rollers in pocket water, using short line techniques. Go rip a few lips, and....see ya on the creek.

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# GBF Annual Picnic and One Fly Tournament

## June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

### Fuller Lake

This year 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. If you have any ideas about how to better the games please let us know. Call Dave Thompson or Dan Lovesee.

**Thursday, June 12th** - Arrive any time, set-up camp, open a soda, and kick back. Or go fish!

**Friday, June 13th - Go Fish!**

**Saturday, June 14th** - 9:00AM - Start the One-Fly Tournament on Fuller Lake. 12:00 noon the tournament ends. This is a chance to put your skills in a friendly competition for bragging rights and some great prizes. In categories of most fish, largest fish, smallest fish, first to loose their fly, etc.

After the Tournament barbecues will be fired up. Thank you chef Tony and the assistant chefs!

While the ribs are cooking we will hold the 4th annual "Frank Massey Memorial Not So Special Olympics". This is open to all. It's like picnic games with fly fishing skills combined with drinking or not. Thank you Dave and Dan for your willingness to plan fun games for everyone!

**Dinner** will begin at 6:00PM. After dinner the Awards ceremony for the One-Fly tournament and the Massey games will be held. At dark we will start the bon-fire and roast marshmallows.

**Sunday June 15th:** pack up and Go Fish!

**WHERE:** Bear Valley PG&E Group Campground

**DIRECTIONS:** From Roseville take I-80 east to the Highway 20 "Grass Valley exit". Go about 5 miles north 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.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 12th - Sunday, June 15th or whenever you can make it.

**THE DETAILS:**

1. Bring your Family
2. Have a great time
3. GBF will provide the best barbeque of the year thanks To Grill Meister Tony and all the volunteers on Saturday eve. If everyone brings a side dish or dessert, what a feast we will have!

Campsites are first-come/first-served. We have limited space at the main campground for RVs, but plenty of space within walking distance just outside the campground. We will have signup sheets at the April and May meetings or you can email me with your name & head-count. All are welcome; but we need to know how much food to buy and who is participating in the 1-Fly Tournament.

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### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for May

**Beginners:** -  
Robin Egan

**Non-beginners:** -  
Ray Ito

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Jack Ramos

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with the action mostly tip oriented, more guides should be placed in the tip length, and fewer guides placed on the stiffer lower portion of the blank.

For proportional guide spacing, simple mathematical formulas have been developed. However, it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss the mathematical formulas and their derivation. If you are interested in learning about them in more detail, feel free to contact myself or refer to "The New Advanced Custom Rod Building" by Dale P. Clemens, page 194. If you are only interested in using a calculator

(given length, number of guides, and length of first guide to tip top), try the following web link:<http://www.uwm.edu/~stetzer/guideN.html>. This web link provides a couple of good methods.

The number of guides needed for the rest of the rod varies based on length. There should be enough guides so that no flat spots occur when bending the rod. The following procedure will show flat spots. You may want to engage someone's help for this procedure. Support the fly rod to a 45 degree angle, with the guides located below the rod in their normal position. Lock the line and

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then pull down on the line past the tip. This places the rod in a bend similar to fighting a fish. Make sure the line follows the arc of the rod. There should be no excessive line angles (or flat spots) with the line following the bended rod. Rules of thumb for guides needed are; (1) an 8 ft. rod needs about 9 guides (excluding tip top); (2) a 9 ft. rod needs about 10 guides (excluding tip top); and (3) a 10 ft. rod needs about 11 guides (excluding tip top).

For the guide sizes that should be used, guide size will vary based on the rod weight. A typical fly line has different taper designs (different diameters at different distances), and different densities. These considerations will be discussed in more detail in the upcoming article, so that you can choose the proper size of guides for your custom rod.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, or e-mail at [larrylee@13rods.com](mailto:larrylee@13rods.com).

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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.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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