President’s Message

by Mike Howes

It is time to renew your membership for the 2010 year. At our next general meeting we will be accepting membership renewals for 2010. We have left the membership at $30 per person, or $35 per family. I don’t know of a better deal. The club offers so much.

We had over 40 clinics this year, most of them free for the membership. Young and old were able to learn how to fly fish and respect our watersheds. We had 6 guest speakers at our general meetings. We held an annual picnic for the members. We were responsible for forming many friendships and fishing buddies. It is a great club, so sign up for 2010 at the next meeting. To make it even easier, we can now also accept either VISA or MasterCard.

Well, talk about greatness...tickets for our annual dinner go on sale at the next general meeting. The annual dinner is where we make our money to run the club. We have a raffle and silent auction. Members are able to bid on fishing equipment and trips. This year we have the “Back Forty” Texas Barbeque catering the affair. It is an evening of fun and social embracing. The dinner is March 27th, and the tickets are $38 per person. VISA and MasterCard accepted.

Our club is run by volunteers, many of them unknown for what they do for the club. For instance, Pete Peterson—I know everyone knows Pete—but do you know what he does for the club? At the general meetings, Pete opens up the clubhouse (6:00 PM) and starts the coffee for the meeting. He is at the fly tying jam, available to show a member “how to tie a bass fly.” He is the liaison to Kiene’s Fly shop. He is on the Board of Officers and Directors. In the past, he was on the annual dinner committee, and he was the GBF chair for the “Salmon Festival.” I point this out only to “Thank” Pete for his dedication to the club. I hope the next time you see Pete, you give him a “Thanks,” or a hug.

Bill Carnazzo is stepping down from the position for Education Lead to pursue some business interests. Thanks Bill.

I would like to welcome Art Livingston; he has volunteered to take over the Education Lead. Art is an excellent replacement. His knowledge of the club and its in-house experts will enable him to hit the road running. Welcome aboard Art.

It is time again for our Chili Cook off and Swap Meet on December 5th. The Swap Meet is held at the clubhouse from 8:00 AM to Noon. I urge all new members to come early to the Swap Meet to pick up some great deals on fishing equipment. Also, those Chefs out there, bring your crock pot of chili to compete against the best. Some of the names of the chilis in the past have been: “Just Passing,” “Slow Burn Venison Chili,” “Midnight Express,” “Three bean chili,” and “Just Passing 2.” Just Passing 2 was awarded the bragging rights last year. Judging of the chili is by all attendees, and it takes place around 11:00 AM. Denny Welch is heading up the effort this year. In fact, he headed it up last year and won—go figure...

. . . Life is reel.

Mike Howes
GBF President
The speaker for our November meeting will be Cary Boyden. He is a long-time fly fisherman, past president and very active member of the Davis Fly Fishers. Cary started fishing at about the age of 4 on Sunapee Lake in New Hampshire (home of the Sunapee golden trout). He spent a good portion of his youth on the Deerfield River and on surrounding streams in Western Massachusetts. In 1970, he moved to California and quickly became what he describes as a “steelhead junkie.” However, foreseeing a drop in that fishery over time, and with the impediment of a bad hip, he decided to find an alternative to wading the difficult and sometimes dangerous streams that he loved. Consequently, he became increasingly interested in stillwater fisheries.

Over the last 10 years he has extensively fished stillwaters in BC, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and various parts of California. During this time, he has had the opportunity to observe, fish with, and learn from some of the pre-eminent chironomid anglers in North America. As he puts it, he has, “developed a love of staring mindlessly at bobbers, which I hope in some small way to engender or enhance in others through this program.”

Cary’s program is called “Chironomid and Other Bobber Fishing.” He will discuss a bit of chironomid facts, the requisites to California stillwaters and some suggested approaches. He will also describe various California stillwater venues with an emphasis on specific spots to target.

For detailed information on this fishout, go to Deschutes River Fishout at GBF’s web site.
The Annual Dinner Date is Official!

The Annual Dinner Committee has done it again (found a great speaker for the Annual Dinner event, that is). Dave Scadden is officially on the books for our big annual bash coming up Saturday, March 27th. Dave is widely considered to be one of the pioneers of inflatable fishing craft design and development. His innovative work over the past 20 years with float tubes, kayaks, and pontoon boats has influenced models offered by some of the biggest players in the inflatables market today.

In addition to running his own pontoon boat business (North Fork Outfitters), Dave has written for fly fishing magazines and lectured on inflatable boat techniques and safety. As a life-long (and well-traveled) fly fisherman, Dave is amply-qualified to share his unequalled professional expertise and abundant personal experiences on “getting off the bank” (via inflatables).

Dave will provide an evening program at the dinner and a ‘day program’ at the GBF clubhouse earlier that day. More details to come!

Tickets for the dinner will be available at upcoming general club meetings for $38 each. Cash, check, and VISA/Mastercard accepted.

Great speaker, great raffle, great silent auction… the 2010 Annual Dinner is going to be a great event all around! Mark your calendar!

The Wet Fly Award

The Board is still accepting nominations for the club’s infamous Wet Fly Award. This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of ‘oneness’ with the waters we fish… who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry… who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis… who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who’s slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won’t mind having the story recounted aloud at our annual dinner on March 27th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story, ASAP. Remember… think wet!

Keep up-to-date by visiting the Granite Bay Flycasters website at www.gbflycasters.org

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Report on Crowley Lake Fishout

Attending were Chuck Garland, Jim and Marti Holmes, Bill Lockhart, Gene Goss, Tom Petty, Art Livingston, and John Hogg.

Crowley Lake is known for big fish, with favorable regulations in the autumn that cater to the catch and release fly angler. But an algae bloom in mid-September resulted in Crowley being covered by a dense green algae mat that more resembled a lawn than a lake. Was it fishable? Undaunted stalwarts found the water off Sandy Point to be a little clearer, and three of our members, fishing there, Jim, Gene, and Bill, got hookups, and landed some big fish.

In McGee Bay, where it was really thick, Chuck and John joined other boat anglers, and learned to attach a large split shot to their chironomid rigs. Then using sparsely tied midge patterns that wouldn’t gather any goop as they sunk, and a vigorous shake of the rig once it did sink, completed the tactic.

There is a grave concern for the spread of zebra mussels to Eastern Sierra waters, and Crowley Lake is doing boat inspections, as are the AG inspection stations in Truckee and Lake Topaz. When Tom and Art went to some private fishing waters, they were required to use float tubes and waders that were provided by the ranch, rather than using their own.

A pizza dinner on Friday night, and a Saturday night barbeque hosted by the Holmes at their Convict Lake campsite rounded out the trip.

Great Raffle Prizes

At each year’s Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at ‘wholesale’ or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner. Our success at obtaining nice raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds needed to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you’ll benefit all year!

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 Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

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Conservation Corner

Our October Meeting had only 3 attendees besides myself and our speaker. And, for those interested in the FERC relicensing going on all over Northern CA, you missed a good one! Julie Liembach was kind enough to drive down to our meeting to give us an update on all that Foothills Water Network has been involved in. See the additional report in this month’s newsletter for details of this update.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

October 3rd – Red Sesbania Removal

We had 10 volunteers, including myself. Mel Odemar, Mike Howes and Tom Pettrey had their rubber boots and were able to reach the island, and boy did they find the “mother lode”, as Tom describes it! There were so many plants there, they had to get the smaller ones on the way back. Many of the larger plants could not be removed with a weed wrench, so the pods were collected and bagged and carried out, so they cannot propagate further. We finished around 10:45 or so, and then enjoyed a BBQ Hamburger and Hot Dog lunch. Thanks to Nancy Harbolt, Paul Egan, Mitchell Egan, Emily Egan, Art Savery, Austin Savery, Mel Odemar, Mike Howes and Tom Pettrey for all your time and hard work!

October 18th – Truckee River Day

In conjunction with Sac-Sierra Trout Unlimited, a few of us assisted the Truckee River Watershed Council with the 14th Annual Truckee River Day. Thanks to Larry Goodell and Tony Fabian for volunteering their time to represent GBF and help with this annual event.
November 7th – Red Sesbania Removal
Our next workday for Red Sesbania (Sesbania punicea) removal will be Saturday, November 7th. We will meet at Rio Americano High School’s (4540 American River Drive) parking lot at 9:00 AM (From Fair Oaks Blvd, turn south on Saverien Dr - this dead-ends into the school). Plan on working until around noontime. Lunch and water will be provided. **WE NEED PEOPLE WHO CAN WADE!** We will be focusing on the actual island that is inaccessible during high water flows. We still need a few people to go along the north bank where we’ve been working, but our primary focus will be the island this month. Bring WADERS and/or rubber hip boots, long sleeves and long pants. Shoes that can get wet/muddy are preferable (or wading boots), as we will have to get in the water to reach some areas. Please let me know if you will be able to participate, so I have a head count for lunch.

**LEGISLATION STATUS**

**AB1052 – Bay/Delta Stamp Extension**
Signed into law by the Governor on 10/11/09! This means that “starting Jan. 1, 2010, the stamp and associated use fee required to fish within the bay/delta system will not be required. In addition, the committee will be continued to provide oversight and accountability of the $6 million fund balance remaining on account. Other operational conditions addressing the way DFG manages the program have been included within the legislation as a result of a Joint Legislative Audit regarding DFG accounting practices, project selection, public notification and application of these funds.” See the rest of Mike McKenzie’s (of CSPA) post on Dan Blanton’s BB here: http://www.danblanton.com/viewmessage.php?id=129761.

**AB 39 (Huffman)—Delta Plan**
In Senate Committee for Natural Resources and Water- Last Action: From Conference Committee: With recommendation: That Senate amendments be concurred in and that the bill be further amended. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan.

**AB 49 (Feuer-Huffman)—Water Efficiency**
In Senate Appropriations Committee- Last Action: From Conference Committee: With recommendation: That Senate amendments be concurred in and that the bill be further amended. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a 20% water efficiency requirement for the year 2020 for agricultural and urban water users.

**SB 12 (Simitian)—Delta Stewardship Council**
In Assembly for Water, Parks and Wildlife- Set, first hearing. Further hearing to be set. This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Stewardship Council.

**SB 229 (Pavley)—Delta Interim Actions, Water Rights, Groundwater**
In Assembly for Water, Parks and Wildlife- Set, first hearing. Further hearing to be set. This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to authorize actions to be undertaken prior to the adoption of a comprehensive Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Plan.

**SB 458 (Wolk)—Delta Conservancy, Delta Protection Commission Revision**
In Assembly for Water, Parks and Wildlife- Set, first hearing. Further hearing to be set. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and to modify the Delta Protection Commission.

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd (YES, election day) at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in FAIR OAKS (San Juan & Winding Way). As always, all are welcome to attend.

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Baetis Cripple

Why feature a mayfly pattern during the winter months, you ask? That’s certainly a legitimate question. But the answer is simple: Baetis mayflies hatch regularly during most of the year, including winter. We non-scientific anglers call this diminutive insect a “blue winged olive.” Graceful in their appearance, and muted in their subtle coloration, these lovely little fellows wane in their size as the season progresses: From about ¼” in the spring to 1/8” or smaller in late fall and early winter.

Set forth below is an excerpt is taken from the following web page:
http://www.troutnut.com/hatch/180/Mayfly-Baetis-Blue-Winged-Olives:

“Baetis nymphs are normally outstanding swimmers, but they are reported to lose this ability when they emerge. They get to the surface buoyed by gas bubbles, or by crawling to the surface on some object and letting go to drift along in the film (rather than crawling out). They have trouble breaking through the surface film, escaping their shucks and drying their wings to take flight, which means that almost any type of surface fly has its uses. The Baetis angler may need to use deep nymphs, floating nymphs, emerger patterns, or dun patterns during this emergence. Common wisdom says floating nymph and emerger patterns are the most useful. Dismal weather invites the best hatches of Baetis mayflies; look for them on overcast, rainy days, as long as the water temperature is above 40°F.”

The Troutnut.com site is a powerhouse of information on aquatic insects; articles are often accompanied by excellent images such as these two of a Baetis dun and nymph:

This month’s pattern is called a “cripple.” I am often asked the following question: What is a “cripple” and how does it differ from an “emerger?” Again from the Troutnut.com web site: “In fly fishing, a cripple is any insect which has been injured or deformed so that it cannot escape the water. This may include stillborn emergers or fully emerged adults which have been damaged, often by wind or waves, so that they can no longer fly. Trout often favor eating crippled insects.”

Personally, I take a practical approach: For fishing purposes, the difference between the two terms is of little significance. Patterns we call “emergers” can be used to imitate “cripples.” The pattern I have selected for this month is generic enough in appearance to bridge the gap and accomplish our aim: To fool our beloved prey.

Fly Tyer’s Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

MATERIAL LIST

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The Baetis Cripple pattern belongs to Bob Quigley, the guru of spring creek fly angling (especially his home water, the Fall River). It floats well, uses readily available materials, and is visible despite its tiny size.

**Tying Instructions**

1. Smash the barb and cover the hook with a layer of thread, leaving the bobbin to hang just below the back of the barb.

2. Cut a small bunch of relatively long pheasant tail fibers and tie them in a just above the back of the barb. Don’t trim the butts as they are used in the next step.

3. Wind the butts of the pheasant tail fibers 2/3 of the way up the hook shank and tie them off there.

4. Dub a small thorax in front of the abdomen, leaving enough room to mount the wing and hackle in front of it.

5. Cut a small bunch of tan deer hair, stack it, and tie it ahead of the thorax with the tips extending out over the eye of the hook. This will be the cripple's wing. The length of the wing should be approximately equal to the hook shank. Trim the hair butts, leaving a small visible butt; this is done to resemble the remains of the nymph’s wing case. Place a tiny drop of super glue on the wraps.

6. Prepare a properly sized hackle and tie it in on the wraps taken for the wing. Wrap the hackle 3 or 4 times around the shank and tie it off.

7. Whip finish in front of the wing, behind the eye, and trim the thread. Add a tiny drop of super glue to the threads.

**Hints:**

1. Tie these bugs in different sizes, from #16 to #22.

2. When fishing the Baetis Cipple, put floatant only on the deer hair and hackle; the rest of the fly should be submerged and therefore needs to be free of floatant. Consequently, you should not use desiccant/silicone powders with this pattern.

3. If you want the bug to fish slightly subsurface, then add some copper wire ribbing to the abdomen.

4. Don’t forget to also have some Baetis dun patterns (e.g., Parachute Adams) and nymphs (e.g., Pheasant Tail Nymphs).

Go crank some of these bugs, fool some trout with them, and...see ya on the creek!

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**Fly Tying Contest Winners for October**

**Beginners:** Steve Wilkens

**Advanced:** Jack Ramos

**Advanced:** $25 Certificate to American Fly Fishing: Jack Ramos
Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff

We’ve got our **SWAP MEET AND CHILI COOKOFF** scheduled to take off on Saturday, December 5th. Officially, we start at 9:00 and will go until noon or 1:00, depending on the crowd. I plan on getting there at about 7:00 to start getting things set up for the multitudes. That usually means that selling, buying, haggling, back stabbing, lying and cheating actually starts at 7:00.

The swap meet is always a huge event. It’s the one time each year we can stock up on those things we really need and also get rid of all the stuff we bought last year. Rods, reels, boats/float tubes, tying materials, flies, waders and many other items will all be there. It’s also the one time each year you can get all of these things at a reasonable price.

I’ve also gotten a number of calls concerning the chili. We have some pretty different stuff coming again this year and I’d like to speak for just a moment on safety. For obvious reasons, we cannot allow any open flames in the building. For those of you with respiratory (breathing) problems, I’d suggest you wear a mask. Hopefully, the exhaust fans will keep us comfortable. If not, make frequent trips outdoors for fresh air. Shots of Kaopectate will be offered for a nominal fee.

Most of you know that I would never lie to you and that I am always doing my best to keep you safe. Therefore, I am circulating a petition asking that Ron English be prohibited from entering this year’s chili cookoff. You may have seen some of the road kill he tries to peddle at the swap meet. Well, I have it on pretty good authority that he also uses that same road kill when cooking his chili. Again, this is only a safety precaution and has absolutely no connection to Ron usually winning the cookoff.

Here are a few other random notes:

2. Stay late for the best price.
3. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
4. If you want, bring some of your special cornbread.
5. We’ll have coffee and water available. If you want to bring something else go ahead and we’ll throw it in the communal ice chest. Sorry, but no alcohol is allowed...park rule.
6. Name your chili. My last two entries “Just Passin’ Thru” and “True Blue Spaghetti Chili” were both crowd favorites, but due to some voting irregularities I was denied the crown. Without Ron participating, I’m sure my “Just Passin’ Thru II” will be victorious.
7. Bring cash.
8. Bring your checkbook.
9. If you have one, bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
10. First come, first served for table space. Space will be at a premium so be prepared to share the space.
11. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).

I hope to see you all out there on Saturday, December 5th. Give me a call if you have any questions...530-889-8562 (home)...916-786-2070 (office) or dennywelch@jps.net.

I could use some help, so if you’re able to assist, please give me a call.

...Denny
We had another very successful Upper Sac (Dunsmuir) fishout the weekend of October 8-11. Bill Carnazzo did his ever popular Short Line nymphing clinic for an enthusiastic group who then proceeded to apply the deadly technique to catch fish. Flows were optimum at 200 cfs, and the weather was perfect in the mid 70’s with the expected nippy evenings in the 40’s. We had dinner at local restaurants each of the three nights where we swapped stories on hot flys, productive (or not) locations and difficulties in actually beaching hooked fish.

The river treated some better than others as is typical on this challenging stream, and the usual suspects did really well. Sturmer White hooked 15 and landed 10 in 90 minutes at Soda Creek on Saturday morning. His son, Rex, hooked 20, landing 10 in the city park by the bridge within a two or three hour period. Bill’s Stick Caddis was the go-to fly for the Whites.

Corley Philips hooked 13 landing 7, some to 18”. He lost a 20 incher on a black wooly bugger. The “Stick” was also good for Corley along with a large Caddis Stimulator. Besides hooking 12 and landing 8, Sam Pettinato had a huge fish on below the foot bridge in the State Park take him into his backing twice before throwing the hook. I witnessed the spectacular event, and it took Sam a couple hours to come down from the high. Besides landing four fish conventionally, Wendel Edwards, with an assist from Mel’s net, got a 14 incher that was lassoed with several loops of leader, and nary a scratch from a hook. Some claim this gentler but difficult to master technique allows the fish to avoid the humiliation of falling for a fake bug. Dennis Baker led the pack with 14 fish in hand on a #16 black Zebra Midge and BH Birds Nest. The mean count of fish in hand for most, including the fishout leader, was in the 5-7 range, with fish averaging 10-12 inches, and some hitting 20 inches. A report on the most productive flys and locations for this trip is available on request.

Now, having reported on the good news, I must close on a more serious note. We did have a major injury on this trip with Gary Rhea loosing his balance with a foot lodged between some rocks, and breaking his leg. Fortunately, he was fishing with Dennis Baker, who immediately came to his aid, and Gary was rushed to a local hospital where he received first rate treatment, and is now on the road to recovery. This illustrates the importance of never fishing solo on a remote stream. I think I’m safe in saying that any of us who have found ourselves in situations similar to Gary’s, where but for good fortune, could have suffered a similar fate. I’m also sure I speak for everyone in wishing Gary a smooth recovery, and quick return to his favorite stream.

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