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President's Message

by Mike Howes, GBF President

There were over 100 members that attended the January general meeting to hear Terry Eggelston give a presentation on aquatic bugs. The evening wasn't perfect like meetings of the past. To start with, the person that signed up to bring refreshments, forgot. I normally send an email a couple of days before the meeting reminding the member. Well, it so happened that I received an email from a member stating he had volunteered to bring refreshments, and needed to know what the process was. So, I dutifully told him. I, being satisfied that the member was aware of his signing up, didn't take the time to check the sign-up list. The member that emailed me had signed up for the February meeting. So, we went hungry at the January meeting. I am in hot water with Jerry Devlin, our Membership VP, because I didn't give him an opportunity to greet the membership with membership dialog. To top it off, Terry wanted to show a video, and the laptop would not cooperate. Thanks to Terry's knowledge and delivery skills, we were given an insight to the world of aquatic bugs, despite the computer problem. Thank you, Terry, and my apologies to the membership and to Jerry Devlin.

A bright side of January's meeting was that Vern Luke's name was drawn from the early bird membership raffle. He will receive a jacket with the GBF logo and his name on it. We also had seven new members sign up.

We have sold over 100 Annual Dinner tickets; the venue only has a capacity for 200. If you haven't bought your ticket(s), you have two more meetings, or, you can buy them via US mail. **Send a check to Bev Hagopian, 7124 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville, CA 95747.** Please include the names of the attendees, and their telephone number. Tickets are \$38 a piece. The dinner is on March 27th at the Rocklin Sunset Center. This is a casual event, blue jeans are okay. It is the club's one and only fund raiser. The money raised is what the club runs on.

If you can't make the dinner, consider a donation to the club.

2010 Membership Dues are due and still \$30 for single, and \$35 for a family. Fishouts and Clinics are only for members that have paid their 2010 dues. **You can also mail your dues to Jerry Devlin, 13780 Blackwood Way, Auburn, CA 95602.** The check is to be made out to *Granite Bay Flycasters*.

Better know a member:

This month's member is Larry Goodell. Larry is a retired fireman who belongs to four or five different fishing clubs, and is past-president of the Auburn Flycasters. I am sure Granite Bay is his favorite. Larry has been on the Board of Directors since 2008, and is also the chairperson for our Golden Trout program. He is the tallest person in the club, so new members should seek him out and find out about the Golden Trout program. If you can't find him, look for Mary in a Dallas Cowboy's jacket. He is sure to be nearby.



Sammy Salmon
w/Larry Goodell

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F E B R U A R Y 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	3.	4.	5.	6. Beginning Fly Tying
7.	8.	9.	10.	11. Monthly Meeting	12.	13. Yuba River Fishout
14.	15.	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam	18. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. Fly Fishing Show Feb. 26th - 28th	27.
28. Fly Fishing Show Feb. 26th - 28th						

Monthly Program



David with a big Char

Our guest speaker this month is David Taylor who will be presenting a program on "Alaska's Rainbow Heaven." The presentation focuses on the fantastic wilderness fly fishing in the lakes, streams and rivers of Alaska's remote Wood-Tikchik State Park located in the Bristol Bay region of Southwest Alaska.

The area is home to some highest concentrations of Rainbow Trout to be found in the state of Alaska, as well as large populations of Arctic Char, Arctic Grayling and Northern Pike. The watershed also sees literally millions of Sockeye Salmon return annually to spawn. All five species will be covered in detail, including best times of the season, lines, rods, flies, and how the fishery revolves around the life cycle of the Salmon. Questions are welcome. From scenic shots, slides of wildlife and information on when and how to catch Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, Arctic

Grayling, Northern Pike and Sockeye Salmon. This is a very informative and interesting presentation.

David's Bio:

I was born and raised in central Illinois. I discovered fly fishing in 1973 while a student at Colorado State University. I moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1974 after college, and began to explore Alaska's Bristol Bay area.

In 1996, after many return trips to Alaska, I started Reel Wilderness Adventures with my two sons. Over the past 14 years, Reel Wilderness has grown into a unique wilderness destination for fly fishers who wish to experience Alaska's exceptional wilderness fly fishing in a truly remote and un-crowded setting.

One of the greatest gifts fly fishing has given me was meeting my wife Laura while fly fishing in Alaska. Laura shares my passion for fly fishing. We operate Reel Wilderness Adventures in Alaska during the summers and reside at our home in Hawaii the remainder of the year.

For more information go to <http://www.reelwild.com>.

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 with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

Upcoming Classes and Clinics

by Art Livingston, Chair, Member Education

Below is a list of clinics and classes that will be offered to members. Some have scheduled dates; the others will be scheduled shortly. If you have suggestions as to other clinics or classes, be sure to contact me and we can discuss your thoughts. Look for specifics on classes and clinics on the web site, and in future *Leader* articles.


<u>Clinic/Class</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
Net Building*	Schedule Beginning In January
Rod Building**	February 16
Fly Tying:	
Beginning***	January 30 th and Feb. 6 th
Intermediate/Advanced ****	February 24, March 3, 10, 16* (Tue), 24, and 31.
GPS/Map Reading/Compass Use*****	Spring 2010

- * Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul will schedule members who sign up, individually.
- ** Larry Lee and Bill Avery will get everyone who signs up started on February 16th. Follow-on work will be scheduled individually.
- *** Paul Egan will lead the beginner class. Details will be provided later.
- **** Bill Carnazzo will lead the intermediate/advanced class, using a format featuring a different tyer at each session. All classes, except March 16th, will be held at the Raley's Event Center in Granite Bay. The March 16th session will be held at the clubhouse.
- ***** Tom Ross and Art Livingston will teach this basic skills class

Annual Dinner Tickets Going Fast!

This is our biggest event of the year and everyone's invited! If you don't already have your ticket(s), please read the information below. And remember...tickets usually sell out for this event, so be sure to get yours as soon as possible.

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, neighbors, co-workers... anyone who'd enjoy an evening out with good food, a great speaker, and an incredible raffle & silent auction.
- **What:** Great BBQ buffet dinner, huge raffle and silent auction, and special guest speaker, Dave Scadden, who'll also do an informative day program at the clubhouse.
- **When:** Saturday, March 27th, 2010. The day program usually runs 9am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 4:30pm (bar opens at 4:30; dinner starts around 6:00).
- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Rocklin Sunset Center in Rocklin. The day program will happen at the Granite Bay Flycasters clubhouse on Folsom Lake.
- **Why:** Because you want an evening of fun, friendships, and fishing stories – along with the chance to win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, guided trips, and other prizes.
- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at the next two club meetings, or just call Bill and Bev Hagopian (916-771-5837) to arrange purchase by mail. Tickets are only \$38 each.
- **Lastly:** If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help in any way, just contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639.



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Membership

by Jerry Devlin, V.P., Membership

First, let me thank all our members who have already paid their 2010 membership fees. As of our Jan. 14th meeting, nearly half our members have renewed their memberships. This leaves half of our members unpaid, and ineligible to attend fishouts and clinics in 2010. Don't miss out on all the great educational opportunities and clinics which are right around the corner. Remember, you have to be current on membership to attend any of the club events. Please send your dues of \$30 for individual membership, or \$35 for family membership, directly to me, or bring cash, credit card or check to our February meeting. Thank you.

Jerry Devlin, VP Membership
13780 Blackwood Way, Auburn, CA 95602

Raffle Prizes Rolling In!

But we still need your help! Please consider donating a raffle prize or auction item for the Annual Dinner next month. Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated:

- 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.

Intermediate / Advanced Fly Tying Clinic

Hosted by Bill Carnazzo

Ken Hanley, Don Steffa, Sturmer White, Pete Peterson, Paul Egan, and Bill Carnazzo will share their fly tying secrets during this clinic. The clinic is open to all club members who feel comfortable at the vise, and want to learn different tying techniques and patterns.

Clinic Dates are as follows: Wednesday, February 24; March 3; March 10; Tuesday, March 16; Wednesday, March 24, and March 31. All Wednesday classes will be held at the Granite Bay Raley's Event Center on the corner of Douglas Blvd. and Auburn-Folsom Road. The only Tuesday night class will be held at our clubhouse. All classes will begin promptly at 6:00 PM and last for three hours. Participants should bring their own tying equipment and materials. A curriculum listing the patterns and supplies required will be given to all participants in advance of the class.

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

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February General Meeting.



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Calaveras River Fishout March 10, 2010

Sign-ups at the February Meeting.

Limited to 10 Anglers due to size of fishery (there will be a drawing)

The Calaveras River below New Hogan Dam is a classic tail water trout fishery. Though much of the land, like other Central Valley rivers, flows through private or water district land with little access, anglers can find access to the river in the canyon immediately below the dam by means of the "River of Skulls Trail" or in Mormon Slough below the Belotta Weir.



The river, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, has been for years a "sleeper" fishery for fly fishermen and spin fishermen willing to put in the time hiking into the canyon. Anglers catch beautiful wild rainbow trout while fishing an array of flies and spinners.

The Calaveras River downstream from New Hogan Dam and the diverting canal (Mormon Slough) from Bellota Weir downstream to Interstate Highway 5 (Calaveras Co.) is open from the Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Although the regulations allow anglers to catch 1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead, hatchery fish are rarely if ever caught on this system.

"The Calaveras River below New Hogan is an incredibly productive tail water fishery for rainbow trout," said Trevor Kennedy, executive director of the Fishery Foundation of California.

"The rainbow population is one of the Central Valley's best kept secrets. The river grows trout faster than any other stream in the valley and has a high density of trout.

"The Calaveras is the finest Valley trout stream," agreed Bill Jennings, chairman of the California Sport fishing Protection Alliance, whose organization has fought for the restoration of the river through litigation and other measures. "The stretch of stream from the dam to Jenny Lind is marvelous habitat for trout and steelhead, with a great pool to riffle ratio. This river is a prime candidate for fishery restoration."

The Calaveras is unique among Central Valley streams in that steelhead and rainbow trout have never been planted in the river below the dam, so the fish found there are all wild fish, in contrast with most other San Joaquin Valley streams where a variety of steelhead and rainbow trout strains have been planted over the decades.

"Our understanding is that the rainbows found in the Calaveras are the original strain of rainbows," said Jennings. "Even during the drought of 1977-78, the fish survived in the deep pools in the canyon."

The fish in the river feed on small Baetis Mayflies, caddis and chironomids, so fly fishermen should use flies in these patterns on the Calaveras.

Solari marvels at the color variations in the trout that he sees. "Some fish are solid silver like a steelhead, others are a beautiful lime green color, and others are bluish with red and black spots," he stated.



Calaveras River Facts

Location and General Information: The Calaveras flows southwest for 80 miles from its headwaters at about 5,000 feet in elevation in northeast Calaveras County to its confluence with the San Joaquin River just west of the city of Stockton. New Hogan Lake, formed by New Hogan Dam after its completion by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1963, is the only major dam on the river. The dam was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers primarily for flood control. The 400 square mile watershed is mostly located below the typical snow level, so most precipitation falls as rain.

Fishing Season: The Calaveras River downstream from New Hogan Dam and the diverting canal (Mormon Slough) from Bellota Weir downstream to Interstate Highway 5 (Calaveras Co.) is open from the Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Anglers are allowed one hatchery trout or steelhead, but stray hatchery fish from other systems are very rare on the Calaveras, since the river is a wild trout fishery. No salmon may be taken or possessed.

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Public Access: The "River of Skulls" hiking trail closely follows the Calaveras River in the New Hogan Reach below the dam. The trail, located below the dam at the Monte Vista Recreation Area, was named after an ancient Native American battle. Monte Vista is also the staging area for an eight mile equestrian trail. The river just below the dam is prime habitat for trout, with lots of pools and riffles.

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Fishout Leaders

Conservation Corner

Tyler McCraney was a hit at our January conservation committee meeting! There were 16 members in attendance! Tyler enlightened us with his research on the tide-water goby, which our Dr. Robert B Morton Fellowship grant helped him to finish in time for graduation last May. Tyler now works as a genetic technician for NOAA in Juneau, Alaska, and has already put his education to good use. He is currently working on a **genetic investigation of Chinook bycatch in the BSAI Pollock fishery**. Thanks to all who attended for your support of the conservation committee and Tyler McCraney!

Have you thought about doing more for the conservation of our local fisheries? My term will end June 30th of this year. It doesn't take a lot of time or effort to do what I do, and there are plenty of people around with all the guidance you will need for success. Your club needs YOU! Nominations are due by April so they may be printed in the May newsletter. For more information on what this position entails, please find me at the general meeting, or call/e-mail me.



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / MEETINGS

December 18th – Annual Salmon Count – Several GBF members took part in this annual event with Dry Creek Conservancy. Tony Fabian, John Carroz and Bill Templin helped out on Friday (18th), and Tom Bartos helped out with the count on Saturday (19th). Reports were pretty grim.

December 19th – Red Sesbania Removal – Six of us, including a soon-to-be GBF member, worked for just a few hours, and we were able to clear the rest of the small island! The weather was pretty cooperative and thanks to Ed Wahl, we were able to shuttle the heavy weed wrenches and backpacks across the water, so we could more safely cross the marshy area to the island. We removed lots of plants and still had to bag pods and bring them back with us to dispose of so as to prevent further invasion. Thanks to Dennis Baker, Mel Odemar, Tony Fabian, Tom Pettey and Ed Wahl for your valuable time and effort!

January 21st – Lower Yuba River Technical Working Group meeting –

Tony Fabian and I will be attending this meeting at the Yuba County Water Agency. This will be a regular meeting concerning the **rehabilitation project on the Lower Yuba River**, just below the Hwy 20 bridge, which is currently in conjunction with Western Aggregates (land-owner) and Yuba Outdoor Adventures (for-profit private fishing organization).

January 23rd – Meeting with new DFG Director John McCamman – I will attend this meeting and bring any information obtained to the February conservation meeting.

January 28th – CABY Western Placer Creeks Work Group meeting – I have been unable to attend these meetings. They are currently working on obtaining funding for restoration work to be done on Auburn Ravine / Coon Creek to improve fish passage and improve habitat. Would someone be interested in volunteering to attend on GBF's behalf? Please see me at the general meeting, or call/e-mail me.

February 6th – Red Sesbania Removal – Keep an eye on GBF's website messageboard for updates on this event. I will make a recon visit, just before this issue comes out, to see if we need to be out there or not.



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Fly Tyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

Micro-Caddis Fuzzball

If you've spent a lot of time prowling around trout streams, you'll have noticed frustratingly tiny caddis adults bouncing about, particularly in the evenings—and I do mean T-I-N-Y, as in size 20 or smaller (down to 24).

Here's what noted entomologist Rick Haefle has to say about these miniscule beasts: "Adult emergence can begin as early as June for a number of species, but peak activity generally occurs in July and August with many species continuing hatch activity into September. Because of their small size emergence activity goes unnoticed by most anglers. The best place to spot adults is on shoreline vegetation or boulders, where they run and flit with a nervous energy. When adults are observed along the stream and fish seem to be rising to some mysterious, unseen surface food, start thinking micro-caddis patterns.

"The time of day emergence and egg laying activity takes place is not well documented for most species. In general mid-afternoon to evening is the best time to look for them on the water and available to fish. I have found it difficult to tell if fish are taking pupae rising to the surface or adults returning to lay eggs. In such cases I first try a pupa pattern. If that doesn't work I then put on an adult pattern. The type of water one fishes for pupae or adults is the same; moderate riffles and runs or the slow gentle currents of weedy flats." (See Rick's full article at <http://www.laughingrivers.com/rick-microcaddis.html>.)

Maybe because I'm contrarian by nature, I tend to fish tiny nymphs and pupae patterns during the hatch. If I don't catch fish on these, then I'll switch to an adult pattern. My go-to selection is what I call the "Micro-Caddis Fuzzball." The name refers to its appearance on the water, at least to those of us who are a bit challenged in the distance vision category. The fly's design is all about being able to see it—something—out there on the water. I'll tie them as small as 22, but that's where I draw the line (mainly because my tired eyes have a hard time focusing on anything smaller), using short shank scud-type light wire hooks because they have an increased gape for hooking purposes. Obviously one doesn't get much material on a hook of that size—but that's a good thing, because when tying small the tyer must think "sparse, sparse, sparse." In the "tips" section below I'll provide some suggestions for improving your small-fly tying prowess. For now, let's tackle a fuzzball, using a size 20 hook.

MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1140 or similar scud-style straight-eye hook, #20-24
Thread:	8/0 (70 denier) tan
Abdomen:	Extra fine tan dubbing such as rabbit
Wing:	First tan CDC, then natural deer hair (try to select hair that has color right down to the tips rather than black tips, because the wing is so tiny that the wrong hair will show up as an undesirable black shade)

Instructions:



Steps 1 and 2

Steps 5, 6 and 7,
and completed fly

1. Debarb the hook, and cover the shank down to mid-bend with a single layer of thread. This is important in order to achieve a nice smooth tapered abdomen. Ugly underbody, ugly body—that's the watchword.
2. Dub a sparse, tapered abdomen, leaving the front third of the hook open.
3. Lay two CDC feathers on the tying bench and place one over the top of the other, taking care that their curvature matches. Cut the hearts out of the two feathers and bunch up the tips.
4. At the front of the abdomen, tie in the bunched up CDC tips as an underwing. The underwing's length should not extend beyond the bend of the hook.
5. Cut and thoroughly clean a small bunch of deer hair, and place the hair into a hair stacker to even up the tips. Measure the hair to the length of the underwing and clip the butts, leaving a 1/16" butt remaining.
6. Tie in the deer hair wing just ahead of the CDC underwing; don't crowd the head as it will make finishing the fly very difficult. Be sure that the hair stays directly on top of the hook.
7. Once the deer hair wing is secure, push the butts upward and to the rear; this will create a nice head profile. Whip finish directly in front of the butts, and carefully place a tiny drop of super glue on the bottom of the head.



Steps 3 and 4

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Tying and fishing tips:

1. It is much easier to debarb the hook at the vise than on the stream. If you drop the tiny hook at the bench you have a fighting chance to find it; not so if you drop your fly while on the stream either when you are trying to extract it from the fly box or while tying it on.
2. When dubbing the fuzzball, use the tiniest pinch of dubbing that you can pull out. A good rule of thumb is to tease out a tiny amount and then cut it in half.
3. After using super glue to finish the fly, use a piece of fine copper wire to ream out the eye. It will be hard enough to tie a fuzzball to your leader, but you'll become totally frustrated if you discover the tiny eye clogged as you try to poke the leader into the eye.

Accept my challenge to tie a tiny critter; be patient and tie at least a half dozen and you'll begin to get the hang of tying small. See ya on the creek.

Who's All Wet?

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!

Fly Tying Contest Winners for January

Beginners: Steve Wilkens
 Advanced: Bill Lockhart
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Guide Order & Sharpening - Part 3 by Larry Lee

This is the third of three articles that provide direction for placing the guides in proper order on the blank and sharpening them. The next series of articles will show you how to place the guides on the blank temporarily so that you can permanently tie the guides to the blank with thread.

After you have selected the guide spacing, and you have marked that spacing onto the blank with masking tape, you will need to get the guides ready for mounting to the blank. It is very critical that you have the guides set in their proper order (small to large or large to small) so that when you tie the guides to the blank, the proper size guide will be in the proper location. To do this, place the guides onto a piece of 1 inch wide masking tape. The masking tape strip length must be long enough to hold all of the guides. Place the guides perpendicular to the length of the masking tape in ascending or descending order (see photo at right). After you have placed the guides onto the masking tape, sort the guides based on the loop size in ascending or descending order. There are many times guides of the same size, so put them side by side in a group. They will be located in the ascending or descending order in respect to the other guides.



Guides in Order - Ascending or Descending

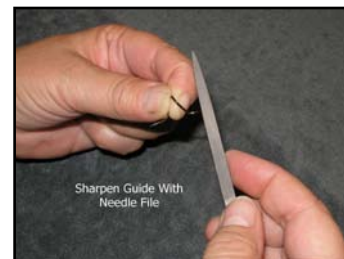
The guides must now be prepared for attaching to the blank. Normally guides during manufacturing are tapered at each foot by grinding and then the guide is plated with chrome, black chrome, or titanium carbide. This manufacturing process then adds additional thickness to the tip of the foot which makes it difficult for the thread to transition onto the foot without leaving a gap in the thread. You will need to sharpen each guide foot so that the thread will wrap up on each foot smoothly.

To sharpen the guides, you will probably need a dremel tool with a grinding bit (chainsaw type) and a needle file for final filing of the metal foot. The dremel tool is used to grind the guide plating off the metal foot (see photo at left), and the needle file is used do the final sharpening of the guide foot (see photo at right). If you do not have a dremel tool, it will take you a much longer time with a needle file to sharpen the guides.



Sharpening Guide with Dremel

When sharpening the guides with the dremel tool and the needle file, sharpen the 1/3 portion of the top tip, and 1/3 portion of the bottom of each guide foot. Make sure that you do not leave any metal burrs on top or bottom of the foot (burr would cut the thread or would dig into the blank and cause the blank to break in that location). Also be careful not use the dremel tool to sharpen the guide too quickly. Sharpening too quickly may cause the metal in the guide to burn and destroy that portion of the guide. When sharpening really small guides or the hook-keeper, you may need a pair of needle nose pliers to hold the guide. It is important to take your time to sharpen the guides properly. This process greatly simplifies the guide wrapping process.



Sharpen Guide with Needle File

Rod building classes are also available if you so desire. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at LLLee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.



Fishouts

Well, as I write this, Northern California is getting a series of storms that the fish really need. Our reservoirs are low, and the Steelhead need some water to swim upstream in.

First, I would like to thank all the Fishout Leaders in 2010 that donated their time and knowledge to lead fishouts for other GBF members. Here were the fishout leaders for 2009:

2009 Fishout Schedule

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Date	Location	Fishout Leader
Jan. 24, 2009 (Sat.)	Yuba (Lower) #1 - UCD Field Station	Karl Wolff
Feb. 14 (Sat.)	Yuba (Lower) #2 - UCD Field Station	Pete Koistinen
Feb. 20 (Fri.)	Lake Amador	Dick Davis & Jim Hunter
Feb. 21 (Sat.) NEW DATE	Rancho Seco	Scott Vaughn
Mar. 28 (Sat.)	Stillwater flyfishing at Rancho Seco	Jim Holmes & Gene Goss
Apr. 15 (Wed.)	Rancho Murieta	Bill Osselinski (new email address)
Apr. 22 (Wed.)	Cameron Park Lake	Ray Ito & Bill King
May 1 - 3 (Fri.-Sun.)	Hot Creek	Ron & Jeanne English
May 15 - 17 (Fri.-Sun.)	Bridgeport (Twin Lakes)	Bill & Bev Hagopian
Jun. 4 - 7 (Thu.-Sun.)	Annual Picnic (1-Fly Contest Sat. 9:00AM)	Michael Powers
Jun. 25 - 29 (Thu.-Mon.)	Provo River , Utah	Mike McGee
Jun. 26 - 29 (Fri.-Mon.)	Virginia Lakes	Michael Kaul
Aug. 22 (Sat.)	Fuller Lake	Scott Vaughn
Aug. 23 & 30 (Sun.)	Casting for Recovery	Rick Radoff
Aug. 27 - 30 (Thu.-Sun.)	Burney Falls & Casting for Recovery	Jack Ramos & Rick Radoff
Sep. 11 - 13 (Fri.-Sun.)	Lake Crowley	John Hogg
Sep. 18 - 20 (Fri.-Sun.)	South Fork Kings River	Bill Templin
Sep. 21 - 23 (Mon.-Wed.)	East Carson River	Dick Davis & Jim Hunter
Sep. 25 - 29 (Fri. - Tue.)	Owyhee River Oregon cancelled	Bill King , Steve Cooper (guide)
Oct. 8 - 11 (Thu.-Sun.)	Upper Sac	Eric Palmer
Oct. 23 - 24 (Fri.-Sat.)	Horseshoe Bar Preserve , Middle Fork American R.	Karl Wolff , Tom Bartos
Nov. 11 (Wed.)	Delta Fishout	Denny Welch
Nov. 11 - 15 (Wed.-Sun.)	Deschutes River	Robert Miller

Following are the fishouts scheduled so far, and I want to thank the fishout leaders who have stepped up to lead again. **However, we still need more volunteers to fill out the schedule.** The club goal is two fishouts per month. I know many of you out there have led fishouts before, and could help again. Also, if you have never led a fishout, I can help you get started. I can help you choose a location, write *The Leader* article, help with sign-ups, and even find a co-leader. Trust me, it's a rewarding experience, and you'll get to meet new club members and have fun in the process.

2010 Fishout Schedule

Fishout	Dates	Leader
Yuba - UC	January 23, 2010	Karl Wolff
Yuba - UC	February 13, 2010	Pete Koistinen
Calaveras River	3/10/2010	Jerry Devlin/Karl Wolff
Cameron Park Lake	April 17, 2010	Ray Ito and Bill King
Hot Creek	Apr 30 - May 2, 2010	Ron and Jeanne English
Bridgeport	May 14-16, 2010	Bill Hagopian

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held back at Round Table Pizza in Fair Oaks (4400 San Juan Avenue). We will be discussing possible dates for a hardhead fish-out, to assist UC Davis in collecting specimen for the **hardhead** temperature study they will be conducting this year.

As always, all are welcome to attend. ~

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Steelhead Egg Distribution

Despite a generally poor return of steelhead so far, the good news is we will be getting steelhead eggs from the Nimbus Hatchery once again to distribute to teachers participating in GBF's Salmon and Steelhead Classroom Education Program. With approximately 70 teachers in the program spread over 4 counties we need all the help we can get from GBF members to help with distributing eggs. This great program is now in it's 21st year and is both fun and rewarding to participate in.

The distribution date is Thursday, February 25th, and we meet at the Nimbus Hatchery Visitor Center at 8:00 AM. There will be a signup sheet at the Feb. general meeting. If you are not attending the meeting but want to signup contact either Frank Stolten, fstolten@comcast.net or Rick Radoff, radoffcnst@jps.net for more information.

Free Flies

Many fly tyers have a few special patterns that they tend to tie more than others – or that they tie almost exclusively. Not surprisingly, these are probably the patterns that they tie the best, or that they fish the most – or both!

These are the patterns that they're proud to share with others when the opportunity arises. Giving flies away is a personal gesture to help a fellow angler do better on a certain species, a particular water, or even a specific 'hatch.'

The opportunity is here! Your club needs flies for the Annual Dinner silent auction. We need the flies that you love tying and/or using. We need tyers to donate a box of their favorite flies to be auctioned off at the Annual Dinner.

If you can tie up some of your favorite flies and put them in a new fly box for the club, you will be sharing your skill, experience, and passion for the sport with someone who needs it (and is willing to part with some money for it).

Helping the club raise funds in this way also helps fellow anglers obtain flies that they know will work – and that's a win-win for everyone. If you can take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639.

Rod Building Class - February 16, 2010

There's been great participation in previous Basic Rod Building classes instructed by GBF members Larry Lee, Bill Avery, Ron VanSant, and Sturmer White. The class covered the basic rod building techniques of fitting and installing reel seats and handles, attaching line guides with nylon thread, and sealing the thread wraps with epoxy finish. Members also personalized their rods with their name and rod model. Participants had a great time learning a new skill and appreciated the individual instruction provided during the class. One Granite Bay member built rods for his entire family.

The next 2010 basic rod building class will begin on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and will run from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the GBF Clubhouse. An additional two classes will be setup with individual members. Be sure to bring your rod-building kit with you, or contact Larry Lee about obtaining one.

This workshop is presented to introduce club members to the art of rod building. For those who have built rods previously, or who may have started a rod but never finished it, this workshop offers the chance to learn all the basic steps involved in building a fly rod. Each participant will build a 'custom' fly rod during the course of this workshop. Participants: Be thinking about what rod you want to build (line wt, length, # of pieces...). Unless you have a specific, name-brand rod in mind, we can suggest where to get an inexpensive, private label rod-building kit that will allow you to build a beautiful 'first' rod for \$100 (various line weights are available), which includes the kit, materials for building, and use of required tools.

If you didn't sign up for this workshop but would like to be included in a future session, or have any rod-building questions whatsoever, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at (916) 962-0616 lllee@l3rods.com or Bill Avery at (916) 625-1637 jbavery@sbcglobal.net.

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Granite Bay Flycasters

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, or call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795.

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.

Membership: Applications are available on-line at www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Jerry Devlin at 530-878-8934, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

The Leader: To send articles, photos, ads and other materials, please e-mail to: Frank Stolten at fstolten@comcast.net. Please put **GBF Leader** in the subject line. Deadline for materials is the 15th of each month.

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