2009 has come and gone, and now it is 2010; but, there are a few things in 2009 that I would like to cover. The Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off was well attended. Cyber Chili by Dennis Baker won the bragging rights—it was a tuff competition. To my embarrassment, my chili came in last. I’m going to have to find out how many jalapeño peppers are in one of those little cans. The recipe called for two peppers.

The Holiday Pot Luck was standing room only. There was a great diversity of food, and it was all good. Steve Reem brought his to-die-for flan again. The karaoke only produced two singers. One member stated “no alcohol - no karaoke.” I guess he had a point. Thanks to all that attended for making it a special evening.

On January 5th at the club house (7:00 pm), our student who received our GBF scholarship in 2009 will be giving a presentation on his thesis. Please show your support by attending this event.

Annual Dinner tickets are selling like hot cakes. The dinner is on March 27th at the Rocklin Sunset Center. This is a casual event, blue jeans are okay. There are three more general meetings where you can buy tickets, or, you can buy them via mail. Send a check to Bev Hagopian, 7124 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville, CA 95747. Include the name of participant, and their telephone number. Tickets are $38 a piece. There is a limit of 200 tickets, so don’t procrastinate. Buy yours early.

2010 Membership dues are due. At the January general meeting, we will be having a raffle for those members that paid their 2010 dues in 2009. Dues are still $30 for single, and $35 for a family. Fishouts and Clinics are for members that have paid their dues, so don’t miss out. You can also mail your dues to Jerry Devlin, 13780 Blackwood Way, Auburn, CA 95602.

**Better know a member:** Sturmer White is a dedicated and expert member. Sturmer is running our casting clinics from basic to advanced. He is able to round up several of the expert casters in the club to help out at his clinics, allowing for almost a one-on-one instruction. Sturmer is also the club’s knot expert. He holds clinics on knot tying every year. If you have a fly fishing question, Sturmer will have an answer. Thanks Sturmer, for being you.
Our January speaker will be Terry Eggleston. Terry is a Charter Member of GBF and a Past President - 1992. He will be speaking on the insects that trout eat, and which flies imitate which insects. Terry has presented similar programs at the annual Sagehen Creek Entomology Clinic, and we thought it would be great at our general meeting. Terry has extensive fly tying experience, and often ties at shows and other special events. One of the flies that he popularized is a fly we all use, the Sheep's Creek. Come and enjoy this presentation!

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.

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* 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

COME VISIT FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES AT THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN’S EXPOS SAN MATEO JANUARY 14-17 CAL EXPO JANUARY 21-24

Fly Fishing Specialties will be on the road in January. We will be setup at the 2010 ISE in San Mateo and at Cal Expo. We will have some great deals for you to take advantage of. Come on over for a visit. Don’t be afraid to say “hi.”

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Membership

by Jerry Devlin, V.P., Membership

Well it’s that time of year again! No, not tax time or Super Bowl time. It’s membership renewal time and I encourage all of you to participate in our early renewal drawing. Once again this year we are holding our membership fees at $30 for individual members and $35 for family memberships. New members or those needing a new name badge will pay an additional $10 as well.

For the convenience of our members we are now able to accept your payment on credit cards as well as checks and of course cash. You can pay at our January monthly meeting or you can mail your payments directly to me at 13780 Blackwood Way, Auburn, CA 95602. Your checks should be made payable to: Granite Bay Flycasters.

Membership fees and our annual dinner are the major components of the funds needed to keep our club one of the best fly-fishing clubs around and early payment by our members is an important element in balancing our expenses and income each year so your participation is very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for supporting your club and I hope you’re all getting a chance to cast a fly in between the recent storms.

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has approximately 250 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 250). Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at wndycty3@aol.com, and I’ll send it in a reply.

Raffle and Auction Items

We need help collecting all the items donated for the Annual Dinner coming up March 27th. All you have to do is go to your garage, spare room, or workshop and find something that fits one or more of the bulleted descriptions below. Then call Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639 to arrange pick-up or delivery. Any donation is appreciated – and all will be acknowledged at the dinner. Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated previously:

- 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 in any way, please call Dennis ASAP.

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Beginning Fly Tying  
by Paul Egan

This time of year we have less time to fish, and if you have a passion for this sport like I do, the dark cold evenings of winter can be filled with cozy times in your pajamas and slippers, sipping hot coffee at your vise, spinning thread, feathers, hair, and all sorts of materials around a hook.

This can be fun and relaxing, or it can be confusing and frustrating. The clinic will cover fundamental procedures and techniques you need to know. They will enable you to tie well-constructed and productive flies. We will also cover basic knowledge you will need when selecting materials and tools for your fly tying endeavor.

We will tie several old standard flies, and some new innovative patterns, including Mike Mercers infamous Micro May Fly Nymph. The selected patterns will demonstrate the basic techniques needed for a foundation to build upon for years of wonderful adventures in fly tying. You need no prior experience for this class. We will start with explaining how to put the hook in the vise and end with the whip-finish. In addition, you don’t need to buy any expensive tools or materials. GBF has loaner vises available with a fully refundable deposit of $20. And all the materials used in class will be provided for $15.

This clinic will be held on two consecutive Saturdays starting January 30th and ending on February 6th. We will meet in the Fair Oaks Raley’s Event Center, 4840 San Juan Avenue (at Sunset Ave.) at 4:00pm. The class will run until 7:00pm. The cost of the class is $15 to cover materials. This clinic is limited to eight members and filled very fast the last time, so sign up early and mark your calendars. For more information on this clinic or loaner vises please call me at 916-640-5126 or e-mail me paulegan81@yahoo.com.

Thank you all again for allowing me the opportunities to give something back to the sport that has brought so much joy and relaxation into my life.

2010 Yuba River UC Davis Fishouts

The University of California at Davis has an agricultural research station on the banks of the Lower Yuba River. This property is closed to the public, but fishing clubs are allowed twice yearly access for fishing. This is a great deal because we get private access on a river that typically gets fairly heavy angler pressure. The property is beautiful (and private); there are shade trees, a new picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill, and a porta potty.

Karl Wolff (karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net 916 224 7633) will lead our fishout on January 23, and Pete Koistinen (peterkoistinen@comcast.net 916-780-0925) will lead on February 13. The fishouts are limited to 15 anglers for each date, and there is no fee. Signup sheets will be available at the general meetings. If you miss the meeting please contact either Karl (for Jan 23) or Pete (for Feb13) to sign up. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list sign up anyway - we’ll draw a lottery, and then we’ll keep a waiting list. Please sign up for one fishout only.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you’ll catch anywhere. It’s not uncommon for a 16 inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 -2000 CFS is ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving – if 2 or 3 good drifts or a few fly changes don’t produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It’s possible you’ll catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website’s Fly Tyer’s Corner archives July 2006, March 2008, and February 2009 for Bill Carnazzo’s and Paul Egan’s excellent Skwala dry flies. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website’s “Fishouts” section.

O K, we hope to see you on these great “private water” fishouts.

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Conservation Corner

Happy New Year! Have you made your resolution(s) yet? Why not include a resolution to volunteer your time for one of our many conservation activities this year? Four (4) hours per year is a pretty standard amount of time to commit in any given year. In 2009, we probably had 150-200 volunteer hours in. Can you imagine if every member of our club committed and served four hours of volunteer time this year? With 250 paid memberships, that’s 1,000 volunteer hours, and that doesn’t even include spouses or children of members! Oh, the activities we could accomplish! Remember, not every event or opportunity is heavy manual labor. Volunteering could be as simple as manning a booth, delivering salmon/steelhead eggs to classrooms, teaching kids about watersheds, attending a public information hearing, or even helping during an event, such as the Sagehen Entomology clinic.

On that note, our December Meeting had 6 attendees, besides myself. We had a presentation from Lisa Thompson and Dennis Cocherell from UC Davis about a hardhead temperature study they will be conducting over the next couple of years. We will be assisting them with catching the hardhead specimens to be used in the study February through April or May 2010. More information will be available at the January general membership meeting (on the 14th).

SPECIAL PROJECTS

December 18th – Annual Salmon Count – with Dry Creek Conservancy. This was rescheduled from the original December 11th date due to weather.

December 19th – Red Sesbania Removal – This was rescheduled from Dec 12th due to weather.

*We will be taking January off from Red Sesbania removal, but will be at it again February 6th! Stay tuned for details...

LEGISLATION STATUS

S1759, the Water Transfer Facilitation Act of 2009: According to a letter being sent by CSPA, “The stated intention of Senators Boxer and Feinstein S 1759 is purportedly to smooth the transfer sale of water among irrigation districts south of the Delta by directing Interior Department officials to complete under “the most expedited basis practicable” all necessary environmental reviews and by lifting several safeguards that assure fish and wildlife protections that the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act [CVPIA], PL 102-575 imposed on the water that a CVP contractor can transfer.” As of Dec 16th, this is in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION- Our January 2010 conservation meeting, on Jan 5th, will be at 7:00 pm at the Folsom Lake Clubhouse (same location as our general membership meeting) because we will have Tyler McCraney as our guest speaker, all the way from NOAA in Juneau, Alaska! He was the recipient of our 2007-08 HSU fellowship grant and will tell us all about his research on the tide water goby.

As always, all are welcome to attend. ~
Robin, (916) 396-0030, Tggr514@yahoo.com.
In the last two columns we've tied a *baetis* emergence and a *baetis* nymph (the Bead-Head Flashback Swimming PT). This month, in order to provide you with an alternative nymph pattern in case the PT doesn’t work, we’ll tie another *baetis* nymph: Hogan’s S&M Nymph.

I’ve hooked many fish on the S&M. I generally use it as the upper fly in a two-fly rig, or as a “stinger” tied to the bend of the bottom hook in a 3-fly rig. I “discovered” this fly a couple of years ago while talking to Bob Grace at the Ted Fay Fly Shop in Dunsmuir. I purchased a few #18s from him and took them to the fast water at Soda Creek in the early afternoon. The overcast day was perfect for a *baetis* emergence and, sure enough, there was a nice hatch. I tied the PT on as the upper fly, a Stick Caddis as the big fly, and the S&M as a stinger. During the early part of the hatch, the PT was the top performer, going neck and neck with the Stick Caddis; oddly, when the hatch began to wane, the S&M was all they wanted. I’m not smart enough to figure out why the trout behaved in that manner; but I “went to school” that day, and since then have witnessed a similar behavioral response to *baetis* nymphs during hatches. When I get the chance to interview a trout, I’ll pass along the answer to the riddle.

**Instructions:**

1. Debarb the hook, add a 2 mm copper bead to the hook, and cover the shank with thread.
2. Using 5 or 6 pheasant tail barbules, tie in a tail just above the back of the barb. At the same spot tie in a piece of chartreuse wire.
3. Tie in a few pheasant tail barbules by their tips at the same spot. Wrap them forward to the 1/3 point on the shank and tie them off. This forms the abdomen of the fly. Wrap the wire rib forward in close turns and tie it off at the front end of the body.
4. At the same spot, tie in a brown goose biot with the butt end pointing rearward. This will be used for the wing case.
5. Dub a small thorax in front of the abdomen.
6. Tie in two short strands of pearl crystal flash just behind the hook eye so that there are two “legs” on each side of the fly. The strands should be pointing rearward. Clip the crystal flash legs so that they end at the point of the hook.
7. Apply a tiny drop of Dave’s Flexament or similar glue to the top of the thorax and quickly pull the biot over the top. Pull the crystal flash legs rearward so that they lie alongside the body of the fly. Tie off the biot behind the eye of the hook and whip finish.

**Tying and fishing tips:**

1. I use a loop knot to tie on the fly, as it gives the fly more action in the drift.
2. If you begin catching lots of fish on this fly, try putting two of them on—one on the dropper and the other on the point fly—perhaps using different sizes.

3. Fish this fly whenever you see BWOs flying around the stream, or see their nymphs swimming about in the shallows.

Fish this delicate little bug all year long—you won’t regret it. See ya on the creek.

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Fly Tyer’s Corner - Continued from Page 7

With the Holidays behind us, now’s the time to get your tickets to our famous Annual Dinner and Raffle/Auction on March 27th.

This is our biggest event of the year and we’d like everyone to join us for the food, fun, great raffle prizes, awesome auction items, fantastic evening program, and amazing day program! Here’s everything you need to know about this must-attend event...

- **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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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 6:30pm - 8:30pm 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 llllee@l3rods.com or Bill Avery at (916) 625-1637 jbavery@sbcglobal.net.
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.

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