The big event on our agenda in March is our annual dinner on March 27th. Dennis Baker is bringing a fresh new look to the dinner with his innovative ideas and moxie for getting it done. The dinner is our one big social event and fund raiser event of the year. Fish stories are abound, and spouses are quickly engrossed in conversations. The event is casual attire, many wear blue jeans. Live auction items include a Family Trust Preparation ($1400 value), Shotgun lessons ($400 value) and “A Day on the Sacramento River” (Redding) with Chris Parsons ($400 value). This year we will be accepting VISA or MasterCard. If you haven’t gotten your tickets yet, you still have time. Tickets will be on sale at the March General Meeting. See you at the dinner.

The Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) is holding their Hall of Fame dinner on March 20, 2010. Mike Michalak (The Fly Shop owner) will be inducted into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. The GBF message board has all the details about the dinner.

I am off for the trip of a lifetime. I am going to the Amazon to fly fish for Peacock Bass. I’m very excited about the trip, and look forward to sharing my pictures with anyone wanting to see them—in fact, even if they don’t want to see them, I will show them.

Better know a member: This month it is Art Hawkins. Art is a past GBF President and past Treasurer. Fly fishing is not his only passion. He has a wood working shop in his home that a professional would kill for. Art took on a project to remodel his kitchen cabinets from scratch. Being a person of limited skills (that is me I am talking about), I am awed by Art’s talent. He accomplished his remodel, and is still married. Art is also running the net building clinic. If you haven’t built a net yet, Art is the man to see.

I write this message in early February just before leaving for my trip to the Amazon, so I shall close with GONE FISHING!!!!
Our speaker for March is Phil Fischer who will present a program on “Solving Puzzles,” something we’re all faced with each time we go fishing.

Have you ever experienced trout rising consistently, only to throw your whole fly box at them and wind up frustrated? “Solving Puzzles” is overviews, from a fly tier’s perspective, about fly patterns and the “why” behind fly selection. In this presentation, Phil will share with you why certain patterns work well, and why others don’t. He’ll cover hatch periods, and what to look for on the water to determine what trout are feeding on, and what patterns effectively match each portion of the hatch. He’ll review the Mayfly and Caddis fly life cycle through patterns, and share why you might fish with each pattern, and what makes it successful. Solving Puzzles is a result of many years of experience that pulls together the fundamentals of entomology, fly tying and fly fishing.

**Bio:**

Phil Fischer is an avid fly fisherman who was born and raised in the Bay Area and has fly fished for trout extensively through California and the Western United States. He has over 40 years of fly fishing and fly tying experience. He was tutored by Andre Puyans and taught fly tying classes at Creative Sports in Pleasant Hill for a number of years. He owns Phil’s Custom Trout Flies, and has fly customers throughout the US who count on his expertise in solving fly fishing puzzles on their own home waters. He can be reached at [http://www.philscustomflies.com/](http://www.philscustomflies.com/)

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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.
*** 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.
**** Sturmer White will host three separate advanced casting clinics.
***** Tom Ross and Art Livingston will teach this basic skills class

Annual Dinner Selling Out!

As of this writing (February 15th) there are still some Annual Dinner tickets left. If you don’t already have yours, please keep reading to find out just what this HUGE event is all about. If you’ve already bought your ticket(s), thank you very much for contributing to this worthwhile effort...from which the revenues pay our club’s bills for the year ahead!

- **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:** Tickets are only $38, and can be purchased by mail. Make check out to GBF and give names of attendees. Mail to: Bev Hagopian, 7124 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville, CA 95747. Tickets will also be on sale at the March general meeting.

- **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.

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.
**Membership**

by Jerry Devlin, V.P., Membership

First, let me thank all our members who have already paid their 2010 membership fees. When you consider all that GBF provides its members, the cost of membership is a real bargain. Don’t miss out on all the great educational opportunities and clinics which are right around the corner. Please remember, you have to be current on membership to attend any of the club events. Members who do not renew by the end of March will automatically be dropped from the membership list.

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 March meeting. Thank you.

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

**Know Any Swimmers?**

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 by the March general club meeting on 3/11 to relay the deserving story.

Bill King and Ray Ito again will be co-leaders for the fishout at Cameron Park Lake scheduled for Saturday, April 17, at 8 a.m. At last year’s fishout that was held during mid-week, there were fourteen members who attended. Bass were caught although not in big numbers or size. The weather conditions were perfect. Hopefully, the weather will again cooperate.

Cameron Park Lake is a catch and release fishery (artificial lures only). The lake is managed as a recreational fishery for residents of and visitors to Cameron Park. The lake holds black bass, crappie and blue gill. Standard bass patterns such as woolly buggers, poppers, and leaches fished along the weed beds should produce. There have been some large bass caught in the lake. Some of you may have seen pictures of the big bass caught by our fishout coordinator, Karl Wolff. Plans are being worked on with the community services district to allow GBF members into the park/lake at the resident fee, $3 per person. Those 62 years and older, the fee is $2.

Cameron Park Lake has tennis courts, a swimming area, a walking/jogging path around the lake, non motorized boat rentals, grassy areas with barbecues and picnic tables (http://www.cameronpark.org/cameronpark.html). The lake can be fished by float tube, non-motorized boat (there is a small boat/pontoon launch area near the entrance) or from the shoreline.

BBQ hot dogs and some side dishes will be provided by the hosts. If you would like to join us, there will be a signup sheet at the next general meeting. Come join in festivities.

For more information contact Ray Ito at itor@pacbell.net or Bill King at bill.king4@sbcglobal.net

**Fly Tying Contest Winners for February**

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It is that time of the year for our annual Bridgeport Area Fishout. We are looking forward to a good fishout since we have had a lot of snow this year. Please see The Leader for more details. We will be having our Saturday night Barbeque at our campsite. We will be camping (tent trailer) at Lower Twin Lakes Camp Ground, site # 10. We are looking forward to another great fishout.

Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras. Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen in addition to miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850's. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers and streams.

There is good fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large rainbow and brown trout. In nearby Bridgeport are the West Walker River, the East Walker River (a premier fly-fishing stream) and Buckeye Creek. Bev and I will be camping in one of the campgrounds on the way up to the Twin Lakes area. The camping area is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Bridgeport, off of Twin Lakes Rd. Camping can be very cold at night since the campground is at 7000 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creek side cabins, bed and breakfast inns and motels in the area. A word to the wise: Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. It is best to fill up in Minden or Walker, Nevada.

Directions: See the GBF Website
Equipment: See the GBF Website
For more information about lodging or RV sites, contact
Twin Lakes Resort at (760) 932-7751.
Upper Twin Lakes (760) 932-7071.
Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070.
Mono Village (760) 932-7071.
Doc and Al’s Resort (760) 932-7051.
Ken’s Sporting Goods in Bridgeport has a good selection of flies and provides a lot of insight as to what is fishing at the different sights. http://www.kenssport.com/
Also see GBF’s website with links.
Hope to see you in Bridgeport.

Bev and Bill Hagopian
billh07@comcast.net - 916-771-5837
So, our February conservation committee meeting had 4 in attendance. Thanks to Tony Fabian, Mike Howes and John Carroz for their time. Much was discussed, and although I try to bring extra copies of the agenda to the general meeting, I was unable to attend the meeting in February.

I’ve decided on new criteria for awarding the Jim Coleman Conservation Award at our annual dinner this year. Although I sincerely appreciated receiving the award last year, I’ve created a “log” of those who volunteered their time for GBF’s conservation efforts in 2009. The award will go to the member with the most hours volunteered for the year. Hopefully my successor will continue this tradition, and I hope this will encourage more members to volunteer their time for GBF conservation efforts throughout the year.

Speaking of my successor, 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.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS / MEETINGS**

**January 21st – Lower Yuba River Technical Working Group meeting** – Tony Fabian and I attended this meeting at the Yuba County Water Agency. We learned that this project is much bigger than just the conservation easement below the Hwy 20 bridge. This meeting was concerning another part of the project regarding a gravel augmentation plan just below Englebright Dam. I will continue to attend these meetings on behalf of GBF.

**February 2nd – Middle Fork American FERC relicensing meeting** – Thank you to Bill Carnazzo, Bill Templin and Tony Fabian for attending this meeting on our behalf. Tony has agreed to continue attending these meetings on behalf of GBF.

**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.

**March 6th – Red Sesbania Removal** - Keep an eye on the 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.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held back at Round Table Pizza in Fair Oaks (4400 San Juan Avenue). I hope to have a representative from Putah Creek Trout to speak with us about possible riparian habitat rehabilitation we may be able to assist them with. I’m also hoping we can discuss 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. This will be dependent upon whether they’ve received all their permits by that time.

As always, all are welcome to attend. ~ Robin, (916) 396-0030
Tggr514@yahoo.com

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**Conservation Corner**
Yong Special

by Bill Carnazzo

Andy Kim, whose real name in Korean is Andy Yong, is known as the legend of the San Juan River. I’ve never met him; rather, I learned of him through my friend Keith Kaneko who has fished with him several times. Keith uses the Yong Special wherever midges are present, including the lower Yuba River where he guides regularly. According to Keith, the Yong Special will catch fish when no other fly will work—and it out-fishes all of the other midge patterns that we know and love.

Here’s a testimonial: "Simple but deadly. That’s the best way to describe Andy Kim’s series of midge imitations. His flies are so efficient, he has earned the jealousy of some rival guides, and it was long rumored on the San Juan River that he must be scenting his flies, or somehow fishing unethically. ‘How else can he catch that many fish?’ anglers would whisper over a beer at the Sportsman’s Inn. ‘It’s just not natural.’”

Indeed, this fly is the ultimate in simplicity—it’s all thread. It is the manner of applying the thread that makes the difference. It is critical that the finished body be smooth, with no lumps. To accomplish this, a smooth, tapered under body must be laid down. This is done by unwinding the thread so that it lies flat on the hook shank. When the tapered under body is completed, the thread is “over-tightened” by spinning the bobbin clockwise; the taut thread is then wound forward to create a segmented body.

Thread type and color are also critical. Andy Kim uses Coates and Clark sewing thread for the body, and standard thread for the head. Once the techniques are learned, it is possible to tie several dozen specimens in an hour:

Instructions (The following was taken from http://prairiegoat.com/Fishing/FlyPatterns/YongSpecial.htm):

1. Debarb the hook.
2. Attach the thread at the mid-point of the hook and unwind it by twisting the bobbin counter-clockwise. Hold the thread taut with your left hand while taking two or three wraps toward the eye of the hook. Leave space for about two thread wraps behind the hook eye to build a head later. (Note: although the following pictures don’t show the thread untwisted, I highly recommend that you do so; it will create a smoother under body).
3. Wrap the thread back over the previous layer to the mid-point of the hook and trim the excess thread. This will help create the tapered body of the fly.
4. Continue to wrap thread to the rear of the hook and stop just above the hook barb.
5. Twist the thread clockwise until it is tightly wound. Wrap forward with touching turns to the eye of the hook and make a small two turn whip-finish. Trim the thread.

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6. Attach the black 8/0 fly tying thread behind the eye of the hook, and build a pronounced head, or thorax, that is a little less than ¼ the length of the hook shank. Whip-finish and apply a tiny drop of super glue just behind the hook eye.

**Tying and fishing tips:**

1. As mentioned in last month’s column, 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. As also mentioned in last month’s column, 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 this miniscule critter 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.

3. Fish the Yong Special under an indicator if you wish, or use swinging techniques with an intermediate line and a 9 or 10 foot leader tapered to 5x or 6x diameter.

4. I found the C & C Summer Brown #54A thread at JoAnne’s craft store. Unfortunately all they had was the large spool, so I had to have a friend with a sewing machine “decant” it down to a sewing machine bobbin that fits my Renzetti midge bobbin (which is not a bad thing when tying tiny flies).

Stay warm out there…and see ya on the creek.

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**Rod Wrapping Tools**

**by Larry Lee**

In this article, I am going to have to digress slightly and provide information on tools and rod wrapping machines to apply thread on the guides. In the next articles we will continue to describe how to: 1) tie the guides (including hook-keeper) to the blank with thread, 2) reinforce the ferrules, 3) place thread onto or adjacent to the tiptop, 4) add some small single trim or trim bands, and 5) prepare the rod for epoxy application to the thread.

**Tools needed:**

In a prior article, I showed some of the tools needed for temporarily mounting the guides to the blank. For the next step of rod building you are going to also need a few more tools. They are a burnishing tool, probe, and scissors (see photo “Rod wrapping tools”) and a rod wrapping machine. The burnishing tool, made from nylon, is used for final movement of the thread or burnishing when small adjustments to the thread are necessary. The probe is used for helping remove masking tape not needed. The scissors are used for cutting of the thread. The tools shown come in a small kit that can be purchased from Cabela’s.

**Rod Wrappers:**

There are many types of rod wrappers that will fit the job. They range from cut-up card board boxes with a book and cup, hand rod wrappers, to electric rod wrapping machines. In general, the more features a rod wrapper has, the easier it is to wrap the rod. In this article I am going to briefly discuss four types. They are the box rod wrapper, home built hand rod wrapper, Flex Coat (commercially made) hand rod wrapper, and a commercial electric powered, variable speed rod wrapper. To decide on which one is best for you, you must first decide, how many rods you are going to build and how much you want to spend. Also, you will need to consider different features.

**Box Hand Rod Wrapper:**

The box hand rod wrapper is the most primitive, least expensive, functional, and probably the most difficult to use for wrapping thread onto the rod (see photo “Box rod wrapper”). I cut up a normal cardboard box, used a couple of rubber bands for blank tensioning, and a book and a cup for thread tensioning.

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Home Built Rod Wrapper:
I built this hand rod wrapper with a table saw and a hand held drill (see picture “Homemade hand rod wrapper”). I went to the home building supply store to get many of my supplies. They were the wood (fir, pine, oak...), dowels, small molding, screws, hot gun glue, and wood glue. You are going to need at least one, but two is better, thread tensioning devices. Those can be purchased from Cabelas. You are also going to need Velcro [sticky back and non sticky back] from the fabric store. Total cost of materials is about $30. I am going to defer to another article on building a hand rod wrapper.

Flex Coat Rod Wrapper:
These hand rod wrappers (see photo “Flex Coat rod wrapper”) can be purchased for about $70 at various places such as Cabela’s or Angler’s Workshop. It must be assembled and perhaps you may want to add some additional Velcro straps for blank tensioning. These rod wrappers are very well made and very easy to use. It can be used on the kitchen table.

Power Rod Wrapper:
If you want to build many rods and want efficiency, the power rod wrapper may be for you (see photo “Power rod wrapper”). This model was built by Batson Enterprises and costs about $375. It also has two motors. One motor is a variable speed motor controlled by a foot treadle, and the other motor is a constant speed motor used for epoxy application and drying. This rod wrapper can be extended by 4 foot increments. It is an excellent machine and is quite easy to use.

Summary:
I would recommend starting slow, perhaps with a rod building class from the club with the teacher supplying the equipment. You can see how much you are really interested in rod building, or maybe it is not really for you. The more rods you build, and more skills you pick up building rods, you can see what kinds of equipment you really want acquire.

As always, rod building classes are also available for learning these processes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at llee@L3rods.com or by telephone at (916) 962-0616.
Have you had a chance to donate something for the Annual Dinner coming up later this month? Anything (big or small) is appreciated and everything is duly acknowledged. The more raffle prizes and auction items we have, the more raffle tickets and auction items we sell (and the more revenues we generate to help finance club operations in the year ahead).

Please consider donating a raffle prize or auction item for the Annual Dinner. Here are some of the kinds of things that club members have donated in the 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. Thank you in advance for helping your club in this small but significant way.

Fishouts

We’ve had a little touch of spring already and it’s a reminder that the Spring trout opener is nearing. However, we’re very fortunate in Northern California in that many trout streams are open in the Winter-Spring months and we have many other species to pursue year round.

Following are the fishouts scheduled so far. Thanks to the fishout leaders who have stepped up to lead. However, we still need more volunteers to fill out the schedule. 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.

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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, 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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