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President's Message

by Dennis Baker, GBF President

As we begin the New Year, let me say I hope it will be a more profitable one for those of us who are still working, and a very exciting one for all of you.

Your Board of Directors is working very hard to ensure there are lots of local fishouts and clinics for all of us to enjoy!

I must congratulate Ron and Jeannie English on having the winning chili at the annual swap meet and chili contest. We will start the year with the International Sportsman's Exposition in January lead by Ray Ito.

It is time to renew your membership for 2011, and the new electronic credit card machine makes it painless, so do not procrastinate. We have two Yuba River fishouts scheduled in January and February, and one to Rancho Murieta in April.

The 2011 GBF Annual Dinner on Feb. 19th will be a fun-filled event starting with free Wine Tasting at 4:30 PM, and highlighted by ELVIS singing some of his greatest hits; and Jack Dennis, our headline speaker, sharing his incredible knowledge of fly tying and fishing. Tickets are limited, so don't miss out—get yours at the next general meeting, or by contacting Bev Hagopian at billh07@comcast.net.



Membership

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 230 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 230). 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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2.	3.	4. 7:00 PM Conservation Committee Meeting	5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.	13. Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM	14.	15.
16.	17.	18. Fly Tying Jam	19.	20. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	21.	22.
23. ISE Show at Cal Expo	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29. Yuba River Fishout #1
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Monthly Program



Out guest speaker this month is Daniel Galhardo, the leading authority on tenkara fly-fishing in the US, and founder of Tenkara USA, the first company specialized in tenkara fly fishing outside of Japan. Tenkara is the traditional Japanese style of fly fishing where only a rod, line and fly are used. It's a simple method of fly-fishing, very effective in the mountain streams found in California. After discovering tenkara, Daniel has had several opportunities to learn it fully under tenkara masters in Japan. He launched Tenkara USA in April 2009, creating a new segment of fly-fishing that is considered to be one of the only real innovations in the sport in the last 30 years.

Daniel's presentation will cover the origins and history of tenkara, its evolution and modern practice, the gear used and will show how California is simply a "tenkara-perfect" state.

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 February 19th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member by the February club meeting on 2/10 to relay the deserving story.

**With the Holidays behind us, now's the time to get your tickets
to our famous Annual Dinner and Raffle/Auction on February 19th**

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, Jack Dennis, who'll also do an informative day program at the clubhouse.

• **When:** Saturday, February 19th, 2011. The day program usually runs 10am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 4:30 PM (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, fellowship, 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 this month's club meeting, or call Bill and Bev Hagopian (916-771-5837) to arrange purchase by mail. Tickets are only \$35 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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Conservation Corner

by Henry Sandigo, Conservation Chair

"A creek is more than a place for bass and bream, warblers and wood ducks. It is a habitat for people. Habitat conservation benefits people. Creeks course through people. A tall, fat, gray-green sycamore on a shady undercut bend grows naked with age. Slow-moving water spattered with yellow sunlight pours over fossil-littered limestone slabs. In the shelter of a pool in a tangle of roots, little fish wait there, the wild consequences of time preserved in living turquoise shards."⁽¹⁾

Working my way through a book about fishing is fun. I really enjoyed the paragraph above, when I came upon it while reading. I learn many things about fishing while reading. One item, is how to commune with where you are, as you prepare to cast, or sit down to tie on a new fly, or untangle a snarled line, or take a break and enjoy a sandwich for lunch. As I learn about fishing, I am also learning about how to save the world's fisheries, one day at a time.

As the head of Conservation for GBF, which is a new hat for me to wear, I am exposed to emails about this water issue or that building issue and the thoughts and emails of many good thinking people. After spending 40 years working with phone and network systems, how did I arrive at helping save the planet? I am retired. I am supposed to be fishing and kicking back. Listening to conversations across the table during meetings or casual conversation, tells me everyone has an idea. I think the real issue is learning how to select one issue and work it through to the end. There is too much to do and so little time. So my question to you is, how do we get the work done without your help?

The latest topic I became aware of is, the world is running out of spots to catch fish!⁽²⁾ How can that be? The world is huge. There are mountains and canyons to keep us at bay. We are unable to forge a path through brambles, and boulders and other obstacles, without using some portable powered cutting device, like a chain-

⁽¹⁾ *Nature Has a Way of Finding Us All - Craig Springer, Up River & Downstream The Best Fly-Fishing & Angling Adventures of the New York Times January 23, 2005*

⁽²⁾ *Health&Science, Sacramento Bee
Juliet Eilperin, Washington Post*

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For Sale: Lamson Konic 4.0 Reel. New, never used. Large arbor, uses 8-10 wt. line. Features fully sealed conical drag system & stainless steel roller clutch. \$145. Call Taylor Yates at 608-4560, or tdyatesfolsom@sbcglobal.net.

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*.

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saw (not practical, when you need to carry your rod and gear). The problem is we are consuming fish so fast and the demand for fresh fish remains high. Normal fishing locations are running out of fish, which forces our industry to move further out to remote waters to catch or gather the fish to match demand. There is no sustainability. The fish can't reproduce fast enough based on our demand. We, as fly fishing people, know that. That is why we are so aware of protecting the waters that surround us.

We need to be aware of all water threatening issues. We need you to continue to educate your families, your friends, your neighbors, any one who can make a difference. Here are a few links: Read them, spread the word.

<http://www.tu.org>

<http://www.mccloudriverkeepers.org/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Northern-California-Council-Federation-of-Flyfishers/127248623987374?ref=ts>

Another great source is your local newspaper. You will find many articles detailing fish and waterway issues there.

A few periodicals that you may already subscribe to are:

California Fly Fisher

Flyfisher (Magazine of the FFF)

Trout (Magazine of Trout Unlimited)

Books are a great source to help us understand the big picture. Here are a few to browse through:

Going Blue, a guide to saving our oceans, lakes, rivers & wetlands

Ways Towards Sustainable Management of Freshwater Resources

High Noon 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them

Oceans and Rivers in Danger (Protect Our Planet)

There are many Blogs that you can read about water issues that affect our rivers, streams, lakes and other locations:

<http://blogs.lib.berkeley.edu/wrca.php>

<http://www.aguanomics.com/2009/09/good-water-blogs.html>

Write and call your local, state and federal elected, appointed, hired officials; voice your concern. Volunteer as much as you can. Look for ways to help. Ask others to join you in this very important effort; saving the worlds fisheries, one day at a time.

Free Flies Anyone?

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 with the most – or both!

These are also the patterns that they're happy...even proud to share with others when the need arises. Giving flies to someone is an opportunity to truly help them do better on a certain species, a particular water, or even a specific 'hatch.'

The opportunity has arrived! We need club members who tie their own flies to share their passion and patterns with other club members by donating a box of their favorite flies for the Annual Dinner on February 19th.

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 and experience with someone who really 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 find a way to help your club and club members in this way, please contact Frank Stolten at (916) 725-6894 or e-mail fstolten@comcast.net.



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Granite Bay Flycasters Booth at the I.S.E. Show at Cal Expo

The 2011 I.S.E Show will be held from January 20 -23, Thursday – Sunday. There will be no San Mateo show so we can expect larger crowds during the show. The I.S.E Show is a major source of new members for the club. Ray Ito is coordinating the staffing of the club's booth. The club's booth will be at the same location as last year. Volunteers will be needed for setting up the booth around 4 P.M. the day before the start of the show (Wednesday), staffing the booth during the show, and the booth tear down on the last day. Only two members are needed for each time slot. You can sign up by emailing Ray Ito to request an updated signup sheet listing the available time slots. There will also be a signup sheet at the January club meeting. Volunteers are admitted to the show free of charge (you have to pay your own parking fees). This will be your opportunity to meet with the public to promote GBF's conservations efforts and the numerous club activities.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Ito at itor@pacbell.net, or (530) 677-5250.

2011 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.

Eric Palmer (ejpalmer@pacbell.net) 916-987-1359, will lead our fishout on **January 29th** and Pete Koistinen (ejpalmer@pacbell.net) 916-435-9530 , will lead on **February 12th**. 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 Eric (for Jan. 29th) or Pete (for Feb. 12th) 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 stonefly 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.

OK, we hope to see you on these great "private water" fishouts.

. . .Eric and Pete

Help Your Club Help You!

The Have you had a chance to donate something for the Annual Dinner coming up next month? Anything, big or small, is appreciated and everything is duly acknowledged at the dinner. 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 chosen to donate 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 by the end of this month. Thank you in advance for helping your club in this small but significant way.

Fly Tyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

Bill's Swimming Starling Sally

I've recently designed a new series of three flies for the ubiquitous "Little Yellow Stonefly" that we all (sometimes) know and (always) love. I say "sometimes" when it comes to "know" because this little bug may well be the most mistakenly identified of all of the aquatic insects that we consider to be our fish staples. While guiding, I've heard clients refer to them as terrestrials (lacewings, for example), mayflies (PMDs in particular), and light-colored caddis. That's not a criticism, by the way—it's easy to mistake the Sally for other small aquatics, especially when it's breezy. But it's also important to learn how to "know" Sally when she's (or he's) the one doing the flying around in your little piece of heaven. Knotting on a PMD imitation or an Elk Hair Caddis, or the wrong kind of nymph or emerger, will beget only frustration because, at least in my experience, fish keying on Sallies are very selective.

The Sally nymph was featured in the September, 2010 Leader. I'll feature the adult in a future article. For this article I'm presenting the Swimming Starling Sally, which is a soft hackle style pattern that could represent the subspecies that actually hatch in the water column (i.e., an emerging life stage), or simply a nymph that is drifting along after having become dislodged from the rocks. Don't think in terms of mayfly emergers, because that is an entirely different concept.

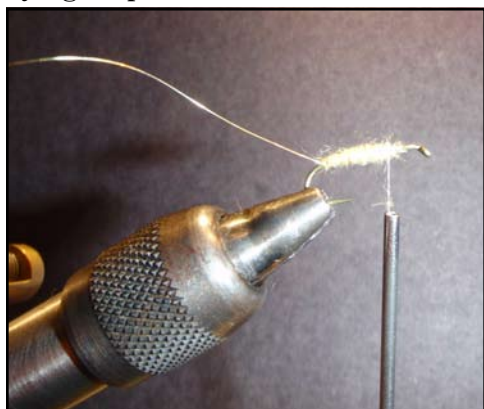
There are a number of ways of fishing soft hackle flies. One way would be to suspend it by itself under an indicator with a fairly long tippet (6-9') and a small split shot, cast the rig upstream, mend into a dead drift, and transition to a swing after the rig passes your position. A second way (my preferred technique for pocket water) would be to attach it to the bottom fly in a short-line rig with 14-16" of 5x fluorocarbon and fish it as a "stinger." This means casting upstream, using a regular short-line drift until the rig passes your position, and then allowing it to swing at the end of the drift. A third method would be to fish it in traditional soft-hackle swing style on a long leader (9-12') with 5x fluorocarbon at the tip. In all three methods, I will utilize the "Leisenring lift" technique at the end of the drift to mimic an insect rising in the water column.

So, let's tie up a few.

MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Standard nymph hook, such as TMC 3761BL
Thread:	Pale yellow 8/0 or smaller
Ribbing:	Fine gold wire
Body:	Pale yellow natural dubbing with a slight olive tinge
Thorax:	Same as body
Hackle:	Starling feather, tied soft hackle style

Tying Steps:



Steps 1, 2 & 3

1. Smash the hook barb; if you are using the "BL" type hooks, this is already done. Cover the hook with thread back to the bend (just above back of barb).
2. Tie in the gold wire for the ribbing at that spot.
3. At the same point, begin dubbing the body forward in a nice slight taper. It is important to keep the body slender but achieve a slight cigar-shaped taper as you proceed forward. Stop at the 1/3 point on the hook.



Steps 4 & 5

4. Rib the body with 4 or 5 turns of the gold wire and tie off the wire at the front of the body.
5. Dub a thorax that is somewhat more robust than the body. The purpose of this step is to create a thorax appearance but also to backstop the soft hackle so that it doesn't just flatten out against the body during the drift. In turn, this allows the hackle to "swim" as the fly drifts. It is important that you leave at least two hook-eye widths open behind the eye so that the hackle (next 2 steps) can be properly wound around the hook.

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Steps 6 & 7

6. Prepare a starling feather and tie it in by its tip, just in front of the thorax. Since the fly is designed in the soft-hackle style, the concave side of the feather should face the rear of the hook.

7. Wind the feather around the hook at least 3 times, sweeping the barbuless back on each turn. Tie the feather off just behind the hook eye, trim the excess, and wind the thread in close wraps rearward to help sweep the hackle backward. Whip finish and apply a small drop of super glue to the head.

Tying Tips:

1. Starling feathers from the neck area have an iridescent black shine and a tannish tip. These are the feathers you should look for.
2. To prepare a feather for a soft-hackle fly, there are several methods that have been written about. I prefer to follow these steps:
 - a. Strip the fuzz from the butt end of the feather, but don't cut the stem.
 - b. Isolate the feather's tip by grabbing it with a pointed tweezer and sweeping the remaining barbuless rearward.
 - c. Tie the feather in using the isolated tip as a tab.

Now go crank out a few of these gems and.....See ya on the creek.

Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet



And the winner is...Ron English.

On December 4th we had another very successful chili cook-off and swap meet. This annual event goes back more years than any senior member I spoke with could verify, but it's well into the double digits if not 20 years or more. We had a good showing in chili offerings with Ron English's "AM Chili" coming in 1st and Doug Kytönen's "Holy Mole" 2nd. This year we decided to present actually certificates for 1st and 2nd place. Denny Welsh with his "Just Passin Thru" came in 3rd, but was in the lead for a good while and it looked like a slam dunk for Denny then suddenly (and mysteriously?) he was overtaken by Ron's beanless offering that was heavy in meat. Looks like the carnivores dominated as the morning wore on.

On the swap meet, many items were exchanged for the legal tender allowing members to off-load once prized and coveted tackle that in earlier years they just could not live with out. There were many bargains to be had from like new high end rods and reels at insane markdowns to older gear at rock bottom prices and everything imaginable in between. Many of our better tiers were selling a wide range



Tying materials at bargain prices.

of patterns at bargain prices. The swap meet is a great opportunity to stuff your fly boxes at prices substantially below fly shop rates, and in the case of Bill Carnazzo's famous and *not commercially available* Stick Caddis nymph, an Upper Sac. top performer, the only chance. Sturmer White sold his entire inventory of very nice hand made rustic wading staffs priced at an amazing \$9! Next year we need to do a better job of alerting members to come early as the event winds down quickly when the good stuff is gone and the chili pots are dry, typically by 9:30 to 10:00.

Henry Sandigo
Eric Palmer



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Classes and Clinics

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.

Scheduled Clinics/Classes

Fly Tying Jam: Jim Holmes, Pete Peterson

Date(s)

Third Tuesday Each Month (Continuing)

Upcoming Clinics/Classes

Rod Building: Larry Lee

Net Building: Art Hawkins

Fly Tying Basics: Paul Egan

Fly Tying Beyond The Basics: Bill Carnazzo

Stillwater Fly Fishing: John Peterson, Jim Holmes

Fish Food: Terry Eggleston

Sagehen Entomology Clinic: John Carroz

N. Yuba Nymphing Clinic: Bill Carnazzo

Ongoing

Dates TBD

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Other Possible Clinics

Spey Casting

Swinging Flies

Steelhead/Shad Fishing

Stripper Fishing in the Delta

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Wounded Warriors Event, 2010

by Bill Carnazzo

The Wounded Warriors program is not a GBF event; rather, it is sponsored through the generosity of GBF member Tom Bartos, and is held annually at the Horseshoe Bar Fish & Game Preserve on the Middle Fork of the American River. A number of GBF members volunteer their valuable time to assist our wounded veterans at this outstanding event.

The event consists of a four-day camp-out at the Preserve. One of the many activities that are made available to the vets is fly fishing education and on-stream experience, along with fly tying classes. My part in the management of the event is to line up the "guides" who assist vets by teaching fly fishing skills in the unique environment of the Preserve. Tom Bartos provides the venue, and (with a lot of able help) handles all of the myriad logistical issues—getting fishing equipment donations, food, camping facilities, etc. Nick Strelchuk is the official Wounded Warriors organization representative—himself a very capable and experienced fly angler. Nick arranges the guest vet list and sees to it that they are transported to the preserve, and that their various needs are met.

The vets are very special people, all of whom have been wounded seriously in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Regardless of the many different views on those conflicts, these vets have given hugely and it is indeed a privilege to be able to serve them. This year we hosted five vets, including one young lady.

GBF members who gave of their time this year to help with the angling included Hans Geyer, Joe Tax, Mike Susslin, Nancy Siegler, Rick Radoff, Steve Reem, Tom Ross, and of course Tom Bartos and me. Others who helped with the fishing, who I am sure many of you know, included Ace Emmerling (Gold Country Fly Fishers), river guide and my friend Derek Hendrickson, and my friend Phil Meyer. Others from the Golden Gate Casting Club and the San Jose Fly Fishers also helped out.

As was the case in 2009, the vets enjoyed the fishing experience immensely. They also enjoyed the fly tying instruction. I was able to obtain full sets of tying tools for the vets from Spirit River, Inc., along with a nice supply of materials. Kudos to that generous company!

The young lady veteran had been seriously wounded by an IED in 2005; she suffered injuries to virtually all of her body, including her brain. In turn, she suffered a stroke and lost a great deal of the mobility of one side of her body. Through her fortitude and a long recovery period, she was able to leave the wheel chair behind and now walks with a cane. She caught on quickly on the casting, and wanted to pursue it in the future. Since then she's been visiting the Golden Gate Casting Club facilities in San Francisco weekly, and has been helped there by that group. Her casting has progressed rapidly. Through the generosity of member Larry Lee, she received a beautiful 9' 4piece 5 weight rod personalized with her name—for which she is eternally grateful. We also arranged for a line and a reel, so she is set. Here's what she has to say: "With your rod I can cast even with my stroke arm. It's so easy, and everybody thinks I'm doing great for a beginner. Everybody is jealous of the rod too. I believe fly fishing has changed my life in a since, because it's the only think I can do that turns my mind off. I have to think so hard on Fly fishing, I don't think of the bad things from the War. Now with a rod of my own, I have been practicing all the time. so thank you so very much."

I'll leave it at that, except to say that in October of 2011, Tom Bartos, Nick Strelchuk and I will be doing this rewarding event again.

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