Important update: The Folsom Lake Activity Center is being remodeled and will not be available for our use until about April 1, 2012. The remodel will restore the HVAC systems, provide a new kitchen, change the storage areas and relocate our library, along with improvements to the restrooms, fresh paint, lighting and carpet.

Henry Sandigo has made reservations for the Club to meet at the Sun City Lincoln Hills Community facility, 965 Orchard Creek Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648 temporarily for the February 9th and March 8th monthly meetings.

We will send out driving directions by “E” Blast soon. The remainder of our club house activities are being moved to various Raley’s locations, which will be announced by “E” Blast repeatedly. Our speaker programs for February and March will remain in place. The Chili Cook-off and Swap-Meet will have to be moved to a new date, and will be announced soon.

Our Annual Dinner is February 25th, which is less than a month away. The Board of Directors has authorized an online way for you to purchase your tickets quickly and easily, so open the GBF “E” Blast and click on the link, and buy your ticket today while I have your attention.

Our Guest Speaker is outstanding! Kelly Galloup is the Host of Fly Fishing TV, and the designer of the Zoo-Cougar streamer, which has gained considerable notoriety. As usual, Frank Stolten has a great selection of silent auction items, and Mike Howes has put together a great raffle again this year. This is not to say the committee does not need your help to make this year’s event even better. So, all you fly tiers, please do your best to create a couple boxes of flies for the silent auction.

Stay tuned for future GBF E-Blasts announcing our February Meeting Location.
Our speaker this month, Jason Hartwick, will present a program on *California North Coast Steelhead*, and will talk about two of his favorite things: steelhead fishing and spey rods.

**Jason’s Bio:**

I was born and raised in Sacramento, CA and have been fly fishing for over 17 years. I attended the University of Texas on a golf scholarship, and pursued professional golf for four years after school. While I grew up playing golf and trying to make a career out of it, I spent most of my youth trout and steelhead fishing the rivers of California’s Central Valley. I hooked my first steelhead on the American River, and I have been crazy about them ever since. Although I grew up in Sacramento, I consider the Trinity River my home river. I have been fly fishing the Trinity River watershed for over 11 years in summer, fall, and winter. What drew me to this river is the variety of steelhead fishing it provides all anglers throughout the year.

While I have been an avid steelheader for many years, I have been even more excited about steelheading since I started fishing two handed (spey) rods 11 years ago. Spey rods not only make steelhead fishing much more enjoyable,
but a heck of a lot easier. Not only can you cast further with ease, but the two-handed rod makes mending a breeze! Part of my love of fishing the two-handed rod is teaching others to cast and fish them as well. If you have not experienced steelhead fishing with a spey rod, I suggest you give it a try. Go for the grab!

### Water Barons Corner Market via the Senate

I suppose I should be surprised. And, I'm not. I am disappointed. I just read an article in the *Sacramento Bee* that tells us, the U.S. Taxpayer, how a trusted senator of the US Senate slipped in a provision in the 2012 budget that “allows powerful San Joaquin Valley water barons to sell federally subsidized agricultural water in a private market,” and make huge profits! A friend of mine mentioned the article to me, and saved it at my request, so I read it last night. It’s written by a person who is a principal director for Pacific Advocates, Patricia Schifferle. She represents the Delta Stewardship Council. I have been thinking about the article ever since.

The provision basically strips protection of this water, protection approved by Congress back in 1992. I am sad to say, one of the barons is a long time backer of the unnamed senator. I’ve learned it isn’t a new process, and it’s known as “privatized water sales” aka “water transfers.” California’s been doing it for about 15 years. Moving cheap agricultural Northern California water to Southern California and Bay Area cities. Ms Schifferle points out that the group who controls, or will be controlling these sales, is the who’s who of California corporate agriculture: Westland’s Water District and billionaire Stewart Resnick. Resnick runs privately controlled Kern Water Bank.

This water should be allowed to flow back into the Bay and Delta as replenishment of what has be drawn out for public and private use. This water should not be further sold to make other entities more money and exact control over water that is truly owned by the federal government, aka the U.S. Taxpayer. These folks control hundreds of acre feet of water. They won’t have to fully compensate the public investment in the storage facilities, energy to pump the water, maintenance or operation of the facilities that the water is stored in or used, to convey the water to their facilities. Even the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation admitted that Resnick’s Kern Water Bank is on the list of beneficiaries of the deregulated measure. Climate change and global warming studies warn us of future water shortages soon to come to California, and the deregulation of our water rights by back room negotiation, as Ms Schifferle points out, is “just plain wrong.” In my view, there is all kinds of chicanery going on here.

There is more to the article than I describe, so I strongly urge you read the article on line, in the *Sacramento Bee*, Sunday, January 8, 2012 under Viewpoints - [http://www.sacbee.com/2012/01/10/4178301/water-barons-will-make-a-killing.html](http://www.sacbee.com/2012/01/10/4178301/water-barons-will-make-a-killing.html).

There is also a rebuttal to the above article written by Sen. Diane Feinstein, published in the *Sacramento Bee*, Sunday, Jan. 15th - [http://www.sacbee.com/2012/01/15/4186592/critic-painted-skewed-picture.html](http://www.sacbee.com/2012/01/15/4186592/critic-painted-skewed-picture.html). I urge you to read both articles to get a better understanding of the issue.

### Carson River "Tour / Outing"

by Bill Carnazzo

I have made arrangements with Greg Vinci for a “fishing tour” of the East Carson River, to be held on July 26th of this year. The purpose of the outing will be to acquaint members with access points along this outstanding river and its fishery. We will, of course, fish in addition to cruising the turnouts and “secret” spots. Participating members will learn about local hatches and the successful flies to imitate them; fish habits; and the proper strategies and techniques for the river.

There will be a fee for this outing, in order to pay

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The Leader

by John Hogg, VP Membership

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Fly Tying Contest Winners for January

Beginners: No Entries
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"Beyond the Basics"
2012 Fly Tying Class

This class is for tyers who are in the intermediate to advanced category; **it is not a beginner class.** We have to be firm on that point, because it is a limited enrollment, and the various tyers are counting on that. The goal of the class is to hone skills of more experienced tyers. The format consists of six consecutive evening sessions from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. All sessions except one are on Wednesdays; the exception is Thursday, March 22nd. The first Wednesday session will be March 7th. So, the dates will be March 7, 14, 22, and 28, and April 4 and 11. There will be a different tyer at each of the six sessions, which provides members with a very interesting variety of opinions, techniques, styles, and viewpoints. Each of the guest tyers will be very experienced, and each will do something different.

BTW, the Library holds several hundred books. To keep things organized, this collection is grouped into five different categories: 1) Reference; 2) Advice From The Experts; 3) Fly Tying; 4) Destinations; and 5) Fishing Stories. A book index (title and author) can be viewed on the GBF website (see “GBF Library”) and paper copies of the index can be found at the Library table each meeting.

Do you prefer DVDs? Great, because the library now has 76 of them. These DVDs cover all types of trout, steelhead, bass and striped fishing. Some can help you improve your fly fishing skills, some will help you identify bugs, and others provide tips on tying knots and tying flies. It’s noted the Library also includes a copy of “Streamer Fishing For Trophy Trout,” a DVD made by Kelly Galloup, who you may recall will be the guest speaker for this year’s annual dinner. A DVD index can also be viewed on the GBF website.

One last issue, club policy is that items are to be checked out for just one month. So, if you’ve checked something out, be sure to return it the next meeting.

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We will announce the lineup of tyers by email to those who sign up. **The class is limited to ten (10) members.**

We have done this class annually for quite a long time; each time it has been a resounding success. There is no fee, except that individual guest tyers who opt to provide materials, hooks, etc., may need to be reimbursed by class participants. Reimbursement is expected at the beginning of the session. The cost, if any, will be nominal. The classes will be held at the clubhouse, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

To sign up, please send an email to Bill Carnazzo at bcarnazzo@sebastiancorp.net; or, you can sign up at the February general meeting. If we have more than ten members sign up, a lottery will be held.

**Fishmaster’s Corner**

*by Eric Palmer, Fishmaster*

As I begin my tour as club **Fishmaster** and present my first offering to the Fishmaster’s Corner, I’m going to start with a clean slate, making few assumptions. This, largely for the benefit of new members and reiterating my remarks from the January general meeting; and at the risk of boring experienced members silly. Different clubs will use varying terminology for club positions and functions. At GBF, the role of **Fishmaster** was created in the early years to look at the bigger picture of providing members with productive and frequent fishing opportunities on local waters, i.e., fishouts. This entails recruiting fishout leaders, suggesting practical destinations, resolving timing conflicts, and most importantly; ensuring that the general membership is well informed of all scheduled events. This last point is accomplished via the GBF website Fishouts page (click here), articles in *The Leader* and remarks from the **Fishmaster** at each monthly general meeting.

Effective last fall, we now have two flavors of fishouts. The traditional “full service” event that everyone is familiar with, and now the new no-host fishout. As the name implies this is more of a streamlined event or perhaps a fishout “lite” in which a member will announce on the message board that he/she is going to be at a given destination on a given date and time and simply invites others to join in the fun. An RSVP is optional (no formal signup either), but you might reply to the original posting as a courtesy. For a no-host fishout, new member-beginners are always welcomed, but participants should expect to be relatively self-sufficient as there will likely be minimal individual attention available. However, fly selection and rigging advice, if not included with the original posting, would certainly be provided following a simple reply. And of course, since GBF members are a friendly sort, you can always consult the member rigging up at the vehicle parked next to you for some sage advice.

Now a reminder for our steelheaders planning to ply the waters of the lower American or any other California stream for the “fish of a thousand casts”. *CA Fish and Game*, is reported as being hard-nosed about a **contemporaneous** recording of events on your steelhead card during your fishing day. This means you must make your initial location entries on the card for the particular river before you hit the water and update it immediately and on the

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As of this writing (Jan. 15th) there are still some Annual Dinner tickets left. If you don’t already have yours, please keep reading to find out why you don’t want to miss this event. If you already have your ticket(s), thank you very much for contributing to this worthwhile effort… the revenues from which will pay club expenses for the year ahead!

• **Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors… anyone who’s interested in having a great time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause.

• **What:** Fabulous BBQ buffet dinner, raffle, and auction, along with guest speaker, Kelly Galloup, who’ll also do an instructional program that day for dinner ticket holders.

• **When:** Saturday, February 25th, 2012. The day program usually runs 10am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 4:30pm (bar opens at 4:30; dinner begins around 6:00).

• **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Rocklin Sunset Center on Sunset Blvd. The day program will be 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 the February club meeting, or call Bill & 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, please contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639

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spot for each fish kept, or back at your vehicle the same day if all fish were released. This is required only for steelhead – that is, not stripers or shad – **but** if you are shad fishing and unintentionally land a steelhead on your shad fly and get caught with a kept steelhead without an updated card, you are subject to a massive fine that will ruin your day. Apparently, intentions don’t count. Food for thought. Click [here](#) for detailed DF&G info on the steelhead reporting card.

I’m going to close with what will become a monotonous refrain for leaders to step forward and lead a fishout. If you have never done so and think “it’s just not your thing”, come to the February meeting where you just may learn something that will cause you to reconsider.

Thanks, and see you on the water!

Eric
Hacklestacker Midge

Winter trout fishing can be an exercise in mind-bending frustration if you fail to adjust your strategies and your mental vision of what the fish are up to during this time of cold, clear, low water. Contrary to some misconceptions out there, winter does not automatically mean high water—this year being a prime case in point. Last year—well, that’s a fish of a different color.

During periods of cold, clear, low flows fish still must eat to survive. Yes, their metabolism slows down as a defense mechanism to deal with the cold and the paucity of available food; and no, they will not move far for a bug or fly. Reality: they are hunkered down at the bottom of deeper holes and runs and you have to practically hit them on the nose with your fly. But there are exceptions—a warm, sunny day presents a situation for one of those exceptions, because on such days the water surface may warm just enough to create a short time window when a hatch of tiny baetis may occur, or midges may become active. If that happens, fish may move up in the water column and feed more actively.

Typically, however, we are forced to dredge with midge larva patterns because they form the biggest portion of a fish’s diet during winter conditions. But let’s assume that conditions are right, and there is a midge hatch with adults on the surface. Should we automatically switch to a small “dry” imitation? My approach, while it may seem contrarian to some, is to use an emerger pattern as my first choice. The relatively simple pattern I’ve chosen for this month’s fly resembles a midge that has become stuck in the surface tension or otherwise failed to complete its hatch cycle (i.e., a “cripple”), haplessly adrift and easy prey for hungry, predacious trout. Only the hackle shows above the water, while the abdomen is presented sub-surface in a realistic, enticing manner. This pattern was taken from a recent article in Fly Tyer magazine; because there were no tying instructions in the article to go with the fly, and because it’s such an elegant little bug, I felt that it would be appropriate to use it for this article.

Tying Instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb. Beginning at a point about 2 eye widths behind the hook eye, carefully cover the shank with even thread wraps; stop halfway down the hook bend.
2. At that point tie in a short piece of fine silver wire, and carefully wind the thread forward to form a smooth abdomen. Stop the wraps where the thread was originally tied on.
3. Rib the abdomen with evenly spaced turns of wire and tie the wire off at the front of the abdomen.

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4. Tie in a 7” piece of 5x monofilament at the front of the abdomen and wrap it down in a rearward direction from that point to about the halfway mark on the shank. Place the other end of the monofilament in the jaws of a gallows tool, or a jury-rigged clip attached to your light. When you are done with this step, the monofilament should be tightly stretched.

5. At the base of the monofilament, tie in a properly sized grizzly rooster hackle after cleaning the fuzz off the butt of the stem.

6. Wrap 3 turns of the hackle clockwise up the monofilament, and then wrap the hackle in tight turns down to the shank. Tie it off there and clip the monofilament, leaving enough of it to form a “handle.”

7. Dub a slender thorax with fine dry fly dubbing, leaving one eye-width open behind the hook eye.

8. Grab the tip of the monofilament and pull it forward so that it is tight over the top of the thorax; tie the monofilament down just behind the eye. If this step is done properly, all of the hackle will be stacked on top of the shank.

9. Wrap a nice, small thread head, whip finish, and trim the thread. Apply a tiny drop of superglue to the head with your bodkin.

You’re done. Don’t apply floatant to the abdomen, because we want that part of the fly to sink. Do apply floatant to the pulled-over hackle. Enjoy, and…See ya on the creek.

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.

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**Scheduled Clinics/Classes**
Fly Tying Jam: Jim Holmes, Pete Peterson

**Upcoming Clinics/Classes**
- Net Building: Art Hawkins & Michael Kaul (Jan, Feb, March 2012)
- Rod Building: Larry Lee (Ongoing)
- Hair Spinning: Jim Holmes (Feb 29, 6:00 pm @ Raley’s)
- Gurglers: Jim Holmes (March 13, 6:00 pm @ Raley’s)
- Beyond The Basics Fly Tying: Bill Carnazzo (March 7, 14, 22, 28 and April 4 & 11)
- Fly Tying Basics: Jim Holmes (Dates To Be Determined)

**Other Possible Clinics**
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- Steelhead/Shad Fishing
- Stripper Fishing in the Delta

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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 John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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