President’s Message

by Dennis Baker, GBF President

Gentleman and Ladies, here we are starting yet another New Year full of resolutions and high expectations. SO, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year!

I hope 2012 brings you all better fortune and lots of great fishing opportunities with old friends as well as new acquaintances. Our Annual Dinner should provide at least one opportunity for us to gather to help prepare for the upcoming fishing season, and support Granite Bay Flycasters financially so we can continue our efforts in Education, Conservation and Communication about this wonderful sport to which we are so wonderfully addicted. I look forward to seeing all of you at the January 12th meeting renewing your memberships, and purchasing your Annual Dinner tickets.

Membership

by John Hogg, VP Membership

Well, it’s that time of year to renew your membership. Once again this year we are holding our membership fees at $30 for individual members, and $35 for family memberships, which is a real bargain considering all that the club offers.

For the convenience of our members, we are now able to accept your payment on credit cards as well as checks and, yes, we still take cash. You can pay at our regular monthly meeting, or you can mail your payments directly to me at:

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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.
Trout Flies: From Imitation to Creation

Imitating the bugs, the main food source, of trout is the name of the game when it comes to fly fishing and fly tying though, most people have a very limited knowledge of how this is done. Much of this has to do with the overwhelming nature of learning a practical and fundamental understanding of the science of Entomology. Over the last 15 years Hogan has snorkled, swam, watched, studied, and collected the bugs trout feed on, and while this did not make him the “coolest” kid growing up, it has allowed him to develop a simplified approach to hatches and entomology as it pertains to fly fishing and fly tying.

In this presentation, Hogan Brown will walk you through the 3 major bug types and explain how to fish them, how to design and tie flies to imitate them, and how modern fly tying materials are used to imitate the natural behaviors of these bugs.

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Hogan Brown Bio

Hogan began fly fishing from an early age, virtually growing up on the banks of the North Fork and Lower Yuba Rivers. He began hitch hiking the 5 miles from his house to the Lower Yuba River with a fly rod in hand in Junior High school. He has chased trout and steelhead in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Alberta provinces in Canada. Far from being a trout snob, Hogan has spent considerable time fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass, and readily admits to enjoying catching carp and catfish on a fly! Hogan has become one of the leading innovators in warm water fly fishing in Northern California.

Just as passionate about fly tying, Hogan has developed a unique approach to tying bass, carp, steelhead, and trout flies with the sierra foothills and the California central valley as his testing ground. Hogan blends many different styles with his own unique approach to create innovative flies for catching bass, carp, steelhead, and trout. Hogan is a contract tier for Idylwilde Fly Co., and has over 24 patterns out through them.

Hogan began guiding the North Fork and Lower Yuba Rivers when he graduated from high school, and eventually relocated to Chico to attend Chico State. Hogan is a 2005 graduate of Chico State with a degree in Social Science and a minor in Psychology. After that, he graduated from National University in 2006 with a single subject teaching credential, and a Masters in Education. Residing in Chico, Hogan, after 11 years of guiding 175+ days a year, now teaches high school. Hogan still guides about 75-100 days a year on the Lower Yuba River, Lower Sacramento River, Trinity River, and Feather River along with various bass and carp water and small streams and rivers outside of Chico. Hogan is also a published author with articles appearing in both Northwest Fly Fishing, and Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine, along with Saltwater Fly Fishing Magazine and California Fly Fisher. He is also an FFF certified casting instructor.

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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 25th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member by the February club meeting on 2/9 to relay the deserving story.
By the time you read this report, Christmas will be over, and the New Year will be here. I struggle with how to charge up this crowd with energy to go out and slug it out with those who continue to pollute our waterways?

Maybe it’s not the pollution we should be thinking about, maybe we should be concentrating on legislation? We all know it takes forever for a decision to be made by our government. Committees need to report. Lawyers and organized groups need to protest. We all want the right thing for our environment, and our fish. Differing opinions that don’t align until extensive evaluation and negotiation slow progress from taking place.

What should we do? Please continue to scan for articles in your daily reading or watching of news to determine where you can be useful. Contact your conservation committee members: (Henry Sandigo, Mel Odemar, Tony Fabian, Dennis Baker, John Carroz, Tom Petey, Harry Schoonbaert, Rick Radoff, Robin Egan, Mike Howes, Mike Laing, Eric Palmer) to ask where you can help. I usually leave a message or two on our Message Board on what is happening and where we can use volunteers. You know there are probably within 50 miles of your home an organization that is looking for help from you regarding our waterways. Subscribe to those organizations that I have posted in the past year to receive news regarding what is happening in your neck of the woods; you’ll be glad you did. Some neat stuff is planned. You don’t have to look at it as work, because it can be inspirational. You can feel good about helping.

As a reminder, here are a few sites to go to:

- [American River Parkway Foundation](http://www.arpf.org/weed.shtml)
- [Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead](http://www.sarsas.org/)
- [Trout Unlimited](http://www.tu.org/annual-meeting-2010/conservation-tour?tr=y&auid=6840393)
- [California Trout](http://caltrout.org/)
- [Foothills Water Network](http://www.yubaaccordrmt.com/default.aspx)
- [McCloud River Keepers](http://www.give2cents.org/index.php)

The premier fishout for November was to be the Veterans’ Day Delta Fishout lead by Denny Welch. Unfortunately, the weather forecast was for rain, which usually means gusty winds, and prudence led Denny to cancel the trip. As anyone knows who has spent any time on the Delta, moderately bad weather anywhere else in the region can bring a dangerous situation to the Delta. As it turned out, the weather was not as bad as forecasted, but safety is always the best policy. Good call, Denny, there will always be another time to fish the Delta.

The next scheduled fishout will be January 21st at the UC Field Station on the Lower Yuba River led by Karl Wolff. The fishout is limited to 14 members, and a signup sheet will be provided at the January 12th general meeting. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list, sign up anyway, as there will be a waiting list – and there are usually cancellations.

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To simplify signing up for fishouts, we have reverted back to the signup sheets at the front of the room for fishout registration, since the on-line Message Board Forum system of signing up hasn’t worked out. Also, following the Board’s decision regarding publishing fishout information—especially fishout leader private contact information—on the website (see the October 2011 Leader) the data sheets have been relocated to the Message Board under pass word control. For the password, contact Mel or Eric, or any board member.

We need more fishouts! In the past, the club has held fishouts in winter and early spring in local public and private waters, so please step up and organize an event. Or, remember, you can simply initiate an “un-hosted” fishout where you simply announce the destination that you plan to fish, and suggest people show up at the appointed time. Let’s make 2012 a record year for fishouts!

Mel Odemar
Eric Palmer

"Fly Fishing 101" Class

by Art Livingston, Chairperson
Member Education

Granite Bay Flycasters will once again sponsor a clinic that we call “Fly Fishing 101.” The purpose of this popular class is to provide members who are beginning fly fishers, or those who need some basic assistance, a comprehensive course on the essentials of fly fishing. The class does not cover casting instruction, which is taught in our regular casting classes. There is no fee for this class, but it is expected that each person who signs up will be committed to attending both sessions.

The instructor will be Bill Carnazzo, who is a professional guide, author, and master fly tyer with 50+ years of fly fishing experience. Bill will be assisted by several other experienced fly anglers. The class will

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consist of two consecutive sessions, which will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, and Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., at the Granite Bay Raley’s Market Event Center (located at the rear of the store).

The clinic is designed for members who are new to fly fishing, and want a good, basic grounding in the basics of our sport, or for members who have had some fly fishing experience but want to expand their skills and knowledge. It will cover equipment (what you really do need, and what you don’t); basic entomology (i.e., fish food sources); fly selection; safety in wading and fishing; fishing strategies; and reading water.

There will be a sign up sheet at the January general meeting. The class will be limited to 20 members. If you can’t make the general meeting, you can sign up by calling Bill at (530) 367-5209, or send him an email at bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net. If there are more than 20 members signed up, we will hold a lottery and then possibly follow up with a second class in late fall, 2012.

Art Hawkins & Michael Kaul will be conducting multiple clinics consisting of 5 participants each next year between January and April. Clinics are conducted in Art’s woodshop in Orangevale. The sign up sheet will be out at the January meeting.

Clinics consists of 3 sessions of approximately 2 hours each.

• First session: net style and wood selection, handle shaping and wood strip bending.
• Second session: glue up of net components.
• Third session: scraping and sanding the constructed net then grooving and drilling holes to run thread through to mount the net bag.

Sessions usually occur late afternoons and early evenings on weekdays and occasionally on a Saturday morning.

Participants select a net style and have their choice of several types of wood to laminate together to form the hoop the net bag is mounted on. Choices include Maple, Purple Heart, Red Oak and Walnut. Wood choices for the handle in addition to those already mentioned include Curly Maple and Birds Eye Maple.

At the conclusion of the clinic, participants leave with an attractive wooden net frame and a net bag. The net frame needs to be sanded and finished before mounting the net bag.

If purchased in a fly shop, these nets would cost up to $100.

To date, GBF members have built a total of 190 nets in this annual clinic.

Numerous club members have attended a second clinic to build a different style net. If the clinics are oversubscribed, preference is given to Golden Trout and first time participants.

Net Building Clinics

Net Builders From Previous Classes
With the Holidays behind us, now’s the time to get your tickets to our famous Annual Dinner and Raffle/Auction on February 25th

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:** Fabulous 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 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 just 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, just contact Dennis Baker at (916) 580-7639.

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

The 2012 I.S.E Show will be held from January 19-22, 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. Tony Fabian 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 Tony 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 conservation efforts and the numerous club activities.

If you have any questions, contact Tony Fabian meritage@starstream.net 916-415-9095
Little Green Stonefly

Before I launch into a discussion of this month’s creature, I have a couple of things I want to mention regarding our newsletter, The Leader. First, I’ve read a lot of club newsletters; some are OK, some are good, and a few are excellent. Count The Leader among the latter group, and in fact, it is probably the best of all of them. GBF has been given awards for excellence in this regard, notably from the NCCFFF. Second, publication of this fine document doesn’t happen automatically—no way is it on autopilot. Each month, our editor and publisher, Frank Stolten, spends hours generating articles by hounding the “usual suspects,” putting it all together, and getting it to our formatting person. Frank deserves a huge round of applause for his excellence. Third, I am beginning to think that The Leader is read more by the general fly fishing community than by our membership. A recent example of this is an email message sent to President Dennis Baker by an individual in Maryland, regarding one of the Fly Tyers Corner articles. I seem to get questions all the time about matters that are covered in The Leader. If you are one of those who just glance at it (or worse, don’t even bother), you are missing a lot of the benefit of belonging to GBF. Communication is the lifeblood of a fly club. So, here it is (and I get to say what I want because I’m old)...shame on you. There, I’ve done it. Thanks for listening and, hopefully, for reading The Leader cover to cover.

This month’s fly carries an interesting story. Most of us are familiar with the term “Little Yellow Sally”—right? It’s a small, very common stonefly species that predictably flies around in the afternoon. Its body is yellow—sometimes bright, sometimes pale (see January and February, 2011 tying articles, available on GBF’s Web site). A perhaps little known fact: Sometimes they are a bright, insect green. The green variety is sometimes found in the winter months, on sunny, warm afternoons. So, on those same afternoons, if you are brave enough to get out and fish, have a couple of Little Green Stonefly patterns in your quiver. It’s easy to tie and floats well.

**Materials Needed**

- **Hook:** Umpqua 2302, sizes 14, 16
- **Thread:** 8/0 olive
- **Ribbing:** Ultra-fine copper wire
- **Hackle:** Dry fly quality dun rooster hackle
- **Body:** Fine olive dubbing mixed with pearl UV material
- **Under-wing:** Extra fine pearl Crystal Flash
- **Wing:** Fine light olive deer hair

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Smash the hook barb and cover the shank with even thread wraps; stop at the back of the barb.
2. At that point tie in a 3” piece of ultra-fine copper wire, and a long dun hackle with barbules that are no longer than the hook gape.
3. Dub the body, ending about 1/16” behind the hook eye.
4. Rib the fly in close wraps, and then palmer the hackle to the front of the body and tie it off there. Rotate the vise and carefully trim the hackle from the underside of the body. The best way to do this is to use the very point of your scissors and work backward to the hook bend.

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5. With the hook back in the normal position, tie in about 6 or 7 strands of extra fine pearl Crystal Flash at the front of the body; trim them so that they extend just past the hook bend. This will be the under wing. Be sure not to allow the strands to roll off to the far side of the hook; keep them directly on top.

6. Cut, clean, and stack a small clump of fine light olive deer hair and tie it in at the same spot as the under wing was tied in. Apply a tiny drop of super glue to this spot with your bodkin.

7. Pluck a smaller hackle from the neck or saddle, and tie it in where the wing and under wing were tied in. Apply a miniscule amount of the olive dubbing to the thread and leave the thread just behind the hook eye.

8. Wrap the hackle forward and tie it off, leaving room for a small thread head.

9. Whip finish, trim the thread, and apply a tiny drop of super glue to the head with your bodkin.

You’re done. I like to dunk all my freshly minted dries into a bottle of silicone sealant, and let them dry for 24 hours before putting them in my dry fly box. Enjoy, and….See ya on the creek.

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 access for fishing once per year (in previous years access was allowed twice per year). 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 very nice picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill, and a porta potty.

Karl Wolff is leading the fishout this year on January 21st. The fishout is limited to 15 anglers total (leader included) and there is no fee. A sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting. If you miss the meeting please contact Karl directly at karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net to sign up. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list, sign up anyway, as there will be a waiting list – and there are usually cancellations.

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.
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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 gear and rigging for this event is available on our website here: “Yuba 2012 Fishout.”

OK, I hope to see you on this great “private water” fishout.

Karl

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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**Other Possible Clinics**

- Knots, Lines, and Leaders
- Spey Casting
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- Steelhead/Shad Fishing
- Stripper Fishing in the Delta

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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 fly-box.
- 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.

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.

Spey rod for sale: Albright EXS 13’6” 6wt 4 pcs, with an extra tip section. Comes with a sock and tube. Rod is in great shape, other than a little cosmetic issue, please call for details. I’m selling for $150.00.

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The Testament of a Fisherman by John Voelker, aka Robert Traver (1903-1991)

Bill Carnazzo

John Voelker was a judge in the state of Michigan. He was also a lyrical writer, and a lifelong intrepid angler—mostly fly fishing during his younger years, and then exclusively so in his middle and older ages. His classic book, "Trout Madness" (St. Martin's Press, 1960), written under his pen name, Robert Traver, is a masterpiece that chronicles many of his angling experiences. He wrote with dignity, humility, humor, and insightfulness, in a manner bereft of the pride, self-promotion and egotism that unfortunately characterize much of the current fly fishing literature.

One of his best-known pieces is actually only a short paragraph—a philosophical, captivating statement of his reasons for fishing. I read this piece many years ago and have never forgotten it. At times I find myself reciting snippets of it as I prowl around on one stream or another in the canyons where I live. Anglers who care about more than mere “numbers” or “size” will understand. Others either won’t, or decline to spend the time to do so. Here it is:

THE TESTAMENT OF A FISHERMAN—
Robert Traver 1964

THE TESTAMENT OF A FISHERMAN

Robert Traver 1964, (Judge John Voelker 1903-91)

I fish because I love to;
Because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly;
Because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties, and assorted social posturing I thus escape;
Because, in a world where most men seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight and an act of small rebellion;
Because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience;
Because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don’t want to waste the trip; because mercifully there are no telephones on trout waters;
Because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness;
Because bourbon out of an old tin cup always tastes better out there;
Because maybe one day I will catch a mermaid;
And, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant – and not nearly so much fun.
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Granite Bay Flycasters

Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gbflycasters.org, or call Dennis Baker at 916-580-7639. 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 John Hogg at 916-663-2051, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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

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