The Annual Swap Meet is coming up Saturday, Dec. 3rd starting at 8:00 AM at the Clubhouse. Start organizing all that extra stuff you need to unload, and bring it in—and be ready to deal!! A continental breakfast will be available—come early for the best deals! If you are selling, you can reserve table space by contacting Wendell Edwards or David Jones.

Our general meeting on Dec. 8th will be a pot luck dinner—there is no business agenda and no speaker. Hope to see you there! Check the announcement in this newsletter for details of what to bring and the starting time.

If you missed our last meeting, keep in mind that when you buy your Annual Dinner tickets before Dec. 31st, you will be entered in the Early Bird Raffle for a nice box of 2 dozen flies, and you can take a tax deduction! And speaking of tax deductions, annual dues and donations made by Dec. 31st are also deductible!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year that is Happy and Healthy and Prosperous.
### Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off

**Saturday, December 3, 8:00 AM at the Clubhouse**

This is the one time each year where you are going to get some terrific deals on stuff you need, and a better deal on stuff you don’t. You'll get stuff cheaper this year, but you'll sell it cheaper next year. We've had everything from float tubes that don’t float, to sinking lines that don’t sink. Actually, what you’ll find are the best deals around on fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders, boots, hackles, thread, split shot, fly tying vices, wading vests, thermals, and anything else you can possibly think of that relates to fly fishing. You will find flies hand-tied by our membership selling for less than $1.00 each. There will be too many items available to mention here, but you won’t go home disappointed (but you will go home with all your windows rolled down because of the chili).

**Chili Cook-off featuring club members’ finest chili and cornbread!**

I’d encourage everybody to get involved with the chili making, because it’s what makes this whole event work. If you want to, bring some of your special cornbread.

Chili will be served about 9:00:00 AM, and will be gone (usually) by noon.

1. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock-pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
2. Name your chili.
4. Winner will receive a fly box with one dozen flies.

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5. Raffle winner will receive a fly box with one dozen flies.

E-mail David Jones and advise him if you are bringing a pot of chili: djj6451@yahoo.com

Swap Meet and Continental Breakfast!
We'll have coffee, water and a continental-style breakfast available for $3.00.
Sorry, no alcohol is allowed...park rule.

1. Sellers—reserve your table space today.
2. Sellers will start setting up at 8:00 AM. Sale starts as soon as sellers are ready.
4. Stay late for the best price.
5. Bring cash.
6. Feel free to bring your boats, float tubes, prams, pontoons, etc., but set them up outside. Those things usually sell better if they are inflated (with air, not price).

Start saving your money and tell Mama you’re going out shopping for her Mother’s Day gift. I hope to see you all out there on Dec 3rd.

Reserve your table space by calling Wendell Edwards at 916-508-7000, or e-mail: wendelledwards@mac.com

Coordinators: Wendell Edwards and David Jones

UC Davis Lower Yuba Fishout, Jan. 28, 2017

*Fishout Leader, Pete Koistenen*

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 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 picnic pavilion with a charcoal grill, and a portable toilet.

I will lead the fishout on Saturday, January 28th. It’s limited to 15 anglers, and there is no fee. If you have any questions or wish additional information, contact me at peterkoistinen@att.net or 916-622-3191.

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Fishing started a little slow throwing a variety of flies; white woolly buggers, clousers, poppers, etc. Things changed when Joe put on a little damsel fly nymph, and the stripers were on to it. He would cast into the jetty rocks as close as possible, and a slow retrieve allowing it to follow the contour down into the depths of the channel. Bam, with almost every cast he was coming up with astriper. The word got spread around, and we all switched over to a damsel nymph and started casting away. Between the buoys and the jetty, I started getting hits, and landed about 6 stripers and a couple of red-ear sunfish. The secret was keeping the fly close to the rocks.

Joe Cammarrano was top dog on this trip. He quit counting after about 25 fish landed. Overall, the trip was great fun, with about 10 GBF members, including myself, out for the day. Thank you to Kim Lloyd, Mike McKinley, Michael Gervais and others who showed up and made this a successful fishout. See you next time.

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

Veteran’s Day Discovery Bay Fishout Report

by Doug Kytonen, Fishout Leader

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For those who were wondering about the Blue Green Algae, the water was safe to fish in, and got clearer as you went out towards the entrance of the bay. We saw several bass boats going out, and several working the docks of the numerous houses along the water front. Hopefully, this summer they will have gotten rid of the Blue Green Algae for our next trip.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

by Don Whitecar, VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming new members who have joined us recently. Make sure you keep an eye out for them at our meetings and events so that we can make them feel that they are an important part of our club.

Barre & Sue Normann       Tim Zsoka
Everyone’s invited to the
GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS
31st Annual Dinner and HUGE
Fly Fishing Raffle & Auction!

With special guest speaker, JD Richey

Saturday, March 18, 2017 • Doors open @ 4:30pm

JD Richey is a famous Nor-Cal/Sac-Delta fishing guide and accomplished author with decades of local experience – and a lifetime of angling stories and lessons to share! On this evening, he’ll reveal his top secrets for finding fish on the beautiful waters of our beloved local Sacramento Delta!

Granite Bay Flycasters is one of the most active fly fishing clubs in the West. This event supports our scholarship and conservation programs and is a great way to meet other local flyfishers! Please join us for this special occasion – and you could win fishing trips, gear, and much more!

Catered Italian dinner @ 6pm. For tickets (just $40/ea.) and all the event details, please visit our official website: www.gbflycasters.org.

DINNER LOCATION:
Rocklin Event Center
2650 Sunset Blvd.
Rocklin, Calif.
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10% of proceeds benefit Casting for Recovery of Northern California
Membership

Our 2017 membership and renewal drive is underway. We have lots of activities in store for 2017, and your membership renewal is your admission ticket! You can renew [here](#) on our website, or by paying at our monthly meeting.

Don Whitecar, VP Membership
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Annual Dinner Update

Check here for the latest information on our Annual Dinner, Raffle, and Silent Auction event that’s coming up on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Dinner tickets available. Buy yours on our website (via secure cc payment link), or at the next couple club meetings...while supplies last!

Dinner speaker announced. Famous Delta fishing guide, columnist, and radio star, JD Richey, has been retained to entertain and enlighten us!

Dinner caterer confirmed. Popular family-style Italian food restaurateur, Buca di Beppo, will supply their infamous (and delicious) fare!

Raffle prizes and auction items are rolling in. The latest noteworthy additions are a Sage 6 wt. rod and Lamson reel with an extra spool and lines for both.

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For this month’s piece, I will deviate from my usual focus on local conservation issues to a more global one. That issue being global warming, and the resultant climate change.

My wife and I just returned from a trip to Churchill, Manitoba for the purpose of closely observing polar bears before they go out on the ice. The program was held at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC). The effects of global warming are most pronounced at the Polar Regions, and scientists at the CNSC are closely monitoring the situation with emphasis on the sea ice retreat and its effects on polar bears. We received lectures on the changing environment in the Arctic and worldwide. The conclusion of CNSC scientists, as well as climate scientists throughout the world regarding the causes of global warming are unequivocal: the increases in human-caused CO\textsubscript{2} and other greenhouse gases are directly linked to global warming.

First, a few facts we were given: atmospheric CO\textsubscript{2} levels are increasing faster than they have for hundreds of thousands of years, and there has been a four-fold increase in CO\textsubscript{2} emissions since 1958; atmospheric CO\textsubscript{2}
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levels at Mauna Loa Observatory hit a new high in 2015, and are above the target level; sea ice in the Arctic has declined 13.3% per decade; 2015 was the warmest year on record with 2016 likely to exceed that; and atmospheric CO$_2$ levels and the resulting increase in ocean acidity are at a level where coral reefs stop growing.

The next question is how global warming might impact us in California. Although there is not a conclusive link between global warming and our current drought, it is clear that warmer temperatures will result in a reduced snow pack, which will result in lower and warmer summer stream flows. Sea level rise due to melting ice sheets, which is well documented, will inundate low lying coastal areas. This will place the Delta, which is largely at or below sea level, at great risk.

The impacts on water supply are possibly the greatest environmental threat we face in California. As water supplies are reduced, the pressure to build more dams and divert more water will increase. The limiting factor on Delta water diversions has not been the inability of the existing system to divert more water, but limitations placed by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to protect Delta smelt and winter run Chinook salmon. As the fight for water increases, there will be added pressure to repeal or amend the ESA, which will open the door to increased water diversions. The likely extirpation of Delta smelt and winter run Chinook will only add to that possibility, and there are several members of Congress that are backing the repeal of the ESA. There has also been talk of eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency.

Then, we ask what if anything can be done. We in California have shown a willingness to step up to address environmental issues. We lead the world in setting air pollution and auto emissions standards, initiated a carbon offset program, and have exceeded the Governor’s target on reducing water usage. I am confident the majority of Californians are willing to take additional steps to reduce carbon emissions. However, to be effective, we need political leadership. As GBF members concerned for the future, we must keep informed and active in addressing the threats of global warming. Hopefully, with enough public involvement and political pressure, our elected leaders will recognize the need to participate in the global effort to reduce carbon emissions. Although action now will not immediately halt the course of global warming, the decision to do nothing is not a viable option for the future.

Time for 2017

by Tony Jelinek

So, how did you do in 2016? Catch anything? Did you at least go fishing? How’s the casting coming? Did you ever get that sweet new 5 weight out on the water? And, what about that stream you always wanted to fish? Did you make it there?

Based on the stories I hear at the club meetings, many of you caught loads of fish and spent a lot of time on the water. I look up to you and listen sometimes with jealousy, reveling in your stories of fish lost and found.

I had an “okay” year. I know, you don’t really care to hear about my year, but I’m going to give you a glimpse anyway. Don’t worry, a very short glimpse. I started out on the Truckee in early May, thinking I was getting a fairly early start. I know, by then many of you were already well into hitting your stride. The water was a little fast, but I persevered and managed to get one fish. That’s about all I’ve been good for on the Truckee, but it was my biggest fish out of the river, yet—about 12 inches (thanks for the fly, Mr. E. Palmer). With such an early start, I thought I would be setting myself up to fish the most days in a year for me, yet. But, good ol’ work kept raising its head, and the honey do’s, along with other hobbies of interest.

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I did make the late spring trip on the Upper Sac. You should have seen the one that got away. The entire fish was on the surface for just a moment after flipping off after a long fight. Losing that fish hurt so bad that I had to sit on the river’s edge for a few moments to bring myself back together. I did, and started fishing again. A doe and her two fawns drinking at the river’s edge brought me back to what fishing is really all about—out there enjoying nature. I should be honest, though. That bit about the deer is bunk. I really did want to catch that fish, and no deer was going to make me forget that quickly; so I was still bummed. I did get to Montana for the first time for three great days of fishing, and even explored a couple of new small streams in California; so I really have nothing to complain about.

But, now it is time to get ready for 2017. Don’t let the other things in life get in your way. Plan your fishing. Put the trip on the calendar and make the day or trip sacred—no cancelling allowed. There is always time for work or that project. Many of you are retired and still not getting in the days of fishing that you thought you would. Isn’t that what you were looking forward to? What is your fishing story going to be for 2017? What places will you have seen? What fish will you have caught?

Cheers to a fantastic 2017 filled with wonderful new fishing adventures!

Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer’s Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in December 2012)

Fly Patterns - Bill’s Gray Meme

Materials:

- **Hook**: Any standard nymph hook, such as Tiemco 3761, size 14-18
- **Thread**: Black or grey 8/0 or 70 denier flat nylon
- **Bead**: None
- **Weight**: None
- **Tail**: Wood duck flank feather barbules
- **Rib**: Fine gold wire
- **Abdomen**: Natural (not synthetic) spiky dubbing (muskrat, cut from the skin, works fine)
- **Wing case**: Mottled turkey tail strip
- **Thorax**: Same as abdomen
- **Legs**: Same as tail
- **Head**: Thread

Bill’s Gray Meme

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Description

Using your online dictionary, look up the word “meme.” I’ve been using this little fly for nigh onto 30 years now, all the while trying to figure out why despite its plain, bland appearance, it fools fish so regularly. Maybe it is a meme, a “trout whisperer” with a knack for palavering with trout: “Here I am; I am good food, come and eat me...” maybe?

Whatever. Along with some of the other patterns I’ve written about here and elsewhere, it is one of the secret, sneaky inhabitants of my fly box...always. When I’m pawing through the box and spot it, the darn little critter talks to me too: “Gimme a try, dummy; no, size 16, not 14.” And so I do, and sometimes (not always) I’m glad I did. It’s somewhat of a “retro” thing for me, I guess, when a trout eats it—a return to the days when flies were simple, unencumbered, and named for their color. The only thing newish about this little guy is the name. Still, look through modern fly pattern books, catalogs and other tying literature, and you will likely find nothing resembling my little friend, who seems to have been left far, far behind along the dusty road to the land of the new glitzy generation of flies.

So humor me and crank out some of these retro trout whisperers and house them in your fly box. They'll talk to you, so be prepared for that—but they'll also talk to trout if you dress them up well and don't skimp on the materials called for.

Tying Instructions

For best viewing: (1) Maximize your Computer Screen Window. (2) Type “Ctrl + or -” to enlarge or contract the photograph display. (3) Use the Horizontal and Vertical Scroll Bars to scroll right and up/down to display larger photos on your screen.

1. Debarb the hook and place it in your vise. Beginning behind the hook eye, cover the hook shank with a smooth, single layer of thread, leaving the thread just above the back of the barb.

2. Cut approximately six barbules from a well-marked wood duck flank feather. Don't use the fluffy stuff near the bottom of the feather shaft; rather, use the stiffer, brighter barbules near the top of the feather. Keeping them directly on top of the hook shank, tie them in securely at the spot where you left the thread hanging and trim the excess.

3. At the same point, tie in a short piece of gold wire and leave the thread there.

4. Apply small amounts of the natural fur dubbing to the thread; don't use too much as small insects have thin, delicate bodies. To form the abdomen, wrap the dubbing forward to about the one-third point on the hook shank behind the hook eye and stop there. Try to achieve a taper from rear to front, as this is the natural insect's shape. Using your hackle pliers, grasp the gold wire and wrap it up the abdomen in even segments—4 wraps will do. Tie the wire off at the front of the abdomen and leave the thread there.
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5. Cut a ¼” trip of mottled turkey quill feather and tie it in directly on top of the hook at the front of the abdomen, with the butt end sticking out to the rear past the hook bend. Be sure that there is no gap between the front of the abdomen and the tied-in turkey quill.

6. Dub the thorax, making it a bit more robust than the abdomen. End the dubbing about one hook eye length behind the hook eye. This will leave room for the remaining steps and a nice small head.

7. Using the same wood duck flank feather, cut a ½” bunch of barbules from the stem near the top of the feather. Measure them against the shank, so that they reach from the hook eye back to the hook point—no longer than that. Place them on the top of the shank and take two loose turns around them; pull the thread downward on the far side of the hook, releasing pressure on the barbules as you do so. This will enable them to distribute themselves half way around the hook shank, leaving them all on the bottom of the hook, spread 180 degrees. These barbules will represent the legs.

8. Grasp the turkey feather strip and pull it forward over the top of the thorax and legs. Tie it off just behind the eye, to form the wing case.

9. Form a small, neat head and whip finish the fly

When you open your fly box, listen for the meme. If you don’t hear it, tie on a Copper John or some other nymph and...

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!

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.” All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month’s Leader.
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 [http://gbflycasters.org](http://gbflycasters.org).

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 [http://gbflycasters.org](http://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, contact Don Whitecar at 916-804-5394, or visit the website at [http://gbflycasters.org](http://gbflycasters.org).

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