Hello All,

Happy fall everyone...this is my favorite season. When you are out on a fishing trip, stop and take the time to absorb the beautiful colors the trees provide during this time of the year. Embrace nature and all it provides us. Now down to business.

Our membership numbers are at an all time high. It is wonderful to have so many new people joining in on the wonderful hobby of fly fishing. With that in mind, now is a great time to come out to the fly tying jams and meet new people and make some flies for next season’s fishing.

The annual dinner committee had their first meeting for what I am sure will be an amazing night, full of wonderful raffle prizes, auction items, food, and camaraderie. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

The first Saturday, December, 7th, will be our Swap Meet and Chili cook-off, so dust off grandma’s chili recipe and dig out those items you have just sitting around and come out and join us. Do not forget our December monthly meeting will be our Holiday Pot Luck dinner.

I want to leave you all with this thought: life is about moments, do not wait for them, create them.

Our guest speaker this month is Tom Simms, a long time member of Granite Bay Flycasters, though we don’t see him very much because he has the perfect excuse we’d all love to have; he’s too busy traveling the world fishing in exotic locations, living the dream. His program on fishing in Alaska’s Kenai peninsula is one you won’t want to miss.

**BIO**

Tom and his wife, Ginny, moved to Granite Bay from Moraga nearly 30 years ago. Tom retired as the Roseville Police Chief following a 38-year career in law enforcement. He spent five years in the Army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He began...
flyfishing 23 years ago, and considers the Middle Fork American and Lower Yuba Rivers his “home waters.” He loves to travel, and his favorite places are Patagonia, Bolivia and the Kenai Peninsula.

PROGRAM

Alaska should be on everyone’s “Bucket List.” It is easy to daydream about traveling North to the Last Great Frontier—staying in a luxury wilderness lodge, flying to a new river each day in a float plane, and catching lots of huge rainbows. Unfortunately, that dream comes with a hefty price tag that can easily exceed $10,000 for six days of fishing.

There is a much less expensive alternative available, and I take advantage of it every year. The Kenai Peninsula is a two-hour drive from the Anchorage Airport on an all-weather road. Stay in a cabin on the river, cook most of your own meals, and hire a guide by the day. There are plenty of places to fish on your own, and flyouts to remote places are available—all at a fraction of the cost of a fancy lodge. And, most importantly, you can still catch plenty of trout, char and salmon.

Tom will tell you how you can easily put together your next great adventure in Alaska, and (maybe) catch the fish of a lifetime!

Gate Closure Time Change

Effective November 3rd, the Granite Bay State Park will close and lock its entrance gate at 7:00 PM.

Our general meeting on November 14th will be affected by this policy, so please be sure to be inside the park before 7:00 PM, or you will miss the meeting. Otherwise, it’s a long walk from the park entrance to the clubhouse!
Discovery Bay Fishout, November 11th

by Doug Kytonen

Water and air will be cool with a late sunrise 6:45 AM. Discovery Bay hosts striped bass, largemouth, bluegill and crappies. Last year, a 5 lb. largemouth was caught, and several small striped bass. You never know what size you will get: shakers 2.5 lb. and larger, and palm-size crappies and blue gill.

Discovery Bay is a Delta residential area, and a great place to fish. We will be fishing along the rock jetty or boat docks along the main channel. From the boat launch to the entrance of the bay is a 5 mph zone, so not to worry about getting run over by some boat or jet ski. You can start with fishing top water along the jetty, and as the tide goes out, change to streamers or deep running lines and flies, and cast deeper out in the channel further away from the rocks. As we get closer to the date, I will post tides and weather on the web site. This fish-out is always a fun trip. The cost to launch a float tube is $5.00, and a trailered boat is $10.00. Motorized fishing boats are welcome to join us.

More detailed information is available here.

If interested, send me an email travelmaster@surewest.net
The Annual Swap Meet 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 need. You’ll find 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 wait, there is more! The Club has received several donations of marine items, Aluminum Anchor, and assorted mooring lines. These will be available as silent auction items.

To get the best deals—be there no later than 8:30 AM (by 10 AM everything is pretty much bought, sold or eaten). Sellers should reserve table space by contacting Drake Johnson, or use the signup sheet at the October and November meetings, and be set up and ready to go by 8:30 AM. Please put price tags on the items you are selling. Large items, such as pontoon boats, prams, etc., should be displayed outdoors on the deck and in the parking lot.

Chili Cook-off Contest—Here’s your chance to win braggin’ rights as the best chili maker in GBF. Winner will be selected by who gets the most votes.

To participate:

1. Bring your chili in a crock-pot with a serving spoon, and pre-warmed.
2. Name your chili (This is important, because the name is what is used for voting).
4. Winner will receive a fly box with four dozen flies.
5. Raffle winner will receive a fly box with four dozen flies.

Continental Breakfast!

We’ll have a continental style breakfast available for $3.00, and complimentary coffee and water. Sellers will start setting up at 8:15 AM.

Remember:

Sale starts as soon as sellers are ready.

1. Get here at 8:30 AM for the best selection.
2. Stay late for the best price.
4. 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).

Reserve your table space by contacting Drake Johnson at 1drakej@comcast.com, or use the signup sheet at the November Meeting.
GBF Booth at the ISE Show, January 16-19, 2020

by Dale Spear, ISE Coordinator

Hello club members. Once again, we need volunteers to staff our club booth in January at the International Sportsmen’s Exposition (ISE) show. Many fly fishers at GBF learned about the club at the ISE show, and you have the opportunity to invite other prospective members to join and make our organization even stronger. We will share with prospective members that, through our club, they can improve their casting skills, learn the art of fly tying, participate in conservation efforts, attend fish-outs, build a fly rod or net, and much more.

The shifts this year have changed. Due to changes made by the staff at ISE, we have increased the shifts to 3 hours each. This will require a little more time donated by each GBF volunteer, but it will require fewer volunteers through-out the ISE show.

You will receive a ticket to get into the show for free, so you can spend time before or after your shift looking at the other great booths and presentations. The tickets will be left at will-call. You will need to purchase a parking pass, however.

I will put out the sign-up sheet at our general meetings. You can also go to the club website to see which shifts are open. Feel free to email me, Dale Spear, at dalespear@sbcglobal.net, or call my cell 916-502-0455 to sign-up. Thank you.

The 2020 Annual Dinner Date is Official!

Mark your calendars for the Granite Bay Flycasters 33rd Annual Dinner on Saturday, March 21, 2020! This is our biggest event of the year, so be sure to get this date in your planner, your phone, your new 2020 TU calendar...or just scratched on the fridge!

You get the point...this is a must-attend event. It’s important that all our club members attend for two reasons: This event raises the funds we need to operate for another year, PLUS...it lets us share food, friendship, and fishing stories with other local fly-fishers.

As always, this evening will have a HUGE RAFFLE with incredible prizes, including rods, reels, flies, gear, and other great items. And, our famous silent auction is always your best shot at scoring amazing deals on gear, wines, artwork, fishing trips, and so much more!

The festivities are being held at the spacious Rocklin Event Center again...with the doors opening at 4:00PM. The food and entertainment details are still being finalized, but you can plan on a wonderful evening with the club—wrapping up by around 8:00PM.

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HELP WANTED

It’s never too early to start thinking about how to make the club’s next Annual Dinner even better! Discussions are already underway on topics ranging from food, drinks, and entertainment, to raffle prizes, auction items, and a host of special drawings!

Clubmember input is critical to making the annual dinner work—and annual dinner proceeds are critical to making the club work. This cycle represents the perfect opportunity for those who want the club to succeed to pitch in and help the club to succeed!

DON’T WAIT... STEP UP TO THE PLATE!

Your ideas, opinions, or expertise are really needed! If you can help in any possible way, please contact Wendell Edwards at wendelledwards@icloud.com. Join the 2020 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner committee...and you can make a ‘reel’ difference!

Weber Lake Fishout Report

by Doug Kytonen, Fishmaster

Well, we started with a lot of signups; 29 members were interested in going on this new fishing venue for the club. As the date came closer, I received 17 notifications by phone and email that people were not going to make the fishout, leaving 12 expected members to still show up. Joe Cammarrano and myself loaded up the float tubes and got an early start, wanting to get there about 7:00 AM. We hit some traffic on the way up, and it was down to one lane for roadwork getting ready for the winter snowfall. So, it took us a little longer to get to the lake, but way ahead of the scheduled meeting time of 8:00 AM. As we got to Truckee, the temperature had dropped to the low 40s, and as we continued up Hwy 89 and the turn to Weber Lake, the temperature continued to drop down to the high 30s. I was thinking this was not the weather I expected, being in shorts and a t-shirt.

When we arrived at the lake, we stopped at the trailer parking area and boat check-in at the top of the hill. The construction workers were already busy working on the historical hotel, refurbishing it and putting in new support beams. It was about 37 degrees (a run to the restroom and a dash back to the truck to get my waders on and muff to cover my head and ears); trying to warm up a little. The sun was shining on the lake, and there was a ground fog covering the whole lake; what a picture it would have made.

Fred Stuessy showed up at the same time we did, and he also got dressed for fishing to quickly warm up. Bob Macy had come up the day before, and fished some other waters in the area. As we were launching, John Peterson arrived, and was getting ready and said he had not fished the lake for many years, and was

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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: editor@gbflycasters.org. All ads must be submitted by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month’s Leader.
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interested in how it would fish now. As the four of us worked our way out just past the weed beds, I got my first take, a nice 12-inch cutthroat (I believe). Bob was close enough that I saw him get one on the line at the same time. I was hoping this was a sign it would be a good day. Fred went towards the left shore line and weed beds, while Bob and I were working our way to the right side of the lake. Behind us, as we moved kicking along the water, we must of really churned up the food source, because we could see a mass of fingerlings on the surface, jumping and feeding as we moved along.

I got another fish about halfway down the shoreline of the lake, but lost it in the weeds before I could see or net it. The rest of the day was slow for me, with a few more bumps. Bob did better than I did, and ended the day with two cutthroats and a rainbow, all about 16 inches. As the afternoon wind started to come up, we called it a day.

Weber Lake is a beautiful lake, with benches scattered along the shoreline to take in the scenery, and two benches and a fire pit right by the launch area so you can view the lake as the sun sets. Gary Gale showed up with his tent trailer just as we were leaving. He was going to spend a couple of days exploring the area, with three lakes all off the same road, and great stream fishing nearby also. Weber is the headwaters for the Little Truckee, so there are many streams and meadows to fish. The property management folks were very friendly, and said the best months to fish Weber were June/July, and again in September till ice out.

For all the members that did not show up, you missed out on a great lake to fish and enjoy. Here is a picture from the lake looking back at the boat ramp and hotel. I will definitely schedule this trip next year.

Education Corner

by Ron Davidson, Education Director

We at GBF are very lucky to have an outstanding group of talented, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic mentors that have brought us a variety of classes and clinics. Some of our great classes continue year around: Jim Holmes and John Peterson will continue to have a Fly-Tying Jam on the Third Tuesday of each month. You can simply drop in on a session, and if you do not have fly tying gear, the club has outfits to loan. You will find the sessions casual and welcoming, a great atmosphere for beginners. These are very small groups, and our two leaders are amazing teachers.

Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul have been taking signups for net building, and the focus has been on getting first timers into the class. This is a chance to build a top-of-the-line net, in a fun, small group atmosphere. You will work in Art’s shop, in his home, over a period of 3 or 4 evenings. This is a great place to meet new friends, and share tales with those you’ve known, as well as come away with a one-of-a-kind net to land those fish you will catch on a fly, you tied, in Fly-tying Jam, on a Rod you build with Larry Lee.

Speaking of Larry! Here is another unique chance to work in a small group session and build a custom Fly Rod of your design. Larry has a huge

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inventory of rod blank sizes, styles, and colors for almost any purpose. Your rod will be set with custom reel seats, handles, guides and all the other touches that go into a custom rod.

John Hogg heads up our Fly Casting programs, which includes several other great teachers. John recently held a Spey Casting clinic, with the help of several skilled coaches, and there will be many other offerings throughout the year. Keep an eye on “The Leader,” and our website for continuing information, and talk to any of our instructors at our General Meetings.

Our last scheduled specialty clinic was October 15th, when Tony Jelenik led a session working on rig set-ups for those going on the Upper Sac Fishout.

However, our calendar will soon be filling up again with classes/clinics that were offered last year, and hopefully, a few new surprises. “New Member Night,” held before our October meeting, gave everyone an opportunity to talk to our leaders/instructors and get a firsthand look at the varied offerings.

If you have an idea for a clinic/class that is not part of our program that you would be interested to learn about, let me know, and perhaps we can design a new class. If you would like to develop a clinic, by all means share the idea, and let’s get it going. Members have come forward and developed some wonderful classes: Barre Norman developed his idea of non-slip wading soles that he enthusiastically turned into a popular class; Michael Gervais has been teaching us to tie a Wasp that is so realistic it will frighten you; and Jim Degnan developed an entire knot tying course with tools, materials, and a manual. Who knows which of our newer members will develop the next amazing program.

I hope you will all accept our President’s challenge! Tinalyn has challenged you all to get to a Fly Tying Jam at least once, and maybe it will lead to a visit to our many other offerings. We are happy to announce that Victor Maiello will now be administering our “Golden Trout Program.” You can complete a set number of classes/clinics/fishouts and club programs to earn your Golden Trout Certificate and Badge. You will have two years to complete all of the steps. It’s a great way to learn more about this wonderful sport, and get to know many more members. I would like to challenge you all to go a step further and enroll in “The Golden Trout Program.”

Hope To See You In Class

Perspective

by Dale Spear

I worked thirty-one years in law enforcement, my later years tethered to a cell phone. I now spend every opportunity fishing rivers with absolutely no cell coverage at all.

Yesterday, I went to the East Carson River. I walked from Hangman’s Bridge awhile until I reached the area where previously, on August 22nd of this year, I caught my biggest rainbow while wading a river with a fly. My wife was with me. She took a photo. I have proof. On this current trip, I was alone.

I began the day with a dry fly, working a few deep holes, but mostly shallow riffles. I typically spend the bulk of my time tight-line nymphing, so the dry fly time was some much needed practice, and a prod to my thick, dinosaur brain to change my habits.

When I reached the bend that contains a deep section plus some nice riffles—the place I caught the big
one—my dinosaur brain took over and forced me to tight-line. I put a Guide’s Choice Hares Ear on the point, and a size 16 Downed Caddis on a dropper. I fished this area without a bump, bite or a slowing of my line. I continued down river through riffles and shallow pocket water. The same results.

Finally, I reached the gauging station, a point where the water takes a short turn to the left before straightening toward the east. The water falls over rocks into a deep pool before making the turn. I cast along the near seam and continued casting until I reached the far side. Then, I cast up into the rocks right in the middle so the fly would sink deep. Something made me react. I honestly cannot say what I saw or felt, a sign that I am actually getting better reading the line. But, I set the hook and immediately felt a force that made every sense in my body alert. This fish took line as it dove to the bottom, to the left and right, up to the surface for a couple of head shakes, back to the bottom and around.

I’m not certain how long I fought this fish, giving him line, taking it back, but when I finally brought him near me—oh my, what a beast, a beautiful rainbow beast. I removed my net from my back and started pulling my rod back on my right side as I readied the net on my left. Then...snap, my rod broke as I scooped the fish into the net. It broke not in one place, but in two. I stood holding the biggest fish of my wade fishing career in one hand and several pieces of my rod in the other.

I have been fishing long enough to have the composure to think ‘protect the fish,’ so I placed the net back in the water, got my rod together and onto the shore, then turned on the GoPro I keep attached to my sling-pack strap. I turned back to the fish, removed the Downed Caddis from his mouth, lifted him enough to compare against the markings on my net, and realized it was about 22 inches. That’s about all he allowed me to do, because as I reached for my camera’s shutter button, he came alive and my one hand was ineffective at holding him.

I composed myself, carried my belongings to dry land, and prepared to head back to my vehicle. I swung the sling-pack to my front and opened the pouch. I realized my flies and split-shot were covered with dirt, so I stepped down to the river to clean them, leaned over and dropped several packets of leaders and tippet material into the water. I collected the soggy items, clipped off my flies, and walked to my pick-up. I drove home thinking I had a broken fly rod, no photo and wet packets on my floorboard.

My wife, not long after I awoke this morning, asked if I had listened to the news yet. When I responded no, she told me a young El Dorado County Deputy Sheriff had been shot and killed in the line of duty. The Deputy was married with three children. Perspective.

Bill Carnazzio Fly Tyer’s Corner
(Taken from the Article Written in November 2010)

Fly Patterns - Bill’s Twilight Pinkie

**Materials:**

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*Bill’s Twilight Pinkie*
Description

The Upper Sac is generally not a dry fly venue, at least in my experience. There are some exceptions: the fish will take large October Caddis adult imitations in the late fall and winter; there are, at times, small caddis that bring the fish up during the late afternoons and evenings; there can be good BWO (baetis) hatches on certain days, particularly those that are cloudy and misty; and, most evenings there are small, delicate, pink-bodied mayflies that will produce some surface activity in tailouts and riffle water during that last hour before dark. Sometimes the pinkies, as I call them, will be duns; at other times they will be spinners. There are also times when both are on the water, and it’s up to the angler to parse out which one the fish are after. I have seen these beauties on other streams, and they are always very slender and delicate in their light pink dress.

My Twilight Pinkie, developed over a long period of time on this lovely river, is designed to imitate the small pink-bodied mayfly dun. I also have a pattern for the spinners, but I’ll leave that for a future article.

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. Smash the hook barb (the 900BL is already debarbed) and place the hook in your vise. Cover the hook with thread back to the hook bend, beginning at mid-point on the shank.

2. Place a tiny ball of dubbing at the rear end of the shank. This will help separate the tail fibers.

3. Cut three microfibbets from the skin, measure them to about 1.5 times the length of the hook shank, and tie them in on the far side of the hook just ahead of the dubbing ball. Repeat this process on the close side of the hook. If you have done it correctly, the fibbets will be slightly flared.

4. Move the thread forward to the 1/3 point behind the eye. Cut a small segment of light dun turkey flat from the feather and tie it in at this point with the tips facing forward. The length should be slightly longer than the hook shank. Pull the turkey up and to the rear and place a few thread wraps in front of it to stand it up. Take a few thread wraps around the base of the feather, and return the thread to the point where the tail was tied in. Place a tiny drop of super glue at the base of the wing.
5. Tie in a piece of fine gold wire. Dub a sparse, tapered abdomen with the pink dubbing. End the abdomen at the base of the turkey wing post.

6. Rib the abdomen with the gold wire, and tie it off at the front end of the abdomen.

7. Tie in a properly sized hackle at the base of the turkey wing post, with the feather tip pointing rearward.

8. Dub a small thorax behind and ahead of the wing post. The thorax should be slightly heftier than the slim abdomen.

9. Tie in a piece of fine gold wire. Dub a sparse, tapered abdomen with the pink dubbing. End the abdomen at the base of the turkey wing post.

10. Rib the abdomen with the gold wire, and tie it off at the front end of the abdomen.

**Tying Tips**

1. The pink dubbing must be very light in color; bright pink seems to turn the fish off.

2. If there are a few hackle fibers that stick out below the shank, trim them off. I believe that the fly needs to sit down right in the surface film. I have tied pinkies in the standard “Catskill” style, but the parachute style seems to perform better.

So, “Think pink,”.....

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!
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 a $12 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, contact Don Whitecar at 916-804-5384, or visit the website at [http://gbflycasters.org](http://gbflycasters.org).

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