

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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## Leader's Line

*by Kim Lloyd, GBF President*

This is the time of year when the club gears up for its Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner is an outstanding event. It is comprised of good food and good company, plus an opportunity to acquire more stuff. I mean, how many rods does an angler need? That's right, just one more.

Let's first talk about the good food. The dinner will be catered by Back Forty BBQ. They'll provide ribs, chicken, coleslaw—the whole shootin' match. Who needs silverware? But wait, there's more! The dinner also features a dessert auction of baked goods donated by club members. We're talking cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, fudge and much, much more!

Now let's talk about the good company. We can start with the members that track, chase and catch fish. Some of them post photos on the club's Facebook page; others have photos shown at club meetings. Some don't share. Some members book trips with guides at far off places, while others simply head for local waters.



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## Monthly Program



Hey guys,



Does anyone know these bugs? If not, come to our February club meeting and find out who they are and more! If you do know, come out anyway. You may pick up some information about bugs you didn't know. The program this month will be put on by **Terry Eggleston**, past president and a co-founder of Granite Bay Flycasters. He has been putting on aquatic entomology classes for the past several years with the very popular Wilderness Unlimited flyfishing clinic. He has also put on several classes for GBF at the Sage Hen research center near Truckee. Terry is a retired environmental biologist, and currently a volunteer with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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He will show you what he carries in his vest and float tube that are always with him on the water. Hopefully, sometime soon, we will be able to have a collecting field trip to one of our local waterways.

Terry was born and raised in Long Beach, growing up about a block from the Los Angeles River. As he puts it, "...when it was still a real river with wild plants and animals." He grew up in a family that was very outdoors oriented, with uncles and a grandfather who hunted and fished. The amazing thing is that no one in his family fly-fished! He first became aware of fly-fishing by reading *Outdoor Life* and *Field & Stream* magazines. From his local public library, he would borrow any book that was about fishing, including flyfishing. He became so interested in this sport that he would take the bus downtown to the Long Beach Casting Club, where he learned to fly-cast, and began his fly-tying career. He said, "This started a lifetime of pleasure and obsession for the love of fly-fishing. My wife and I have fly-fished all over the world in fresh and salt water."

One job he held which he describes as his most fulfilling one, was working as an environmental biologist for Southern-Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad. As he put it, "Cleaning up other people's messes." He goes on to say, "One of the most satisfying projects I worked on was building and maintaining the water treatment system at Dunsmuir, California after the disastrous train derailment that wiped out 42 miles of the Sacramento River, and watching the river come back to one of the top trout streams in California."

### 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](mailto:editor@gbflycasters.org). All ads must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's Leader.*

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These members have varied interests and personalities, but have two things in common. First, they love to fish; and second, they love to talk about it. It is often difficult to differentiate which one they do more. But, I digress, the important point is the annual dinner is a place to talk with others and learn of new places.

Last, but not least, there's the chance to get more stuff. You can never have too much. The dinner provides several different ways to get it:



1. The **fishing silent auction** where you bid against other attendees for rods, reels, custom-tied flies, discounted guide trips and other fly-fishing items.
2. A **"Non-fishing" silent auction** where you bid on Cabela knives, Trout Unlimited Dry Bags and gift cards valued at \$25 & \$50, plus many other items.



3. A **separate group of raffle prizes** that consist of fishing and non-fishing items. It is with this group of items where the raffle tickets are used.

And the best part of the auctions and the raffle? 100% of the proceeds are used to fund conservation efforts. Show your support. It's easy, just click [here](#) to buy your dinner and raffle tickets.

Tight lines.

## Flyfishing 101 Introductory Fly-Fishing Class

*Presented by Granite Bay Flycasters with Hosts  
Jim Holmes and John Peterson and Others*

The Granite Bay Flycasters are pleased to announce that the 2023 Flyfishing 101 class will be held on two nights in February, Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Granite Bay Flycasters clubhouse in Granite Bay. We will start each night about 6:30, and be finished by 9:00. There will be a chance to do a little casting before the actual class, depending on the weather. This yearly class is designed for those who have little or no fly-fishing experience, and want to get quickly "up to speed" in the sport.

We concentrate on the basics of flyfishing, including:

- Casting
- Fish
- Rods and reels and lines
- Equipment for the well-dressed flyfisher, including waders and shoes
- Knots
- Stillwater equipment

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- Entomology (Bugs)
- Flies
- And much, much more....

We try to get the new flyfisher enough knowledge so they will not feel lost in a fly shop, and will have some understanding of the terminology of our guest speakers and fishouts.

There is a \$10.00 charge for the class, which covers the cost of a manual which supplements the course.

You can sign up at the February meeting, or with me at [jwholmesjr@aol.com](mailto:jwholmesjr@aol.com), or text at 916-616-6709. There is no limit to the size of the class, but if you sign up, please come, as we order the manuals about 4 days before the beginning of the class.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call/text/email me at the above address.

## Pyramid Lake Fishout April 3 - 5, 2023

*by Eric Palmer*

The eighth annual GBF Pyramid Lake fishout and all-around fun time is near, so mark your calendar for **April 3-5** (Mon-Wed, 3 nights). Then, be sure to sign up either with a post to the [GBF Message Board](#), or by shooting me an [email](#) to get on the list.

Pyramid Lake, 45 minutes north of Reno, the destination of the Truckee River, and about the size of Lake Tahoe, is a remnant of an ancient inland sea that once reached from Oregon to Reno, and west to Susanville, CA. I learned of this some years ago when asking how its native [Lahontan cutthroat](#) trout arrived in a lake in the middle of the Nevada desert. They swam from the Columbia River 17,000 years ago!

Anglers on Pyramid face the anomaly of hoping for windy, cloudy, cold, rainy weather that seems to improve the fishing geometrically, versus the comfort of fair weather and a subsequently lower catch rate, or, maybe not. So, while our timing is on the cusp of more comfortable conditions for humans, come prepared for cold and rain...or sun and a warm gentle breeze, you just never know with Pyramid.



*Just hangin' out and tellin' lies:  
a vital part of every fishout.*

making it easy to find a comfortable hang-out spot for a periodic break and some socializing. And then, there's our pot-luck dinner one night.



*Where following the crowd  
is a good thing.*

Lodging can be found on the lake in rental cabins or trailers at the former Crosby's Lodge, now Pyramid Lake Lodge under Paiute tribal ownership; or, park your personal RVs at the improved and paved Pelican Point camp ground, with convenient tank toilets, or bunk 45 minutes back in Reno/Sparks at a fancy hotel. We usually have a good number of campers at the fishout,



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A couple years ago, at the top of her game, was **Michelle Davidson** with 13 beautiful cutts to the net—and most did nearly as well—including her catch you see here. This 32-36 inch beast fell for **Doug Ouellette's** Pyramid classic chartreuse/white Popcorn Beetle with optional white tail seen below. Although, there is no critter in Pyramid Lake actually matching those colors, the fish don't seem to care.



The "fly" that fools many Pyramid cutthroats. Tail optional.

If you are new to the lake or need a refresher, you will receive any orientation and coaching needed for a fun and successful trip, but the catching is ultimately up to you and your relationship with Lady Luck. Members who sign up will receive via email ample tips on rigging, flies and techniques needed to be successful.

So, sign up and join us! In the meantime, go [here](#) to the GBF Message Board Pyramid fishout template for introductory information on tackle, flies and techniques. You can go online and buy your tribal permit [here](#), no NV fishing license required.

You can also buy your permit on site at the tribal ranger station close to Pyramid Lodge in Sutcliffe.

Hope to see you there!



Michelle's Big One.

## GBF Annual Dinner - Desserts

*by Ron Fay, Annual Dinner Committee*

A great dessert is the best way to finish a fabulous meal! In the past, desserts for the Annual Dinner were purchased and provided by our club. However, for the past several dinners the desserts were graciously donated by our club members and provided a delicious array of choices.

These desserts were auctioned via a silent auction format which raised additional funds for our club's contributions and activities. This was a fun way to contribute to our club, as well as getting a wonderful dessert. This upcoming Annual Dinner will have a different format with more information forthcoming.

If you would like to show off your baking skills and participate with a special dessert to donate, please contact Ron Fay at: [fays@surewest.net](mailto:fays@surewest.net).

## 2023 Wet Fly Award

The Board is once again 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 the club's 2023 Annual Dinner extravaganza on March 25<sup>th</sup>? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story. And remember...think wet!



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## Great Raffle Prizes

At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a HUGE difference—whether it's donating merchandise or services for the raffle or auctions, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the dinner committee procure more great prizes for the event!

**Please consider donating something for our Annual Dinner in March.** Our success at collecting raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at securing the funds to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

Here are some of the kinds of things that club members have donated in years past:

- New, unused merchandise—fishing-related or otherwise.
- Flies you tied (favorite or specialty pattern?) in a flybox.
- Other handcrafted goods—fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services—in gift certificate or coupon form.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please contact Kim Lloyd at [kim@westernprojectmanagement.com](mailto:kim@westernprojectmanagement.com). Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

## The Need of a Fly Shop

*by Trevor Segelke*

I see my buddy slip and spin waist deep into a glide on the Klamath. Thinking the worst, I rush to him. No injuries; rod, reel and gear bag still intact. Not in the same place, but still there and in working order. Thinking nothing but pride is hurt, we continue to work our way to the seams we were headed to. That's when I hear the curses.

The wire on his Boa boot had broken. We tie the boot on with fishing line and paracord, but the wading is tougher and slower going. At lunch we realize that we are hours away from a shop, and not worth the drive. Luckily, the damaged gear is not more essential.

That night, my buddy starts looking online for a replacement kit—more cursing. My buddy lives in an area with no fly shops. He is discovering the item is out of stock at most places. No one is available to assure the current kit works for his older boot, and shipping is almost as expensive as the item he wants.

That's when our heroes step in. Both of our local fly shops, Kienes and Fly Fishing Specialties, confirm the correct item to order to fit the boot we need to repair. They didn't have the item in stock, but will have it in stock by the time my buddy drops me off in Sacramento, saving him a headache, stress, time and money.

This has since spurred conversations and realizations of what a valued resource a fly shop is, and how much it affects an angler when there isn't one. A few things they provide are: ability to play with gear before purchasing, fishing reports, guides, expertise and classes or clinics. They also do so much for the local fly clubs and conservation.

I had a glimpse of fishing without a local shop being available. I didn't like it. Thus, I will keep our local fly shops in mind and support them.

[Kiene's Fly shop](#)

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Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner  
(Taken from the Article Written in February 2009)

## Fly Patterns - Bill's Skwala



*Bill's Skwala*

### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Daiichi 1260 #10
<b>Thread:</b>	Olive 8/0
<b>Hackle:</b>	Black dry fly quality saddle hackle
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Yellowish-olive dubbing (I prefer Lite-Brite)
<b>Thorax:</b>	Same as abdomen
<b>Underwing:</b>	Black micro-web wing sheeting or similar product
<b>Wing:</b>	Dark olive deer hair
<b>Legs:</b>	Mini-size gray Turantulegs
<b>Egg sack:</b>	Black foam

### Description

This fly is based on a pattern tied by my friend Ralph Wood, with some modifications. Skwala stoneflies are found in many northern California rivers, but seem to often go unnoticed. Not so on the Lower Yuba River, since it is a prominent hatch that normally begins in January, continuing into February and sometimes longer. It's a great time to catch those "rocket" Yuba fish on top. I've seen only a few good Skwala imitations on the

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market. The "good" ones have two essential qualities, in my mind: First, they are tied sparsely; And second, they incorporate the right colors. It is important to imitate the color of the underside of the abdomen of the Skwala adult—a yellowish olive color—and the dark olive color of the fly's back. Only the females fly, so it is mostly them that you'll see struggling in the surface film out where the fish live.

## 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.



*Steps 1 & 2*

1. Debarb the hook, place it in your vise, and cover the shank with thread. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye.
2. Move the thread to the rear of the hook, just above the back of the barb. Cut a strip of black foam 1/8" in width. Heat one end of it so it "rounds" itself. Tie the foam in with the rounded end to the rear. It should stick out about 1/8" to the rear.



*Step 3*

3. Tie in a properly sized black hackle at the same point.



*Step 4*

4. Dub the thorax, but don't use too much material. Sparse is best on this pattern.

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5. Palmer the hackle up through the abdomen, using about 5 turns. Tie it off at the front of the abdomen.



*Step 5*



*Step 6*

6. Clip the hackle on the bottom and on the top, so that the remaining fibers stick out to the sides.

7. Cut a piece of the micro-web material that is about ¼" wide and 1" long. Round the corners of one end, and tie the material in at the front of the abdomen, with the rounded corners to the rear. The rear of the wing should be no longer than the end of the hook.



*Step 7*

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9. Dub a sparse thorax, and then tie in the legs in the middle of the thorax. Add a bit more dubbing between the legs.

*Step 9**Step 10*

8. Cut a small bunch of dark olive deer hair and clean out the under-fur. Stack it, and measure it to the same length as the under-wing. Tie it in at the same point and add a drop of super-glue.

10. Tie in a properly sized hackle and take 3 or 4 turns. Whip finish the fly. Trim the hackle top and bottom and apply a drop of superglue at the head.

**Tying Tips**

1. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye. From the instructions above, you can see that there are a number of steps that require work in that space between the thorax and the hook eye.
2. If you have a wing burning tool that is shaped like a stonefly wing, use it to burn the micro-web wings. They come out perfect every time.

*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>.

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> and at general meetings. Single membership: \$35; Family memberships: \$40; and youth (under 18): \$17.50. There is also a \$15 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated. For membership information, contact Mike Bean at 208-244-1153, or visit the website at <http://gbflycasters.org>.

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