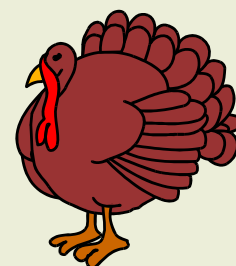


# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



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## Leader's Line

*by Kim Lloyd, GBF President*

November is the month the club kicks off a couple events. First, there is the membership renewal effort. Second, are ticket sales for the annual dinner. From a macro view, membership renewals fund the club's operations. The proceeds from the annual dinner provides the cash for donations to conservation groups and the Bill Carnazzo Fellowship at Cal Poly Humboldt. Last year, the club donated \$10,000 for conservation and another \$3,500 to the fellowship.

The membership renewal and annual dinner events have one thing in common, i.e. the monies generated by them are based on **fixed** amounts. This is important because the costs of running those events are **increasing**.

For example, higher insurance premiums increase operational costs, and higher food costs reduce the net



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## Monthly Program

### The Relapse of a Flyfishing Addict

Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Our speaker this month is **Dave Shafer**, who will take you through the ups and downs of being addicted to flyfishing. To the highest of highs, to the lowest of lows, and the many people and experiences that brought me there and back again.

Dave's Bio:

I started fly fishing in 1991 on the rivers of the central California valley. From then on, all my spare time was spent flyfishing. I was truly addicted to catching trout since I was 5 years old, but the magic of feather and thread was a game changer. I Could not get enough. I was fishing somewhere around 40-50 days a year. In 1995, I started guiding the



*Dave Shafer*

Upper Sacramento River, McCloud River, Pit River, Lower Yuba, and Lower Sac. This all led me on a journey where I was teaching, traveling, and guiding hundreds of people a year. So many things and so many people had aligned perfectly at the precise right time. I was living the perfect dream life. Then suddenly, I was done—lost in the wilderness sort of speak. I went many years without evening touching a fly rod. Now, many years later, I'm back!

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proceeds from the annual dinner. These increases mean there could be a gap between the club's planned expenditures and what it can actually afford.

The Board does not care to raise membership fees or annual dinner ticket prices at this time. Hence, membership renewal rates will remain at \$35 for individuals, and \$40 for families. It also means the cost of an annual dinner ticket remains at \$50.

But the club would like to build a "rainy-day fund" into the budget to avoid a cash-crunch. Let me explain how this would work. Members will be asked during the renewal process to "round-up" their membership purchase to \$50. This choice is completely voluntary. These contributions can then be used to make sure the club can maintain operations and keep donations at their current levels.

The "rounding up" option may not be a perfect solution, but there is no desire to unnecessarily raise membership dues or increase annual dinner ticket prices. This option allows members to make the decision that best suits their individual needs and still support the club.

Hope to see ya on the water.

#### 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.

## Discovery Bay Fishout Friday, November 10, 2023

*by Scott Vaughn, Fishout Leader*

It is that time again for some Striper Action. Stripers have moved in for the winter. We will again travel to Discovery Bay for a day of fishing for Stripers, Largemouth Bass, Crappie, and Red Ear/Blue Gills. Discovery Bay is located on the south side of Stockton off Highway 4, and is a protected residential development on the water with huge houses with private docks.

There is a long rock jetty that goes out to the delta entrance of the community, all great for bass fishing. This is all a 5 MPH zone, so it is great for float tube and pontoon boats to fish from. There is a tide, but little-to-no current, unless you go out to the entrance and right side of the little light house, and then you will fight the current.

Fishing can be great because you have a variety of species to target, with all being great little fighters. There is also a chance of hooking a large striper, or LMB over 5 pounds, where we target more on the stripers in the bay. I plan to check it out prior to our fishout in case we need an alternate. Look forward to seeing all of you on this annual and successful fishout. Open to all member with boats w/motors, pontoons, and float tubers. More details can be found [HERE](#) on the website. If you have any questions contact me at [scott.vaughn68@gmail.com](mailto:scott.vaughn68@gmail.com).



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## Upper Sac Tiime is Here!

*by Tony Jelinek, Fishout Leader*

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual fall Upper Sac Fish-out will be taking place from **November 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>** (Thur-Sun). The Upper Sac boasts 30 miles of river access, with the center being the town of Dunsmuir.

Due to abundant pocket water, short-line nymphing is the method of choice on this stream. If new to the river, or new to fly fishing, you will be partnered with someone who is familiar with the river, and everyone

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*Upper Sac Time is Here - Continued from Page 3*

who registers will receive information on short-line nymphing, river access points, and local information. If you are new to short-line nymphing, you will be shown how to tie the leader, and obtain instruction on the technique. Evenings, we all gather for dinner at a local restaurant to appease our hunger and tell tales of the day. We are also planning on having a barbecue tri-tip dinner for \$10 per person on Friday or Saturday evening. Plan on joining us for 4 days, or as many days as you can make it for fun, fishing, great camaraderie, and a chance to get to know this beautiful fishing water.

More details of this event are posted on the GBF website. If you are interested in participating in the fish-out, or have any questions, please contact me at [jelinea@me.com](mailto:jelinea@me.com), or phone 916-751-9249. You can register directly on the fish-out page on the GBF website.

**Don't Forget! Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023 - Starts at 8:30 AM at the Clubhouse**

It's get ready time for the Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off. Put it on your calendar so you don't miss it. Sort out your extra gear that is taking up valuable garage or closet space, and get it sorted out for the swap meet. Lastly, dust off that old special chili recipe and tune it up to enter it in the cook-off.

Remember to get the best deals—be there no later than 8:30 AM (by 10:00 am everything is pretty much bought, sold or eaten). Sellers, please contact **Drake Johnson (916-532-3073, or [1drakej@comcast.net](mailto:1drakej@comcast.net))** and let him know you want tables space and/or if you're planning to enter the Chili Contest.

**There will be a signup sheet, at the November meeting.**

Sellers should plan on being set up and ready to go by 8:30 am. Additionally, it helps you sell items if you put price tags on the items you are selling. Large items such as pontoon boats, prams, etc., should be

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*Annual Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off - Continued from Page 4*

displayed outdoors on the deck or the parking lot. Note that this year there will be a **Free Table**. This is where you can bring items that you would like to find a new home for with a fellow fly fisher, but you don't want to set up a table and try to sell.

**Chili Cook-off Contest** – Chili chefs, it's your chance to win braggin' rights as the best chili maker in GBF, along with a box of four dozen flies. The 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).
3. Bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
4. Winner will receive a fly box with four dozen assorted flies.

**Continental Breakfast!**

We'll have a continental style breakfast available for \$3.00, and complimentary coffee and water.

Lastly, don't forget, there is a free raffle for all attendees with the prize of a fly box with an assorted four dozen flies.

## Manzanita Lake Fishout Report

*by Michael Kaul, Fishout Leader*

Another wonderful trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park on August 27-31 for 22 GBF'ers. The weather was perfect. Perhaps a little cold at night at 38, but mid 70s during the day with minimal wind, and no snow or hail as when the fishout was in June.



The fishing was pretty slow compared to our June trips, but I think everyone had at least one on (several break offs). Seems **Mike Bone** got the most with 15 to the net, mostly on wiggle tails in cinnamon, or black with cinnamon. Other flies that worked were red soft hackles, prince nymphs, flash back bead head pheasant tail, and black with red leaches. As always, the fish were beautifully colored and stout, with most fish from 14-20" in a nice mixture of Browns and Rainbows.

**Sandy and Debi** went on a 12+ mile bike ride along the Pit River, and Lynn hiked a beautiful

trail to Bumpass Hell to view the steam vents (Bones and Kaul's also did this on our way out the South exit). The scenic drive around the south and east side of the volcano is spectacular and well worth the drive.

The chili/cornbread dinner went off without a hitch, with members bringing a variety of extras and some excellent wine to make it a true feast.

If you haven't been to Manzanita, you need to keep an eye out for next year's trip and sign up.





## Granite Bay Flycasters 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner

March 30, 2024 — 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Rocklin Event Center  
2650 Sunset Boulevard, Rocklin, CA

Two important reasons to attend the dinner:

It is our largest fundraiser of the year. The more money we raise, the more money we can give to worthy causes. We are a non-profit organization with the goal of doing good for our local waters.

Secondly, it is simply great fun! There will be tables full of raffle prizes you could win. There is a silent auction where you can bid on items you can't live (or fish) without. There is a dessert auction with scrumptious goodies. We have games such as 100 Squares, Deck of Cards and a Net of Cash. These games equal more prizes.

The heart of the fun is the camaraderie we share with club members, family and friends. This, along with good food, a drink or two and some whopper fishing stories, add to the entertainment and delight of all.

You can purchase tickets on-line beginning November 1, 2023. Go to the Granite Bay Flycasters website, 'Events' at the top of the page, then 'Annual Dinner.' You can also access the Annual Dinner link on the website at 'Member Options' then 'Event Calendar.'

**This event is too important to wait until the last minute to purchase tickets. Let's sell out early.**

## Yuba Fest 2023 "The Gathering of the Clan"

Yuba Fest is the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International's (NCCFFI) major fundraising event. This year, more than 16 GBF club members braved the rain to help make this event an overall success.

A number of fly-fishing and environmental organizations participated. A major highlight was a series of short talks from different groups who explained how they are actively protecting, preserving and enhancing our local waters. These groups ranged from national (Trout Unlimited), to regional (SYRCL), to local (Sierra Stream Institute) and everything in between.

The CA Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) gave a most interesting talk about the proposed new access around Daguerre Dam. Although the new structure would help salmon and steelhead, it would simultaneously allow stripers and shad to enter upstream areas they cannot currently access. CSPA is suggesting the structure be modified to include several small waterfalls—who knew that stripers and shad can't jump?

This year the club set up a booth where members displayed different items, and were able to remain relatively dry. These members included **Terry Eggleston** (entomological collection), **Art Hawkins** (custom fishing nets) and **Jim Monical** (a MacGyver-like trolling motor control system for float tubes). Several club members also worked directly with NCCFFI. For example, **Trevor Segelke** was a casting instructor, and **Rozaida O'Neill** demonstrated fly tying techniques.

Other members attending the Yuba Fest were **David Harvey, Larry Angus, Wendell Edwards, Henry Sandigo, Paul Siegmund, Bruce Carlson, Charlie O'Neill, Kim Lloyd, Chris Kight** and **Don Steffa**. A big thanks to all of those that helped spread the word about our club and what we do.



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**Saturday, March 30th, 2024** • No-host bar opens @ 4:00pm

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Scan for tickets and details



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## Conservation Corner

### Truckee River Day with Trout Unlimited

*by Jim Monical, VP Conservation*



*Volunteer GBF Flycasters: Kim Lloyd, Jamie Nelson, Gavin Nelson and Jim Monical*

then decided to check out some nearby fishing spots. Yes, we had packed flyfishing gear just in case there was time to play.

Kim Lloyd took us to a spot on the Little Truckee River close to where it flows into Boca reservoir. We had fun casting some dry flies and hopper/dropper setups, but did not find any fish (foolish fish) willing to take our offerings. However, we were able to see the kokanee



*Working hard making willow cuttings*

salmon going up the river to spawn. The salmon had red spawning coloring, and many were pretty beat up (and dead). They were also small—around 9 inches. Well, we had enough fun for the day and started back home. Some of us stopped by Fuller Lake on the way back, and we had enough sunlight to enjoy watching the fish dappling the surface. All had a good day.

On October 15, 2023, four Granite Bay Flycasters participated in Truckee River Day 2023. Jim Monical, Kim Lloyd, Jamie Nelson, and Gavin Nelson met at Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay, and then drove up to Olympic Valley (formerly known as Squaw Valley) to help the Truckee chapter of Trout Unlimited work on habitat restoration on the Washeshu creek. The primary focus was to have us volunteers continue the installation of willow cuttings to stabilize the eroding streambanks. We all pitched in, gathering willow cuttings from existing willows near the creek, and then added these cuttings to a 30-foot stretch of the streambanks.

Once we were done with the planting, we headed over to a fair taking place at the Granite Flat Campground, where we were fed lunch and were able to view the booths that were set up there. After finishing lunch, we



*Working on the streambank*

  
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## Bill Carnazzo Fly Tyer's Corner (Taken from the Article Written in November 2008)

### Fly Patterns - Hogan's S & M Nymph



*Hogan's S & M Nymph*

#### Materials:

<b>Hook:</b>	Standard nymph hook, #18-20
<b>Bead:</b>	2mm shiny copper bead
<b>Thread:</b>	8/0 olive brown
<b>Tail:</b>	5 or 6 pheasant tail barbules
<b>Abdomen:</b>	Pheasant tail
<b>Ribbing:</b>	Chartreuse wire, extra small
<b>Thorax:</b>	Olive brown dubbing
<b>Wing Case:</b>	Brown goose biot
<b>Legs:</b>	2 strands of pearl crystal flash

#### Description

Hogan's S & M Nymph was the star performer at the recent Upper Sac outing....even out-fishing Bill's Stick Caddis, which is generally the number one fish-getter at this time of year. This year's weather, being warm with crisp blue skies and very low, crystal clear water conditions, seems to have affected the normally heavy October Caddis hatch which, in turn, reduced the effectiveness of October Caddis patterns (larva, pupa, emerger, and adult). Many fish were still caught on the Stick Caddis, but the small nymphs clearly out-performed all others—with the S & M leading the charge.

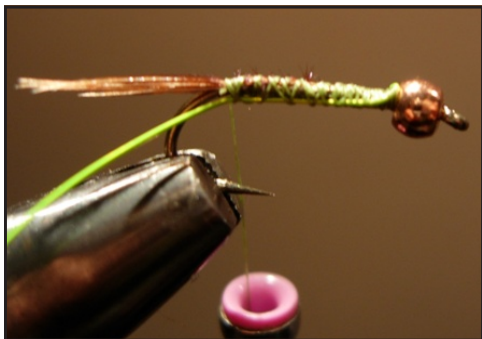
That's the "bad news;" the "good news" is that there were prolific hatches of *baetis*, or blue winged olive mayflies. BWOs are tiny grayish olive bugs, normally imitated well by tiny Pheasant Tail nymphs. The nymphs were active most of the day, but particularly in low light conditions (early morning, especially) and on days when there was some cloud cover.

The S & M in various sizes probably imitates a host of mayfly nymphs (and probably some species of midges), but in the smaller sizes (16-20) it is especially effective as a *baetis* nymph imitation. My guide clients, on Thursday, Friday, and Monday were able to land many trout using this pattern—with a few fish in the 18" range. Outing participants also found it to be particularly effective.

Since *baetis* hatch virtually all year long, including Winter, let's put a few of these in our fly boxes.

#### 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. De-barb the hook, add a 2 mm copper bead to the hook, and cover the shank with thread.
2. Using 5 or 6 pheasant tail barbules, tie in a tail just above the back of the barb. At the same spot tie in a piece of chartreuse wire.

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*Fly Tyers Corner - Continued from Page 9**Step 3*

3. Tie in a few pheasant tail barbules by their tips at the same spot. Wrap them forward to the 1/3 point on the shank and tie them off. This forms the abdomen of the fly. Wrap the wire rib forward in close turns and tie it off at the front end of the body.
4. At the same spot, tie in a brown goose biot with the butt end pointing rearward. This will be used for the wing case.
5. Dub a small thorax in front of the abdomen.

*Steps 4 & 5**Steps 6 & 7*

6. Tie in two short strands of pearl crystal flash just behind the hook eye so that there are two "legs" on each side of the fly. The strands should be pointing rearward. Clip the crystal flash legs so that they end at the point of the hook.
7. Apply a tiny drop of Dave's Flexament or similar glue to the top of the thorax and quickly pull the biot over the top. Pull the crystal flash legs rearward so that they lie alongside the body of the fly. Tie off the biot behind the eye of the hook and whip finish.

## **Tying & Fishing Tips**

1. I like to fish this fly on a 6" or 7" 4X dropper protruding from the main tippet. I use a loop knot to tie on the fly, as it gives the fly more action in the drift.
2. If you begin catching lots of fish on this fly, try putting two of them on—one on the dropper and the other on the point fly—perhaps using different sizes.
3. Fish this fly whenever you see BWOs flying around the stream, or see their nymphs swimming about in the shallows.

Fish this delicate little bug all year long—you won't regret it. See ya on the creek.

*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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