

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo by Ken Davis

A Sculpin and a Stonefly are just a part of the food chain for our catch. See Sagehen workshop, page ??? for the second annual Entomology Workshop held by Ken Davis and Bill Carnazzo.

April 2005



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# President's Message

G a r y F l a n a g a n

Deadlines, it always seem like I am a slave to deadlines. I thought this would end when I retired. Unfortunately, it seems like I have more deadlines now than I have ever had. One of the things I have learned over the years is doing what I have to do to meet a deadline is never as stressful as thinking about what I have to do to meet that deadline. This is how it has been with the President's message. Thinking of what to say is the hardest part of being President of Granite Bay Flycasters. And I sometimes wonder if anyone cares what the President says in the Presidents Message. Does anyone even read this column? I'm not sure I would. But then someone will make a comment to me about something I mentioned in the Leader and I think, "Well, someone does read the Presidents Message." And that alone gives me resolve to do it again next month.

I have been talking to Mike Powers and Frank Massey about the annual picnic or the Presidents Picnic or the Past Presidents Picnic depending on whom you talk to. These guys are planning all sorts of wacky activities. Wait until you see what they have in store. It's down right freaky. Tony (*Yan can Cook*) Hamamoto has once again volunteered to slow cook all the Baby Back Ribs and chicken the Club is providing and Bill Carnazzo is once again putting together a killer One-Fly-Contest with lots of really neat prizes for the winners of the various categories. I like how we handle contests at the picnic. You need not be an expert to win; in fact, some of the biggest winners have been new

to fly-fishing. There is even a prize for the first angler to lose their fly! Don't miss the free camping and the free food at this year's huge event.



By the time you get this, the Annual Dinner will be over and it will have been another great success. I can't thank the dinner committee and everyone who helped out enough for all the hard work and long hours spent. The committee head, Joe Aichroth put together a great team. Art Hawkins, Frank Stolten, Mike Lang, Mike Brune, Michael Kaul, Ron Rabun Karen Flanagan and Jim Hunter did an outstanding job on the dinner this year. Terrific job Guys!

Election are close at had and I am very pleased at the number of qualified members that are stepping up to run for Officer and Board positions. If you what to run for a position or you wish to nominate someone, there is still time. Contact Mike Brune of Frank Stolten. They are the nomination committee and they will be glad to answer any questions or add a name to the Ballot for the June election.

May is always set-aside for Member's night and we don't invite a guest speaker. What we do have are tables set up showcasing al the activities Granite Bay Flycasters provides its membership. This meeting is the one to attend, especially if you are new to the Club.

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# Tying the “Ben Byng’s CDC Caddis”



Ben Byng's CDC Caddis

Ben Byng is a master fly tyer who ties at many of the fly fishing shows we attend in winter and early spring. At the Cal Expo International Sportsman’s Exposition show, where I am responsible for recruiting good tyers and running the “How-to Center” for fly tying, I watched Ben tie a beautiful, buggy looking CDC Caddis pattern. Ben says it also serves as a mayfly emerger. I believe that, if tied in the proper color combinations, it could serve as a Callibaetis emerger on still waters or perhaps as a PMD emerger on streams such as Fall River—and I intend to find out!

The pattern looked so buggy to me that I decided to ask Ben if I could feature it in this column. He graciously agreed, and provided tying instructions and a list of materials.

Ben calls this type of fly a “60/40 fly,” meaning that the body/wing makes up 60% of the fly, and the hackle makes up the remaining 40%. The materials list specifies tan for the body and thread; however, if you tie some of these bugs, also try olive thread and body.

## I n s t r u c t i o n s :

1. Smash barb on hook. Dub a thin, football-shaped body on the rear 60% of the hook—don’t go any farther forward than that.

2. Cup two CDC feathers together and place them on the top of the hook at the forward end of the body. Tie them in at that point, measuring their length to the back of the bend of the hook. The wing should be tent-shaped when completed. Do not trim the butts of the CDC feathers yet, as they will be used to form a head similar to that of an Elk Hair Caddis.

3. Wrap the thread forward to just behind the eye, to lay a foundation for the hackle, and work the thread back to the tie in point of the wing. There should be no more than these two layers of thread to avoid adding too much weight to the fly.

4. Pull or cut 6-8 barbs from a well marked dark speckled partridge feather and tie them in on

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## **MATERIALS**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Hook:     | Standard dry fly hook such as Daiichi 1180, #14-20                      |
| Thread:   | Tan 8/0 or size 70 waxed nylon  |
| Body:     | Haretron (or similar dubbing), olive or tan                             |
| Wing:     | Light tan CDC—two feathers  |
| Overwing: | Dark speckled partridge: feathers from the back of the bird by the tail |
| Hackle:   | Light ginger saddle or cape, dry fly quality                            |

# Tying the 'Ben Byng's CDC Caddis'

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top of the CDC wing, spreading them out in the process across the top of the wing. Again, don't trim the butts just yet.

5. Tie in a hackle at the same point, and wrap it forward to fill the space between the wing and the eye of the hook. Whip finish behind the

butts of the CDC and partridge.

6. Trim the butts short so that a stub sticks up, imitating a caddis head.

Ben says that this fly has been good to him on California waters, so give it a try, and...

See ya on the creek....

## April 9

# GBF annual 'Creek Week 2005'

Granite Bay Flycasters annual support of Roseville's Creek week will be Saturday, April 9th. We will take part in the cleaning-up of a portion of Secret Ravine Creek. We have done this same site over the past 3 years. We will meet in the parking lot behind the United Artist Theater at 8:30 am. The theater is on Eureka Blvd, in Roseville. The parking lot is located between I-80

and Sunrise Ave.

Bring gloves, insect repellent and water. We clean up the trail, dirt road, and grassy area along the creek. We go about a mile upstream and then haul out the trash. Work is finished before noon. Dave Baker is the leader. Go to Granite Bay's website for additional information and links.

These creeks provide spawning habitat for king salmon and steelhead, as well as important riparian habitat for other animals and native plants - *and must be protected!* This is a very worthy cause, and your participation is welcomed and needed.

There will be free T-Shirts for Creek Week Restoration and Clean-up volunteers. For more information or to sign-up you can contact me at (916) 771-5837 or e-mail me at billh@surewest.net .

**-Bill Hagopian**

### *Don't be shy, submit a fly* **Fly Tying Skills Program**

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Observe a fly tying master tie this fly at this month's general meeting and bring it to next month's meeting to be eligible for gift certificates donated by American Fly Fishing Company.

Get input and critiques from experienced tiers. This will help you improve your skills and help increase your chances of catching fish.

Rules:

- Judging takes place during the general meeting.
- Winning flies are those that best match the specific pattern recipe published. No other pattern is accepted.
- Non-beginner category certificate winner will be drawn at random from among entries in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for March.

Beginners:

**Brian Staab**

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

**Mike Lang**

Best Tie: **Mike Lang**

# Dave Shafer's Floating Indicator

Recently, Dave Shafer, a local guide, hosted a clinic for Granite Bay Flycasters members on the American River. The subject was floating indicator fishing. Among the many pearls of fishing wisdom members received that day was how to construct a high floating, responsive indicator that is not too hard to cast, and that can be moved easily up and down the leader without removing flies or weight. I had forgotten some of the details of Dave's method, so I contacted member Brian Staab who furnished me with enough information to enable me to write this article for members wanting to build some of Dave's yarn-style indicators. So, here we go.

You will need tiny rubber (preferably elastic) bands—the sort used

by orthodontic patients; brightly colored antron yarn; a flea comb or one designed for yarn-combing; some paste floatant; and a bit of patience.

First, cut and comb out a couple inches of yarn. The thickness used will be based on buoyancy needs (i.e., how much weight will it have to support?) and fishing conditions (i.e., is the current swift and choppy, calm and gentle, or somewhere in between?). Set the yarn aside.

Next, in one hand, pinch the leader to make a loop, which you must hold tightly. In the other hand, stretch the rubber band between 2 fingers. Now feed the pinched leader loop through the rubber band 5 times and pull the fingers out. This will leave you a loop pinched off by

*See Floating Indicator page 23*

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# Lost? Need help with your GPS?

By now, most of you have a GPS to guide you through the woods to your favorite fishing spot. Wouldn't it be nice to learn how to read a map so you don't walk over a cliff while blindly following this technological wizard? Enter: ORIENTEERING.

Orienteering is a map and compass sport. It originated in the Nordic countries as a means of training their military troops how to navigate. The US Military Academy at West Point introduced it to this country in the 1930's. It is now a nationwide sport with thousands of enthusiasts. In a nutshell, an orienteer navigates, over a specified area, using only a map and compass, to find "Controls".

In a way, it's like a treasure hunt without the monetary reward. Anyone can participate. At a recent National Championship Meet at Spooner Lake, the age categories started at "Under 10" and went all the way up to "Over 65". The youngest competitor was a 6 year old girl. The oldest competitor was a 93 year old woman.

You do not have to be a "Competitor" to participate in Orienteering. Many people, myself included, only participate so they can have another excuse to be outdoors. With my eyesight, I prefer to walk, not run through the forests and fields. I stop to look at the bugs, smell the flowers, and listen to the birds. I'm thrilled when I find the "Controls" and figure out the best way to get through the course.

The competitors prefer to run from point to point, navigating using their internal "GPS" system, referring to their maps and compasses only briefly. Everyone is timed from the start to the finish. However, only the competitors really care about their times.

Courses are designed by skill level, from "Beginner" (first timers) to "Advanced" (Half Billy Goat, Half Antelope). The courses

are color coded for easy reference. A beginner course, 'White', will

follow paths and trails, and is usually less than 3k in length. An Intermediate level course, 'Orange', will require more off

trail navigation skills and is usually around 4-5k in length. 'Red' and 'Blue' Courses are for the fanatics who love to sprint over mountains for about 7-10 kilometers. There are a few levels in between those I mentioned.

I hope I've interested you in learning more about this fun, outdoor sport. I'll explain a little more about it when we meet on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Club House. If you want more information before the meeting, visit this web site [www.goldcountryorienteers.org](http://www.goldcountryorienteers.org). The next orienteering meet is on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at Goethe Park.

**-Art Livingston**



Rod Building 107B

## Guides; spacing and size overview

This is the second of three articles covering guide sizing and spacing on a blank. How important is this subject, really, when considering optimal performance of your rod?

Recently, I put out a question on a popular chat room on the internet asking if anyone knew anything about fly guide sizes and spacing. I received one useful response from Bill Kiene of Kiene's Fly Shop saying: "I was on Christmas Island with the Sage Rod Company party and head rod designer Jerry Siem had brought some prototype rods for everyone to cast. We used a different one each day and after the test we asked him if they were all different tapers we were casting. He said 'No, they were just different guide sets and spacings.'

I would not have believed it."

Mr. Kiene also stated, "Steve Rajeff of G. Loomis and Jerry Siem of Sage said that it is OK to copy their guide sizes and spacing because they have already spent thousands of hours developing them with many world class fly casters over the years. In most cases with high-end rods, it is best to copy their selection of sizes and styles of guides and the spacing for their blanks. Be sure to make your wraps and amount of epoxy very similar too if you don't want to take any chances. "

I fully concur with Mr. Kiene regarding his recommendations.

However, is that all you need to know? Since I have a passion for rod building, and because of the training I received in becoming a Civil Engineer, I usually wonder why and how things work structur-



Photo by Jeff Burkholder

The various cork handles for flyrods

ally and scientifically. For me, the answer to the above question is no! I hope the answer is the same for you!

I have read through various books, researched articles on the internet, conversed with club members (such as our own excellent casting instructor Sturmer White), and experimented with the information I have found. I would like to share with you the rather interesting results of these labors.

There are two basic types of fly fishing casting: 1) a one-handed cast using one hand on the rod for front casting and back casting and 2) a two-handed (spey) type that uses two hands on the rod.

The guides in the one-handed casting type must allow the line to slip through in both directions with very little resistance. Tip-top, snake, and stripping guides must be sized to be large enough and spaced appropriately to accomplish minimal resistance. When fighting fish, the guides must be spaced so that the rod does not receive too much stress in any one location to cause the rod to break at that location. After considering guide spacing and guide sizes, we have to determine the right number of guides, not too many, and not too

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## Guide basics

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few.

Guides in the two-handed casting type must allow the line to slip through in both directions, but more resistance may be allowed (smaller guides) because the line is not constantly passing in both directions as the one-handed method. When fighting a fish with

two-handed rods, guides must also be spaced so that the rod does not receive too much stress in any one location to cause the rod to break at that location.

The next rod building article will provide more in-depth ways of selecting guide sizes and guide spacing for your new rod.

## Annual members' night May 12

Each year at the May general meeting Granite Bay Flycasters hosts its annual members' night (May 12<sup>th</sup> this year). In lieu of having a speaker, the meeting is devoted to demonstrations and other informative discussions on virtually all aspects of fly fishing, all aimed at increasing members' angling skills. For example, there will be tables devoted to knot tying,

rod-building, net building, fly tying, fishing venues, entomology, rods/reels/lines, and fishing techniques (e.g., various types of strike indicators). This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of the activities, of course, and there is always the camaraderie and good food to top things off. The event is always well attended and everyone has a great time. Don't miss this party.

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# Water resources & fly clubs working together to protect fish

The GBF Conservation Committee has invited Mark Rockwell, Conservation VP for the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF), to speak at our April General Meeting on Thursday, 4/14. Mark is a member of the Gold Country Fly Fishers, Nevada City, and also is a licensed fishing guide who guides on the Fall River.

Mark will discuss the work of the NCCFFF Conservation Network in the areas of water resource management and fisheries protection. The NCCFFF Conservation

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*MARK ROCKWELL,*

*CONSERVATION VP, NCCFFF*

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Network, composed of fly fishing clubs in Northern California and Northern Nevada with a combined membership of over 2,000, has been working in cooperation with other environmental and water shed protection groups in many areas of interest to GBF members. Under Mark's leadership, NCCFFF has been involved in fighting for protection of wild steelhead and coho salmon, taking legal action to prevent re-occurring spring run salmon kills on Butte Creek, working jointly with CalTrout on a campaign to force the Union Pacific Railroad to prevent further derailments on the Upper Sacramento River, participating as a stakeholder group in the Pit River and Klamath FERC hydropower relicensing process, working with the Sacramento Water Forum to support a new flow



Mark Rockwell

standard for the Lower American River and working with member clubs and DFG on the New Zealand Mud Snail contamination problem.

Mark will also provide his perspective on current plans by the Bureau of Reclamation to renew long term water supply contracts for Central Valley Improvement Project (CVIP) contractors. This is a large and complex issue that in the opinion of NCCFFF and other conservation and tax payer organizations, has the potential for severe consequences. The unrealistic promises represented by these long term contracts will lead to environmental impacts on Northern California Rivers and the Bay Delta and lead to increased tax payer subsidization of water costs. For more information on this issue, see the Planning and Conservation League web site, [www.pcl.org](http://www.pcl.org), click on "A Water Management Strategy for California" Another resource for California Water Issues is the non-partisan budget watchdog organization, Tax Payers for Common Sense, [www.taxpayer.net](http://www.taxpayer.net).

**When:** April 14, 7 pm

**Where:** GBF Clubhouse

# Upcoming Fishouts

We have some fabulous fish outs coming up. However, I want to give a big "thank you" to Paul Meyers and Pete Koistinen for their work in setting up the two Lower Yuba outings and making them happen. Thanks especially for the camaraderie that they generated for these outings, and for the good food that everyone enjoyed for a measly \$5.00. Everyone had a great time, learned some things, caught a few, and met some new fishing buddies. That's what these outings are supposed to do.

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the upcoming few months:

1. **Pyramid Lake.** Jim Holmes and Gene Goss will host the

Pyramid Lake outing on **March 20-22, 2005**. There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting. Jim and Gene will provide details to those who have signed up. Gene can be reached at (916) 962-7375; Jim can be reached at (916) 967-6709.

2. **Pontoon boat clinic.** Stan Hellekson, co-owner of Fly Fishing Specialties, is hosting a moving-water pontoon boat information and safety clinic on **March 26, 2005**. Stan has a lot of experience in a pontoon boat, and will share that information with Granite Bay Flycasters members. He will discuss equipment, handling technique, and safety issues. The clinic is free, and will be held on the American River. There will be a morning and afternoon clinic because we had a lot of sign ups.

3. **Greenstone Lake.** Tony Hamamoto is the outing chairman for this bass outing, which will be held on **April 9, 2005**. There is a 20 person limit. Everyone is on their own for food. I believe the sign up sheet is full, but give Tony a call if you missed the March general meeting. Tony can be reached at (530) 642-9132.

4. **Orienteering clinic.** Art Livingston will provide instruction on compass and map reading at 6:30 on **April 14<sup>th</sup>** at the clubhouse. This is the evening of our April general meeting, so plan on arriving at the club house at around 6:15 so Art can get started on time. Art can be reached at (916) 722-2992.

5. **Rancho Murietta.** This is another fabulous opportunity to fish for large bass in a beautiful setting. We have Bill Osselinski

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May 20-21

## Sagehen study of Invertebrate class

Aquatic biologist, Ken Davis will again teach the Sagehen Aquatic Invertebrate Class, May 20-21, at the UC Sagehen Research Center. He will also briefly address Granite Bay Flycasters at the general meeting on April 14, 2005. Master Fly-tier and Licensed Angling Guide, Bill Carnazzo will be co-teaching with Ken. Bill has tied his custom fly patterns that are perfect imitations of the macroinvertebrates of Sagehen Creek and the surrounding region.

This class is open only to Granite Bay Flycasters Members and includes food; lodging, classroom, field studies and angling on the restricted access property of Sagehen.

Raised on the banks of the Sacramento River near Chico, Ken has spent his life wading the streams of California in search of invertebrates and the trout that depend upon them for sustenance. That odyssey and a career in science started in 1955 on the banks of Hat Creek when he asked his father if trout prefer caddisflies or hellgrammites. *"I don't know, I've never been a trout,"* his dad responded. That answer, typical of his father's responses encouraged more questions and fostered a lifetime of observation.

Today, fifty years later, Ken is still observing and documenting the occurrence and behavior of aquatic invertebrates in waterways along the West Coast and in the Rocky Mountains. To share the beauty of macro world, he developed equipment that allows the sustained photography of aquatic invertebrates in conditions that mimic their natural environment.



Photo by Ken Davis

Golden Stonefly, Calineuria Californica

A parallel development of digital technology by Nikon in 2003 allowed the initial release of Ken's live nymph images in the January 2004 issue of American Angler. The AA editor referred to those photographs as *"Amazing New Images of Aquatic Nymphs."* Since the article, he frequently receives

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and Knute Anderson, Rancho Murietta residents, to thank for this one. There will be two outings at Rancho Murietta, because we can only accommodate 10 at a time. The first one is on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, and the second one is on **May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Again, I believe that this one is full, but you should check with me on that, as I have the sign up lists. We will provide directions and other information to those who have signed up. My phone number is (916) 663-2604.

**6. Sly Park Reservoir.** Gene Goss is hosting this outing on **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions, call Gene at (916) 962-7375

**7. Future outings.** Finally, here is some early info on future outings: **Davis Lake, Red Bluff**

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## Sly Park or Jenkinson Lake Fish Out

Jenkinson Lake is located on Sly Park Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. The Lake is a 640-acre lake at 3500 feet elevation in the Sly Park Recreation Area of El Dorado County, and is the lowest elevation reservoir in California to hold a viable population of mackinaw with fish up to 18 pounds. The lake also has a decent population of brown trout; the lake record for a brown trout is 21 pounds.

This lake is stocked with catch-



North Yuba River

**bass ponds, Sage Hen Creek, and Bridgeport area** outings in May (a very busy time); in June a float on the **Lower Sac**, outings at **Eagle Lake, Manzanita Lake** in Lassen Park, a shad outing on the American River; the **North Yuba clinic, Indian Creek Reservoir**, and the **President's Picnic** camp-out and one-fly contest; and **Rock Creek, Mt., Lake Alamanor, Lake Natoma, and Surf Perch** outings in July. We will also have fill-in spur

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able rainbow trout from the late winter or early spring. Most of the planted trout are 12-14 inches with some holdovers 2-3 pounds. Smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and bluegill are found in Jenkinson Lake, but smallmouth bass are the predominate species because the lake offers the rocky points, ledges and flats that smallmouth prefer. Every year I hook a couple of smallmouths between 17-19 inches, 4 to 5 pounds of hard

*See "Sly Park" page 21*

# Sagehen Entomology Clinic

The Conservation Committee is hosting another stream ecology workshop at the **U.C. Berkeley Sagehen Creek Field Station** on May 20th and 21st (Friday night and Saturday). On Sunday May 22nd, those who wish may join us to fish the Truckee.

Ken Davis and Bill Carnazzo will again conduct this workshop. It includes on-stream insect collection, identification and matching various flies that mimic the insects.

One of the unique features of the Sagehen Creek Field Station is a large viewing chamber located under the creek water level that will allow us to see fish and macro-invertebrates on the creek bottom. This viewing area was built and donated to the field station by the Golden Gate Casting and Angling Club.

If you were to take a similar entomology clinic through UC Davis,



you would pay \$300.00. However, the cost for this workshop is only **\$40**, which includes two nights lodging in the cabins, plus dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Mike Howes will again be coordinating the meal preparation. The cabins are "rustic" but comfortable, with bathrooms and showers nearby.

You will need to bring your own sleeping bag and pillow, drinks (i.e. water, beer, wine, etc.) and whatever food you want for Sunday. Be prepared for whatever weather we will have in May at 6,380 feet

*see Sagehen Entomology page 16*



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May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

# Red Bluff Fishout

My Family and I have a one hundred and fifty acre cattle ranch located about seventeen miles west of Red Bluff off Hwy 36. There are two warm water ponds located on the property and they are filled with fish. One of the ponds is approximately two surface acres in size and the other pond is about five surface acres in size. Both bodies of water

can be fished from shore however the larger pond is best fished with a pontoon boat or float tube.

Both ponds have Large Mouth Bass up to two pounds and they also contain very large crappie.

A 4-6 Wt Fly rod with either float-



Red Bluff ponds

ing or intermediate line will work. I fish with Gurglers Woolly Buggers, Rickards Still Water Nymph or a Leech pattern all work well. My favorite is the Simpleton Frog. This top water fly has recently been featured in the Leader and can be found on the GBF Website.

There is parking for RV's, good tent camping areas and a guesthouse we will have access to (no kitchen). The guesthouse has three beds, (bring sleeping bags) and is being offered on a first come basis. There is also a lot of floor space in the house.

We are limiting ten GBF Members to this fishout so the ponds won't be overcrowded and you will have quality angling. In addition to your fly-fishing equipment, you will need to bring food, sunglasses, bug repellent and sunscreen, as it can get hot.

The outing is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and a sign-up sheet will be offered at the April meeting.

If there are any questions e-mail me at [jmlang@cwnet.com](mailto:jmlang@cwnet.com) or call 530-676-9765. By the way cell phones don't work up there.

**-Mike Laing**

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June 16-19

## Past President's Annual Picnic

WHERE: Bear Valley Group Picnic Area (PG&E Group Campground)  
DIRECTIONS: From Roseville, take I-80 east to the Hawaii 20 (Grass Valley) exit. Go approximately 5 miles to Bowman Lake Road. (This is the road to Fuller Lake.) Go approximately ¼ mile on Bowman Lake Road to the campground. The campground is on the left.  
WHEN: We have the campground reserved for the entire weekend.

You can come up Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or you can camp out for the entire weekend. Make it for part of the weekend or for the whole weekend...it's entirely up to you. We'll be setting up on Thursday morning and tearing down sometime Sunday afternoon.  
THE RULES AND OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF:

1. Have a good time.

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## Sagehen Entomology workshop

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elevation. Check a current weather report before going. GBF will also have duty sign-up sheets to assist in meal preparation and clean-up - and everyone must leave their cabin space clean. For more information on the facility, go to <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~sagehen/index.html> and select the PDF information sheet to see photos of the facility and a map.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the April general club meeting. Space is limited so sign-ups for this event will be first-come/first-served, unless you attended last year's workshop. [Priority will be given to those who are attending for the first time.] Only GBF members are eligible to sign-up. - Please provide payment at the time of sign-up. Those who attend the workshop last year may sign a waiting list, and attend if there is space available.

Sunday, May 22 following the Stream Ecology Workshop, we will have a GBF fish out, **probably** on the Truckee River. A separate sign-up sheet for the fish out will be available at the April meeting. It is

not necessary to attend the Stream Ecology Workshop in order to join us at the fish out.

For more information contact John Carroz at [jwcarroz@surewest.net](mailto:jwcarroz@surewest.net) or telephone (916) 783-0802.

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# Annual Picnic in June

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2. Bring the family.
3. Camping and the picnic are absolute free to members. Members bringing guests are required to pay \$10- per non-member. A family membership covers your spouse and children under 18 living at home. An individual membership covers the individual member, not a spouse or children.
4. GBF will provide food...Ribs, chicken, etc. on Saturday night. Side dishes will be assigned alphabetically. Other than that, BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, DRINKS AND UTENSILS, ETC.
5. A Not So Special Olympics will be on Fri afternoon
  - a. Blind draw two-person teams.



Photo by Michael Powers

Denny Welch (lft) tries to take the raffle prize from winner Linda Shaw at last years' picnic.

- b. Two Handed/Two Fisted Horseshoe.
- c. Backward Casting--as your partner spots for the caster
- d. Blindfolded Fly Tying--as partner spots
- e. Scavenger Hunt Fly Tying
6. The barbecue will be fired up so any one can cook their own meals Fri evening and we will start the bonfire at dark to celebrate the winners of the Not So Special Olympics.
7. The One-Fly contest will be on Saturday at Fuller Lake. The Awards Ceremony and BBQ will take place at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening at the campground.
8. First come first served for campsites. We have limited space at the main camp ground for RVs. I believe we can fit 3 or 4 at the Main campground; we can park the others at the parking lot for the nature walk just up the road and within walking distance.
9. Pit toilets (clean.
10. Hot water RSVP AND QUESTIONS: Let us know via email Frank Massey (fmassey@jps.net) or Michael Powers (powers@

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# Sagehen workshop May 20-21

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requests from across the nation to teach invertebrate classes for fly fishers. Frequently waiting hours to get the right angle or behavioral response, he has documented predatory responses, cryptic behavior, and other nymph actions that can greatly improve fly fishing endeavors.

Ken has worked for more than thirty years with invasive species and is considered an expert on several invaders including the New Zealand Mudsnail. He has lead the monitoring and research project in Putah Creek to learn more about the invading snails and their potential impacts on the trout population. In conjunction with that project, he is developing a photo-inventory of the invertebrate community in the Putah Creek drainage.

The Sagehen Class will convene

April 20 and May 7

## Rancho Murieta Bass Fishout

For those who signed up for these two outing dates, we are limiting the number of members to ten each date. The first twenty members on the list will be notified in advance, and asked to commit to whether or not they will attend.

This process is necessary since we have a waiting list.

The bass fishing should be good on the dates of the outings. There

with a PowerPoint Presentation on Friday night showing the common invertebrates in Sagehen and Prosser creeks and the Little Truckee River. Images of the live nymphs will be directly compared to shots of the appropriate artificial flies that mimic the naturals. Ken and Bill Carnazzo will offer observations on the behavior of the nymphs and how their natural actions might assist with fishing the flies.

Ken will also offer thoughts on the importance of a healthy invertebrate population to maintaining trout populations.

The class will continue on Saturday with Ken showing where to find and collect invertebrates in Sagehen Creek. After a quick discussion about decontaminating wading equipment, the group will proceed to the Little Truckee River for more nymph observations and a fishout lead by Bill Carnazzo.



Rancho Murieta lakes are known for large bass.

are three lakes, which should have most of the fishing action: Lake Clementia, Lake Chesbro, and Lake Calero. Every year large bass  
*see "Rancho Murieta" page 19*

April 20, 6:30 P.M.

## Fly Tying Jam Tuesdays

First I'd like to thank all of you for showing up for this ongoing program. It is a lot more "fun" tying with a group and we can ALL learn together!

Since the next really big hatch in the stillwater realm will be damsel fly nymphs. I thought that it would be fun to share some damsel patterns. Most fisherman who fish the damsel fly hatch use nymphs with varying degrees of success. It is a real challenge to tie a fly to imitate this varmint! I know our president was very proud of his floating damsel pattern last year (he used it with some success at Davis last year)



and he said he would bring that fly to share. I have some patterns that have been successful, and I am sure that some of you have equally successful patterns that you would like to share!

In response to some you looking for general material requirements for damsel flies, be sure to have: 2x long hooks, size 10 or 12, green

## Rancho Murieta Bass

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are caught at each one of the lakes. The outings will begin at Lake Clementia.

Equipment needed: a fast #6-9 weight rod, 8-10 ft. in length; a floating or intermediate line; a good float tube or pontoon boat (this should get you around the lakes, providing the wind is down); bring wollybuggers, leeches, minnows, clousers, and damsel and/or dragon fly imitations.

We will meet at Lake Clementia at the boat launch between, 9 and 9:15 a.m. This is a good lake to start fishing. Your name will be

left at the gate; tell security that you are guest of Bill Ossolinski or Knute Anderson. To get to Lake Clementia, drive straight down Murieta Parkway to its end, where you will take a right on Camino Del Lago. Go through a gate, which takes you to the lake, which is on the left.

For those who don't know, Rancho Murieta is located along the Jackson Highway (Highway 16). For information, contact Bill Ossolinski at (916) 354-8474, or Knute Anderson at (916) 354-1165.

**-Bill Ossolinski and  
Knute Anderson**

May 13-15

# Bridgeport Fishout

Bridgeport is situated in the Eastern High Sierras, Historic Bridgeport Valley has changed little since cattlemen, and miners discovered its grassy pastures in the 1850's. Surrounded by vast National Forest lands, the region is an unspoiled recreational playground with pristine lakes, rivers, and streams. There is good



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fishing in both Robinson Creek and Twin Lakes, which provides excellent fishing for large Rainbow Trout and German Brown Trout; it also contains a good population of Eastern Brook Trout and Kamloop Trout.

(The largest brown trout was caught here by Danny Stearman on 4/30/87 and weighed 26 lb. 8 oz.) and Northeast of Bridgeport is the East Walker River, a primer fly-fishing stream.

Bev and I will be camping at Lower Twin Lakes Campground; we have reserved campsite # 7. It's located

approximately 10 miles southeast of Bridgeport, off of Twin Lakes Rd. Camping can be very cold at night since the campground is at 7000 feet. For those who would like to fish and not camp, there are many creekside cabins, bed and breakfast inns, and motels in the area. I will put up links on the club's message board.

Directions: From Sacramento area, go to Highway 395 and go south. US Highway 395 runs through Bridgeport. At the first street in Bridgeport, (at the MoMart Gas Station) turn right on to Twin Lakes Road. Travel on the Twin Lakes Road for about 9.5 miles, then make a left turn onto South Twin Lakes Road, and go approximately 0.6 miles across the bridge. The campground is on the right.

Equipment: East Walker and Roberson Creek: 5 wt rod works well. Nymphing with

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and brown fuzz, olive green and light brown foam-5 mm (Beverly's-\$.59/sheet), something flashy like crystal hair. These are only suggestions; you can go on line and check out patterns for this great hatch! If you don't have the exact material, usually someone will be happy to share.

**-Jim Holmes**



## Sly Park Fishout in May

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fighting fish. A six-weight rod, clear or camo intermediate line will keep you into the fish this time of the year, 10 ft. leader with 8 lb tippet, a size 4-8 woolly bugger, streamers, leeches pattern.



Sly Park

My favorite way to fish is to cast to the shoreline and rippppppp a gold - olive streamer back, or slowly troll a leech in 10 ft. of water along the rocky points or rocky shoreline. A watercraft is the best way to fish this lake, something you can pick up and move to a new spot if fishing is slow in that spot, a float tube is best for this type of fishing where you can fish 3 or 4 places in a day.

The fishout is May 11 we will meet at chimney camp day picnic parking lot at 8 am bring a lunch. Fishon Gene Goss (eugenesusan@aol.com) (962-7375).

**-Gene Goss**

## President's Picnic

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cwnet.com) if you're going to be there; how many are in your group; and what day's you'll attend. We need the headcount for food. You can email us with any questions. (However, not questions about contest rules will be answered, as we will make them up as we go.) At the April meeting we will have signup sheets for attendees, volunteers, and participants

in the contests also attendees. There will be a lot more information and a sign-up sheet available at the April meeting.

### President's Picnic

When: June 16-19

Where: Bear Valley Group  
Picnic Area (PG&E  
Group Campground)

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A water view of Twin Lakes, just outside of Bridgeport.

## Bridgeport

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small PT's, San Juan Worms, zebras, WD 40's, micro mayfly's, pheasant tails and caddis larva. Small is good 16-18 usually works well.

There might be some periodic baetis hatches throughout the weekend and during these, the dry action can be good with small blue duns and the like.

Twin Lakes: 5 wt rod works well. Wooly buggers and other Lake flies work well.

A word to the wise: Bridgeport is famous for its HIGH gas prices. Best to fill up in Minden or Walker. If you need gas in Bridgeport, Mono Village (at the upper Twin Lake) is generally cheaper than in town.

CAUTION: Bears frequent the area. All food must be kept in approved containers.

For more information about lodging, contact Twin Lakes Resort at (760) 932-7751. Upper Twin Lakes (760) 932-7071. Bridgeport Ranger District (760) 932-7070. Camping

## Upcoming Fishouts

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of the moment outings in between the ones named. Don't forget the **North Yuba nymph fishing clinic**, also in June, if you want to learn how to catch fish on nymphs.

**I NEED HELP IN SETTING UP OUTINGS.** Please contact me with your ideas. We want the outings to mirror what the members want, so your input is valued. Thanks.

Sign up early and often.

**-Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster**

# Floating Indicator

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the rubber band.

Now feed the yarn through the loop and cinch the rubber band tight up to the yarn. Half the yarn should protrude from each side. Give the yarn a couple more combs and trim to the needed size. You did

it correctly if you can grip the mono in one hand and slide the indicator with the other by squeezing and sliding with slight pressure at the base of the loop/rubber band. Finally, add a bit of paste floatant to the yarn; it helps it float better and longer.

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Reservations (800) 280-CAMP. Mono Village (760) 932-7071. Doc and Al's Resort (760) 932-7051. Also see GBF's website with links.

Ken's Sporting Goods has a good selection of fishing tackle, flies and

is generous with fishing tips. Guide services are also available (760 932-7707).

For more information or to sign-up you can contact me at (916) 771-5837 or e-mail me at billh@surewest.net.

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# Presidents message

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You will get to ask questions and see displays. There will also be a new members orientation table where you can ask questions and get answers about the Club.

## New Members

**Individuals:** Sheila Simmons, Wayne Reimers, Max Siefker, Tony Ponzio, Gary Vogds, Jeff Shintaku, Ted Martinez

**Family:** John and Denise Lemoine, John Maisano and Travis Arias, Marc and Sean Longwood, "TR" and Brendan Bergen, Dave and Christine Vingom  
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

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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](http://www.gbflycasters.org) or call Gary Flanagan 916-223-4240.

Doors open between 6:30pm and 7pm for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30pm. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show or other presentation. Each meeting also has a raffle, and visitors are always welcome.

**Membership:** Applications are available online [www.gbflycasters.org](http://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 pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Lester Snow 916-967-7563 or visit the website [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org)

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