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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Bill Avery

Art Livingston with a smile almost as big as the striper he took at the Veteran's Day Delta Fishout.



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SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

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		7:00 PM Conservation Meeting				American Fly Fishing Holiday Party
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					Salmon Count	Swap Meet & Chili Contest
	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.
			6:30 PM Fly Tying Jam		7:00 PM Monthly General Meeting	7:00 PM Board Meeting
	21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.
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	28.	29.	30.	31.		

President's Message

Mike Howes



The holiday season is upon us. The Granite Bay Flycasters start off their holiday season with a Swap Meet and Chili Cook-off, a fine way to bring friends together to barter and laugh. The event usually hosts 10 – 12 chilies concocted by members. Our coordinator, Denny Welch, has already set the mark with his “Just passin’ thru II,” a sequel to his “Just passin’ thru I” of last year. All members are welcome to bring their favorite chili. You never know, you may get bragging rights. Bring your excess fly gear to barter with other members. The Swap meet is Dec. 13th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the clubhouse.

Our membership drive is in full swing. The dues are \$30 for a single, and \$35 for a family. Details for mailing in dues are on the website. Members that pay their 2009 dues by December 2008 will be entered into a raffle

held at the January meeting.

Annual Dinner tickets are on sale. The Annual Dinner is our prime fundraiser, and we need contributions both of cash and raffle items to help finance our club’s success. Raffle items can be fishing or non-fishing. The money raised at the dinner enables the club to operate, and to give to various conservation efforts.

We have a great speaker this year, Lawrence Stuemke. He will also be presenting a day program at the clubhouse (Saturday morning 9-11 a.m.) on “switch rods” for dinner ticket holders. The dinner is on March 21st at the Elks Club in Carmichael.

See the www.GBflycasters.org website for more details.

Our Holiday Pot Luck dinner is on December 11, our general meeting night. We reserve this special evening for members to socialize, eat, laugh, and to tell their fish stories again. To facilitate the food, those with the last name starting with A-G Hors D’oeuvres; H-K Salad; L-P Favorite Dish; Q-Y Dessert. Come and enjoy the company.

John Hogg has joined the GBF Board as Treasurer. John has held this position in the past, and I am grateful to him for helping us out again. Thanks John.

Happy Holidays to all.

Membership

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 261 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 261). Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net, and I'll send it in a reply. It is in Excel format. The board's policy is that the list is not to be used for any commercial purpose, and is not to be distributed to persons outside the membership—so please observe those restrictions.

A big welcome! and round of applause for our newest members:

Richard and Yvette Gilleland
Roland Jiminez
Gerry Grant
Stanley Ohara
Tony Fabian
John Hessl
Steve Colby

Scott Vaughn
Steve Wilkins

When you see these folks at our meetings, please greet them and invite them to go fishing—after all, that's what we are all about.

. . .Bill Carnazzo
Membership V.P.

GBF Holiday Potluck Dinner

At our general meeting on December 11th we have a pot luck dinner. No speaker, just come and relax. This event brings out the best fish stories and laughs. To facilitate the food, those with the last name starting with; A-G Hors D'oeuvres; H-K Salad; L- P favorite Dish; Q-Y Desert. The club will supply the drinks. Get in the Holiday spirit and join us for an evening of friendship.



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2009 Yuba River UC Davis Fishouts

The University of California at Davis has an agricultural research station on the banks of the Lower Yuba River. This property is closed to the public, but our club is fortunate to have a relationship with the management. Therefore we are allowed twice yearly access for fishing. This is a great deal for us because we get private access on a river that typically gets fairly heavy angler pressure. The property is beautiful (and private); there are shade trees, a few picnic tables, a brick BBQ grill pit, and a porta potty.

Karl Wolff (karl.wolff@sbcglobal.net 916 719 0860) will lead our fishout on January 24, and Pete Koistinen (peterkoistinen@comcast.net 916-780-0925) will lead on February 14. The fishouts are limited to 15 anglers for each date, and there is no fee. Signup sheets will be available at the general meetings. If you miss the meeting please contact either Karl (for Jan 24) or Pete (for Feb 14) to get signed up, however no signups will be taken prior to the Dec general meeting. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list sign up anyway - we'll draw a lottery, and then we'll keep a waiting list. Please sign up for one fishout only (OK to wait list on the other one)

The Yuba river is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16 inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba river is about the same size as the lower American, flow rates around 2000 CFS are ideal. A few hints for success on

the Yuba: keep moving - if 2 or 3 good drifts don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, don't stand in water that you should be fishing. The fish can be close to shore, you'll probably catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner, archive July 2006, for Paul Egan's excellent Skwala pattern. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website's "Fishouts" section.

OK, we hope to see you on these great "private water" fishouts.

. . .Karl and Pete

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Upcoming Classes and Clinics

Bill Carnazzo, Chair, Member Education

Below is a list of clinics and classes that will be offered to members. Some have scheduled dates; the others will be scheduled shortly. If you have suggestions as to other clinics or classes, be sure to contact me and we can discuss your thoughts. Look for specifics on classes and clinics on the web site, and in future Leader articles. Those listed in italics have already been held.

Clinic/Class	Date(s)
Fly Tying:**	
Beginning	January 10, 24
Intermediate/Advanced	January 6, 12, 20, 27; Feb. 3,
16	
<i>Fly Fishing Basics***</i>	<i>November 29</i>
Fishing with indicators****	TBA—in December or January
<i>Advanced knot tying</i>	<i>November 20</i>
GPS/Map reading	Spring, '09
Stillwater (on the water)	TBA
Making balsa poppers	Spring, '09
Demystifying lines, leaders	Spring, '09
Entomology school (Sagehen)	May, '09
Techniques for "swinging"*****	Late Spring, '09

**Paul Egan will lead the beginner class; it will be held at the San Juan Ave. Raley's Event Center. Bill Carnazzo will lead the intermediate/advanced class, using a format featuring a different tyer at each session. The six classes will be held at either the Granite Bay or Rosville Raley's Event Center.

***This class has not been held for a few years, and it is time to do it again. It is for newer members who want to learn the basics of our sport. It will be taught by Bill Carnazzo, Sturmer White, and Karl Wolff.

****This class will be taught by Ryan Miller, professional drift boat guide on the Yuba, Feather, Lower Sacramento, and other waters. The format is not clear yet, but the plan is to do a part classroom/part on-the-water combination.

*****This class will feature proper technique for swinging streamers, soft hackles, etc. I plan on engaging a professional to teach this very important technique.

Annual Dinner Speaker Announced

The Annual Dinner Committee has done it again (found a really great speaker for the Annual Dinner, that is).

Lawrence Stuemke is officially on the books for our big annual bash coming up on Saturday, March 21st. Lawrence is a long-time guide (mountaineering as well as fly fishing) and self-proclaimed "Adventure Angler" who takes pride in teaching others what has brought him so much enjoyment in life. He emphasizes "the complete outdoor experience" that fly fishing provides and works to pass along the ethics of conservation and stewardship to future fly fishers.

Lawrence will provide an evening program on his 2007, two-month expedition (with fly rod) through the border regions of Northern Mongolia and Siberia in search of giant Taimen. You'll be surprised at what else (in addition to HUGE fish) he finds on that adventurous trip. On the day of the dinner, he'll also conduct a day program

(clinic) at the GBF clubhouse on 'switch' rods. The clinic will include discussion, demonstration, and plenty of Q&A time.

Great speaker, great raffle, great silent auction... the 2009 Annual Dinner is going to be a great event! Don't miss out... be sure to get your dinner tickets before they're all gone!

The Wet Fly Award

The Board is still 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 our annual dinner on March 21st? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story, ASAP. Remember... think wet!



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Swap Meet and Chili Cookoff

We've got our **SWAP MEET AND CHILI COOKOFF** scheduled to take off on Saturday, December 13th. Officially, we start at 9:00 and will go until noon or 1:00, depending on the crowd. I plan on getting there at about 7:00 to start getting things set up for the multitudes. That usually means that selling, buying, haggling, back stabbing, lying and cheating actually starts at 7:00.

The swap meet is always a huge event. It's the one time each year we can stock up on those things we really need and also get rid of all the stuff we bought last year. Rods, reels, boats/float tubes, tying materials, flies, waders and many other items will all be there. It's also the one time each year you can get all of these things at a reasonable price.

I've also gotten a number of calls concerning the chili. We have some pretty different stuff coming again this year and I'd like to speak for just a moment on safety. For obvious reasons, we cannot allow any open flames in the building. For those of you with respiratory (breathing) problems, I'd suggest you wear a mask. Hopefully, the exhaust fans will keep us comfortable. If not, make frequent trips outdoors for fresh air. Shots of Kaopectate will be offered for a nominal fee.

Most of you know that I would never lie to you and that I am always doing my best to keep you safe. Therefore, I am circulating a petition asking that Ron English

be prohibited from entering this year's chili cookoff. You may have seen some of the road kill he tries to peddle at the swap meet. Well, I have it on pretty good authority that he also uses that same road kill when cooking his chili. Again, this is only a safety precaution and has absolutely no connection to Ron usually winning the cookoff.

Here are a few other random notes:

1. Get there early for the best selection.
2. Stay late for the best price.
3. If you are bringing chili, bring it in a crock pot and make sure you have a serving spoon with it. Put your name on your pot, on the lid, etc.
4. If you want, bring some of your special cornbread.
5. We'll have coffee and water available. If you want to bring something else go ahead and we'll throw it in the communal ice chest. Sorry, but no alcohol is allowed....park rule.
6. Name your chili. My last two entries "Just Passin' Thru" and "True Blue Spaghetti Chili" were both crowd favorites, but due to some voting irregularities I was denied the crown. Without Ron participating, I'm sure my "Just Passin' Thru II" will be victorious.
7. Bring cash.
8. Bring your checkbook.

9. If you have one, bring a short extension cord for your chili. Label it.
10. First come, first served re the table space. Space will be at a premium so be prepared to share the space.
11. 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).
12. Bring a friend.

I hope to see you all out there on Saturday, December 13th. Give me a call if you have any questions... 530-889-8562 (home)... 916-786-2070 (office) or dennywelch@jps.net.

I could use some help so if you're able to assist please give me a call.

. . .Denny

Beginning Fly Tying January 10 & 24, 2009

Learning to tie flies can be difficult and frustrating. It can take several years to gather the information and learn the techniques needed to tie proportionate and fishable flies if you attempt it alone. If you are thinking about starting this relaxing and fulfilling pastime, then you are in luck, because you belong to GBF and we are going to have a beginning fly tying class.

The class will be at the Raley's on San Juan Ave. Saturday the

10th and Saturday the 24th of January, 2009. You will learn how to tie many different flies, including some of the most productive patterns used on our local waters. More importantly, you will gain knowledge of the art and skills to use and develop throughout years of fly tying.

My name is Paul Egan and I will be conducting this class. I have been tying for 20 years and fly fishing for 13 years. I joined GBF in February 2004 and have been truly delighted. The best addition to my fly vest over the past years has definitely been the GBF nametag. I am greatly honored to have this opportunity to give back to the sport that has brought me so much joy in the past years.

All materials will be supplied for the class. At the first meeting, we will go over tools, vises, and material selection; and then we'll tie a wollybugger. You will receive written, detailed instructions on each fly. We will start with putting a hook in the vise and end up with the whip finish. You don't need any prior experience. If you don't have a vise or set of tools, you can get a loner set from GBF.

The class will be limited to eight people, so it will fill very fast. The cost is \$12.00. There will be a sign-up sheet at the monthly meeting. You can also contact me directly by e-mail at paulegan81@yahoo.com or call me at (916) 640-5126 if you have any questions. I am looking forward to this class and meeting more of our members.

Tight Lines
. . .Paul Egan

Membership Renewal Time

It is time to renew your membership. Although we follow a July 1-June 30 fiscal year, membership renewal is on a calendar year basis. We began collecting renewal dues in November. Early renewal (i.e., before January 1) is very helpful in terms of record-keeping, and your cooperation in that regard will be much appreciated. We have offered an early renewal incentive to those who renew before January 1, 2009: an Orvis fly box filled with excellent flies. We will hold a raffle for this prize after the first of the year. Renewal dues for the upcoming year will remain the same--\$30 for individual memberships and \$35 for family memberships. There are three ways to renew (check payable to Granite Bay Flycasters in all cases):

1. Send your renewal check to me at:
Bill Carnazzo
5209 Crestline Drive
Foresthill, CA 95631
2. Send your renewal check to Granite Bay Flycasters at:
4120 Douglas Blvd. #306-356
Granite Bay, CA 95746-5936
3. Pay at the general meeting.

Bass/Saltwater Fly Tying Class

I will be holding a bass/saltwater fly tying class on the following five dates: March 3, 11, 23, 31 and April 7. All classes will start at 6:30 PM and will be held at Raley's in Granite Bay. This is in the shopping center at Douglas and Folsom Blvd.

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Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

For Sale:

I have several custom wooden wading staffs for sale. They are made of ash and come with a long strap, rubber grip, and rubber tip. I will have them at the swap meet; the price is \$28.00.

At the swap meet I will also have many flies, including some of my October Caddis Series patterns, and my new packaged indicator-to-tippet short line nymphing leaders.

Bill Carnazzo

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To place a classified ad, you must be a member in good standing of the Granite Bay Flycasters. Classified ads will run for only one issue of *The Leader*, unless the seller requests it to run longer. Submit your listing to: fstolten@comcast.net with subject line: 'GBF: Classified'. Or mail your info to: Frank Stolten, 8290 Country Lake Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. All ads must arrive by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for November

Beginners: -

No entries

Advanced: -

Ray Ito

Advanced: \$25.00 Certificate to American Fly Fishing Company:

Jim Holmes

With all the Holiday Hoopla, don't forget to mark your calendars for our famous Annual Dinner and Raffle/Auction on March 21st

This is our biggest event of the year and we'd like everyone to join us for the food, fun, great raffle prizes, awesome auction items, fantastic evening program, and amazing day program! Here's the scoop...

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, co-workers, neighbors... anyone who's interested in having a great time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause.

- **What:** Fabulous dinner, raffle, auction, and other prizes, along with guest speaker, Lawrence Stuemke, who'll also lead an instructional day program at the clubhouse.

- **When:** Saturday, March 21st, 2009. The day program usually runs 9am-noon, and the dinner festivities get going by 4:30pm (bar opens at 4:30; dinner is served around 6:00).

- **Where:** The dinner, raffle & auction will be at the Carmichael Elks Club on Cypress Ave. The day program will be at the Granite Bay Flycasters clubhouse on Folsom Lake.

- **Why:** Because you want an evening of fun, friendships, and fishing stories – along with the chance to win thousands of dollars in fishing gear, guided trips, and other prizes.

- **How:** Buy your dinner tickets at the Dec, Jan, or Feb club meetings, or call Bill & Bev Hagopian (916-771-5837) to arrange purchase by mail. \$38 each through 2/28, then \$45.

- **Lastly:** If you can't attend the dinner, please consider making a donation for the raffle or auction. If you can help in any way, just contact Mike Howes at LifelsReel@aol.com.

Dinner Donations Needed

Please consider donating a raffle prize or auction item to the Annual Dinner coming up on Saturday, March 21st, 2009. Here are some of the kinds of things 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 call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795. Any contribution is appreciated, and all donators are duly acknowledged at the dinner.

Bill's Crystal Emerging Thing

I owe this pattern to a couple of very innovative good friends. A very long time ago Joe Kimsey, guru of the Upper Sacramento River and former owner of the Ted Fay Fly Shop in Dunsmuir, created his famous "Maggie" to imitate an emerging October Caddis. I believe Joe may have gotten the idea from Ted Fay. The Maggie is made of orangish dubbing and trimmed deer hair. Don't be put off by its shaggy appearance because that is intentional. Air bubbles are trapped between the trimmed deer hair strands, creating the suggestion of life—so very important in any fly, but especially in an emerger imitation. Many, many trout have been caught on the Maggie—which, of course, is the proverbial proof of the pudding.

But over time patterns morph, partly in response to changing fish reaction to patterns that they have seen a lot, and partly because we fly tiers are constantly tinkering in the exercise of our personal creativity. Ron Rabun's Crystal Maggie is a good example of a creative tyer adapting to changing conditions with a "revision" of a long-standing fly pattern. Ron's pattern incorporates most of the qualities of the Maggie, but includes some of his own designs. A few of Ron's changes include the addition of crystal flash with the wing, some ribbing, and a furnace-type hackle at the front. Again, the results prove the theory; the Crystal Maggie has brought many a fish to the nets of anglers, including me.

My own version, which I call "Bill's Emerging Thing," is based on both the Maggie and the Crystal Maggie. I changed the color of the deer hair "wing," used tiny glass beads for the body, and added a shuck made of CDC. I've been testing this fly for several years and am now convinced that it is a fish-catcher, having caught a good number of large fish with it during the fall season of 2008.

Tying Instructions:

1. Smash hook barb thoroughly—this is necessary (aside from normal barbless reasons) in order to slide the glass seed beads onto the hook.

2. Place the hook in the vise with the bend facing down and slide an orange bead over the point and around the bend. Follow this with a root beer bead. Continue with alternating colors until the shank is half covered with beads. Reposition

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 #8
Thread:	Orange 8/0
Tail (shuck):	Dun colored CDC
Abdomen:	Alternating orange and root beer glass seed beads
Thorax:	Creamy orange Buggy Nymph mixed with gold Lite Brite
Underwing:	Orange crystal flash (sparse)
Wing:	Burnt orange deer hair
Hackle:	Soft furnace hackle

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Steps 1 and 2

the hook in the vise in the normal position.

3. Mount the thread at the eye and wrap it back to the 1/3 point on the shank. Push the beads forward to the 1/3 point and begin wrapping the thread rearward between the beads. Keep the forward pressure on the beads in order to keep them from sliding too far to the rear. Build a thread dam behind the last of the beads to keep them in place. You should, at this point, have sufficient room to tie in the CDC tail. Return the thread to the 1/3 point on the shank.



Steps 3 and 4

4. Match two CDC feathers and pinch them between your thumb and forefinger. Measure them to 2/3 of the length of the shank and tie the tips in as a tail—in reality a shuck representation.

5. Dub a small thorax of orange dubbing material just ahead of the



Steps 5 and 6

front bead, leaving room for the wing, hackle, and a small head.

6. Tie in several strands of orange crystal flash as an under wing. Top this with a small bunch of burnt orange deer hair. Don't stack the hair. Using a black Sharpie, make a strip along the top of the deer hair wing. Apply a tiny drop of super glue to the tie-in point.

7. Tie in a furnace hackle at the same point. Take 3 or 4 wraps and tie it off. Form a nice small head and whip finish.



Steps 3 and 4

Tying and finishing tips:

1. As mentioned in the text above, don't stack the hair—just pull out the “wild” strands so that the tips of the remaining strands are fairly close in length. This gives the fly a more sleek profile that gives the impression of life.

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Well, the holidays are fast approaching, but your conservation team is still hard at work!

I attended the NCCFFF Conservation Network meeting on Saturday, Nov 15th. The main discussion was the Delta Vision Report and the PPIC Report (analysis of the DVR by scientists at UC Davis), both of which discuss the peripheral canal issue that the governor is seriously supporting. I will be presenting this information at the January conservation meeting (Jan 6th). If interested, please review the reports at the links below, and attend the meeting to give input / concerns that I may carry back to the NCCFFF at the next meeting on Jan 24th.

*Delta Vision Final Report:
http://deltavision.ca.gov/BlueRibbonTaskForce/FinalVision/Delta_Vision_Final.pdfv

*PPIC Analysis:
http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_708EHR.pdf

SPECIAL PROJECTS —

ANNUAL SALMON COUNT SURVEY – Friday, Dec 12th: Once again, we have been invited by the Dry Creek Conservancy to volunteer and help with the local annual Salmon Count led by David Baker and Gregg Bates of the DCC. **Please email** to Tggr514@yahoo.com if you can participate on December 12th. You will be wading in the streams so **waders** are necessary. **If you have used your waders elsewhere, please be sure they are clean so we don't introduce mud snails and other pests.**

*Find info on the mud snails at:
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/mudsnail/Mudsnail_FAQ.html.

*See our web page for more info and the forms that need to be read and the waiver signed:
http://www.gbflycasters.org/conservation/projects/Salmon%20Count/Salmon_Count_2008.htm

EMERGENCY FISH RESCUE / VOLUNTEER SURVEY TEAM: We currently have **11** members on this list. I do hope this will increase, as the word gets out, since we do have over 300 bodies in our club. Please contact me for further information or sign up at the next meeting!

North Mokelumne Project with Sac-Sierra TU

Nothing new to report here. Sac-Sierra TU will let us know when it's a go.

STATUS REPORT on current legislation —

With the current session coming to a close, there are no new bills to watch. Stay tuned for details when the next session opens! If anyone knows of anything they think the club should watch, please let me know....

*For status updates on open legislation, go to <http://www.calsport.org/billtracker.htm>.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT sent –

I have sent a few letters out in the last month or so. One was to

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Rod Building 109B

Two-Handed or Spey Fly Rods

Previous rod building articles have primarily discussed single-handed casting fly rods: the advantages and disadvantages of use, how to select blanks and components, and the best methods of construction. This is the second of three articles that discuss two-handed fly rods (also called Spey rods). This article will discuss the selection of size, length, and action type. The last article will discuss guides, handles, reel seats, and size selection of reels.

Selection of rod:

This is the same question that we first asked ourselves when confronted with choosing a single-handed casting fly rod. As when selecting a single-handed rod, selecting a double-handed fly rod, the builder will have to address many details. One rod will NOT be able to fit all situations because of the huge variety of fishing conditions in which one can find ones self. Double-handed rods come in different lengths, number of segments, line weights, rod weights, material stiffness, blank colors, eye sizes (with different colors), reel seat types and colors, handle configurations types, etc. Some basic questions anglers should ask themselves when deciding what type of rod to build are:

- What kind of fish (and what size) do you want to catch (i.e. bass, trout, salmon, striped bass, various salt water varieties, etc.)?
- What type of water are you planning on fishing (i.e. small, medium or large rivers, lakes, ocean etc.)?
- What rod break down size will you need for easy transport to the fishing location?
- What types of flies are going to be used (i.e. how big, weighted, dry or wet)?
- How much money and time are you willing to spend on your rod?

Size and length:

These rods are manufactured in lengths from 11'-6" to 16'-0", with 3 or 4 segments for easier transport. Rod weights vary from 5 to 11, with the weights corresponding to that of single-handed casting rods. The table below provides an approximate guide for weights of rods, species of fish, and available lengths.

Rod Weight	Fish Desired	Available Lengths
5 to 6 weight	trout, bass, small saltwater varieties	11'-6" to 12'-6"
6 to 7 weight	larger trout, steelhead, bass, small saltwater varieties	11'-6" to 13'6"
7 to 8 weight	steelhead, stripers, salmon, small-medium saltwater varieties	12'-0" to 14'-0"
8 to 9 weight	steelhead, stripers, salmon, medium saltwater varieties	13'-0" to 15'-0"
10 to 11 weight	larger strippers and salmon, medium-large saltwater varieties	14'-0" to 16'0"

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Bill Hoffman of the Dept of Water Resources at the request of the Dry Creek Conservancy. This was to support a barrier removal project planned on Secret Ravine Creek. This project has been needed for years to help Salmon and Steelhead over the old bridge/sewer pipeline structure near Secret Ravine Creek's confluence with Miners Ravine Creek. **Thank you to David Baker for keeping me in the loop on this.**

The second was to both Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman George Radanovich in support of the Clavey River being classified as a "Wild and Scenic" River under the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act of 1968. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this act, it designates certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. Congress declared that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needed to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes. **Thank you to Sean Golden for bringing this to our attention.**

We are also supporting CT, NC-

CFFF, TU and CSPA concerning the McCloud River. They are currently engaged in the dam relicensing process on the McCloud River. Their focus is to protect and enhance fish populations and habitat in the long-term and ensure the extraordinary angling opportunities the McCloud River provides.

Well, that's all for now. The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay (Douglas Blvd at Auburn Folsom). **Jason Rainey of South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL) will be in attendance to give an overview of their current projects and where our donation is utilized.**

All are welcome to attend.

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Action of Blank:

There are two general actions associated with two-handed rods. They are: 1) a traditional (British Isles) type and 2) a Scandinavian (European) type. The traditional type tends to act like old Scottish wooden rods: the action is slow to moderate. The Scandinavian type has a much faster action for those that like a faster, quicker rod response. The action is, as always, a personal preference of the angler.

In the final article of this series about two-handed fly rods, we will discuss the selection of guides, handles, reel seats, size of reels, and line selection. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at larrylee@L3rods.com or telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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2. Don't use a lot of flash; it is unnecessary and can scare fish, especially in low-water fall conditions.

3. Fish the fly on the dropper with a Stick Caddis on the point, and perhaps even a "stinger" tied to the bend of the Stick Caddis. Allow the fly to swing through a normal short line drift, and then let it swing below you where it will rise in the water column and resemble a hatching October Caddis.

See ya on the creek.

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This class is not for beginners, but you do not have to be an advanced tyer either. The fee for the class is \$20 total. The fee must be paid at sign up time.

I will supply ALL tying materials; just bring your tools and a bottle of head cement. Some of the flies we will be tying are the Whistler, Sar-Mul-Mac, Fatal Attraction, Sheep

Shad, Gurgler, Lefty's Deceiver and Half and Half. As a bonus, there will be an extra night on the GBF fly tying jam night for class members only. I will bring the materials to this meeting, and the class members can get extra help for any problems they might have encountered.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 240-1997, or e-mail me at rpeteron7@surewest.net.

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