

The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Denny Welch

Just two of the many excellent chilis at the Swap Meet and Chili Contest.

January 2008



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JANUARY 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5. 9:00 Classroom Egg Pgm. Training, Nimbus Visitor Center
6.	7.	8.	9.	10. Monthly Members Meeting 7:00	11.	12. Yuba River Fishout
13.	14.	15. Fly Tying Jam 6:30 PM	16.	17. Board Meeting 7:00	18.	19.
20.	21.	22.	23.	24. Conservation Committee Meeting 7:00	25.	26. ISE Show - January 17th - 20th
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President's Message

Rick Radoff

Happy New Year! I look forward to the New Year, and hope you all have a happy and prosperous New Year.

I regret to inform you that we have lost one of our long time members. Al Meredith passed away in September, and I didn't get word of this until December, when a neighbor e-mailed me and informed me of Al's passing, and asked for us not to mail any more *Leaders*.

I also regret to inform you that Bill Templin has resigned as VP of Conservation. Bill's many other commitments and new job have left him with little time to devote to GBF's VP of Conservation duties. I would like to thank Bill for his time and efforts, and understand his circumstances. We would like someone to step forward to fill Bill's shoes. So, if you are interested, please let me know.

At the December Holiday Meeting I announced Bill's resignation, and asked for a volunteer. I spoke with many qualified people prior to my announcement, but all that I talked to, offered to be Co-Chairs. After my announcement, several other members showed an interest as Co-Chairs also. So, until someone steps up and volunteers for the position, we will have about six or seven Co-Chairs sharing the duties, and rotating in as the spokesperson for the Conservation Committee.

My thanks to all of you that wish to Co-Chair the Conservation Committee. It is a hard job and time consuming, but with you all sharing the responsibilities, my hope is that no one will get overwhelmed. I will announce the Co-Chairs in my next President's message; this will



give some time for the newly formed Conservation Co-Chairs to become completely formed.

What a great December Holiday Meeting we had. If you missed this one, you missed out on some great food and camaraderie with fellow members. I would like to thank my wife Fran, Jeanne English, Cindy Hayashi, and Sue Goss for organizing the food and handling crowd control. If I missed anyone else that helped, I apologize.

Thank you Pete Peterson for always being there early to put the coffee on and set up, and all of the other early birds that help Pete. Thank you to all that brought the great food that was devoured by all.

I also announced the lack of interest of new members not asking for a Mentor. After the announcement, several approached myself and Joe Aichroth, saying that they wanted a Mentor. So, if you are a new member (one year or less), or even a member that needs help and would like a Mentor, contact Joe Aichroth and ask for a Mentor to be assigned to you. Our goal is for everyone to become proficient enough to enjoy the sport.

Tight Loops. . .Rick Radoff

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Dues for 2008 are payable now: \$35 for family memberships and \$30 for individual memberships. Mike Howes and Ron & Jeanne English will be collecting the dues money at the January meeting at a table devoted to that purpose. There are three easy ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay at the general meeting.
2. Send your check to the club's postal address (see address on Leader).
3. Send your check to me at 5209 Crestline Drive, Foresthill, CA 95631.

All checks should be made out to Granite Bay Flycasters. Members who have not renewed by the time that the March, 2008 Leader is to be sent out will no longer receive the Leader. So, please renew at the earliest possible time. It makes our job a lot easier.

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 249 paid memberships. 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. I will have membership application forms at each club general meeting.

If you have changed your email address, or your physical address or phone number(s), please notify me of the new address and/or phone number. The email address is very important since your President

sends out email blasts containing interesting and useful information. The physical address is also important because that's where the Leader will be sent. We don't want our membership list to become stale, so please help us out on this.

. . .Bill Carnazzo

Fly Tying Classes Planned

Granite Bay Flycasters is offering both beginning and intermediate/advanced fly tying classes during Spring, 2008. Admittedly this announcement is premature. However, it's important to plan your schedule because the classes will use a multi-session format. We can't take signups until early spring, but between now and then members can think about and plan for these classes, and ask questions as necessary. Both classes will be limited in terms of the number of members who can attend. Past experience has shown that limited-attendance classes are far more productive.

The beginning class will be taught by Paul Egan. Paul will be conducting the class on several Saturdays in March. Paul is a creative and excellent fly tyer and instructor. He has taught beginning classes in the past for the club.

The intermediate/advanced class will be conducted by Bill Carnazzo on six successive Tuesdays commencing April 1, 2008. The class will commence at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at the Raley's Event Center located in Raley's store at Douglas and Auburn/Folsom Road. There will be a different expert tyer at each

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session, demonstrating different types of flies and techniques. This format has worked very well in recent years.

If fly tying is one of your interests, be sure to consider these classes. There may be a small fee required to fund the cost of materials or other items given to participating members.

Net Building Clinics

Are you one of those who noticed one of your GBF fishing buddies has a beautiful laminated wooden landing net and asked him where he bought it, only to have him/her respond "I made it"? Well, you too can make a net to be proud of. For the seventh consecutive year Art Hawkins and Michael Kaul will be conducting a series of Net Building Clinics over the winter months.

Each clinic, conducted in Art's woodshop, consists of three sessions lasting about two hours each. Each clinic is limited to 5 members (Art wishes his shop was much bigger). There are three net styles and several varieties of wood from which to choose. The \$25 cost pays for the wood and net bag and results in a net that would cost between \$80 and \$95 in a fly shop.

A signup sheet will be available starting with the December meeting and the first clinic will be scheduled sometime in January. Priority (opportunity to attend the earlier sessions) is given to members who are enrolled in the Golden Trout Program, followed by first time net builders and lastly those who want to build their second or third net.

If you have any questions, contact Art or Michael.

Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

Fly Tying Vise For Sale:

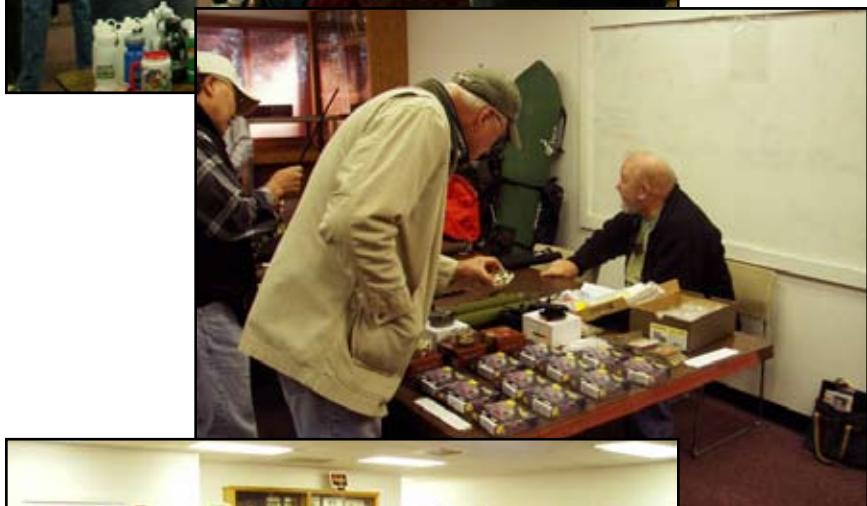
I have a near-new Dyna-King "Sidewinder" vise for sale. This true rotary vise is the top of the Dyna-King line. You can see it and review its features at http://www.dyna-king.com/flyvise_dtl.asp?itemval=14&pv=0&pid=012. At retail, with pedestal base, it sells for \$429.00. My vise comes with the following add-on items: Magnifier (\$45); trim bag (\$35); clamp base with long shank (\$79); midge jaws (\$40); Black Stream fly tyer's lamp (\$95); tool caddy (\$40). The grand total at retail would be \$723. I am asking \$500.00 for it. Contact Bill Carnazzo at 530-367-5209.

Pontoon Boat:

I'm selling an 8-foot Pontoon boat made by Water Skeeter. It's in excellent condition and comes with oars, pump and storage platform with a mount for an electric motor. Selling for \$225. Contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894.

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*.

Photos from the Swap Meet and Chili Contest



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SWAP MEET / CHILI COOKOFF DEBRIEF

We had the swap meet and chili cookoff on December 1st and things went really well. It seems that things start earlier each year. I got to the clubhouse at 6:35 a.m. and there were already three cars ahead of me waiting to get in. The place filled up fast and we stayed busy until about 11:00. I couldn't believe the good values that were available...\$250 for an Able Super 7 reel...decent fly rods for \$150...Force Fins for \$40...flies for 50 cents...pontoon boats...float tubes...and the list goes on and on. I don't know where Joe Bania gets all his stuff, but he had enough there to stock a fly shop. (What many of you don't know, though, is that Joe donates much of what he has and he's generous to a fault. Don't tell him I said anything. He'd just get embarrassed.)

I saw a lot of unfamiliar faces at the swap meet. I suspect many of them were from other clubs. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Now to the chili cookoff. I have some good news and I have some bad news. Let's start with the good news. At last count we had 13 different chili's there and they were all fantastic. Of particular interest and a definite crowd pleaser was my "Just Passin' Thru Two" entry followed closely by a big #10 can of Stagg chili. It, too, garnered its share of votes. Ron English's "Four-Pepper Chili" (what a lame name) received several votes, but Ron substituted

turkey for beef and it turned the discriminating palates of club members off. Alas, no crown for Ron this year. Ron's son Isaac (or was it Nick) brought in a late entry, as did Harold Egan, but most of the voting had already taken place. (So sad, too bad.) Mike Susslin's Elk chili was over-the-top, flat out fabulous. I think Mike's chili was number 2, and he was in a close race with number 4. So, here comes the bad news. I can't find the score sheet. It could be stuck to the bottom of my crock pot (I haven't had it steam cleaned and fumigated yet) or Ron English could have torn it up in a fit of rage. I'll keep looking.

It's not fair to keep everyone in a heightened period of anticipation until I find the score sheet. We have to bring this to an end so we can continue in an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation. I had to find someone of impeccable character and unquestionable scruples to declare a winner and I found that person quickly...me. Therefore, by the powers given to me by the Chili Gods of Middle Earth I confer upon Mike Susslin the title of "Chili Master 2007". Along with the title go the bragging rights. Use them well.

Thanks to Pete Peterson, Mike Howes, Jim Hunter and Karl Wolff for all your help.

. . .Denny Welch

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Outing Committee Report

Upcoming Outings

You can view the fishout list (through (July, 2008) on the website; also, keep up with the message board for "impromptu" outings. If you don't have access to the Internet and want a copy of the list, just give me a call or send me an email and I'll see to it that you get the list. There are articles in this issue regarding each scheduled outing. Please read the individual articles for details.

January 12 and February 16, 2008---Lower Yuba outing at UC property (Outing chair—Pete Koistenen and Karl Wolff).

January 15 Lower American Steelhead outing (Outing chair—Mike Susslin

Sometime in January 2008—Karl Wolff is planning an "informal" outing—i.e., one that is not on the schedule—at Baum Lake. He'll be making an announcement at the December meeting and will post something on the message board.

Signups will be taken at the December and January meetings for these outings. There is no limit on attendance so we can take signups via phone and email.

For information on the individual outings, call or send an email to the outing leader (as listed in the article) or to one of the Outing Committee members—we are listed at the back of the Leader.

Recent Outings

There were no outings in De-

cember, but we did have the swap meet on December 1st. Denny Welch has prepared an article for this issue of the Leader. In short, it was a huge success and very well attended.

. . .Bill Carnazzo

**Cal Expo
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- 1. Booth setup team**
 - 2. Pictures of members**
 - 3. Booth volunteers**



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Andrew Harris

Andrew Harris began guiding with the Clearwater House on Hat Creek in 1997 on the waters surrounding Mt. Shasta and Mt. Lassen. He has since guided extensively on the Feather, Yuba, Lower Sac, and Trinity Rivers. He has hosted clients in Chile and Tasmania, and fished in much of Central America. Andrew became one of the founders of Confluence Outfitters in the fall of 2006, and is the author of "Plumas National Forest Trout Fishing Guide." He is also a frequent contributor to *California Fly Fisher* magazine.

There are 11 distinct populations of wild trout in the state of California. These distinct populations have been designated "Heritage Trout" by the California Department of Fish and Game.

In his presentation, Andrew will discuss each heritage trout, where to find them (roughly), current conservation issues, and what makes each population unique. Andrew will also discuss the Bull Trout, which would have been

California's 12th Heritage Trout if it had not been extirpated in the 1970s.

Andrew wrote a series of three articles for *California Fly Fisher* about the California Heritage Trout. The first article focused on the Goose Lake and Warner Lakes redbands. The second article featured the McCloudredband. Andrew's third article discussed the three Heritage Trout of the Kern River drainage, the California Golden Trout, Little Kern Golden Trout, and Kern River Rainbow.

When: January 10, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse



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**With the Holidays behind us, now's the time to
get your tickets to our famous
Annual Dinner and Raffle/Auction on March 14th.**

This is our biggest social 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! Come and break bread with your fellow clubmembers. 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, silent auction, and other prizes - along with a famous guest speaker* who will also lead a free instructional day program the following day.

- **When:** Friday, March 14th, 2008. No-host bar opens at 5:00pm; Dinner will be served around 7:00pm. The day program will be Saturday, March 15th from 10am-1pm .

- **Where:** The dinner, raffle, & auction will be held at the Carmichael Elks Club (5631 Cypress Ave. in Carmichael). The day program will take place at the GBF clubhouse.

- **Why:** Because you deserve an evening of fun, fellowship, 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 one of our monthly club meetings**. Buy by January 31st to be included in an early-bird raffle. Tickets are only \$35 each until February 29th.

- **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 LifeIsReel@aol.com.

*We're lucky to have Lori-Ann Murphy as our guest speaker. Lori-Ann co-founded the successful Real Woman Fly Fishing Adventures guide service, was the first female Orvis-endorsed guide, and is a popular speaker on a range of fly fishing-related subjects.

** You can also get tickets by sending a check (payable to Granite Bay Flycasters) to the address below. If sending a check, please include each ticketholder name, telephone #, and meal choice (Baked ½ Chicken, Prime Rib, or Halibut). Tickets are \$40 as of 3/1/08.

Send payments to Bev Hagopian, 7124 Secret Garden Loop, Roseville, CA, 95747

Tiger Leech

Mike Susslin will be leading the Lower American River steelhead outing this month. Egg patterns, along with alewife (baby salmon) patterns, are indispensable for success on the river at this time of year. But, rather than featuring egg patterns here I highly recommend reading Scott Sanchez's article in the Winter 2007 issue of *Fly Tyer* magazine, at page 40. The article is titled "Three Minute Eggs;" it features many different egg styles, and discusses hooks, materials, and tying techniques in depth.

So, instead of featuring an egg pattern here, let's do a leech pattern that you can swing on a floating or sink tip line. Lower American steelhead attack properly presented leeches, so it pays to have a few of these flies in your fly box. The pattern I have selected is one of Andy Burk's many creations; he calls it the Tiger Leech. It's simple to tie and uses common materials. See his article in the Nov/Dec 2007 issue of *California Fly Fisher*. So, let's get busy.

Tying Instructions: (we'll tie a #6)

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Wind 6-8 turns of .025" lead on the hook, but leave about $\frac{1}{4}$ " of room behind the eye. Use Flexament on the lead winds and hook shank. Cover the hook shank and lead with thread.

2. Just above the back of the barb tie on a clump of orange marabou, and then a slightly smaller clump of black marabou. The tail should be relatively long.

3. At the same point, tie in three strands of black crystal flash on

each side of the hook; trim it to the length of the tail.

4. At the same point, tie in a piece of black and a piece of orange Estaz or Jay Fair Short Shuck and advance the thread to the front of the hook.

5. Wrap these forward together (don't twist them into a single strand) and tie them off behind the hook eye.

6. Form a small thread head and whip finish.

Tying Tips:

1. Vary the colors to suit your needs. Try Jay Fair's burnt orange color, which is a very fishy material. Olive works well too.

2. For the tail flash, try wrapping three strands around the tying thread; then bind the thread to the

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MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Tiemco 5263 (actually, I prefer the Daiichi 1260 with its curved shank), size 2-10
Thread:	Orange Danville 3/0 monocord or similar thread
Weight:	.025" lead wire
Tail:	Hot orange and black marabou
Tail flash:	Black crystal flash
Body:	Hot orange and opal black Estaz or Jay Fair "Short Shuck"

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hook and hold the two halves of the flash apart so that they naturally go down both sides of the hook.

Swing this dude on a floating line with a long leader (12') or on a sink tip with a shorter leader. Keep a firm grip on your rod because the steelies hit hard. See ya on the creek.

American River Steelhead Fishout - January 15th

The months of January through early April provide a good chance to catch adult steelhead right here in Sacramento on the American River. Last year was phenomenal because of the consistent water flow and an exceptional run of steelhead. It wasn't uncommon to catch up to ten fish per day, and most of the fish were quite large. I was lucky enough to hook and land several fish over eight pounds. I also had several hookups where the fish took me into the backing. One of the biologists I talked to said that the fish coming up the river have gotten a lot larger over the years and he attributes that to a new Russian River strain of steelhead that were introduced to the American River system several years ago.

Let's hope this year will be as good as last year. This fishout will also present an opportunity to practice your spey casting if you choose to do so. It certainly appears to be one of the more effective ways to catch and land some of these elusive fish. Spey casting gives one the ability to cover water more effectively. Indicator fishing is also very produc-

tive in most of the pocket waters and tailouts. The fishout will be held on January 15th near Sailor Bar just below Nimbus Dam. The water flow needs to be at a certain level to make for good fishing. We may have to reschedule according to the flow that day.

Now here is the "catch", and I'm not talking about the fish. When the fish are in the river, there are also scores of local hardcore fishermen using both fly and spin casting methods. Given the fact that we will encounter many other fishermen, I would like to keep the number of participants at 10 to make the fishing somewhat manageable. This will require a team effort to stake claim to good water and to rotate the fishout members in and out, depending upon where the fish are holding. The fishout will have to start at least a half hour before sunrise to give us a chance to cover some of the good water. Imagine yourself standing in the water at your spot while it is still dark. If you're keen on doing that, then sign up. This may not seem to be the most fun way to go fishing, but I must say that if you do get the chance to hook a fighting steelhead, then it will have been well worth it. Typically the fishing is good until the sun is on the water at around 11a.m. We should hope for rain and overcast conditions to make it a whole day operation.

You should bring a 5 to 6 weight spey rod or a 7 to 8 weight single hand with sink-tips lines up to 400 grains. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Michael Susslin
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Granite Bay Flycasters Booth at the Sacramento I.S.E. Show at Cal Expo

We have had a booth at the Cal Expo ISE show for many years. It is a major source of new members for the club, as well as a fun social event for those members who volunteer to help by staffing the booth. This year the show dates are January 17-20, 2008. Mike Howes and I are the coordinators for the booth. Here's what we need:

1. A team to help set up the booth on the night before the show begins—i.e., Wednesday evening January 16th. We are allowed to begin setting up the booth at around 4:30. The team will be responsible for bringing a table and a couple of chairs, the club banner, the booth structure and associated equipment, and other items that will be needed. The team should consist of three members, with one designated as the point person. Please help—there will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting.

2. Pictures of members fishing or conducting other club activities, such as clinics, outings, fly tying, or community events such as the Salmon Festival. If we can get a digital file we will print them in large format. So get those pictures to us.

3. Volunteers to staff the booth during the show. Details on this

part of the booth process are on the club's web site where Kent has set up a page with all the necessary information, and the procedure for signing up for a time slot in the booth. Only two members are needed for each time slot. You can sign up by following the instructions on the web site page, or by signing up at the December and January meetings. **Volunteers are admitted to the show free of charge (but you have to pay your own parking fees).**

Check out the page Kent has created on the web site. He's done a great job at concisely setting out all of the necessary information and the signup process.

. . . Bill Carnazzo

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Blank Alignment for Reel Seat and Guides Continued:

Rod Building 104B

In the previous article, we discussed locating the spine or spline (the backbone) in graphite blanks for each segment of the entire blank. Finding the backbone is analogous to purchasing new tires for your car and balancing your new tires correctly for optimum performance. The eyes and reel seat should be put on in alignment with the spine, but whether on the spine itself or opposite of the spine is up to the builder.

Placing the reel seat and rod guides at a random place on the blank rather than the spine will cause inferior performance when casting or playing a fish. When forecasting your rod, you will also tend to have shorter, less accurate casts. Also, if you are fighting large fish, the rod (with proper spine alignment) will not have a tendency to twist in your hands because of torsional effects set up by improperly placed spine.

Some manufacturers mark the spines on their blanks. However, it is always important to check their marks for the following reasons: 1) the spine may be marked incorrectly by the manufacturer, and 2) no graphite blank is perfectly straight. Many manufacturers align rod sections so that the finished fly rod appears straight when sighted along the guides. It is more important to properly align the reel seat and guides with the spine rather than to adjust the blank sections so that

they appear straight, because without the proper reel seat and guide alignment your rod will not perform accurate or longer forecasts casts, or in the case of large rods, may not have adequate fighting strength.

Another step to ensure the correct spine alignment is to join the pieces by aligning your spine marks or the manufacturer's marks (once you've verified that they do indeed mark the spine). This should be a good approximation of the spine for the entire blank. Next flex the entire blank to ensure that the spine of each individual section is aligned with the spine of each of its neighboring sections. It may be necessary to rotate the tip section slightly to achieve a uniform spine in the joined blank.

The standard method for aligning the reel seat and guides is to position them on the opposite side of the spine. This positioning allows the strength of the spine to improve casting accuracy and distance on the forward cast.

An alternative to this positioning is to place the reel seat and guides directly on the spine. This positioning is used when forward casting accuracy and distances are secondary to fighting big fish. Consider this positioning when using a rod size of 13 or greater to catch large fish. Placing the guides on the same side of the spine allows the rod to bend more easily toward the fish without the rod twisting when a load is placed on the line.

In summary, it is up to the rod builder to decide on what is the primary function of the rod. Do you

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want to have a rod which (1) just appears straight; (2) is accurate with a lengthy forecast, or (3) is intended for the primary purpose of fighting extremely large fish (with a rod size of 13 or greater). You may want to carefully experiment on your blank to test how correct spine alignment influences your rod. I will be interested in thoughts you may have regarding the spine alignment.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at larrylee@L3rods.com or telephone at (916) 962-0616.

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 14th? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story by March 1st. Remember... think wet!

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for December

Beginners: -

Art Livingston

Non-beginners: -

Ray Ito

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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 12, and Pete Koistinen (peterkoistinen@comcast.net 916-780-0925) will lead on February 16. 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 12) or Pete (for Feb 16) to get signed up, however no signups will be taken prior to the December general meeting. If you miss the top 14 spots on the list, sign up anyway; we'll keep a waiting list. Please sign up for one fish-out 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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At each year's Annual Dinner, club member contributions make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the raffle committee buy more prizes (usually at 'wholesale' or other discounted prices).

Please consider donating something to the Annual Dinner. 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.

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A deposit of \$30 by personal check is required to check out a fly rod and reel combination for a one-month period. A deposit of \$20 by personal check is required to check out a fly tying kit. Checks are to be made payable to *Granite Bay Flycasters*. Upon return of the

equipment by the next monthly meeting, your check or cash will be returned to you.

To check out a rod and reel combination, see Bill Carnazzo or Pete Peterson.

Pete will have two 5 wt. and two 8 wt. units at all club meetings. To check out a fly tying kit, call Paul Egan.

The 5 wt. rods have a floating line on them. The 8 wt. have a floating line, and we do have some extra spools with a sinking tip. We are also working on obtaining some 8 wt. full sinking lines.

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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, or call Rick Radoff at 916-624-2107. 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 www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: \$80; Family memberships: \$85; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Bill Carnazzo at 530-367-5209, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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