

# The Leader

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS



Photo taken by Frank Stolten

Bev Werling, 3rd grade teacher at Green Hills Elementary, gently places steelhead eggs in an aquarium provided by Granite Bay Flycasters.

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# President's Message

Rick Radoff



We are back! Fran and I got home on February 15th at 3:30 PM from New Zealand, and left for a camping trip with the family at 6:00 PM (this was pre-scheduled for the holiday weekend). We finally got home at 3:00 PM on Monday the 18th, and back to work today the 19th.

I apologize for not answering some e-mails that I received while gone, but answered most of them today. Fran and I had a great vacation, and the fishing was awesome. My son-in-law, Scott Eldridge, met us in Queenstown on the second week of our trip, and spent two weeks of our four week vacation with us, of which he and I spent three days with a guide on the South Island on a wilderness trip into the fiord lands (fantastic), and three days on the North Island with a guide on the Rangitiki River (again fantastic). Scott caught the largest fish (25 ¼") of the trip. We have lots of photos, and will be sharing them with you soon.

I spoke with Bill Carnazzo, and he said that the ISE Show went well, and that the February meet-

ing that I missed went well also. I would like to thank Bill Carnazzo and Mike Howes for their hard work on the ISE Show, and all of the volunteers that helped.

I also spoke with Frank Stolten to see how the Steelhead delivery to the classrooms went, and he said all went well; I would like to thank Frank Stolten and all of the volunteers that helped to deliver the Steelhead to the classrooms. Frank said that he couldn't make the meeting that night, which was the same day that the Steelhead eggs were delivered to the classrooms, so I hope that someone that helped deliver eggs that day stood up and told about their experience taking the Steelhead eggs to the classrooms. This was only the second time that I missed the egg delivery since we started the program in 1989.

I would also like to thank Robin Egan for a well-written Conservation Report in the February *Leader*. I look forward to working with the Conservation Committee in the coming months.

I see by some e-mails that I have been catching up on, and the postings on the message board, that there have been some Conservation issues that have caused some discussion, and I look forward to the Conservation Committee's stand on these issues.

I hope to see you all at the March 13th General Meeting, and our Annual Dinner on March 14th.

Tight Loops. . .Rick Radoff

## MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Dues for 2008 are payable now: \$35 for family memberships and \$30 for individual memberships. 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 almost 200 paid memberships. Anyone wanting a copy of the membership list can obtain it by sending me an email message at [bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto: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. Signups will be taken at the March general meeting. 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 the following Tuesdays:

April 1 Jim Holmes and Gene Goss (Stillwater flies)

April 8 Sturmer White  
(Tying hair bugs)

April 15 Bill Carnazzo (October Caddis Quintet)

April 29 Ken Hanley (TBA)

May 13 Pete Peterson (Pete's famous bass flies)

May 20 David Lee  
(Dave's originals)

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.

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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.

## Clinics and Classes

We began taking signups for our upcoming clinics and classes at the February meeting. Here's what is planned:

**Intermediate/advanced fly tying.** See the article on this class elsewhere in this issue. The dates are April 1, 8, 15, 29, and May 13 and 20.

**Beginning fly tying.** Paul Egan is going to teach this class in March on two consecutive Saturdays. Contact Paul at paulegan81@yahoo.com for more information.

**Knot tying (basic).** Sturmer White and Ron Hayashi will be teaching this clinic on April 3rd at the Event Center, Raley's Market at Douglas and Auburn-Folsom Road. It will be held from 6-9 p.m. The signup sheet will be available at the March meeting also.

**Indicator making clinic.** Mike Powers and Bill Carnazzo will be teaching this clinic on April 2nd at the Raley's Event Center at Douglas and Auburn-Folsom Road, from 6-9 p.m. The signup sheet will be available at the March meeting also.

**Entomology clinic.** This clinic will cover all important aquatic insects. It will be held on April 17th at the Event Center, Raley's Market at Douglas and Auburn-Folsom Road, from 6-9 p.m. The signup sheet will be available at the March meeting also. Bill Carnazzo and Ron English will be teaching this clinic.

### Monthly Fly Tying Winners for February

**Beginners: -**

Ray Ito

**Non-beginners: -**

Jim Drake

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

**For Sale:**

"Outcast PAC 1000" top-of-the-line pontoon boat, like new condition, complete, ready to go. I am asking \$775.00, about half what they sell for new.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's *Leader*.

### Keep up to date

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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.

**Delta outing #2.** Robin Egan is the leader for our second Delta outing. It is scheduled for March 31st. There was a signup sheet at the February meeting, and there will be one at the March meeting. Check the message board for info on this one. There is a separate article in this issue of the Leader on this outing.

**Cameron Park outing.** Bill King will be the outing leader on this bass outing. There will be info on the message board, and we will have a signup sheet at the March meeting.

**Greenstone Lake outings.** Tony Hamamoto is the host for the two Greenstone outings—April 9 and 19. Tony says that there is a limit of 20 anglers on each day. A lot of folks signed up for these outings at the February meeting. The signup sheets will be available at the March meeting also. We can take signups via email or phone, but only after the March meeting, due to the limited number of slots. More details later on these outings.

**Rancho Murieta outing.** Bill Ossolinski is heading up this bass outing at Rancho Murieta. It has

always been a great outing, so sign up. The same situation exists here regarding signups as for Greenstone—we had a signup sheet at the Feb. meeting, and there will be one at the March meeting.

**Folsom Lake outing.** Gil Machado is heading up this bass outing, which will be on April 26th. The signup sheet will be available also at the March meeting. For more information, contact Gil (if you need a membership list, see the membership article in this issue).

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

. . . Bill Carnazzo



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## GBF Delta Explosion - When Bass Meets Frog

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 31st for the next GBF Delta adventure! March is a prime large mouth bass top-water month and is one of the best times of the year to catch the largest LMB of your life due to the pre-spawn condition of these fish. They'll be hungry and eating a lot to fatten up for the spawn, since they do not eat much during that time.

This is personally my absolute favorite kind of fly-fishing. I love the challenge of casting my frog into just the right spot, whether it be hopping it off the rocky bank into the water, sliding it just under that low-hanging tree, or maneuvering it right around the back of those reeds. Then, there's the suspense of sneaking him out (I can hear it now, bloop, bloop, bloop), and the ever-mounting anticipation of that explosion! The thrill of setting my hook in the fish that I know just HAS to be there, and watching that fish dance across the water to the boat is just awesome! My heart is thumping a mile a minute just thinking about it!

This is also a good time of year to be out on the delta and see just what kind of wildlife is out there. Bring a good pair of binoculars! It is not uncommon to see turtles sunning themselves, families of raccoons foraging for food along the banks of the sloughs, or wild mink playing

along the rocky banks of the rivers. There are also otters, and many species of birds to be seen. They will be doing their best to distract you, so that bass can just explode on your fly because you didn't have time to set the hook (LOL).

Now, here's the catch...we need people with boats to volunteer to host those without boats or other flotation devices (prams, pontoons and kayaks may still be effective). We'll be making two lists, those with and without boats. We'll also need to know if there will be room, and how much, on those boats for those without. Those with boats may have plenty of gear for you to use/borrow. Check with your "captain". Line is important: I'll be using the new Sage Small Mouth Bass line on an RPLXi 7 wt. I'll most likely be fishing top-water exclusively, but there are many other ways to secure that grab. We usually have a rod set-up for the occasional squeezer boil.

So, tune those boats up, get your under-hand casting fine-tuned, and get yourselves signed up! Make sure we have accurate and complete contact information for you, because there will be further logistics information to be passed around. Launch location will be Herman & Helen's Marina at sun-up. H&H is located at 15135 W. Eight Mile Road, Stockton, CA 95219. Please send inquiries to Robin Egan at Tggr514@yahoo.com, (916) 396-0030 or Paul Egan at paulegan81@yahoo.com, (916) 640-5126, with "Delta Fishout" in the subject line.

A Wow, it's almost March already! Unfortunately, Ron Otto was not able to join us this month, so further information and discussion on the FERC re-licensing issue could not be had. A member at the general meeting had asked about the "8,000 steelhead per mile" statement in our last article. I just wanted to clarify that the statement was included in information I quoted from an e-mail sent to me by Ron. The actual statement was "Our primary focus has been on the streams of Western Placer County, including Dry Creek, Secret Ravine, Auburn Ravine, Coon Creek, and others. These streams have exceptional resources, which deserve our protection. In addition to rich riparian habitat, surprising fishery resources--with potential for restoration--are present. e.g. DFG recently sampled and reported near 8,000 steelhead trout per mile in reaches of Auburn Ravine." I will look into this further to verify the sampling and provide the information at the next general meeting

The main topic for discussion during our meeting on February 14th was Roseville's Earth Day / Creek Week. It looks like GBF Creek Week volunteers will not be doing a clean-up this year because a city crew is now removing trash year-round from Roseville open spaces. Our members will be asked, however, to volunteer to remove unwanted non-native aquatic plants from a pond area near Miners Ravine Creek or Linda Creek. Water hyacinth, widely distributed because of its large purple flowers, has tremendous growth and reproduction rates and its free-floating mats cause substantial problems. We will put on our waders and

pullout plant parts from the water after a heavy equipment operator has loosened the vegetation. The removal date has not been set, but will be either Saturday, April 27th or earlier that week. The activity, lasting about 4-hours, should be enjoyable and satisfying since it will help improve the creek. Dave Baker is working to firm up the date for the removal.

At the conservation meeting last night, we did not get anyone to head-up the "GBF Table on Earth Day" proposal. If a volunteer steps up to lead the activity, on Wednesday, April 19th, GBF can host a kid's fly-tying table and/or explain the salmon/steelhead egg-rearing program at the Roseville's Earth Day/Creek Week event to be held at their new Utility Exploration Center. We would want to feature GBF's fish-in-the-classroom, since many teachers are expected to attend. Holding Earth Day at the new Utility Exploration Center should bring a lot of people to the event.

Last, but not least, the Conservation Committee is looking into doing some repair work at the Bear River area this summer. More information will follow as we get the plan going.

We will continue to have our meetings at 5:30 on the night that GBF meets (2nd Thursday). We are looking into a place closer to Auburn-Folsom and Douglas. Check the website for the latest information.

One last note. Volunteers for these projects/activities do not necessarily have to be on the conservation committee or attend the committee meetings to be volunteers. More of

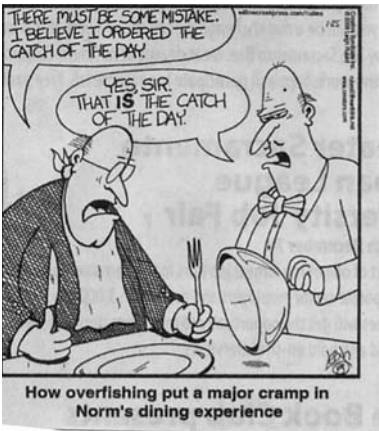
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us, as club members, should get involved in these activities. This is our chance to give back to the environments that we so enjoy to fly-fish in. Many hands make light work! The more of us there are, the less time it takes to make just as big of an impact on these areas. For more information, you may contact John Carroz at (916) 783-0802 and [jwcarroz@surewest.net](mailto:jwcarroz@surewest.net), or myself at (916) 396-0030 and [Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com). Participation is the key!

~ Robin Egan



## Wading Tips 101

By Trevor Kugler

– Taken from the *Connecticut Fly Fishers Association Newsletter*

For anyone who spends any time wading in and across rivers and streams in search of fish, wading tips are never a bad idea. Tips always help, if for no other reason than a quick refresher. What we're all trying to avoid is taking that wet and wild ride down a river, because of a stupid wading mistake. I've had this happen, and few things ruin a

fishing trip like soaking yourself to the bone.

Springtime is upon us and in many parts of the country this means that rivers and streams are running much higher than they normally would. And when the water is running higher and faster than normal, this is the time mistakes are made.

The first tip to remember is if the water looks too high and fast to cross, don't try it. Listen to your instincts. If you feel crossing the river will be a stretch, just sit it out. Better safe than sorry. I'm sure you've heard that piece of advice before. Another great tip in high and fast water (if you feel you must cross) is to use a wading pole. You can buy a wading pole and carry it with you while fishing or you can do what I do and find a nice stick along the bank when I need a wading pole. As long as the stick is sturdy and comes up to your chest, you'll be in good shape. Having a pole to put weight on in high and fast water can literally save you from falling.

Another great wading tip is to always keep your feet in contact with the bottom. This may sound obvious, but it's none the less true. You always want to make a conscious effort to keep your feet in contact with the bottom, especially in high, fast water. The best way to accomplish this is to "slide", rather than step. By sliding your feet, they are always in contact with the bottom. The big problems arise when flowing water gets under your feet. His is obviously when waders get swept off of their feet, and when waders

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Al Smatsky with David and Shad

Guide, outfitter and long time fly fisherman, Al Smatsky will talk about “Central Valley Shad” on Thursday, March 13th. Shad fishing brings Al back to the origins of his fly fishing history. He describes the circuitous pursuit of these fish as follows:

“Encouraged by my life-long friend and fishing buddy over 35 years ago, I purchased my first fly rod for a trip to the Yuba River for shad. From that point on, I was hooked for life. Back then, there wasn’t an abundance of help for the beginner, so during the winter we would dream up new shad patterns for the next year’s run. Some worked, and some didn’t. Since that time, I have been fishing from Alaska to Central America in pursuit of most fresh and saltwater species.

In 1977, I joined the Delta Fly Fishers, and quickly made friends with anglers that shared the same interest. As an active board member and president (twice), the club grew to over 100 members, which it still maintains. As the Program Chairman for over twenty years, I had the opportunity to meet many

wonderful and talented fly fishermen, which helped me expand my knowledge of our sport. In 2003 I was awarded the honor of “Life Member” for my faithful membership and service to the Delta Fly Fishers.



Al Smatsky with David and Shad

I have always been an avid traveler, and planned trips to Alaska for myself and my friends starting back in the early “80s”. In 1989, I made my first bonefishing trip to Christmas Island; since then I have been hooked on saltwater fly fishing. My belief is: a fishing trip should be more than just “fishing,” it should be an experience; so, in 1994, I started my own business, Excellent Adventures. The business specializes in hosted and un-hosted fly fishing trips from Alaska to Central America. Over the years, hundreds of anglers have used Excellent Adventures for their travel plans.

My guided trips are for shad in Central California, my first love, and steelhead in Northern California. I consider myself just a fly fisherman with a lot of experience that I would like to share with other anglers.

When: March 13, 7:00 PM

Where: GBF Clubhouse

## Greenstone Country Fishout April 9th and 19th

There will be 2 fishouts at Greenstone Country this year, Wednesday April 9th and Saturday April 19th. Since these fishouts will be limited to twenty members each a sign-up sheet will be available at the general membership meetings in March and April. If you cannot attend the general meeting have someone else sign you up at the meeting.

For those who don't know about Greenstone Country, it's a private gated community nestled in the foothills of El Dorado Country. Opened in 1985, Greenstone has grown to about three hundred homes on parcels of three acres or more. Most of the residents do not fish even though there are three fishable lakes with the biggest being a 12-acre lake, Indian Creek Reservoir. The lakes hold Largemouth Bass and Bluegills.

Indian Creek is best fished from a float tube or any non-gas motorized watercraft measuring 14 feet or less. If the temperature has been around 70 degrees for three continuous days, then there will be lot of surface action. Otherwise, I recommend using an intermediate sinking or a floating line with long lead-

er. Rod weight depends on the fly you desire to use. Since the lake is not fished much, almost anything works, from big poppers to woolly buggers to damsel nymphs. If the weather is clear, I recommend using white poppers or chartreuse colored flies, however if it is overcast, then use dark colored flies.

Please provide your own lunch for this fishout. Tony and others will provide free instructions on stillwater fishing for Largemouth Bass for the beginners.

Tony has requested that we do not arrive before 8 am at Indian Creek Reservoir. To get there from Sacramento, go east on Hwy 50 towards Placerville and take the Greenstone Road exit, #41. Proceed north under the freeway and take a right, (east-bound), on Green Valley Road travel  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and make a left to the entrance gate. Tony will provide you with the access code.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Tony at: [hatchandhama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hatchandhama@sbcglobal.net). Also, check the Granite Bay Flycasters Bulletin Board for updates.

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## Bill's Skwala Stonefly Adult

Skwala stoneflies begin to emerge soon after the first of the year—sometimes as early as January, depending on weather conditions. Locally, they can be found on the Lower Yuba River, above and below the Highway 20 bridge, where trout and steelhead feast on them.

The nymphs have an olive brown to dark brown coloration with a lighter pale yellow underside. As is the case for all stoneflies, they require clean, swift moving water, and won't generally be found in slow moving areas or in spring creeks. Water temperatures need to reach 45 to 47 degrees to commence emergence. The nymphs will travel along the bottom and ascend onto vegetation or rocks. Because trout concentrate their attention on the shallow, faster-moving water, don't immediately step into the water before beginning to fish—in other words, fish the edges. Mating will proceed along the banks and the females will hover along the water surface to deposit eggs. The male adults are unable to fly, as they do not have fully formed wings. Nymphs are generally tied in sizes #10-12, and the adults are tied in sizes #8-12. Yellow Stimulators will work if the wings are darkened with a black Sharpie pen, but I prefer this rather simple pattern that has been effective for me. It has its origin in a fly tied by one of our long-time members and angler extraordinaire, Jim Coleman. I have modified it somewhat, but the credit goes mostly to Jim on this one.



Steps 1 and 2

### Instructions: (we'll tie a #10)

1. Smash the hook barb unless you are using a barbless hook. Apply a thin layer of Flexament on the hook shank and cover the shank with thread.

2. Just above the back of the

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### MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1260, size 8-12
Thread:	Olive 8/0 or similar thread
Tail:	Moose body hair (dark)
Body:	Pale yellow dubbing
Ribbing:	Black V-rib, midsize
Egg sac:	Black dubbing
Underwing:	Black crystal flash
Wing:	Same as tail
Post:	Calf body hair or white synthetic material
Hackle:	Grizzly saddle dyed brown
Legs:	Black stretch floss (aka flex-floss)

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barb tie on a small clump cleaned (don't stack it) moose body hair. The tail should be short, as in the case of a stimulator.



Steps 3, 4 and 5

3. At the same point, dub a small but prominent ball of black dubbing to imitate the egg sac.

4. At the same point, tie in a piece of black midge-size V-rib and pull it back out of the way.

5. Dub a medium sized body of pale yellowish dubbing. I like to mix in a little olive dubbing with the yellow before starting to apply the dubbing. The body should extend to near the front of the hook, about 1/3 shank length behind the eye. When dubbing is complete, use an olive Sharpie to carefully color the top of the body, which on the natural insect is olive in color.



Steps 6 and 7

6. Stretch the V-rib so that it is ultra-thin, and rib the body in evenly spaced turns; tie off the rib in front of the body

7. Tie in about 8 strands of black crystal flash at the front of the body for an underwing. Cut and clean a small bunch of moose body hair (don't stack it) and tie it in at the same point. The wing should extend rearward to the end of the tail.



Steps 8 and 9

8. At the base of the wing, tie in a clump of cleaned calf body or a small bunch of synthetic white material. Cut the tied-in hair down to about 3/8" in height. This will be the post for the brown hackle. See tying tips below for hints on how to tie this in.

9. Cut a single strand of flex floss and double it over. Place it over the post and down onto the shank. Tie it down in front of the shank with 3 loose turns of thread, cut the loop, and pull one strand down on each side of the hook so that the legs form an "X" shape. Now wrap tightly and apply a tiny drop of superglue to the bottom of the post. This will hold everything together.

10. Tie in a dry fly quality saddle hackle at the base of the post and apply a bit of dubbing to cover up the tie-in area. Wind the hackle up

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## Rod Building 106: Cork Handles

Cork handles come in several shapes, grades, and sizes. You can purchase pre-made handles or construct your own based on your own preferences. Making your own handles can be a very exciting process because you can customize your handle to fit your hand size and grip and appearance preferences. However, we will discuss custom handle making in a future article. For now, we will focus on giving you the best grip for your hand and your buck without needing to make your own handle!

Cork handles came into common use around 1900. They are very light, easy to shape, and very rugged, if properly taken care of. Most cork originates in Portugal and comes from the bark of a special type of oak tree. In order to utilize it, the cork is cut away from the tree. Cork rings are typically constructed to be  $\frac{1}{2}$ " long and 1" to  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " in diameter with a small hole of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $5/16$ " in diameter drilled in the center. These rings are glued together and then shaped by hand or by using lathes. Cork may be bleached to give it a light color. The bleaching process is performed on all cork used in the United States. Unfortunately, the bleaching process can cover up many imperfections on the surface of the ring.

The rings are graded based on their appearance. Typical cork handle grades include: extra super fine (top grade), super fine (middle grade), and extra select (economy

grade). Other names that are sometimes used for these grades are AAA (top grade), AA (middle grade), and A (economy grade), or super grade (middle grade). When selecting your cork grade, if you are not clear about what the grading system is, do not hesitate to ask the seller about their grading system. This insures you will get the grade of cork handle you desire.

Typical cork handle shapes are shown in the illustration. From left to right, they are: hooded half well, half well, reversed half well, full well, and hooded full well. Across the top is a Spey rod fore grip and rear grip. Typically, the hooded half well, half well, reversed half well are used for the smaller 0 weight rod up to the 6 weight rod Full well and hooded full well grips are normally used from 4 weight to 14 weight rods. With larger big game rods, a large full well cork handle may be used including a 6" fighting grip mounted above the regular grip.

Cork grips vary in length. They are usually  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ " in length for hooded grips and 6" to 7" in length for regular grips. The Spey rod fore grip is approximately  $13\frac{1}{2}$ " in length while the rear grip is about  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " in length. There are small differences in the cork grip circumferences. If you can, feel various cork grips to see how they fit your hand and how comfortable they feel. It's a good idea to test out other rod handles available to you (such as other rods you own, a friends rod, or a club members rod) to select a grip that fits well and works for you when casting or fighting a fish.

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Everyone's hand is a different size and different shape, so what may fit for one fisherman may not fit for another.

Fly fishing is a very active sport and the right cork handle can greatly improve your fishing efficiency and comfort. We can't say that the fish really care, but you will certainly have a more relaxing time. Remember, your hand grasping the cork handle helps you become "one" with your rod, and therefore a well shaped handle is a very important piece of your rod. Next time you are casting, pay attention to your hand and arm feelings when using your rod. You may learn more about the rod and yourself.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at lar-rylee@13rods.com.

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get swept off of their feet and that's when they get wet.

The final wading tip that I have for this article is to keep your eyes on where you want to go, rather than the water. You should be taking your time enough to be able to feel the bottom with your feet, rather than having to look. Keeping your eyes on the place you want to end up eliminates the distortion that a flowing river can cause to persons' eyes. These tips should help you avoid taking that wet and wild ride alluded to earlier. The most important tip is to trust your instincts when it comes to wading across high fast water. If it doesn't feel right, don't try it.

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## The Annual Dinner is here!

The Annual Dinner is only days away. Friday, March 14th, is approaching fast, so here's some final information for those lucky enough to have obtained tickets...

This year's dinner location is the Elks Club in Carmichael, at 5631 Cypress Avenue. The schedule of events is shown below. Be sure to bring your checkbook!

The Day Program (for dinner ticket holders) will take place at the GBF clubhouse on the following Saturday, March 15th, from 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

Lori-Ann Murphy will be conducting the Day Program - which will focus on tips for perfecting your cast. Free coffee and pastries will be provided after 9:15am.

We are still accepting donations for the dinner. The biggest need now is for funds to help offset dinner costs. The March general meeting is a great time to donate.

Remember...this is our only fundraising event of the year. The proceeds of this evening help pay for the club programs and outings we'll all enjoy in 2008!

Come early for Hors D'oeuvres - and to examine all the great prizes and auction items. And did I mention...don't forget your checkbook! See you there.

5:00pm No-host bar opens  
6:00pm Hors D'oeuvres  
6:45pm Introductions  
7:00pm Dinner begins

--- Silent Auction Round #1  
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7:40pm Awards  
8:00pm Break

--- Silent Auction Round #2  
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8:20pm Live Auction #1  
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9:10pm Live Auction #2  
9:20pm Raffle  
10:10pm Closing remarks



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and back down the post. Tie it off behind the eye of the hook, form a nice small thread head, and whip finish.

**Tying tips:**



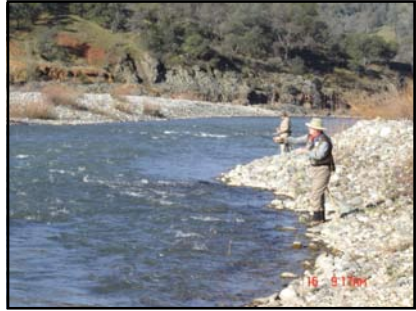
*Steps 10, Completed Fly*

1. In order to properly create the post and parachute hackle there must be adequate room left at the front of the shank. This means that the body must be ended at least 1/3 shank length behind the eye because the underwing, the wing itself, and the post must be tied in ahead of the body.

2. To tie in the post, point the tips of the material out over the eye and tie in the butts close against the base of the wing. Once the butts are secured, lift the material up and take a few winds around its base to "gather" the material. On the fourth wind, pull up and to the rear, catching the thread in the butts. This will hold the post vertical. Place a few insurance winds in front of the post.

Fish this bad boy close in to the bank, either upstream or down. You don't need to get into the water—just cast close in and let it drift. I will sometimes raise and shake the tip of the rod to make the fly skitter a bit—a technique use to imitate the "motorboat caddis." Go rip a few lips, and....see ya on the creek.

## Yuba Fishout Report



*Fishing just below the riffle.*

On Saturday, Feb 16, 15 GBF anglers went out to the UC Davis Sierra Foothills Research Extension Center property on the banks of the lower Yuba. It was a nice spring day, sunny with temps in the mid 60s and light winds. Just about everyone caught wild rainbow trout, some up to 20 inches. All the fish looked well fed and healthy.



*Paul Egan with a nice rainbow.*

San Juan worms and PT nymphs worked during the morning session. After a hamburger and hot dog lunch anglers went back out and did well using Skwala dry flies. Overall this was a very nice fishout. Thanks to everyone who came out, thanks to Eric Palmer and all the others who helped prepare lunch. We're already looking forward to next year's Yuba fishouts.

. . .Pete Koistinen

## Steelhead Egg Delivery

It's that time of year again, and on Thursday, February 14th, a group of dedicated volunteers met at the Nimbus Hatchery to pick up steelhead eggs for distribution to area schools participating in the program. This time we delivered eggs to 28 classrooms, all of which were provided with a complete aquarium setup funded by GBF.

The program is truly regional in scope, and eggs were delivered to

schools in Placer, Sacramento and El Dorado counties, from Lincoln to Placerville. After the recent bleak salmon season when, for the first time since the program's inception 18 years ago, we weren't able to get any salmon eggs, we were fortunate to get our normal number of steelhead eggs, 35 per classroom.

For anyone not familiar with the program, its purpose isn't to create mini-hatcheries in classrooms, but to educate students in the uniqueness of a salmon and steelhead life

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cycle, and teach them about all the factors that affect their survival. Many of these same factors such as erosion control, pollution, good water quality and availability, and protection of the resource also affect human quality of life.

We hope the lessons learned in studying the lifecycle of anadromous fish will become lasting impressions that some day, when

the students become adults, will result in wise decisions being made regarding the future use of our natural resources. That's why this special program is important and what it's really all about.

Many thanks to all who generously gave their time to participate in the program: Warren Schoenmann, Pepper Martin, Tom Pettey, Art Livingston and Mike Howes.

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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](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 prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Bill Carnazzo at 530-367-5209, or visit the website at [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org).

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