

# The Leader

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## Monthly Program

### Stillwater Equipment



Jim Holmes with a nice Davis Lake rainbow

Two of our own members, Gene Goss and Jim Holmes, will be presenting the February program: **Equipment for the Stillwater Fisherman**. This program will be oriented to the beginner, but have enough tips that all should find it fascinating!

Gene and Jim plan to start their program with a discussion of fins, and continue through to the hat, giving their experience, approximate costs, and alternatives using their own equipment as examples. As those of you have fished with Jim and Gene know, they have two different body types and sometimes very different ideas about things which should keep the program entertaining. Both Jim and Gene are long time GBF members who spend about 50 days/year on the water so they have a good idea about what works and is comfortable. Following this program (and on another day) they will have an on-the-water stillwater clinic at Rancho Seco to show how to actually use this equipment.

Take good notes and hope to see 'ya there!

## President's Message

by Mike Howes

Our greening of *The Leader* was a huge success. What a difference having the color photos throughout the newsletter. Frank Stolten was the main architect of this effort, and as usual, did an outstanding job.

Our annual dinner is March 21st. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, please do. Tickets are \$38 until February 28<sup>th</sup>, then they go up to \$45 until March 12<sup>th</sup>. No tickets are sold at the door the night of the dinner. This is the one and only fundraiser for the club. The money raised at the dinner equates to 60% of what it takes to run the club. The annual dinner is a casual affair.



The raffle has several fly rods and reels to be won. The silent auction will have both fishing and non fishing items such as: 2 tickets (orchestra seating) to the Lion King for the May 31<sup>st</sup> matinee, ½ price on a guided kayak trip on private waters, wine galore, and several discounts for trips and equipment. Join us for an evening of fun. If you would like to make a donation to the club, it would also be appreciated. If you are unable to attend the dinner, you may still support the club by buying annual dinner raffle tickets. Tickets will be sold to those not attending the dinner at the next two general meetings in \$100, \$50, and \$10 packets.

At January's general meeting I presented "service pin" awards to Taylor Yates and Dennis Baker for their unselfish dedication to obtaining and selling our GBF Logo merchandise. Taylor stated he and Dennis are in the

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**FEBRUARY 2009**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1.	2.	3. Advanced Fly Tying Conservation Committee Mtg.	4.	5.	6.	7.
8.	9.	10. Steelhead egg delivery	11.	12. 7:00 PM Monthly General Meeting	13.	14. Lower Yuba Fishout
15.	16. Advanced Tying	17. Fly Tying Jam	18.	19. 7:00 PM Board Meeting Steelhead egg delivery	20. Lake Amador Fishout	21. Rancho Seco Fishout
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27. Fly Fishing Show 2/27 - 3/1	28.

*President's Message - Continued from front page*

process of starting up an "E(electronic)-store," thereby allowing members to order GBF logo gear over the internet. I think Taylor may be tired of carrying in those large tubs of GBF gear to every meeting. Thanks to both of them for doing a great job.

How many of you have heard of GBF's "Emergency fish rescue/volunteer survey team?" Well, if you haven't, it is a list of members that are willing to help out on a short notice to requests from the Fish and Game Commission, or other organizations doing fish habitat and stream ecology projects. Robin Egan, VP of Conservation, is the author of the list, and will have a sign-up sheet at our general meeting. This is your opportunity to help out in conservation.

Membership dues are due. We have kept the dues at \$30 single, and \$35 for a family. Only those members in good standing are eligible to participate in the club's clinics and fish outs. If you stop receiving GBF email blasts after February 28th, it could be because you haven't paid your dues.

Life is reel.

. . . Mike Howes

**Lake Amador Fishout February 20th**

GBF is having a fishout Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Lake Amador. The lake usually fishes well this time of year as those of you who have been there in the past can verify. Trout weighing 5 pounds or more are not unusual. In the past the most popular flies have been a black leech pattern or a black or olive woolly bugger size 8-10. A 5-6 weight rod, floating line and a 10-12 foot leader usually works well. The trout feed near the surface this time of year, however, this could change so I would bring an intermediate and sinking line also. Carpooling is the way to go because they charge \$9 to park a car and \$8 to fish. You can launch a float tube or a pontoon boat free if you tell them you're with Granite Bay. Right now the cafe is closed but, hopefully, this will change. If not, you can get a good breakfast in the town of Ione. The Thomas Brothers Guide or Map Quest will give you directions. There will be a signup sheet at the January and February meetings. I will call Lake Amador a couple of days before our fishout and get a fishing report, weather forecast and check on the cafe and notify those who sign up.

Any questions contact: Dick Davis (916) 434-1951 [richarddavis311@sbcglobal.net](mailto:richarddavis311@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Hunter (916) 408-8966 [jimfishon@pacbell.net](mailto:jimfishon@pacbell.net).

### Who's All Wet?

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 by March 1st. Remember... think wet!

### Raffle Prizes Rolling In!

But, we still need your help! Please consider donating a raffle prize or auction item for the Annual Dinner next month. Here are some of the kinds of things club members have donated:

- 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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### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

#### For Sale:

St Croix 9' Avid 6 wt 4 pcs fly rod for sale, with tube and sock. Fly shop price is \$285.00, I'm asking \$100.00. The rod is in very good condition, well cared for, looks like new.

Jim Hunter  
(916) 408-8966

I have a C-clamp setup for a Dyna-King vise. It is the "large" size. It retails for \$79. I will sell it for \$40.

Bill Carnazzo, Spring Creek Guide Service  
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(530) 367-5209 (home office)  
(916) 295-9353 (mobile)  
[bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net](mailto:bcarnazzo@ftcnet.net) (email)

Float Tube: Bucks Bag \$40. Donut style, back rest, 2 mesh pockets, lightly used. In great condition.

Contact Martin Meier at 804-8810

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](mailto: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*.

### 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. 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 [rpeterston7@surewest.net](mailto:rpeterston7@surewest.net).

## Balsawood Poppers for Largemouth Bass

Have you ever caught a black bass on a popper? It is one of the most exciting things I have done. I would like to share with you how to make a popper that has proven to catch bass. I will be putting on two clinics for learning the basics of making balsawood poppers modeled after Leo Gutterres' recipe. The clinic will be held at my house with eight members per clinic. The dates of the clinics are April 11th and 14th. Both clinics are the same so there is only a need to attend one. The 11th is a Saturday, so I would like to have members that are working during the week to be able to attend this clinic. The 14th is open for those that are retired or are off work on that day. I will supply the necessary material for the poppers. Once we have the clinics filled, I will let everyone know what special tools may be required. The time will be 9:30 to noon. I live in Fair Oaks at 4124 Natoma Ave, 95628. If you have any questions please give me a call at 916 863 6795 or send an email message to [lfeisreel@aol.com](mailto:lfeisreel@aol.com).

## Membership

*by Bill Carnazzo  
Membership V.P.*

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 267 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 267). Any member 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.**

A big welcome and round of applause for our newest member:

**Alice Flores  
Brian Gralian**

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

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 offered an early renewal incentive to those who renewed before January 1, 2009: an Orvis fly box filled with excellent flies. We held a raffle for this prize at the January meeting. The winner was **Joe Puglisi**. 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 [or just "GBF"] in all cases**):

1. Send your renewal check to me [**note—this is the easiest for me**] at:  
Bill Carnazzo  
5209 Crestline Drive  
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### Annual Dinner Tickets Ging Fast!

This is our biggest event of the year and everyone's invited! If you don't already have your ticket(s), please read the information below. Tickets usually sell out, so please plan accordingly.

- **Who:** Club members, friends, families, neighbors, co-workers... anyone who'd enjoy an evening out with good food, a great speaker, and an incredible raffle & silent auction.
- **What:** Great multi-course dinner, huge raffle and silent auction, and wonderful guest speaker, Lawrence Stuemke, who'll also do an informative 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 February club meeting, or just call Bill and 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. Dinner raffle tickets will be on sale at the Feb/Mar general meeting for those that are unable to attend the dinner. If you can help in any way, just contact Mike Howes at [LifeIsReel@aol.com](mailto:LifeIsReel@aol.com).

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## Conservation Corner

WOW! Where did January go? Again, I am happy to report that our January committee meeting had another good turn out, with our own Mike Laing giving us his review of the Delta Vision Final Report, PPIC Analysis and the Delta Vision Implementation Report. If you missed the meeting, links to these reports can be found on our website <http://www.gbflycasters.org/conservation/conservation.htm>. These will be followed closely to determine what proposal to support going forward.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS —**

I am currently looking for some new projects for this year. One possibility may be an “Angling Assistance for Hardhead Temperature study. Lisa C. Thompson, Ph.D., who is an Associate Specialist in Cooperative Extension, Anadromous & Inland Fisheries at UC Davis is currently working on the proposal. This is a follow-up to a project they did for the California Energy Commission’s Pulse Flow program. They plan to submit the proposal to the CEC PIER program at the end of January. It’s a lab-based study, but they hope to use wild juvenile and adult hardhead for the work. ***This is where we come in:*** They are interested in capturing the fish from several watersheds where they are already known to be present, including the upper Middle Fork American River drainage (Rubicon River), and South Fork American River. From Lisa, “The proposal requires a 15% match, some of which we can provide with my salary, plus physiology lab equipment the university already owns. However, the CEC suggested that we check with local hydropower utilities to see if they would be interested in providing an in-kind match. For example, a match could be in the form of staff time to help us capture fish (we’ve used minnow traps and angling in the past). We’re revising a draft of the proposal and should have an updated version available this week. I’ve checked with CDFG and they are very supportive of the project, but we still need to increase our match funds in order to be eligible for the grant. In the longer term, our contact at the CEC is interested in a field-based study of hardhead habitat use and movement related to temperature (i.e., tagging and tracking). I’m hoping this could be a bridge to the kind of project we proposed to the SNC for trout in the North Fork American.”

So, I’m hoping to be able to round up around 15 of you (this would be the “in-kind” match we would provide as a club) to participate in the study, should the proposal be approved! The Emergency Fish Rescue/Volunteer Survey Team will be called first, and hopefully I’ll have enough time to have a sign up sheet at a future meeting. So, be thinking about it! Who wouldn’t volunteer to go FISHING!

**EMERGENCY FISH RESCUE / VOLUNTEER SURVEY TEAM:** We are up to 13 members on this list! If you aren’t on it, I will have a sign-up sheet at each general meeting. Thank you for participating!

### **STATUS REPORT on current legislation —**

Still waiting for them to get started!

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT sent —**

Nothing needed at this time. If anyone hears of something that may be of interest to the club, please do not hesitate to forward it to me!

**SAGEHEN ENTOMOLOGY CLINIC – SAVE THE DATE!** Looks like we’re ON for this wonderful and very educational experience for the weekend of June 13th –14th! A separate article will be posted at a later date with details. You can view their website at <http://sagehen.ucnrs.org/>.

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay (Douglas Blvd at Auburn Folsom). Main speaker will be Jerry Neuberger, representing CSPA. He’ll let us know how our donation is used and update us on the many projects they have going. As always, all are welcome to attend. ~Robin, (916) 396-0030, [Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com).

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**Fishmaster's Report**

With the weather getting warmer, I am assuming that you are getting excited about fishing, too! There are several articles in the leader about current fishouts. Jim Holmes and Gene Goss are going to talk about Stillwater fishing at the February meeting. We started signups last month and there was a lot of interest in having an on the water class/ fishout in the spring. We will continue the signups for people who would be interested.

On April 15, Bill Ossolinski will host another fishout at Rancho Murrieta. This will be limited to 12 people. Selection for this fishout will be done by lottery.

Since planning is an important part of making a fishout successful, I have listed the scheduled fishouts. I am hoping that with advanced notice, you can plan and attend more fishouts this year. Starting in May we have several fishouts scheduled for the Eastern Sierras which provides great fishing opportunities for lakes and streams. The Eastern Sierras will give you an opportunity to hone your new and old skills with great high lake fishing.

If you would like to lead a fishout, please contact me at [billh07@comcast.net](mailto:billh07@comcast.net).

See you on the water.

Bill Hagopian  
Fishmaster

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Fishout Leader</b>	<b># people</b>
February 14, 2009	Yuba (Lower) - UCD Field Station	Pete Koistinen	15
February 20, 2009	Lake Amador	Dick Davis and Jim Hunter	unlimited
February 28, 2009	Rancho Seco	Scott Vaughn	unlimited
March April	Rancho Seco Stillwater Clinic	Jim Holmes & Gene Goss	?
April 15, 2009	Rancho Murrieta	Bill Ossolinski	12
May 1-3, 2009	Hot Creek	Ron English	unlimited
May 15 - 17/2009	Bridgeport (Twin Lakes)	Bill Hagopian	unlimited
3rd week August 2009	Green Creek	Tony Hamamoto	unlimited
November 7 -11, 2009	Deschutes River	Robert Miller	?

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## Fly Tyers Corner



Step 10b and Completed Fly

## MATERIAL LIST

Hook:	Daiichi 1260 #10
Thread:	Olive 8/0
Hackle:	Black dry fly quality saddle hackle
Abdomen:	Yellowish-olive dubbing (I prefer Lite-Brite)
Thorax:	Same as thorax
Under wing:	Black micro-web wing sheeting or similar product
Wing:	Dark olive deer hair
Legs:	Mini-size gray Turantulegs
Egg sack:	Black foam

by Bill Carnazzo

**Bill's Skwala**

This fly is based on a pattern tied by my friend Ralph Wood, with some modifications. Skwala stoneflies are found in many northern California rivers, but seem to often go unnoticed. Not so on the Lower Yuba River, since it is a prominent hatch that normally begins in January, continuing into February and sometimes longer. It's a great time to catch those "rocket" Yuba fish on top. I've seen only a few good Skwala imitations on the market. The "good" ones have two essential qualities, in my mind: First, they are tied sparsely; And second, they incorporate the right colors. It is important to imitate the color of the underside of the abdomen of the Skwala adult—a yellowish olive color—and the dark olive color of the fly's back. Only the females fly, so it is mostly them that you'll see struggling in the surface film out where the fish live.

**Tying Instructions**

1. Debarb the hook, place it in your vise, and cover the shank with thread. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye.
2. Move the thread to the rear of the hook, just above the back of the barb. Cut a strip of black foam 1/8" in width. Heat one end of it so it "rounds" itself. Tie the foam in with the rounded end to the rear. It should stick out about 1/8" to the rear.



Steps 1 and 2



Left: Step 3

3. Tie in a properly sized black hackle at the same point.
4. Dub the thorax, but don't use too much material. Sparse is best on this pattern.

Right: Step 4



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Step 5

5. Palmer the hackle up through the abdomen, using about 5 turns. Tie it off at the front of the abdomen.

6. Clip the hackle on the bottom and on the top, so that the remaining fibers stick out to the sides.



Step 6



Step 7

7. Cut a piece of the micro-web material that is about ¼" wide and 1" long. Round the corners of one end, and tie the material in at the front of the abdomen, with the rounded corners to the rear. The rear of the wing should be no longer than the end of the hook.

8. Cut a small bunch of dark olive deer hair and clean out the under-fur. Stack it, and measure it to the same length as the under-wing. Tie it in at the same point and add a drop of super-glue.



Step 8



Step 9

9. Dub a sparse thorax, and then tie in the legs in the middle of the thorax. Add a bit more dubbing between the legs.

10. Tie in a properly sized hackle and take 3 or 4 turns. Whip finish the fly. Trim the hackle top and bottom and apply a drop of superglue at the head.



Step 10A

### Hints

1. Be sure to leave plenty of room behind the hook eye. From the instructions above, you can see that there are a number of steps that require work in that space between the thorax and the hook eye.
2. If you have a wing burning tool that is shaped like a stonefly wing, use it to burn the micro-web wings. They come out perfect every time.
3. Skwala stoneflies are small and their body is slim. Over-dressed flies will be ignored or, at best, bring refusals.
4. In the instructions I use the term "properly sized" when referring to the hackle. This means that the hackle barbs should be about equal to the width of the hook gape.
5. The reason for clipping the hackle top and bottom is to allow the fly to ride flush in the surface film. Stoneflies do not sit up on tall legs.

See ya on the creek.

## Upcoming Classes and Clinics

*by 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.

<b>Clinic/Class</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Casting:*	
<i>Beginning</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>November 1</i>
Using two handed techniques for Single-handed rods	TBA
Fly Tying:**	
<i>Beginning</i>	<i>January 10, 24</i>
Intermediate/Advanced	January 6, 12, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 16
Fly Fishing Basics***	<i>November 29</i>
Fishing with indicators****	TBA—in January
Advanced knot tying	TBA
GPS/Map reading	Spring, '09
Stillwater (on the water) ing	TBA, in February in conjunction with general meet-
Making balsa poppers	Spring, '09
Demystifying lines, leaders	Spring, '09
Entomology school (Sagehen)	June, '09
Techniques for "swinging"*****	Late Spring, '09
North Yuba Nymphing clinic*****	June or July, '09

\*The class we are calling "Using Two-handed Techniques for Single-handed Rods" will be interesting; we may use club experts or engage a casting instructor for this important class.

\*\*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 Roseville Raley's Event Center.

\*\*\*This class was a big success, with 13 members in attendance. Newer members learned a lot about the basics of our sport. It was taught by Bill Carnazzo, Sturmer White, and Karl Wolff, with the able assistance of our resident professional photographer and angler emeritus, Pete Peterson.

\*\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*\*\* This very popular clinic will be held on the beautiful North Yuba River above Downieville. Its purpose is to provide basic on-stream instruction in how to catch more fish on nymphs in pocket water using the "short line" nymphing rig and technique. The exact date will be dependent on flow conditions this spring.

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## Rod Building 109D Two-Handed or Spey Fly Rods

by Larry Lee

This is the fourth article in a series about building two-handed fly rods (also called Spey rods). This month we cover guide spacing and selection of handles and reel seats. The next article will discuss selection of reels and fly lines for the two-handed fly rods.

### **Guide Spacing for Two-handed Rods:**

Guide spacing for two-handed rods varies from manufacturer to manufacturer, so there is an opportunity for you to be a little creative, if you so desire. In general, fewer guides per running foot are used than one-handed fly rods. For example, one-handed fly rods use approximately 10 guides (excluding tip-top) for a 9'-0" rod, while most 8'-0" rods will use 9 guides (excluding tip-top). Two-handed fly rods will use 10 to 11 guides (excluding tip-top) for a 12'-6" up to a 14'-0" length rod. There is usually also a longer distance between guides on the two-handed fly rods.

Most two-handed rods have the first stripping guide approximately 36" above the bottom of the rod. With this information, you can space the guides in a proportional manner. Simple mathematical formulas have been developed for proportional guide spacing, but it is beyond the scope of this article to discuss them or their derivation. If you are interested in learning about them in more detail, feel free to contact me or refer to "The New Advanced Custom Rod Building" by Dale P. Clemens, page 194. If you are only interested in the numbers, the following web site provides a calculator for a couple of good methods (you supply the length, number of guides, and length of first guide to tip top): <http://www.uwm.edu/~stetzer/guideN.html>.

For most casts with a two-handed rod, the line does not really slide back and forth as much in the guides as with a one-handed rod. The caster mostly uses casting techniques that work with 75 feet to 100 feet or more of line that is literally out past the tip-top. This being the case, over-sized guides will not help you cast greater distances.

### **Reel Seats and Cork Grips:**

Two-handed rods use a fore grip and a rear grip made of a good quality cork or custom handles using composite cork with exotic woods (see photo showing custom made grips). The rear grip is located at the bottom of the rod and is approximately 5 1/2" to 6" in length. The fore grip is located above the reel seat and is approximately 12" to 13 1/2" in length. Both fore grip and rear grip lengths can be made to your own length, diameter and style preference, or you can purchase good quality pre-made cork grips. Reel seats used for two-handed rods can be larger in diameter and longer than those



for one-handed rods. For example, the reel seats shown (see picture of pre-made cork handles and reel seats) have an inside diameter of 3/4" to accommodate the larger blank diameters. These reel seats are also longer (approximately 4 3/4") to accommodate large reels required to hold large diameter fly lines needed for two-handed casting. The reel seats are also

equipped with two locking rings so the reel will not come loose. Reel seats can be placed either direction based on your preference.

In the next article of this series about two-handed fly rods, we will discuss the selection of reels and line sizes. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at [LLLee@L3rods.com](mailto:LLLee@L3rods.com) or telephone at (916) 962-0616.



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## "Fishing with Floating Indicators" Clinics

At the January meeting there was a sign up sheet for the "Fishing with Floating Indicators: clinics that have been on the member education list for awhile. The response was overwhelming—28 members signed up. The dates are now set.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009**

Two dates are needed in order to accommodate those who have weekdays off, as well as those who can only attend on weekends.

The clinics will be taught by Ryan Miller, who is a local guide and an acknowledged expert in the art of properly handling floating indicators. There will be a fee of \$20 per person for these clinics, inasmuch as Ryan is taking time from his guiding schedule to accommodate us.

I will need those who signed up to specify which date they prefer. Please send me an e-mail message as soon as possible with your preference. Those who didn't get a chance to sign up can do so by calling me or sending me an e-mail message. I will collect the \$20 fee at the February meeting. If you cannot make that meeting, send me a check made payable to Ryan Miller, so that I receive it prior to the clinic.

Here is the list of those who signed up at the January meeting:

STEVE WILKINS  
ERIC PALMER  
CORLEY PHILLIPS  
WENDELL EDWARDS  
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AL FASSLER  
DAVID JONES  
SAL CARUSO  
RITCH GILLELAND  
YVETTE GILLELAND  
JOE AND JOEY TAX  
JIM HUNTER  
BILL AND BEV HAGOPIAN  
STURMER WHITE

Each of the clinics will feature a morning classroom session at the clubhouse, which is already reserved. The afternoon will be spent on the American River with the exact spot to be decided later.

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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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