

# The Leader

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## Monthly Program



Rickey Noel Mitchell, Program Speaker for January

The speaker for our Thursday, January 8th club meeting will be Rickey Noel Mitchell. He is a kayak fly-fishing guide, professional fly tier, freelance writer, photographer and author. Rickey started out almost

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## President's Message

by Mike Howes

Happy holidays to all. This is our first green "Leader." Let us know if you have problems bringing up the text or printing it.

This is a time to share with friends and family. Our pot luck dinner was standing room only, with 6 tables of food. Steve Reems brought some to-die-for flan.

We just finished our Swap Meet and Chili cook off. What a crowd! We had twelve entries in the chili cook-off, with top honors going to Denny Welch. He had tough competition from Mike Susslin and Bill Hagopian. The biggest item on many Swap Meet goer's list was float tubes, two going minutes after being presented. I would like to give special thanks to Pete Peterson who was up before the chickens making coffee for the event.

Now we look forward to the New Year. The club will be concentrating on education, friendship and conservation. Watch the calendar for the following events, sign up and take advantage of the club's expertise.

On the education side: Bill Carnazzo has set up an excellent series (six clinics) of advanced fly tying starting in January. In April, Pete Peterson will be putting on a series of four clinics on Bass Flies. Paul Egan will be instructing a beginning fly tying class. Gene Goss and Jim Holmes at our February general meeting will be presenting still water fishing techniques, followed by a day on the water. Bill Carnazzo is also setting up the following clinics: Knot tying, indicator fishing, basic fly fishing, GPS and Map reading, and several other clinics. Joe Aichroft is organizing the "Mentor" program for new members.

On the friendship side: Bill Hagopian is putting together fishouts, including trips to Rancho Murieta, Rancho Seco, and the Yuba River. Jim Holmes will



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6. Advanced Fly Tying	7.	8. 7:00 PM Monthly General Meeting	9.	10. Beginner Fly Tying Egg Program Teacher Training
11.	12. Advanced Tying	13.	14.	15. 7:00 PM Board Meeting	16. ISE Show 15th - 18th	17.
18. ISE Show 15 - 18th	19.	20. Advanced Fly Tying Fly Tying Jam	21.	22.	23.	24. Beginner Fly Tying Yuba River Fishout
25.	26.	27. Advanced Tying	28.	29.	30.	31.

**Membership**

*by Bill Carnazzo  
Membership V.P.*

As of this writing, Granite Bay Flycasters has 266 memberships (individual and family, which means we actually have a lot more people in our club than 266). Of these, 129 have paid their renewal dues. 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.**

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

- Petra Lee
- Rick Dimeola
- Justin Dimeola
- Steve Reem
- Joan Reem
- Jim Broadway

When you see these folks at our meetings, please greet

them and invite them to go fishing—after all, that's what we are all about.

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

1. Send your renewal check to me **[note—this is the easiest for me]** at:  
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2. Send your renewal check to Granite Bay Flycasters at:  
4120 Douglas Blvd. #306-356  
Granite Bay CA 95746—5936
3. Pay at the general meeting.

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continue his Fly Tying Jam every third Tuesday of the month; plus, of course, our general meeting where fish stories are told and eye brows raised.

On the conservation side, Robin Egan has taken the bull by the horns. She will continue to keep us abreast of the on-going legislation. She has positioned herself to be the recipient of calls for volunteers in the areas of fish counts, fish electro shocking, and stream clean up. Her committee is researching the various conservation groups that request financial aid to assure GBF is getting the best for our donation. Education, friendship and conservation—what more could you want from a club? But, it takes you to make it a success—volunteer.

Our annual dinner is March 21st. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, please do. This is the one and only fund raiser for the club. The money raised at the dinner allows us to do all the things stated in the above paragraph. It is a fact—it costs money to run the club. The dinner is a casual affair. We have a great raffle and silent auction. Join us for a fun evening. If you would like to make a donation to the club, it would also be appreciated.

Membership dues are now 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 fishouts. If you stop receiving GBF email blasts after February 28<sup>th</sup>, it could be because you haven't paid your dues.

Let's have a great 2009

. . . Mike Howes

### 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 [rpeter7@surewest.net](mailto:rpeter7@surewest.net)

### Granite Bay Flycasters Classifieds

#### Wanted:

Float tube. Used. Good quality. Jim Drake at 858-8045 or [jhdrake@att.net](mailto:jhdrake@att.net)

#### For Sale:

Ross Gunnison Reel and extra spool, new, never used. This is a #4 for 6-8 weight lines. Top of the line. Fly shop price is \$360.00, I'm asking \$200.00. Jim Hunter at [jimfishon@wavecable.com](mailto:jimfishon@wavecable.com) (916) 408-8966

#### For Sale:

I have two Sage XP rods for sale—a #4, 4-piece 9' rod, and a #6, 4-piece 9.5' rod. These rods originally sold at retail for \$600. Both are in excellent condition. I will sell each for \$250.

I also have a Dyna-King Barracuda vise with the C-clamp setup (i.e., there is no pedestal base for it, although bases are available at the fly shops). It comes with a number of accessories. You can see the vise, which retails for \$349, at <http://tinyurl.com/8rotdb>. The vise is in like-new condition. I will sell it for \$215.

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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](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*.

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**2009 Yuba River UC Davis Fishouts**

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

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

The Yuba river is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16 inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba river is about the same size as the lower American, flow rates around 2000 CFS are ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving - if 2 or 3 good drifts don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, don't stand in water that you should be fishing. The fish can be close to shore, you'll probably catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and

stone fly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, and Skwala stoneflies. Check our website's Fly Tyer's Corner, archive July 2006, for Paul Egan's excellent Skwala pattern. More detailed information about flies and rods will be available on our website's "Fishouts" section.

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

... Karl and Pete

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twenty years ago with a fly rod and float tube exploring the lakes and rivers of Central California. Due to the various limitations of float tubes and pontoon boats, he progressed into canoes and kayaks as his fly fishing vessels of choice.

After years of research and on the water experience with these four types of personal fishing craft, Rickey had a fateful meeting with Tom Rosenbauer of Orvis. In 2007, Rickey Noel Mitchell's second book, "The Orvis Guide to Personal Fishing Craft," was published. Rickey's work can also be found in various magazines such as "California Fly Fisher," "Paddler" and "Kayak Fisherman."

A Fresno resident, Rickey teaches fly-fishing and fly-tying to students of all ages at Fresno Adult school and the summer enrichment program for children in Fresno Unified. He can be reached at [www.paddleandflies.com](http://www.paddleandflies.com).

The program that he will present to the Granite Bay Flycasters will be on "Fly Fishing from a Kayak." This program will cover the various types of kayaks, how to rig and use them and the many diverse opportunities that combining the two arts of fly fishing and kayaking has to offer. He will also demonstrate unique paddle strokes that he has developed specifically to facilitate fly fishing and fly casting from a kayak.

Furthermore, he will be tying some of his favorite fly patterns between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. So please arrive early for this meeting.

**Lake Amador Fishout February 20th**

GBF is having a fishout Friday, February 20th 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 buggler 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. ....

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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 21st.**

This is our biggest event of the year and we'd like everyone to join us for the food, fun, great raffle prizes, awesome auction items, fantastic evening program, and amazing day program! Here's everything you need to know about this must-attend event...

- **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 next two club meetings, or just call Bill and Bev Hagopian (916-771-5837) to arrange purchase by mail. \$38 each through 2/27, then \$45.

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

**What's a "Day Program?"**

This is where we invite our Annual Dinner guest speaker to come to the GBF clubhouse during the day of the dinner for a free, hands-on, one-on-one, eye-to-eye, ear-to-ear (you get the point... it's intimate) instructional clinic on some aspect of our beloved sport.

The Annual Dinner is on Saturday, March 21st, so the Day Program will take place that same day, from around 9am to noon at the GBF clubhouse on Folsom Lake. This year, we're very lucky to have Lawrence Stuemke as our dinner guest speaker and day program instructor.

As an international adventure angler, Lawrence has probably used every known fly-casting method. For the Day Program, he will discuss and demonstrate use of the popular new hybrid rods known as 'switch' rods that take advantage of both spey and normal overhand cast styles.

The day program is your chance to mingle and munch (yes... snacks are provided) with a fly-fishing expert whose personal insights might be otherwise unavailable. And since Day Program attendance is limited to Annual Dinner ticket holders, this is just another great reason to get your Annual Dinner ticket(s) now – before they all sell out!

The Annual Dinner evening presentation is intended to entertain and inspire. The Day Program is designed for asking questions, getting individualized advice, and learning first-hand from a recognized expert. You don't want to miss either of these great GBF events!

**Fly Tying Contest Winners for December**

**Beginners:** Austin Savery

**Advanced:** Bill Lockhart

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**Conservation Corner**

by Robin Egan

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I am happy to report that our December conservation committee meeting had the best turn out in months, with Jason Rainey of SYRCL (South Yuba River Citizen's League) as our main speaker. He did a great job of summarizing SYRCL's 3 main projects and answering any and all questions our members had for him. SYRCL is one of the organizations we donate money to each year. For more information, see [www.syrcl.org](http://www.syrcl.org).

**GBF Conservation Member Activity:** On December 4th, there was a tour and meeting regarding the new side channel project at upper sunrise, and there were 4 GBF Conservation Members in attendance! Report from Bill Templin, "4 members of GBF attended a tour of the recently completed Sunrise Side Channel Project along with about 12 others prior to attending the Water Forum's Lower American River (LAR) FISH Working Group meeting at the CSUS Aquatic Center on Hazel Avenue. Water Forum staff (Tom Gohring, Executive Director; and Sarah Foley, Deputy Director, and Rod Hall) guided the group, providing history and details of the purpose, process and hopes for the project. The project area is about ¼ miles long and was a cooperative effort of many public agencies and private groups. The project is expected to help minimize steelhead redd stranding by deepening an existing side channel that is located approximately ½ mile downstream of the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge. This project will provide the Bureau more flexibility in flow management as Folsom Lake levels drop in the late fall and early winter without dewatering eggs in redds that were placed earlier at higher flow rates. You can find more details about the project at <http://tinyurl.com/7qpqp3>.

. Thank you to all GBF Members in attendance. **Don't forget to have me sign your Golden Trout Program booklet, if you haven't already fulfilled the conservation requirement!**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS —**

**ANNUAL SALMON COUNT SURVEY – Friday, Dec 12th:** As reported by Gregg Bates, "We had about 30 volunteers help out and were able to add a new reach on Auburn Ravine. We had a good group from Granite Bay Flycasters again this year (10-12 members!). We saw only four carcasses and no live fish; a table of results can be found on the GBF message board. This compares to combined totals of live and carcasses of over 700 in 2003 and 2004, and continues a downward trend that's in line with numbers all along the Pacific Coast. There's been lots of information coming out about reasons for the decline. We have plenty of

problems in our watersheds but we're dependent on factors outside our area as well. Anadromy is a strategy to take advantage of a wide variety of resources but it leaves the population vulnerable to influences over a wide area and a variety of habitats. Thanks for supporting our fish; please make your interests known in larger circles."

**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!

**North Mokelumne Project with Sac-Sierra TU:** As reported by Barbara Bania, "Sac-Sierra was unable to implement the Moke project this year due to BLM safety concerns about the use of root wads in that particular location. Our Embrace-A-Stream project coordinator in the southern part of our territory has identified some alternate projects with the help of the USFS & BLM, and we are attempting to develop an EAS project in the Placer/Nevada County of our territory as well."

**STATUS REPORT on current legislation —**

Nothing new to report here.

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT sent –**

We are sending a letter of support against the new proposed OHV areas in the Tahoe National Forest. From Trout Unlimited: "The Tahoe National Forest recently released their Draft Environmental Impact Statement for motorized travel. Roads are by far the largest cause of habitat loss and poor water quality. The outcome of this plan directly affects our local fisheries!

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is part of the National Environmental Policy Act, and is a process that federal agencies must follow when making modifications to their existing management plans, or in this case, creating an entirely new plan. Public opinion greatly influences the final decision and implementation of the DEIS.

Specifically, the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) is considering adding motorized routes along the west bank of the Little Truckee River

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(between Stampede and Boca Reservoirs), both sides of Prosser Creek (below Prosser Dam), and routes that penetrate Castle Peak and West Yuba Agency Inventoried Roadless Areas, into its final motorized system. The TNF is also considering keeping Boca, Stampede, and Prosser Reservoirs open below the high water line, as OHV play areas. If things remain status quo, we will continue to see habitat loss and decline in fishing opportunities. These routes are not formally adopted into the National Forest Transportation System as of yet, and California sportsmen have a very good chance at stopping their continued use.”

Individuals may send their own comments about the DEIS: [tnf\\_rte\\_desig@fs.fed.us](mailto:tnf_rte_desig@fs.fed.us). The public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ends December 26, 2008.

**SAGEHEN ENTOMOLOGY CLINIC – SAVE THE DATE!** Tentative dates for this wonderful and very educational experience are June 13th –14th. A separate article will be posted at a later date with details.

The next conservation committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 PM at the Round Table Pizza in Granite Bay (Douglas Blvd at Auburn Folsom). **The Delta Vision and PPIC reports will be the main topic of discussion at this meeting. Any feedback you may have on these should be communicated to me, so I may take that feedback back to the NCCFFF Conservation Network Meeting on January 24th.**

All are welcome to attend. Hope you've had a safe and Happy New Year! ~Robin, (916) 396-0030, [Tggr514@yahoo.com](mailto:Tggr514@yahoo.com).

**Fishing the Deschutes River Area, Oregon**

This was a seven-day fishing trip that has great potential for GBF members. This river is set in a high plains desert canyon some eighty yards wide and flowing at 5,000 cfm. The river runs from South to North and dumps into the Columbia. The folks at the Deschutes Canyon Fly Shop set up two guided walk-in fishing adventures for Gary Rhea & I. They also offer footing trips as well. The Deschutes is catch & release only and no fishing from the boat or any floating object on the river. Our guide, Brandon, was very knowledgeable and certainly knew the river.

Gary & I flew to Portland with our wives on Monday June 16th. We drove to Welches, Oregon located just below Mount Hood. We stayed in the Whispering Woods Resort in Welches which has access to the Salmon River where Gary & I spent time fishing in this cold mountain river.

Gary and I started fishing the upper 10 miles of the Deschutes River on Tuesday morning after meeting up with our guide at the fly shop in Maupin, which

sits just above the river. About mid-day Gary, feeling the force of the river current in his legs, leaned against a rock just ten feet into the flowing river for a moments reprieve from the river. Yes, you guessed it - he slid off with all the grace of a fisherman knowing he was about to take water into his waders! It was entertaining to watch and he never let go of his rod. We were having so much fun it was 7:00 pm before we stopped fishing and headed back to Welches, some 58 miles around Mt. Hood. The wild trout we caught ranged from 8 to 12 inches and fought like fish twice their size.

We took Wednesday off and spent the day with our wives and friends touring the Hood River region and took time to ride the Mount Hood Railroad, the Odell Excursion. Unless you are a train nut you should skip this attraction. We continued our journey around to the Columbia River with a stop at Multnomah Falls Lodge, where we had a wonderful experience and a hardy lunch with the unbelievable falls visible behind us.

On Thursday we fished the lower 25 miles of the Deschutes River again with Brandon and had an even better day using both dry flies (Green Drakes during a hatch) and Nymphs with split shot and indicators. Sometimes it was hard to focus on fishing with 500-foot canyon walls stratified with multiple layers of volcanic deposits and abundant wildlife all around. We observed a fresh water otter, mating chucker, deer, eagles with two chicks and, of course, snakes.

On Friday we again toured with our wives and took a lunch cruise on the Portland Spirit. Both the cruise and the food were worth the fare. On Saturday we fished the Salmon River in the morning with little to show for our efforts. That afternoon we fished the Deschutes lower section again with some success on our own. So on Sunday, Gary & I again drove to the Deschutes and fished half a day with limited success.

All three fly shop owners we spoke to told us of the great September/October Steelhead and Salmon fishing along the Deschutes. Given the lack of our own salmon season, Oregon may be an option for some of you. I would be happy to share any information on our travels and fishing with anyone interested.

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**Fly Tyers Corner**

by Bill Carnazzo

**Bill's Big Fish Fly**

This fly is based on a pattern created by Al Beatty. He calls it the Hackle-Top Hopper. When I read his article in Trout magazine, I immediately tied a few and tested them out. My findings were that, tied correctly, the fly floats high, has great appeal to fish, and is very easy to see on the water. It worked well fished by itself, but I really liked it fished as the surface fly in a "hopper-dropper" setup. It can support a couple of flies and 1 or two split shot. I have never liked Stimulators for October Caddis adults (heaven knows I have used them for many years) because of the very unrealistic way that they sit up on the water surface instead of floating flush on the surface film as do October Caddis adults. The name I have given the much-modified fly is "Bill's Big Fish Fly." The reason is contained in the name itself. The fly is not overly difficult to tie, but it does require some intermediate tying skills.

**Tying Instructions**

1. Debarb the hook, place it in your vise, and cover the shank with thread.



Steps 1 and 2

2. Just above the back of the barb tie in a 12" piece of 2x or 3x monofilament. This will become the hackle post;

we will wind the hackle around the monofilament. If you have a gallows tool with your vise, use it to hold the monofilament tightly in a vertical position. If you don't have a gallows tool, attach the mono to your light or figure out some other makeshift way.



Steps 3 and 4

3. At the same point, tie in a long furnace or brown saddle hackle. Wind it counterclockwise and upward around the mono in widely spaced turns; when you reach the

1" point begin winding downward in very close turns. If done correctly, this method will allow you to achieve 30-40 turns. This helps to provide flotation.

4. When you have reached the shank with the saddle hackle turns, tie off the hackle in front of the post. It helps to let your hackle pliers hang over the shank and release the tension on the mono. You can pull the mono/hackle backward and out of the way while you are tying the hackle down.

5. Cut a 1/8" strip of orange 2mm foam, making a point at one end. Tie the pointed end in just ahead of the hackle post and move your thread forward to the 1/3 point on the shank.



Step 5



Step 6

6. Wrap the foam strip forward in close, interlocked turns. Don't stretch the foam as it destroys its floatation qualities. Tie the foam off at the 1/3

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**MATERIAL LIST**

- Hook: Daiichi 1260 #6, 8
- Thread: Orange 8/0
- Hackle post: Tippet material, at least 3x
- Hackle: Furnace or brown dry fly quality saddle hackle
- Abdomen: Orange closed cell foam, 2mm thickness
- Thorax: Creamy orange Buggy Nymph dubbing
- Under wing: Orange crystal flash
- Wing: Burnt orange deer hair
- Legs: Pumpkin colored Sili-Legs

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point. This leaves the front 1/3 of the hook for the rest of the steps.



Step 7

8. At the same point, tie in a small bunch of orange crystal flash. Trim it so that it extends just slightly beyond the hook bend.

9. Cut a small bunch of burnt orange deer hair, measure it to shank length, and tie it in at the same point, tips facing to the rear. Don't stack the hair.



Steps 8 and 9



Step 10

directly behind the hook eye with the tips pointing out over the eye. Keep the hair directly on top of the hook. Wrap rearward, covering up all of the butts. Place a drop of superglue on the tied-down butts.

11. Dub a thorax of creamy orange Buggy Nymph, leaving the thread at the 1/3 point. To achieve this you'll need to dub rearward from the hook eye to the 1/3 point.

12. Gather up the second bunch of deer hair and

7. Apply some Flexa-ment to the top of the body, and then bring the hackle post over the body. Pull it tightly forward, making sure it is directly on top of the body. Tie it off at the 1/3 point.

pull it directly upward; make sure you have all of the hair, and smooth it out as much as possible. Bring it over the thorax, forming a nice bullet head. Make sure that there is no space left between the front of the bullet head and the hook eye.



Step 11

13. Tie the hair down at the 1/3 point. As you do this, push the hair down at the tie-down point, in order to make the hair splay outward. Place a tiny drop of superglue at the tie-down point.



Steps 12 and 13

14. Double a strand of pumpkin Sili-Leg material. Place it on top of the fly with the middle of its length at the wing tie-down point. Wrap 3 loose turns of thread over the leg material, and then cut the doubled loop. Pull one of the two sections down onto the far side of the hook, and the other onto the close side of the hook. Wrap the legs down tightly.

15. Whip finish between the legs and trim the thread. Apply glossy head cement to the top of the bullet head. This increases durability and provides a nice finish to the fly.

### Hints

1. When making the wing sections on this fly, don't stack the hair—it gives the wing a more natural profile.

2. Make a black stripe on the top of the wing, along the shank axis, using a black Sharpie.

3. Before fishing the Big Fish Fly, apply silicone paste to the entire fly. Use only a small amount. When the fly begins to lose its floatation, immerse it in floatant powder and rub the powder in with your fingers. It will float like a cork after this treatment.

4. I tie this same fly with an amber body to imitate a Golden Stonefly; all black to imitate a cricket; in yellow and olive to imitate a hopper; and with a yellow-olive body and black wing to imitate a Skwala Stonefly.

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:**	
Beginning	January 10, 24
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)	TBA, in February in conjunction with general meeting
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 set after we determine the date for the entomology school at Sagehen Creek, so as to avoid conflicting dates.



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

by Larry Lee

This is the third article about selecting guide types, guide sizes, and guide spacing for two-handed fly rods (also called Spey rods). I was intending this to be the last article of the series on two-handed rods, but realized there is much more information that I realized that needs to be covered.

### Guide Selection for two-handed Rods:

Two or three stripper double foot guides typically make up the first two or three guides above the handle. These guides have a ceramic-ring located in the center of a stamped metal guide (see photo). This type of guide is also sometimes used on single handed fly rods, but are primarily used with bait casting or spinning rods. There are a number of materials used to make the ceramic ring such as silicon carbide (SiC), zirconium, and aluminum oxide ("H" Ring). Each type of ceramic ring has a hardness associated with it, dependent upon the ceramic material. Of the materials listed above, SiC is the hardest material. They are diamond polished to the smoothest surface available in ceramic rings today. SiC offers the finest performance available in terms of wear, hardness, thermal dissipation and low coefficient of friction. Another alternative is the zirconium ring which comes in colors such as blue TiO, tin gold, bronze, chameleon, and titanium-carbide over zirconium. Zirconium rings offer similar performance to SiC at a much lower cost. Rings made from this high-end ceramic offer superb hardness, thermal dissipation and low coefficient of friction.

The metal frame set for the stripper guides are coated in either titanium carbide, chrome, black chrome, or polished stainless steel. The photo illustrates all titanium carbide plated frame sets with gold, blue, titanium carbide, zirconium colored ring sets (shown from left to right). Typical stripper guide sizes used

for two-handed rods are size 12, 16, 20, and sometimes 25. Two-handed rods with line weights of 5, 6, 7, or 8 typically have stripper guide sizes of 12 and 16. Two-handed rods with line weights of 9 and 10 will tend to have stripper guide sizes of 16, 20 or 25.

Snake or single-foot wire guides (see photo) can make up the majority of the guides on a fly rod. They are located between the stripper guide or guides and the tip-top guide. Snake and single-foot wire guides come with different coatings such as titanium carbide, chrome, and black chrome (as illustrated in the photo from left to right). The titanium carbide coating is the hardest, and therefore causes the least amount of line sliding resistance. However, chrome and black chrome coatings are also quite hard and durable. Snake or wire guides used on two-handed rods are typically sized as 3, 4, 5, and 6. Two-handed fly rods with line weights of 5, 6, 7, or 8 will typically use snake or single foot wire guides sizes of 3, 4, and 5, while two-handed fly rods with line weights of 8, 9, or 10, will typically use snake or single foot wire guide sizes of 4, 5, and 6.

A tip-top guide, as its name implies, is located at the tip of the rod. The guide typically consists of a large sized loop. The tube section of the guide, which fits over the blank, is constructed in various diameters, which range from 3.5 to 8.0. Tip-top guides (see photo) are made of the same materials and coatings as snake and single foot wire guides. Some tip-top guides may even have ceramic inserts (far left in photo). These tip-top guides insert sizes are very large (loop size at least 10).

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



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### Great Raffle Prizes

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. Our success at obtaining nice raffle and auction items is directly related to our success at raising the funds needed to pay for club activities in the year ahead. Contribute now and you'll benefit all year!

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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.

### Swap Meet and Chili Cook-Off Debrief

We just experienced another successful year with our swap meet and chili cook-off. I didn't get a head count, but I understand the lower parking lot was full. We had a couple surprises on the swap meet side. In addition to old, worn out float tubes, U-boats and prams being sold, we also had Sturmer's bird-houses (yep, birdhouses), Steve Mueller's golf clubs (yep, golf clubs), my wheel (yep...long story...bought it last year from Bill Carnazzo) and a couple other things that were just on the fringe of fly fishing. I think John Peterson sold a couple of his handmade ornaments and Jim Drake's padded gun case went quickly. By the amount of stuff Bill Carnazzo had for sale I feel confident that his new occupation as a "fence" is a money maker. Karl Wolff tried to peddle some old, beat up, fly boxes and Ray Ito had some neat stuff as well. There were some really good deals on good fly rods, but I don't know if any of them sold. I guess the weak economy hit GBF. Pete was there with a ton of fly fishing books. He was next to Sturmer, so it's possible some of his books got spattered with bird crap.

Which brings us to the chili cook-off. There's an old adage that goes something like this...If you put a bunch of monkeys into a room with a bunch of typewriters, statistically, over time, they will type the Great Books. That came to fruition, because my chili "Just Passin' Thru II" was the crown pleasing favorite among the twelve chili's that entered this year's contest. There was a considerable amount of bribery, avarice and last minute redistribution of votes (cheating),

but I like to think it was the thyme and horseradish that did the trick. Kathy O'Brien's "Mr. Whipple's Revenge" and Bill Hagopian's "Where's Rudolph" were tied for second. Kind of like kissing your sister, don't ya think? Mike Suslin tried to gain favor with the voters by having sour crème, onions, and grated cheese neatly available in front of his chili, but it didn't work, did it Mike. Ha!

Cornbread, butter, honey...it doesn't get much better.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out. It's through your efforts that make these events successful and fun.

. . . Denny Welch

### The Wet Fly Award

The Board is still accepting nominations for the club's infamous Wet Fly Award. This annual recognition is bestowed on the club member that has demonstrated the highest level of 'oneness' with the waters we fish... who has taken that fateful extra step leading to an intimate bonding with the environment of our quarry... who has gone above and beyond the limit of mere waders to immerse him/herself in the world of our noble nemesis... who, in other words, has fallen in the water while fishing!

Who do you know who's slipped, tripped, stumbled, fallen, crashed, capsized, or otherwise gotten soaked while fishing – and won't mind having the story recounted aloud at our annual dinner on March 21st? If you have someone in mind, just contact any Board member to relay the deserving story, ASAP. Remember... think wet!

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### Tech Talk

by Bill Carnazzo  
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### Understanding Fly Lines

At the end of the first article in this series started in the November issue of *The Leader*, I stated that we'd next consider more specialized leaders, such as those used for still water applications, swinging flies, or striper fishing. We'll get back to that in another article. For now, let's concentrate on the basics of fly lines. This article deals only with the basics—i.e., for now we won't go into specialized lines, such as those designed for two-handed rods and those designed for specific salt water and/or tropical applications. Because we are now "on line" with *The Leader*, we'll borrow from various web sites from time to time.

Here we'll use an article found at <http://www.flyfishusa.com/lines/choose-line-home.html> as the basis for our discussion. Please click on the link to this website to read the article on *Choosing the Right Fly Line*. This article is clear and concise enough to clear up some of the initial confusion you'll experience if you are not familiar with fly line basics.

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### Fishmaster's Corner

We have several fishouts scheduled starting in January with Karl Wolff leading the Yuba River fishout. In February, Pete Koistinen will be leading the Yuba River fishout. The space is limited to 15 flyfishers. Since the space is very limited Karl and Pete will be doing a lottery draw, so everyone who signs up will have an equal chance to go. Also in February, Dick Davis and Jim Hunter will lead a fishout at Lake Amador. See the website for more details.

In February, Jim Holmes and Gene Goss are going to talk about still water fishing. We have had several new members this past year and some of you may be new to fly fishing and stillwater fishing. We thought that it might be good to have an on the water class/ fishout in the spring. We would like to have an idea if there would be enough interested, we would then schedule one. Starting at the January GBF meeting and running through the March meeting, we will have signups for people who would be interested in an on the water/fishout class. If there is enough interest we will setup a stillwater fishout in the spring.

In April Bill Osselinski will host another fishout at Rancho Murrieta (more to come in February). This will be a limited number of fishermen and selection will be done with a lottery.

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**Meetings:** General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check [www.gbflycasters.org](http://www.gbflycasters.org), or call Mike Howes at 916-863-6795.

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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