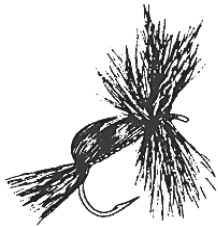


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THE ANGLER'S CORNER

By John C. Till, PRESIDENT GGACC

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE BULLETIN?

We have not been able to publish the number of Bulletins in 2007 that we anticipated.

There are many reasons for the lack of Bulletins, they include, serious illness with Bulletin staff or family and the lack of articles. In past years, we have had many articles, and on occasion, an abundance of articles. Last year (2007) we had a lack of articles despite numerous requests to members and others.

Bob Porter and others have been diligently working with the concept of publishing less than 9 or 10 Bulletins per year; perhaps six or less. However, the concept which is being explored is to have larger and more colorful publications. Bob Porter has met with people who are willing to participate as reporters and perform other functions for the 2008 calendar year.

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENTS: As many of you know, Bob Porter has been working with and changed our website from an unfriendly beast to a user-friendly vehicle. The website now provides an up-to-date calendar of events, copies of past and present Bulletins and a method to pay dues on line. All of his time has been donated.

Computers: we love them and we hate them; as a result of a problem with



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PayPal, membership renewal notices were not able to be sent to the members. Once again Bob Porter to the rescue. By the time this Bulletin reaches you, the problem with PayPal should be corrected to make the dues paying easy.

NO INTERNET ACCESS: Those members who do not have access to the internet, please fill out the attached membership form and return it to La'Moyne Addleman with your payment.

To reiterate, GOLDEN GATE ANGLING & CASTING CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP:

We need help:

1. With the Bulletin—please contact Bob Porter
2. With assisting or teaching fly tying—please contact Larry Watanabe
3. Other areas of expertise which any of the members have—please contact John C. Till.

ISE IN SAN MATEO: The International Sportsmans' Show in San Mateo was another successful event for our club. Once again our club had a booth at the show during the four days of the event this January. We obtained 40 members, approximately half of which had not been prior club members. We taught over 150 people how to fly cast and/or how to improve their fly casting skills. We also instructed 80 children under the age of 12 years how to cast. John C. Till presented eight casting demonstrations and he opened and closed the show at the indoor fly casting pond. GGACC expresses its gratitude to all of the club members who assisted with the booth and the show.

THIS YEAR'S SPEY-O-RAMA: WE NEED TO WORK AS A TEAM FOR THE JIMMY GREEN INTERNATIONAL SPEY-O-RAMA 2008: Your club and I need to plan for the largest event in the club history. It is critical that we plan as far in advance as possible. It is April 18, 19 and 20, 2008.

Here is the real problem—many of the great people who want to participate in the event come from all over the World. Some have very limited budgets. It would be very helpful if our wonderful guests had a free room during the three days. A free room could make the difference as to whether or not certain people come to our event. We need to let them know ASAP so that they can obtain reasonable air tickets. So please contact John C. Till NOW at 650-348-1216 or johnctill@comcast.net so that he can advise the potential participants of the availability of a room. These are wonderful and grateful people who come to visit. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John C. Till.

Also if you are willing to assist with the Spey-O-Rama, please contact John C. Till.

Mel Krieger will be the primary Master of Ceremonies. He will be joined by other luminaries in the fly fishing World to assist with this great event.

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION: THIS NOT a two-handed rod event. As has been said many times before, there are three basic ways to cast a fly, they are:

1. The traditional Overhead casting style;
2. Roll Casting; and
3. Spey Casting.

WHAT SPEY CASTING IS NOT? IT IS NOT JUST FOR THE TWO-HANDED ROD ENTHUSIASTS. Spey casting is for any person, of any casting or fishing ability or experience, to assist him or her to put the fly where the fish are located. In order to effectively spey cast, it is critical that a person have the ability to roll cast and know the principles of overhead casting.

SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS–You are reading this material and therefore you are interested in angling. Therefore you should plan to attend the JIMMY GREEN INTERNATIONAL SPEY-O-RAMA and FLY FISHING FESTIVAL 2008. Make the function a family event, come and learn how to cast single and double handed and how to improve your angling skills. As said before, the event runs for three days April 18, 19 and 20, 2008. We have ordered perfect weather for the event. We have planned meals for all three days. Just briefly, there will be fly tyers, book sellers, equipment manufacturers, casting and angling demonstrations, contests and free casting lessons and games.

For a complete history of the event, I recommend that you read the thread started by our own Robert Pauli on Speypages.com. Please see the link below. <http://www.speypages.com/speyclave/showthread.php?t=25297&highlight=spey+o+rama+2007>

The exact details concerning the events are moving targets, however, as the time gets closer, the exact times of the events, including lessons, demonstrations, etc. will be published. For example we know that we are going to have dinners on both Friday and Saturday night; we will have lunches on Friday and Saturday.

At the present we plan to have a real Hawaiian Luau, replete with a bar-b-qued pig, etc.

FOR MORE UP-TO-THE-MINUTE details, please see Golden Gate Angling & Casting Clubs' Spey-O-Rama.com. The website was created and is maintained by Bob Porter.

I strongly recommend that all anglers join Speypages.com. It is a very informative place to go for most of your fly fishing and angling interests. Spey-O-Rama.com is a free website open to the public. Speypages.com has a small annual fee.

MONTHLY CASTING CLINICS: The free casting clinics continue to be held on a monthly basis. Neither rain, snow nor cold will prevent the clinics from being held. Again, we ask that you register with John C. Till at least three (3) days in advance of the clinic. (John's contact information is 650-348-1216 or johnctill@comcast.net) So far we have not turned any participants away, however, if there is a real shortage of instructors, that policy may change. Additionally, our friends at the California Fly Shop in Belmont have been providing a courtesy lunch for those who attend the casting clinic; it is imperative that they know how many to expect for lunch.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, Section 1, OF THE BYLAWS: Pursuant to the dictates of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors of GGACC has instructed the corporate Secretary to give this notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members which shall be held at the Angler's Lodge in Golden Gate Park on the second Sunday of March, to wit, March 9, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. THERE IS A FREE LUNCH FROM 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.





GOLDEN GATE ANGLING AND CASTING CLUB
 GOLDEN GATE PARK
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA



Membership Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Additional Family Member's Names(if this is an application for a family membership):

First Name _____ Last Name _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt. _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Fee Schedule	New Members	Renewing Members
January to December. NO prorating the dues fee		
Initiation Fee (New Members Only) \$10.00		Not Applicable
Single Membership - \$30.00/yr.		
Family Membership - \$36.00/yr.		
Junior Membership (No Initiation Fee) - \$6.00/yr.		
Total Membership Fee		

Renewing members must pay their dues by March 1 of the calendar year. **Members renewing after that date will be considered new members and must include the initiation fee.**

A check for the initiation fees and membership dues must accompany this application. Please make your check payable to **Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club**. Please mail your check with the completed application to the Membership Chairperson:

La'Moyne Addleman Email: membership@ggacc.org
601 Van Ness Ave, Suite E3-404, San Francisco, CA 94102

The GGACC is a volunteer organization which grows through member participation. First year members are requested to participate in one of the following activities. The Board believes that participation in these activities is a great way to meet other club members and become an active participant in the club:

- Reporter and writer for The Bulletin
- Set up and cleanup for club dinners
- Scorekeeping for tournaments
- Website maintenance and design
- Maintain club casting equipment
- Plan and teach fly tying, knot tying or other fishing related seminars

In order to help us provide and plan events that will be of interest to you, please indicate which types of events you are most interested in:

- Casting instruction
- Clinics on techniques and skills
- Dinner presentations & speakers
- Other, please specify: _____
- Fly tying instruction
- Competition casting to improve casting/fishing
- Fishing excursions



GOLDEN GATE ANGLING AND CASTING CLUB
GOLDEN GATE PARK
SAN FRANCISCO, CA



Membership Application (continued)

The lodge and pools are a public park facility operated and maintained on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco by the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club for the benefit of the public interested in using the facilities. The GGACC does not discriminate in its membership application or acceptance procedures on the basis of race, color, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, sex, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or any other grounds prohibited by law. Any complaint concerning allegations of discrimination should be reported to the Recreation & Parks Department of the City and County of San Francisco, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park.

You are most welcome at the Lodge. The casting pools are available at all times. Most club activities are scheduled for weekends. There are members on hand during these times to assist you with casting and to answer any questions regarding the Club's membership and activities.

GENERAL RELEASE (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

I understand that the Golden Gate Angling & Casting, (hereafter the "Club") is a year-round casting and fishing club, which sponsors a variety of activities, including casting, wading, boating, camping, angling, travel, and other sports and social events. I am aware that many of the Club's activities, are inherently dangerous activities, which could involve the risk of serious injury or even death. I understand that the Club is a non-profit organization and that its members, officers, directors, delegates, committee chairpersons, committee members and instructors serve only in the capacity of volunteers. I agree that by participating in any Club-related activity, I am responsible for my own safety and agree that I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks involved in any such activity. Initial _____

In addition, and to the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree that I will not institute any Lawsuit or other legal action against the Club, its officers, directors, delegates, committee chairpersons, committee members, instructors, agents, representatives, servants, assigns, or the City of San Francisco, as a result of my participation or injury at any Club-related activity, nor will I institute any lawsuit or other legal action against Club members as a result of my participation or injury at any Club-related activity, nor will I voluntarily assist anyone else in the pursuit of any such lawsuit or other legal action. I also agree to release the Club, its officers, directors, delegates, committee chairpersons, committee members, instructors, agents, representatives, servants, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, actions, suits, judgment, damages, and costs that may result by reason of my participation in or injury from any Club-related activity. I further agree to release Club members from any and all liability, claims actions, suits, judgment, damages and costs that may result by reason of my participation in or injury from any Club-related activity. This Release shall bind me, my distributees, heirs, executors, representatives, successors and assigns. I understand and acknowledge that the Club is acting in reliance upon agreements made by me in this Release in order to extend to me the benefits of membership in the Club and that, were I not willing to abide by the terms of this document, such membership and opportunity to participate in Club-related activities would not be extended to me. I further understand and acknowledge that Club-related activities would not be extended to me. I further understand and acknowledge that Club members are acting in reliance upon agreements made by me in this Release in volunteering their services and, in some instances, and that, were I not willing to abide by the terms of this document, their services and homes would not be extended to me.

I have read, understand and agree with the above "general release of liability".

By signing this application, I further agree to abide by the letter and the spirit of all terms and conditions set forth in the governing documents, including the by-laws and regulations of the GGACC, and to accept responsibility for the proper use of the Anglers' Lodge, the Club Property, and members' property at all times.

 Signature

 Date

MEL KRIEGER CASTING SCHOOL
SATURDAY April 12, 2008 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This casting clinic is offered ***at no-charge*** to club members and the general public. The clinic will be held at the finest casting facility in the world "**THE GOLDEN GATE ANGLING AND CASTING CLUB**" located in Golden Gate Park.

Lunch will be available for the nominal fee of \$5.00/person.



Recognized for three decades as the **top fly fishing instructor** in the United States and much of the world, **Mel Krieger** is famous for a fine-tuned teaching approach that makes learning the sport easy, fast, and lots of fun!

Tens of thousands of fly casters have learned the fundamentals at Mel's elbow, including many of the world's finest fishermen, champion casters, expert anglers, guides, and instructors.

Mel has taught fly casting and fly fishing in Europe, Asia, South Africa, South America, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Canada. The Mel Krieger Method of teaching is quick and successful. His polished, enthusiastic presentation quickly de-mystifies the dynamics of fly casting.

All persons who are interested in learning the basics of fly casting or who are seasoned fly casters who wish to improve certain aspects of their casting are cordially invited.

FREE LOANER RODS, REELS AND LINES ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. If you do not have your own equipment, please arrive at 9:15 a.m. We have 55 outfits and therefore we usually have a sufficient quantity of rods.

The clinic will feature Mel Krieger trained Fly Fishing Federation Certified Fly Casting Instructors.

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2008

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ANGLERS LODGE

GOLDEN GATE PARK

Please register with John C. Till at 650-348-1216 or till@ix.netcom.com at least two days in advance (use "Mel's Day" as the subject)

Casting Tips

With Floyd Dean

GETTING READY FOR THE DOUBLE HAUL



FLOYD BEGAN HIS JOURNEY TO MASTER FLY CASTING INSTRUCTOR WITH CHILDHOOD SUMMERS SPENT FISHING THE STREAMS THAT FLOW OUT OF THE TETON MOUNTAINS NEAR DRIGGS, IDAHO. IT WAS THERE THAT HE FIRST BECAME AWARE THAT THERE WAS FISHING, AND THEN THERE WAS FLY-FISHING: HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH HIS UNCLER'S FLY RODS. IT WOULD NOT BE UNTIL 1989 THAT FLOYD WOULD TAKE UP FLY-FISHING IN EARNEST. AND THEN, THROUGH DEDICATED PRACTICE, HE MOVED UP THE LADDER TO BECOME ONE OF THE TOP CASTERS IN THE NATION. IN ADDITION TO THE 'DEDICATED PRACTICE,' FLOYD FREELY CREDITS HIS STELLAR POSITION TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS TAKEN UNDER THE WING OF SOME OF THE GREATS IN THE FLY-FISHING AND CASTING WORLD. AND NOW HE TOO HAS BECOME ONE OF THE ROUGHLY 70 PEOPLE IN THE US WHO HAS ACHIEVED THE LEVEL OF FEDERATION OF FLY FISHING MASTER FLY CASTING INSTRUCTOR.

A couple of years ago, I had the opportunity to spend one and a half months fishing and teaching casting in Alaska. I had many exciting grizzly bear encounters and great fishing. The highlight of the trip was catching my first silver salmon, (and many more) with a pink pollywog on the surface. It was like bass fishing for silvers. It's the most difficult and exciting way to catch them. Long casts of 80 to 100 feet are beneficial because you need to cover a lot of water and a lot of fish to find that one that will rise to the surface. The further you can cast, the more likely your success. That's one of the reasons we're working on the double haul.

If you have been working on your casting up to the level of false casting, the ninth article in the series, You should have developed the nice tight controlled loops that you need to shoot line, single haul and yes, even double haul.

A 35-foot cast is about the maximum distance most trout fishers need. But, now we're going fishing for silver salmon and you may even want to try your luck at tarpon or bone fishing. These fish are rarely taken under 35 feet. In most cases it's 50 to 75 feet or greater. That means you have to shoot line off of your 35-foot false cast.

SHOOTING LINE

To accomplish this, begin with 35 feet of line in front of you. Go back to your basics. Make a few roll casts. Make a few pick up and lay downs. Make a few false casts. Open and tighten your loop with control. Have enough energy in your casts so that the fly, leader and line turn over powerfully in the air. When you are confident that your loops are narrow enough and have enough power driving forward, you will be ready to shoot line. This is going to be a one handed operation using the casting hand only.

Strip out an additional 5 feet of line from the reel. Be sure the line is locked to the handle of the rod with the middle finger of your casting hand while stripping. You will have a total of 40 feet of line off the reel. The loop should hang nearly to the ground. You still have only 35 feet of line out beyond the rod/casting hand. About 2 1/2 feet of line hangs down towards the ground and the other 2 1/2 feet of line comes back up to the reel. It's a 5-foot loop, total.

Set the cast in motion by roll casting it out to straighten the slack, pick up

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the line and false cast until your loops are powerful and in control. As you are false casting, at the point where you stop the rod on the forward cast and you see a loop that is well formed, say to yourself, "Nice loop!" then, let the line go with the middle finger. You have to see and feel that good loop pulling the line before you let go. If timed correctly, that loop will pull the 5 feet of slack through the guides. If you have your drag set very loosely, you will hear a click, which will tell you that you have enough energy to shoot additional line. Repeat this process until you hear that click of the reel and feel a tug on the reel. Keep adding and shooting line 5 feet at a time. You will find the tempo; timing, acceleration and power will need to increase as you add line.

When you have accomplished shooting 10 or more feet of line on the forward cast, you will be ready to do it on the back cast. The back cast procedure is just the reverse of the forward cast. But it is more difficult because you can't see what you are doing. Here we have to feel that good loop and know when to let go. And, there's no peeking, don't make a habit of watching your loop. It will distort your cast. You have to develop good timing, tempo and feel in the back cast. It does take practice.

THE HAUL ON THE BACK CAST

The rod will only bend a certain amount when using only the casting hand. The haul is used to pull the line back through the guides to increase the line speed and bend or load in the rod. Increasing the load on the rod increases the distance you can cast.

Begin by learning the single haul on the back cast without moving the left hand. Lay 35 feet of line straight out on the water, (This is more difficult to learn on grass). Hold your tip low. Grasp the line in the left hand thumb and forefinger. Pull out an additional 5 feet of line off the reel. Holding the line with your thumb and forefinger put your little finger in your front pants pocket. Your left hand must not move at this stage. Now, just lift the tip of the rod and accelerate into the stop position for the back cast, at about 1:30. Allow the line to turn over behind you. Accelerate the rod forward and down to your lay down stop position as in the wet fly cast, at around 9:30. Pull the tip of the rod through the cast. Be careful not to push. You will have created a single haul on your back cast without moving your left hand. Now, to introduce the left hand movement it is important to know that the rod bends first and then the haul is added to increase the load and bend in the rod. This important aspect of timing the haul can be developed with the following exercises.

Lay 35 feet of line out on the water. Pull 2 to 3 feet of line off the reel. This should create a loop between the reel and the first stripping guide of approximately 5 feet. Hold the rod tip low to the water and grasp the line just below the first stripping guide with your left thumb and forefinger. Lift the line off the water and begin accelerating to the back cast stop position. As you do this, your left hand will be following the rod up. When only 1 foot of fly line and the leader are touching the water, haul forward and down with the line hand, on about the same plane with the guides and the rod. So that when it is time to feed the line up through the guides on the

back cast, the line will slide up more easily. Your haul should only be 12" to 18" in length. When you reach the stop in the back cast, you will feel the loop pull the slack line through the guides and into the back cast. Follow the line as it pulls up through the guides with the line hand to the reel.

As you practice this movement, say to yourself, "Lift, lift, lift, haul." or "Bend, bend, bend, haul." This will help your tempo and timing. Remember not to haul too fast or too hard, just enough to add a little more bend in the rod. It should be smooth. The haul should match your rod movement and speed. There should be a balance of power.

Practice this until you can feel the slack line being pulled through the guides by the loop into the back cast. Be careful not to create slack by moving your line hand too soon. You must maintain a little tension in the fly line between the stripping guide and your left hand.

If this is not working for you, there could be tackle problems. Make sure your line is clean and well lubricated with a line dressing. And, while you are learning to do this, it's a good idea to use a line that is heavier than recommended for the rod. For example, a 6 wt. or 7wt. line could be used on a 5wt. rod. Also, you should be using a weight forward line.

When you have achieved the single haul into the back cast you can work on adding the haul to the forward cast. Next month's article will offer more tools to help you develop a good double haul. We will use the palm up and side arm method to develop control and timing. Soon, you will be able to reach those silvers, tarpon and bonefish!

Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding these articles or casting in general at dean4fish@aol.com. Or on my web site, floyddeaanflycasting.com

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"Papa" Hemingway

It is well known that as well as being a great writer Ernest Hemingway was an avid fisherman. In books such as "Islands in the Stream" and "The Old Fisherman" he shows us his artistic genius.

So here's a chance for us all to walk in his footsteps. Your GGACC Bulletin is looking for club member articles to be placed in future issues. Share with us those special fishing techniques you have developed or discovered, your favorite fly or fly tying tip, or perhaps a story of a truly great fishing experience. We can't guarantee a future career as a novelist, but your contribution will enhance the Bulletin and be appreciated by fellow members. You can submit your articles to Bob Porter.



TRINITY SHANGRI-LA

By Hugh McDermott

The start to my most enjoyable fishing outings usually begins with homemade chicken pot pie *Colusa-Style*. By this measure, an impromptu invitation for some late January Trinity steelhead fishing was already looking promising as I sat down for dinner at Casa Dollosso. The rains had finally stopped, water levels had dropped and the local report indicated the Trinity was “green.” Perfect conditions.

We set off at 4 AM and made the put-in at Rush Creek just about day-break. Evidence of the recent rains was still around with several inches of snow still covering shaded areas along the river and much of the higher elevation. We could not be sure of if we were seeing valley fog or overcast skies but felt it was a further good omen. We dropped the pickup downstream and headed back upstream for a quick breakfast before suiting up and getting under way.

It was a big football playoff weekend and by our logic, we figured there would be fewer fisherman to contend with on the river. We could not have been more right, or more fortunate, as the weekend unfolded. We were joined by only a single Fold-a-Boat as we set off downstream. The plan was simple: head straight to our special spot and bypass all the holes and good water in-between. Our spot was framed by a long slightly riffled straight section emptying into a pool that held a deep back-eddy before dropping downstream into two more holes. Along the way, we actually made a few token casts but mostly I think we were taken up with the task of getting to our special place.





Isn't it funny how certain fishing spots become special? And what makes them so special? In this instance, our spot had no prior history of delivering any spectacular results for either of us. In fact, our combined total life count in this spot amounted to only three half-pounders! Nonetheless, we both agreed aloud that this was about the most perfect looking fish-holding spot on the river and the opportunity and privilege of having it to ourselves was perhaps what made it so special.

We beached the boat on a small gravel bar and set-up our rods. Almost immediately it was "fish-on" and the first steelhead was netted after a few minutes. A nice 7-8 lb. steelhead—so bright that we joked that it still had sea-lice. Over the next couple of hours we dialed-in our indicator drifts and tested a few different nymphs for the upper hole. *Upper hole score:* four nice steelhead and at least four more hooked and lost. The lower hole was still proving a bit elusive however as it only gave up a single steelhead to end the day with a combined total of five fish landed in our special spot. A fantastic day!



Day two we abandoned any pretense of fishing on the way downstream. We vowed to be the first to our spot and hit the river at daybreak. We rowed the boat like a rental, banging and clanging over rocks and shallows along the way and landed on our hole like a miner staking his claim. Our plan was to hold it and fish it until either our arms dropped off or our feet froze.

We took up our same positions on the holes as a day earlier. I made some slight modifications to the two nymph rig as I fished the lower hole. With a day's practice and observation under my belt, I decided to try slightly different sections of the water – mostly consisting of putting my drift 6-12 inches closer to the far bank than the day before. Within 20 minutes, the changes paid off and the first steelhead was landed—a bright one,



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complete with the imaginary sea lice! Shortly thereafter, the upper hole gave up its first fish of the day.

THEN IT HAPPENED AND WE ENTERED THE ZONE. For the next several hours, barely 15 minutes would pass between hooking fish—with more than one instance of a double hook-ups occupying us both. Hooked, lost and occasionally broken-off fish quickly outnumbered those landed. In one memorable sequence, what was thought to be a monster steelhead turned out to be a hen, foul-hooked in the dorsal. Eventually we used the to boat to chase it as it porpoised relentlessly downstream—nearly spooling me in the process.

Reluctantly we made our way downstream to the take-out as the day ended. We passed several other fisherman and almost all reported being skunked for the day.

We ended the outing with a nearly a dozen steelhead landed and perhaps twice that number in takes and lost fish. Our grins practically lit our way to the parking lot. Our *SHANGRI-LA* was now more special than ever.







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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

02/22-02/24, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm--The Fly Fishing Show

03/02, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--Jimmy Green Spey Games - Spey Casting, Overhead Casting

03/08, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

03/09, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm--GGACC Board of Directors Meeting

03/09, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm--Members Free Lunch at the Club

03/09, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm--GGACC Annual Membership Meeting

03/16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Trout Fly, Dry Fly, 5wt Combo, 5/8 oz

04/12, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm--Mel's Day - Learn to Fly Cast From the Master

04/18-04/20, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm--Jimmy Green International SPEY-O-RAMA & Fly Casting Festival

05/03, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm--Kistler Ranch Fish-out

05/10, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

05/18-05/23, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm--Annual Bay to Breakers Race

05/25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Dry Fly, Wet Fly, 5/8 oz, Angler's Fly

06/06-06/08, 2:00 pm to 1:00 pm--Sugar Creek Ranch Fish Outing (Limit 12)

06/08, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Trout Fly, Bass Bug, #5 Combo, Wet Fly

06/14, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

07/12, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

07/20, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Dry Fly, #5 Combo, 5/8 oz, Angler's Fly

08/04-08/09, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm--American Casting Association 100th National Tournament

08/31, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Bass Bug, Wet Fly, 1/4 oz, 5/8 oz

09/13, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

10/11, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm--Northwestern Casting Tournament (day one)

10/12, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm--Northwestern Casting Tournament (day two)

11/08, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

11/16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Turkey Shoot: Dry Fly, Wet Fly, 5/8 oz.

11/30, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--Jimmy Green Spey Games - Spey Casting, Overhead Casting

12/13, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm--Free Casting Lessons at the GGACC Angler's Ponds

12/14, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--ACA Casting Tournament - Director's Cup: Trout Fly, Bass Bug, 5/8 oz

12/21, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm--Jimmy Green Spey Games - Spey Casting, Overhead Casting

Free casting lessons for the public will be held on the second Saturday of each month.

9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Please register with John Till, Casting Chair

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