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for signifying diameter. What it boils down to is .011 is the base number. All adding and subtracting it started with .011. To find out what "X" a particular material is: take the thousandth diameter of a material, say .003, subtract that from .011 and you get a number 8, add the letter X to it and the material is 8X. To find the thousandths of the material: take the 8X number, subtract it from .011 and you get 3. Call it 3 thousandths and you have the diameter. The only reason I can see for the "X" system rather than just saying what thousandth it is, is to keep bait fishermen puzzled.



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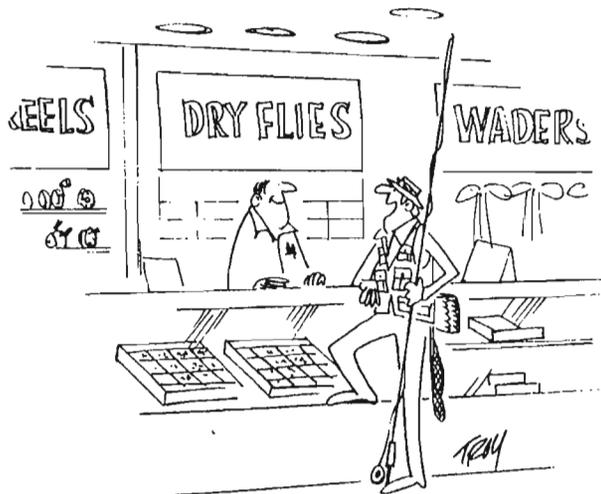
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I'll have a Ginger Quill, and make it extra dry, please.

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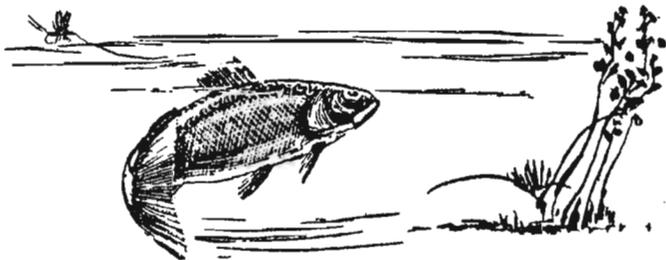
by Morris Schlesinger

In this modern day of computer science I'm quite certain that each of us has heard the experssion, "the computer is down". Well, by way of explanation why this news letter is late, "my computer was never up". The sale of my Apple IIE and the purchase of an IBM has thrown the Leader Editor into a different world of computers and programs. Thanks to Jim Pratt and Warren Schoenmann, I am now semi-literate in the use of my new word processing program. Hopefully, the new system will enhance the timing of the Leader in the future.

## MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING-MAY 14, 1987

by Warren Schoemann

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the President Morrie Schlesinger.



one major consideration must be taken into effect: people cast differently. Using a leader with many sections allows slight adjustments to section length. In effect, "tuning" the leader to your style of casting, without a major change in taper and leader strength. One method of "speeding up" a leader, so that it doesn't fall back on itself, is by cutting out an inch piece from each section of the belly. You may need to cut more -- experiment. Take for instance the 9'er formula given the belly section of the leader is the .012 material down to the .007 material. Chopping an inch from each section speeds up the fastest part of the leader to begin with, the middle, by shortening it 5". To "slow down" a leader turnover, so it doesn't slap the fly down hard on the water, simply lengthen the tippet by 6" at a time. These slight changer in length do not alter the overall length much, but can change the performance considerably with regard to turnover.

Probably the most standard guideline to leader tapering is a breakdown in percentages of butt, belly, and tippet: 60% butt, 20% belly and 20% tippet. My formulas tend towards 50% butts 30% belly and 20% tippet, mostly for adjustments in the belly for turnover control. There is a leader formula in the "Curtis Creek Manifesto" that is the most radical change in butt, belly and tippet relationship that I have seen: 30% butt, 40% belly and 30% tippet.

To end this part of this leader article, I would like to briefly explain the "X" system

Fish this pattern slow and deep (count to 20 or 30) with and erratic strip and be prepared for a good fish.

LEADERS  
BY  
MIKE MONROE

Part III (a second series will begin next issue)

One thing further that I would like to mention about material compatability is at what diameters I convert from Maxima to Nylorfi for tippetts. I change to Nylorfi at .009 with a blood knot or loop system. Maxima is a bit stiffer and can cut the Nylorfi. When I was fishing in Montana a few years back, I discovered that I was continually changing leaders for different spots that I would fish. Soon after that, I devised a method of building a leader that I could quickly and easily convert from 9' to 14' utilizing the same butt section. Here is the formula I came up with.

Using the basic 12.5' as a butt section, I put a loop to loop at .010 and looped in Nylorfi from .009 to .007 for tippetts in a 9' length leader. For 12' leader, I would start at the .010 loop and work out to the 12' length using the formula given. For the 14' length, I would start at the .010 loop and add 6" to each piece including the tippet.

When using someone else's leader formulas,

Old Business:

The club picnic was discussed and last minute problems were settled.

The non-profit application was returned by the IRS for more information. They will be contacted and the application resubmitted.

Morrie is working with legal advisors on completing the incorporation papers.

Jim Pratt and John Hardin reported on the Finnon Fishout. It was a huge success. A great time was had by everyone at our reserved camp area.

This months workshop will be on Shad Fly tying and Shad Fly fishing gear. Terry Eggleston and Dave Howard reported that the Shad are starting up the American so fishing should pick up very soon.

New appointments this month are: John Hardin -Public Relations committee chairperson. and Bill Stobbe -Conservation committee chairperson. Thanks for volunteering and welcome aboard.

This evenings program was presented by Ralph Cutter on "Wild Trout Waters of California accessible by auto."

Ralph revealed some very good fishing tips and showed slides on where the good fishing lakes and streams are. Thanks for a very interesting and enjoyable program, Ralph.

Visitor to this evenings meeting was Mark Volkoff. Thanks for attending and we hope you enjoyed it enough to come back often.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING - June 11, 1987 by Ken Winkleblack

Our June 11 program will feature our own Fred Gordon with his program on "Fishing the Upper Sacramento". The Grassvalley Club conned Fred into giving them his show before I even knew he had one. I found out about it from the rave reviews that their program chair gave him. This should be a good opportunity to get real details on a fairly local river with some real respectable trout. By popular demand, our second feature "Float Tubing" will be shown for all who wish to stay and see it. The film must be returned soon.

Future programs will include:

Bill Kiene - "Bone Fishing at Christmas Islands" Ken Winkleblack - The Club Trip to the Babine"

TREASURERS REPORT  
by Dave Davy

FISHMASTER'S REPORT  
by Jim Pratt

FAMILY CAMP & FISHOUT AT MORNINGSTAR June 27  
& 28

interruption, but we'll attempt to keep the series going. The Sheep Creek SPecial has been suggested by several members and seems to work on all gamefish although I'm not exactly sure why.

The origin of this fly, although claimed by a few, actually came from Merve Taylors's "Float Tube Book", with the emerger (wingless) being developed by Warren Schoenmann and the disco or studio version added later with the addition of 3 strands of crystal hair in the wing.

#### SHEEP CREEK SPECIAL

Hook: 9674 ring eye, size 8 or 10  
Thread: Olive, danville 6/0, prewaxed  
Weight: 1 amp fuse wire  
Body: Olive chenille, fine  
Hackle: Brown, 1.5 x gap  
Wing: Barred Mallard or Teal

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Leave space for a head, wrap about 6 to 10 wraps of 1 amp fuse wire.
2. Lay a base of olive thread from the head back to just above the barb.
3. Tie in a brown hackle (by the tip) about 3 wraps and 1.5 x gap and directly above the barb.
4. Attach olive chenille and wrap forward and tie off leaving space for a head.
5. Attach about 30 fibers of barred mallard as a wing making sure the wing is just short of the hackle feather.
6. Finish off with a neat head and lacquer.

the excessive heat and smoke it creates.

Melt enough butter to generously coat your fish fillets plus a little. Heat a cast iron skillet until it is beyond the smoking stage, at least 10 minutes. The skillet cannot be too hot for this dish.

Thoroughly combine seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl. Dip each fillet in butter so that both sides are well coated; then sprinkle seasoning mix generously and evenly on both sides. Place in the hot skillet and pour 1 (one) teaspoon melted butter on top of each fillet (be careful, as the butter may flame up). Cook about 2 to 3 minutes on each side until done. The outside should look charred or blackened.

#### SEASONING MIX

1 tablespoon sweet paprika  
2.5 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon ground red pepper (Cayenne)  
.75 teaspoon white pepper  
.75 teaspoon black pepper  
.5 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
.5 teaspoon oregano leaves

Those of us that were at the Finnon family outing or the club picnic experienced and enjoyed this unique taste satisfying dish.

FLY TYER'S CORNER  
by Terry Eggleston

This is the first in a series of flies to help you catch more fish. I'll be guiding in Alaska this summer so there may be a short

Everyone had such a terrific time at the family campout at Finnon, we've scheduled another at Morning Star (Big Reservoir). Come early and prepare to have a good time. This lake is privately stocked every week, which means kids of all ages should have no trouble catching fish and you don't need a license to fish.

Bring standard camping and fishing gear (no restrictions), including garden hackle for catfish. No gas motors, but electric or prams or float tubes would be convenient. The lake contains Rainbow, catfish, and Black bass. Swimming and hiking will also be popular activities. A little firewood and a folding chair would be handy for the evening bonfire. Be sure to take your "Hot" showers before dark as there are no lights in that building.

The rates seem to be a little stiff if we compare them to the free areas we're used to, but the facilities provided do make the investment worthwhile. It's \$8 per campsite plus \$5 per extra car plus \$2 each for a fishing permit, boat, dog, campsite reservation.

Send \$10 (reservation and 1st day) to:  
Morning Star Resort  
P.O. Box 119  
Foresthill, Ca. 95631  
(916) 367-2129

It's important to do this at least 2 weeks in advance (right now) in order to get a campsite in the group area and be sure to mention you're with Granite Bay Flycasters.

Directions: I-80 to Auburn, turn right on forest Hill-Auburn Rayine Road. Drive 17.5 miles to Forest Hill and continue on another 9.4 miles past Forest Hill. Turn left on Sugar Pine Road, sign reads 'To Sugar Pine and Big Reservoirs'. Proceed 3 miles bear right on Road 24. Cross over Sugar Pine Road at the old fire station. At 1.6 miles, turn right on Morning Star Lane to the resort. It's only 62 miles from Sacramento.

#### More News - ALASKA IN 88'

Research is continuing on our outing for Alaska in 1988, in fact, one of our members has volunteered to do personal research in the local area for us, well, personal research is not exactly accurate since he's been hired as a guide for the Alagnak Lodge. Congratulations Terry Eggleston. We'll be waiting for your stories and pictures of Big fish when you return.

#### FINNON LAKE FISHOUT

by John Hardin

We arrived at 9pm Friday, May 1. Several members had arrived earlier Friday afternoon and prepared camp. It was great fun pitching a tent in the dark. Dave Vingom helped by holding a lantern and several others offered their help, but the tent went up without a hitch. The vittles were by the table, and the sleeping bags unrolled. Our camp was made in record time.

The campfire was a rip roaring blaze with

Hare's Ear Nymph with indicator. We started at 8:30am and fished until 1:30pm. The water temperature was 58 degrees F. The skies were clear with no wind. We alternately fished each pool as we hiked up the canyon. Mike was the first with a "Fish On". Mike's first trout on a flyrod was a beautiful 8 inch rainbow. That's the way to do it Mike!!! I switched to Mike's method. Why argue with success? The water level was noticeably lower by approximately 2 feet, than last year. Mike caught several more natives. The largest was 11 or 12 inches (so he says, I was trying to get over a large rock at the time). To us it was a perfect day. I hope that you also had a great day.

#### CONSERVATION

A game fish is too valuable to catch only once. Man is the only predator who has a choice, a choice to forego the kill in order to improve the quality of his sport. Won't you please embrace the concept of catch and release sportfishing?

"Take some, leave some", might be a good motto, but if you do take a game fish, please eat and enjoy that fish. In choosing the fish to consume, consider that very small and very large (trophy) fish do not reproduce, only the mature adult fish provide offspring for next years fishing.

#### BRAD'S BLACKENED FISH

from Paul Prudomme's Book

Note: DO NOT cook this dish inside because of

day.

To get there, take highway 120 east to about 8 miles beyond Groveland. Turn left on a road marked "Faretti Road" with a small picture of an airplane indicating the direction to the local airport. One or two miles later, turn right through a cattle guard and onto a dirt and gravel road. A very old, small sign will say "Lumsden". This road will take you into the Toulumne Canyon. It is narrow and not recommended for trailers and campers. About 5 miles further you will come to the river and the first of three U.S. Forestry campgrounds. The second camp is just after the confluence of the South Fork with the main river. The Lumsden Bridge camp is the last campground, located just to the left after you cross a bridge over the main river. The first two camps are usually filled at this time of year by rafters putting in and getting ready for their rafting trips. This year there is no rafting until water is released from Hetch Hetchy.

Another nice alternative would be to take a small pack with sleeping bag and camp along the river. In either case, be careful of the poison oak. It is all over. I know because along with the fish, I brought some home.

#### OPENING DAY REPORT by John Hardin

Mike Smith and I had a great day on one of the small local streams, Shirt Tail Creek. I started with an Elk Hair Caddis. Mike had a

several Granite Bay Flycasters sitting around telling Fish Stories! Brad was busy looking into the fire and seeing little monsters with teeth. He must have had a hard day! I made the mistake of asking "Did anyone catch anything?" Yes, of course, they all had. But alas, our Past president was the hero of the day. Nicolai had caught a two pound largemouth bass. He accomplished the great feat with a Terry Eggleston fly, the Sheep Creek Special. Brad showed off his culinary expertise by blackening the bass fillets. There was not a morsel left to be eaten by 11 pm.

Six am Saturday morning came quickly. I managed to get myself and Brett out of the tent without waking my wife. Nicolai helped me launch the boat, and my son and I started working the weed beds near the shoreline. Brett caught the first bluegill of the day on garden hackle. I started catching them on a #12 Elk Hair Caddis. After I caught several fish, my fly was sinking on the retrieve. This technique excited the larger bluegill. If you haven't caught a bluegill on a flyrod, you've been missing some good fishing. After Brett and I had a mess of bluegills we headed for camp.

By midmorning all GBFC's were on the water bass fishing. I didn't recognize a fellow in a gray bellyboat, my wife tells me his name is Keith Haviland, Jr. I am sorry I didn't get to meet you, Keith, and hope to see you at the clubhouse. I noticed Marge Vingom getting out of her bellyboat. She'd a couple of bass on, but didn't get them to her net.

Marge's husband, Dave, was busy monitoring their kids, Michael and Christine, who were flyfishing from shore. Michael and Christine caught several bluegill while Dad was watching. Barb Durand had her husband, Mike, paddling the canoe around the lake while she was flyfishing. All the Ladies seemed to be enjoying themselves, mine especially. She was sitting around the campfire, drinking coffee and getting acquainted with the other gals.

Tom Ritchie arrived about 9am, set up his camper, said "howdy" to everyone, and went fishing.

Dave Davy arrived about the same time, launched his boat, and fished most of the day. He returned home Saturday afternoon.

Terry Eggleston's wife, Virginia, daughter Nicole and friend Jennifer, pulled in about the same time. Terry had camp all prepared.

Frank Stolten's wife, Pam, drove in around noon. Frank is a great Dad. He sacrificed a Friday afternoon to set up camp. His wife and girls, Cheryl and Carolyn, arrived to find camp all setup for them. Frank had built a Sage rod, and was anxious to try it out. I cast it on Sunday and must admit it was a smooth handling rod. You did a great job, Frank

FISHING THE TUOLUMNE RIVER CANYON  
by Bill Stobbe

On May 2nd and 3rd I had an opportunity to

fish a fabulous trout habitat that right now is ideal for fly fishing. It was the Tuolumne River Canyon. Normally this water is too deep and too fast to fish because its flow is controlled by sustained releases from Hetch Hetchy reservoir in Yosemite. But right now a very unique situation exists. No water is being released from the dam due to low water and hot weather. The stream is being fed only with watershed run off, and the result is miles of holding pools, riffles and access. Many rocks and boulders provide extra access into the river.

The Tuolumne is one of the Sierra's most beautiful rivers. It is full of rainbow and brown trout ranging in size up to 30 inches in the larger pools. You can start fishing from Lumsden Bridge forestry camp tight at the river and work upstream. Or drive up the canyon about two miles, park at the widest turn off, and take a well marked trail about 600 (vertical) feet down to the river.

When we started down the trail we met four spin fishermen coming out all complaining that there were no fish. When we reached the river two more spin casters were at the base of the trail. They had been fishing for three hours with no luck. In a few moments we had assembled our poles, made a few casts, caught some nice sized trout and converted two more fishermen to fly fishing. Fabulous fishing continued all day, particularly after 3:00pm when the canyon walls shadowed the river. Even though the forestry camp was full, we never saw any other fishermen that