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Third Annual  
**Granite Bay Flycaster**  
Family Picnic

co-ed volleyball  
horseshoe tournament  
blindfolded fly tying  
childrens' games

Saturday, May 21st  
L. Folsom Club House

BOY SCOUT FLY FISHING SEMINAR  
by Frank Stolten

One of the most enjoyable aspects of fly fishing is having the opportunity to pass along our knowledge and love of fly fishing to others, especially the young. On April 16, 1988, we had just such an opportunity. Our club, the Granite Bay Flycasters were invited to conduct a "fish camp" at the Boy Scouts District Camporee held at the New York Cove on Folsom Lake.

The "fish camp" was actually an all day series of 30 minute seminars covering various aspects of fly fishing. Roy Desmangles, John Hardin, Mike Durrand, Ed Stull and Fred Rollins all responded to my call for help to assist in what turned out to be quite an undertaking. (Fred later hurt his back and unfortunately could make it on the 16th.)

With only 30 minutes per presentation, each seminar was designed to give a general overview of fly fishing and a demonstration of equipment typically used. We discussed items such as the history and principles of fly fishing, lines and leaders, balanced tackle, basic entomology, types of fish caught on flies and catch and release philosophy. John Hardin kept everyone's attention glued to the fly tying bench as he tied and gave away souvenir wooly worms all day.

The high point of the fish camp, however, was having each scout (and quite a few counselors, too) try casting a yarn fly at a hula hoop target. It was amazing to watch the progress some of the youthful casters made after only five minutes practice. We knew it was successful when several scouts tried to sneak back and take the seminar again and told their buddies to "check it out."

MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 14, 1988 GENERAL MEETING

Jim Victorine, our president, called the meeting to order. He presented our past president, Morris Schlesinger, a pin for his work during the past year. Jim said that if it were not for Morrie's involvement with the club and the time he had taken out of his busy work schedule to personally "walk" the club's incorporation papers through the process, we would probably still be working on it today. Morrie, thanks a 1,000,000 for a great year...

Jim also thanked Marie Stull for all her work in getting patches and hats ordered for the club. Marie says they should be ready in about four more weeks.

Next, a thank you letter from Keith Haviland Sr. was read. It thanked the club for sending him flowers after his recent hip replacement surgery. Keith is the gifted artist who is so generous with his art work both for the club and the LEADER.

Dave Davy, our treasurer, has had medical problems too. He is recovering from a stroke he suffered last month. A card from the club was sent to him. Get well soon, Dave!

Frank Stolten reported on a change in membership dues. From now on, all memberships (dues) will be due in January. Members who join or renew between now and December will pay prorated dues equal to 1/10 of the annual rate for each month left in 1988. Any questions regarding memberships should be directed to Frank.

Frank also mentioned that he can get individual plastic name badges for club members for only \$3.00 each. Check with him for details. Payment must be in advance. Jim Victorine urged members to get these pins as they are useful at meetings and when the club contacts the public at outings or at booths, etc.

Warren Schoenmann reported on the club library. He said it was now alive, well and operating. He thanked Clinton Pace, John Hardin and Marie Stull for donating books and magazines. Warren asked any other club members who wished to donate material to the library to contact him.

Tom Ritchie is the ramrod of club's raffles. He informed the members that a special raffle is now underway. The prize is a IMX rod and reel. Value is approximately \$300. Chances one dollar and can be taken at club meetings. The drawing will be held at the club picnic in May. Tom also thanked everyone for helping with the monthly raffles and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Brad Boustead reported on the Gibson Ranch Celebration. He read a State Department of Parks and Recreation letter thanking club members who worked as volunteers. The Celebration apparently was a huge success with more than 6,000 people attending. Brad said that the Department is interested in having our help again in the future.

Ken Winkleblack introduced the Department of Fish and Game's Dennis Lee. Dennis was the guest speaker for the evening. He described the Black Bass Fishery in Northern California talking about efforts of the Department to improve warm water fishing in most of the lakes we know. He discussed the results of various stocking efforts of both bait fishes such as shad and smelt as well as Florida and Alabama bass. He also described another project to propagate flood tolerant willows cuttings taken from Folsom. When rooted, they will be planted in Folsom and else where in an effort to increase cover for yearling bass. Dennis's presentation was very informative and interesting. Good selection again, Ken.

After the presentation on Black Bass, a refreshment break was taken with goodies provided by Mike and Barb Durand. To end the evening, Tom Ritchie once again did a fanciful job pulling stubs for the raffle with many great prizes given away.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 1988 at 7:30 PM at the Club House. Hope to see you there.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Jim Pratt suggests that members take the time to stop and write to Peter Bontadelli, Director of the Department of Fish and Game. The letter should demand that the Department work cooperatively with sportfishing organizations and initiate a short term study to restore the American shad sportfishery of the Feather River. There once was an excellent sportfishery before the state constructed the Oroville Dam.

Also, please send a copy of your letter to your local legislator and to Senator Jim Nielsen. The address for Mr. Bontadelli is 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95814. For Senator Jim Nielsen it is c/o the California Legislature, State Capital, Sacramento, CA. 95814.

If you have questions, please call Bob Baiocchi of the California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance at 872-9266.

BASS FISHING BASICS  
by JOHN HARDING

The best advice I can give someone about Bass fishing is DON'T GO! Your home life will be better off for never starting, you will retain your sanity, you won't get lost in the store looking at outdoor (fishing) magazines and you will have a great looking lawn.

Bass fishing is addictive! You actually go hunting for your prey. You must look for bass where he lives. He takes advantage of all his senses; hearing, sight, taste, feel and smell. He is an ambusher, a finely tuned fighting machine. He looks for a place to hide (structure), protection from the sun (shade) and security (deep water or heavy vegetation).

The best places I have found for bass are stumps, trees, drop offs and underwater obstructions. Any place a Bass can have shade and security (deep water) close by he will be there looking for ANYTHING THAT IS EDIBLE. Now, Bass are dumb. Yes, that's right Dumb. He can not remember what is good to eat and what is not. So when he sees your offerings, he will be interested no matter how ugly it looks to you.

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|Special thanks to John for submitting this article|  
|to the LEADER. It's the personal sharing of fish-|  
|ing interests, suggestions and enthusiams that |  
|makes for good reading and for a fun fishing club.|  
|When are you going to share your last fishing trip|  
|or your fishing interests with other club members?|  
|Write it. Send it in. The LEADER would love to |  
|publish it. |  
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There are four categories of bass flies. Top water, sub-surface, mid-depth and bottom. Top water flies are poppers, deer hair bugs made to imitate mice, grasshoppers, snakes or birds. Subsurface flies are minnows, leeches, and perch imitations. A special adaption of the top water and sub-surface fly is the Dahlburg diver; a deer hair bug that floats when motionless or dives under the surface when pulled on the retrieve.

Mid-depth flies are the same as sub-surface --basically streamers and wooly buggers. Bottom flies are plastic worms, and eel and leech imitations.

Each category of flies has special retrieves which can only be learned through practice. We have the no retrieve, stop and start, three pops and a stop, and a scared retrieve, which is an erratic 6 to 8 inch movement. When fishing mice imitations, a slow steady retrieve best imitates the swimming motion of a natural mouse. That's about as basic as you can get. Now comes the best part; practice, practice and more practice. But, practice while fishing!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- May 12, MONTHLY MEETING 7:30 PM, at the Granite Bay Club House. Lilly Wong will give a presentation on "Fly Fishing for Trout in Some Lesser Known Northern California Waters.
- May 19, BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM, at Jim Victorine's home. All members are invited to attend all board meetings. Let your wishes be known by speaking up!
- May 21, THIRD ANNUAL PICNIC 10:00 AM, at the Granite Bay Club House. Plan to attend this fine, annual, spring event. Picnic Chairman Terry Eggleston has a number of events planned to keep everyone entertained. A family outing opportunity. Details elsewhere in THE LEADER. Or, call Terry at 721-5350 for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 4, Northern Council Meeting of FFF, Quincy, Ca. For information contact Frank Stolten at 725-6894
- June 11 TWO DAY CLUB FAMILY OUTING Dont's miss this one! Last year's outing was great! We had approximately 40 individuals show and if you ask anyone of them, they'll tell you how much fun it was. Bring the wives, husbands, kids and friends. This will be a relaxing and pleasant weekend even for the non fisherperson. Hopefully great fishing and eating, too. Contact Brad Boustead for details at 961-6094
- August ? FLEA MARKET SALE At Denio's Market and Auction, Roseville. A fund raiser for the club with the date yet to be announced but sometime in August. We really need your help on this one! Salable goods can be brought to the general meetings and presented to Jim Victorine. Jim has volunteered to store the merchandise for us until the day of the event. Handling of bulky items should be arranged for in advance with Jim. Remember, there are only four meetings left before the sale. For details, call Jim at 652-0408.

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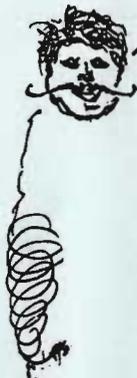
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## The President's Message

My hat's off to Jim Pratt and his helpers. The club's fly casting clinic was a huge success. Feedback from the participants was that it was a job well done. The club earned more than \$400 as a result of Jim's efforts.

Club members should also be proud of the work of Frank Stolten and his helpers. The club hosted a large group of boy scouts, parents and counselors recently at Lake Folsom. The details of that venture is written up elsewhere in THE LEADER.

Our third, annual picnic is just around the corner. It's an occasion when a great time is literally had by everyone. Everyone means members, their spouses and children, and friends and guests. The committees are working hard to make this picnic the best yet. There will be games for adults and children. A chicken barbecue. And, blindfolded and survival fly tying contests. The best way most club members can help is by being there. Make this day, May 21st, your picnic. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The Delta Fly Fishermen of Stockton need our help. They and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance are going to save and protect the Lower Mokelumne River. With our help and the help of other interested clubs and people, they will do it. Let's help, OK? OK!

Remember, I mentioned a flea market we were going to participate in? Wellll, if you have any white elephants at home, bike parts, car parts, dishes, old kitchen ware, things you just don't use anymore, will you bring them to the meeting. I'll store the stuff at my place (accounted for) till the flea market day. We already have volunteers to help but we still need you. We need you to look for the stuff to be sold in and around your house. We can make a pretty buck for the club treasury. Remember, noting real big and heavy. No aluminum window frames, etc.

Lets turn out! For the picnic! For the Mokelumne! For the Flea Market!

Last month THE LEADER started a new feature, paid advertising. The cost is minimal --\$30 per six months or \$5 per issue to have a business card in THE LEADER. The club's goal is to have at least 12 paid advertisers as that would underwrite the reproduction and mailing costs for THE LEADER. If you are interested, or if you know any one who is interested, please call Joe Phelan at 944-1244

AND, PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS. LET THEM KNOW IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEADER.

The next time you are out, when your popper has landed on the water, let it sit perfectly motionless for one full minute. Then, when concentrating at your fullest and your eyes on the popper, give your line a gentle pull to move your lure ever so slowly. You may get the LIVING DAYLIGHTS scared out of you when Mr. Bucketmouth tries to annihilate your popper. Pull down with your line hand and pull up with your rod hand simultaneously to set the hook and only NOW does the fight begin. He will try EVERY trick he knows to rid himself of whatever it is in his mouth. Run for the bottom, you bet. Jump, jump and jump again. Try to FLY straight at you at 40 MPH? You bet. Head for the bushes in the water and play merry-go-round with your tippet, you know it! Now, if that isn't enough, here you are trying to remember what to do with all that line laying around the water surface, keeping your rod tip up, putting the loose line under your little finger and cranking your reel like MAD to take up the slack line to get YOUR fish on the reel. AND, if all is performed like a symphony, you will land MR. Bass.

Now, wouldn't you rather be pulling weeds out of your garden?

### NEW MEMBERS

Frank Stolten reports the club has a number of new members. He asked THE LEADER to give them an official welcome.

Richard and Eileen Miller  
5973 Adana Circle  
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Wyatt Dietrich  
963 Shasta Circle  
El Dorado Hills, Ca 95630

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Thomas Mocilac  
2490 Casa Del Oro  
Rocklin, CA 95667

Jim Tomblin  
6334 Whittenham Way  
Orangevale, CA 95662

### THE APRIL 23RD BASS OUTING Brad Boustead, Outings Director

I always look forward to club outings. I usually find new ways or places to fish, the fishing is often swell and I enjoy the company of others from the club.

Well, I've got to say I was disappointed at the turnout for this outing. In fact, after eating breakfast by myself at Denny's, I figured that since no one was showing up for breakfast, chances were that no one was going to show up at the lake either. With some good friends moving that day, I decided to help them rather than attend the trip by myself. Granted, it started out as a fairly ominous looking day but I caught myself looking longingly at the sky more than once and wishing that I had gone anyway.

As it turns out, a few hardy souls did show up. They reported water temperature was 65 with the air about five degrees cooler. No sizeable fish were caught and most of the members who did go, did not launch their tubes or even wet a line.

Nevertheless, let's get involved in these outings, folks. I don't know about you but I joined the club especially to take advantage of the fishing opportunities the club offers. Speak up at the meetings or approach a Board member with your suggestions or ideas for upcoming activities. Let's make these outings fun for everyone!

\*\*\* THE CLUB PICNIC \*\*\*

Terry Eggleston is chairperson for this year's picnic. He is planning this, the third annual picnic in our young Club' history to be its best. Some of the details are:

-The cost is low. \$5 per adult -- \$2.50 per child.

-Good food. Barbecue chicken and each person or family should bring some kind of dish or food sufficient for ten persons to share.

-Drinks. Beer and soft drinks will be on sale. There should be some wine around, as well.

-Games and Contests. There will be fly tying contests -- both blind fly tying and survival fly tying. Terry says the awards will exceed the quality of the flies he expects to be tied. There will be games for children and horseshoes and co-ed volleyball for the adults.

Terry is asking that everyone attend. Bring the family, the kids or just a friend or significant other... While the picnic is a major fund raising activity for the Club, it is more important as one of the best opportunities for the members and their families to have a good time together.

So, be sure to mark Saturday, May 21st on your calendar. Things get underway around ten AM at the Folsom Lake Club House. See you there!

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

There is a new format to THE LEADER this time. The big difference, besides its look, is that the club paid for commercial printing. It was not cheap but it did mean that certain members, especially Terry Eggleston, did not spend a day or more running THE LEADER by hand on a borrowed Xerox machine.

Whether the Club can afford commercial printing again depends on the number of persons advertising in the newsletter. Do you know someone or are you interested. \$30 for six months?

Or better, do you or do you know someone who would let the Club use a Xerox machine to run a hundred copies of the THE LEADER? The club is a non-profit corporation so their generosity would be tax deductible. The Club would pay for paper.

If you have any leads, please call me. It would make a big difference. Thanks.

Joe Phelan (944-1244)

GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS

\*\*\*\*\* MAY MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

Thursday, May 12th  
7:30PM

Folsom Lake Clubhouse

"FLY FISHING FOR TROUT IN SOME LESSER KNOWN  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATERS"

Lily Wong is our featured speaker for May. Lily is well known to many though out northern California probably because of her boundless energies and interests. To those of us who fish, she may be already known because Lily is the president and newsletter editor of the California Fly Fishermen Unlimited of Sacramento. To others, she may be known because she is employed by the Department of the Youth Authority as a graphic artist. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Psychology and a widely acclaimed artist --a prize winning painter.

Aside from these activities, Lily has traveled extensively though out northern California as an avid fly fishing angler, hiker and wilderness camper. For the past twenty years, Lily has been intrigued with the sources of various maps and what they offer to help locating, largely unknown, productive fly fishing waters.

Lily says she will share what she has learned with us. She will explain how to locate lesser known lakes and streams ourselves --waters that hold trout to challenge and delight the most demanding fly fishing angler. She has slides to show what these waters look like and she will emphasize the importance of each type of map in providing information.

Lily plans to highlight the fishing opportunities in the North Fork drainage of the Feather River above Lake Almanor. Charged by many sprigs providing cold, gin clear, flows all year round, many tributary creeks to the North Fork support a surprising population of rainbows, browns and brookies.

Lily says she will also share her experiences in fishing the Thousand Lakes Wilderness area where she found hiking to range from fairly easy to moderately difficult. She has slides showing vividly colored wild brook and rainbow trout running in size from 8 to 12 inches. She will touch on other wilderness and high country lakes.

IT SHOULD BE QUITE AN EVENING. LOTS TO LEARN AND ENJOY!

FUTURE SPEAKERS include Bob Giannoni discussing fly size to leader --and leader dynamics; Terry Eggleston on back country trout fishing, and Dave Howard on Shad fishing.