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1990 Granite Bay Flycasters Fishout Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
June 9	American River-Shad	D. Howard
July 21 & 22	Mokelumne River-Trout	Winkleblack
Aug. 11	Sierra Stream (Bill's pick)	Bill Furst
Sept. 15	Fuller Lake-Trout	Mike Radoff
Oct. 6 & 7	McCloud River-Trout	Ed Stull
Nov. 10 & 11	Trinity River-Steelhead	Dale Wahl

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9, 1990: American River Shad Fishout. See Article.

June 14, 1990: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse. Dave Simmons of Powell Fly Shop.

June 20, 1990: Casting practice, Marie's pond. 6:30 p.m.

June 21, 1990: Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse.

June 26, 1990: Fun Night & Equipment Sale.

July 12, 1990: General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse.

July 18, 1990: Casting practice, Marie's pond. 6:30 p.m.

July 19, 1990: Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse.

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(Hot Creek cont.)

Other hardy souls lead an exploratory expedition over to the Owens River to scout the area and report their findings. After careful analysis of the data, we agreed to try the Owens in the morning.

This first day was a lot of fun, particularly for Nick and Ike English, our youngest fishermen. (Ages 8 and 9 approx.) They kept walking up river driving fish into their fathers casting range. He expressed his appreciation several times. In the campground they added excitement with their energy and kept things stirred up, including a little dust. Another young fisherman, Curt Radoff, had a good time and all the kids caught fish, including Sabrina Radoff.

The Owens River proved to be difficult on Sunday so we broke camp and went to the East Walker River for a fishing break on our way home. What a break it was - before most of us could get in the water, Mike Radoff took a 16 incher! His brother, Rick, hung a similar fish, while Ron English and Dale Wahl also released carbon copy rainbows. These were the fattest fish taken on this trip, they reminded everyone of footballs. All this in the space of one hour.

We shook hands, agreed we had a great excursion and gritted our teeth for the drive home.

Dale Wahl, Fishmaster

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marie Stull

This is the time of year I like best because there are a lot of fishing events which we can attend throughout the late spring and summer months. The club will have had three separate fishouts since the May meeting: Hot Creek, the Pit River and Shad Fishing. The fish had better watch out!

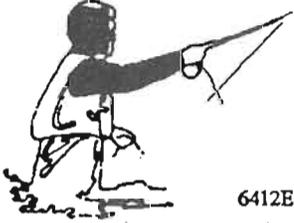
I encourage new members to join in the fishouts which are always fun filled. There are some of you who, like myself when I first started, are somewhat apprehensive about attending a fishout because of your limited fly fishing ability. I found, however, that there were other more experienced fishermen who shared their knowledge and love of the sport and made us all more comfortable fishing together.

As everyone knows, the picnic was a HUGE success. I want to thank all of you who helped make a fun time for everyone there. A special thanks to Rick Radoff and his committee for putting the whole event together.

I'm packing my gear! Hope to see you all at the fishouts!

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JUNE PROGRAM

Michael Radoff

The program this month will be brought to you by Dave Simmons, who is a guide for the Powell Fly Shop in Chico. When Dave is not fishing, you will find him promoting the Powell products at the Fly Shop or at sport shows or even at conclaves. I met Dave at the San Mateo sports show and saw him again at the Conclave here in Sacramento, and my impression of him is that he's a real likable guy with a sense of humor and he knows what he's talking about. And speaking of knowing what he's talking about, Dave's program will be on fishing the Feather River, so you better not miss it.

While all of you are out fishing this year, catch a lot of fish and try to remember to take your cameras with you. December's program will feature you, the Granite Bay club members, with your slides or pictures or even just fish stories of the year.

JUNE RAFFLE

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful turnout at last month's meeting and the exceptional participation in the raffle.

This month we will have a gear bag, net, reel case, and more.

I would like to encourage anyone who has an idea for raffle items or has found a great bargain, to let Marie or I know about it. Also, if anyone has an idea on how to run the raffle differently or would like to participate, please let me know.

Chris Impens
Raffle Co-Chairperson

(Green River cont.)

Everyone caught fish in the previously stated sizes every day. We caught them on the predicted flies, #20 Blue Winged Olives, #18 Pheasant Tail nymphs, #14 Scuds and #20 Griffith Knats. Big Woolybuggers were not on the trouts menu this trip. We had hatches that started each afternoon about 1 p.m. and they continued until nightfall. A description of the fishing portion of our outing would be "excellent".

We all got together for an outdoor steak fry on Thursday evening and good time was had by all. Ken Winkleblack cooked the steaks, Don Steffa did the salad, Jim Pratt made the rice, and Frank Stolten set the table. Everyone served their own wine! (Yes, there is wine in Utah)

The damage report is as follows: One broken rod tip, two submerged cameras, a leaky radiator and a scuffed drift boat. Except for these minor problems, a "Good Time Was Had By All"!

Dale Wahl, Fishmaster

HOT CREEK FISHOUT

The Granite Bay Flycasters fishout to Hot Creek was a very successful and enjoyable outing. We had 19 people gather at the Big Springs Campground to be led by our group leader Ron English, who did an outstanding job.

Our first night was a real challenge for summer weight sleeping bags! There was a report of ice in one camp trailer's plumbing system. The next morning the group stood in the sun warming their buns and coordinating the first days fishing. These were not breakfast buns, but did require turning several times to attain complete warming. We caravanned over to Hot Creek where we joined the crowd. Everyone caught fish, which was one of our original objectives. These fish were small but were challenging to land due to the large amount of grass in the river. The secret weapon in the morning was a #20 Gold Ribbed Hares Ear followed by a similar sized Caddis fished dry beginning about noon. The wind came up on schedule in the afternoon which drove some folks to Mammoth Lakes Village. There some of us took refuge in the gift shops to avoid the buffeting outdoors.

GREEN RIVER FISHOUT REPORT

The participants in this fishout started for the Green River early Saturday morning. They left from Newcastle, Orangevale, Stockton, Fair Oaks, and Granite Bay to gather the next day on the banks of the Green. For most the trip was uneventful, but we had some excitement - a leaky radiator which occurred near Elko, about halfway there. Sunday morning after several attempts to stop the leak, we forged ahead armed with two five gallon containers of water. Our club President found us and our predicament in the RV lot of the State Line Casino in Wendover, Nev. Although it slowed her down a bit, she provided escort to our destination. Others provided advice regarding plugging the leak, i.e. Barsleak, silversolder, oatmeal - yes oatmeal, etc. etc., but none worked!

Monday morning found many of our group in a mild state of anxiety preparing to get to the river and tempt the fish with our flies. Several members floated with the local guides in drift boats, both this day and future days. The floats started below the dam and ended at Little Hole, seven miles downstream. The wading Flycasters fished both of these access points for the next four days alternating their spots as the mood struck them. We fished in various groups and shared our information on a daily basis. On Thursday, we all got together and hiked two miles below Little Hole to discover new water and find some solitude. We found both, plus a wind that was blowing whitecaps down river! Still the Flycasters caught fish. Most fish were 16 to 18 inches in length, with more than several in the 19 and 20 inch class. The largest reported (and verified, Marie has pictures) was a 22 incher caught by our President, Marie Stull.

Our weather was as predicted, a little wind, some snow, sunshine and one night, lots of rain. Except for the extremely windy Thursday, we were not bothered by the weather. I would say that we were lucky weather wise for this time of year in Utah. We must remember that at 6000 feet elevation in the mountain west, it is still winter.

AMERICAN RIVER SHAD FISHOUT

When: Saturday - June 9, 1990 - 6:00 a.m.

Where: Denny's Restaurant at 2474 Sunrise Blvd. in Rancho Cordova (between Hwy. 50 & American River Bridge.)

We will meet at the above location, but our fishing destination will be decided by the location of the shad.

Be prepared to move several times during the day. We anticipate a good turnout so if we can double up on transportation, it will help our logistics.

Dave Howard will lead our fishout and he advises sinking lines, sinking shooting heads, or sink tip lines. Get the idea?

I can't make this one, so if there are any questions, contact Dave Howard (791-0080) or Bill Furst (791-4213) who will be our alternate in my absence.

If you would like to have breakfast at Denny's, come early enough. We will leave Denny's at 6:00 a.m. **SHARP!** No exceptions.

Dale Wahl
Fishmaster

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WHAT A PICNIC!

Rick Radoff

I would like to thank all who helped with the picnic, starting with Ed & Marie Stull and Bill Furst who, at 6:00 a.m., mowed the picnic area. Thanks to Mike Radoff for showing up early and helping me weed eat around the volleyball court and horseshoe pit, and to Marie Stull and Andy Stearns for setting up and running the casting competition, and to Ron & Jeanie English for organizing and putting on some great games for the kids. To Tom Ritchie and Mike Radoff for barbecuing. Great job guys! Thanks to Frank Stolten for handling the scavenger hunt and blindfold fly tying events, and Marge Vingom and Marie Stull for purchasing and delivering all of the food and drinks. Thanks to Chris Impens for handling the Loomis fly rod raffle and to Warren and Olive Schoenmann, Andy Stearns and many others for helping set up, Mike Kitts and Gary Morgan and others for helping clean up. A SPECIAL thanks to Marge Vingom, who put the main raffle on and just plain didn't stop working during the entire picnic, from set up thru clean up. A big thanks to all that brought that extra dish that made up a great variety to go with the barbecue.

Congratulations to all the participants in the picnic events. To mention a few, Ron English for the best fly in the scavenger hunt tying and Mike Radoff for the blind fold tying (2nd year in a row), and I got lucky and won the casting competition.

What was the big surprise promised each adult that attended the picnic? Just ask Ed Stull (who won the Loomis rod and a gas barbecue) and Laurie Warren (who won a lamp).

I think it was great that the big raffle winners were Marie Stull (our President) and husband Ed, who won, not only the Loomis rod and barbecue, but a sleeping bag and one of the trips to the Conway Ranch. Congratulations Marie & Ed, and I find this a good chance to put in print a THANK YOU MARIE, as you are doing a great job as President and I know I am speaking for all of the membership.

We had a great turn out for this years picnic, 75 plus or minus, including kids. It was hard getting an accurate count. Hope to see you all next year, at the next great picnic.

(Conservation cont.)

- Your contribution to the Calif. Wildlife Campaign prior to July 1 will help ensure continuation of the program and our club receives recognition for its support.

- If the McCloud is one of your favorite fishing areas, you can personally respond to the U.S. Forest Service proposal to add part of the river to the Natn. Wild & Scenic River System. Please contact me for a copy of the letter we received from the Calif. Sportfishing Protection Alliance regarding this issue. Comments must be received by the Forest Service by July 7.

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CONSERVATION REPORT

Joe Bania

My first month "on the job" has been spent familiarizing myself with past programs, learning my responsibilities, and doing some brainstorming for future activities. I would like to thank Jim Pratt, immediate past Conservationist, for providing historical information, and for the excellent job he did in getting the salmon and steelhead egg raising program underway.

One of my first objectives was to establish a working committee -- since we all have different areas of expertise and different perspectives. I am pleased to announce that a committee has been established. The members include Robert Naegle, Chris Scott, Frank Stolten and Skip Foster. In addition, several other members have expressed interest in helping on special projects. With the variety of backgrounds and interests represented, I believe we're going to develop a program second to none.

My second objective is to find out your concerns about conservation issues and what activities you'd be willing to donate time to and the support you could provide. I am including a questionnaire in this issue of The Leader that will help the Conservation Committee design programs that address your concerns.

Here are some highlights of other news:

- The Dept. of Fish & Game is putting up survey boxes at various locations, asking anglers to complete survey provided. The info will be used in evaluation, selection and management of wild trout fisheries and provides an opportunity for feedback from the angling public. If you find one of these boxes, please give DFG your input.

- The No. Calif. Council of FFF is looking for volunteers to help conduct Wild Trout Stream Surveys. Equipment you will need includes waders/ wading boots, water and lunch. Surveys will be conducted from late July to mid Oct. Dates and locations will be provided in next Leader. If you want info sooner, contact Cynthia Duff at (916) 393-8560 after 8 p.m.

GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Warren Schoenmann

This month's centerfold is the Montana Nymph and is the third of the series required for the Golden Trout Program. The pattern sheet shown in the centerfold is an excerpt from Jack Dennis' Western Trout Fly Tying Manual. Complete tying details for this fly will be available in the club library copy.

A new participant in the program this month is Don Steffa Jr. who resides in Stockton, CA. Welcome to the program Don, and have a good time with your project through the next 12 months.

EQUIPMENT SALE

Start cleaning out those closets! Tuesday June 26th is "Fun Night" meeting and a chance for you to get rid of anything you no longer need, i.e. waders, rods or reels.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to Stan Hellekson of Fly Fishing Specialties for providing the rod and reel used for the casting competition at the picnic.



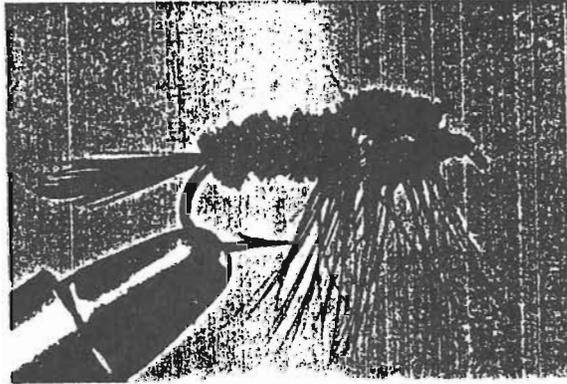
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MONTANA NYMPH



In the Idaho — Montana — Wyoming area of the West this fly is known as the number one nymph, the trout killer! It always produces. It is basically a stone fly imitation but can be used to represent other nymphs. Its several variations can be either weighted or non-weighted. The larger sizes of Montana Nymphs are effective in the large, deep rivers of the western U.S. Small sizes, such as 12 and 14, function well on small springs, and spring fed ponds. I have found that beaver ponds, which may have good populations of large trout, are great places for this fly. On the heavy and fast Snake River, I have had good success with a heavily weighted number 6 Montana Nymph, reaching down to the deep holes. I have discovered that this pattern in sizes 10 and 12 in smaller spring creeks using a dead drift will catch trout that I never dreamed were there.

Fly fishing for trout in ponds and lakes is becoming quite popular. This nymph performs very well in small lakes for me. The best method to fish with the fly in slow or still water is to use short jerks when retrieving it. In faster moving water I have noticed that it is best to let the nymph sink and swing around, which drops it deep into the hole, and then to retrieve it with large strips. Most of the time, the fish will hit the fly on its swing while the current is moving it. If you have never tried the Montana Nymph, I think that you will be pleasantly surprised at its results.

- MATERIALS:** Montana Nymph
- TAIL:** Black hackle tips or brown hackle tips.
- BODY:** Black chennille.
- THORAX:** Orange, yellow, or insect green chennille.
- HACKLE:** Black or brown hackle.
- CASE:** Black chennille.
- THREAD:** Red, black or yellow, (I prefer red).
- HOOKS:** Mustad 9671, 9672, or 3906B.
- SIZES:** 6, 8, 10, 12, 14.