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Flycasters

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1990 Granite Bay Flycasters Fishout Schedule

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
Mar. 24 & 25	Pyramid Lake NV-Cutthroat	Jim Pratt
Apr. 21-27	Green River Utah-Trout	Dale Wahl
May 12 & 13	Hot Creek-Trout	Ron English
May 26 & 27	Pit River-Trout	Ken Winkleblack
June 9	American River-Shad	Dave Howard
July 21 & 22	Mokellumne River-Trout	Ken Winkleblack
Aug. 11	Sierra Stream (Bill's pick)	Bill Furst
Sept. 15	Fuller Lake-Trout	Mike Radoff
Oct. 6 & 7	McCloud River-Trout	Ken Winkleblack
Nov. 10 & 11	Trinity River-Steelhead	Dale Wahl

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3, 1990: NCCFF meeting at clubhouse 9:30 a.m.

March 8, 1990: General Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Dave Armocido of Trout Unlimited.

March 15, 1990: Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

March 22, 1990: Flyfishing Clinic: Chuck Echer will review equipment needed for casting class. 7-10 p.m.

April 7 & 8 1990: Chuck Echer's flyfishing clinic. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (See "Flyfishing Clinic" article for more information.)

May 4 & 5 1990: Northern California Conclave. Hilton Hotel.

May 19, 1990: Granite Bay Flycasters Picnic.

NOTE: Any Golden Trout participant that would like to be at the clubhouse early on meeting night to tie the required flies, can do so by calling Marie.

ADVERTISING

If you would like to place an ad in the Leader, all you have to do is send a business card to Laurie Warren P.O. Box 84 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 and a check made out to GBF for \$30.00. This will give you six months of advertising space.

Trout Fishing Paradise for Sale

Just north of heavily-traveled Interstate 80 near Emigrant Gap lies one of the Sierra Nevada's jewels - the Grouse Lakes area, which has more than 40 excellent trout fishing lakes scattered through 20,000 acres of scenic high country. Generally, rainbow and brook trout are most common, but some of the lakes have brown, cutthroat, or golden trout. Feeley, Milk, Penner, French and Culbertson are some of the more popular lakes.

The Grouse Lakes area is especially inviting to anglers because most of the lakes can be reached by no more than an hour's walk on easy trails from one of twelve trailheads.

The lumber company that now owns the Grouse Lakes lands has put them up for sale, but fortunately has given the Forest Service the first chance to buy them. However, the \$6 million needed for the purchase must be appropriated by Congress in 1990. Otherwise the lands will likely be sold for private development and closed to public access.

Write your congressional representative (House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515) immediately. Ask them to support appropriation of \$6 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to purchase lands at Grouse Lakes.

Editor's Note: I would like to thank everyone for helping my sisters and I at the February General Meeting when my car broke down. Thanks to Bill Furst for towing us to the gas station and Warren for giving us a lift home and everyone else who offered their assistance.

Laurie, Michelle & Carrie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marie Stull

This month will be another busy and informative one. Starting off with "THE EGGS ARE HATCHING" in the school aquariums, which means our first attempt at this conservation effort is going to be a successful adventure. A big thanks to Jim Pratt and crew for getting them all set up and operational.

The picnic is planned for May 19th. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers served this year, and fun and games for all. Read Rick Radoff's picnic message in the newsletter.

I have tried to address all ideas and concerns that were brought to my attention by the members since I took office and hope that most have been answered in the best interest of the club. If you have any comments or suggestions, or just want to volunteer your services, please call me so we can discuss them. By working together we can make this a successful year for the club and the membership.

See you all at the next meeting!

Golden Shear

HAIR DESIGN

ED STULL

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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Jim Pratt

The Steelhead eggs in some of our aquariums are starting to hatch. They will soon be full of Alevin (baby steelhead with egg sack attached.)

We hope to get funding for more aquariums from local Department of Fish & Game Commissions. If you know of any teachers that would like to raise Salmon and Steelhead in the classroom, have them give me a call.

PYRAMID FISHOUT

Leader: Jim Pratt

The dates have been changed to March 24th & 25th. We will meet at Pyramid Lake between 8 & 10 a.m. on Saturday. If you can't find us, it means we've headed south to one of the other areas to find where the fish are. We'll meet at a point just north of the rearing pens which is just east of the Indian license trailer. That's also the best place to park your RV, if you bring one, or you could always rough it in a motel in Reno.

As always, the fishing situation is a little unique; stand on a plastic milk crate, with a clorox bottle float or use a short ladder. Use two Wooley Worms about 18" apart, size 6 or 8, white one in front and black one in back or use some flashy material. Most people use a #8 rod with a very fast sinking shooting head. The Indian store on the way in sells flies and so do the fly shops in Reno.

Directions: Take highway 80 thru Reno to Sparks. Turn left on Pyramid Way, go about 25 miles, stop at the Indian store on your left to buy your permit, about \$6/day, no other license required. Go to the stop sign and turn left, look for the hatchery on your right, we'll meet just north of there.

Dress warm and in layers, just in case. The good fishing can be anytime from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. so don't give up and you may catch a 10 lb. Cutthroat.

Feather River Ltd.
2580 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Sacramento, CA
483-8711

Dan says:

Northern Coast fishing is good at Eel, Smith and Gualala. Rain improved fishing tremendously. Good fishing from Feb. 28 - March 3. Use dark patterns with flash.

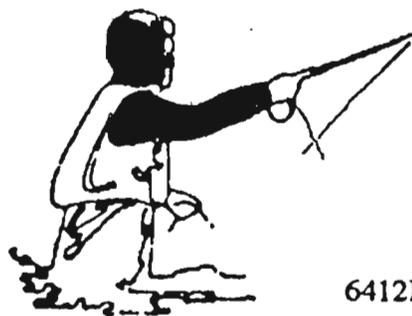
Lewiston Lake fishing well, as is Chironomid Lake. Use pupah #18-#20 and midge patterns with soft hackle and orange body.

Trinity River - old fish being caught with fresh fish few and infrequent.

They are going to have guided trips to the North Coast (Mendocino and Ft. Bragg) for 12 varieties of Rockfish. Will fish the rocky coves using heavy equipment - should catch a fish with every cast. Call or stop in for more information.

FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES

(916) 722-1055



GARY HUDSON

6412E Tupelo Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Michael Radoff

FISHING REPORTS

Flyfishing Specialties
6412-E Tupelo Drive
Citrus Heights, CA
722-1055

Gary says:

Sorry! No fishing reports this month due to the storms. Look for more reports next month.

Kiene's Fly Shop
2654 Marconi Ave.
Sacramento, CA
486-9958

Bill says:

Best fishing has been in float tubes at the following lakes:

- Rancho Seco
- Arden Ponds and
- Pardee (tubes can be used as long as there is a large yellow or orange triangle on the rear of your float tube to alert boats)

Steelhead good at the American, Feather, Yuba and Trinity Rivers.

Trout good at Folsom, Pardee and Oroville Lakes.

Baum and Lewiston Lakes fishing well also.

Before I get started on our March guest speaker, I would like to thank Ken Winkleblack for his outstanding work as our programs chairman since the club began. It won't be easy filling your shoes, Ken.

As new programs chairman, I will do my best to bring the club interesting and educational guest speakers. If anyone has a suggestion on who might be a good guest speaker, or would like more information on a topic I can help with, please see me at the meeting or call me at 624-9406.

Our March guest speaker will be Dave Armocido. Dave's program will be on Salmon and Steelhead educational programs. Dave is a member of the National Board of Directors of Trout Unlimited and a member of the state council (California) of Trout Unlimited.

Dave was instrumental in the installation of the aquariums that we set up at Springview Middle School. The aquariums have been planted with Steelhead eggs that we acquired from the Nimbus Fish Hatchery. At the proper time, the students will release the fingerling Steelhead into a tributary of the American River.

I think the March meeting will be interesting and educational for the whole family and I hope to see everyone there.

John Hardin
Owner

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(library news, continued)

PUTAH CREEK FISHOUT

Dale Wahl, Fishmaster

There were two momentous events on Saturday February 17, 1990! The biggest snowstorm of the season in the Sierra and the Putah Creek Fishout. While I-80 was closed all day, the creek was open, although it did change color. I mean there was muddy water flowing in from every parking lot, orchard, side road, vineyard or whatever. The only fishable stretch was from the dam downstream approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. Since the fishout group were all Granite Bay Flycasters members they possessed "good sense" and naturally this is where they chose to fish.

According to my calculations no fish were injured by the fishout attendees, so future expeditions to this resource are not in jeopardy. In other words, the fishing segment of the trip was a bust!

However, other reasons to hold fishouts were served, i.e. companionship, comraderie, discovering new places, meeting new fishing friends and reinforcing old friendships. I believe these purposes are more important than the fishing or the catching.

The Granite Bay Fishout Program works - a member whose tenure with the club is only one month met two people on this trip who will be future fishing friends. These people live within three miles of each other and probably never would have met if it were not for our club.

If you can, attend a future fishout. I'll bet you will give something to the group and get something from the group. That's what it's all about folks. See you in or out of the water on one of our Granite Bay Fishouts.

I hope to acquire several more new videos soon and will announce the titles in future newsletters. Also, if anyone has a fishing book or an original video, either BETA or VHS, and would like to donate it to the club video library, please contact me.

It appears that the new books were interesting and enticing since over half of them were checked out at the last meeting. Hope you all enjoy reading them, and please return them on the evening of the March club meeting so that others may check them out and enjoy them as well.

ROD BUILDING

Warren Schoenmann

The first club Flyrod building class was set up by Stan Helleckson and myself. The class size was held to a maximum of eight participants due to equipment and time restrictions. Class admission cost is \$5.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. (Plus each individuals cost of rod building materials and rod blank.)

We will hold a materials and equipment selection discussion on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse and have two instruction and assembly classes on March 20 and 27 to help all participants get started on guide placement, wrapping techniques, and handle and reel seat installation.

While Stan and I will both be available for additional personalized help, completion of the rod assembly will largely be left up to each individual to accomplish at their own pace. Due to limited turning equipment, a schedule for guide finishing will be established for everyone.

If there is enough club interest in the future, another rod building class will be held later on this year, so if you are interested in building your own rod, call me.

LIBRARY NEWS

Warren Schoenmann

The long awaited video library is starting to take shape. Videos will be loaned out the same as the book library. Check out a tape (members only) at the next club meeting then return it at the following meeting or drop it off at my house, if you wish, if you are through with it before club night.

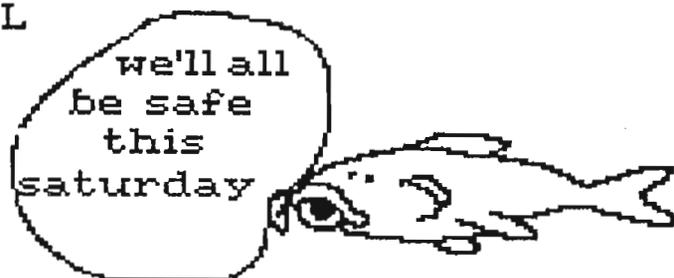
Most tapes are VHS, however I have a few BETA tapes acquired through the years which I would be glad to loan out to anyone who has only a BETA player. Just call me for titles.

Current VHS titles available are:

- Fishing the Bow River (Canada), a narrative by West Winds Fishing Charters. (Donated by Ken Winkleblack)
- L.L. Bean Basic Fly Casting.
- The Essence of Fly Casting, by Mel Kreiger (which I won at the dinner raffle and will donate to the library).
- Hal Jansen, Fly Tying Seminar for the 1989 club dinner.
- George Anderson, Fly Tying Seminar for the 1990 club dinner. (Donated by the Vingoms).
- Fishing Costa Rica (Rio Colorado Lodge Tarpon Fishing) by Archie Fields. (Donated by Jim Pratt).
- Strip Mining the Seas, A driftnet expedition, by Earthtrust Honolulu, HI.

FIFTH ANNUAL GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS PICNIC

MAY 19, 1990



Get ready for the best picnic yet. The first reason it will be the best picnic is that all the food and soft drinks will be FREE! The second reason is that there will be more events, with prizes for each event. The third is there will be a large raffle with lots of great merchandise (late arrivals from the dinner raffle donations). The fourth is a special raffle for a six weight/four piece Loomis rod. The fifth reason is that the food will be barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs with chips and soft drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to help make up a variety. There will be a two dollar registration fee per adult and children will be free. This is only a way to count heads so that we will be prepared to make this the best picnic yet. The sixth and best reason to attend is that there will be a big surprise for each adult that attends, let alone all of the fun that everyone will have. Whether you participate in the events (such as the blindfold fly-tying or the scavenger hunt flytying or the casting competition) or just re-reacquaint yourselves with your fellow club members and meet new club members, we're sure that everyone will have a great time. Plus don't forget to bring the kids; there will be events scheduled for them also. ONE of which will be a SPECIAL RAFFLE JUST FOR THE KIDS.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Rick Radoff

GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Warren Schoenmann

This months centerfold is the perfection loop, a quick and easy way to put a good strong loop on the end of a length of line. As I mentioned in last months article, I use it on the tag end of the heavy mono line I use on the end of my fly lines and then connect my leader here, loop to loop, instead of tying the leader directly to the fly line. This makes for easier and quicker leader changes.

—This is the last knot required for the Golden Trout Program, so look for something new next month in the centerfold.

We've picked up another new participant in the program. Our industrious President entered the program in February and will be working towards completing her program catagories during the next twelve months. Welcome to the program, Marie!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Carol & John Lewis
4382 Olive Ranch Road
Granite Bay, CA 95661
(916) 791-1053

Stephen Smith
9615 Cripple Creek
Newcastle, CA 95658
(916) 663-3319

Mike & Cathy Kitts
140 Pepito Way
Folsom, CA 95630
(916) 983-2242

NOTE: Please remember that all membership dues have to go through Rick Radoff so that he can add you as a new member or check off your dues as paid. Thank you!

FLYFISHING CLINIC

Jim Pratt

Learn flyfishing or improve your skills at this once a year event!

Topics covered: Basic equipment, such as rods, reels, lines, leaders and tippets will be covered on Thursday evening March 22 between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Basic straight line casting, advanced casting techniques, fly presentation, reading rise forms, trout diet and basic entomology will be covered on Saturday and Sunday April 7 & 8 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Chuck Echer will again be our instructor. Every student in the past has given Chuck rave reviews. Chuck has an easy going, relaxed style that allows each student the opportunity to learn at his or her own pace.

Only \$49.00 for 3 days of instruction. \$10.00 discount for club members, even if you join with the clinic! Limited to 25 students. Each student will receive an L.L. Bean Basic Flyfishing Handbook.

Mail your check to GBF, 4617 Chicago Ave. Fair Oaks, CA 95628 or call Jim at 966-0136. Sponsored by the Granite Bay Flycasters.

* ARTICLES & IDEAS FOR THE LEADER *

The Leader is published monthly and is free to members. If you would like to submit an article, idea or suggestion to the Leader, please remember the following:

- Deadline for material submitted is the 20th.
- Articles should be legibly written, preferably typed, and mailed to: Laurie Warren P.O. Box 84 Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Please include name and phone number in case of questions.
- Articles may also be FAXed to (916) 638-3505.
- Contributions are welcome!