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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 13	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse*
Feb. 15	Pyramid Fishout**
Feb. 20	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Feb. 24	Flytying Potpourri #1 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Feb. 29	Jerry Silver Program at Clubhouse
Mar. 2	Flytying Potpourri #2 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Mar. 9	Sacramento River Outing at Redding
Mar. 12	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 16	Flytying Potpourri *3 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 19	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 21	Bass Outing***
Mar. 23	Flytying Potpourri #4 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 30	Flytying Potpourri *5 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

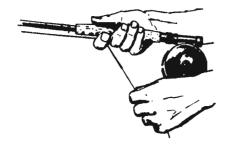
^{*} NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate before 7:30 p.m., because the gatekeeper must lock the gate at that time.

^{**} NOTE: The January Leader had erroneously listed this date as Feb. 16.

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Tentative Outing Schedule—1992 (Revised)

Feb. 15	Pyramid Lake-one day.
Mar. 9	Sacramento River at Redding
Mar. 21	Bass outing
Apr. 4-5	Sacramento River at Redding
Apr. 26	Lake Natoma Outing & Picnic
May 10-??	Arcularius Ranch. 6 spots. Call for reservation: 677-7169
May 30-31	MIII Creek-backpacking trip
June 6-7	Indian Creek Reservoir
July 11-12	Milton Lake and Middle Fork Yuba
July 25-26	Kings Canyon
Aug. 21-24	North Umpqua
Aug. ??	Lake Natoma Hexagenia Evening Fishout
Sep. 12-13	Trinity River
Sept 26-27	Robinson Creek
Oct.	McCloud River/Squaw Valley Creek
Nov.	Steelhead trip



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

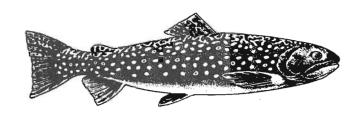
Warren Schoenmann

First let me thank all those who gave of themselves and their time to help make the Annual Dinner a huge success again this year.

There are a lot of activities and outings planned throughout the year so be sure to read the Leader from cover to cover and don't miss out on any of them. Some are still in the planning stage so will be announced in the newsletter as they become reality. We are planning a different fly tying seminar with several skilled club tyers to provide the instruction; if all goes well, and with all of your help it will, we would like to offer a net building class this year, and perhaps another rod building class in the spring, so keep watch for the announcements in the leader.

I am very much interested in suggestions and input from you, the membership. Have a desire for a new activity or an idea to add to the present activities, give me a call and lets put those ideas on the drawing board and get them into reality.

Hope to see you all at the February club meeting on the 13th.



DINNER NEWS

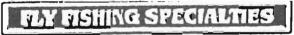
For those of you who couldn't attend the dinner, you missed a whopper. We had an excellent program on the four seasons of fly fishing by Gary Borger, had a very nice dinner, and then raffled off over \$9,000 in prizes. The Grand prize winner, Andy Stearns, took home a brand new 8-foot Pram.

We also started a new tradition this year known as the "Wet Fly Award". The award will be presented at the Annual Dinner each year to the most deserving individual who can't seem to stay above the water line. This years lucky winner of the now coveted WET FLY AWARD is Ron English, who many of us witnessed taking a splash from time to time throughout the year.

Keep your eyes peeled this year for other such graceful and worthy persons who may unwantingly take a dip and report such sightings to the Pres. At the end of the year we will tally up the score and select one lucky person to bestow this award upon at the next annual dinner.



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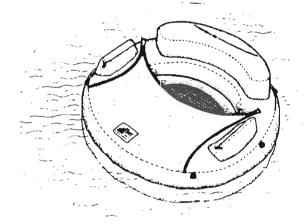
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Merchandise		832.69
Raffle		1558.00
Leader Ads		2 4 0.00
Picnic		644.15
Annual Dinner (1991 + 1992 to dat	la)	6771.00
Open House		245.00
Egg Program		347.00
Golden Trout		135.00
Fly Tying Classes		172.00
FFF		510.33
Books & Tapes		<u> 390.00</u>
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SUD FILES	TOTAL \$	15031.17
EXPENSES		
Raffle	\$	1127.53
Newsletter & Postage		1754.15
General Supplies		946.17
Annual Picnic & Expo	- \$	1008.53
Annual Dinner (1991 + 1992 to dat	e)	4247.75
Egg Program Merchandise		2087.21
		1663.65
Taxes, Insurance, Misc. Fees		365.28
FFF & CSPA		792.00
Speakers & Awards Bank Service Charge		931.33
Miscellaneous		12.15
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	TOTAL \$	19276.22
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Ending balance in checking (12/31/91)	\$	<u>3125.37</u>
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GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM Marie Stull

I'm happy to announce the first participant in the Golden Trout Program for 1992. Steve Hand joined the program while on the Stanislaus River outing on January 4th--so he picked up his first credit toward program completion on the first day!

Steve has been a member for several years. He has been quite active in club fishouts and events, and attends most of the meetings. Welcome to the program, Stevell Have a good time completing the program during the next twelve months.

If anyone is interested in participating in this excellent program, and would like information or an outline of program activities, please contact me. See the front cover for my number.

NEW PATRONS

In addition to our existing, ever faithful advertisers who help defray the cost of this publication (see inside for their ads), we have several new patrons: Graphi-Cat Printing Services (they print the Leader); Nor-Cal Embroidery; Mark Pinto's Homewaters Guide Service; and All Awards (Robert Smith, owner the does our badges). Thank these and ALL our patrons for their support of our club by patronizing them. They pay for these ads, and many of them donate generously, constantly, to our raffles.

YUBA RIVER LETTERS

In last month's bulletin we printed a sample letter to DFG regarding establishment of a steelhead catch-and-release fishery on the Yuba River. Ron English, who is heading up this effort, has received a reply from DFG, which indicates that the request will be considered by the state FIsh & Game Commission at its regulation-establishing meeting in 1993.

In the meantime, there is an ongoing process to establish flow standards on the Yuba River. This process involves determining all of the beneficial uses being made of Yuba River water, including instream needs for the fishery. Hearings will be held on this subject at the State Water Resources Control Board on February 10, 11 and 13, at 901 P Street, Sacramento.

More letters are needed. Copies will be available at the Feb. meeting. For more information on the flow standards hearings, or on the effort itself, call Ron English (677-7169).

KVIE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Once again GBF is being invited to assist our local public broadcasting station, KVIE-TV, in its spring membership drive. We have done this twice before, and it seems that everyone really enjoyed helping with this community service activity. The date is Saturday, March 14, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and we need a total of 25 volunteers. Club members and family members over 18 are eligible to participate. Sign up at the Feb. 13 meeting, or call Frank Stolten at 725-6894 for further details.

Bits & Pieces

CASTING CLINIC FOR MEMBER NOVICES

This is a MEMBERS-ONLY, NOVICES-ONLY clinic...meaning those who have had either no experience with a fly rod, or whose skills are minimal and have never had lessons. The instructor is Chuck Ecker, a well-known casting instructor and angler. There will be two separate clinics: Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12, 1992. There will be 10 slots on each day. The cost is \$20.00 per member, which must be paid at the time of signup—which will be at the February 13th meeting. The cost includes a lunch. The clinic will be held at a pond near Maric & Ed's home. A map will be provided to those who sign up and pay.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Chuck Campana, who works at Kiene's Fly Shop, will present a program on salt water flyfishing. This is a growing and interesting area of our sport, so don't miss it.

FLYTYING POTPOURRI SEMINAR

We have put together a very special and unique 6-week flytying program designed to teach a broad range of skills. On Monday evening during each of the six weeks, a different tyer will instruct the first ten participants to sign up. Each tyer will present a program on a particular style or skill. The tyers are: Ned Long (extended bodies); Terry Eggleston (foam popper bodies); Greg Bevard (trout flies); Bill Carnazzo (dry flies for pocketwater); Don Steffa (TBA); and Sturmer White (Jimmy Nix bass flies). The cost will be \$10.00, payable on signup—at the February meeting. The seminars will begin Monday, February 24, 1991, at the Clubhouse. LIMIT: 10 participants.

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JERRY & BEATRICE SILVER PROGRAM
Or--"All You Ever Wanted to Know
About Making a Fly Plate But Didn't
Know Who to Ask"

Have you ever looked at a beautiful fly plate and wondered how it was made? Or maybe thought you'd like to be able to display some of your own creations in a special way? Sure, it looks difficult, just like fly tying did before you started tying but it really isn't that hard once you know how it is done. And, like fly tying, it allows you to combine some of the skills you've developed along with a bit of creativity.



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED READING BY BRUCE CLINE

A good friend passed on a book entitled <u>A River Runs</u> Through it, by Norman Maclean (1976, University of Chicago Press). This is a "must read" for any lover of the outdoors, and particularly for the flyfisher.

Many of you mak know the book; if so, you will surely agree that the three short stories which comprise the book are great. They were written by a man who caught many fish in Montana over the years.

The author was 73 years old when he wrote this, his first and only book, after teaching for many years at the University of Chicago. His three short stories are reflections on his boyhood days, flyfishing with his brother on the Blackfoot River in Montana, and on life in the woods of Montana in the early 1900's.

"A River Runs Through It" is also the title of the first short story. It is about the two brothers and their love of flyfishing. The tale is as instructive as it is a lot of fun. It is being made into a movie with Robert Redford, to be released in spring or summer. However, don't wait for the movie—the book is too good for that!!

The second story, "Logging, Pimping and Your Old Pal Jim", is about a team of loggers (gyppo team), and life in a logging camp. The last story, "USFS 1919: The Ranger, The Cook, And a Hole in The Sky", is about a summer Forest Service crew and life on the Bitteroot Divide between Montana and Idaho in 1919.

Pick this book up and you are in for a real treat. Enjoy!!

[Thanks, Bruce. Bruce is a new member who clearly has good taste in reading material. Articles from members are greatly appreciated, and most welcome. Incidentally—book reports such as this qualify for credit under the Golden Trout Program—a good reason to participate. Ed.]

DINNER THANKS

MARIE STULL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making this year's dinner such a great success. Special thanks to Warren and Olive for such a spectacular raffle. Also to Rick and his crew, for the early bird program. For those of you who missed the morning program, you really missed a great one. It alone was worth the price of the dinner ticket. For fear of leaving someone out, I will not mention names. You all know who you are, and I really appreciate the cooperation that I received in making this dinner one to remember.

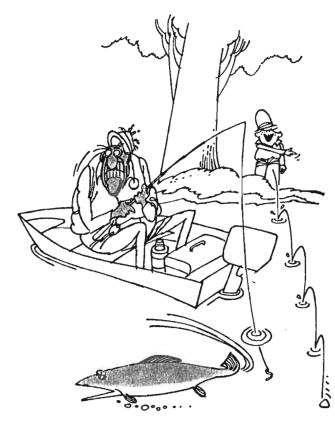
It was also great to see the young people involved this year--they were super.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, and letting me be your dinner chairperson. I truly enjoyed every minute of it. It is really great to be part of such a great club.

he held up the small Olympus in his other hand. "Nice catch", said ATC wryly as he grinned and delivered a prominent unidigital freeway salute to his friend.

After ATC posed for photos with the dead sucker proudly displayed next to his fly rod, they sat and laughed over their for-the-road sodas while recounting the momentous event and savoring its essential humor as only longtime fishing partners can do, before starting the long hike back to the trailhead.

P.S.: sorry, we never got the Royal's "swim", or to how The Hole got its name. Royal and ATC will tell about it next time as they walk out of the canyon.



"Hey mister! Five skips!"

Well, wonder no more because on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 9:30 a.m. the club will be hosting a special fly plate construction proram being conducted by Jerry and Beatrice Silver, who for several years have combined their skills to create beautiful fly plates, some of which you may have seen being auctioned off at one of the Conclaves. But they are never offered for sale, only donated for charitable or fund raising purposes.

Their program will take you through all phases of fly plate design and construction, including layout, mat selection and cutting, mounting flies, frame selection, and macro photography.

The cost of admission to this special program is only \$3.00, which <u>includes lunch</u> prepared by Chef Togo. Membersonly can sign up at the Feb. 13 meeting or call Frank Stolten at 725-6894 for further information.

GBF LIBRARY

Jim Hornberger, Librarian

Many thanks to the members for being so cooperative in keeping the videos and books circulating! The majority of you are returning them at thenext monthly meeting so others can enjoy them too.

As a reminder to a few of you, the following books and videos do need to be returned, having been out since:

Videos: Tying Bass Flies--9/12; Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies--10/10

Books: Practical Fishing Knots--9/12

The club is planning on adding to the library and would like your input on selections. So if you have a preference on subject matter, or can recommend a book or video, please write down a few lines about it and hand it to me at the Feb. meeting—or give me a call at home (961–2212). Thank you.

CAL-EXPO BOOTH

The GBF booth at Cal-Expo, for the International Sportsman's Exposition, was a resounding success. The booth was staffed by enthusiastic, smiling club members, busily hawking tickets for the pram drawing and the annual dinner, as well as enticing a number of new members. The number of people who stopped at the booth, took brochures, and talked with us, was astounding. Club tyers did their thing at the booth table (including the English boys, Nick and Isaac). The booth was tastefully decorated with pictures of members "en flagrante piscator"—I think that's latin for "proudly holding fish"—and various GBF indicia (our sign, shirts, sweatshirts, and hats). If you have not participated in this event, you are missing out on a great time, and an opportunity to meet a lot of interesting folks. Join us next year—we'll be there again!



FLYTYER'S CORNER

Bill Carnazzo

Durham Ranger

Continuing with our winter series on traditional western steelhead patterns, the Durham Ranger is a jewel in appearance as well as performance.

Materials Needed

Hook

Mustad 36890 (Black, looped & turned up eye)

or equivalent, or your favorite

steeihead hook, size 6-10

Weight

(Optional) Lead wire wound around hook

Tail

Golden Pheasant Tippet

Body

Red floss

Butt

Peacock herl

Rib

Gold oval tinsel Two Golden Pheasant Tippet feathers

Wing

Hackle

Scarlet red, tied in beard style

Cheeks

Jungle Cock, or substitute

Thread

Black

Tying Instructions

1. Cover hook with thread, and wind lead (optional) around hook, extending from just ahead of the point of the hook to approximately 1/4 inch behind eye.

2. Mount tail just above point of hook, using the "45 degree" technique. Tail should be shorter than normal--i.e., less than the length of the shank by about 1/3.

- 3. Attach herl, and wind a thick butt about 1/8 inch in width.
- Attach red floss for body and gold oval tinsel for ribbing; wind a smooth floss body to about 1/4 inch behind eye (less with smaller hooks). Rib body with 3 or 4 evenly spaced winds of the tinsel. Do not extend rib beyond end of floss body. Tie tinsel off neatly on top of hook.
- 5. Select two evenly shaped golden pheasant tippet

feathers, and oppose the dull sides making sure that the ends are lined up. Mount these on edge directly on top of the hook, so that the rear of the feathers extend almost to the end of the tail. The mounting point is at the front end of the body.

- 6. Mount the cheeks so that the eye of the Jungle cock is directly in the center of the G.P. tippet feather, using the same mounting point as the G.P. tippet.
- 7. Mount the hackle slightly forward of the G.P. tippet mounting point--this will allow the wound hackle to be swept back, pulled down and under the hook, and tied in as a beard.

His hands cupped around his polarized glasses to bar any extraneous light, Royal's eyes caught the deep flash of The Fish just as ATC saw the slight pause of the indicator and raised his rod tip. The line instantly shot upstream, then down and across, headed directly at ATC who was frantically trying to get the fish on the reel. Staying deep, the fish remained hidden from ATC as it turned again. heading across and downstream toward the tail. "He doesn't seem as big, but sure is strong", he muttered as the fish put itself on the Ross and ATC tightened down the drag, comfortable that his 3X tippet would hold. "This guy's not going over the edge on me". He succeeded in turning the fish before it reached the barrier rocks, and was gaining line. As he got the brute halfway back, he realized the fish hadn't jumped or even surfaced, contrary to last year's acrobatic display. "That's strange", he thought as he glanced quizzically up at ATC who was by now bent over in paroxysms of laughter. "What the hell has gotten into him now", thought ATC. "Too many bagels, I guess. It's certainly not hot enough for sun stroke".

The fish was still resisting strongly and deep as ATC reeled in the last ten feet of fly line. In an effort to raise the fish, he put a U-shaped bow in the rod as he reeled the leader butt through the tiptop guide--at which time the cause of Royal's spasmodic laughter became apparent. Not only was it a huge "sucker", but he had it foul hooked in the tail. "Damned trash fish", he sputtered as he drug the beast onto the rock shelf, knocked its head against the rock and threw it ("take that, you @#\$%&") straight at the still laughing Royal, who deftly caught it and proceeded to wave it tauntingly around by its tail as he danced about.

Recognizing the absurdity of the whole situation, ATC smiled philosophically, attached his fly to the hook keeper, rolled the soft lead a bit to tighten it, adjusted the indicator, and climbed up the slippery six feet of rocky footholds to the top of the falls. Royal, appearing from behind the base of his rock perch, tried unsuccessfully to hide his amusement as he held the dead fish at arm's length by the tail. "Well, my friend that was--and this fish is--a classic, and it's all recorded here", he said as

Flyfishing Backcountry Sierra Streams by

Royal B. Pocketwater

Part VI

We left Royal and ATC last month just as ATC had mended upstream to eliminate the otherwise inevitable drag inflicted by the faster current between his rod tip and the drifting indicator. As ATC made his second mend, Royal's eyes were riveted, from up above, on the indicator and the water column below it, having turned his attention from raptor to quarry.

ATC's first cast played out uneventfully. ATC stripped the fly back slowly, moving the rod tip back and forth as he did so, causing the fly to swim across and through the conflicting currents and upwellings. He'd used this technique successfully in the past on deep holes along small backwoods streams, although the trout he had fooled in this manner had typically been small. His theory (as to the smallness of the fish), shared for the most part by Royal: during the day the big bruisers have to be hit practically on the nose as they sulk under the occasional undercut, or beneath a rock slab or in the lee of large boulders. Late evening or at night, of course, is a whole different story, when those toads take over the sweeping tails of large pools, feeding wantonly. But that's another yarn.....

As he readied his next cast, he glanced up at Royal who, over the roar, was waving his arms and pointing at the wall across from ATC. He knew instantly what Royal meant: last year when he had hooked the monster, the flow had been somewhat higher because it was midsummer. Now, in the fall, the lower flows had caused the currents to change accordingly, and the "sweet spot" appeared to be closer to the wall. Nodding and waving to indicate his recognition, ATC placed his second cast closer to the wall, just beyond the scum swirl and into the tug of a strong but narrow slot current. This time ATC had to mend downstream, and then quickly back upstream, first to swing the line over the eddy and then to take the rapidly forming downstream bow out of the line.

- 8. Wind hackle, using 1 or 2 winds. With each wind, wet fingers and gently fold the barbules together to achieve fullness. Now sweep hackle back and down with left hand while winding thread over base of hackle to hold it in place in form of a beard.
- 9. Form a nice shaped head, and apply shiny lacquer.

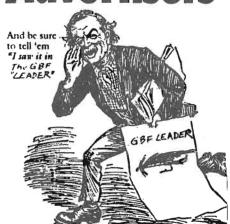


DUES--DUES--DUES

It's that time again, folks. Your club provides a wide variety of activities, and participates in an number of important conservation programs. Yet, our dues are moderate. In short, your contribution goes a long way. Here's a sampling of what you get: a monthly meeting with an informative program and a generous drawing; classes in rod building, fly tying, and casting; the best club bulletin in the west (editor not modest); fishouts galore—real opportunities to fish new water with some excellent anglers; satisfying conservation programs and information; an annual family picnic and an annual dinner at which well known guest speakers present a valuable program. Here's the dues structure:

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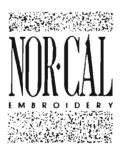
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