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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 8	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Randy Johnson-Truckee Area
Jul 15	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Aug 12	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse
Aug 19	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse

PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

July 10 Backpack TRA
July Hexigenia at Lake Natoma
Will advise
July 24 & 25 Rocky Point (Oregon)
Aug 27-30 Williamson River, Oregon
Sep Cache Creek (Date depends on
water flow)
Sep 11 & 12 Trinity River
Sep 25 & 26 Robinson Creek
Oct 22 Heenan Lake (Friday)

Please Note: Any of these dates are extremely tentative due to, finally, a "normal" winter. If there are any fishouts that you would like to lead, contact the fishmaster, Ron English.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

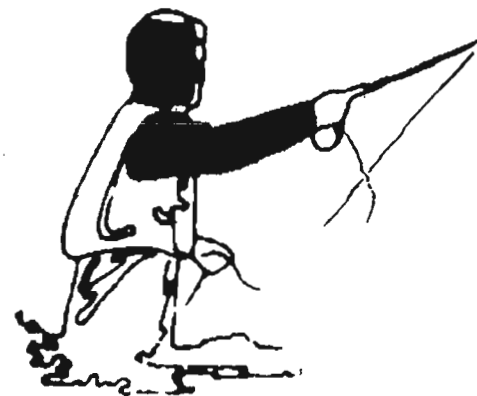
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**On Fishing and Tying the Dry
Fly--Part One**

It always helps to begin by defining one's terms. What, then, is a "dry fly"? In its most rudimentary sense, the term refers to a fly which floats, and is therefore fished on the surface. This definition brings to mind flies such as the Stimulator, by Randall Kaufmann, featured in this issue, which "bob and weave" down and through the current (if astream) or perch quietly on the surface (if in still water). Our expectation, of course, as we fish this sort of fly, is that "ole blue" will emerge from the depths and smash the fraudulent interloper adorning the end of the tippet. From there we fantasize about smoking reels, and visualize fly line melting into nylon backing, together snaking out through the guides as the spidery 5X tippet holds due to superior angling skills. Dreamlike, we imagine deftly running downstream, leaping gracefully from rock to boulder and across logjam and sweeper, while chasing the panicked monster as it doggedly heads for the churning rapids ahead. Just as the moment of truth arrives, we divine an ever-so-slight tiring of the great warrior and begin the retrieval/capture phase of the battle. An active imagination never hurts, right?

Now let's see...where was I? Oh, yeah-- the definition (yawn) of the dry fly. The point of the above nostalgic departure was to focus attention on the commonly accepted definition of the dry fly. As thoroughly exciting as the adrenalin-pumping surface take can be, the common notion that to qualify as a dry fly, the bug must float perkily and high, may be far too limiting both of the definition, and of the individual angler's own horizons. Consider this: when fishing an emerger, a "cripple", or a stillborn, is the angler fishing "dry"? Aren't these lifeforms in fact wholly or partially submerged? Fishing perky and high-floating flies under these circumstances is about as rewarding as holding line, leader and fly in your hand and drifting the rod and reel over the fish.

Consider also the tactics and manner of fishing emerger imitations. Aren't they similar, in terms of the presentation and drift, to standard dry fly technique? Personally (and certainly there is room for differing views here), I believe that there is much yet to be learned about all this and we should avoid mind-numbing rigidity of thought. But at the very least it seems to me that the above definition needs to be expanded so it reads like this: "dry fly", at least for purposes of tying and fishing, includes those flies which are designed to be, and are fished at or near the surface. This entirely functional concept, which occurred to me long ago, is at once both simple, and easy to apply in the process of learning to tie and to fish patterns designed to imitate certain stages of aquatic insect life. The concept is broad enough to include all sorts of "emergers", and what we have traditionally thought of as "nymphs" fished in the surface film. And, of course, it leaves room for those anglers who



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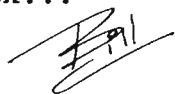
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prefer to keep things more compartmentalized in their tying and fishing. For me, however, it means that if the fly is supposed to be fished at or near the surface, I will need to organize material, hook and technique around that concept in order to tie the pattern; and, when it comes to fishing it, in order to be successful, I will have to apply those oft-hard-learned tricks, tips and techniques that make for successful surface angling.

So, that's my entree for this short series dealing with the dry fly, to be followed with some theories about tying them and then with some views on how to present and drift them.

It's time to begin thinking about "emerging" from the background and lending a hand to the club by considering running for one of the officer or director spots, or taking responsibility for one of the many club committee chairs, for the 1994 year. It would be great if we had at least two candidates for each of the elected positions. There will be nomination committee at the appropriate time, but please consider this committment now, so that you can volunteer early or, if the committee approaches you, you will have thought about it. Thanks.

Well, I'm off to do some rock-hopping with a box full of flies that I will fish at or near the surface (and a little box of non-toxic "shot", just for insurance purposes). See you on the creek!!!



SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Just a reminder, this is a "fun" article for the club members to either toot their own horn over something well done, or, maybe, something not so well done. Give me a call to include you or your buddies SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Thanks. Jim Holmes 967-6709

*Ron "The Rod Breaker" English has broke yet another rod. This may sound like a repeat from last month, but the English family continues to use rods like sticks...they are for breaking.

*Speaking of the English family, El Dorado County has issued a special burn permit to allow Ron to have his birthday cake and not because of the number of candles.

*June was the month for Montana for several of the GBF members including your editor, Jim Holmes and Bill Lockhart who completed a wonderful three week fishing vacation, and Jim and Terri Hornberger who spent two weeks in West Yellowstone.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The Board has announced that it has made a special purchase of fly boxes complete with the GBF logo. These boxes come in two sizes, large which sells for \$8.00 and small for \$6.00. These are excellent unsinkable boxes and should prove useful to carry your newly tied flies to your favorite stream or lake. They will be available at any general meeting.

FISHING REPORT

American Fly Fishing Co. Gary Eblen, Owner

- *Silver Fork of the American-Dry flies..compa-raduns size: 14/16 gray
- *Yuba-Hwy 20 bridge shad
- *American River-Stripers still available
- *Little Truckee-Little nymphs (16-18), Rust spinners, black and white tricos
- *Fuller Lake-dry flies near the dam planters but pentiful

Fly Fishing Specialties Stan, Owner

- *Shad still is Yuba
- *Truckee River-Excellent now near town std flies both dry and nymphs
- *Fuller Lake-heavily planted most any flies
- *Davis Lake-Poor Damsels hatching deep-12 to 15 feet makes difficult fishing
- *Trinity strarting to get some Summer Steel-head

Kienes's Fly Shop Bill-Owner and Jeff

- *Some shad still in the American near Nimbus
- *Martis Lake-Blood Midges
- *Most Sierra streams still high except Little Truckee
- *Yuba River-Some shad near Hwy 20 bridge
- *Hat Creek and Pit doing well Pit #5-7 are best using nymphs Price 14-16 and golden Stones
- *Fall River-Hex hatch starting
- *Indian Creek Res-use # 3-4 sniking lines deep with size 8-10 wooly burger

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Joe Bania

Mother Nature Postpones Martis Lake Project

A rather fierce, unseasonal storm caused postponement of the June 5 fishout/survey at Martis Creek Lake. The project has been tentatively rescheduled for October. More information will be included in THE LEADER when it becomes available.

Reminder re Moving Live Fish

A very good newspaper article printed recently caught my eye because it had a special caution for anglers practicing catch and release. The article reminded us that it's illegal to move live fish from one body of water to another, a practice that can severely disrupt existing fisheries. All fish released alive must be released into the body of water where the catch was made to prevent introduction of disease and/or predator fish into new areas, and excessive competition for food in an otherwise stable ecosystem. Once undesirable species are introduced to an area, existing fisheries may be devastated, areas may be closed to fishing until the undesirable species is removed, and the dollars spent for restoring a fishery could have been used more productively for enhancing other fisheries.

Thanks For Your Support

Since this is my last report as Conservation Chairman, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported GBF's conservation activities during the past 3+ years. "Support" does not just mean physically participating in specially planned activities -- it also means administrative efforts (by board members, activity co-chairpersons and, last but not least, my wife) that helped carry out planned activities, and adoption of practices by all flycasters that protect the fish and their environment. See you on the water!

FLYTYING CONTEST

Here are the rules we will use:

1. The Leader fly of the month will be the fly for the next month's contest. For example, the Stimulator in this month's Leader will be the August contest pattern.

2. At the monthly meeting for the month the fly is featured in the Leader, there will be one or more club members tying the fly. For example, the Stimulator will be tied at the July meeting.

3. Entries are to be brought to the general meeting following the meeting at which the fly is tied. For example, since the Stimulator will be tied at the July meeting, it should be brought to the August general meeting.

4. Entries are to be turned in to the President, who will deliver them all at one time to the judging panel, which will consist of experienced club tyers. The President will give your fly a number, which you will have to remember.

5. The winner will be announced during the meeting. The winner will be awarded one of the small fly boxes embossed with the club logo, and will be given "press" as the winner in the next Leader.

6. The club's "expert" tiers have agreed not to participate in the contest.

GOOD LUCK!!!

JULY MEETING

Our July speaker will be Randy Johnson, a guide in the Tahoe-Truckee area. Randy guides out of Tourist Liquors in downtown Truckee. He is extremely knowledgeable of the Truckee river and Martis lake and should have some very current information for this "local" fishery.

base extends rearward to point just above hook point. Leave first 1/3 of hook bare for now.

2. Stack small elk hair bunch for tail; tie hair in at the 1/3 point, and wind rearward over it, holding the hair above the shank as it is secured down along the shank. The tail length should be equal to the gape of the hook.

3. Tie in ribbing at tail base, and dub body forward to the 1/3 point.

4. At the 1/3 point, tie in hackle to be palmered, with shiny side facing you. This hackle should be only slightly longer than the hook gape. Palmer the hackle rearward, taking two adjacent turns at the beginning. Wind gold wire rib to secure palmered hackle.

5. Measure and stack wing hair. It should extend to bend of hook. Tie it in at the 1/3 point, and taper-trim the butts.

6. Tie in hackle at wing tie in point, with shiny side forward to match palmered hackle. The hackle length equals the palmered hackle.

7. Dub the goat thorax, noting the coarseness of the material. Now sweep the stray fibers back, and wind in front of the dubbing to hold it back.

8. Wrap the hackle through the thorax 3 or 4 times, sweeping each wrap back as you go. The last wrap should be at the front of thorax. Tie off neatly in front of thorax.

9. Sweeping all fibres rearward, goat dubbing and hackle together, form a neat, small head.

10. Using a thumbnail, spread the wing and tail wide. Now go stimulate a few fish with it!!!

HINT: Randall suggests, and I agree, that tyers should resist the temptation to overdress this fly. It should be tied sparsely.

by

BILL CARNAZZO

The Stimulator Patterns

[NOTE: THIS IS THE PATTERN FOR THE FLY TYING CONTEST FOR JULY. SEE ARTICLE ON THE CONTEST IN THIS BULLETIN]

The Stimulator is a Randall Kaufmann pattern. You will find it on page 140 of his latest book called Tying Dry Flies. I have found this pattern to be very effective--it is always in my flybox, and in my backpack. Here are Randall's own words: "The Stimulator is my favorite dry fly, and I constantly find myself knotting it onto my leader. I fish it as an attractor, an exciter, and as a midday dredger when nothing else seems to be happening. I fish it in slow and fast water, lakes, spring creeks and freestone rivers from Patagonia to the Arctic. I especially like it for imitating caddis in broken water and for skittering across the surface of a lake during a travelling caddis (sedge) hatch. It is also my favorite stonefly imitation, and I adapt it for all sizes and colors. In a pinch it will fish as a hopper, especially in faster water." Versatility!!!

Following is the pattern for the Yellow Stimulator. In Randall's book you will find a large list of variations--size, color and shape. My favorite variant is the Royal Stimulator.

Materials

Hook	Tiemco 200R, 6-18
Thread	Flourescent fire orange
Tail	Light elk, flared wide
Rib	Fine gold wire
Body	Bright yellow Haretron or Antron dubbing palmered with badger or ginger hackle
Wing	Light Elk, flared wide/tall
Hackle	Grizzly, 3 or 4 turns
Thorax	Amber goat

Instructions

1. Cover shank with thread. On 200R hook, thread

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Many thanks to Paul and Kim Roccoforte for handling the library in June. They did a great job!

Thanks to all of you for keeping the books and videos circulating. Some of you do need a bit of reminding. In case I am not able to contact you prior to the July meeting, here is a printed reminder:

Overdue Books:

60 Days:

Streamers and Bucktails, Bates
Designing Trout Flies, Borger
Sierra Trout Guide, Cutter
Lake Fishing with a Fly, Kaufmann
Compleat Lee Wulff

Plus 60 Days:

Practical Fishing Knots, Kreh
Stan Steele - 12/10/92; Anyone knowing where he is, please contact me.
Modern Trout Flies, Jorgensen
Kent Talcott - 3/11/93
The Beginning Fly Tyer, Bainbridge
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Please return the above listed videos/books no later than the July meeting.

Thank you.

Jim Hornberger, Librarian

GOODIES. Thanks again to JEANNE ENGLISH who tells me that all went well with the refreshments. In fact the members are so hungry when they get there that there are only crumbs left! I understand MARK NEICE brought some crackers and cheese, which added some protein to the palate. Actually, its a very good idea for future cooks to bring. And I heard the brownies brought by ANN LATTERI were very popular. So thanks to all who helped, you are much appreciated!!
Teri Hornberger, Refreshments chairman