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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1	River Cleanup
May 8	"Catch a Smile"
May 13	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Jay Murakoshi-Stripers San Luis
May 15	Picnic Please note date change!
May 20	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Jun 10	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Dave Lantz-Wild Trout
Jun 17	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse

PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

May 17,18,19 The Arc (Only 1 space left)
Call Ron English for info.

Jun 5 & 6 Spicer Lake

Jun 25 & 26 Lava Creek Lodge

July 10 & 11 Carson Wilderness

July 24 & 25 Rocky Point (Oregon)

Aug 15-16 King River

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.



FROM THE PRES

MAY, 1993

Since trout season has begun, let's talk about "catch and release". First, look at the computer-generated logo above. Is there something wrong with this picture, as they say? Well, maybe it depends on your viewpoint.

We've all read the articles, heard the lectures, listened to the pontifications. But have we thought the issue through, and internalized our own ethic? Or have we just assumed that "they" know what is right for the biota, and therefore the "righteous" thing for all of us to do?

Think about this one: if we adopt a puristic approach, and apply it in all situations, are we doing so out of guilt (self-imposed or otherwise), so that we thereby shoulder responsibility for past pillage and plunder of the resource? We've all seen the old posed photos of proud anglers with heavy stringers of dead fish.

Here's a few more: is it really sound practice to release every fish hooked, in every situation? What about those freaky half-body, half-head specimens? And, in the back country, where all the fish are wild but the population is healthy, should one "take" a fish or two? What about hatchery fish?

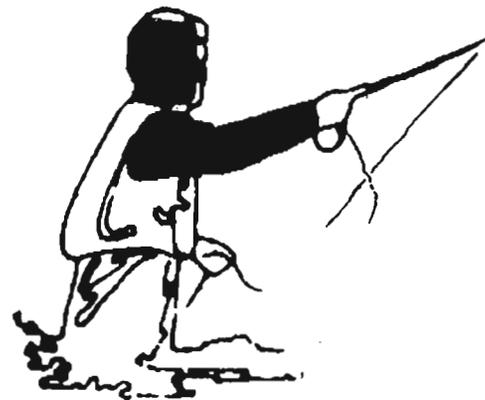
There are many other questions. The point, however, is that: (i) there is a need for individual reflection before locking oneself into a viewpoint; and (ii) there seems to be room for a divergence of opinion here. As flyfishers, perhaps we should recognize that reasonable minds can differ on this contentious issue. Scoffing at a fellow angler who keeps one when perhaps you (or I) would not, may not in the final analysis, be the best thing for our sport.

Onward. Insurance. The club has had liability insurance in the past. Our company fled California. Our best efforts at obtaining coverage have not been productive. Limited coverage is available for \$850 per year; previously it was about \$300. We have tried FFF, and have contacted other clubs. Our lawyer-member Bruce Cline (thanks to his, and his firm's generosity) has donated a significant amount of time researching whether we need insurance, and preparing "release" forms. The bottom line is that we should have some form of coverage....but we're looking for a way not to pay \$850 for the "privilege". Lack of coverage tends to "chill" our activities....see Joe Bania's comments in this newsletter.

In short, the Board is looking for members' advice in dealing with this problem. Give me or any one of the Board members a call with any suggestion. Of course, if we have a member who is an insurance professional.....

Let's go rip some lips!!! Oh, and by the way, release 'em (if that's your bag).

Bill Carnazzo
President



We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Granite Bay Flycasters for the continued support they have shown our stores over these past years. Also a big thank you to those club members, both past and present, who have expended considerable effort and leadership in making the Granite Bay Flycasters the leaders in Northern California.

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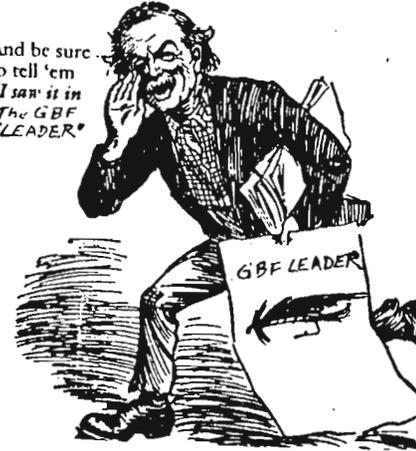
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Help! I am being forced to go to Montana the first three weeks in June. Shall probably have to fish, too. I know it sounds difficult, but I'll survive. I don't want to cart the club library with me, so was wondering if one of you members would take care of it for me at the June meeting? It's a simple job, plus you will have a chance to browse the library for a month. If anyone is interested, give me a call.

It's time to check your bookcase, VCR, car, fishing vest, creel - who has a creel? - for overdue books and videos. There are quite a few of them.

Books - 60 days:

The Henry's Fork, Brooks; Modern Trout Flies, Jorgensen; To Hell with Fishing, Zern; How to Tell Fish From Fishermen, Zern; The Beginning Flytyer, Bainbridge; Fly Fishing For Smallmouth Bass, Murray; Fly Tying 101, Fothergill

Books - over 60 days:

Practical Fishing Knots - Kreh

Stan Steele - 12/10/92

Videos - 60 days:

Learning to Fly Fish, Dennis; Essence of Fly Casting, Krieger; Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies, Dennis; Trout Hot Spots, N. Calif.; Fly Tying Patterns and Techniques, Vol 2.

Videos - over 60 days:

Fly Tying Basics, Dennis.
T. Klinefelter - 2/11/93

Fishing the Midge, Borger.

Jim Henrie - 2/11/93

If you can't get them to the next meeting, mail them, or send with a friend.

Thank you.

Jim Hornberger, Librarian

GORDONS POND FISHOUT

Gordons pond was once again a great bass and bluegill fishout with too many people in attendance to list. Several new members attended and broke in with that feeling of a fish pulling on your line. Even some old timers had a good time fighting some large bluegill. We started fishing at noon and ended at about 6:00 p.m. The fish bit continuously. Marie added to her list of non-fish catches by landing a turtle! (See Special Accomplishments) Thanks again, Gordon!

Ron English-Fishmaster

(This brings us up to date on the fishouts. Thanks for getting these in Ron. Ed.)



time in 4 years. Rob and Jeanne each caught smelt. Fishing was reported as slow after the spit blew out.

On Sunday only the English family and Rob were left to fish. We tried a new beach called Enderts Beach. Rob caught a small perch, the first and only. After lunch we fished the Smith River at Rob's place and he caught a nice 33" Steelhead and a glo bug.

We had a great time and I found surf fishing to be a new and exciting kind of fishing.

Ron English-Fishmaster

O'NEILL FOREBAY FISHOUT

Once again the fishmaster is late with his fishing report on O'Neill Forebay. We traveled South on I-5 to the Highway 33 exit, then west to O'Neill Forebay on March 7, to try our hand at Striper fishing.

Some of the club headed down on Saturday and camped out. Those members had substantially better "luck" than the Sunday people. Sunday was slow. The campers included Terry E., Warren S., Mark N., Steve H., and Sturmer W. They caught enough fish for their dinner (stocked fish are ok for dinner). The Sunday group included the English family, Bill C., Bruce K., and Al B. Bill was the hot rod with three fish. Terry claims he had Mobey Dick's brother on--or maybe it was just a large carp. We will never know.

All in all it was just a great day to be fishing with friends. I got skunked again in a floating device!

Ron English-Fishmaster

NEW CATCH AND RELEASE VIDEO AVAILABLE

A special video devoted strictly to effective catch and release procedures is now available through GBF's library. It was produced by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and reproduced and distributed by the Northwest Women Flyfishers (State of Washington). The following is an excerpt from the film description: "Watch British Columbia anglers catch and release magnificent fish with as little harm to their catch as possible. You will learn how to release trout and steelhead using a variety of fishing techniques from bait to flies. Many who enjoy the sport of fishing today choose to release their catch, or a portion of it, to perpetuate the sport. Because many of our wild fish populations are severely depressed, . . . the need to release these fish, unharmed, has never been greater." I have reviewed this film and feel it is worth watching, even for fishermen who always practice catch-and-release.

SOUND EFFECTS MAY AID SALMON HERDING

An experimental project will begin in early May to use underwater speakers and high-tech sonar in the first-ever attempt to have a word with salmon smolts swimming down the Sacramento River. The message will be: Turn right and head west to the Pacific Ocean, away from the huge, dangerous water-pumping plants at Tracy. Water customers of the San Joaquin Valley have hired a defense contractor to conduct the experiment, which will create an acoustic barrier--a wall of sound. The project is scheduled to start when 10 million salmon about 2 years old are released from Coleman hatchery near Redding. Five to seven underwater speakers will be anchored on the river bottom near Georgiana

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Conservation Report (con't.)

Slough, a waterway to the interior of the Delta. Biologists estimate that 30 percent of the salmon run historically turns into Georgiana Slough. They believe the salmon immigrating to the interior of the complex Delta network stand a much lower chance of reaching the Pacific than those continuing in the Sacramento River. If this project is successful, it could pave the way for protection of fish in other areas.

FREE FISHIN' DAY FOR KIDS

On Saturday, June 6, a special Kids Fishing Day will be held at the ponds by the Department of Fish and Game's Region 2 office (just downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery on Hazel Avenue) starting at 7:30 AM and lasting until 3:00 PM. The children will not need a license to fish this day but the adults will have to have one.

STREAM SURVEY HELP NEEDED

As in years past, the Department of Fish and Game will be conducting stream surveys to determine areas appropriate for incorporation into the Wild Trout Program. This activity relies heavily on volunteer help for its success. GBF members who have participated in the surveys say they are fun and educational, and there is also time to fish! If you would like to assist in this worthwhile project, contact Wayne Chubb at (916) 689-1642. Wayne represents the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers which is coordinating the volunteer recruitment effort. The dates and locations are:

Sept. 7-10	Upper McCloud or S. Fork Pit
Sept. 20-23	Rubicon River
Oct. 18-21	Truckee River
Oct. 25-28	Little Truckee River
Nov. 2 -5	East Walker River

MAY MEETING

The May meeting will feature Jay Murakoshi owner of Flies Unlimited in Salinas. Jay will be speaking on striper fishing in San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill forebay. Jay had a wonderful presentation at the Ed Rice show at Cal-Expo and was the basis of the fly of the month in January. This should be a great presentation as the stripers are HOT now in these locations.

NET BUILDING CLASS

Ken Winkleblack graciously offered is workshop for several club members to build their own nets during the past 6 weeks.

The class found that building your own net was not that complicated and those who completed their projects will be happy to show their nets at fishouts or meetings.

CRESCENT CITY FISHOUT

The Crescent City and Fort Dick fishout starts with the March sign-up to go. The list quickly waned with the threat of rain. The weather was great--a little rain Friday night, Saturday and Sunday were sunny. Members that did brave the threat of rain were the Winkleblack family, the English family, Kevin & friend and Rob.

Saturday morning we attacked the surf at Ft. Dick. The surf was a little strong. I had an aquatic shoe and sock removed from my body by the undertow. The ocean was a bit rough so we decided to move to a more sheltered beach in Crescent City. This beach proved to be calm but lacked "structure" so we were skunked again.

After lunch the group headed for Stone

FISHING REPORT

American Fly Fishing Co. Gary Eblen, Owner

*Shad should be in our part of the American River starting about the 15th

*Indian Creek Reservoir-Crystal chenille woolly bugger dark green sizes 6-8

*Sacramento River near Redding-Sparkling pupa and bead eyes

*Any bass ponds-try surface lures

Gary also stated that he is having a Women's fishing clinic on May 16th put on by Annette Lily. This clinic will cover all aspects of fishing-from the women's point of view. For more information call Gary at 483-1222.

Fly Fishing Specialties Stan, Owner

*American River stripers from mouth to Sailor Bar Red and Blue Deceiver

*Indian Creek Reservoir-Sheep Creek and Olive leech 6-8

*Martis Creek Reservoir-Zonkers 6-8 (Perch imitations)

Kienes's Fly Shop "Chuck"

*Most streams are high and not very fishable. Fall River is producing some fish on nymphs.

*Sad are at Verona in the Sacramento.

*Lake Almanor, Butt, and Bucks are all very slow.



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by

BILL CARNAZZO

Foam Spiders

Here's a simple, effective pattern for panfish and bass. It is a "spider" imitation, and can be tied in a floating or a sinking version. The floating version utilizes a closed cell foam, such as Evasote. The sinking version utilizes an open cell foam. An alternative for a sinking fly would be to wrap the shank with a few wraps of lead. The foam should be approximately 1/4" thick. These materials are readily available at the fly shops--or they can tell you where to obtain them. The material comes in various colors; however, if you use white, and have waterproof markers, you can get away with buying only the white. Also available are pre-shaped foam spider bodies. The legs are made from live rubber, available in pre-cut strips, in various colors and in round or square shapes. The smaller threads, I have found, will tend to cut the foam when pressure is applied as the body is tied on. Therefore, flat nylon or monocord is recommended here.

To fish the floater, cast it to a likely spot, and let it sit until the wavelets are gone; then strip it in a varying retrieve. The sinker should be allowed to get beneath the surface to the level you suspect the fish are lurking.

Materials:

Hook	Mustad 94831 for floater; Mustad 9671 for sinker.
Body	Foam, closed cell for floater; open cell for sinker (alternative: wrap lead on shank).
Legs	Live rubber material.
Thread	Flat nylon or monocord, color to match body.

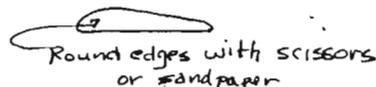
Tying Instructions:

1. Cover hook shank with thread; apply a few wraps of lead if you choose this alternative.
2. Shape body:

Top view:



Side View:



KUDOS KUDOS KUDOS

A BIG THANK-YOU to Bill Keine and staff for a wonderful open house held recently at Keines Fly Shop and inviting our club to participate. And a special thanks to Warren Schoenmann, Frank Stolten, Bill Carnazzo, Ed Stull, Rick Radoff and Terry Eggleston for help at the booth. We look forward to next year.

Marie

DINNER BULLETIN

We have moved the Dinner to February 12, 1994. Mark your calendars as it will be another great one. Guest speaker will be none other than LEFTY KREH. We will be having the usual program in the morning followed by the dinner and another great raffle. This will sell out fast, people are already asking for tickets.

Marie



GBF ANNUAL PICNIC

The GBF Annual picnic will be held on May 15, 1993. Mark Neice, Picnic Chairman, announced that the admission will be \$4.00 for adults and children 15 and under will be free, plus a dish to share. Mark will have details at the next meeting.

May 13 will be the last day for sign-ups for the picnic.

For those who have not attended this fun annual event, we have a casting pond and contests, blindfold flytying, scavenger tying, child's games, volley ball, as well as an excellent RAFFLE. This year the grand prize will be a Sage 4pc 5 wt rod.

This is an excellent do-not-miss event!

If you are unable to attend the April meeting and still wish to sign-up for the picnic, please mail the following to

Mark Neice
3417 Cook St.
Rocklin, CA 9576

Name _____

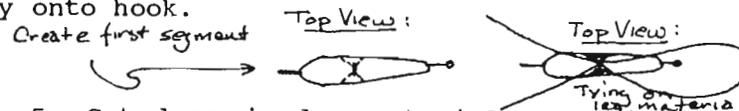
Dish: Salad or Desert or Side

Amount Enclosed: (4.00 p/p) _____



3. With thread at midpoint of shank, bind body down on hook, keeping it on top.

4. Take 2" piece of leg material and fold it over. Tie it down on top of body, at point where you tied body onto hook.



5. Cut loop in leg material, creating 4 equal segments. Pull the section on far side of hook down to side of the body; it helps to stretch the rubber while doing this. This places the legs along the sides of the body where they belong, and separates them. Now place a few more tight winds to bind legs; whip finish.

6. Tie thread on again, working it underneath front of body. Now create a second segment by binding down the front of the body, leaving a small foam head.

7. Whip finish, and apply superglue such as "Zap-a-gap" to underside of body.

NATIONAL NUMBER TO CALL TO REPORT POACHING

A nationwide toll-free hotline for reporting wildlife law violations is now available courtesy of the National Anti-Poaching Foundation, a non-profit organization funded solely through contributions. This is the first time ever all states in the nation will be linked to a public hotline in the fight to protect resources from poachers. The benefit of the new hotline is that there is no charge to either the calling party or the Department of Fish and Game, it's easy to remember, and it is a number you can use when reporting a violation when you are traveling outside of California. The number is:

1-800-800-WARDEN

No, that configuration of numbers is not a typographical error; it really works!

STEELHEAD CARDS (CON'T)

This is a reminder to anyone fishing on those rivers which contain anadromous fish. Each time, before you fish, you are to make an entry on your card, or be subject to citation. Examples of these rivers are the Sacramento, Yuba, and American. BEWARE!

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Editor has not heard of many Special Accomplishments during the past month but would love to publish your or your fishing buddies happenings both good or bad. Especially new members, please give me a call! ...

Jim Holmes - 967-6709. However---

* Marie Stull, who has caught most everything during her fishing career including lots of people, horses, etc., has added a turtle caught at the last fishout. It was, of course, released.

* Steve Hand, winner of the 4 pc Sage and Able reel during the last dinner, has used his new equipment to become an excellent bluegill fisherman. This \$600 bluegill outfit is a sight to behold!

* Ron English is, once again, leading in the wet fly award category with his recent dunking at the Mt. Lassen ponds.

* Bill Lockhart and Bruce "Power Bait" Cline are leading the No More Tangles award with lost leaders and tangles that you would not believe! Go fishing with either of these gentlemen and be amazed!

* Keith Haviland and Margaret Woodhouse decided to save the cost of single memberships and got married. Congratulations!

* Hey Paul! What happened to the cookies for the Board meeting? They probably tasted good on Hat Creek.

GOODIES

Each meeting you all have enjoyed the refreshments that are contributed by members of the club. Many thanks to the following people who helped in this way:

March: Mike and Terry Wasserman
John and Dea Hogg

April: Ken Winkleblack
Tom Whitten

Margaret Woodhouse

The donations you contribute go to replace the consumable products such as coffee, juice, sugar, etc. We appreciate your consideration to helping keep these refreshments self-sustaining. Just remember, if you are making these refreshments dinner, please contribute accordingly!

Teri Hornberger
Refreshment Chair

SILENT BOOK AUCTION

There will be a silent book auction of over 20 books during the Picnic on May 15. These books are surplus to our library and consist of stories, how to's, stuff and people of fishing worlds' past. Any of these books would make an unique contribution to your fishing library.

Bid high, bid often, help support our wonderful library.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The Board approved a motion that after July 1 of each year the dues will be prorated for new members on a 50% basis. This proration does not apply to initiation fees, if any.

The yearly financial report was presented and approved.