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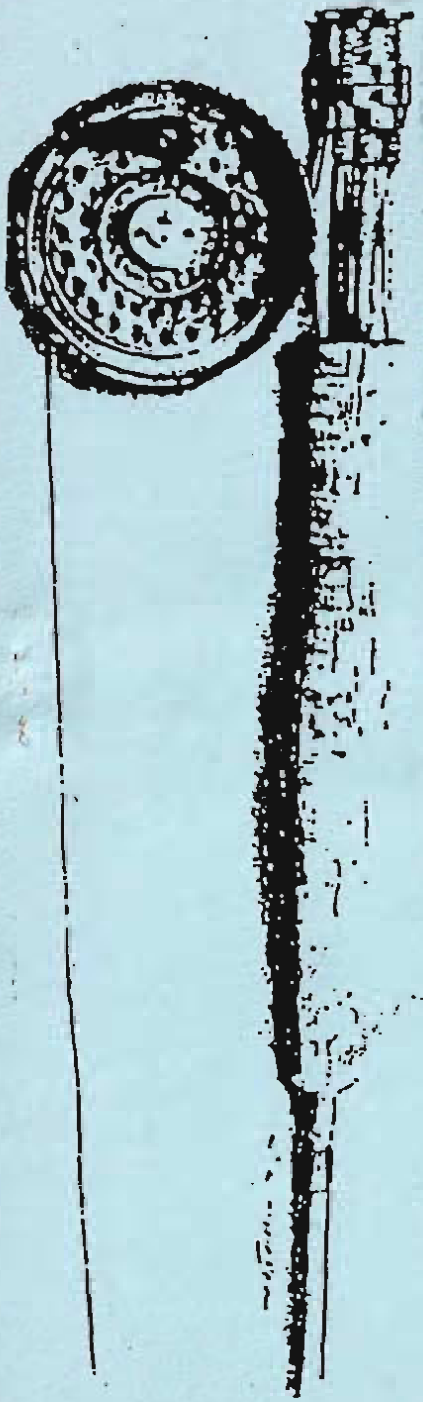
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

13	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
20	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
21	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
23	CPR Class (Sunday)
26	Novice Casting Clinic (Wed eve)
29	Novice Casting Clinic
30	First Aid Class (Sunday)
May 6	Women's Casting Clinic
7	On Gordons Pond Fishout
11	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
13	Annual Picnic - Golden Trout Workshop
18	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
19	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
20	Upper Sac Fishout
24	Advance Casting Clinic
31	Advance Casting Clinic

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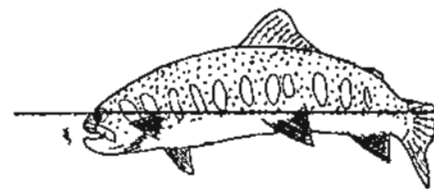
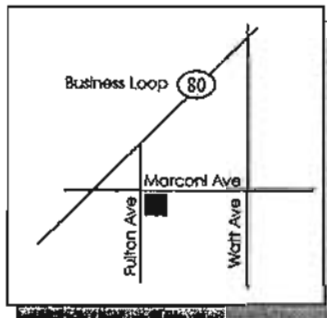
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I sit here composing this month's President's message, the steady pitter patter of raindrops is telling me that, yes, you can have too much of a good thing. Who would have ever thought that we would be complaining about having too much rain? Well, we asked for it and we've got it. Hopefully all our members and friends have made it through this latest episode of wind and rain without any major damage.

Most of our 1995 dues have been accounted for and it appears as though we have quite a number of new members who now call themselves Granite Bay Flycasters. Welcome to all the new faces and a hearty thanks and welcome back to our "seasoned" members. I encourage all our members to get involved with the Club. There are numerous opportunities to help out on committees and participate with some of the many projects the Club is undertaking.

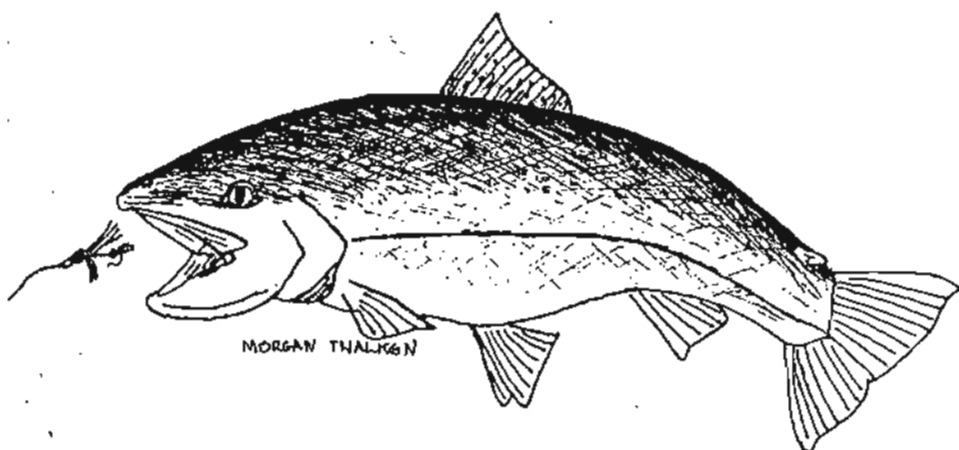
One project which received a lot of attention at the last Board meeting, was the Bear River Restoration Project. Jim Coleman, our conservation chair, is heading up this effort and we are preparing now for the fun (and work) ahead. We are currently exploring the resources and equipment available through the Club and the Board has voted to fully support the project financially. We will also be submitting applications for grant monies which may be available for conservation projects such as ours. Some preliminary work was done last fall and, as soon as the snow allows we will be back in full force to work toward the completion of the project.

The Club Picnic will take place on May 13th at the Clubhouse. Terry Burkes has been kind enough to take the lead on organizing this fun-filled event. It looks as if we may be enjoying another barbecued pig this year. Those that missed out last time will not want to do so again. The picnic will also feature a chili cook-off, casting and tying games, lots of activities for the kids, and of course our famous raffle. Details will be announced at

the April meeting but please mark your calendar and keep May 13th open for the picnic.

Hopefully this weather will settle down soon and we can begin to do some serious fishing. Bass ponds should be ready to turn on and the general season trout opener (April 29th) is just around the corner. If anyone would like to suggest a place for a fish out, or better yet lead one, let one of your Board members know. We are always open to suggestion.

Michael Wasserman
President GBF



Notice:

Many of you have been watching for the rod building class that we have planned for so long. As you have probably noticed it is not on our schedule now. We have just not been able to get a qualified instructor coordinated with the available facility dates. Don't dispare - we still plan to do this. Keep watching. By the way, if you are an experienced rod builder and would be interested in teaching this class please let us know.

GBF Fishout Schedule Including Fly of the Month (cont.)

September 23	Rabbit Leach Robinson Creek Terry Eggleston - Leader
October 21	Upper Sacramento - leader
November 18	O'neil Forbay - Striper - leader
December 1	Yuba River Steelhead - leader



THIS PUBLICATION NEEDS A LITTLE HELP

(Well maybe a lot, but I mean with our advertising)

Marie Stull has been making all the arrangements for the ads you see in the Leader and she would like a break. It's time for someone else to step in and take over this task. This is a good opportunity to get involved, help out the club and have fun getting to know our advertisers. This will not take up a lot of time but, it is a very important part of making GBF successful. Let us hear from you.

GBF Fishout Schedule
Including Fly of the Month

April **Water Boatman Pattern**

May **Madame X**

 7 **Gordons Pond**
 Gordon Evans (phone 887-8227)

 20 **Upper Sacramento**
 Jim Coleman - leader (phone 885-4128)

June **Rubber Legs Kaufmann Stonefly**

 3 **Indian Creek -- One fly contest**
 Terry Eggleston - leader

 10 **Hat Creek -- Stonefly hatch**

July **Bead Head Hares Ear**

 15 **Umpqua River -- Smallmouth**
 John Lewis leader - leader (phone 791-1053)

 29 **Rucker Lake - Bass**
 Kim and Paul Roccoforte - leaders

 29 **North Yuba**

August **Zug Bug**

 19 **Golden Trout**



CONSERVATION REPORT

by: Jim Coleman
Conservation Chairman

Full speed ahead for the Bear River project! Your board reviewed the cost estimates and funding sources for the project. They voted to underwrite the full schedule of project work and also investigate possible outside sources of funds from donations and grants.

It still looks like June at the earliest for starting work. Any members with access to the following items please contact me:

Tractor mounted post-hole digger
Portable generator to handle a large power drill
16-18" chain saws
Come-a-longs

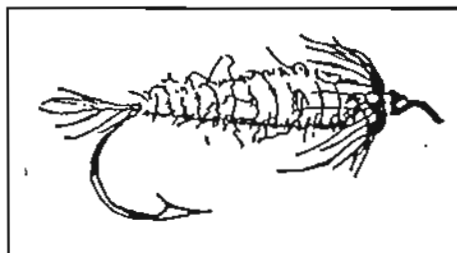
Needed: Letters to Calif. Fish & Game supporting the current regulations on the upper Sacramento River and Yuba River (upstream of Hiway 20 bridge).

Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth St.
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Jim Coleman

TRICKS, TIPS & TECHNIQUES A FLYTYING POTPOURRI

Saturday, March 4th about a dozen of us were treated to an amazing display of flytying talent. Terry Eggleston, Bill Carnazzo, Sturmer White and Greg Bevard spent the morning demonstrating a collection of handy tricks and tips developed over -- I'm not sure how many years. The format was not geared to demonstrate a specific fly but to demonstrate and teach the varied techniques that make tying easier and, even more importantly, more successful. Sturmer showed us how to handle hair. He spun it, he stacked it, he mixed it, he trimmed it, he shaped it and he even made some great looking flies. Terry followed with some unique tips for proper fly body construction and later he showed us how to bleach peacock eyes to produce quill for tying the various "quill" body patterns. This method results in a quill with that banded effect for a mosquito look. Greg put on quit a demonstration of techniques for streamers ending up with a beautiful fly; and Bill showed us a bag of tips and techniques that will help us all with those troublesome dry fly wings and tails of various configurations. It still amazes me how they make it look so easy and how they make such great flies, but if I can just incorporate a little of what I "learned" I'll be a little closer to understanding it.



Bill has promised to make this an annual event, so if you missed this one you'll have another chance.

Thanks Guys!

You put on a great show!



Call for Action by Kim Roccoforte

Both California Trout and Trout Unlimited are urging California anglers to take pen in hand to protect our fisheries!

California once was the home of the nation's richest and most diverse assemblage of salmonids, including the salmon and steelhead stocks that abounded in rivers along the North Coast, McCloud, Eagle Lake, and Kern River rainbow; and the adapted southern steelhead in streams along the South Coast.

Many native California trout and salmon stocks are either extinct or seriously depleted. Dealing effectively with the causes requires better management of polluted run-off from farms, fish-friendly water allocation and instream flow reform, and programs to prevent the negative effects of hatcheries on native populations.

The 104th Congress is attempting to eliminate many federal environmental and fish-and-wildlife protection programs. The hardest hit are projected to be the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act, which provide at least some protection for California trout and salmon species and their habitat.

Trout Unlimited is calling for support to pressure Congress and the Administration for fish-friendly, economically sound reform of the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act and for full implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the Westside forest plan and PACFISH."

Please join me in support of these important legal protections for California fisheries. Write, call or fax you elected representatives!

Kim Roccoforte



Granite Bay Flycasters 10th Anniversary

This year will mark the 10th year that the GBF has been an active fly fishing and conservation club. One of the things your Board and Officers wants to do to recognize this occasion, is to produce a patch or pin that exemplifies these last ten years. I know we have a lot of artistic individualism our ranks. Some of you are very original and innovative. Lets put our heads together and come up with something we can be proud of. We want to see and hear about your suggestions. Even if you can't draw a pretty picture, you can explain your idea and we can get someone to work with you to make it a reality. Come on ladies and gents we need to get moving on this.



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GBF Promoter Wanted

Last month I asked for a "Salesperson" to step forward but, apparently salespersons are not volunteers, because we didn't have one offer. This month we have decided to change the title in lieu of raising the pay. We need a GBF Promoter. This is the person that would have the honor and responsibility to take care of all of our club merchandise. That is the visors, T-shirts, shirts, hats, fly boxes and badges. This includes both buying the merchandise and then bringing it to meetings for sale to the members. It does not require a lot of time but it is a very important and rewarding position. Give one of the board members or one of your club officers a call if you can help. If you need a little more information. I'm sure a call to Marie Stull 663-2414 will get you the information you need.




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FLY TYER'S CORNER

by
BILL CARNAZZO

Water Boatman April, 1995

Note: The Pattern for the April Fly Tying Contest will be Scott's Floating Nymph featured in the March Leader. Bring your best version to the April General Meeting. Remember -- The winner gets a free GBF flybox, and each person entering a fly gets a ticket to be deposited for the drawing at this year's picnic. Bring those flies in -- Don't be shy!!

Another Note: See the next article for a rundown on the rules and incentives for the contest.

"Water Boatmen" also known as "back swimmers" (although not technically correct), and Corixa Bugs, go by the Latin species name Arctocorixa Alternata. This species is representative of the order Hemiptera.

Water Boatmen are 3/16" to 1/4" in length, usually dark grayish, and mottled with black and brown. The rear legs are flat and stick straight out, making the bug a rapid swimmer. They hang in the surface film for oxygen, since they lack gill structures.

They dive down with agility and with a cloak of glittering bubbles. They are so buoyant that they must cling to underwater vegetation to remain submerged, where they feed.

Fishing these bugs properly requires imitation of their habits-- i.e., hanging in the surface film, and darting about quickly when swimming. Because they are active all year in warmer waters, you should carry a few of these, especially when fishing still waters.

Materials:

Hook	TMC 3671; Mustad 3906B; #14 - 20
Thread	Black 8/0
Tail	Brown Partridge hackle fibers, short and sparse
Shellback	Metallic blue mallard secondary wing fibers
Body	Reddish-tan red fox fur
Paddles	Natural gray stripped goose

mutant caricature of justice and morality almost always a stillborn chill. The study of the law is the study of appellate court cases: cases that have shaped the body of justice down the centuries. The law business is booming, but justice has not fared so well. I never recovered from my shattered idealism.

Fishing was one my few therapies in those days. The valley held thrills I had never known before: hard charging large mouth bass on spinner baits and crank baits, the violent crash of a large mouth taking a top water plug off the surface. Shad, the poor man's tarpon, would take my breath away when they would peel off line and jump like rainbow trout on steroids. And I started the year off right when an eight pound American River steelhead took my "little cleo" at Sailor Bar on New Years day 1976. These valley fish fed my heart and body and lifted my spirits when I needed it most.

I will always be grateful to C. R., my contracts professor, who finally said, "Mr. Gildone, this is the law, it has nothing whatever to do with morality, if you want morality, go to church." I did. Years later I was asked, "Joe, do you have any regrets sure, lots of 'em," I said, "but no doubts." And all the while fly fishing slept the deep sleep of hibernation waiting to be born again in the imagination of a minister's mince.

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PILGRIMS PROGRESS

by Joe Gildone
"The Big Sleep"

In August of 1974 I moved from my home town in the Truckee Meadows at the ankles of the Sierra's eastern slopes to the Big Valley that gathers the waters from the western slopes and ushers them down the delta and out through the Golden Gate. The trip from Reno to Sacramento in my '64 Chevy took all of two and a half hours. Even towing the U-haul trailer loaded with all my earthly goods, getting over Donner summit was no sweat. As I passed the emerald gem of Donner Lake it seemed as if this short easy hop over the mountain on this bright summer day mocked the ghosts of those tragic pilgrims who struggled and lost it all in the winter of 1846-47. It is hard to imagine, but this beautiful alpine setting has a murderous past. And as I breezed along at 60 mph the ghosts whispered a reminder, "Never forget, Joe, Nature takes no prisoners. No one gets out of here alive. Your own desperate winter waits." I pulled my elbow in and rolled up the window, "Boy, it's chilly up here at 7,000 feet, even in August."

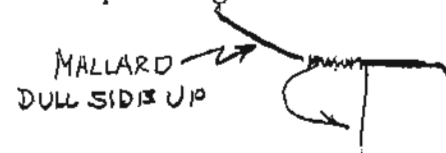
As I made my way up and over the shoulder of the mountain Castle Peak looked down on me from the northwest. "It's all down hill from here," I said to the car. On both sides of that road, all the way down to the valley floor, trout waters abound. Rivers that carry the names Yuba and Bear, American and Rubicon. And sapphire lakes scooped out of the granite and left behind by retreating glaciers: Bowman and Sawmill, Faucherie and Jackson Meadow, French, Fuller and Fordyce, Loon and Loch Leven. But I would not discover these waters for another twenty years. Like Rip van Winkle, this young man's imagination would take a long nap from the fly fishing he had just barely discovered and not awakened for nearly two decades.

I was moving to the valley to continue my education. Nearly twenty four years on the planet and a degree from the University of Nevada, and I was heading for Sacramento with an invitation from the University of the Pacific to study the law. It seemed like a good thing to do at the time. It had such promise. My parents were proud. I hated it right away. In the intervening millennia since Jehovah delivered the Law into the trembling hands of Moses, man has performed a miracle of sorts. He has managed to surgically remove the soul and spirit of the law leaving behind a system of uncivil war that makes adversaries of us all and with every judgment a

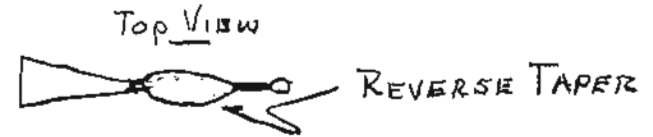
Tying Instructions:

1. Cover hook with thread. Strip flares from partridge hackle and tie in as a very short tail, just above rear of barb. Tail should protrude no more than 1/8", and be sparse.

2. Cut a 1/4" wide section of mallard wing feathers; select feather having blue metallic sheen. Lay shiny side down against shank of hook, with most of feather protruding behind hook. Tie in at same point as tail.



3. Dub a reverse tapered abdomen of reddish tan fox fur on the rear 2/3 Or the hook, covering the tied-down butts of the mallard.



4. Tie in the two "paddles" (legs), at the point where the abdomen ends.



5. Bring the mallard shell back forward over the dubbed abdomen and tie in where dubbing ends, being careful not to displace paddles. Leave butts- i.e., don't trim.



6. Dub n thorax of the fox fur.

7. Pull the remaining mallard shell back forward over the thorax, and tie it off just behind eye. Form nice head and whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!!

FLY TYING CONTEST RULES

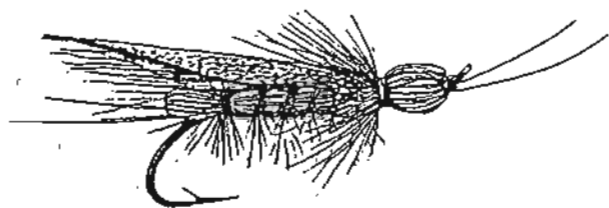
Don't be reluctant to submit your entry ... ask for a critique if you want help, or to know what the winning fly has that yours doesn't.

Rules:

- Judging will be during the meeting
- Winner announced just before program
- Winner still gets a fly box
- Judge(s) will stay after meeting to give critique, if requested
- Each member entering a fly gets a free ticket, on which name and phone is placed
- Tickets deposited in a sealed box each meeting
- Drawing held at annual picnic (commencing in 1995)
- Winner gets \$100 gift certificate at fly shop of choice.

As you know, certain of the tyers in the club have voluntarily kept themselves out of the contest, that will continue to be the case. So, enter your flies, folks..... don't be shy!!!

Note: The fly must be tied in accordance with the instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere), in order to keep the "playing field" level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern. THANKS.



LAST MONTH'S WINNER

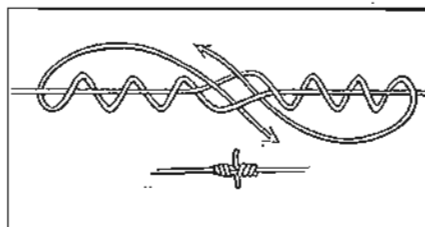
Last month's winner was....**Frank Stolten** (again), who tied the best Ostrich Scud, although the competition was intense. We'd like at least 15 for each meeting's contest. Don't be shy, folks !!! The \$100 gift certificate will be there for the taking--you'll get one chance at that prize for each month you enter a fly in the contest.

catch whitefish when you're trying to catch a rainbow. You can imagine the frustration. "Hey buddy--you ain't supposed ta catch winter steelhead with a fly! What's da matter with you?" "It was an accident--really. I wasn't even fishing for it. Here--I'll let it go." "What!?! Ya danged fool! Ya sposed ta wack it on the head!"

I've tried to explain many times about the sea-run bluegill, but nobody ever believes me. But I don't really know why not. They don't believe you can catch a winter steelhead with a fly either.

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

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The Blood Knot is used for leader construction and attaching tippets to the end of your leader. At least three turns should be taken around each part, and the knot should be drawn up firmly before trimming the ends closely.

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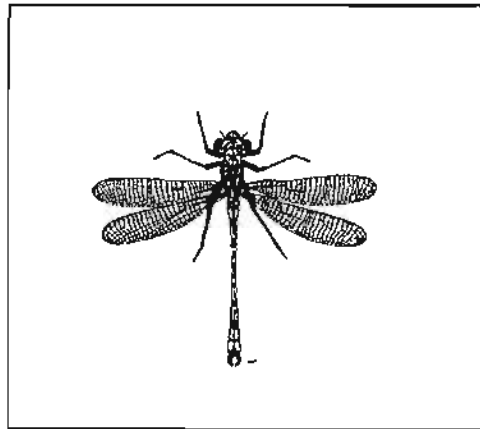
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Sea-Run Bluegill*
By Gene Trump, Corvallis, OR
Mid Willamette Fly Fishers

I don't have much time to write this - I'm on my way out the door to do a little sea-run bluegill fishing. What? Don't tell me you haven't ever heard of sea-run bluegill either? I don't understand it. The sea-run bluegill is both a fierce fighter and great table fare, but best of all - they're supposed to be very easy to take with a fly.

The problem must be winter steelhead. The sea-run bluegill has a spawning season that is unfortunately, exactly the same as the winter steelhead. Consequently, the sport of fly fishing for the sea-run bluegill is greatly overshadowed -- actually buried -- by the horrendous popularity of spinfishing for the winter steelhead. Fact is, I think I'm the only one fishing for the anadromous bluegill.

The tactics are exactly the same as that for winter steelhead. You have to use the deep dead drift method in the very same holding water as that for the steelhead. The water level, the temperature, the time of day all coincide with that of winter steelheading. As a result, I frequently find myself engulfed in the hoards of spinfishing steelheaders. Many have mistakenly assumed I was out after the steelhead.



However it seems that all the hardware the spinfishers have adorned the bottom of the river with, repels the bluegill. This aversion to the snagged up spin gear has rendered the sea-run bluegill so skittish, they are almost impossible to catch. In fact I've never caught one.

But in my zeal to catch these illusive fish, I have mistakenly caught the steelhead -- by pure accident. you understand. Much in the same way you

Willie-One-Match
by Al Westbrook
Long Island Fly Rodders

William _____ joined our merry gang of fishermen and hunters some years ago. We all liked William from the start and at each gathering there was a high level of good time and low level of problems. Except for one problem that always cropped up. Who was going to start the fire at camp? Whether a fishing or hunting excursion we always brought the supplies for quality outdoor meals but starting the fire to cook it was never a popular chore: until Willie.

Willie said, "I'll start up the fire, no problem!", and he did - with one match. This led to a bit of a reputation; an ego thing with Willie, a curiosity with the rest of us who couldn't care if he used a truckload of matches as long as he was willing to plop his knees in the soggy dampness around the fire ring and coax the blaze into shape.

So, year after year, season after season, Willie would hold up the one match and, crouched over a stack of kindling, demonstrate his uncanny knack of massaging a bunch of sticks and dried grass into, first a tiny flame, then a very functional cooking fire. Eventually we paid little attention and just let him produce. We got used to his bragging and simply gave a nod of approval; usually over a brewsky.

Then came the test. A few years ago we hit a bummer of a fishing trip which began with gale winds, cold, drizzling rain and the threat of more rain. Next day the weather turned bad. Anyway, this was the first time in a long while we paid any attention to Willie-One Match. This was a challenge. After extracting the one ceremonial wooden match, it was passed to Willie and, hunched over a little, damp cone of material he had gathered, he lit the match and began his magic.

On this particular trip was a new member of the gang, Peter, son of one of our long time good ol' boys. While Willie labored, puffing and blowing on his embryo of a flame, Peter could hardly help but be interested given Willie's notoriety. As the tiny pile of fluff and sticks smoldered, blocked by Willie's kneeling figure he finally stood up and, holding the charred stub of a single wooden match in his raised, triumphant hand, announced, "Voila! Here we go!" A cheer arose and Willie-One Match basked in the glory of a hero among his peers. Willie's smile, about as bright as his tiny blaze, faded as Peter approached handing him a Bic butane cigarette lighter saying, "Ya dropped this Willie." -- And Willie didn't even smoke.

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File



Library Report
by: Kim Roccoforte

A big Thank You goes out to Jim Coleman for his generous donation to the GBF Library! Jim donated the following three books and a new video:

- How to fish Streams, Dave Bowring
- The Freshwater Angler's Clinic, Captain Hal Scharp
- How to Find Fish- and Make Them Strike, Joe Botes, Jr.

The Video;

- Shadow Casting - the Making of A River Runs Through It

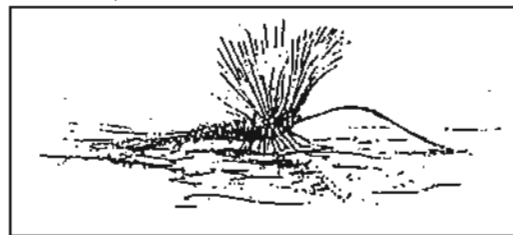
Donations are greatly appreciated by the numerous members who constantly assail the back table looking for something new.

If you have a habit of getting to the GBF General Meeting around 7:15 you may not know what an extensive library we have! Books and videos seem to disappear between 6:50 and 7:15. I have prepared a list of all of the GBF Books and Videos, listed by general topic and will have a limited number of copies on hand at the April meeting to hand out to some of the "Library Regulars."



SPRING IS HERE!

This brings thoughts of Sunshine, Rising Fish, and GBF Annual Picnic. This year in combination with a Golden Trout Day, we will have casting and tying games for both the young and the young at heart, amateur and the immature. For the shy, bring your gear and questions and get some pointers on casting and tying. For the rugged bring your best pot of chili and compete in the Chili Cook Off. There will be



Bar-BQ for everyone and refreshments. We have arranged to Bar-BQ a whole hog again this year, remember how good it was last year? Of course there will be the famous GBF

Raffle. This event is a day of fun for the whole family. It will be hard to match the great picnic we had last year. Gordon and all the other volunteers did a great job. But I have accepted this challenge and with your help we can elevate this event one more step. Involvement and participation are the keys to having a great Flyfishing Club. So, sign up when the sheets are passed around at the meeting. We will need set up, clean up volunteers and food providers, chili, salads, and deserts. If you would like to talk to me at the meeting, just look for the guy standing in the hole.

Terry Burkes
Picnic Chairman

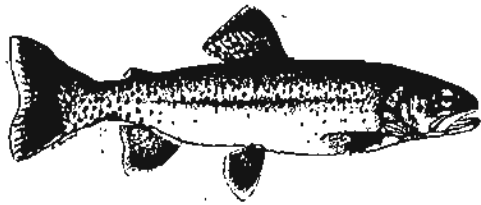
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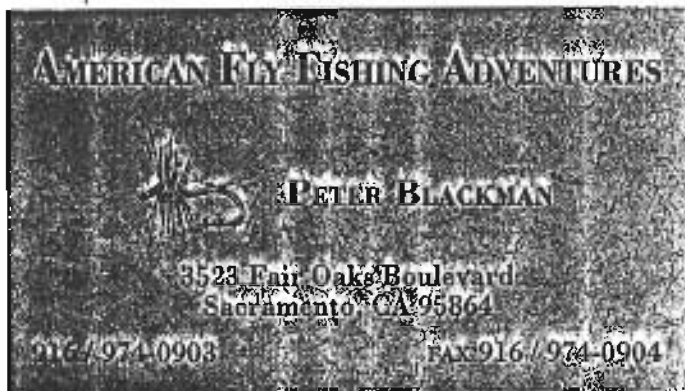
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CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES

After much juggling and adjusting, we have the CPR and First Aid class in place. One will follow the other on Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23 of April. Both of these classes will be Red Cross Certified and successful completion will result in a certification card. Carol Hopkins will be our instructor and the classes will be from 9:00 AM to about 2:00 PM depending on how smart we are. There will be sign-up sheets and more information at the April meeting. Cost will be \$15.00 and will include the Red Cross book and certification. This is a great deal and a chance to learn something that could be a lifesaver someday.



Golden Trout Workshop

Remember the Golden Trout Workshop will be conducted in conjunction with the Picnic. This will give everyone a chance to finish up more than one step toward their Golden Trout. Bring all the necessary equipment for your particular step or steps needed. There will be plenty of people there to work with you. I know there are a number of you that have been working on this for some time and are very close. Lets finish up so we can have a big ceremony at the May meeting.

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Fishing Report

"FISH FIRST, in the neighborhood of North Berkeley just off Interstate 80 has been kind enough to provide the fishing report you see in this issue again. Let them know how much The Granite Bay Flycasters appreciates the time and effort they put into this for us each month.



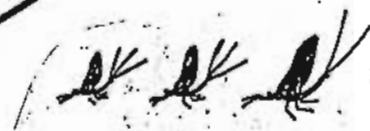
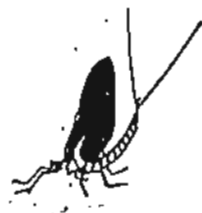
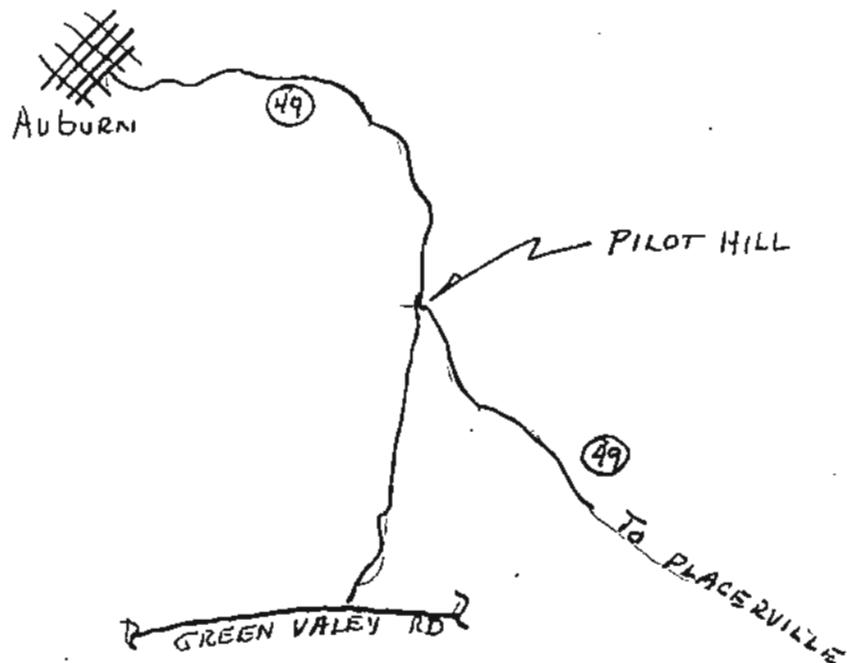
April Meeting Speaker
by Robert Tamson
Programs Chairman

I'm excited to announce that Ron Hart of Hart's Guide Service will be our speaker this month! The focus of Ron's program will be on the beautiful McCloud River, and if time permits, he will spend a little time talking about the upper Sacramento River as well!

Ron first experienced the magnificence of these productive waters shortly before moving to Mt. Shasta in 1983. After conducting some rather extensive "research" over the next four years, he decided to fulfill a lifelong dream and began his guiding service in 1987. As a guide, Ron enjoys sharing openly the experience he's gained with fellow fly fishers. He can be reached at 916-926-2431.

This should be a great program!!

See you there!!



ON GORDON'S POND Sunday, May 7

Well, we can make a movie too. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see **Frank Stolten** at the fishout on Gordon's Pond with the video camera. He says he needs just a little more and then they can finish our first GBF film extravaganza. This fishout should be a great place to get some interesting footage. **Gordon Evans** is welcoming us out again to challenge some of his bass and blue gill. He says some of the bass reach 5 to 8 lb. and the bluegill are chasing them around. Be careful when you are out in your belly boat - we don't want anyone to get hurt.

This event is planned to be a family affair and we want all the beginners to come out too. This is an excellent place to learn and teach. Lets get together and help each other out. Bring your extra waders, flippers, float tubes and etc. so some of us that have not had an opportunity to fish this way can see what its like. If you've never tried tubing, or are just wanting to learn more about fly fishing, don't miss this one!

The pond is about 6 acres with a good shore line that allows bank fishing and very little obstruction for the back cast. This is also a good place to try your various rods and your latest bass-killer flies.

We'll meet at the Pilot Hill Store (see map below) at 9:00 AM on Sunday, May 7th and caravan/carpool from there on. There is not a lot of room for cars at the pond so, lets help Gordon keep peace with his neighbors. Bring picnic lunch, tables, chairs, and water to drink and plan on a good ol family fishout

Lets be gentle with these guys too so when we put them back they will still be strong and healthy. Then we can visit them again next year when they are even bigger and wiser. Hopefully we will also be a little wiser. Most of us are big enough already.

Who's going to get the biggest one?

Fundamentals of Flycasting Clinic by John Hogg

A flycasting fundamentals clinic will be conducted in two sessions, the first on Wednesday, April 26, from 6 PM to 8 PM, and the second session on Saturday, April 29, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

This clinic is designed for the novice caster and will introduce the roll cast, the basic forward cast, false casting, and line control including shooting line for extra distance.

Equipment selection and preparation will also be addressed - rod, line, leader, tippet, and fly - as well as the necessary knots - so that the caster can assemble a balanced system.

Possession of a rod is not necessary to attend this clinic, as instructors and coaches will have more than enough for everyone to use.

Other recommended equipment includes sunglasses to protect your eyes from errant casts, a water bottle, and a hat.

If you do bring a rod, we suggest a 5 to 7 weight, 8 to 9 feet in length with either a weight forward or a double taper floating line. Also recommended is a 7 1/2 foot 1x leader, and a #10 Royal Wulff or similar fly with the point of the hook cut off at the bend.

The location of this clinic will be announced at the April meeting. The cost of the clinic is \$15.00. Lunch on Saturday is BYO with soft drinks available at extra cost.

For further information or reservations call John Hogg at 483-0100 (day) or 823-9744 (eve).

As you review the GBF Calendar your will see that this is just the beginning of the casting clinics that will be available this year. The end of May will start a 3 session "Advance Casting" class and the end of August we'll have a class designed to help those who want to obtain their Certification at this Fall conclave. Then in September we will have a "Casting Techniques class similar to the one that was so successful last year.

Tight lines, and handle 'em gently.

FIRST AID for TICK BITES

by Carol Mc Allister, RN

There are two types of ticks to watch out for, with a sizable difference between them. The common dog tick is an eight-legged creature with a round abdomen about the size of a pinhead. It's easy to find - and brush off - before it burrows its head into your skin for a meal. The deer tick on the other hand is harder to spot, because it's smaller. You'll have to look closely to find these tiny round critters crawling around your legs or clothing.

Actually most tick bites go unnoticed or cause just a little scratching. But occasionally, these tiny terrors can cause big time trouble. Depending on what if any bacteria and viruses they may be harboring, ticks can spread Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever, Deer Fly Fever, Lyme disease and other ailments ranging from undesirable to downright dangerous.

If you're spending any time outdoors from spring to fall, especially in wooded or high grass areas - even grassy dunes - take the following precautions to avoid getting nicked by a tick. To determine if you're in tick country, tie a piece of white flannel to a string and drag it through the grass or underbrush. Examine it frequently. If ticks are present, they will cling to the cloth. Some commercial products for repelling insects (although ticks aren't insects, they're arachnid)

containing DEET are effective. If you're in a wooded area, leave as little skin exposed as possible. That means wearing long sleeves, long pants and high socks (with pant legs tucked in). Disrobe outdoors whenever possible and immediately wash clothing after your hike.

If you do find a tick with its head dug into your skin: Use a pair of tweezers, grab the tick as close to your skin as possible and pull it straight out, without juggling or twisting. Don't use your fingers since bacteria from the tick can penetrate right through the skin of you fingers. Don't pull too fast - and if you're not having success, you might try applying a

little heat to the tick's back. Blow out a match and carefully touch the tick with the tip. Once you've removed the tick, wash the bite area thoroughly with soap and water. Then apply an antiseptic to guard against infection.

When to See the Doctor

After you've removed a tick, keep alert for signs of redness around that area. A bull's eye rash can appear even one month after the encounter. It will have a clear center and red circles of inflammation as much as 15 inches in diameter. A rash may also develop away from the site of the bite. Another warning: flu like symptoms that include headache, fever, swollen glands, stiff neck and general fatigue. The symptoms suggest Lyme disease.

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ALERT

You will see a few changes to the yearly calendar from what we had last month. We are attempting to plan well in advance and coordinate things as well as possible but there will be times when things have to change. Some times things like people having to work or other trivial reasons force us to move things around. We apologize if we cause you any hardship but there are times when change just can not be avoided. Please check only the latest calendar and then call the appropriate event leader for final confirmation. Stay loose.

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1995 Events Planner.

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January

- 12 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 19 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 20 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 21 Stanislaus Fishout (Sterfa)

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- 9 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 16 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 17 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING

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March

- 4 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fly Tying (Tips, Techniques)
- 9 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 13 Pyramid Lake Fishout
- 16 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING

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- 17 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 25 Rancho Seco Fishout (Joe Bania)

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- 20 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 21 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 23 8:00 AM CPR Class
- 26 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Novice Casting Clinic (Hogg)
- 29 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Novice Casting Clinic (Hogg)
- 30 8:00 AM First Aid Class

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May

- 6 Women's Casting Clinic
- 7 "On Gordon's Pond" Fishout
- 11 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 13 9:30 AM Annual Picnic-Golden Trout Day
- 18 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 19 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 20 Upper Sac Fishout
- 24 Advanced Casting (Hogg)
- 31 Advanced Casting (Hogg)

June

- 3 Indian Creek Fishout (One Fly) (Eggleston)
- 7 Advanced Casting (Hogg)
- 8 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 10 Hat Creek Fishout (Stone Fly)
- 15 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 16 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING

July

- 13 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 15 Unique Fishout (John Lewis)
- 20 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 21 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 29 North Yuba Fishout
Rucker Lake Bass Fishout (Roccoforte)

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August

- 5 Stream Techniques
- 10 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 17 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 18 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 18 O'Neil Forbay Striper Fishout
- 19 Golden Trout Fishout
- 26 Certified Casting Prop(Hogg)

November

- 9 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 16 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 17 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 18 O'Neil Forbay Striper Fishout

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- 14 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 15 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 16 Casting Techniques(Hogg)
- 21 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
- 23 Robinson Creek Fishout(Eggleston)

December

- 1 Yuba River Steelhead Fishout
- 2 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Swap Meet
- 14 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 15 7:00 PM YOUTH MEETING
- 21 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING

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October

- 30 9:00 AM Kings Beach NCCFFF Conclave
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- 12 7:30 PM CLUB MEETING
- 14 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Rod & Line Eval. Clinic
- 19 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING
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- 21 Upper Sac Fishout
- 28 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Open House

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