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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Including Fly of the Month

December	Little Winter Stonefly (Dry)
2	<i>Yuba River Steelhead - Bill Carnazzo</i>
9	Open House/Swap Meet/Chile Cookoff Golden Trout Acquisition Day Clubhouse - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
14	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
21	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
22	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
January	Little Winter Stonefly (Dry)
11	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
13	<i>Putah Creek - Steve Bertrand</i>
18	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
17 - 21	ISE Show - Cal Expo
19	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
27	NCC/FFF Exposition - Fort Mason 9:00AM
February	
3	Annual Dinner - Midau Center
8	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
15	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
16	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30

NOTICE NOTICE

WINTER HOURS HAVE STARTED

The main gate at Graine Bay is now operating on "Winter Hours". This means that they will lock it at dark. We will have a gatekeeper posted. Steve likes to take in the meeting also, so he just can't be convinced to sit by the gate all night so that he can let in late comers. This means that **you must get there before 7:35 or 7:40 at the latest**, or the chances of getting in are greatly diminished.

Don't be late!

FISHMASTER'S REPORT

December, 1995
Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

Upcoming Outings: On December 2, 1995, we will hold the Yuba River fishout. A good contingent of members signed up. The results will be made known in the January Leader.

Past Outings: On November 18th, the San Luis Forbay striper outing was held. Unfortunately, few fish were caught -- the entire lake was dead. Everyone had a good time however, celebrating Eggleston's birthday.

Note: In 1996, you will have a new fishmaster -- **Paul Roccoforte**. I'm confident that Paul, who fortunately gets to fish a lot more than most of us, will do an excellent job. Thanks for your help this year.

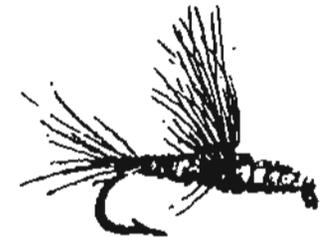
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings fellow flyfishers! Well its hard to believe that this is my last President's message and that I will be handing over the reigns to our next President. The 1995 year has been a good one for the Club and a great learning experience for me with regard to the inner workings of the Club. I have enjoyed working with all the members of the Board and want to thank them all for their dedication and support.

Before I dive into the some of the new business and activities at hand I want to take a moment to remember one of our members who recently passed away. If you haven't heard by now, **Keith Haviland** passed away on November 8th. Keith was a charter member of our Club and was an artist by trade. He designed our logo and provided the Club with numerous donations of art work. Keith was a gentle, sweetheart of a man who I am proud to say that I had a chance to get to know. I hope that Heaven provides him with a rise to every cast ant that he is at peace. Condolences to his wife Margaret, our thoughts are with her.

Our 10th anniversary pins have been ordered and if we are lucky we will have them in time for the December general meeting (December 14th). Robert Tamson designed the pin and it looks great! Look for these on sale in the near future.

Upcoming events include the International Sportsman's Exposition (ISE) and the annual dinner. The ISE show will be held at Cal Expo January 17th through 21st. We will need some help with booth duty and sign up sheets will be available at the December general meeting. This is always a lot of fun with a good chance to sign up new members, sell dinner tickets, and check



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Con't)

out the show. Our annual dinner takes place February 3rd and tickets are now on sale. Call any of your Board members or pick them up at the December meeting. The tickets are going fast with almost 100 sold already. Don't be left out of this great event.

In closing I would again like to thank everyone who has helped make 1995 a great year for GBF. Please show your enthusiastic support to the new administration by getting involved with as many of our activities as you can. Don't be shy, its your Club, make the most of it.

Michael Wasserman
President

LIBRARY REPORT

by: Kim Roccoforte - GBF Librarian

Thank You to Danielle Hickman for taking over as the new Librarian for GAF beginning in January! Please make her transition easier by returning all overdue materials at the December 14 meeting. Remember there is an overdue fine for materials kept over one month. Donated fines of \$5.00 per month per item go back into the general fund or you can choose to donate something of equal value (such as hand tied flies) to the general raffle. Keep those books and videos circulating so that all club members can enjoy them.

Kim Roccoforte

IT'S OFFICIAL, LETS VOTE



The election for officers and board members will take place at the December general meeting. The final nominations are as follows:

President: Wayne Dahl
Vice President: Kim Roccoforte
Secretary: Danielle Hickman
Treasurer: Greg Rowe
Board of Directors: Terry Eggleston
John Hogg
Tom Klienfelder
Vern Stubbs
Robert Tamson

Thank you to all the nominees for their interest in participating with the business side of the Club. If you want to vote you must attend the December general meeting. No proxy or mail in votes are allowed.

O'NEIL FOREBAY

November 18th Fishout Report

The O'Neil Forebay fishout outing was attended by 26 people . Too bad someone didn't tell the bass we were coming. The fish wouldn't even eat some of **Sturmerns** guaranteed whistler flies he gave away at the meeting. **Sturmer** said he would return everything you paid for them. Twelve people camped the first night with plenty of lies and laughs. The rangers were hunting for **Vern Stubbs** Sunday - they want him to pay for the table he burned down for his steak. It was good to be with everyone and the weather was fantastic. Don't quit coming to the fishouts - the water is going to be better next time.



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FLYTYING CLASS FOR BEGINNING TYERS

The beginner fly tying class will be held in February, as opposed to November as planned. Because the November meeting was somewhat sparsely attended, only 6 persons signed up. We would like to have 10. Additionally, scheduling during the holidays and January is a problem. So, at the December meeting, members will also have a chance to sign up for the remaining 4 spots. Alternatively, if you wish to sign up by phone, or if you have questions, call **Bill** at 663-2604, or **Terry** at 331-5258. The charge is \$15.00. The funds go to the club general fund.

FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
BILL CARNAZZO

December, 1995
Little Winter Stone (dry)

Several years ago, while fishing the Yuba for steelhead with Terry and Ron, we noticed the fish taking adult stones off the surface. After capturing a specimen, I took it home and began to design an imitation. The natural's characteristics included a tannish body, a yellowish underbody, a black head and a dark wing. They seemed to average about 1 1/8 inch in length, and were fairly slim of body. The result is the pattern depicted below.

Little Winter Stone

Materials:

Hook	Tiemco 200R, size 10 - 12
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Hare's ear or substitute synthetic
Underbody	Yellow polypropylene yarn
Rib	Black rug thread
Wing	Brown hackle (reversed)
Hackle	Brown Hackle
Head	Black thread

Instructions:

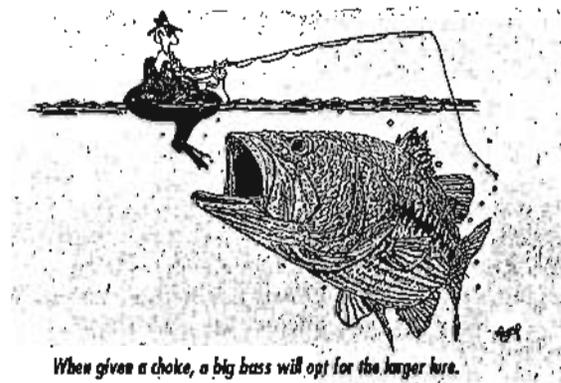
1. Cover hook with thread. At a point just above back of barb, tie in rug thread on top of hook, and yellow yarn on bottom of hook. Let these hang out of the way for now.
2. Dub up a nice thick body, leaving about 1/8 inch behind the eye bare.
3. Turn the hook upside down, and pull the yellow yarn forward, tying it off at forward end of body, on underside. This imitates the underbody

ATTENTION NEW FLYFISHERS

by: Paul Roccoforte

If you are new to flyfishing or have not mastered the basics, call and I will meet you on a stream or a lake. I know of quite a few nice spots that we can try. I have extra gear and tube and a flexible schedule. So give me a call - no charge - bring cookies.

Paul: 642-2929



FLY FISHING'S LEGACY*

In these days of depleted streams it is most necessary that the doctrine of fly fishing be broadcast that the one pleasure of trout fishing, apart from the joy of being close to nature, is matching one's wits against the cunning of the trout. He alone deserves the title of sportsman who returns careful to the water all the trout he does no need for food; as soon as the fish is take into the net, all the sport to be had with that particular fish is over, and when killed and put into the creel it has become simply meat.

1912 edition of Practical Dry Fly Fishing, E . M . Gill

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

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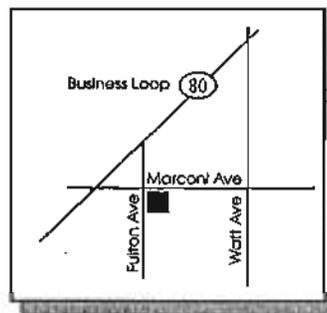
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4. Return the hook to normal position, and rib the body and underbody with the black rug thread. You can find rug thread at the yardage shop.
5. Strip the fuzz from a large brown neck hackle. Put a drop of flexament on the hackle, and stroke it backward until it is about 3/16 inch in width. Set it aside to dry. When dry, tie it in atop the fly, right on top of the forward end of the body.
6. Trim the rear end of the hackle to a rounded shape, letting the feather stick out over the back end of the body about 3/8 of an inch.
7. Tie in a nice, stiff neck hackle on the still-bare front 1/8 inch of the hook, and wrap as a dry hackle. Trim the hackle top and bottom, so that only the barbs which stick out to the sides remain.
8. Form a nice head, tie it on a 4X tippet, wade in quietly, observe what's going on, cast to a rising fish, avoid all drag, visualize the take as it drifts, and hang on!!!

See ya on the creek!!!



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FLY TYING CONTEST

Pattern for December Contest: Linesider, featured in November Leader.

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. Here's the rules:

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 number is placed.
- Tickets are deposited in a sealed box each meeting
- Drawing held at annual picnic
- Winner gets \$100 gift certificate at fly shop of choice.

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.

Note: Commencing in January, 1996, the rules will change somewhat, in order to allow more experienced tyers to participate. The new rules will be in the January Leader.

LAST MONTHS WINNER

Last months Electric Caddis must have been a tough one because we only had 5 enteries. After looking at the 5 it didn't look hard. Funny how easy they look when someone does a good job. Frank Stolton was judged to have tied the best one so he won another fly box. Congratulations Frank!



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National Experience for One of Granite Bays Great Youths

I would like to thank all the GBF members who gave me the support and confidence I needed to enter a national fly-tying contest. That contest led to the opportunity of getting my articles and art work published in the Federation of Fly Fisher's magazine. The magazine publisher made it possible for me to be invited to the 1995 national conclave in Livingston, Montana to tie flies.

I tied on two days at the conclave. I met many interesting and nice people. While I was tying, Darwin Atkin came by and complimented me on my flies. I had seen his crickets in one of my first books on fly tying. I couldn't believe he was standing there telling me he thought my flies were "fascinating". Many people recognized me from the articles in the QUILL which made me glad to know there were some pleased readers. People came by with products for me to test and use. I also got discounts at many of the stands, including Dr. Slick and Santilla. I met Lefty Kreh and talked to him for about twenty minutes. He was staying in my hotel. The conclave was a great experience.

Of course I did some fishing! I fished with my friends and club members, Nick and Isaac English. My dad and I got a chance to take a guided drift boat trip down the Yellowstone. I caught three seventeen inch rainbow and one over nineteen inches. As for my dad, well . . . I won't mention how well I out fished him.

MORGAN THALKEN
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Editors Note: Morgan we're proud of you and the rest of our juniors too. And you can rest assured we will continue to support efforts like yours.



Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

The NCC/FFF is sponsoring its annual Fly-Fishing Exposition and Hall of Fame Dinner at Fort Mason, Bldg. A, in San Francisco, Saturday, January 27, 96. The event begins at 9AM and will feature over forty of Northern California's best Fly-Tyers (including 3 from GBF) plus displays of antique tackle, bamboo rods, collectable art and books. Parking is free.

Fly-tyers include: Darwin Atkin, Chris Barza, Ed Berg, Dan Blanton, Andy Burk, Gail Campbell, **Bill Carnazzo**, Jim Christensen, Wayne Chubb, Kim Cowell, Don Dilley, Dave Ecklund, **Terry Eggleston**, Ace Emmerling, Dan Garcia, Larry Glenn, Leo Gutterres, Ken Hanley, Nicko Hatzopoulos, Bud Heintz, Mark Hoerer, Kent Jennings, Jack Johnson, Rady Johnson, Gene Daczmarek, Mark Kaharick, Benson Kanemoto, Lois Kilburn, Don Labbe, Jannifer Lee, John Lim, Ned Long, Raymond Martinez, Edie Mashiko, Harry Mason, John McKim, Jay Murakoshi, Dick Nelson, Bill Newton, Bob Norman, Chip O'brien, Britt Phillips, Andre Puyans, Mario Rojo del Busto, John Shewey, Dave Simmons, Chris Smit, Don Steffa, Wayne Syn, **Jim Victorine**, Lani Waller Ralph Wood and Dorothy Zinky.

Beginning at 6PM, there will be a buffet with wine and a benefit auction. The evening concludes with ceremonies honoring Frank Mararelli who will be inducted into the NCCFFF Hall of Fame for his life-long contributions to fly tying, fly casting, conservation, fly fishing education and youth development. Admission is \$5 per person at the door for the daytime show and \$30 per person for both the day and evening events. All proceeds benefit the education and conservation activities of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

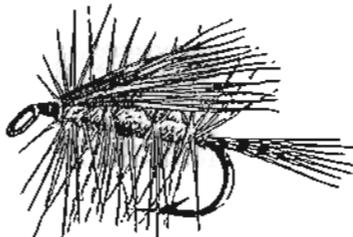
Reservations are required for the evening event. Please mail checks to:
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NCCFFF
2342 Ninth Ave.
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BEAR RIVER PROJECT: 1995 WRAP-UP

The project has been put to bed for this year. In retrospect, I have mixed feelings about our accomplishments. We managed to complete 20 to 25% of the project; about 1/3 of the total planting and came close to finishing 200 feet of the instream structures of area 10. The work crews donated over 400 man/woman hours of time. I had hoped that we could install one or two of the required log overhangs, but we were short of workers at the critical times. All of this important work was done by about 20% of our membership, I know that the other 4 out of 5 of you members missed out on an important part of what this club is about, our conservation commitment and the opportunity to give back to our fishing environment. I will be making it easier for you to plan ahead next year by scheduling specific work weekends. These will appear in the monthly calendar of events printed in the Leader. I'm sure that most of you can make a commitment to join us on at least one of those 5 or 6 monthly weekends.

I'm looking forward to next year with a great deal of anticipation.

Jim Coleman
Conservation Chairperson



GBF YOUTH GROUP NEWS

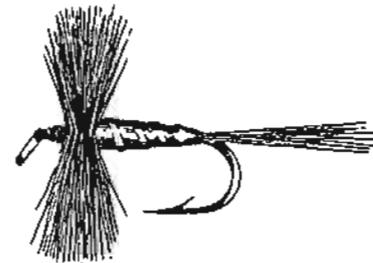
Bill & Jeanne English - Youth Group Counselors

Due to the poor turnout of our last two meetings we are discontinuing our monthly meetings. If and when enough people call and want to get together we will hold the meetings. In the interim we will continue to schedule and hold activities and announcements will be made at the general meeting or in the Leader.

We hope to do some school seminars and to schedule some youth classes in the next year. We will also have some outings in the Springs so read your Leader.

We will be calling on some of our youth members and some of our adult members to help teach at classes and / or seminars.

Ron and Jeanne's phone number is 677-7169



SWAP MEET AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Granite Bay Flycasters' annual swap meet and chili cook-off will take place at the clubhouse on December 9th. This event is always a lot of fun rain or shine, hopefully more shine than last year when it was wet and gloomy. Anyway, here's the deal: clean out your garage and closets and collect all the flyfishing and camping gear you either don't use anymore or have never used. Bring it on down to the clubhouse on December 9th and have a blast bartering with your fellow club members. While your digging out your gear get a pot of chili going on the stove and bring that along with you too. There will also be a chili cook-off, you didn't think we would have a club event without food did you! Anyway, the best tasting chili as judged by your peers will receive a special prize. We would also ask that people bring some other assorted side dishes, you know stuff that goes with chili, like corn bread or Tums and Roloids.

This is a great chance to pick up some holiday gifts for those hard to buy for flyfishing friends and relatives. There will also be GBF paraphernalia available (say that fast three times!) such as hats, tee shirts and patches. If you are going to be bringing items for sale let Mike Wasserman know by giving him a call or talking to him at the next general meeting (December 14th). Those people bringing items should arrive around 9:00 to set up and then we'll get rolling around 10:00. The event will last until all items are sold or we run out of chili! There is a rumor circulating that your Board of Directors will be supplying beer and soda for the event.

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The Leader

NEXT MONTH YOU WILL HAVE A NEW EDITOR

Beginning in January **Bruce Barthelomew** will be taking over as editor of our club's newsletter. I will be a retired editor, with some regrets. This is one of the most fun and rewarding positions in the club and I have really enjoyed this last year. But its time to move on. I want to thank all of you that contributed in so many ways to make this a fun job and ask you to support Bruce as much as you have me. Thank You All!

Wayne Dahl

GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM POINTS ACQUISITION DAY

For those Flycasters who wish to build up their point total for the Club Golden Trout Program, Saturday December 9th (Swap Meet / Chili Cookoff Day) is also designated as a Golden Trout workday. Bring your project such as flies, entomology collection, hand crafted rods, etc., and your activities participation history. Demonstrate knot tying and casting skills. (You may use a shooting line for 80 ft cast). **Check in with Vern Stubbs or Steve Bertrand.**

THE FISHERMAN

*Who's the stranger, Mother dear?
Look he knows us, ain't he queer?
Hush my own, don't talk so wild.
He's your father, dearest child.
He's my father? No such thing.
Father died away last spring.
Father didn't die, you dub—
Father joined the Fishing Club.
But now the season's closed so he
has no place to go you see
no place left for him to roam,
That is why he's coming home.
Kiss him — he won't bite you, child,
All those fishing guys look wild.*

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CLASSROOM EGG RAISING PROGRAM

by Frank Stolten

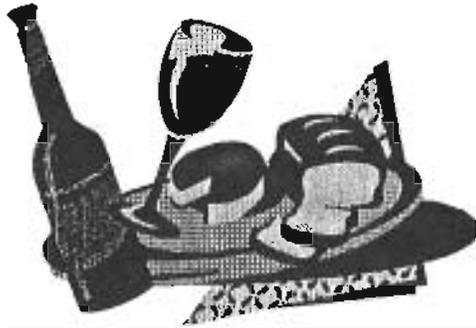
With the fall salmon run on the American River coming on strong its also time for GBF to get the classroom egg raising program back in full swing. The salmon runs on the American and all the other northern California rivers that support anadromous fish are running way above normal this year. While the reasons for this aren't entirely clear, what is clear is the need to continue educating our youth in the importance of protecting our limited aquatic resources if there are going to be salmon and steelhead in the future for any of us.

Another way to look at it is to consider salmon and steelhead as indicator species on the general health of the watery environment. If they're in good shape, it bodes well for all of us. Their future will be in the hands of some of the students who are now learning firsthand through this excellent program. With this perspective, I believe this is a program that will become increasingly important as California faces some very difficult water use decisions in the future.

On Nov. 8 a dedicated group of club members gathered at the Nimbus Hatchery to pickup salmon eggs for delivery to area classrooms. These eggs were fertilized approximately 1 month ago and the "eye" was readily visible. A total of 14 classrooms in Rancho Cordova, Fair Oaks, Roseville, Granite Bay, Orangevale, Rocklin, Loomis and Forest Hill received the eggs. Let me tell you there was a lot of excitement in these classrooms as the students anxiously awaited their arrival. This is a very rewarding program to participate in.

Big thanks to **Wayne and Stephanie Dahl, Greg Row, Steve Avery, and Sturmer White** for taking some time from their day to help out. I also want to thank **Fran Radoff** who spent a huge amount of time on the phone contacting teachers and organizing things and without whose assistance we'd probably still be back at the hatchery counting eggs.

P.S. Editors note: Thank You too Frank, for puting this all together.



ANNUAL DINNER REPORT

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - And GOING FAST!
Rich Brown - Dinner Chairman

Its almost dinner time for the GBF bunch. As you know this is our annual BIG event and it always lives up to its billing. So, if you don't want to miss out you better get your tickets soon. They're going fast and seating is limited.

Here's a chance to enjoy an evening of good company, have a good meal, participate in the many raffles and silent auctions and best of all be entertained and educated by a very exciting and knowledgeable speaker. This year Mike Lawson is our featured speaker and those of us who have heard him before will verify that he puts on an excellent show. Mike lives on the banks of the Henrys Fork River in eastern Idaho and runs Henry's Fork Anglers Fly Shop. He is one third of "The Traveling Fly Fishermen" who many of us saw here at GBF a year or two ago. He is also an author, photographer and consummate fly fisherman. Don't miss him.

Remember, we are asking for a donation from each and every member so please don't wait till the last minute. We have arrangements to collect them at each meeting. Bring them in as soon as possible - it makes it a lot easier for the committee to plan if they know what they have from the members.

Tickets are \$30. The dinner is Saturday, February 3, 1996. Call Rich Brown at 325-4564 or 797-0309 for more information.

DECEMBERS MYSTERY GUEST

by Robert Tamson
Program Chairman

This is the season for nice surprises. I know we'll all have a bunch of them under a tree near the end of this month. Here's your chance to open the first one for this season. Come to the general meeting and I'm sure you will be very pleased with the surprise we have planned for you.

See you there !!



ITS BACK!

Yup, I got my fax working. So, again we can thank Fish First for presenting us with their excellent Fishing Report. Let them know how much we appreciate these reports. They are at 1404 Solono Ave. in Albany, (N. Berkeley) or just give them a call at 510-526-1937. Maybe you have some information that would fit in their next report.



First Aid for Frostbite and Hypothermia

Frostbite and hypothermia are two types of cold emergencies that we must start thinking about as the winter and cold weather arrives. It will, don't worry.

Frostbite is freezing of body parts exposed to the cold. Signals of frostbite include lack of feeling in the affected area and skin that appears waxy, is cold to the touch, or is discolored (flushed, white, yellow or blue).

To care for frostbite, handle the area gently. **Never rub an affected area.** Rubbing causes further damage to soft tissues. Instead soak the affected part in water no warmer than 105° F. If you don't have a thermometer, test it yourself. If the temperature is uncomfortable to your touch, the water is too warm. Keep the frostbitten part in the water until it looks red and feels warm. Loosely bandage the area with a dry, sterile dressing. If fingers and / or toes are frostbitten, place cotton or gauze between them. **Don't break any blisters.** Get professional medical attention as soon as possible.

Hypothermia is when the entire body cools because its ability to keep warm fails. **The victim can die if not given care.** Signals include, shivering, numbness, glassy stare, apathy, and loss of consciousness.

To care for hypothermia, start by caring for any life-threatening problems. Make the victim comfortable. Remove any wet clothing and dry the victim. Warm the body gradually by wrapping the victim in blankets or putting on dry clothing and moving him or her to a warm

place. If available, apply heat pads or other heat sources to the body. Keep a barrier, such as a blanket, towel, or clothing, between the heat source and the victim to avoid burning them. If the victim is alert give them warm liquids to drink. Do not warm too quickly, rapid rewarming can cause dangerous heart problems. Be gentle and get professional attention as soon as possible. Remember, **The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to get hypothermia.**

Be careful - both of these conditions can usually be avoided.




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Fishery	Water Conditions	Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches	Flies	Comments
Putah Creek (Lake Berryessa to Solano Lake)	Normal green/brown color, low flow, low to mid 50°F's.	Fishing is fair for rainbows and browns running 8-13". Indicator nymphing with small mayfly nymphs and caddis pupa is best bet. Fine tippets are the rule. Fish will come up for BWO dries in selected areas. Best action is from 10 am on, with all the dry use access areas producing. Fishing will pick up in coming weeks as larger fish move out of their holding lies in preparation for spawning.	BWO nymph - poxyback, Burk's leg nymph, PT, brassie, olive disco midge, barr's wet emerger (#16-20), BWO emerger/dry - floating nymph, RS2, foam floating nymph, Harrop short wing emerger, DB baetis emerger, Lawson's halfback emerger, maribou cripple, CDC transitional dun, Stalcup biot dun, hi-vis parachute, spartic dun (#16-22), Caddis (see Lower Sac River).	
Pyramid Lake (outside of Reno)	Cool, clear.	Fishing is fair for cuts running 16-20". Larger fish will start showing as weather cools. Shooting heads with streamers (purple is a preferred color at Pyramid) are the ticket. Keep casting and retrieving until your arm wears out.	Streamers (see Duvis Lake).	
Sacramento River, Lower (Redding to Anderson)	Clear, cold, mid 50°F's, 5000 cfs.	Fishing is good. Caddis pupa and small glo-bugs are both producing trout from 14-20". Salmon are spawning, but thinning out from previous weeks. Fish are getting smarter; dead drifts and longer casts pay off. Some adult steelhead are holding in the Battle Creek area.	Redden's stogie and triple eggs (#12-16), Caddis pupa - SRI mono eye caddis, Ligas scintillator, Fabini tenor, beadhead like brite, LaFontaine sparkle pupa, Nori's pupa, x-wing caddis, screendipity, glass bead pupa, pecking caddis (#12-18), Caddis emerger/adult - Best's The Fly, Harrop slow water, elk hair, goddard, SRI real, CDC back, emerger/diving, Matthew's x-caddis, King's River, SRI hi-vis (#14-18).	#16 glo-bugs producing best. Wading is possible at Posse Grounds, Turle Bay, Clear Creek, & Knighton rifle. Don't wade on the rocks.
Trinity River	Clear, low 50°F's, 300 cfs from Lewistown Lake)	Fishing is fair. Most steelies are running 3-7 lbs and are located in the Del Loma area, and from Douglas City to Lewiston. Fish a golden stonefly nymph with a small glo-bug dropper under an indicator. Swinging dark traditional steelhead patterns also producing a few fish. Rain will get fish more active.	Stoneflies (see Yuba River) Steelhead patterns (see Klamath River) Glo-bugs (see Lower Sac River).	
Yuba River (below Eaglebright Dam)	Clear, low 50°F's, 1290 cfs.	Fishing is spotty. Indicator nymphing with stonefly, caddis, and BWO mayflies is producing trout and an occasional steelie. Glo-bugs also work behind the spawning salmon.	Stonefly nymph - Beadhead biot stone, superior stone, Barr's dark stone, braided bitch creek, black rubberleg, chee sparkle stone, brownstone rubberleg (#6-12), Stonefly dry - SRI irresistible stone, Kaufmann's stimulator, improved stone, golden stone rubberlegs, madam X (#6-12), BWO (see Putah Creek) Caddis & glo-bugs (see Lower Sac River).	Look for action to improve as the section above Hwy 20 opens 1 Dec.
<p>Our Fish With Us one-day clinics will allow you to learn access points, resident aquatic insects, and productive fishing techniques. Depending on the fishery and time of year, instruction will cover rigging and presentation for nymph, dry fly, and streamer fishing. After completing our clinics, you will be able to fish the same water with knowledge and confidence by yourself. Dates have been selected to coincide with prime hatch and fishing conditions to maximize your opportunity for angling success. Clinics are limited to 3 students per instructor.</p> <p>Lower Sacramento River - From Redding to Anderson, this river is Northern California's premier big fish destination. We fish this river from October through April, when the flows are low. Both drift boat and wade clinics are offered. Throughout the winter, fishing is very consistent. In March and April, the river sports tremendous caddis hatches. Indicator nymphing is the best technique for consistently catching these supercharged fish. Dry fly action is possible in selected areas. We offer an unequalled opportunity to learn a great river that is only 3-12 hours from the Bay Area. 25, 26 Nov 95. 9, 10 Dec 95. 24, 25 Feb 96. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 Mar 96. Cost \$110 per person.</p> <p>Putah Creek - Close proximity to the Bay Area, low flows, and large rainbows make this a great winter destination for a day trip. Learn short-line nymphing and streamer techniques, while accessing the most productive stretches of the stream. 2, 16 Dec 95. 20 Jan 96. 17 Feb 96. Cost \$110 per person.</p> <p>Feather River Steelhead - What a way to start the New Year! The area we fish opens the first of January, and the steelhead will be plentiful and eager. Traditional steelhead techniques, as well as indicator nymphing, will be emphasized. We'll be on the water by dawn. Expect fast and furious action for the first few hours of daylight. 1, 2, 6, 7 Jan 96. Cost \$110 per person.</p> <p>Other reports - Russian River - Fishing is spotty for king salmon. Fish in the Guerneville area with coonets, polar shrimp, steelhead have not shown up yet. American River - Fishing is fair for half pounders, a few adult steelies showing in the Oeche Park to Nimbus dam area. Smith River - Fishing is good for large king salmon in the lower river. Steelies will show in coming weeks. Main Stem of Eel in the tidewater - Fishing is fair to good for steelies, use hollowcon comets and bosses with slow sinking lines. River is closed above Cockrobin Island. Mud River (tidewater) (the river is closed above Hammond Trail Bridge) - Fishing is fair to good for half pounders and some adult steelhead. Intermediate time flies with green seeds and yellow tag renegades are the ticket. Truckee River in Nevada is slow; some action on caddis pupa and attractor nymphs. Keep moving to find active fish. Striped bass action is fair to good in the San Francisco Bay from Point Isabel to Rodeo. Fish from shorts with 8 wts and shooting heads and large flies. Most fish running 14-18".</p> <p>Mark your calendar - 27 January 96 the Hall of Fame Benefit for the California Sportfishing Promotion Alliance will be held at Fort Mason. A day of fly tying with over 50 premier duns, topped off with a buffet dinner will benefit one of the top conservation groups in the state. Contact Fish First! or your local Federation representative for more info.</p> <p>This fish report would not be possible without the help of Mike/Eureka Fly Shop/Eureka, Keith/Powell Fly Shop/Chico, Dave Brown/Trout County Fly Shop/Burney, Roger Raynal/North Rivers Guide Service/Klamath River. Help keep this report updated - call in with your own experience!</p>				

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Baum Lake	Clear, weedy, low 50°F's.	Fishing is fair. Midge hatch starts midmorning, followed by the BWO hatch. Small nymphs fished under an indicator on 7x Uppet is best choice for rainbows running 10-18". Fish are also working the dries; keep moving to find active fish. Try streamers if the trout do not like your small offerings.	Midge pupa/adult - disco, Kaufmann's midge pupa, gray midge pupa, brassie, midge biot (#18-22). Midge emerger/adult - Bett's midge emerger, Harrop midge adult, griffith's gnat, palemino, CDC hatching, CDC midge adult, Harrop CDC transitional midge, parachute adams (#20-22). BWO patterns (see Putah Creek). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Float tube or prum needed to access water. Fish near the dam or Tule Island.
Davis Lake	Normal green, high 40°F's.	Fishing is good. Streamers and damsel nymphs producing rainbows from 16-22", with an occasional fish to 25". Early morning fishing is slow due to cold weather, action picks up after 10 am. Best fishing is on the west side of the lake. Fish different depths until you find the fish (some of the larger fish are holding in 10-15' of water in the old river bed channel).	Streamers - Lite brite zonker, Janssen marabou leech, woolhead sculpin, krysal bugger, articulated leech, matuka, mini-leech, muddler minnow, lite brite minnow, mylar zonker, beadhead krysal bugger, beadhead mudleech (#4-10). Damsel nymph - Whitlock's, Barr's, mono eye, beadhead (#10-12).	
Eagle Lake	Clear, cold, mid 40°F's.	Fishing is spotty, but improving as rainbows begin moving into the shallows. Floating and slow sinking lines with a slow retrieve on sparsely tied leeches are top choice. Trout are running 2-4 lbs.	Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Areas to fish are Pelican Point, Boy Scout Camp, and the Spaulding Tract area.
Feather River (below Lake Oroville)	Clear, low 50°F's, 2400 cfs (1650 cfs thru the low-flow section).	Fishing is fair. Indicator nymphing with a caddis pupa and a glo bug dropper is best bet behind the spawning salmon. Swinging polar shrimp and wooly buggers on sink tips also producing a few steelies from 3-8 lbs. Experienced anglers are averaging 2 to 3 steelies a day.	Polar shrimp (#4-8). Streamers (see Davis Lake). Caddis and glo bugs (see Lower Sac River).	Water levels are running high in the low-flow. The section above Hwy 70 opens 1 Jan 96.
Frank's Tract (Bethel Island)	Normal clarity, weedy, Mid 50°F's.	Fishing is very good when you track down the stripers. Larger fish (6-12 lbs) are starting to move in from the bay. Use an 8 wt rod with a fast sinking shooting head, and a fast retrieve. Fish 2 hours on each side of the high tide for best action.	Blanton's whistler, Lefty's deceiver, Abel anchovy, seducer, bendback deceiver, sea bunny (#2/0-4/0).	Black bass fishing is also very good. Boat needed to fish here.
Klamath River	Clear, low 50°F's.	Fishing is fair for 3-6 lbs steelies, with a fish to 9 lbs showing on occasion. 200 grain 24' sink tips with skunks, limeys, brindle bugs, and mossbacks are the ticket. Most action is from Johnson's downstream. Rain is needed to get fish on the move.	Brindle bug, mossback, limey, skunk, green bodied skunk (#6-8).	
Lewiston Lake	Clear, cold, low 50°F's.	Fishing is fair. Fish are midging in the morning near the Telnly dam, but are spooky; long, fine Uppets are the rule. Callibaetis hatch is waning, but some bugs are coming off from noon to 3 pm in the Lakeview Terrace area, with nymphs producing better than dries. Streamers are also producing throughout the day.	Callibaetis nymph - blot poxyback, Lawson's callibaetis, pheasant tail, poxyback, burk's leg nymph (#14-16). Callibaetis emerger/dry - edc looping, marabou cripple, edc transitional nymph, edc transitional dun, Ljable edc stillborn, paranymp, Lawson's floating nymph, sparkle dun, Stalcup edc biot dun, thorax dun, Harrop captive dun, parachute (#14-16). Midges (see San River). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Float tube or boat needed to fish effectively.
Mt Lassen Trout	Clear, low 50°F's.	Fishing is excellent for 4-15 lb rainbows. Streamers and callibaetis nymphs on a slow retrieve are top producers. Good midge dry fly fishing in morning and evening; the afternoon callibaetis hatch also has the fish looking up. Expect 6 to 20 hookups a day on these behemoths.	Callibaetis (see Lewiston Lake). Midges (see Baum Lake). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Mt Lassen Trout is located 1/2 hour outside Red Bluff. This awesome pay fishery can be booked through <i>Fish First!</i>
O'Neill Forebay and San Luis Reservoir	Clear, Mid 50°F's/	Fishing is fair for 3-6 lb striped bass. Use 8 or 9 wt outfits with fast sink shooting heads. The flies of choice are large (3-5") streamers on a fast retrieve. On the forebay, fish along the rock wall near the outlet and near the powerline islands. On San Luis, fish on the southwest side of lake.	Blanton's whistler, Lefty's deceiver, Abel anchovy, seducer, bendback deceiver, sea bunny (#2/0-4/0).	Boat is best to access water properly.