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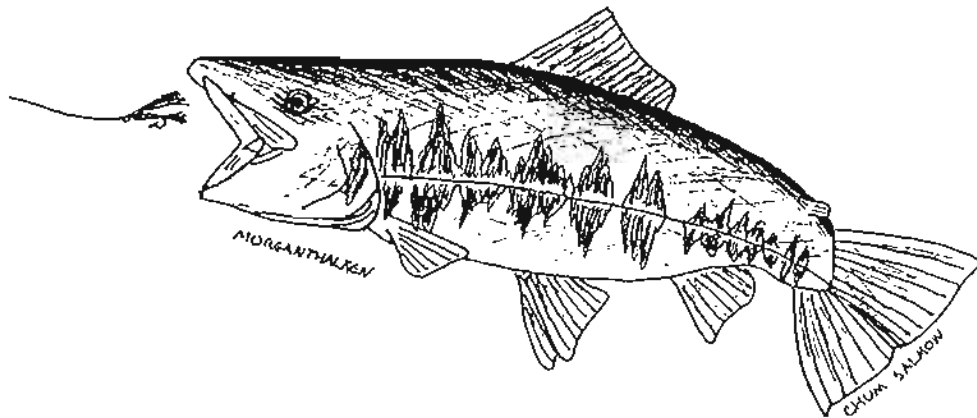
February 4	NCCFFF Hall of Fame Dinner Fort Mason - San Francisco
February 9	General Meeting Clubhouse 7:30
February 11	GBF Annual Dinner Elk's Club - Roseville
February 16	Board Meeting Clubhouse 7:00
February 17	Youth Meeting Clubhouse 7:00
February 18	Bonita Trip (Double Check this w/Frank Stolten or Warren Schoenmann)
February 18	CPR Class - Clubhouse
March 4	Tips & Techniques Clubhouse
March 9	General Meeting Clubhouse 7:30
March 13	Pyramid Lake
March 16	Board Meeting Clubhouse 7:00
March 17	Youth Meeting Clubhouse 7:00

**IS THIS YOUR LAST LEADER?**

**Annual Dues are Due**

**I**t is that time of the year when memberships must be renewed. Renewals are due **no later than the end of February** or your membership will lapse and you will not remain on the mailing list. If you wait till March to renew you will be required to pay the \$7.00 new member initiation fee again. Also, please remember we are asking everyone to fill out a new registration form. Help us keep our records up to date. Please take a minute give us the information we need and pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$25.00 for individual membership, \$30.00 for a family membership and \$10.00 for Junior (under 18) membership. You can bring them to the General Meeting, stick them in the mail or give your VP a call if you need to make other arrangements. Make your checks payable to Granite Bay Flycasters.

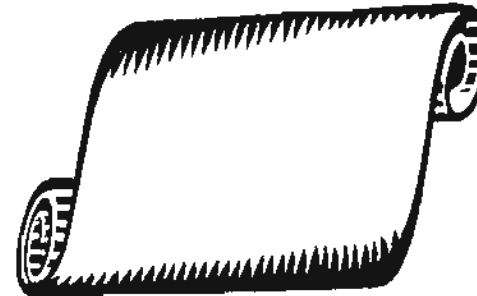
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**W**ell its official, the drought is over! Although no one wanted to see it end in just a matter of days, we must pull up our waders, dry out our belongings, and prepare for spring. Rivers and streams will be flowing strong all season, lakes and ponds will be full, and that means good fishing opportunities all year long. With this in mind, your Board of Directors has put together a full schedule of fishouts as well as many other activities which I am sure that all members will find educational, rewarding, and most of all, FUN.

Some of the fishouts that have already been scheduled include bass fishing in the spring; a mid-summer trip to the Umpqua River in Oregon for some fabulous small mouth fishing, trout fishing throughout the season including golden trout in the high Sierra and a trip to the Upper Sac, and many other local stream, river and lake locations. A couple of other fishout highlights will be the annual one-fly, this year at Indian Creek Reservoir, and the ever popular Robinson Creek fishout in September. Although we have pretty much filled up our year, there are still open dates and we would like to hear from members regarding any fishout locations they may be interested in.

In addition to the fishouts planned, a wide variety of classes and clinics have been scheduled. We will be having a couple of tying classes including a beginners class and an intermediate/advanced class specializing in tying tips, trick, and techniques. Casting clinics are also scheduled which will be useful for novices and experienced casters alike. Also, if we can generate enough interest (and I believe we will have no problem) we will have a special women's casting class. Last year we had an equipment evaluation clinic which was very well received. This class has been scheduled again for this year. This year we will also introduce some new classes. These include first aid and CPR. Both of these classes will be highly valuable to members and will help them be better prepared in the case of emergencies.



### Presidents Message (cont.)


The annual picnic will be held in May and promises to be as fun as always. Besides all the good eating there will be casting and tying games and a raffle. The open house/swap meet/chili cook off will be held during the later part of the year, just in time to pick some Christmas gifts for your fishing friends. Our award winning youth program will also have many events and activities planned for this year. We encourage parents to involve their children in all aspects of flyfishing, including outings and youth classes.

As you can see we have a busy, fun-filled year planned. A more formal schedule appears in this issue of the Leader. There should be something for everyone so mark up your calendar and get involved!

Michael Wasserman  
President GBF


### GBF Fishout Schedule (cont.)

October 21	Stimulator Upper Sacramento
November 18	Crystal Bugger O'Neill Forebay (Stripers)
December 1	Ale-Billy Yuba River (Steelhead)



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#### **Lets Fish Together More:**

If you have a favorite spot that you know well, why not add it to the fishout list and invite some of your fellow Granite Bay Flycasters to join you. There is no rule that we can only go to a certain number of places on any given month or weekend. We are always looking for more individuals that would be interested in leading one or more of these fishouts. Just give Bill, Scott or one of your club officers a call if you are willing to share some of your enjoyment, knowledge and expertise.

**GBF Fishout Schedule**  
**Including Fly of the Month**

<b>February</b>	<b>Ostrich Scud</b>
18	Bonita Trip Frank Stolten - leader (Call First)
<b>March</b>	<b>Scotts Floating Nymph (Mayfly)</b>
13	Pyramid - Note: this is a Monday
<b>April</b>	<b>Water Boatman Pattern</b>
22	Rancho Seco Joe Bania - leader (phone 677-4263)
<b>May</b>	<b>Madame X</b>
13	Bass outing - Gorden's Pond
20	Upper Sacramento Jim Coleman - leader (phone 885-4128)
<b>June</b>	<b>Rubber Legs Kaufmann Stonefly</b>
3	Indian Creek -- One fly contest Terry Eggleston - leader
10	Hat Creek -- Stonefly hatch
<b>July</b>	<b>Bead Head Hares Ear</b>
15	Umpqua River -- Smallmouth John Lewis leader - leader (phone 791-1053)
29	Rucker Lake - Bass Kim and Paul Roccoforte - leaders
29	North Yuba
<b>August</b>	<b>Zug Bug</b>
19	Golden Trout
<b>September</b>	<b>Rabbit Leach</b>
23	Robinson Creek Terry Eggleston - leader

**LADIES FISHING/CASTING SEMINAR**

The Granite Bay Flycasters is dedicated to promoting the involvement of the entire family. To this end we are considering having special events or seminars designed specifically for the ladies in the club. There is only one problem. We are not sure how many of our ladies would participate or just how much interest there really is. Perhaps we should start with a ladies casting class. To get an idea of how many would be interested and what you are interested in, we will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. No dates or details have been set yet - we need input. If you are interested in participating, leading or have some other ideas, we need to hear from you. Talk to any of the officers or directors at the next meeting or call us with your comments.



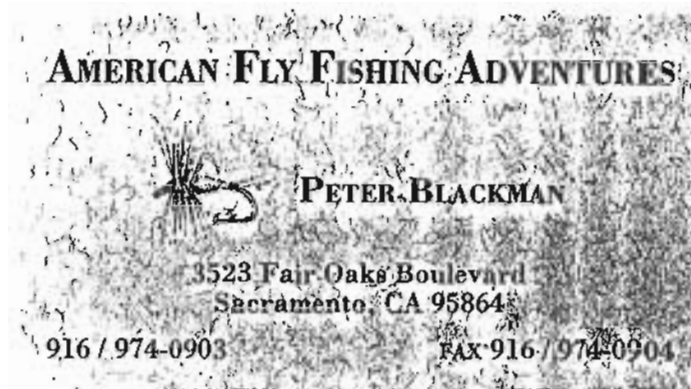
**CPR AND FIRST AID CLASSES**

Plans are being finalized to put on a certified CPR class February 18th. The class will be taught by Dian Magruder with the Kaiser Hospital System and our own Sue Lutz. This is a one day (8:00 to about 3:30) event that --- Cost will be \$15 and the class size is limited due to the amount of training equipment and individual attention the instructor provides. If you did not get your name on the interest sign-up sheet at the January meeting please call a club officer or your editor as soon as possible.

The date for the First Aid class is still up in the air but, it will be in March. We will have more information by the time the February general meeting rolls around. Carol McAllister will be teaching this class and I'm sure she would welcome any help or suggestions you might be able to contribute.

## 1996 GBF Dinner

Remember this is the last year that Marie Stull will be running the Annual Dinner and we asked for another good Granite Bay Flycasters to step up and take over for 1996. Well I'm happy to announce that Rich Brown has offered to take on this task for us in 1996. Congratulations Rich, you have a tough act to follow.




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## January Meeting

Our guest speaker for the January meeting was Dennis McCrackin owner and operator of the Copper Creek Lodge, Lake Illanna, Alaska. We owe Dennis two big 'Thank You's'. One for is presentation at the meeting and another for the donation of five copies of a great little book titled "Alaska On the Fly" by Dan Henier. Four of these were donated for our dinner as prizes. The fifth was autographed by Dennis and will be in our library for all to enjoy. Thank You Dennis!

## Fishing Report

I'm sure by now you have all seen the fishing report that we started including in the Leader last month. This is provided to us free of charge by "FISH FIRST". This a great fly shop located in North Berkeley just off Interstate 80. Next time you're over that way stop in and show them how much we appreciate their generosity and the information.



### WE NEED A LITTLE HELP!

**W**e are searching for one of the good Granite Bay Flycasters that has a little storage area where we can store our display both backdrop. This is not a big monster that needs its own barn. It is about 4 ft. by 8 ft. and approximately 4 in. thick. Its not even very hard to carry, but it does need a home. We just do not have a large enough secure area in the club house. Please call one of the officers if you can give us a little space.

### GBF IS A LEADER AGAIN

by: Barbara Bania

**A**t the December Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted in favor of donating \$250 toward the purchase and installation of weatherproof CalTip signs along the American River Parkway. While there is definitely a value to protection of the fishery in the American River, this project will also help protect other species and their habitat. We were told that ours was the first contribution that came in for this new project — GBF should be proud of it's leadership role in conservtion and community efforts! Below is an article that appeared in the quarterly newsletter for California Fish and Game CalTip program Volunteers:

*CalTip Volunteer Connection, January 1995*

#### Donation

*The Granite Bay Flycasters club has donated \$250 to CalTip. Joe Bania was contacted by the Sacramento County CalTip Coordinator Joe Seivert and the two talked at length about the poaching problems encountered in the Sacramento area. The club then decided to get involved in a positive way and purchased 100 CalTip signs that will be posted along the American River Parkway (a poaching prone area of the county). Additionally, the club's youth group will be assisting in the actual work of posting the signs. The Granite Bay Flycasters are to be commended for the commitment to help protect and preserve the wildlife resource in the Sacramento area. Thank You!*



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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- 6 wt., 9 ft., IM6 Loomis - complete with a G2 Ross Gunnison Reel, includes a weight forward floating line and backing \$375
- 7 wt., 10 ft., IM6 Loomis - w/fighting butt \$250
- 9 wt., 9ft. IM6 Loomis - w/fighting butt \$250

All are in excellent condition and have a lifetime warrant. Give Bus a call anytime - - Phone - 652-0981

### February Meeting Speakers

**Bill Carnazzo and Terry Eggleston** are putting their heads together, collecting their best fishing stories and slides, and preparing to share some of their Sierra fishing experiences with us. This should be a grand opportunity for the rest of us to see who can come up with the best fish story. Let this be a warning to the Traveling Fly Fishermen, Granite Bay Flycasters might have the start of something big here. Bring your VCR cameras.

### FISHMASTER'S REPORT

January, 1995

Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

**Upcoming Outings:** The next outing will be the Bonita fishout, to be held February 18th. However, Frank and Warren are going south on Thursday, January 26th to survey the situation and (hopefully) to catch a fish or two. Depending on the results of their reconnaissance, this outing may have to be rescheduled. We'll know more at the February general meeting.

**Fishouts Past.** The Stanislaus River outing was held January 21st, at the river just outside of Stockton. Led by Don Steffa, the group caught trout notwithstanding the high flows. In attendance were Don Steffa, Ron English, Terry Eggleston, Robert Tamson, and Steve Bertrand.

**Contact the Fishmaster:** If you have questions on any of the outings, or want information, please call me at 264-5346 work or 663-2604 home.

Bill

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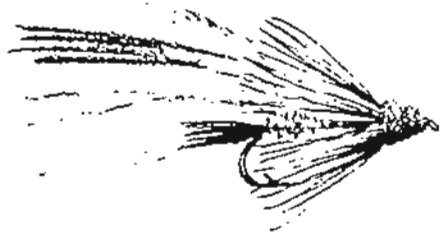
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### CONSERVATION REPORT

by: Jim Coleman

Conservation Chairman

**T**he power of water has held our attention the last few weeks. We are constantly reminded that water is central to our very survival, as well as to that of our sport.

My early fishing days were spent worrying only about how to entice a take. I didn't lose sleep over whether the cold, clear stream would be there next trip -- of course it would!

Our society has evolved to the present, sometimes overwhelming, list of problems connected with water. Communities, agriculture, industry, all compete loudly for the limited resource, and we wonder whether our concerns over fish can ever be effectively heard.

Each of us can take the extra free time we have till our favorite waters clear or open, to become better informed on the many serious problems facing the American river, Yuba, Truckee drainage, Trinity, Rogue, Clark Fork and on and on... We each can talk one on one with others about fish and habitat. We can get involved in the decision making events that will determine the future. Our clubs' Bear River project will succeed primarily if a constant reliable source of clean water is guaranteed. We will all work very hard to complete this important project, but in the end the water must be there...

I want to know what each of you is thinking about and reading about conservation and water. Call me at 885-4128 and let's talk.

Jim Coleman

### CAL-EXPO SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

**T**he annual International Sportsmen's Exposition was held January 11 through 15 at Cal-Expo. GBF's booth, located in the fly fishing area adjacent to the tying theater and the casting pond, was as successful as usual.

Thanks to the club's outstanding volunteer attitude, the booth was well staffed. The list of members who helped is too long to print here -- but you know who you are. **THANK YOU!!!**

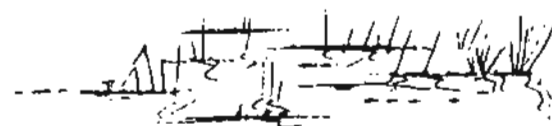
Not only did club volunteers receive free show entry, they got the benefit of meeting the public and providing information on our meetings, projects and activities. It's a very rewarding experience.

The show's tying theater featured three of our club's tyers: **Terry Eggleston, Jim Victorine and Bill Carnazzo**. Terry and Bill will be tying at Fort Mason for the NCCFFF's Fly Fishing Exposition and Hall of Fame on February 4th, and again at the I.S.E. show in San Mateo on March 8 - 12.

Be sure to sign up next year for the Cal-Expo booth. **THANKS AGAIN!!!**  
Bill Carnazzo, Booth Chairperson

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Yes Bill, it was a success and much of that was due to the efforts of our chairperson. **THANK YOU !!, Bill**



## FLY TYER'S CORNER

by  
BILL CARNAZZO

### OSTRICH SCUD

FEBRUARY, 1995

**Note:** The Pattern for the February Fly Tying Contest will be Green Rockworm featured in the January Leader. Bring your best version to the February 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 next year's picnic. .... Bring those flies in -- Don't be shy!!

In the almost six years since I've been penning this column, I don't believe we've featured a scud pattern. Scuds are small (5-25 mm) freshwater crustaceans that occur naturally in many trout waters. Where they do exist, the size, growth rate, coloration (and taste) of the resident trout is enhanced.

In common with their saltwater brethren, they share an organic compound called carotene, which causes fish that consume them to have pink to orange flesh. For a thorough description of their varied organic makeup, habits and habitat (and some fishing tips), consult **Dave Whitlock's Guide to Aquatic Trout Foods**, pp. 167-170.

The Ostrich Scud featured here was originated by Fred Arbona. It is simple, yet subtly effective.

#### Materials:

Hook	TMC 200R; Mustad 37160; #12 - 18
Thread	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Rib:	Clear mono (size to fit hook size)
Shellback:	Clear plastic material (substitute: swiss straw)
Body:	Olive ostrich herl (substitute: sparkle olive/blue/brown antron blend)

Note: The "substitutes" listed are mine and are not intended to detract in any way from the originator's recipe. They are just suggestions to try.

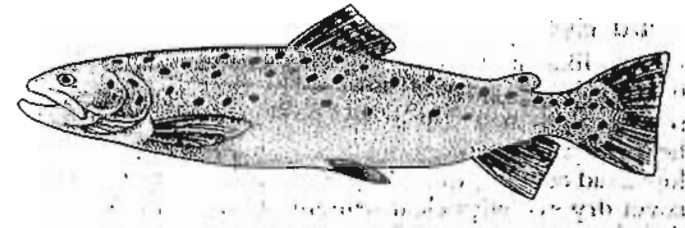
**The fly you tie for the contest must be the original; don't use the "substitutes".**



### WOW!

Make sure to clean your feet the next time your step into the clubhouse.

**W**ith the support and materials provided by our friends at State Department of Parks and Recreation we now have a new carpet. Looks pretty good don't you think. Terry Eggleston has been working hard for a long time now to promote, coordinate, and actually complete this project and his efforts have paid off handsomely. Beginning on Thursday the 26th of January, Terry and his group started by ripping out the old and replacing it with the new. Its good to do that now and then. It was all finished up by Superbowl Sunday in plenty of time to make the game. Thanks go to Terry, Warren Schoenmann, Ron English, Mark Neice, Bill Carnazzo, Robert Adams and your editor. But the biggest thanks go to Roy Bloxham who provided the expertise and, who really did the work..



### Let There Be (more) Light

**O**ur next project will be starting soon too, and you guessed it, we could use your help. Ron English has plans to replace the ceiling tile, clean the light fixtures and add a new bank of lights. If he can get a few good Flycasters to give him a hand he should be able to accomplish this quickly. The exact work date is not established by the time this has to be to the printer but, I'll bet he has a better idea by the next general meeting. If you can help somehow, give Ron English a call at 677-7169.

## We're Having an Anniversary

Remember, late this year we will celebrate our 10th anniversary and we need a new anniversary logo. Let us see your ideas.

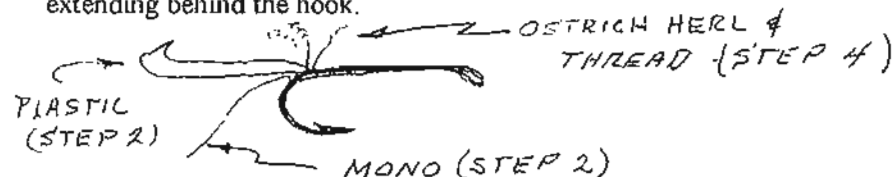


## Gatekeeper

We are still looking for some kind person to take over the gatekeeper chores for us. Vern Stubbs needs and deserves a break. This is not a difficult, time consuming task but, it is a very important one. As you know the gates to Granite Bay are closed around 7:00 during the winter months. This makes it difficult for all our members that want to attend the general meeting. Some of us just tend to run a little late. Therefore we have a "gatekeeper" that monitors the gate until shortly after 7:30. This means that this person will be a little late for the meeting and will probably miss the first few minutes of it. But it also means that many more of us will have a chance to get in so we don't miss all of the meeting. If you are willing to take over this task please get in touch with Vern or a club officer. Remember this will only be for the next 2 or 3 meetings because the gates stay open much later in the summer.

## TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cover the hook with thread; add weight if desired, at this time.
2. Take a 1/4 inch wide strip of clear plastic (sandwich bag will do) material and attach it at rear of the hook, just above barb, with long end extending behind the hook.



3. Now attach, at the same point, a piece of clear monofilament line. Use last year's 2x tippet for this purpose.
4. Take 3 strands of ostrich herl and again tie them in at the same spot, along with a piece of olive thread (or try a strand of crystal hair). Bring thread to front of hook.
5. Grab herl and thread with hackle pliers; twist the whole bunch into a rope or chenille (not too tight). Once this is complete, wrap the rope forward to about 2 eye lengths behind the hook eye. Tie it off there.
6. Pull the plastic over the back, forming a clear shell back. The sides of the shell back should extend about 2/3 of the way down the sides of the body, almost to the fly's underside. Tie off at front of fly.
7. Wind the monofilament forward in 5 or 6 evenly spaced wraps over body and shell, to rib the fly. Tie off at front.
8. Form a nice small head, whip finish, and apply shiny head cement. Now go fish the little bugger.

See ya at 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

Mark Lutz, who tied the best Green Butted Skunk. Congratulations Mark, nice job. Although the competition is 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 the prize for each month you enter a fly in the contest. You do not have to win a monthly contest to win the \$100.

## Egg Raising Project

**Rick Radoff**, our chairperson for the Egg-Raising Program reports that over 20 classes participated in the Salmon raising portion of the program. The various teachers report that all these fry have now been released back into the river. In about 2 weeks we will move on to the Steelhead portion of the program. We have over 40 classes anxiously awaiting these eggs.

This program is growing every year and we just voted to add an additional 20 schools next year.



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## PILGRIMS PROGRESS

by J.P. Gildone  
DISCOVERY

I was home for a few days on Easter break when I found it. I should have been studying but I couldn't sit still, and as I rummaged through my Dad's gear in the back room of the basement, there it was. I don't know why I'd never seen it before. It was a fairly ordinary rod tube except for the bright chrome cap. Maybe that's what caught my eye, that bright silver cap winking at me from behind the other rods. I reached up and retrieved it trying not to disturb the other spinning rods from their perches on the rack. The tube didn't rattle. Most of our rods had no tubes, but the ones that did rattled around naked inside theirs. Something was in there but it didn't rattle. The cap was slightly bent as if some had dropped it on its corner, and the thing was cross threaded. Whoever had used it last had been in a hurry and forced the cap on tight. I forced it off. I slid the khaki rod cover out of the tube and then the rod out of the sock. You could have knocked me over with a pheasant tail. A fly rod! My dad had a fly rod! (I knew what they looked like. I had had a brief flirtation with the idea of fly fishing in high school. I had ordered an inexpensive "build it yourself" rod kit from the Orvis Company. I never finished it. That's overstating it. I barely started it. At the time, my dad advised me to buy a finished rod. "You'll never finish it," he said. He was right, of course. But in those days I never listened to my dad. Thirty years later I still have the blank. An 8 ft. fiberglass rod with only a hook keeper attached and a badly shaped cork grip. That's as far as I got on the project. It has never seen water.) A fly rod! My dad owns a fly rod! Finding that rod in the basement was like discovering that my father had led a secret life in some storied past we knew nothing about. That brown three piece glass rod in my hands was a single clue to a mystery that now had to be investigated. The questions started to flood in. In all the years of hunting and fishing why had he never mentioned it? When did he do this? Where did he do it? Did he ever fly fish the Truckee? Was he any good? Why did he quit? Will he let me use it? Yea that was the heart of the matter: Would he let me try it out? Standing barefoot on the cold concrete floor I put the rod together; the metal ferrules fit together neatly. It was too tall to stand straight up in that room. It was long and graceful, and as I stood there admiring its beauty I knew I had to take her out. And I knew just the place, if I could get her old man's consent.

Next month in Pilgrim's Progress: "The First Time."

The Bear River  
by Jack L. Parker

I remember very clearly, the first time I saw the Bear River. It was the summer of 1953 and a friend and myself were staying with his aunt and uncle in Nevada City. One day, they drove us to see Lake Tahoe. On the way we crossed the Bear at the Highway 20 bridge. When I asked, his uncle stopped the car so I could check out the stream. I vowed then and there that someday I would come back and fish the Bear River. It was 9 years before I was able to return.

I love meadow streams and have been fishing one of the best for most of my life, Hot Creek, which is located in the Mammoth Lakes area of the eastern Sierra. I had just spent 3 weeks at Hot Creek Ranch. I did not have to be back home in Southern California for a few days, so I decided to drive over and spend at least a few hours fishing the Bear. Even though it would mean an extra long, hard drive home it was a decision I have never regretted.

It was on a crisp, clear morning in September. The frost was just melting the brown grass of the meadow as I began to walk downstream towards the bottom of the meadow. It was the kind of morning that made you appreciate being out, especially with a fly rod in your hand. As I walked I explored. It seemed the Bear had everything a good trout stream should have. There was a good flow of cold, clear water, lots of undercut banks and deep water where trout could seek refuge, riffles with clean gravel for spawning and lots of underwater nymph life. Checking back on that date in my fishing diary I wrote that my actual fishing time was a little over 3 hours. During that time, I did not even have a half hearted rise. That, however, did not matter because I had fallen in love with the Bear River.

In 1963, I moved from Southern California to Roseville. The following are just a few excerpts from my fishing diaries over the years about some of my experiences on the Bear.

August 9, 1963 -- Fished the Bear River above the Highway 20 bridge from 3 to 7 P.M. Used a No. 14 Blue Spider. First fish an 8 in. rainbow. Next a 13 in. brown. Altogether, I caught and released 6 fish. 1 brown and 5 rainbows. The brown was the biggest. My brother Jerry, got 3 fish, the biggest a 12 in brown.

September 1, 1963 -- Dad and I went to Bear River. Fished above the bridge. I caught 8 fish, 5 rainbows and 3 browns. Got 2 nice browns on a nymph of my own design in the Bank Pool. The 12 incher jumped twice and ran through my legs. A real fighter. I rose and hooked a brown just above

the Bank Pool on a dry No. 14 Lt. Cahill that would probably go a good 2 lbs. I will never know for sure because it broke my tippet.

September 30, 1963 -- Went to the Bear again. Water perfect. Caught first fish above wire fence a 10 in brown. It fell for a No. 14 Ginger Quill. Caught 6 more up to 10 inches. At the head of the Picnic Pool I rose a nice rainbow twice. Missed both times. Next fish was a 14 in. brown. Got my last fish of the day in the pool just below where the heavy trees begin, a beautiful 16 in. brown that fell for a No. 12 Adams.

June 22, 1966 -- Arrived Bear River at 3 in the afternoon. Began fishing at Picnic Pool with a No. 12 Lt. Cahill. Got a nice little 8 in. brown trout head of pool. Saw rise just upstream between two bushes. A hard fighting 12 in. rainbow took the fly. Caught one more brown on the Lt. Cahill about 10 inches. About 5:30 drove to bottom of lower meadow. Fished up to pool where I caught the 14 incher last Sunday. Again, some fish were rising but not nearly as many as last Sunday. Caught one 12 in. brown on the Cahill. At the next pool got a 6 in. brown and an 11 in. brookie. This is only the second brook trout I've caught on the Bear. Today, my total catch was 7 fish from 6 to 12 inches. Called it a day about 7.

June 4, 1973 -- The water is still rather high, but very clear. Started fishing about 11:30. Used my new 7' bamboo Leonard for a 4 wt. Fished dry flies for a couple of hours with no results. At the Big Willow pool I tied on a nymph, Andy Puyans gave me. Got a 9 in. rainbow. At Horseshoe Bend pool I landed and released a 13 in. brown. Got several more fish on the nymph before calling it a day. The 13 incher was my best.

Probably, my most exciting day of fishing the Bear was on July 22, 1983. The entry in my diary went something like this: After catching 14 fish from the Highway 20 bridge upstream to the old bridge I decided to walk down to the bottom of the lower meadow. The water in the lower meadow was running perfect. Lots of nice beds of water buttercups in the stream this year. I started fishing in the same pool where I got the 3 lb. brown a couple of years ago. Fish were rising. Right away I caught a nice 11 in. rainbow and a brown a shade smaller. In the next stretch I got a couple of smallish fish. Then a 14 in. brown sucked in my No. 14 Lt. Cahill and jumped twice. A very pretty fish. Next I foul hooked an 8 in. brown in the tail. Then a hatch of Pale Morning Duns began coming off. Also, a No 16 Blue Dun and a larger fly of the same color. The fish became selective. I changed patterns several times but the darned fish kept on refusing. Finally, for some reason a Red Bodied Humpy, size 14 did the trick. Now, the stream was full of rising trout. Last year I could not get a rise from even a fingerling in this stretch

## NCCFFF HALL OF FAME DINNER

The third annual Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) Fly Fishing Exposition and Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, 4 February, 1995. It will be at Fort Mason (Building A) in San Francisco beginning at 9:00 AM and lasting all day. You will be treated to demonstrations by over forty of the best Northern California Fly Tyers and a building full of fly fishing related displays. **Greg Brevard, Bill Carnazzo, Terry Eggleston, Don Steffa, Marie Stull and Jim Victorine** from our club will be tying. We will also have some of our great young tyers showing what they can do. Come down and check them out.

The evening event will begin at 6:00 PM and will include a buffet dinner with wine and a benefit auction. The Federation will induct **Andre Puyans** of Pleasant Hill into the NCCFFF Hall of Fame for his life-long contributions to fly tying, casting, conservation, fly fishing education and youth development. Congratulations Andy!

The public is invited at \$5.00 per person for the daytime events or \$30.00 per person including the dinner that evening. All proceeds benefit the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. For more information call (408)-736-5631 or (415) 592-9595. Reservations are required for the dinner. Phone (510) 843-3072 or checks can be mailed to:

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### Library Report

by: Kim Rocooforte

**T**hank you to the following members for donating late fees to the GBF Library:

**Rich Pontius, Robert Tamson, John Bonatto, Bob Montgomery**

**Gordon Evans** donated a hair stacker and **Ron English** donated hand tied flies to the January raffle

Remember - books and videos are checked out for one month and need to be returned at the following general meeting. If you are unable to make a meeting please telephone the librarian.

Keep an eye out for the new additions to the GBF Library. Dennis McCrackin donated "Alaska on the Fly" by Dan Henier and we are acquiring some new titles by Randall Kauffman. Some of the older books from the library are going to the raffle.

Fish were rising in places where I had never before seen a trout. This stretch is where the gravel bank was made to keep the flow more narrow. If a fish missed the fly, another would grab it. It was amazing. Most were from 12 to 14 ins. I landed and released a couple of 16 in. browns and a much, much bigger one broke off. Around 6 P.M. the rise suddenly stopped and so did I. During the feeding frenzy I lost count of how many fish I released. This was the most exciting day ever, in the more than 20 years I have been fishing this wonderful stream. Not only was that my most memorable on the Bear River but the season of 1983 was probably my best season as well.

A season or two before this I introduced Terry Eggleston to the Bear. It was Terry who introduced me to Bob Lolmaugh who lived in Marysville. Bob was marketing a styrafoam bodied series of flies. Through a special process the styrafoam was molded onto hooks. Lolmaugh call them Perma Floats. Bob designed a series of patterns using the body, many of which proved to be real fish catchers. Terry used them a lot. In my trusty old diary I found the following notation dated Saturday, October 10, 1983. Terry Eggleston, fished the lower meadow on the Bear River. He used a Perma Float Gray Caddis and took 5 fish. The largest was a 3 lb. female brown. He hooked another big one that broke off. The other fish were between 14 and 16 in.

October 28, 1983, Terry fished the Bear again. From 1:30 to 4:30 he took 10 fish from 10 to 17 inches on the same pattern.

This goes to show just what a quality fishery the Bear used to be.

The Bear really suffered in the floods of 1986, especially in the lower meadow. Many of the bankside willows were washed away in the high water. More than once I made trips to replant willow shoots along its banks only to have them either trampled or eaten by the cattle. None took root.

In the past, there were times when the water flow in the Bear could have been higher but that was the exception and certainly not the rule. On May 10, 1987 I took Art Warner who was visiting me from Southern California. Art is a very accomplished fly fisherman. Because the water was so low we only fished a couple of hours. We caught a few small trout and then went elsewhere. Art felt almost as bad as I did when I told him about how the water flows and fishing used to be.

I won't bore you with any more entries from my diary but I wanted to show you just what a classy little stream the Bear once was. I really stopped fishing the Bear because of the almost constant flow of low water. I knew it was time to stop fishing her when, instead of feeling good about it, I would always leave her side feeling sad and frustrated. Thanks to the efforts of Terry Eggleston and other dedicated Granite Bay Fly Casters, who have been working with P.G. & E. and the California Department of Fish and Game, towards its restoration the future for the Bear River looks very promising indeed. I am going to try to do my part in its restoration and I hope that you, my fellow club members, will do yours.



### Flytying Class "Tricks, Tips & Techniques"

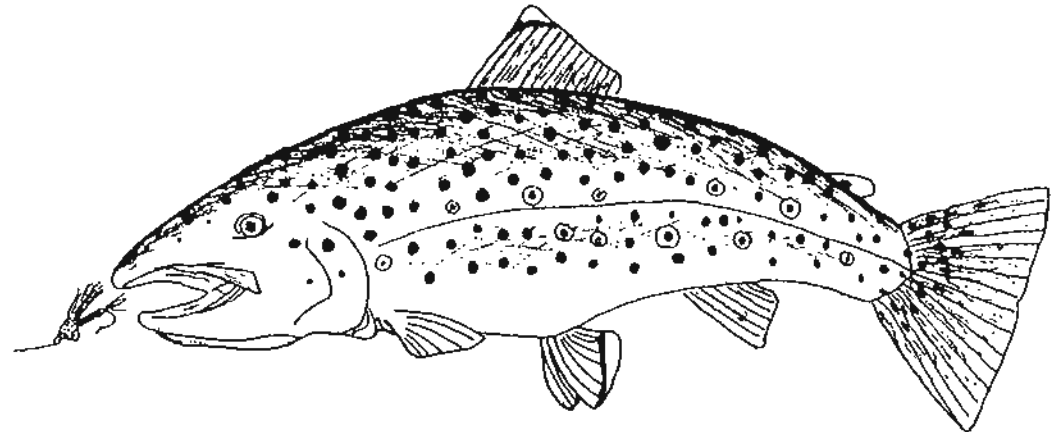
Originally tentatively scheduled for January, this class will be held on March 4, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Instructors will be: **Terry Eggleston, Bill Carnazzo** and two other mystery guest instructors.

The format will consist of individual 45 minute presentations, with 5 minute breaks. Then, at the end, there will be an hour for questions and answers, and further individualized instruction.

Each instructor will concentrate on a different grouping of skills. For example, one session will be on tying with hair, and another will be on proper dry fly construction.

Cost of the class is \$15 and it will be limited to the first 12 to sign up and pay. Those who previously signed up will be placed on the final sign-up list which will be available at the February meeting, assuming that they pay at that time. For more information, contact **Bill Carnazzo** at 633-2604





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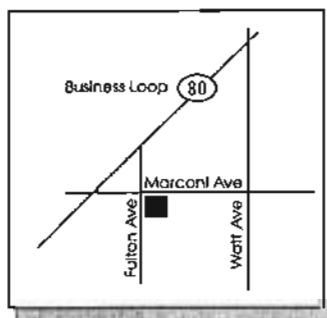
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## GRANITE BAY FLYFISHERS ANNUAL DINNER UPDATE



As I'm sure you have heard by now Lefty Kreh is the guest speaker this year so you know this will be a great night out. Mark February 11, 1995 on your calendar and we'll see you at the Roseville Elk's Club. Doors open at 5:00 and dinner will start at 6:30 PM.

There are lots of great prizes, drawings and raffles, so save your pennies and bring them along. Tickets for the \$800 Water Otter have been selling fast but I don't think the winning one has been sold yet. You still have a chance to get it.

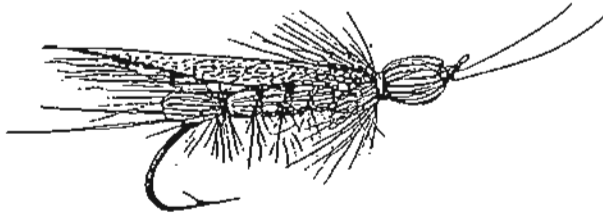


We can always use something else so, if you can tie some flies, paint a picture or have some other expertise or gift that you would be willing to donate we will appreciate it a lot. Call Warren Schoenmann or Marie and Ed Stull if you can help or would like to donate.

Don't miss out -- Feb. 11th -- 5:00 P.M.

## GOLDEN TROUT PROJECT DAY

Last month we had a suggestion that we hold a "workday" or project day for those working on their Golden Trout Project. Plans are in the works for this and it will probably be held one Saturday in early April. Those of you that are presently active or thinking about it get in touch with Bill or Ron with your ideas and needs. Watch next months Leader for more details.



## **FIRST AID FOR BURNS**

by Carol Mc Allister, RN

**Leave the butter and margarine for your bread!** Forget the old tale. These greases retain heat in tissues and can make the burn worse; plus that greasy stuff is perfect for breeding infectious bacteria.

First and second-degree burns can usually be self-treated if they're smaller than a quarter on a child or a silver dollar on an adult. You should see a doctor however for larger burns or for burns on the very young or elderly.

No matter the cause, the key to quick relief is **QUICK** relief. Since your cells continue to toast even after you separate yourself from the heat source, what you do in the first few minutes after being burned can make all the difference in how well your skin heals.

You probably will instinctively reach for cold water to soothe a new burn - but don't make it too cold. Using ice water can risk making the burn even worse - extreme cold can kill just as many skin cells as extreme heat. So, instead of running to the freezer, head to the water faucet.

Milk - is excellent compress for minor burns. Simply soak the burned area in milk for 15 minutes or so, or apply a milk-soaked washcloth to the area.

Preparation H - this hemorrhoid treatment can slice up to 3 days off the usual healing time. It contains a yeast derivative that helps speed healing. Dab a little on the burn and cover it.

Elevate it - position yourself so that the burned area is above the level of your heart. This prevents swelling.

Aloe - this cactus-like member of the Lilly family is good to soothe the pain and speed healing.

### **When to see the Doctor**

First degree burns are painful and red. They occur from sunburn, scalding and other minor accidents. You can usually treat them at home.

Second -degree burns ooze, blister and are painful. They result from severe sunburn or from brief contact with hot oven coils or other accidents. These may be treated at home if the burn is confined to a small area of surface skin.

Third-degree burns are extremely dangerous - even if they don't hurt (the result of destroyed nerve endings) they leave skin charred and turn it white or cream-colored. Third degree burns can be caused by fire, chemicals, electricity or any prolonged contact with hot surfaces. For these you'll need immediate medical help.



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