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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July		
	8	Hat Creek Fishout - (Bill Camazzo)
	13	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
	15	Umpqua Fishout - (John Lewis)
	20	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
	21	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
	29	North Yuba Fishout - (Bill Camazzo) Rucker Lake Bass Fishout - (Roccofortes)

August		
	5	Stream Techniques
	10	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
	17	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
	18	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
	19	Sierra Golden Trout

September		
	14	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
	21	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
	22	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
	23	Robinson Creek Fishout

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### GBF FISHOUT SCHEDULE Including Fly of the Month

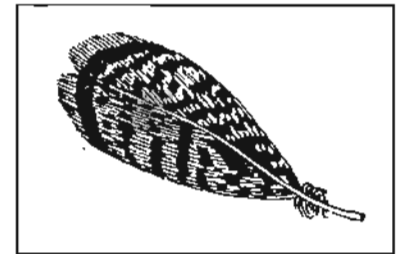
<b>July</b>	<b>Bead Head Hare's Ear</b>
8	Hat Creek Bill Carnazzo - leader
15?	Umpqua River -- Smallmouth Volunteer Required - leader
29	Rucker lake - Bass Roccofortes - leaders
29	North Yuba Bill Carnazzo - leader
<b>August</b>	<b>Zug Bug</b>
19	Sierra Golden Trout
<b>September</b>	<b>Rabbit Leach</b>
23	Robinson Creek Terry Eggleston - leader
<b>October</b>	
21	Upper Sacramento
<b>November</b>	
18	O'Neil Forebay
<b>December</b>	
1	Yuba River Steelhead

**G**reetings fellow flyfishers! One hundred degree days, in July, we must be in Sacramento! Can it be that "normal" temperatures have returned? The groaning of my air conditioner, or is that my reaction to my PGE bill, tells me that summer has indeed arrived. We have been waiting patiently and it looks like we can finally begin our search for trout.

Your Board of Directors has been busy and I wanted to update everyone on the goings-on. The State of California has made contact with GBF to try and get started with the casting pond project. A meeting is scheduled for the near future to discuss the site, costs, and labor commitments. Some folks in the Club (**Terry Eggleston**), have literally waited years for this project to get off the ground and it looks like it may be reality soon. Stay tuned to general meeting and Leader announcements regarding this project.

In an effort to better acquaint new members to the club a new committee has been formed. Paul Roccoforte has been kind enough to chair this committee which will follow up with new members to answer questions and talk about club activities. Contact Paul if you would like to help with the "new member hot line". While we're discussing committees, we are going to have a changing of the guard in the Golden Trout Program. **Bill Carnazzo** and **Ron English** are going to "semi-retire" and hand the reins over to **Steve Bertrand** and **Vern Stubbs**. Bill and Ron will now become highly paid, err, I mean high respected consultants for the program. A big thank you to Ron and Bill for their participation with the program and thanks to Steve and Vern for stepping forward.

The Bear River restoration project has begun again with crews planting willows, moving timber, and preparing the stream for its eventual return to the once-proud trout habitat it was. For those of you interested in helping out, please contact **Jim Coleman**. This would also be a good opportunity for Golden Trout credit.



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE (Con'T)

I hope that everyone who attended the June meeting enjoyed Denny Rickards' presentation. Denny put on a real good show that was chock full

of information and techniques. He also pointed out some prime waters that are will within reach of the Northern California angler. You missed a good one if you weren't there.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting (July 14th). Until then, call a fishing buddy and go catch some fish. I want to hear some good reports at the next meeting. Have fun and "let em' go alive".

Michael Wasserman

President

## ADVANCING YOUR CASTING

by: John Hogg

Time for big thank-yous for all of you who attended GBF's first two casting clinics. We hope you enjoyed them, learned a little, and will attend future clinics. I would certainly appreciate your feedback on the conduct of future clinics. What worked, and what didn't?

And I also want to express my thanks to the casting staff who made everything work so well. **Bill and Judy Carnazzo** for the generous use of their pond for the Novice clinic, and bill for his expertise with nymphing rigs at the Advanced clinic; **Sturmer White** for arranging the use of a casting pond for the Advanced clinic as well as his know-how in tossing those oversize bass plugs; **Terry Eggleston** for teaching the double haul, and use of shooting tapers - (sorry to say that one of his rods was damaged in the process). **Rick Radoff** for that effortless reach and curve cast technique, **Ron English** for more ways to throw a stop cast than I ever knew, **Jeanne English** for her expert assistance with the novice clinic, and **Wayne Dahl** for his generous help with the Novice Clinic.

The next clinic will be on Saturday Sept. 9. It will address preparation for becoming a Certified Casting Instructor with the FFF. This clinic will concentrate primarily on the demonstrations of casting proficiency the applicant will have to perform, and is geared for those who want to become certified at the NoCal Conclave in late September.

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### EDITORS NOTE:

Lets all express our appreciation to **John Hogg** for putting these two classes together and for his expert teaching. John you make it easy for everyone to improve.

**THANK YOU JOHN!!**



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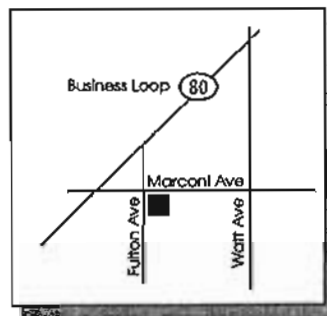
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## FISHMASTER'S REPORT

June, 1995

Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

**UPCOMING OUTINGS.** For July, we have: and (i) Hat Creek on July 8th, led by **Bill** (me). The details are not firm on this at the time we have to go to press so call me if your interested. (ii) the Upper Umpqua River outing, for smallmouth bass on the lower river. **John Lewis** was going to lead this one, but is now unable to do so. In order to have this outing, we need an outing Fishmaster willing to lead and make the arrangements. Please volunteer. If no one volunteers, we will have to cancel it; (iii) Rucker Lake for bass on July 29th, led by **Paul and Kim Roccoforte**, who will have information and a sign-up sheet at the July meeting, (iv) also on July 29th, the North Yuba outing led by **Bill (me)** -- information and sign-up sheet will be available at the July meeting. A full schedule!!

**PAST OUTINGS:** In June, we had the One-fly contest at Indian Creek. We clearly lucked out on the weather, with a weekend sandwiched in between storm systems. We reported on this outing at the June meeting, noting that **Ron English's** team (**Ron, Terry Eggleston, Will Keller and Brian Staab**) won, nudging out the runner ups by virtue of a large one cough by Ron. Ron had the hot rod because he also caught the "Big Fish". The "1st to loose the fly" award went to **John Ramsey**. All in all we had about 20 anglers entered and it appeared that all had a good time. It was a lot of fun, the campground is great; try to make it next year..

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



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# FLYTYER'S CORNER

by  
**BILL CARNAZZO**

**Bead Head Hare's Ear**  
July, 1995

**Note:** The Pattern for the July Fly Tying contest will be the Rubber Legs Kaufmann Stonefly featured in the June Leader. Bring your best version to the July 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!!


**Another Note:** [See next article for a rundown on the rules and incentives for the contest]

This month's pattern is one which, although "updated with a bead for a head, has withstood the test of time. Fished properly, it is clearly a fish-hooking machine. I am, quite frankly, not convinced on the effectiveness of the bead; I have experimented with the bead-headed version on the point, with the "standard" version on a dropper -- and vice versa. I seem to catch just as many fish, and under certain circumstances more, on the standard version. You be the judge (and jury if you like).

## **Bead Head Hare's Ear**

### **Materials:**

Hook	Mustad 3906B (sharpen; smash barb) #10-18
Thread	Brown or Tan 6/0 or 8/0
Weight	Lead substitute (optional)
Head	Gold or copper colored solid bead
Tail	Wood duck flank feather barbules
Body	Hare's ear mask, blended into a matted dubbing
Rib	Gold wire
Thorax	Same as body
Wingcase	Dark turkey tail feather section
Legs	Same as tail

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**- POSTPONED -**  
**"FISH FOR SCIENCE" DAY**

Last month we mentioned the "Fish for Science Day" at Martis Lake and asked for anyone that was interested to give a hand. Well you still have a chance. Martis was so high that the event was postponed to some time in the near future. Judging from what I saw two weeks ago that may be some time in the future. Never the less it's still planned and we will try to keep you up to date on the timing.

### Remember the story was:

Fish Martis Lake (near Truckee) from shore, a float tube, canoe or pram for Eagle Lake trout, rainbows, browns, and cutthroats. Record the species, size and whether they have been finclipped, and then return them to the water. This survey helps DFG determine how well the fish are succeeding in the lake and match it with data the Truckee Flyfishers regularly conduct on environmental conditions.

Several GBF members have participated in this event in past years and can attest to the camaraderie that exists that day. This year the Sierra Chapter of TU will provide lunch. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Van U'Ren so he knows how much food to buy. Van's phone number (with answering machine) is 731-4926. It's still a good idea to call Van if you are interested.

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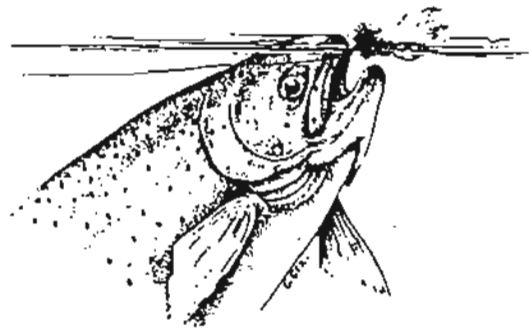
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## Tying Instructions:

1. Sharpen hook; smash barb. Slip the bead over the hook to the eye.
2. Tail: Take approximately a dozen barbules from wood duck flank feather, and tie in just above the back of the smashed barb.
3. Tie in gold wire at point of tail tie-in, and move it back out of the way.
4. Dub a tapered body of hare's ear; you will note that the guard hairs stick out all over. Leave them; they may look messy, but they give the fly a buggy appearance. The body should be about 2/3 of the length of the shank, and not too thick.
5. Now take the rib wire and wind it forward, using about 4 or 5 wraps. Tie it off at the forward end of the body.
6. Using a section of dark turkey tail, tie in the wingcase. See sketch below.



7. Dub a thorax which is bulkier than the body, and which extends forward to a point about one eye-length behind the eye of the hook. See sketch above.
8. Tie in a few wood duck fibers on each side of the thorax for legs. See sketch above.
9. Draw wingcase over the thorax and tie off at the head.
10. Whip finish behind the bead.

Fish this fly deep under an indicator; let it drift and do its work naturally. Hang On!!

- 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. 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.

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.



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## GBF YOUTH GROUP NEWS

This month's youth group meeting will be at the club house at 6:30 p.m. on Friday the 21st. Last month they had a fishout at Gordons Pond. (Not a bad way to have a meeting). The reports I have, are that they all had a good time and I believe everyone caught some fish. Who knows what Ron and Jeanne English will come up this month. Remember all of our young members are more than welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to have a good time with like-minded friends and learn some valuable flyfishing or tying tricks at the same time.

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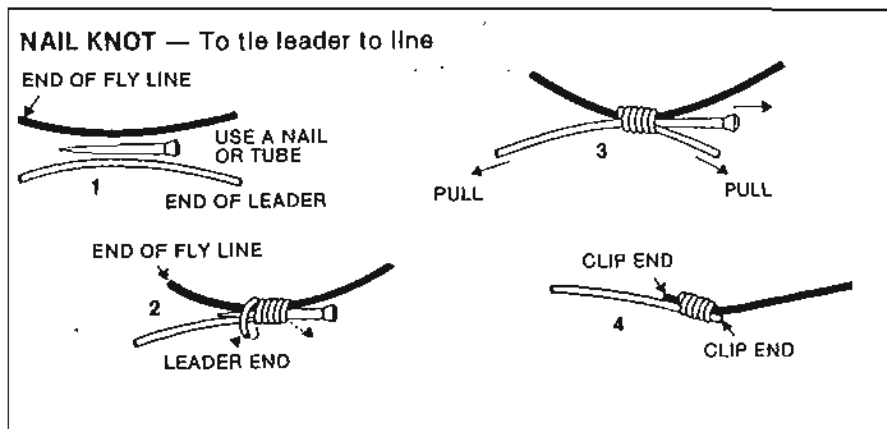
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# TECH TIPS

by: Warren Shoemann

Nail Knots are the most popular for joining fly line and leader but are a bit lumpy and can get jammed in the rod guides, mostly when you don't want them to, like with a fish on!!! To prevent it from happening form a football-like covering over the knot with pliobond, goop, or any other non-hardening glue. Simply coat the knot, let it set for a few seconds to get tacky, then form the tapered ends with your fingers moistened (this prevents the glue from sticking to your fingers, good old saliva works best).



Now that we've got the line in super shape, we need to assure that the hook is sharp. The easiest way to test a hook for sharpness is to place the point against the middle of your thumb nail with an ever so slight downward pressure and drag the point along the nail. If the hook digs in or sticks to the nail its sharp. if the hook slides down you nail it needs to be sharpened. Don't forget to squeeze down or file off the barb. We all want to catch and release the fish unharmed. Warren Schoennman



## FIRST-AID KITS

by Carole Hopkins

As a First-Aid Instructor for the American Red Cross, I have frequently been asked to recommend a First-Aid kit. In each book of First-Aid that I have read, there is a suggested list of First-Aid supplies. However, a kit should be customized according to where it will be kept. The safety conscious individual will probably have several kits, kept in several places. There can be one for the home, auto and boat as well as smaller types for taking on outdoor excursions such as day-hiking, backpacking or horse-packing. There should be a basic list of supplies in all kits, and additional supplies added according to where the kit will be stored or used.

A basic First-Aid kit may contain the following:

- |     |   |   |  |
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| 5   | triangular bandages                     | 2 | pair rubber gloves   |
| 2-4 | gauze roller-bandages (conforming type) | 1 | tourniquet   |
| 6+  | 3x3 gauze pads                          | 1 | roll adhesive tape   |
| 1   | box 1" adhesive compress                | 1 | bottle antiseptic solution   |
| 2   | 2" bandage compress                     | 2 | plastic bags for disposal of gloves and (Band-Aids) soiled bandaging |
| 2   | 3" bandage compress                     | 1 | elastic bandage  |
| 2   | 4" bandage compress                     | 1 | container pain reliever (Tylenol, Aspirin, Motrin)                   |
| 1   | scissors                                | 1 | pen type flashlight & batteries                                      |
| 1   | tweezers                                | 1 | first-Aid book   |
| 2   | pkg. plain absorbent gauze 1/2 sq. yd.  |   |  |

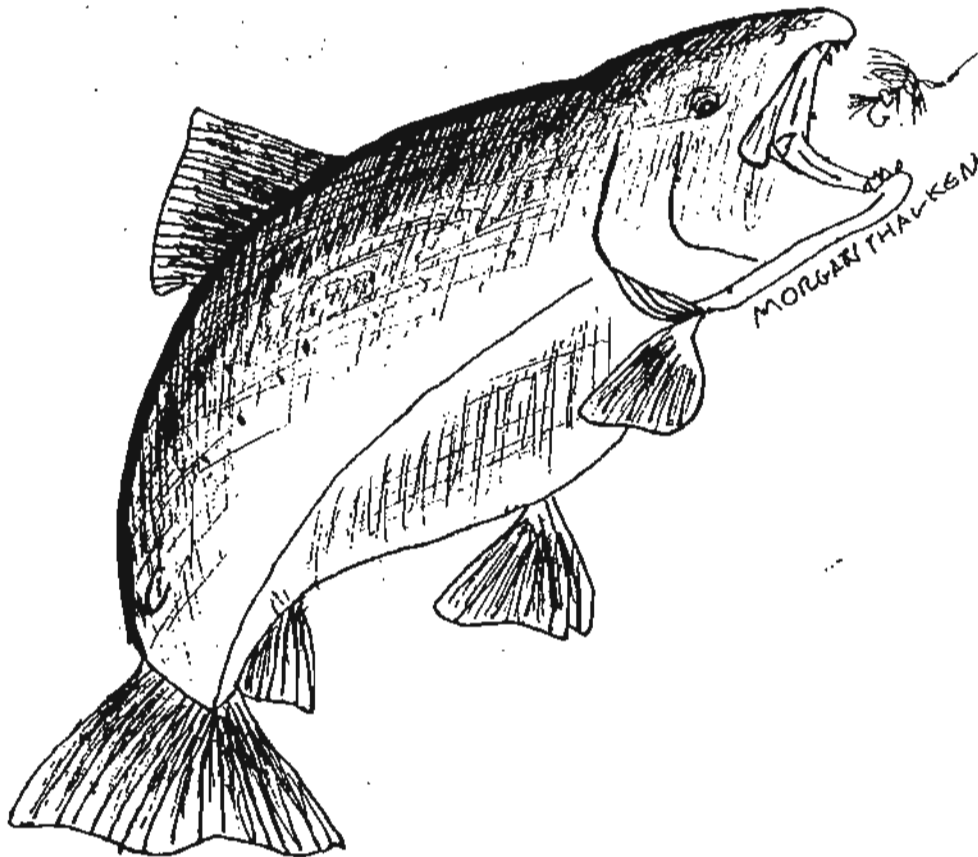
To this basic kit you may add items according to your need, such as insect repellent, moleskin (for blisters), antacids, antidiarrheal agent, laxatives, sunscreen, personal medications, cotton swabs, snake venom extractor, cold-packs, and various additional bandaging to be determined by the number of persons to be served by the kit.

The supplies may be purchased in one of three ways. The first is a unit type kit, where everything is packaged in standard rectangle boxes (this

## First-Aid Kit (con't)

makes it easy to find each item you are looking for). The second is a First-cabinet kit which is sold in a wide variety of sizes as small as a pocket kit to a size suitable for industrial use. The third way is to assemble one of your own from purchased and improvised materials. All kits should be waterproof. If you assemble your own, you can use a freezer type zip lock bag or Rubbermaid type square container to hold your supplies. If you make your own kit, you should label the kit in large letters and store in a place that is both accessible and easy to remember.

When you purchase or assemble a kit, remember that the further you will be away from a 911 emergency response system, the more complete your First-Aid kit should be. The best First-Aid is to use caution and avoid injury!



## JULY MEETING SPEAKER

by Robert Tamson  
Program Chairman

### *"Fishing the Tahoe Region"*

What could be a more appropriate subject than fishing in our own back yard in High Water? Randy Johnson of Johnson's Tackle and Guide Service in Tahoma, CA. will be here to help us out. Randy is very familiar with the Tahoe Region, Truckee River and Martis Lake. He has put together a special program describing how to cope with all the high water, rain and snow in these areas and the Tahoe back country. Come and listen, Randy is very knowledgeable and I'll bet we all learn some very handy tricks. It's a sure bet that we haven't had much practice working with high water conditions the past few years around here.

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# LIBRARIANS REPORT

By: *Kim Roccoforte*

**T**hank You to the GBF Club members that donated to the library in May! **Bruce Bartholomew** donated 6 hand-tied nymphs to the monthly raffle on behalf of the library.

**Frank Stolten** donated a new **John Gierach** book "Dances With Trout". This new addition to the library has proven so popular that there is even a waiting list forming!

**Marie Stull** at her last meeting attendance before moving to Big Sky Country left the library with a new video which is a Cal Trout Special Edition.

At the June meeting:

- **John Bonato** donated \$5.00 to the library.
- The club purchased **John Van Vliet's** "The Art of Fly Tying", thanks to **Terry Eggleston** and his special discount. Thank you to all GBF members that keep the library growing and circulating!



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## The Leader

**R**emember the Leader is your publication and as such needs your input. Every member is encouraged to contribute. Weather you have an idea, criticism (be gentle), a story, an article or you are a good artist that can draw a picture for us please don't hold back. Contact your editor and lets hear what you have to say. Inputs are required by the 23rd of July to make the August publication. My number is 726-1584 and it is both phone and fax.

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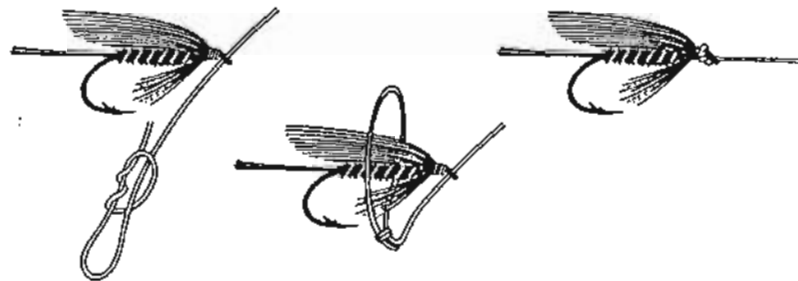
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## **RUCKER LAKE FISHOUT**

**July 29th**  
**WHERE IS IT?**

**I don't know.** Well, so much for reading this informative publication. Maybe next month I can tell you. I did talk to Kim Roccoforte though and she promised me that they would have all the information including a map at the next meeting. She did say that it is only about 1-1/2 hours from Sacramento off highway 80 on the way to Truckee. Sounds like that will be an easy trip on the 29th of the month. She also said it would be a good idea to go up on Friday night so you could get the big ones early Sat. morning. If you can't make the meeting be sure to give Paul or Kim a call (642-2929) so you get all the right stuff.

This is primarily a bass trip so bring along black or olive Woolly Buggers or Sheeps Creeks in size #6 or #8. This lake can be fished from the shore but it is ideal for belly boats so if you got em - bring em. See you there.



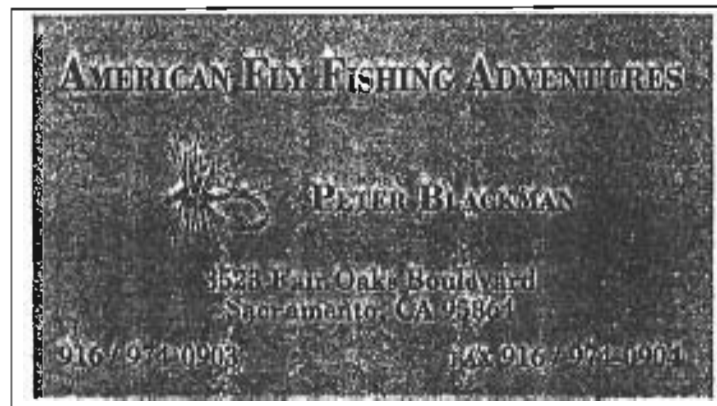
## **GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM**

Co-chairmen:

**Vern Stubbs and Steve Bertrand**

The **Golden Trout Program** was originated to assist members who wish to expand and improve their skills and techniques in several aspects of flyfishing. Also to provide an incentive to members to contribute to, and participate in, the clubs programs in the areas of community service, conservation, youth programs and the preservation of our state and counties fisheries. The program presently in effect is described in a two page document available from the co-chairman and usually out on the front table during club meetings.

Interested club members as well as present participants are invited to review the program as presently outlined and forward any suggestions for changes or improvements to a co-chairman. Signed; Steve and Vern.



What's Hot and What's Not (updated 22 June 1995) - The Fishing Report from *Fish First!*

Fishery	Water Conditions	Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches	Flies	Comments
Davis Lake and Frenchman Reservoir	Slightly off color, cold.	Davis - Fishing is good one day and spotty the next. Bring both floating and sinking lines; streamers, damsel nymphs, and blood midge pupa are top producers. Fish are running 16-24". Look for damsel hatch to get going coming weeks. Best area is the west side of the lake. Frenchman - Fishing is good with sinking lines and streamers near the dam and north end of lake.	Blood midge pupa, red serendipity (#16). Barr's damsel, burk's damsel, Whitlock's damsel, beadhead damsel, SRI mono eye damsel (#10-12). Streamers - Lite brite zonker, Janssen marabou leech, beadhead mini leech, woolhead sculpin, krystal bugger, articulated leech, matuka, mini leech, muddler minnow, lite brite minnow, mylar zonker, beadhead krystal bugger, beadhead mini leech (#4-10).	Float tube or pram will improve chances. Little Last Chance Creek below the dam at Frenchman is fishing well on beadheads.
Hat Creek - Lower (PH-2 to Pit River)	Normal flows, clear. Patchy weeds.	Fishing is very good. Steady trico and PMD hatches mid-morning have fish working the dries. Micro caddis is best hatch in evening, but PED, BWO, little yellow stones, and rusty spinners also producing. Green drake hatch is still going, with big fish rising from 9:00 pm to dark (hatch is especially strong on cloudy days). Indicator nymphing in the PH #2 riffle is very good with small mayfly nymphs.	Green drake poxyback nymph (#10.) Green drake adult - parudrake, paracripple, CDC emerger! Stalcup CDC parachute (#10). BWO nymph - poxyback, biot poxyback, burk's leg nymph, DB baeia nymph, hare's ear, PT, brassie, olive disco midge, barr's wet emerger, RS2 (#16-20). BWO emerger/dry - floating nymph, foam floating nymph. Harrop short wing emerger, DB baeia emerger, Lawson's halfback emerger, marabou cripple, CDC transitional dun, Stalcup biot duij, hi-vis parachute, CDC parachute, Harrop hairwing, sparkle dun, Shimazaki CDC dun (#16-20). Little yellow stone dry - yellow stone female, yellow stimulator, CDC soft hackle, Burk's CDC stone, The Fly (#16-18). PMD (see Fall River). Caddis (see Upper Sac River).	A good number of trout in the 16-20" range are being reported.
Hot Creek	Mid 50°F. Slightly off color, weedy.	Fishing is fair, and improving. Indicator nymphing with small midge pupa and mayfly nymphs between the weedbeds is most productive method. Some BWO and midges hatching midday, but hatch does not have fish on surface. Micro caddis hatch in afternoon is getting stronger, with fish working the dries from 3-6 pm.	Midge pupa/larva - disco, Kaufmann's midge pupa, red worm, gray midge pupa, brassie, beadhead brassie, midge biot pupa (#18-22). Midge emerger/adult - Bell's midge emerger, Harrop midge adult, standard midge adult, griffith's gnat, palamino, CDC hatching midge, CDC midge adult, Harrop/CDC transitional midge, lite brite parachute, parachute adams (#20-22). Caddis (see Upper Sac River). BWO (see Hat Creek).	Most trout running 10-14", with an occasional fish to 17". If warm weather sets in, the river can blow out from snowmelt.
Fall River	Clear, moderate flows, cold. Weeds are growing in.	Fishing is very good from Cat Trout Access to Zug Bug Alley. BWO starts mid-morning, followed by the PMD hatch at 11 am. Lots of fish working the dries, with the bigger trout found on the edges of the stream. Indicator nymphing with PMD nymphs is very consistent. When wind comes up in afternoon, swinging streamers at the deep bends is productive.	PMD nymph - Burk's HB infrequens, PT, HB PT, poxyback PMD, black AP, Burk's leg nymph (#16-18). PMD emerger/dry - Harrop short wing emerger, Harrop CDC transitional dun, DB foam emerger, floating nymph, Lawson's halfback emerger, Lawson's crippled dun, Harrop captive dun, CDC comparadun, Shimazaki CDC dun, sparkle dun, thorax dun, extended body dun, hi-vis parachute, Harrop hairwing dun (#14-18). BWO patterns (see Hat Creek). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Morning spinner fall near Rick's Lodge is very good. Look for Hex hatch in coming weeks.
Feather River, Middle Fork	Clear, cold, moderate flow above Two Rivers, blown out below.	Fishing is fair, and improving from Oracagle to Two Rivers. Early morning fishing is slow, fishing improves as water warms. Indicator nymphing with stonefly nymphs and beadheads is best bet. Stoneflies and some creamy mayflies out in late afternoon and evening, not much dry fly fishing yet.	Stoneflies (see McCloud River). Creamy mayfly (see PMD for Fall River). Beadheads (see Pit River).	The river below Two Rivers will take a few weeks to come into shape.
McCloud River	210 cfs at Ah-Di-Nah, normal color. Mid 50°F's.	Fishing is very good. Indicator nymphing with 2-fly rig (golden stone with a smaller mayfly or caddis dropper) is producing consistent action all day. Concentrate your efforts on the 4-8 ft deep runs. Creamy mayflies and golden stones have some trout on surface in evening in the slower runs and pools. Streamers also producing in the tailouts of pools.	Stonefly nymph - Beadhead biot stone, Kaufmann's stone, superior stone, Barr's dark stone, braided bitch creek, Ted's stone, black rubberleg, chez sparkle stone, brownstone rubberleg, beadhead brownstone (#6-12). Stonefly dry - SRI irresistible stone, Kaufmann's stimulator, improved stone, golden stone rubberlegs, madam X, peacock trade (#6-12). Beadheads (see Pit River). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Try the Ash Camp area to avoid crowds.

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Pit River	Slightly off color, 150 cfs at Big Bend.	Fishing is excellent. Indicator nymphing with 2-fly rig (stonefly nymph and a beadhead dropper) is producing lots of rainbows running from 12-16". Fish the fast riffles with plenty of shof to get the fly down. Stoneflies are hatching, with fish more than willing to come up for a big dry when the sun is off the water. Caddis and small creamy mayfly also hatching in the evening.	Bendheads - larva lace soft hackle, lite brite olive and pearl, flash gun, CDC dutch, danger baby, zng bug, prince, thorax PT, black PT, hares ear, olive hares ear, march brown, pecking caddis, caddis pupa (#10-18). Stoneflies (see McCloud River). Caddis (see Upper Sac River). Creamy mayfly (see PMD for Fall River).	Pit #3 is most consistent producer; if you want bigger fish, go downstream to Pit #5. Wading staff and stream cleas highly recommended.
Sacramento River, above Lake Shasta	Moderate flows (400 cfs at Box Canyon, 1020 cfs at Dog Creek). Clear, mid 50'Fs.	Fishing is very good. Indicator nymphing is producing for hot 12-18" rainbows (try fishing a beadhead prince with a small mayfly or caddis pupa dropper). Hatches are intensifying, with creamy orange mayflies, green and brown drakes, golden stones, and little yellow stones out in the evening. Rainbows working the dries in the pools and slower runs.	Caddis pupa - SRI mono eye caddis, Ligas' scintillator, Fabird terror, beadhead lite brite, LaFontaine sparkle pupa, Nori's pupa, z-wing caddis, serendipity, glass bead pupa, pecking caddis (#14-18). Caddis emerger/adult - Bett's The Fly, Harrop slow water, cik hair, goddard, SRI real, CDC buck, emerger/diving, sparkle emerger, Matthew's x-caddis, King's River, DB hi-vis, royal trade, SRI hi-vis (#14-18). Beadheads (see Pit River). Stoneflies (see McCloud River).	The upper river from Castella upstream is more consistent. If fishing the lower river, keep moving to find the honey holes.
Spooner Lake (in Nevada, near South Shore Tahoe)	Clear, cold.	This catch-and-release lake is fishing well. Rainbows, browns, and brookies are feeding on midge and callibaetis dries from 5 to 8 am. Average trout is 12-14", with some fish to 20". After the morning hatch, floating lines with streamers and callibaetis nymphs is the ticket.	Callibaetis nymph - biot poxyback, Lawson's callibaetis, pheasant tail, poxyback, burk's leg nymph (#14-16). Callibaetis emerger/dry - cdc loopwing, marabou cripple, cdc transitional nymph, cdc transitional dun, Lahle cdc stillborn, pryanymph, Lawson's floating nymph, sparkle dun, Stalcup cdc biot dun, thorax dun, Harrop captive dun, parachute (#14-16). Midges (see Hot Creek). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Both wade and float tubing productive.
Trinity River (below Lewiston Dam)	380 cfs. Clear, mid 50'Fs.	Fishing is fair and improving. Decreased releases from Lewiston Lake make wading easier. Steelies from 17-22" are being caught on large stonefly nymphs early and late in the day. Steelhead smolts are still in the system and are running large (8-13"). Use any beadhead or attractor dry, they are more than willing.	Adams parachute, humph, royal wulff, stimulator (#12-16). Stoneflies (see McCloud River). Streamers (see Davis Lake).	Most consistent area is from the hatchery to the Old Steel Bridge in Lewiston.
Shad Report - Sacramento River - Lots of shad in the system, and with the warmer weather, expect very good fishing. Road 48 has been the most productive area. Shad have not spawned yet. Yuba River - Fishing has been good one day and slow the next. Feather River - spotty. American River - Lots of shad in the river, expect good fishing as water temps rise.				
Other reports - Stanislaus River below Tullock dam has dropped to 240 cfs; expect fair to good fishing with caddis pupa during the day and caddis dries the last hour before dark. Putah Creek is fair; water levels are moderate (330 cfs), fishing is fair. Use a beadhead with a small olive mayfly dropper. Deer Creek below Ishl Cavea is high, but fishing well; stoneflies are out and some trout to 18" are being reported on both nymphs and dries. Yellow Creek is fair; the campground is open and the green drake hatch is on (a couple browns over 20" reported). Butt Valley Reservoir is spotty due to cold, high inflows; look for improved fishing in coming weeks. Lewiston Lake is fishing fair; callibaetis hatch is good one day and lousy the next. Kirman Lake (off Hwy 108 near Sonora Junction) is fair to good; brookies from 1-4 lbs are being caught on scuds and streamers. Be prepared for and 2 hour hike in to the lake. Eagle Lake is fishing well in the shallow coves with small leeches cast to cruising fish. North Fork of Feather near Caribon is fair to good for 8-14" natives; beadheads are the ticket. Red Clover Creek near Quincy is fishing well with nymphs, dry fly action has not started. Crowley Lake is spotty for trout, very good on perch. Baum Lake is fishing well with small nymphs and dries; a strong creamy orange mayfly (#16) hatch has fish on top in the evening. North and Middle Forks of Stanislaus Rivers, East Carson, Pleasant Valley Creek, East Walker blown out for at least two more weeks. Truckee River is high and fishing is slow from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows; beadheads and streamers are the ticket. Below Alpine Meadows the river is blown out. Little Truckee between Boca and Stampede Reservoir is fishing fair with beadheads, some PMD's hatching mid-afternoon. Sagen Creek is high, but fishing ok with larger beadheads. Maria Lake is dropping and clearing; some blood midge action in evening. June Lakes Loop (Silver, June, Gull) fishing fair for stocked rainbows; fish streamers and beadheads on full sinking lines.				
Upper Sacramento Alert. The Department of Fish & Game will be collecting and analyzing data pertinent to the fishing regulations for the Upper Sacramento River. They will be forwarding a recommendation to the Fish & Game Commission, who will decide the rivers fate for 1996-1997. These actions will take place later this summer and fall. Your help will be needed to enlist support, write letters, attend meetings, make presentations, analyze data, and generally lobby on behalf of continued catch and release, no stocking. Please let us know if you are interested or willing to help. Call Doug Lovell at 510/528-4234, fax 510/528-2613, or email DOUGFLYFISH@AOL.COM. Additionally, if you fish the Upper Sacramento River, make it a point to spend your money with the local business communities. That means lodging, tackle, guides, and meals. Dunsmuir and Mt Shasta City are the two important communities. Also, when you do spend your \$\$ locally, tactfully mention that you are flyfishing and that you make the Upper Sacramento River a destination because of the catch and release regulations. Money talks. Let yours speak sincerely and convincingly.				
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