

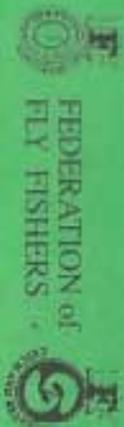
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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

December Cates Turkey

2	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
7	NCC/FEF Quarterly Meeting - Joe Bania
9	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
12	7:30 PM General Meeting
14-15	Fishout O'Neill Forebay
19	7:00 PM Board Meeting

January

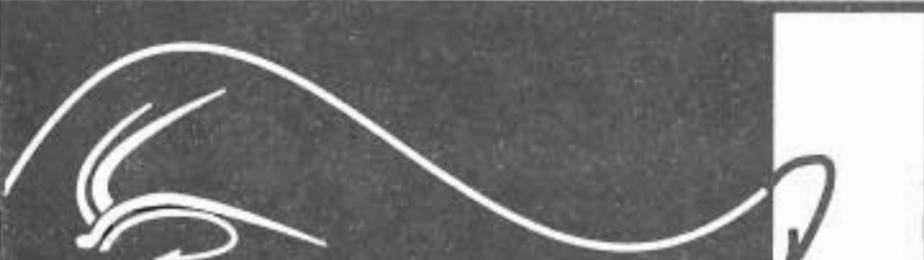
8-12	Sacramento International Sportsman Expo
9	7:30 PM General Meeting
16	7:00 PM Board Meeting
29-	San Mateo International Sportsman Expo

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February

8	Annual Dinner
13	7:30 PM General Meeting
20	7:00 PM Board Meeting





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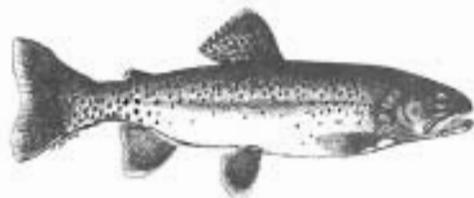
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it is the end of the year already? Seems like we sure didn't get in a years worth of fishing since last December. Maybe that was just poor planning on my part. I think we did get in a years worth of activity in the club though, but don't stop now - next year can be even more productive.

Last Saturday we held the open house / swap meet / chili cookoff / Golden Trout work day and those of us there really had a good time. There were quite a few really nice items in the swap meet and the chili was outstanding. I'm sure Frank Stolten will be able to find a good use for the \$500 prize he won for the best chili. Those of you that didn't come sure missed a good feed.

Bill Camazzo and Terry Eggleston are in the middle of this falls beginner fly tying class, and from what I saw Monday night, it is going great again as usual. Thanks to Rick Radoff and Frank Stolten's group we placed salmon eggs in 16 classrooms this month for the Salmon and Steelhead education program. Your next chance to get involved and help out with this program is when they place the Steelhead sometime in February.

I'm sure that you will see more about this later on in the Leader but now is the time to sign up to help out at the Ed Rice Sportsman's Show. This year we will have our booth there as always and we will also be having a youth area. We'll have a chance to show some youngsters how to tie their first fly and then walk over to the pond and catch a fish with it. Watching a youngster light up when they catch a fish on a fly they tied is really a kick. This is just a super opportunity to get involved and have a great time doing it. Pitch in, you'll have a ball!

Also we need your support for the Annual Dinner coming up on the 8th of February. As you know this is the premier event of the year. Don't miss it! Tickets are available now and offers of help are being accepted. Remember

we expect, or at least request, every member to donate at least one item to the raffle. I can't emphasize enough how important this is to the club. This is our one big fund raiser for the year and we need your support!

Remember, the December meeting is election time and we need all of you to express your opinion with your vote. Come on out Thursday night the 9th, cast your vote, and enjoy the traditional Christmas goodies that Terry Wasserman manages to put on. I'll bet she will be glad to accept your contributions so bring a plate full of your favorite Christmas treats. (by the way - don't be late - the gates will close about 7:35)
We'll see you there but in the mean time LETS GO FISH[N!!!

Wayne Dahl
President

Election Time

Here is the official ballot of the 1996 Granite Bay Flycasters election. The election will be held at the December general meeting on December 12th.

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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for December Contest: Cate's Turkey, featured in November Leader.

Contest rules: Don't be reluctant to submit your entry. Ask for a critique if you want help, or what the winning fly has that yours does not.

- + judging will be during the meeting
- + winner announced just before program
- + winner gets a new fly box
- + each entrant gets free ticket on which name and phone number are printed
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- + drawing held at annual picnic
- + winner gets \$100 gift certificate at fly shop of choice
- + fly must be tied in accordance with

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.

+ there are two classes: (i) those who have won the contest three or more times, and those who are acknowledged experienced tyers; and (ii) those who have not won more than three times. Separate boards and separate prizes are provided for each group.

November Winners: category (i)--Nick English; category (ii) Ryan Jablonski. Congratulations!!! And, in case you didn't notice, both of these winners are from the young-people contingent in our club. That's even BETTER!!!! *Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??*



- take immediate action to restrict or regulate those activities which contribute significantly to the decline of this species, including dam operations and diversions, gravel mining, logging, and hatchery operations (which interfere with the gene pool).

- not impose onerous restrictions on steelhead fishing, which plays no significant role in the species' decline.

- immediately identify critical steelhead habitat so that protection can be afforded as soon as possible.

- immediately begin development of a comprehensive restoration plan for all listed steelhead stocks.

Thank you for your efforts, and I wish you well in meeting and overcoming what I anticipate to be a difficult, perhaps acrimonious debate.

Very truly yours,

Bill Carnazzo



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FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY

BILL CARNAZZO

December, 1996

Since it's a special time of year, let's work on a special kind of fly. The Olive Matuka qualifies as special, in my view. In some situations, it can outfish a Woolly Bugger--which is hard to do, folks!!! I haven't the foggiest idea who actually invented the matuka style of tying (someone named Matuka?). I do know that some trace it back to Dan Byford, which certainly could be the case in view of Dan's high level of creativity and skill. In any event, let's do one. When fished, it needs to be right, smack on the bottom. Weight on the fly body is optional; but if you choose not to weight this fly, you will need to add sufficient weight to your leader to get it down.

MATERIALS

Hook	TMC 5263; Mustad 9672; #2-10
Weight	Lead or substitute
Thread	Olive 6/0
Rib	Fine copper wire
Body	Olive chenille
Gills	Red wool yarn
Wing	Four dyed olive hen grizzly hackles
Hackle	Dyed olive hen grizzly hackle
Eyes	Painted, yellow with black pupil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb. Cover shank with thread and apply weight if desired. With thread at point just above rear of barb, tie in copper ribbing material. Hint: after tying it in, double it back and tie down doubled over portion. This will prevent it from slipping out when you perform the ribbing operation.

2. Tie in chenille at the same point, and move bobbin to just behind eye. Taking the first wrap behind the ribbing, wrap chenille forward to point where thread is; before tying it off, back chenille off 1-1/2 or 2 wraps, and then tie down and trim butt.
3. At this same point, tie in red yarn, take two wraps and tie off.
4. Match 4 olive grizzly hen hackles by laying them together like nestled spoons. After stripping the fuzz from all of them together (so they are even) take 2 of them (together) and place their concave (dull) sides against the concave sides of the other two. They should be even at their tips.
5. Holding them all together tightly, mount them on the top of the shank just ahead of the red wool. At this point you should still have some room left at the eye for a nice head--in other words, don't crowd the eye of the hook. The butts of the four hackles should be tied down securely. The tips of the hackles should extend out past the end of the hook by a shank length.
6. Smooth the hackles back so they are even and together. It helps to apply a bit of water to your fingers here, to dampen the hackle barbs.
7. Grab the copper ribbing with your hackle pliers and begin reverse-wrapping it forward. The ribbing is used to fasten the matuka wing to the top of the body, so it will have to be wrapped carefully through the wing. To do this, wet the wing slightly; this will cause the barbs to separate into clearly distinct segments. Take it slowly, making each wrap evenly spaced and being sure not to tie down any of the barbs.
8. When you reach the front of the fly, tie off the ribbing.
9. Strip the barbs entirely off one side of another saddle hackle. If you hold the hackle in your fingers by its stem, with the shiny side toward you, it is the right hand side of the feather which should be stripped. Also strip fuzz off the other side.
10. Tie in this hackle where the wing was tied in, again staying back from the head. Now wind 2 or 3 turns wet-fly

STEELHEAD PROTECTION

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing that steelhead trout be listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. As fly fishers, we need to support this action; otherwise this magnificent species will disappear into history, to join innumerable others sacrificed in the name of "progress". Please send a letter like the one reprinted below--if you care, that is.

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November 21, 1996

Mr. Craig Wingert
National Marine Fisheries Service
501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200
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Re: **E.S.A. Listing of Steelhead**

Dear Mr. Wingert:

I applaud and support your efforts at facilitating the listing of steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act.

According to my information, California steelhead stocks once numbered more than 687,000 fish; that number has declined by approximately 80%, to a meager population of 124,000. The problem appears to be at its worst along the central and south coast, where less than 500 fish remain in each region. These numbers, if accurate, are at once both frightening and appalling. The disappearance of this magnificent species would be a travesty beyond comprehension.

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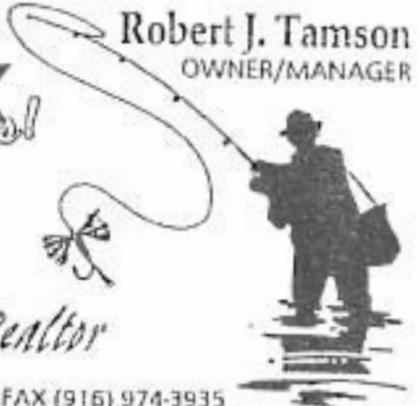
11. Form a nice head, and apply some shiny cement. When that has dried, paint on eyes. First apply a yellow base; when that is dry, paint in a black pupil. Hint: use a finish nail head to put on the yellow base by touching the head in the paint and dabbing it on the fly; use a smaller nail head for the pupil, using the same technique.

See ya on the creek!!! Oh...and enjoy a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year.



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Outings

Striper outing at O'Neil Forebay outing December 14th and 15th. This outing was written up in last month's Leader. Give Paul a call at 642-2929 if you are interested. You need something to get out on the water. Anything from a float tube to a cabin cruiser is fine. The float tubers just have to expend a little more energy kicking around is all. The lake record was caught from a float tube!

January outing to Pyramid Lake: Don't put away that striper gear. The January outing will be the weekend after the general meeting, January 11th or 12th or maybe both days. This outing is subject to cancellation because of weather. Pyramid Lake is home to big Lahontan cutthroats. Shooting heads and warm clothing are the order of the day. Take your step ladder to stand on. Flycasters wade off the beach to as deep as they can get. Then they climb up on the ladder or crate they brought to stand on and fan cast the water in front of them. Unweighted woolly worms and woolly buggers are the flies of preference. Call Paul at 642-2929 for more details and the actual date.

Paul is looking for someone to take over as fishmaster. If you would like to be responsible for the club's outings give Bill Camazzo a call at 663-2604 and let him know.

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First Fish

Bruce Bartholomew

As this year's season draws to a close I was thinking about how a suicidal eight inch trout got me started in this crazy sport which has taken me from Alaska to Christmas Island to Central America, not to mention trips over most of the western states.

In 1968, I met Ken. He had a great love of life and his enthusiasm was infectious. I can remember him asking if I was interested in fly fishing. I owned a cheap fly rod and reel, but hadn't really done any serious fishing with it. I jumped at the chance to go with someone who knew what they were doing and could give me a few pointers. But first we had to tie a few flies.

Now I am left handed and have a reasonable amount of coordination. However, I soon discovered I had two right hands that didn't like to work with each other. First I had to clamp the hook in the vise. Then I had to learn to attach the thread to the hook. Next came the tail. Proportions? What's that? Finally I got the ugliest looking fly tied you have ever seen. Notice I said fly. One was enough. Okay it's off to the lower Kings River.

It was late in the year. The water was very low. Of course the sky was even lower because of the tule fog. After groping our way out to the river we strung our rods (you idiot the line doesn't go through the hook keeper!) and headed for the river. Of course we didn't have any waders so we had to fish from shore. I quickly learned that if I ducked on the forward cast the fly wouldn't hit me in the back of the head and might even end up in the water. Two fishless hours later my interest was starting to wane. As the fly hung in the current below me this little eight inch planter smashed my fly. I promptly derricked it out of the water and onto the bank. That was the only fish I caught that day.

Looking back after all this years it is safe to say that this little planter hooked me far deeper than I ever hooked him. After all I turned him loose. But I've been hooked ever since.

From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

The cutoff for the January Leader will be the Saturday after the board meeting, December 20th.

It's be a lot of fun putting together the Leader every month. I enjoy word processing and working with a computer. What isn't fun is having to start calling people and asking where their articles are. What is even less fun is having a member call, saying they have to have an article in the Leader after I have finished putting it together. I don't like having to say no which I have had to do a few times.

It takes me the better part of a day to put the Leader together. Then it has to go the printer and then the post office. My thanks to Vern Stubbs who gets it to the printer and the post office.

So where am I going with this? First I need articles on time. Second I need articles period. A bulletin that contains only the bare information, programs, outings and other special events is kind of bare. When it contains articles about fishing trips, tips and other fishy things it is a lot more interesting. So how about it. Let's have a few articles for the Leader!

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CAL-EXPO BOOTH AND YOUTH "FISHOUT"

[For information on either or both of these events, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604, or 264-5808]

THE BOOTH

The International Sportsman's Exhibition show at Cal-Expo dates are **January 8-12, 1997**. Mark these dates on your calendar. The sign-up sheet is nearly full, with a few time slots remaining available. It will be available for the last time at the December general meeting. This is a great club event, and well worth the commitment to spend a couple of hours in the booth having fun and meeting people--as well as promoting the club and its activities.

THE YOUTH "FISHOUT"

Those of you who have attended the San Mateo I.S.E. show may have seen the **highly successful** fish pond and flytied area for the young folks. This year this event will also be held at the Sacramento show. The idea is to have them tie a fly and then go catch (and release) a fish with it. There is always a big line and a lot of young people get their first chance to hook a fish on a fly. It's a blast. We have been asked by Wilderness Unlimited, which co-sponsors this event, to staff it with our members. **Please help out here if it is at all possible.** We announced this at the November meeting for the first time--but only because we had just been asked that very day. It's another way for our club to help out on a very worthwhile event. We will have the sign-up sheet at the December meeting.



RANCHO SECO FISHOUT.....NOV. 16, 1996

Congratulations to the eight or nine individuals that braved the windy conditions and participated in the Rancho Seco Fishout. Many of you who were there for the first time, without the experience of knowing the lake, found it was hard to catch fish. Several people were successful however. The fly of choice was a #4 beadheaded woolly bugger. This fly is one of the basic ones that should be used at Rancho Seco. It has an olive flash body and a marabou tail with several strands of crystal flash tied in. It was a very interesting day with full to broken cloud cover and a brisk wind to test ones casting abilities. Several respectable bass in the two to four pound range were caught along with a few bluegill ranging from 8-12". I saw several people from the club in canoes, row boats and float tubes catch bass and bluegill, but no trout. **Where were the trout that they had planted only three days before?** Well..... it turns out that they were planted on the north side of the lake instead of the west side where they're usually planted. Next year we'll scout all of the areas and locate the **big ones** that got away this year!!!!!!

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Help Protect Puget Sound Wild Salmon from Extinction

From Vernon Young of the Washington Council FFF

The Washington Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers and Puget Sound Wild Salmon could use our help. Wild salmon in the area are in trouble because their habitat is being destroyed and they are being fished into extinction. Sport fishers have contributed to that demise! In my estimation, the sport salmon fishing community needs to begin focusing on fishing as our goal and not harvesting. The sport fishing community has been hard hit by the recent fishing closures in the Puget Sound area. Washington State citizens and government officials want to save both the wild fish and our fishing communities. We believe that marking hatchery fish, and requiring the release of wild fish, is an important step that should be taken to help protect this fishery. Mr. Will Stelle of the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle has indicated a willingness to take a lead on these issues but he requests more time to study the issue. **If wild salmon could vote, they certainly would not accept this!** As stewards of the resource, we cannot afford to delay -- the 1996 brood needs to be marked NOW to permit fishermen/women to distinguish between hatchery and wild trout as soon as possible. Washington DC needs to know that Puget Sound Salmon are just as important as Oregon's and California's wild fish. Please write to President Clinton and your national representatives to encourage Mr. Stelle to expedite and bolster his commitment to protect Washington State Puget Sound Wild Salmon for the benefit of us all.



CONSERVATION REPORT

by
joe bania

Fish Need Protection from Polluters

From Trout Unlimited of California - <http://cwo.com/~trout/>

Here we go again...a new season of attacks on fish. AB649 (Costa) is called the "polluters bill of rights" and allows "dischargers" to obtain a permit to discharge material that could be detrimental to fish and aquatic life. In reforming Section 5650 of the Fish and Game Code, this bill makes it legal to discharge whatever the permit allows and restrains the court from shutting down businesses that may be in violation while the problems are resolved.

For example, a Montrose Chemical Company permit authorized the discharge of 448,000 pounds of DDT-laden effluent into the LA sewage system. This largely wiped out marine life over 20 square miles off the coast of Palos Verdes. In 1995, however, the courts determined that the discharges were illegal under state law and assessed \$45 million in liability against the polluter. If this deterrent is taken away, pollution will proliferate and we'll pay cleanup costs.

DFG opposed this bill as have most of the politically active environmental groups. The bill has passed through all of the committees and appears that we have only one chance to defeat it as it was sent back to the Senate Resources Committee due to opposition from DFG.

YOU NEED TO WRITE NOW to: President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer, PO Box 942848, Sacramento CA 94248-000. Tell him that this bill should be heard by the Senate Natural Resources & Wildlife Committee before any action is taken. Crucial is Assemblyman Richard Rainey (R-Wainut Creek; 916-445-6161). A letter to local newspapers would also help.

SARA Awards Ceremony

On Saturday December 7, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., the Save the American River Association (SARA) will be presenting outstanding service awards to several individuals who have enhanced the

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WITH DR. RICHARDS

Bar Opens at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
(Barbecue Buffet)

Maidu Center • 1550 Maidu Drive • Roseville
(Off Rocky Ridge between Douglas and Cirby)

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION CALL
Rich Brown (325-4564) or Jeanne English (677-3924)

Hall of Fame Event
March 1, 1997
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California

The annual Hall of Fame Event is sponsored by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers to support the activities of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

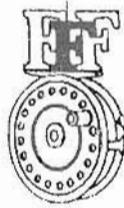
This day-long event features some of the top fly tiers in California as well as exhibitors of art and antique tackle from the San Francisco Bay Area. Clubs and individuals work hard for six months in advance of the event to offer visitors a unique exposure to fly fishing. Fly fishers, from novice to expert, or the merely curious are invited to learn more about this elegant sport. The day is capped by the Hall of Fame dinner honoring a man or woman in Northern California noted for their life-long contributions to the art, science and sport of fly fishing. Past inductees into the NCC/FFF Hall of Fame include Cal Bird, Ted Fay, Fanny and Mel Krieger, Leo Cronin, and Andre Puyans. This year's inductee is Lani Waller, a legendary fresh- and salt-water fly fisher who has produced award-winning films, written and edited articles in all the major fly fishing magazines, and been a lifelong supporter of fishery protection and enhancement.

Throughout the day-long event and during the dinner, there are ample opportunities for shoppers to purchase unique wares. Interested in artwork, boxes filled with exotic flies, a hand-crafted bamboo fly rod, or the fly fishing vacation of your dreams? Visitors may purchase these specialties from the exhibitors or choose to take their chances with several raffle drawings, a silent auction or a live auction directly following the dinner.

All proceeds from the Hall of Fame event benefit the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. CSPA is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the protection of California's waters. CSPA is the acknowledged pre-eminent expert on water rights law in the state of California. CSPA files dozens of protests and water rights petitions every year with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to ensure that adequate amounts of water flow from dams and diversions. In addition, it files complaints and petitions of intervention with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure that hydroelectric projects provide adequate flows for fish. If all these measures fail, CSPA also files lawsuits against violators.

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF) is a regional coordinating arm of the international Federation that is the voice of the millions of people who fly fish. The Federation is the only organization concerned with the promotion and enjoyment of the art, science and literature of fly fishing on all waters for all species of fish.

The NCC/FFF is made up of thousands of individual, family, and industry members as well as over thirty affiliated fly fishing clubs in Northern California and Northern Nevada. The NCC/FFF is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the conservation of our unique fisheries and to the education and promotion of fly fishing.



Northern California Council/Federation of Flyfishers Presents

Fly Fishing Hall of Fame

Saturday, March 1, 1997

9AM to 5PM

Fort Mason, Building A

California's Best Fly-Tyers

Tackle Vendors

Antique Fishing Gear & Bamboo Rods

Collectable Art, Books, & Wildlife Art

Beginning at 6PM, Hall of Fame Buffet Honoring:

Lani Waller

Induction Ceremonies, Wine, Silent and Live Auctions

Admission: Reservations required for evening event, \$30/person including wine, buffet and admission to day-time exhibition.

Day admission \$5/person at door.

Name/s _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Number of People _____ Total Enclosed _____

Mail Checks to: NCCFFF, Irmke Schoebel, 2342 Ninth Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94116, (415) 661-7638

Proceeds support the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance