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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

October	South First Special
10	7:30 PM General Meeting
12	10AM Flyrod Evaluation Clinic - John Hogg
12-13	Fishout - Upper Sacramento
17	7:00 PM Board Meeting
19-20	Bear River Work Day
25	6:30 PM Youth Meeting - Clubhouse
26	9:00AM Open House/Chili Cookoff
27	Daylight Savings Time Ends-set clocks back
31	Halloween-Dress up as a flyfisher and go trick or treating!
November	
1	6:30 PM Youth Meeting - Clubhouse
2	9 AM Rod Building - John Hogg
3	Election Day!
8	6:30 PM Youth Meeting - Clubhouse
9-10	Bear River Work Day
14	7:30 PM General Meeting
15	6:30 PM Youth Meeting - Clubhouse
16	Fishout
18	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
21	7:00 PM Board Meeting
23	Rod Building - Clubhouse - John Hogg
25	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
28	Thanksgiving
30	Rod Building - Clubhouse - John Hogg
December	
2	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
7	NCC/FFF Quarterly Meeting - Joe Bania
9	Fly Tying Clinic, Intermediate - Bill Carnazzo
12	7:30 PM General Meeting
19	7:00 PM Board Meeting

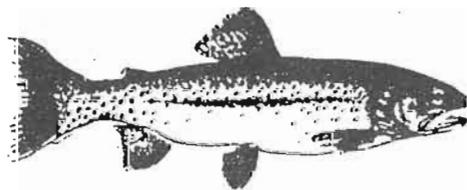


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Each month brings with it another phase of our flyfishing year. This month was highlighted by the NCCFFF Conclave '96 at Kings Beach. How many of you were able to make it up there? We saw and heard some of the best in the west. If you didn't make it, you should start your planning for next year - you will enjoy it.

Listening to the reports from the September East Sierra fishout were very interesting. Everything from "it snowed like crazy Friday night", "we really hammered them", "nobody was catching anything", to "where was everybody?" The most interesting part was the "where was everybody?" I think we had a great turnout but apparently all of the GBF'ers were traveling incognito. Somehow, almost no one was able to find the focal point. Maybe our new banner blended into the background or the snow covered it. Remember, don't look for the old blue and white new one - the new one is green and gold.

I want to thank **Drake Johnson** for taking over the merchandising committee for the club. This means that we will have our shirts, caps, flyboxes and etc. readily available again. These are great ideas for that next birthday or Christmas present you need, or maybe you can just buy yourself one of our monogrammed shirts, they really look nice.

Judging from the hot subject at last months board meeting some of us are not spending enough time fishing. It seems the by-laws aren't exactly politically correct - we don't always use the neutral gender in our statements. Be assured that we are one of the most family oriented, neutral-gender flyfishing organizations you will find anywhere, and we intend to stay that way. This can only become an issue if someone goes out of their way to make it one.

Lets spend our time and energy working and fishing together and let the little things remain little things. If you still have some frustrations - how about giving **Jim Coleman** a hand on the Bear River Project. Or, **Vern**

Stubs still needs a CO-chairperson (note the gender) to help him out with the Golden Trout Program, so give him or any of the board members a ring if you are interested.

Don't miss the Fly Rod Evaluation Clinic **John Hogg** is putting on. Note the date change from Sept 28th to Oct 12th. See, you really didn't miss it. This is the most unique and informative clinic I know of and both beginners and experts will learn a lot. After this clinic your "wow this is nice" or "boy this is a slow action" will really have some meaning.

One more thing. It's almost election time again. We need to get our nominations in for at least two Directors, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have an interest in filling one of these positions or you would like to nominate someone, please let any one of the Board Members know. The Board will be the nominating committee and shall present the nominations at the November General meeting. At this time nominations will be accepted from the floor and then all will be published in the December issue for the Leader. Elections will be held at the December General Meeting which will also be the "Annual Meeting."

See you on the Bear then LETS GO FISHIN!!!

Wayne Dahl
President

Sunday after brunch we headed to the East Walker. The majority of the river was windy and high with very few other flyfishers encountered. Apparently we just missed Tom, Jim and the English family who fished below the dam in the morning. The Walker was slow. We tried dry flies, wet flies, nymphs, with all means of presentations and had a few hits with only a couple of fish landed. Then it was time to head back over the pass toward home. I stayed much later than I had planned to just because I was having a great time! The fishing was okay, but the socializing was great. I hope that the rest of the fishouts planned this year are even close to the "fun factor" encountered at Robinson Creek!

October Fishout - Upper Sac

October 12th and 13th meet us for the Upper Sacramento River fishout. Camping is available at the Railroad Park RV and campground, one mile south of Dunsmuir off I-5 at 100 Railroad Park Rd. (Camping 916-235-0420) This site has full RV hookups and showers, fees are approximately \$15 per night. Take I-5 north about four hours from Sacramento to just before the town of Dunsmuir. Some GBFer's plan to arrive in camp Friday. Meet at the Railroad Park at 9 A.M. Saturday and plan to fish for trout in the stretch of the river running through camp. Later in the day, we will head up to the Cantera Loop, which is about 10 miles north on I-5 for some "wild trout action."

Maps and information will be available at the October general meeting, or call Paul for information at 642-2929.

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memory would serve me well. We took two cars up to the trailhead only to find that the road, since July, had become a 4 wheel drive only road. Jan Talbot was incredible at impromptu loadmaster packing flyfishers, equipment and dog Scout into her 4X4 Jeep. Beth helped navigate through the hairiest portions of road which I certainly wouldn't have driven. (Thanks Jan!) Well we finally reached the trailhead, and began our 30 minute hike for the golden trout. The first 15 minutes were tough, but the route was just as I'd remembered. Then the meadow was reached which in July was wet and soggy. Noting the "air of revolt" in the hikers I make the fatal decision to take a shortcut through the meadow. After hiking a really tough stretch we came out on a lake. The only problem was that my mind was racing thinking - this doesn't look familiar and how do I keep morale up so the hikers keep hiking? Regardless - we all made the grueling hike and reached the wrong lake. Amazingly, we ran into two new members of GBF, Jerry Kildert and his wife who have a cabin nearby and didn't realize we had a fishout that weekend.

I have to say all of the women in the group had incredible attitudes. They all forgave my oversight (at least they said that at the time) and we proceeded to fish Leavitt lake which could have been driven to. The late afternoon fishing was actually pretty good right from shore. We hooked into beautiful silvery rainbows and the most colorful brookies that I have ever seen!

It was a pretty rowdy crowd headed down the road in Jan's 4X4 and we ended up re-grouping Saturday night for a group campfire. Thanks to Jan for bringing "the biggest log that I ever saw" and to Paul for leaving his ax in the truck - the campfire was a success.

Sunday morning the plan was to re-group at 10 A.M. in camp. Beth and Carmen were fishing for kokanee, Jan, seeing black clouds, took down her tent, me and dog Scout were snoozing in, and Judith was in town purchasing bare essentials for the group - bread, eggs, syrup, etc. We had a great brunch and social hour (while the men were probably fishing) complete with Scout deciding to protect Judith's exotic bird from Beth - he was very much the group protector during the entire weekend. I must admit that I am biased as Scout has made it possible on numerous occasions for me to fish solo where many men are fishing.

From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

As all of you saw last month's Leader had some errors in it. When it was printed two of the pages stuck together. The articles that were only partially printed are included in their entirety this month.

All articles submitted by mail should be sent directly to me at my home address at 336 Prewett Drive, Folsom, CA 95630.

The cutoff for the November Leader and all future Leader's is the weekend after the board meeting. This gives me plenty of time to put it all together. Thanks for the cooperation. It makes my job a lot easier.

CAL-EXPO BOOTH

Well, it's almost that time again--the International Sportsman's Exhibition show at Cal-Expo dates are *January 8-12, 1997*. Mark these dates on your calendar. This year Bill Carnazzo has agreed to organize and plan the booth and associated activities. He will have a sign-up sheet for club member booth service, with time slots, beginning with the October 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. So think ahead and sign up when the time comes.



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The North Yuba: A Lesson in Dying a Slow and Painful Death

This article is about recreational and commercial mining in trout streams, and the terrible effects it is having on a once-viable trout stream. The views and opinions expressed are mine.

To begin with, the North Yuba River (only certain portions) has been nominated for "wild and scenic" status under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers law. This is the good news; the "bad" news is that the U.S.F.S., in one of its painfully obvious concessions to mining, logging and other special interests, has refused to nominate certain important tributaries of this great river for that same status--the Downie River, Empire Creek, Lavezzola Creek, & Pauley Creek.

We all know that the U.S.F.S. (like the former state Department of Agriculture) is a coopted agency--i.e., it considers its main mission to be the fostering of certain industries who are, shall we say, less than environmentally friendly. Let's face it, folks, mining in trout streams, and logging in their immediate vicinity, are fundamentally incompatible with maintenance of a viable fishery. And so, we are blessed with yet another plainly wrong, plainly political federal decision by an agency mired in conflicts of interest.

Recent experience with miners on the North Yuba, with which I am as familiar as the back of my hand, having fished it consistently and regularly for so many years, confirms all of this. While fishing our way up a favorite stretch in the special regulation section above Lady's Canyon Creek, Judy and I approached a lovely set of runs, riffles and deep pools, all of which have yielded nice browns and rainbows in the past. We were astounded at the clutter, mining paraphernalia, trash, and equipment (both working and discarded) which clogged the banks and the river bed. Here are a few of the other "surprises" we were confronted with on this single day:

- * a large miner's rope stretched across and actually in the river, from bank to bank, and located smack in the middle of the best run in the entire stretch.

- * a side channel of the stream which had actually been diverted from its natural course and entirely closed off by a miner using heavy equipment.

- * evidence of poaching in the form of worm containers, lures with treble hooks, salmon egg jars.

Outings

Kim Roccoforte

First off I want to thank Norm Rossignol for organizing an additional fishout for September- Thank you Norm! Norm put on the September 7 and 8 fishout to Finnon Lake and included a special popper tying demo Saturday afternoon. This outing was close enough to home that half of the flyfishers made a day trip out of it. I personally found this outing to be the perfect cure for the need to relax after a hectic work week, and enjoyed visiting with some new GBF members.

The September 14th and 15th fishout to Robinson Creek out of Bridgeport was even better attended than I knew at the time! The English family along with Tom Klinefelter and Jim Bennet arrived at Honeymoon Flat Campground early on Friday. A snowstorm over the passes hit Friday night so instead of arriving late Friday night, I headed out to Robinson Creek at the crack of dawn Saturday morning.

I met up Saturday morning at Flat Campground with Jan Talbot, Judith Nobmann, Beth Jappay and Carmen Scherish. After checking the prearranged spots by the RV camp and not locating more GBFers I assumed that we had an all women fishout due to the storm. The GBF men were right across the road on the south side of camp and ended up having a separate fishout which upon later account kept missing the rest of the group. On Saturday the wind was up so we fished the stretch of Robinson Creek which runs through the campgrounds. The kokanee were plentiful but wary, as were the small brown trout following them up stream. Saturday afternoon around 1 P.M. we (the women's component) met to carpool to the high mountains off the Sonora Pass looking for golden trout. At this same time the folks camped across the road headed up to Virginia Lake for large trout.

Well it's time for true confessions - I know you'll eventually hear about this so I prefer to give my version first. Last July Paul and I found a pristine golden trout lake in an alpine setting. We relied heavily on our topo maps of the area and hit the golden trout lake after a 30 minute hike. Unfortunately, our fishmaster, Paul, was stuck in San Diego this fishout so I had the honor of leading the women's component of GBF up the mountain. **First mistake** I did not bring the topo map assuming that my memory would serve me well.

Now is the time to show your support for the club and participate in a conservation project. You could even **win a new fly rod!!!!!!**. Each day between Wednesday, September 25 and Sunday, November 10 that you help on this project (as verified by Jim Coleman's records) , you will receive credit for a chance on a special drawing for a fly rod. There are only two weekends left to earn credit toward the rod -- October 19th and 20th, and November 9th and 10th, 1996. So be sure to show up and participate in this worthwhile project. For more information concerning work days, call Jim at 8854128.

Trinity Kings Studied

As part of the Trinity River Project , the California Department of Fish and Game recently completed another phase in a program to determine the difference between hatchery and naturally produced king salmon during their life cycles.

In this phase, 130,000 naturally produced kings were marked with codewire tags. The fish were all main stem Trinity River fish.

The program's ultimate goal is to see if naturally produced salmon have the same harvest rate, survival rate and distribution patterns as hatchery produced fish. The results of this study should help the Department improve both the Wild Trout Program and the hatchery planting program while maintaining fishing opportunity for this growing sport.

BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS

Commencing in November, Bill Camazzo and Terry Eggleston will put on a beginning fly tying class. The class will consist of four nights (once each week for four weeks) of hands-on instruction in materials, tools, and basic techniques. Sign-ups will be taken at the October and November meetings; there will be a sign-up sheet for those interested. The class will be limited to ten persons. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. **All proceeds go to the club treasury -- in case you were wondering.** If questions, call Bill at 663-2604 (eves).

* a giant pit (approximately 8 feet across, and 7 or 8 feet deep) in the middle of a slick, dug out by a dredge, with large deposits of silt below the pit.

* as we approached the final deep pool in this run, we were accosted by two very large and very angry dogs, which proceeded to attempt to cross the river and attack us. Fortunately, we were able to retreat downstream safely. These dogs came from a miner's cabin next to the river. One of them was a pit bull.

I have had many encounters with miners in canyon streams; but I will not stop fishing them, as it is my passion. We all have the right to be there, free of intimidation, and free from the despair generated by the wanton trashing and destruction of *our* property.

A formal complaint has been filed with the U.S.F.S., asking that they remove the miners from this stretch. In the complaint, I indicated that if they fail to take action, we will go over their head. It will be an uphill battle. If anyone has had stressful encounters with miners on the North Yuba, please give me the details, so we can include them in the complaint and further correspondence.

Bill Camazzo (663-2604)



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Vern Stubbs and Jim Coleman

Preparation is the important thing when you consider a trip to B.C. It will be an adventure no matter what, but certain advance preparation will pay off in time saved, giving more time for the fly in or on the water.

Most fishing is in lakes. Stream season starts July 1, but there are not many productive streams in this region. Many lakes do not have a stream inlet or outlet to provide spawning area, therefore most of them are planted. Fish in these lakes usually enter the spawning cycle in the spring, but do not reproduce due to lack of running water and proper spawning beds.

You will need a boat to effectively fish the lakes. Prams, light car-tops, pontoon boats or float-tubes are best as boat launch ramps are shallow, making larger types difficult to launch. Small motors and oars are advised due to difficult wind conditions at times, and also distances from launch to fishing areas.

Roads are generally good. Except for major highways, roads are not well signed or numbered and seldom are named on the available maps. The best way to find a lake is to locate it roughly on a map and then inquire locally for directions. Names and directions to lakes have been given to Norm Rossignol for inclusion in the GBF Fishing Guide. The map that shows most of the area lakes is the *Cariboo Forest Region Recreation Map*. For a copy write to :

Fisheries Branch, 540 Borland St., Williams Lake, BC V2G 1R8 or
Cariboo Tourist Assoc. Box 4900, Williams Lake, BC V2G 2V8

Both of the above will send maps, fishing regulations and tourist information.

Most productive fishing is by slow trolling with any of the "hot" flies for the particular lake. Slow-sink lines work for fish near the surface (early and late in the day) and fast-sink when the fish are deep. Ask locals about special techniques for chironomids.

Conservation Report

by
joe bania

Lahontan Cutthroat

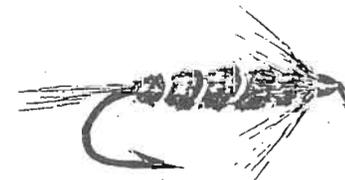
An excellent fishery is open from August 30 through the last Sunday in October for your fishing pleasure. What is it? Why is Heenan Lake open from sunrise to sunset. It is also the home of large **Lahontan Cutthroat** broodstock. Remember **catch and release only** with artificial lures and barbless hooks. Many trophy fish reside in these waters. Check out Heenan Lake for some enjoyable times.

Wild Trout Waters

Included elsewhere in this newsletter are two lists covering catch per hour and length of trout caught in Northern California and Eastern Sierra wild trout waters for the 1995 season. This will give you a good idea where to fish and what areas are good producers. Remember only **catch and release** review your regulations for additional restrictions.

Dry Creek Conservancy

Greg Bates, Director of the Dry Creek Conservancy, has invited Granite Bay Flycasters to be a major player in the restoration of Dry Creek. We are talking about the entire length and its tributaries. An anadromous fishery existed here at one time and they want to restore it as well as making this a multipurpose recreational area. Plans are to establish picnic areas, parks and bike paths. Work to be done includes cleaning up the damage done by inconsiderate individuals, setting aside major areas for all types of wildlife (including waterfowl), and restoration of the fishery. A meeting will be held on October 21, 1996 at the Roseville Corporation Yard at 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. If you are interested in more information about this project, feel free to call me at 732-5399. Field work for this project probably will be not start for some time because the complex planning phase involves many public and private agencies.



For more info call Friends of the Trinity (415) 389-1300. If you want the CVP point of view, their office is at 1521 I Street in Sacramento.

Rob Ferroggiaro

TIPS- TRICK-OR-TREAT

Lips-n-Leaders

Here's a trick and a treat to use. Remember the last time you were on the water, the sun and a light breeze was turning your lips into Beef Jerky. The answer of course is simple, just rub a little Chap Stick on them and relief is instant. Well that same slick stuff works great on pulling down knots as well. The next time you're trying to form a good knot and rather than "spitt'n" on the tippet, try applying some of that Chap Stick on your lips, then place the tag end of your tippet between your lips and draw it through. Now form your knot through the hooks eye, then pull it tight. Viola! I think you'll be pleased how nice it tightens up the knot, without heat build up, and you have just saved your lips from "Beef Jerky Face".

and that's a wrap
Tight lines Norm

If you are lucky you will witness some good hatches when dries will produce. Many of the flies used in B.C. are "no-names" developed locally. The following "names" are productive.

Carey Special	Doc Spratley	'52 Buick
Woolly Bugger	Half-back	Full-back
Nelson Caddis	Red Butt	Egg-sucking leach
Chironomids	Bloodworm	Stimulator
Humpy	Parachute Adams	
Tom Thumb	John Deximer Sedge	Shrimp
Flying Ant	Knouff Lake Special	
Werner Shrimp	Muddler	

Recommended reading:

The Gilly by Alfred Davy

Best of BC Lake Fishing by Karl Bruker

From Ice-Off to Ice-On by Mo Bradley (also video and fly-tying instructions)

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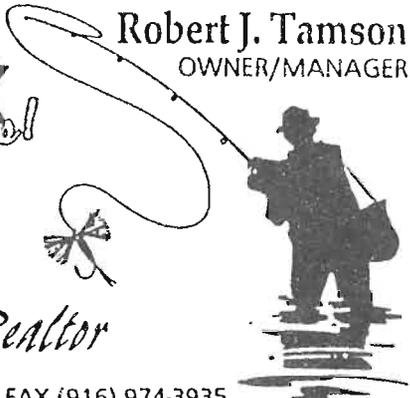
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FISHOUT REPORT FROM FINNON LAKE SEPT. 7 & 8

by Norm Rossignol

Our weekend started with excellent weather for this outing. I arrived at 8:30 AM, and John Peterson showed up about an hour later (he took a short cut). I stepped down to the lakes edge to view any activity and saw a shy 1 pound bass move to deeper water. I waited for a few minutes and a 2+ pound bass returned to check out this inconsiderate intruder standing on their stump. My mind immediately went into an inventory check list, hopping I had remembered to bring the new patterns of bass flies. The GBF turnout was sparse, but the members that did show had a very good time. The entire peninsula was reserved for us (about 10 sites) so we had lots of space. We set up our camps, surveyed the water, then readied our rods and floats. Cliff Steele, Evern Good, and John Blair soon followed into camp. At 2PM we gathered for a session on building "Shower Clog" Poppers. After everybody had a chance to try their skills at tying up poppers, it was time to present them to the fish. Again these poppers proved to be very effective, and a lot of fun to use. Several 4" to 10" bluegills were jumping on this pattern. Everyone that used their new poppers caught fish on them. As a wet fly offering, from fly to rod; I used the "Mc Kensey Bee size #12's, which was the point fly. Then 18" of 4X leader above the Mc Kensey Bee was a #6 Aggravator*, then a 7ft. 4X tapered leader, and finally, a type 3 wet line fished at approximately 12 - 15 ft. deep with a slow steady retrieve.

John Peterson found that some boat seats can reconfigure their molecular structure and leave you vertically inverted (engineers term) in about a nano-second. With only his pride wounded, he managed to systematically regain an upright position, loose no equipment, and stay dry. Unfortunately, I didn't have the camera ready to capture this moment of repose and grace. Later in the day, John found that casting a popper right on the bank, then pulling it in, is very effective. It will also capture the hearts of very large bull frogs! Some will even climb up the bank to gobble this morsel. Kim Roccoforte showed later that afternoon with her buddy Scout and jumped in soon after she arrived. All of us fished until dark. Then it was back to camp for dinner and fish (and frog) stories. Oh, also in-field boat seat repair demonstrations. We found Sunday morning with glassy water, clear 58 degree air, bass and bluegill working right on the banks edges. The fishing was a little slower

Trinity River - A Once in a Generation Opportunity

Within the next few months, a critical decision will be made regarding the future of the Trinity River as a fishery, recreation area, and natural resource. You have the opportunity to help influence this decision, so if you want to "act like a friend" to the Trinity... read on.

Background - In 1981, 17 years after completion of the Trinity Dam - the Department of the Interior realized it had violated the "do no harm" standard contained in the enabling Trinity Dam legislation. For example, the number of returning wild Steelhead has dropped from about 157,000 annually to 1,280. In 1981, the Secretary of the Interior initiated action leading to a 12 year Flow Study of the Trinity River which began in 1984. In that same year, legislation was passed requiring the Secretary "to achieve the long-term goal of restoring fish and wildlife populations in the Trinity River to a level approximating that which existed immediately before the start of construction of the Trinity River division."

The Opportunity - The results of that 12 year study were to provide the basis for a 1996 decision on a permanent water allocation to the river. It is anticipated that this critical decision will be made in December. As you can imagine, Central Valley Project representatives are lobbying furiously that restoring Trinity River flows will be a "taking" of "CVP" water. An attempt by the CVP to legislate repeal or delay of the decision was recently turned aside. Time is short, and comments from the public will be a critical factor in the decision. If you care about the future of the Trinity, write (preferably on letterhead) to:

Bruce Babbitt, Secretary
Department of the Interior
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The note can be very brief. (It took me 7 minutes to write my letter.) Thank the Secretary for initiating and following through on the Trinity River Project. Emphasize the importance of returning sufficient water back to the river to restore its wildlife, and recreational and economic value.

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than Saturday but still producing. By noon the action had slowed down to a few sporadic hits, and most of us felt it was time to call it a day (49'ers about to massacre the RAMS). We all had a great time and wished you could have shared the fun.

and that's a wrap.
Tight Lines · Norm

* Aggravator: *See California Fly Fisher Feb '96*
By Andy Burk

Youth News

We are planning an "Introduction to Fly Fishing" seminar for ages 14 to 17. It will be held on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. Remember the gate closes at 7 P.M. The dates will be Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15. Registration will be limited and after the publishing of this leader will be open to non-club members. There will be a fee of \$5 to cover materials.

The idea of the class is to inform those who think they may be interested in fly fishing of the basics involved. We will include equipment, casting, bugs, and fly tying.

If there is still enough participation at the end of the class a fifth Friday may be added, hopefully a fishing trip, weather permitting.

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FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
October, 1996
Parachute Ant

We all know that you "don't leave home without" ants in your flybox--right?? The trouble with ants, though, is that they are found in nature in those troublesome colors--troublesome to those of us whose eyes aren't 100% any more. So, we flytyers traditionally imitate the large black ants we always see along the stream, and those whose color is more like cinnamon, with our usual furry, hackled concoctions; and when we proceed to tie them on and cast them, we miss many strikes because we have no idea where the fly is located. Well, here is some help in the form of a highly visible fly which performs superbly. Fish the ant next to the bank, particularly where there is overhanging grass, brush or trees, because they often fall in the water and helplessly struggle as they are washed away. On stillwaters, the same principle applies--but watch for the afternoon "blowdown" of ants from trees around the lake, and don't mistake it for a "hatch".

Materials

Hook	Standard dry fly hook, #12-18
Thread	Black, brown or other 6/0 or 8/0 to match body color
Body	Black, brown or other color synthetic dubbing
Hackle	Grizzly--stiff and shiny
Wing	Posted natural deer hair

Instructions

1. Smash barb and cover shank with thread. With thread at a position 1/3 shank length behind eye, tie in a small bunch of neatly stacked deer hair. Post up the hair in the usual parachute style.
2. With the thread just above the back of the now-smashed barb, tie in a fat ball of synthetic fur which takes up the rear portion of the shank, almost to the back of the posted wing.
3. Just in back of the wing, tie in a stiff, properly sized grizzly hackle,

Fly Rod Building Course Scheduled

John Hogg

Building a fly rod is an exciting project, and it's one that even beginners can have great success with. For less than \$100 in materials, you can easily build a rod that would retail in the range of \$200 to \$250. Every component - rod blank, handle, line guides, and reel seat is selected by you for your specific need - so you get a truly custom rod. And, then when you are done, you have a rod that you will use proudly and fondly, every time you fish with it.

This first of three meetings is scheduled Saturday, November 2; the second and third meetings will be on other Saturdays in November - those date will be finalized later to avoid conflict with other club activities. Meeting time will be 9 A.M. to noon.

While the calendar in the Leader mentions the clubhouse as the location, this may be changed to the American River Flyfishing Shop. I mentioned that our club's rod building seminar was coming up, and they generously offered our club their assistance in terms of facilities and equipment.

The fee for the course is \$20 payable to GBF. This does not include the cost of materials or supplies. Attendees should budget a minimum of \$75 for rod building supplies. Attendance will be limited to what the facility will accommodate, so I urge an early sign up. The last chance to sign up will be the October 10th general meeting - registration will be closed after that.

For further information, call John Hogg at 823-9744.

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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for October Contest: South First Street Special, featured in September 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
- + tickets are deposited in a sealed box each meeting
- + 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.

September Winners: category (i)--Jeanne English; category (ii) Bob Nagel. Congratulations!!!

Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??



So it is out of the way for now.

4. Dub a small layer of thread around the base of the wing to cover the thread, and dub a ball of fur in front of the wing, to imitate the front segment of the ant's two-part body. This ball should be smaller than the rear ball.

5. Keeping the thread near the eye, wrap the hackle around the post, and tie it off as usual for a parachute style fly. The number of turns depends on how heavily you wish to hackle the fly; my personal preference is for sparseness. Whip finish.

6. As for all parachute flies, I recommend a small drop of thinned head cement be placed at the base of the wing to hold wing, hackle and all together. You will find that this vastly increases the durability of the fly--especially after it is (hopefully) slashed by several brutes.

See ya on the creek!!!

Tying Kit Donated, Fishing Buddy Needed

Frank Stolten

One of our long time club members, Al Biasotti, is no longer able to tie flies and has generously donated his entire collection of tying materials, tools and books to GBF for use in teaching fly tying. Thanks, Al, for your great generosity and supporting your fellow GBF members. The items are much appreciated and will be used to help educate club members in the gentle art.

Al can't quite get around like he used to and the same condition that caused him to stop tying flies, unfortunately, also restricts his mobility and prevents him from fly casting. Al still enjoys fishing with conventional tackle. Anyone who is able to offer a day of boat fishing to a fellow angler who still enjoys the thrill of a tug on the end of their line, and a day in the great outdoors, is asked to contact Al at 966-2866.

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Register at the October 10th general meeting, or call John Hogg at 823-9744.

Fee is \$7.00, payable to GBF.

I remember several years ago, the rainy day when I went to purchase my first "serious" rod (translation, it would cost over \$300) at Bob Marriott's in Fullerton. I had already decided on length, weight, and brand, and I intended to do only a lip service demo to determine whether I was going to buy the 2 piece version or the more convenient 4 piece. With puddles of rainwater covering the parking lot, I had lots of targets to cast at, and I eagerly began casting the two demo models that Mike, the sales associate, had brought out. Imagine my perplexity, when I found that neither one really "felt right"! Fortunately, Mike insisted that my individual 'feel' for the rods was more important to my selection, than brand and reputation, and he patiently brought out other rods. My evaluation grew to more than a half dozen rods, and I became increasingly frustrated that none of the rods really felt like they were helping me with my casts.

At the time, I had been flyfishing for perhaps 6 or 7 years, and my casting abilities were tantamount to a new adventure - that is, every time I went out, I didn't know whether it was going to be a catastrophe or a triumph, and regardless of how it came out for the day, it was always a mystery as to what I had done right or wrong!

When it came to rods, I wasn't sure if I could tell the difference between a fast action or slow action, or one that bent at the tip, in the butt, or was progressive action. Line weights were a mystery - if I bought a 5 weight rod, why would the flyshop recommend a 6 weight line. Why did everyone seem to have their "special 3 weight" which was trotted out for special occasions? (They didn't cast as far, and were lousy in the wind.) Line guide alignment was fairly straight forward, they all had to be in a straight line, but how many guides should be on a rod? What about single foot guides versus twin foot guides? How about the inner diameter of the stripping guides? Was bigger or smaller better? If a nine foot rod is good, would ten feet be better? How come older rods are mostly 8 feet in length? Down locking reel seats versus uplocking? Half wells, full wells, and cigar,

handles? Quality cork versus 'cheap cork'? Doesn't the weight of the reel affect the balance of the rod? Shouldn't then, each rod come with recommended reel weights? And why does a flyrod at Walmart cost only \$20, and one at the flyshop cost \$350 and up? Is it all just a status thing, or are the flyshop rods really worth their 15 times the price?

Well, as luck would have it, the ever patient Mike, went back into the store one last time and brought out still another rod. Dispirited and damp from the sprinkling rain, I just wanted to get the whole thing over with, and I grabbed the rod from Mike without even looking at the brand - and you guessed it...it threw like a dream!

But my frustrations don't have to be yours. Granite Bay Flycasters comes to the rescue with our 3rd annual Flyrod Evaluation Clinic. We'll cover these issues, and many more including a hands on session, on how to evaluate and test rods, so that you can learn to tell the good, from the bad, from the ugly; how to choose intelligently from the scores of lines available, the lowdown on leaders and tippetts, and how to tie 'em all together to meet your particular fishing circumstances.

Participants should bring one or two rods that they would like to evaluate, and which they are also willing to allow others to cast. Each rod should be equipped with a reel and line for casting, a 6-7 foot heavy leader with a small amount of yarn attached for casting. Glasses are required to be worn when you are casting, and a hat is recommended for additional protection from an errant cast. Bring pen or pencil for notetaking. Bring your own lunch.

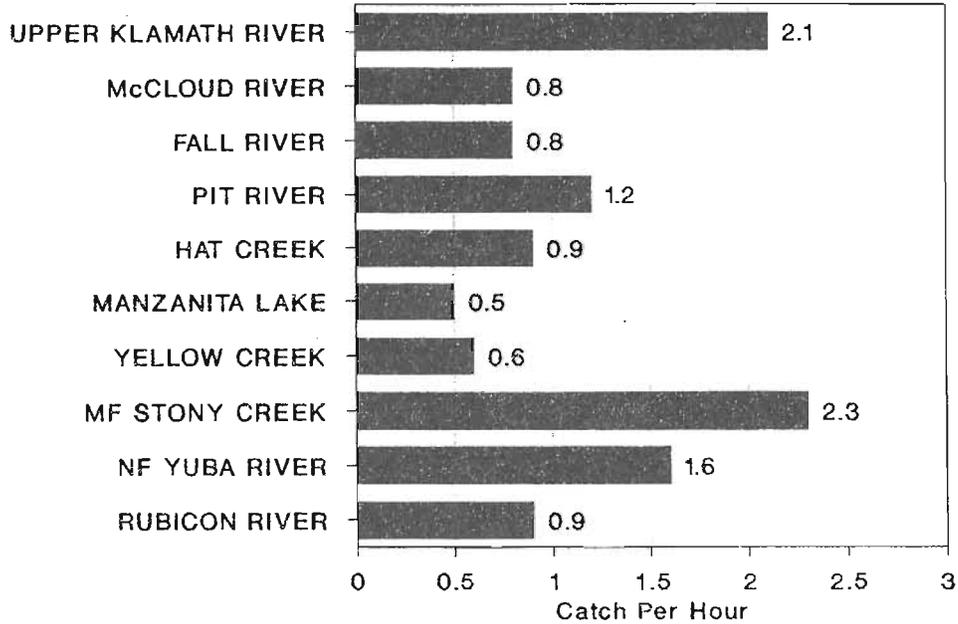
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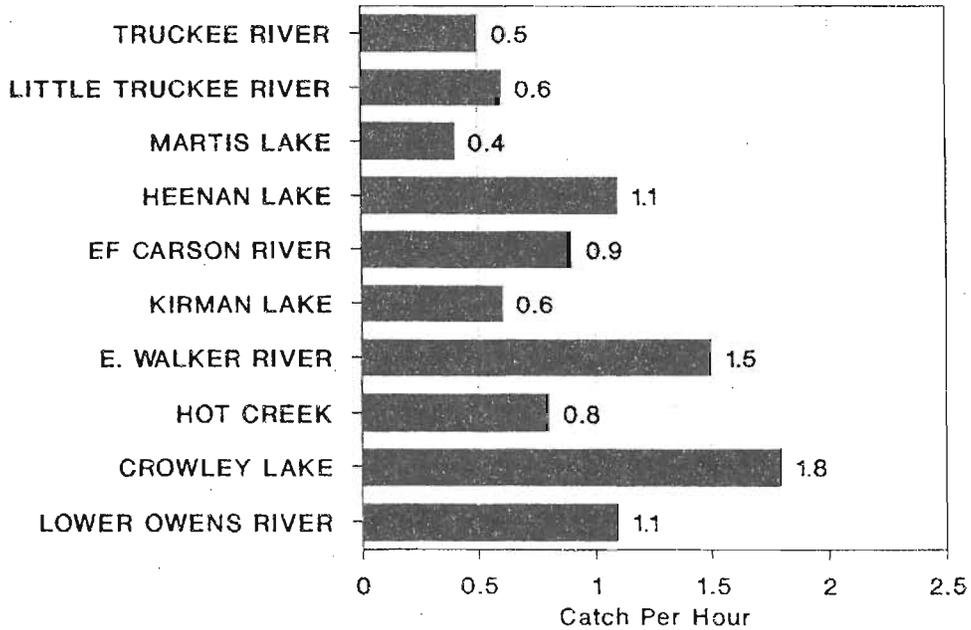
Danielle Hickman

So, now that the dog days of summer are over, now that you've had a chance to go over your gear, plan some new strategy, practice a bit of knot tying, fly tying and casting, I have but one question. Read any good books lately? Did you hear about any good videos that you'd like to take a look at before the Fall runs begin? Let me know. Give me a call at 961-1664/499-4883. I still have \$\$\$ left in the Library budget. Might as well spend it.

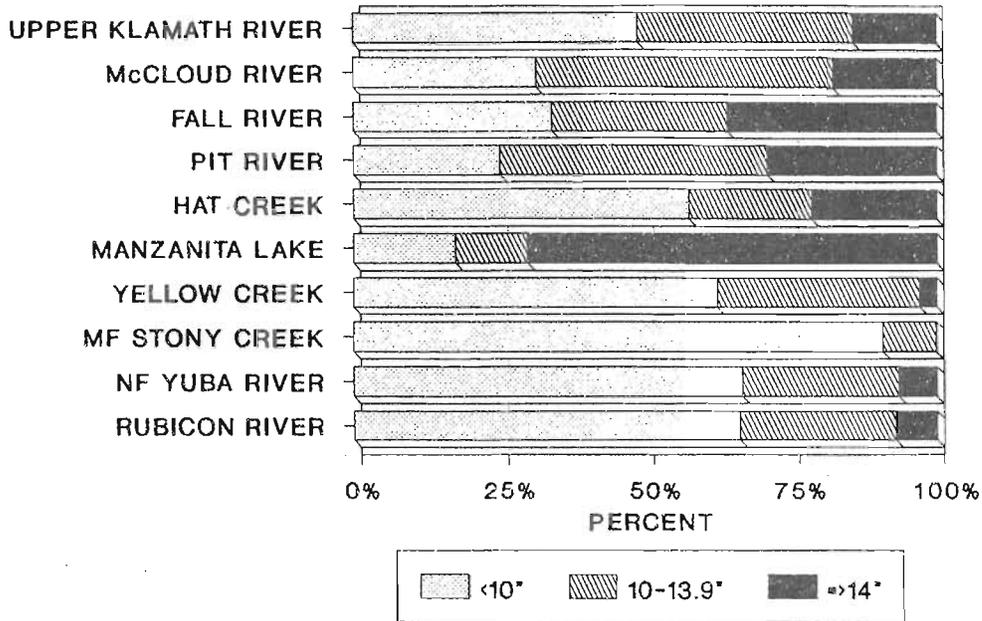
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