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## Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

### April - Billywog

7	Intermediate Flycrafting
10	7:30 PM General Meeting
12	Outing
13	High Sierra Fly Casters Festival, Minden, Nev
14	Intermediate Flycrafting
17	7:00 PM Board Meeting
19	Kiene's Fly Shop Open House
21	Intermediate Flycrafting
26	Opening Day - Trout Season

### May

2-4	Outing - Hot Creek
3	Casting Clinic - John Hogg
8	7:30 PM General Meeting
15	7:00 PM Board Meeting
17	9 AM Annual Picnic

### June

12	7:30 PM General Meeting
14	Bear River Work Day
19	7:00 PM Board Meeting

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# GBF ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1997

**Mark your calendars!!!!** Our annual member and family picnic will be held this year on Saturday, May 17, 1997, at the Clubhouse. There will be food, beverages, games for the young ones, casting contests, scavenger flytying contests, and more. Help is needed on the committee, so we'll ask for assistance at the April and May general meetings. In fact, there will be a flyer at both meetings, with all of the details. Be sure to attend!!!

## Salmon, Trout and Steelhead Program

Rick Radoff

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, seven of us met at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery, and counted out thirty five steelhead eggs, for thirty classrooms. That 1.050 steelhead eggs. I wonder how many will make it back to spawn. The average return is one tenth of one percent!, (you do the math), and of course we hope more than one will return. I would like to thank all of the volunteers. Thank you – **Warren Schoenmann, Fran Radoff, Jim Coleman, Sturmer White and Bus Gehring**. I would like to give a special thanks to my Co-Chair **Frank Stolten**, who did the lion share of deliveries this time, thanks Frank! We look forward to the reports of the thirty teachers as the time draws near to release the fry. 1997 starts our ninth year of involvement in this education program. If you would like to become a volunteer in this program please call myself (Rick Radoff) or Frank Stolten, and we will fill you in as to what is involved. You can retrieve our phone numbers in the front listing of the this Leader.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April, 1997

At the April general meeting, a simple survey form will be given to those present. It will also be sent out with the Leader in May, and distributed again at the May meeting to those who still haven't filled one out. The purpose of this survey is to determine how members perceive the goals of GBF, and to help chart the course of the club for the future. For example, once the "goals" are clearly established, are there other or different activities that should be undertaken? What types of conservation projects should the club get involved in? Are the activities that are provided now what the members want? Please help out on this by taking a few moments to fill out the survey. After all, it's your club.

Speaking of activities, the picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, May 17th**. Please mark this on your calendars. It's a fun event for members, and especially for the family. There will be activities for the kids, a casting contest, a scavenged-material flytying contest using materials gathered from around the clubhouse grounds, and good food and beverages. We need volunteers to help out on this event. In the past it was held on a Saturday; Sunday was selected this year to avoid conflicts parents have with soccer, little league and other activities. So, we'll try that this time and see how it works.

I trust you've noticed the growth in the club library. This is a popular table at the meetings. Thanks to John, our librarian, for his stewardship of this valuable club asset. We will be increasing the size of the library this month, so look for some new items in May.

I suspect you also noticed a change in the raffle format at the March meeting. Ticket hawkers extracted cash at a nice clip; now you don't have to crowd around the raffle table to get your tickets. Thanks to Greg and Sturmer for their help here.

One last change to talk about: Starting at the April meeting, we will have a "help" table at the general meeting, starting at 7:00, just as we have the flytying demonstration table. The purpose of this table is to answer questions that members have on any subject relating to our sport--what fly to use where, rods, reels, places to fish, reading water, tactics, etc. There will be several persons at the table who will try their best to field all questions.

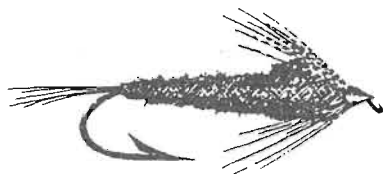
Finally, in April there is the High Sierra Fly Casters Expo in Minden, Nevada, and Bill Kiene's Expo at his shop in Sacramento; both of these are excellent events. We will have a booth at Bill Kiene's Expo, so stand by to be called for volunteer time in the booth.

And....don't forget April 26th is opening day of trout season. After all, that's what it's all about.

Thanks, and....

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Bill Carnazzo, Pres.



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## Flycasting Coaches Needed

by John Hogg

We need casting coaches to assist with our upcoming Fundamentals clinic. Ideally, we will have a coach for every two students, so that they can get plenty of personal attention. Coaching at one of these clinics can be very rewarding as you help out a new caster, and at the same time in our pre-class coaches clinic we teach you how to identify and verbalize casting faults and corrections.

Please call me if you can help. The clinic is on Saturday, May 3rd.

## Fishouts

We are planning on going somewhere on April 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be announced at the April meeting. Please call Nick or Isaac English at 677-7169 if you plan on going. This will be a one day outing.

The May outing will be to Hot Creek in the Eastern Sierras and the date is May 2-4. We will camp at Convict Lake.

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# FLYTYING CONTEST

**Pattern for April Contest:** "Billywog", featured in March 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 Ye' 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.

**March Winners: Category (i): Isaac English, on both patterns; Category (ii) Jeanne English, on both patterns. Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??**

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# GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Any current member who pays the \$10.00 entrance fee may participate in the Golden Trout Program. The program consists of twelve elective categories. Each participant will select seven categories to complete within a 12 month period. A completion date will be set and the individual's program will begin.

It is intended that each participant complete the selected categories within 12 months after enrolling in the program. However, time extensions will normally be granted to any individual needing additional time to complete a category. Any participant may elect to substitute one category for another at any time during enrollment in the program so long as a category is not duplicated.

Completion of each category by a participant will be validated when presented to and approved by the Golden Trout Chairperson.

Acknowledgment of a participant's completion of the program will be made by presentation on the Golden Trout Award pin at the next regular meeting, and the participant's name will be added to the Golden Trout plaque in the trophy case.

The following is a list of the categories available for selection at this time. Additional categories may be added at any time when petitioned to the Board of Directors by a current club member and so ratified in accordance with club bylaws.

## **1. LITERATURE:**

Prepare and submit to the editor an article for publication in the Leader. This can be a report on a fly fishing book or video, or any article of general interest to the membership.

## **2. CONSERVATION:**

Attend a meeting of a recognized conservation organization (other than GBF or other Fly club meeting), such as: NCCFFF, Cal Trout, CSPA, etc., or, participate in a club fishery conservation project such as fish surveys, habitat / stream restoration, or the egg-rearing program.

3. **ENTOMOLOGY;** Capture, and submit labeled specimens of three major insect fish foods, such as mayflies, caddis, stone flies, etc. Specimens may be submitted in any clear plastic or glass jar and should be labeled with location and date of collection.

4. **CLUB FISHOUT:**

Attend and participate in a planned GBF club fishout anytime throughout the year.

5. **CLUB EVENT:**

Assist, at the event chairperson's direction, in one major GBF club event (other than fishout) such as picnic, annual dinner, Cal Expo club booth, etc.

6. **CASTING:**

Demonstrate, in private if desired, basic fly casting techniques in roll cast, false cast, double haul, and cast a line 80 feet.

7. **KNOTS:**

Demonstrate proficiency in tying the following fishing knots: improved clinch; blood knot; nail knot; surgeon's knot; and perfection loop.

8. **FLY TYING:**

Tie one each of the following flies: Royal Wulff (dry); Lefty's Deceiver (saltwater); Muddler Minnow (Streamer); Green butt Skunk (Steelhead); Bird's Stone Fly Nymph (wet); and a bass popper of choice (foam, balsa, hair, shower shoe)

9. **RODBUILDING:**

Completely build a fly rod from a blank of your choice. Since this is a very time consuming event and will probably take several months, progress checks will be made when all parts have been gathered, after handle has been installed and turned, guides placed and wrapped, and at completion. Help in completing this category if so desired, can be obtained from anyone the participant desires, so long as the participant does all of the assembly. Participants completing this category will receive credit for completing two categories toward the total, and partial credit may be given if this project is not solely completed by the participant should he/she feel incapable of finishing the rod and elects to have hands-on help from another to complete

4. Tie in dark turkey biot at same point, and wind it clockwise forward to a point about 1/3 shank length behind eye. Tie off and trim butt.

5. Rib clockwise with white thread, laying thread in between winds of biot. Tie off at same spot and trim butt.

6. Dub black antron thorax, not too full, leaving a space behind eye to mount "wings".

7. Take two small grizzly hen tips and tie them in ahead of thorax, with convex side facing forward. See sketch.



8. Whip finish.

See ya on the creek...!!!



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# FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY  
BILL CARNAZZO

April, 1997  
Chironomid Pupa  
(Midge)

Randall Kaufmann has designed many flies, and this imitation of an emerging midge pupa is one of them. It was recently featured in the Tahoe-Truckee Flyfishers bulletin, and I felt it worthwhile to put it in the Leader. Ralph Cutter, who put the fly in their bulletin, advised that using a light "greased" tippet and a "loop knot" (presumably a Duncan Loop) to attach the fly will "suspend" the fly just as the naturals suspend in the surface film preparatory to hatching. He also advises watching the leader closely and not waiting for a tug, and raising the rod tip gently rather than yanking back when a strike occurs. Good advice!!! Look for the telltale "dimples" on the surface; chances are that if no other bugs are visibly present, the fish are midging.

## MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco 101 or equivalent #12-24
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Clear antron
Rib	White thread
Abdomen	Dark turkey biot
Thorax	Black antron dubbing
Wings	Grizzly hen tips

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb. Cover hook with thread.
2. Tie in sparse bunch of clear antron for tail at back of bend, clipping it short.
3. Tie in white thread for rib at same point.

the project.

### 10. YOUTH PROGRAM:

Participate in one youth fishing involvement activity sponsored by boy/girl scouts, handicapped youth, big brother/sister, underprivileged youth, or 4-H organizations, egg-rearing program or GBF youth program.

### 11. CLUB WORK DAY:

Participate in a club work day, such as clubhouse cleanup day, bathroom construction, etc.

### 12. NETBUILDING:

Build a wooden handled net from scratch. This category will be handled in the same manner as rod building, and will carry two point credit. Either of these categories can be satisfied by taking a club seminar / class on the subject, and production the product.

Questions regarding the Golden Trout Program, or validation of completed categories should be directed to one of the co-chairpersons **Paul Roccoforte (642-2929)** or **Vern Stubbs (663-2801)**. They have a great little booklet with the rules and directions on how to tie the flies and tie the knots for the Golden Trout Program.

## April Program

April's guest speaker will be Bill Somer, a fisheries biologist with the Department of Fish and Game. Bill runs a wild trout experimental program for DFG which he will be talking about. This should be a very informative program.

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# From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

Deadline for the Leader is the Saturday following the third Thursday of the month. Send articles for publication to Bruce Bartholomew, 336 Prewett Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Articles can also be faxed to me at 983-7719, but let me know before faxing because I don't always leave my computer on.

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## A Bad Fishing Trip

(the following was taken from the Delta Fly Fishers newsletter)

The Delta Fly Fishers has an award called the Incomplete Angler. During one fishing trip this years winner sprained an ankle, broke some ribs and impaled his leg on a trailer hitch, causing a blood clot which necessitated a stay in intensive care. His wife stated he will not be a contestant for this award again.

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# Fundamentals of Flycasting Clinic Scheduled

By John Hogg

Our fundamentals clinic will be conducted on Saturday, May 3, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The clinic introduces the roll cast, the pickup-laydown cast, and the forward cast with false casting. Our objectives include having the students executing 30 foot roll casts, and 40 foot forward casts by the conclusion of the clinic.

The clinic will be held at Bill Carnazzo's pond in Newcastle. Students should bring their own lunch and drinks; eye protection must be worn when casting, sunscreen, and a hat are also a good idea. You do not need a flyrod, as the club has good quality rods available for use. You should also bring nippers, a 7 and 1/2 foot 2X leader which you can purchase at any flyfishing shop, and a small amount (about 6 inches) of a high visibility yarn.

The cost of the one day clinic is \$10 which goes to the GBF treasury. (And boy, do we need it!!)

To sign up for the clinic call me at 823-9744, or come to the April or May meeting and sign up there. Be forewarned, that because of the limited size of the pond, only 12 students can be in this first clinic, so I suggest an early registration. Upon registration, we will give you a map to Bill's place.

Although this clinic has the novice caster primarily in mind, we welcome those who want a tune-up on their casting. Please call me if you have any questions.



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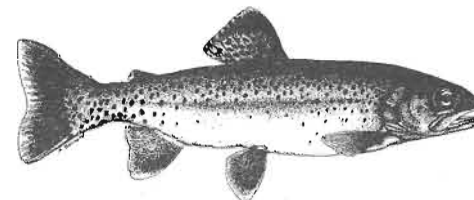
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### California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) February 1997 Update

- The staff of the Division of Water Rights (DWR) are proposing to make it impossible for interested parties to file formal environmental protests against water right applications and petitions in an attempt to shut down CSPA. We will never give up, so stay tuned.
- CSPA is attempting to raise funds to file a lawsuit against the State Water Resources Council Board (SWRCB) to prevent it from granting diversion rights from the Carmel River to Clint Eastwood's proposed luxury development without regulatory requirements.
- CSPA recently reached a \$300,000 settlement against a major water district for polluting Deer Creek in El Dorado County. Most of the funds will be for used in stream restoration.
- Governor Wilson has proposed cutting 21 "environmental service" staff from the Department of Fish & Game (DF&G) in his new budget. These staff oversee water rights, federal hydropower licensing, endangered species, and development projects in California.
- DWR wants to expand the Feather River hatchery with PG&E funds in exchange for continuing to supply water to the utilities' huge powerhouses.
- DF&G and DWR recently reached a mitigation agreement for the loss of San Joaquin Kit Fox habitat as a result of the construction of the coastal aqueduct. The agreement called for the purchase of lands as a preserve for the San Joaquin Kit Fox near the mouth of the Kern River. It was canned, however, in favor of using the funds to enhance DF&G's budget.
- The hatchery manager for the Feather River Hatchery is opposed to listing steelhead in California under the Endangered Species Act. He alleges that DF&G would have to kill all of the hatchery's steelhead if they were listed.
- DF&G and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) are planning to renege on earlier plans to construct a "cold water" device in Lake Almanor that would ensure cold water for fish in the North Fork Feather River as part of PG&E's mitigation for devastating the river's fish populations with its hydroelectric projects. DF&G plans to take the funds PG&E will provide for the project, but apply them against its budget.
- DF&G has absorbed the lion's share of the \$38 million settlement funds from the Upper Sacramento River lawsuit through its votes on the Cantara Trustee Council. Unfortunately, much of those funds are going to projects unrelated to the Upper Sac.

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