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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

February

8	Annual Dinner - Maidu Center
14	6:30 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse - Ron and Jeanne English
20	7:00 PM Board Meeting
21	6:30 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse - Ron and Jeanne English
22	Pyramid Lake Outing - Nick or Isaac English
28	6:30 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse - Ron and Jeanne English

March

1	9:00 AM NCC/FFF Exposition - Fort Mason
7	6:30 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse - Ron and Jeanne English
13	7:30 PM General Meeting
20	7:00 PM Board Meeting
22	Steelhead Outing - Nick or Isaac English

April

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

Please volunteer for one of the openings--especially the Conservation chairperson. We need your help.

REMEMBER: NO GENERAL MEETING IN FEBRUARY, DUE TO THE DINNER.

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A New Casting Pond?

By John Hogg

Our club struggles on with the state concerning the feasibility of building a casting pond near the clubhouse. Realistically, we are probably looking at a 2 year plus time frame.

We would like to help in finding an existing pond that could be used by GBF.

The candidate could be a public or private pond, that we could use for casting on weekends. The ideal pond would have space for at least five casters, plenty of room for a back cast and a minimum of 80 feet for the forward cast. (One hundred feet or more would be preferred).

The pond should be located in the eastern region of the Sacramento area - Roseville, Rocklin, Loomis, Granite Bay, Citrus Heights, would be ideal.

The club would consider an exchange of services to maintain the pond for the owner, and possibly a small financial arrangement.

If you know of a candidate, could you please give me a call at 823-9744. At present, we have no ponds under consideration, so your help will be greatly appreciated.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February, 1997

I was struck recently with the incredible volume of literature which has issued forth from fly fishing authors of late--some of it excellent, some mediocre. Just look at that marvelous tabloid size publication called "Fly Fisher", for example. While it is still "young" compared to its hoary cousin "Fly Fisherman", it is a virtual cookie jar of information--most of it usable. And, if you are so inclined, take a ride on the Internet, where GBF has its contribution to the glut of angler literature. Now add fishing "shows" to this milieu, and one wonders if the fish realize the serious danger they are in, with all of the plotting and conspiracies going on for the single purpose of sinking a hook into their piscatorial jaws!!! I don't know how you-all feel, but I sometimes lament the "information overload" syndrome. So, I believe...well, I believe I'll go fishing.

Speaking of shows, a giant "thank you" is deserved by those who volunteered to staff our booth at CalExpo during the I.S.E. show. Those that did so had an excellent time, and sold a lot of raffle tickets for us. A special thanks to Pete Peterson and Michael Gervais who held down the fort for most of the day on Saturday, due to scheduling problems for some who signed up. I've said this before, but it's worth repeating--if you haven't done a stint in the booth, you are missing a lot of fun. Next year, sign up and see why.

Our annual dinner is February 8th; it will likely have occurred by the time you receive this issue of the Leader. As you probably know, this dinner has been our principal fund raiser to support our conservation activities throughout the ensuing year. This year, only about half of the membership bought tickets; unless that changes, we will have a deficit in our budget. Members really should support this activity. But, since it appears that may not be the case in the future, your Board will be considering changing our means of raising money, at the February 23rd Board meeting, at 7:00 at the clubhouse. If you wish to voice your opinion on how to raise money for our projects, please attend, or give me or one of the other officers or directors a call. The Board's intent is to make a decision at the March meeting, so it can be implemented in a timely way.

Finally, look at the committee jobs listed on the front inside cover of this issue.

Rancho Seco or Rancho Skunko

The fishing was unbelievable. It was amazing how many fish were caught. No that I have your attention I can tell you how we did. No one caught a fish! The whole day we were there, we saw two fish caught. Those who came to get skunked were the Englishs', Mike Wasserman, Drake Johnson, and John and Nate Gargiulo. The only action anyone had besides the Weed Bass, was Mike Wasserman with a strike. I hope that our next fishout will prove to be better than this one. Don't be discouraged to come on an outing with us, after all Bill stuck with a bad year to be fishmasters.

Pyramid Lake - February 22nd

For the February outing to Pyramid Lake, warm clothes and 6 to 8 weight rods with shooting heads are recommended. For flies woolly buggers in purple, black, and white are good. Also black woolly worms with a red tag, all in sizes 6 to 3. Someone said a black in front and white in back woolly worm will work. You can bring a ladder or something to stand on to cast. Please call Nick or Isaac English at (916) 677-7169 if you plan on going. Don't forget neoprene waders. It will cold.

The March outing for steelhead will be March 22 in the Eureka area.

From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

Deadline for the March issue of the Leader is February 15. 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.



separate the fibers of the CDC feather evenly, so that they stick out perpendicular to the shank.

5. At the same 1/3 point behind the eye, figure-eight around the two groups of CDC fibers, locking them in place as shown below.



6. Dub over the tied-down butt of the CDC feather, and through the figure-eight area, and in front of that area, to a point just behind the eye. Keep the dubbing sparse.

7. Grab the foam piece and pull it over the top, forming a shellback. Don't pull it too tight, as this inhibits the flotation qualities of the foam. Tie it down securely just behind the eye.

8. Trim it, leaving a small upright "butt" of the foam for a head.

9. Whip finish just ahead of the head, and trim thread.

See ya on the creek...!!!



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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for February Contest: Gulper Special, featured in January Leader. Because we won't have a general meeting in February, the judging for this pattern will occur at the March general meeting. In other words, we will be having two patterns in the March contest.

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.

January Winners: category (i)--Nick English; category (ii) Art Livingston. Congratulations!!! Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??

Outings

Fishout Schedule for 1997

Following is the tentative fishout schedule for 1997. As dates are firmed up they will be published in the Leader.

February	Pyramid Lake
March	Coast below Mad River
April	Davis Lake weather permitting
May	Hot Creek
June	Indian Creek One Fly Contest American River Shad
July	Backpacking Trip
August	Unscheduled
September	Robinson Creek
October	Kings River American River Salmon
November	Trinity Steelhead
December	Unscheduled



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May 1 - 31, 1997
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Iliaska Lodge - Alaska

June 13 - 21, 1997
\$4900

Christmas Island

July 8 - 15, 1997
\$2275

Rainbow Lodge - B.C.

July 13 - 23, 1997
\$1475

Cancun Flats - Mexico

August 9 - 16, 1997
\$1750

Brooks River - Alaska

August 1997
\$1250

High Sierra Horse Packing

September 9 - 15, 1997
\$695

Rainbow Lodge - B.C.

September 9 - 15, 1997
\$1495

Tsui River - Alaska

September 9 - 15, 1997
\$1995

Bulkey River Steelhead

September 26 - October 4, 1997
\$3150

El Pescador - Belize

October 20 - 27, 1997
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
February, 1997

CDC EMERGING MIDGIE

The CDC Emerging Midgie is a Rene' Harrop pattern, which is generic enough to imitate a wide range of emerging insects. The CDC used as the legs gives the fly life, flotation and visibility. Tie a few of these for stillwater situations. It should be fished without movement; however, a twitch or two sometimes triggers a strike.

MATERIALS:

Hook Mustad 94833, sizes 14-20
Thread Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail Teal or mallard flank
Shellback Gray evazote or other closed cell foam
Body Olive poly dubbing
Legs Gray dun CDC feathers
Head Gray evazote, butt from shellback

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cover shank with thread layer, and mount tail at a point just above the back of the barb, or where the back of the barb would be. The tail should be no longer than the shank.
2. At the same point, tie in a narrow strip of evazote, to be used as the shellback. The foam should now be sticking out behind the hook, over the top of the tail.
3. Dub a nice, tapered, sparse body up to a point 1/3 shank length behind the eye.
4. At this same point, tie in a CDC feather, with the butt of the stem to the rear, so that the top of the feather extends just beyond the eye. Tie down the butt securely, and trim it off. Now

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Vern Stubbs

Check into the many fly fishing trips with local fly fishing shops. These trips are fully planned and scheduled and normally guided. If you plan to go on any of these trips and would like some company put a blurb in the Leader. I'm going to Christmas Island with Bus Gehring in August. Bone fishing anyone? (Editor's note: Christmas Island is the best fishing trip I've ever taken. It was arranged by Bill Kiene. Without the help he gave me it would never have been the trip it turned out to be.)



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It's not only time to renew our New Year's resolutions, it's also time to renew our GBF memberships. We have a great schedule of events planned for 1997 including club meeting programs, fish outs, clinics, conservation activities and other special events! By renewing promptly you can be sure to stay on our mailing list to get the club newsletter, The Leader, with all the latest information about club activities along with some great fishing tips and lore. Remember, renewals are due by March 1st.

Since there is no general meeting in February, the simplest way to renew is to mail your check with the enclosed form to the club P.O. Box. Dues are the same as last year, \$25.00 individual, \$30 for a family and youth (under 18) \$10. Give me a call if you have any questions.

Rob Ferroggiaro



Renewal Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

For a successful club to exist the membership must be willing to contribute their time and skills. You will only get out of the club what you and others jointly put into it. Please list any skills you may have which you would be willing to offer i.e. building trades, accounting, writing, speaking, photography, etc.

Please include any comments or suggestions you might have including things you would like to see the club do in the future.

Annual dues are : \$25.00 Individual Membership
 \$30.00 Family Membership
 \$10.00 Junior Membership (under 18)

There is a \$7.00 initiation fee applied to all new members and to members who are rejoining after their membership has lapsed. Make checks payable to: Granite Bay Flycasters.

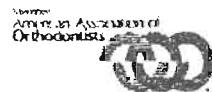
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Book Review

The Year of the Trout, Steve Raymond, First published 1985. Republished 1995.

The following is a quote from Steve Raymond in *The Year of the Trout*. "A good fishing book is a joy in itself, but a good book is even better when it is read in front of a warm fire on a long winter evening while the wind is strong and rain is rattling like buckshot on the windowpanes. A book read under such circumstances can very easily become a magic thing, lifting the reader's mind and carrying him forward to the pleasures that await on spring ponds and summer rivers, or transporting him back to memories of past rewarding days. Books speak to us of all the mysteries that make trout fishing such a captivating sport; next to fishing itself, there is nothing better than a good fishing book."

And so it was that on a cold rainy night while sitting in front of the fireplace I started to read *The Year of the Trout*. The things Steve Raymond wrote about in 1985 are still timely today. In *The Land of the Long White Cloud* he describes how trout got to New Zealand. Attempts to transplant Atlantic salmon to other parts of the country and world is covered in a chapter titled *A Well-Traveled Fish*. Do you wonder how the Bolt decision giving American Indians their fishing rights came about? Read *Steelhead Blues*. In *Family Tree* Raymond describes the taxonomy and evolution of trout. What could be deadly boring concludes with the debate between the "lumpers" who would classify all rainbows as simply rainbows and "splitters" who would classify each strain of rainbows as a different subspecies or classification. This argument has carried over into the bureaucratic arena in that hatcheries can bred out the uniqueness of specific strains of trout, salmon or steelhead.

Stories about steelhead, fishing trips, places and people remembered are interspersed between these essays. It is easy to understand why he won a literary award for this book. It is some times mystical, other times historical or scientific and always absorbing.

By Ron Graupmann Kern River Fly Fishers

In the fall, when the fish are eagerly taking flies, the last thing I need to do is mend broken leaders on the stream.

You're wading upstream, along side willows, hitting places where rock-hopping fisherman can't reach, making short casts and doing pretty well. But you spot a feeding lane 20-30 feet from you and directly out, you turn just enough to cast to it and - you guessed it - your backcast ends up in the willows. Rather than wade to the bank and scramble through the thick stand (looks like Chinese bamboo), you pull hard and break your tippet. Now, with the fish around you waiting eagerly for your next cast, you stand there knotting a new tippet to the broken leader. You retrieve your spool of material from your vest, cut a piece and start tying a perfect blood knot. Once, then twice, then - forget it - you end up with a surgeon knot and lost fishing time.

There is a better way. I carry 10 or 12 leaders ready to go. I have a perfection knot loop tied on a short section of mono on my fly line and also on the butt section of my leader. If I break a tippet, I simply slip on a new one, roll the broken one up, save it, and go back to fishing. I then rebuild the broken leaders with new tippets and they are ready for use.

You can do this by purchasing knotless tapered leaders - or - by building your own, which is what I do. For use with a 4 weight fly line, I build a 9' leader using 24" of .017 mono, 16" of .015, 12" of .013 and then 10" sections of .011 (OX), .009(2X), .007(4X) and finally 2' of .006(5X) tippet. Using the basic formula, each section is .002 finer and 2/3 the length of the section preceding it but not less than 10". The final tippet length is personal preference. In repairing them, cut the knot at the 4X joint. The 4X section may be 12" or 13" to allow room for repeated rebuilding.

The advantage of building your own leader is in consistency of taper. Properly built knotted leaders will have exactly the same taper. However this is not true of a knotless tapered leader where the taper can vary radically, ere from 5" to 7' of 5X tippet on a nine foot !! Try to cast these with consistency. With your own leaders, not only will you save precious stream time for fishing, you'll be amazed that you can turn your leader over much easier. In addition, building leaders is very cost effective and will give you an excuse spend a winter evening at the tying bench when you already have all the flies you need for the next two years.

P.S. If you want extra strength, try doubling your line when tying the 4X and 5X knots. *Story from the FFF Story File



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FLY TIERS TIE FOR FISH AT EXCITING NCC/FFF HALL OF FAME EVENT

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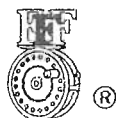
Fly tiers are a mainstay of fly fishing clubs and sportsfishing organizations through their tireless donations of time and flies for fund raising. "I don't know a single tier who hasn't contributed long hours tying flies to donate to his or her favorite club or organization," said Fly Tying Co-Chair Britt Phillips. "It's expensive to donate your furs, feathers, hooks and time to raise funds for conservation, but it's worth it to save our fisheries and sport."

This year tiers, such as Dorothy Zinky, Wayne Luallen and Andre Puyans, will gather to honor Lani Waller and help raise funds for the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. Lani is 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. The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the protection of California's waters. CSPA, the acknowledged pre-eminent expert on water rights law in the state, uses administrative measures and litigation to ensure adequate water flows for fish in all of California's streams and rivers.

Everyone is invited to meet the tiers and enjoy the annual day-long event that will also feature exhibitors of art and antique tackle from the San Francisco Bay Area. The day is capped by the Hall of Fame dinner. This year's inductee into the Hall of Fame, legendary steelhead fly fisher Lani Waller, will give a slide presentation on three trips to be auctioned that evening: a stay at the Silver Hilton Steelhead Lodge on the Babine River, a trip to Belize to catch tarpon, bonefish and permit, and a trip to "River X" in Alaska – a recently discovered wilderness steelhead river.

The Hall of Fame event is organized by volunteers from the Northern California Council, a regional coordinating arm of the international Federation of Fly Fishers, 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.

For more information about the Hall of Fame event, contact Irmke Schoebel at (415) 661-7638 or 74211.3403@compuserve.com. Tickets to the daytime event are \$5 per person and available at the door. Reservations are required for the evening event at \$30 per person, which includes buffet dinner, wine and admission to the daytime exhibition. Mail checks to NCC/FFF, c/o Irmke Schoebel, 2342 Ninth Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116.





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January 13, 1997

Dear Sirs:

The High Sierra Fly Casters will host its Third Annual Fly Fishing Festival on April 13, 1996 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, Nevada. The purpose of this event is to promote fly fishing in western Nevada and northern California, and it promises to be larger than the first two. We are dedicating more space to fly tying and we have more than twice the early commitments for booth space that we had last year. More than 600 people are expected to attend the one day Festival.

We would be extremely pleased if you could send a representative to our festival to display your goods or services, present a talk on fly fishing, or participate in the fly tying room or casting pond. Details for participating are on the attached sheet.

In the few years since our club's inception, we have grown to almost 150 members. It is the only club south of Reno and north of Mammoth. This area encompasses the drainage of the Carson and Walker Rivers and contains scores of lakes. The club has identified numerous projects to improve and promote fly fishing in this area. These projects range from habitat and access improvement projects on the East Walker to projects on both the East and West forks of the Carson River, including assisting on stream surveys and stocking fingerlings in both California and Nevada. Our long term goal is to work with the state agencies to increase fish populations along the entire length of the rivers, instead of just a few easily accessed spots for put and take fishing.

We host this festival to raise funds to accomplish these projects. Since we keep our fees low to insure a large turnout, we raise most of our funds through a raffle. We would be very pleased if you could donate an item of goods or services to this raffle. Since these items will be prominently displayed to attract ticket buyers, you will receive some very cheap, but effective, advertising as well as our appreciation.

We hope to see you at the festival. If you have any questions, please call me at 702-782-6576.

Sincerely,

John F. Kowalski
Club President & Festival Chair

P.S. If you publish a newsletter, we will appreciate any publicity you can provide.