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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

January	Olive Mauka
8-12	Sacramento International Sportsman Expo
9	7:30 PM General Meeting
16	7:00 PM Board Meeting
18	Outing - Stanislaus River
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

March	
13	7:30 PM General Meeting
20	7:00 PM Board Meeting



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July 13 - 23, 1997
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September 9 - 15, 1997
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Bulkey River Steelhead

September 26 - October 4, 1997
\$3150

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January, 1997

As many of you know, this is a "second time around" for me as your President. I'm proud and happy to have been asked to serve for 1997. We have a great, very well known and respected club, and I will see to it that we stay that way.

We are facing some challenges. One of these is a to find an additional revenue source to fund those projects we have undertaken, which benefit fisheries and further the goals of our organization in that regard. The dues cover only the Leader and some minor expenses. The Annual Dinner provides the bulk of our revenue. However, our expenses for the dinner have (like everything else), risen. We therefore will need to find another activity to generate income. We will look to you for creative ideas, and will ask for input in February with the goal of reaching a decision and beginning event planning in March.

On a lighter note, another challenge we will meet this year is the completion of the casting ponds. Tom Klinefelter is in charge of this project. The state needs to approve our plans and specs this winter, so construction can begin in the spring. We will therefore push hard on this one. The ponds will be of inestimable value to our club.

Finally, we need to foster our young people's program. One of the ways we can do this is to involve them in the actual running of the club. To that end, I have asked Isaac and Nick English, and Morgan Thalken, to serve as co-fishmasters. After all, there are few who would claim they can outfish these characters. There are other ways we can involve the young people. You will see this as we fill the positions listed in the front of the Leader.

And, speaking of those positions, volunteers are needed. Please help out--this is your club, and it is only as good as you make it. Newer members should not feel timid about volunteering--it is a good way to get to know others in the club. And, in closing, please give me and/or other officers and board members your input on anything we are doing, should be doing, or have done. All ideas and questions are important and will be treated as such. Thanks, and....

See ya on the creek!!!

FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
January, 1997

The "Gulper Special"

The Gulper Special was conceived by Al Troth, who came up with this fly while fishing Hebgen Lake in Montana. It is a Callibaetis imitation. In smaller (20-24) sizes, it is a good bet for "trico's"--the diminutive Tricorythodes mayfly. The name comes from the sound of toadish trout sipping mayflies off the surface of a lake. We will tie this pattern in a size 14 to be used as a Callibaetis or similar imitation; tie it smaller, of course, for the trico.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 94840; Tiemco 900BL. #14
Thread	Dark brown
Wing	White Poly-Pro yarn; try different colors (even black), to account for differing light conditions and visibility
Tail	Natural grizzly or bronze blue dun hackle fibers, or substitute moose mane fibers
Body	Dark brown dubbing (synthetic)
Hackle	Grizzly, parachute style

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Outings Stanislaus River Saturday, January 18

This month's outing will be to the Stanislaus River below Tulloch Dam, not Pyramid Lake as previously advertised.

This section of the Stanislaus has special gear restrictions during the winter months. It is catch and release only with barbless hooks. Small green caddis pupa or emergers and hares ear nymphs in size 16, fished with microshot under an indicator would be an excellent starting point. Leaders should be at least 9 feet long and tapered to 5X or 6X. During the winter the best fishing occurs between 10 AM and 2 PM as this is when the water is the warmest.

More information will be available at January's meeting, or give one of the new co-fishmasters a call. Their names and phone numbers are listed in the front of this month's Leader.

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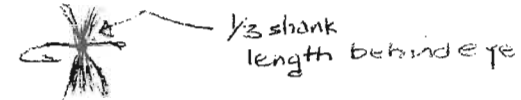
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2. Roll the entire wing around to the underside of the hook, with the tips of the wings still pointing out perpendicular to the shank.

3. Pull the entire wing straight up, and take 5 or 6 turns of thread around and up the base of the wing. Wrap two turns in front of and in back of the wing. Hold off trimming the wing for now.

4. Wrap thread back to point just above back of barb, or where barb would be if hook was barbed (whew!). Mount tail here, with length equal to shank. Keep the abdomen area even and not bulked up with thread.

5. Dub the body to the rear of the wing; tie in the hackle flat, with the shiny side up. Once it is tied in tightly, dub a thorax, extending it a bit in front of the wing.

6. Begin winding the hackle at the top of the thread base you made at the base of the wing, working each turn of the hackle down and beneath the previous turn.

7. Tie off the hackle after making it tight, and form a small, neat head.

8. Trim the wing, first for size--should be equal to length of shank. Then trim for shape, curving edges to give a natural appearance.

See ya on the creek...!!!



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 full, but there is always room for others to be in the booth and help out. 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. There will be an instruction sheet in the booth for cash handling and other matters. The "pass" to get into the show consists of the badge which is worn at the booth. Those who have signed up will have their names on a list at the "will call" ticket booth at the main gate. They can pick up a badge there. There are only six badges; so, those working in the booth need to return the badge to will call, so the next team can get in. **Please cooperate in this regard. Be there!!!**

Cabin Bar has been a working ranch for many decades, and we have continued the practice since we bought the ranch in the 1980s. We graze about 800 cattle and have obtained additional federal grazing rights so we have fewer cattle per acre. We have taken other steps to ensure that our cattle co-exist with the ecosystem:

- Hiring and following the recommendations of an experienced range conservationist, who advised our ranch manager on the optimum time to move cattle to protect the land. Our ranch manager has lived all of his life in the area and has a strong understanding of the local environment.
- Maintaining more than 20 miles of fencing--at our expense--to protect sensitive parts of the South Fork of the Kern River and to protect sensitive plants such as the *Albionia alpine*. This plant is entirely protected by fencing where our cattle graze.
- Protecting the tui chub. This endangered fish was being eaten by bass and other fish in nearby streams. In cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game, we relocated them to ponds on our ranch--at our expense--where they now thrive. We have pumped no water off of our ranch. Water pumped at the ranch is used only for irrigation on our grounds, and much of that water returns to the aquifer.

The California golden trout population is holding even. A study by the Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory calculates the fish's population at the Ramshaw Meadow to be more than 7,700 fish per mile. That is the same as it was 20 years ago.

Last year, we hosted an official of the Forest Service on the Ramshaw Meadow. We stood by a fence that we'd erected to control cattle movement. This official could not tell on which side of the fence the cattle had grazed the previous season.

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CONSERVATION REPORT

by
joe bania

This will be my last conservation report. Due to increased workload at SMUD, and the time Barb and I need to devote to our aging parents, I have submitted my resignation as GBF's Conservation Chairman. It has been a pleasure to serve this past year and I hope I have provided information you can utilize. Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy and successful 1997!

For those of you who did not send a letter to Anheuser-Busch asking for habitat protection near Mt. Whitney for the last remaining pure strain of golden trout, I am including the reply from Mr. John Martz, Vice President, Busch Properties:

"Thank you for your letter about our Cabin Bar Ranch in the Owens Valley of California. We are disappointed that some misconceptions have arisen recently about this area. I would like to take a moment to describe for you the efforts our ranch takes to protect the environment of the Valley, including the Golden Trout Wilderness.

We maintain the Cabin Bar Ranch as a water insurance policy in the event a severe drought threatens cutbacks at our brewery in Los Angeles. *We have never needed to use any water from the ranch for brewing because our Los Angeles brewery has successfully conserved water in its brewing practices.*

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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 flytying 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.** Many members have signed up for this; there is no set time for your participation--just go there and help. For example, if you are working in the booth, go to the pond just before or after your stint in the booth. Thank you--we need to support activities for young potential flyfishers!!!

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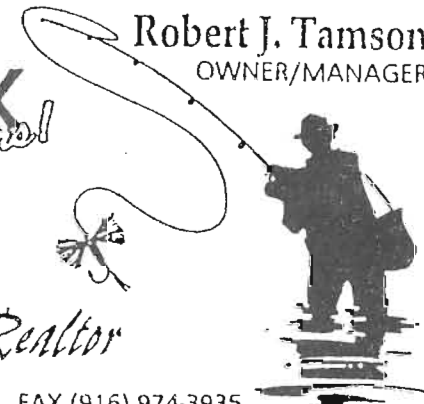
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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for January Contest: Olive Matuka, featured in December 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.
- November Winners: category (i)--Ron English; category (ii) Ryan Jablonski. Congratulations!!! Note: last month's Leader contained an error--actually, it was Chase Jablonski that won the contest, not Ryan. Sorry, Chase. Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??**

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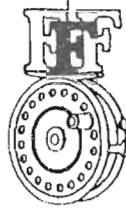
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Hall of Fame Event
March 1, 1997
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California

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.

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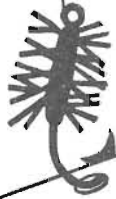
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