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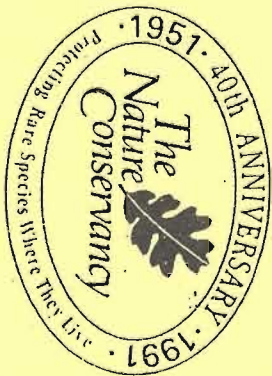
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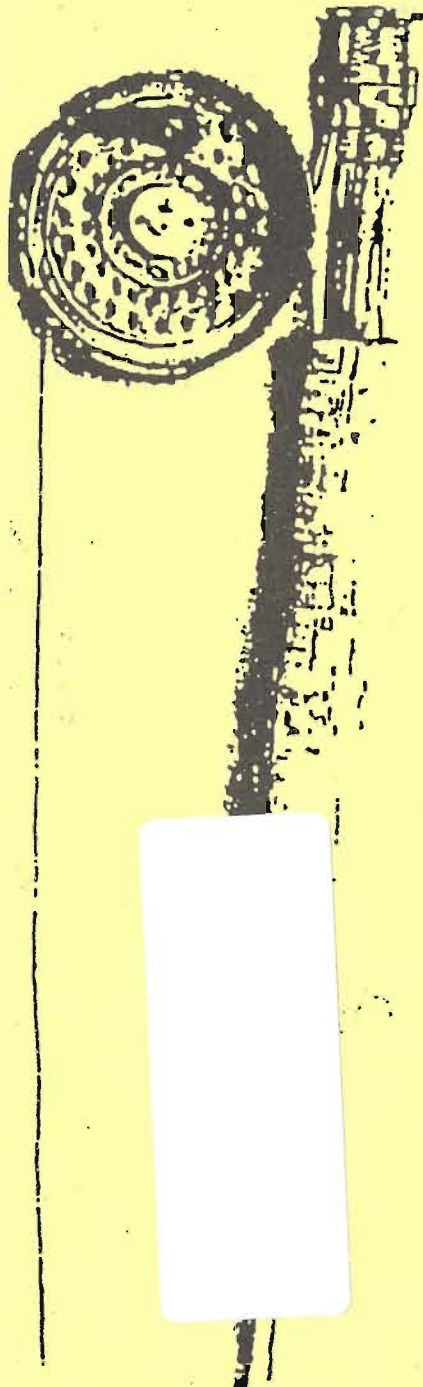
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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

June Slow Water Caddis

12 7:30 PM General Meeting

13 Shad Outing 4:30 PM, Sailor Bar, American River

14-15 Bear River Work Day

19 7:00 PM Board Meeting

July

10 7:30 PM General Meeting

17 7:00 PM Board Meeting

26-27 Bear River Work Day

August

14 7:30 PM General Meeting

21 7:00 PM Board Meeting

23-24 Bear River Work Day

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club, and how we can continue to increase the benefits of club membership. We expect to report about the key conclusions early this summer.

Thanks to everyone who filled out a survey. We had very strong support, with about two thirds of the members participating. I know we'll get some great ideas.

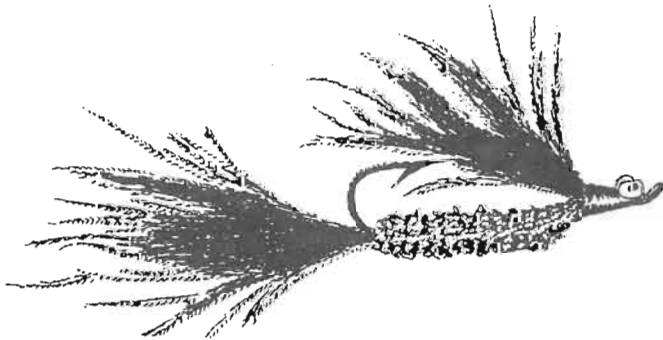
Fundamentals Clinic Completed

by John Hogg

GBF completed its Fundamentals casting clinic on May 3rd. Attended by an even dozen students, the agenda included rollcasting, false casting, the pickup/laydown cast, and line handling techniques. The day was intense with instruction lasting from 10 am to 3 pm, and afterward a few stalwarts switched from yarn to steel and angled for a few of the pond's inhabitants.

One day being hardly enough to really get immersed in flycasting, I hope some of the students can attend the casting clinic that will be conducted on June 1. If this clinic is well attended, we will be encouraged to offer them on a regular basis.

I want to express my appreciation to Bill and Judy Camazzo for the use of their pond, (one cannot imagine a more beautiful and appropriate setting for fly casting), and a huge thank-you to all the coaches including Bill, Walt Dombrowski, Rick Radoff, Tim Ritchie, and Frank Stolten.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June, 1997

Well, summer has definitely arrived. This trout season should, by all indications, prove to be outstanding. And, the good news is that the Upper Sacramento is rapidly rebounding from the eco-disaster caused by the gross negligence of the railroad. The wild fish are strong, growing, and healthy. Yes, the river has rearranged itself but take that as a challenge.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to Sturmer White for the able assistance he has provided in many respects this year. His help with the instruction was invaluable in the Intermediate Flycasting Seminar during April and May. As many of you noticed, he staffed the new "help desk" at both the April and May general meetings. We have received many positive comments on this new meeting feature, which is designed to help new and veteran members with those nagging fly angling questions.

Program suggestions are needed for the balance of the year. Robert Tamson, our program chair, had to resign the position so that he could devote more time to fishing. I've spoken to a member who is willing to take over the position as of September, but we need help until then. So any suggestions will be appreciated. Feel free to call me or Rob Ferrogiaro.

Speaking of Rob, he and Jeanne English will be tabulating the results of the survey, which will be presented to members at either the June or July meeting, whenever time has permitted them to complete their work. Preliminarily, many interesting and valuable suggestions and comments were generated. Many of these will undoubtedly find their way into implementation after consideration by the Board. Thanks for your help and participation.

We also need volunteers to take over the conservation chair seat, and the raffle chair job. Please consider these jobs, and call me if you are interested. Newer members and junior members are especially invited to volunteer!!!



During May we had a number of successful activities. John Hogg conducted a casting seminar, attended by a large group of enthusiastic water-floggers. By the end of the long day, the group's skills had improved 100%. We also held the Intermediate Flycrafting Seminar, attended by a dozen members. By the end of this four-session seminar, these tyers skills had visibly improved to the point where their dry fly wings were mounted properly, and they ceased crowding the head.

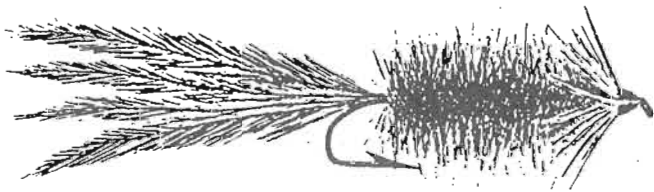
Finally, it was decided to cancel the club picnic since there appeared to be little interest judging by the small showing of hands at the May meeting. Instead, the "one fly" contest will be (was) held May 17th at Cameron Park Lake, with a picnic there afterward.

Go forth and rip some lips!!!

Thanks, and....

See ya on the creek!!!

Bill Carnazzo, Pres.



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Membership

By Rob Ferroggiaro

Please welcome our new members joining in May. We're glad to have you as members!

Gary Jacuk
Jon Evans
Bob O'Neal
Tom Martin
Sandy Martin
Phil Meyer

I've noticed that a lot of our new members are looking for people they can fish with. If you're a club member looking for a fishing partner for an upcoming trip, why not introduce yourself to a new member at one of the general meetings?

Member Opinion Survey

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Your board is always interested in feedback or suggestions from members, and we encourage anyone to attend our board meetings. They are held on the third Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the club house. Since we consistently have over 100 club members, the board also has been looking for ways to make it easier for members to provide input as we set goals and direction for the club. With this in mind, a member survey was conducted during April and May, seeking three types of information.

1. Feedback about the relative importance and effectiveness of our current activities
2. New ideas that members would like to see implemented
3. Member profile information to find out more about the make-up of our membership

The information from the survey will be summarized and will serve as very important background for upcoming discussions on future direction for the

Outings

One Fly-Contest

The One-Fly Contest was held on May 17 at Cameron Park Lake. Only nine people entered the contest. They were divided into three teams of three. More club members showed up later in the day. The team of Issac English, Bill Carnazzo and Vern Stubbs swept first place due to Issac locating a school of crappie at the end of the contest. Bill Hogg captured big fish honors with a 12 inch bass. Because of the heat that day the contest was called at 12:30. Following the contest there was a picnic where the usual lies and excuses were exchanged about the fish caught, lost or never hooked.

Shad Outing

Friday, June 13, will be a shad outing at Sailor Bar. The club will be fishing the upper Sailor Bar area. Get our those shooting heads and practice up your double haul. The fish are in the river as I write this and ready to strain your tackle. Pink has been the hot color at Rossmoor.



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Bruce Bartholomew

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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for April Contest: "Slow Water Caddis", featured in May 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
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- + 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
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- + 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.

May Winners: Category (i): Ryan Jablonski (Ryan is banished to Category ii henceforth); and Category (ii) Ron English. Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??

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FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
June, 1997

Mike Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis

Last month we featured the "Slow Water Caddis", an adult caddis pattern. This month's fly is designed to imitate the emerging insect, rising from the bottom. It is an alternative to the LaFontaine Sparkle patterns, and should be fished with a "rising" action. In stillwater, it can be stripped in short, quick strips. Thanks to Gene Kaczmarek of the Mission Peak Fly Anglers club, whose bulletin this fly was also featured

Materials

Hook	TMC 2457; #12-16
Thread	Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Back	Turkey tail
Body	Dark olive antron dubbing
Rib	Chartreuse thread 6/0
Wing pads	Ginger Z-lon
Thorax	Peacock herl

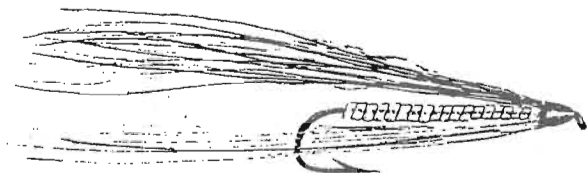
Instructions

1. After attaching thread, tie in turkey tail just beyond bend of hook. This will become the back. The strip should be about 1/8" wide.
2. Tie in chartreuse thread for rib, at same spot.
3. Dub the body forward to about 1/3 shank length behind eye.
4. Pull turkey strip forward and tie off at forward end of body, forming the back.
5. Rib over body and back, using 6-8 turns of the chartreuse thread.
6. Tie in the Z-lon tufts at an outward angle from each side of the body. They should extend no further than the rear of the body.
7. Tie in three strands of peacock herl, and form a chenille. Now wrap a nice thorax to just behind eye.
8. Form small thread head and whip finish.

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!

I haven't been to Pond 3 yet.

Without attending the May meeting I never would have found out about these ponds. What a nice added bonus hearing Sturmer's mini-seminar and finding some new fishing spots.



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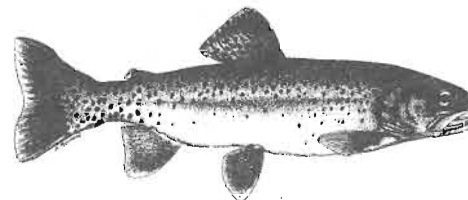
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Bruce Bartholomew

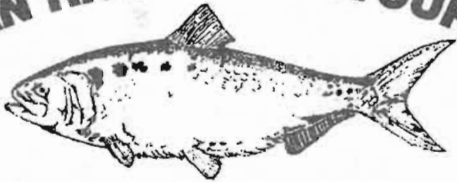
At the May meeting Sturmer White gave a little mini-seminar on bass fishing before the meeting. At the end his seminar I struck up a conversation with Sturmer about local bass fishing spots. Sturmer was kind enough to tell me of three local ponds which I shall simply refer to as Pond 1, 2 and 3. Sturmer would probably be happy to share there location with club members, but they really can't stand the pressure of people taking fish more than the occasional fish out of them. Hence, I will not be disclosing their location in this article.

Pond 1 is shallow. The weeds were either right up on the surface or close to it when I was there three weeks ago. I was only using a popper because of the weeds. Fishing was slow until I got down to the far end of the pond in the tree stumps. There I caught a few small bass. Several bluegill sucked my popper under, but were too small to hook. Working my way back up the pond and casting towards the shore I noticed a very large fish way back in the weeds, almost at the bank's edge. Now most of my poppers don't have weed guards, and casting them where this bass was was an open invitation to snag up without a weed guard. Rummaging through my fly box I found the biggest bass bug I had that had a weed guard. Tying it onto the leader using a loop knot, also shown to me by Sturmer, I cast across the weeds to the bank. Slowly I crawled the fly off the bank and across the weed bed. After moving about a foot the weeds seem to boil up and the bass struck. Since I didn't manage to horse the fish out of the weeds all I can say was that it had some big shoulders. More casts across the weeds yielded a few smaller bass, but nothing of the size of the one that got away.

The following week I went into Pond 2. There were two other float tubers using spinning rods and small spinners. They were catching an occasional fish, but no bass of any size. I started out with a bass popper, working the shore line and weed beds in the middle of the lake. I was getting a lot of strikes, but they appeared to be small bluegill. After about an hour I had to concede that I wasn't going to catch any large bass. Off came the bass bug and on went a small bluegill popper. In the next hour I caught several bluegill, some 10 inch bass and several long eared sunfish.

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