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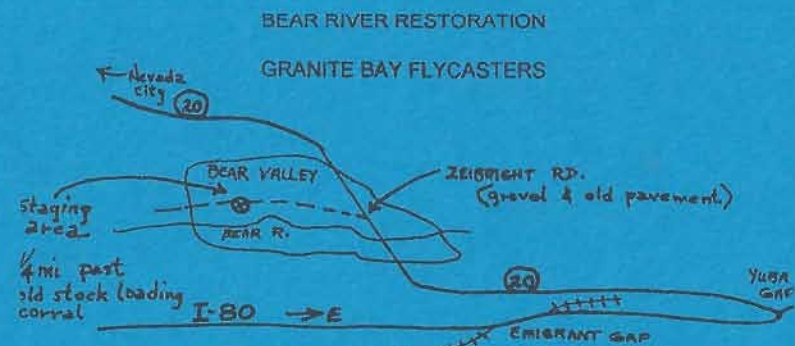
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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month

May	Chronomid Pupa (midge)
3	Casting Clinic - John Hogg
5	Intermediate Flycrafting Seminar
8	7:30 PM General Meeting
12	Intermediate Flycrafting Seminar
15	7:00 PM Board Meeting
17	9 AM Annual Picnic
31	Outing - One Fly Contest Cameron Park Lake
June	
12	7:30 PM General Meeting
13	Shad Outing 4:30 PM, Sailor Bar, American River
14	Bear River Work Day
19	7:00 PM Board Meeting



Outings

"One Fly Fishout/Contest

This fishout will be May 31 at Cameron Park Lake in Cameron Park. Sign in will be at 8:30 AM. Names for teams of four will be drawn and the fishing will start at 9:30 AM. The entry fee is \$10 per person. The lake has bluegill, crappie, bass and trout. There is a \$3 charge for non-residents to get into the park. Bring a lunch. There will be prizes in several categories. Sign up at the May meeting or call Isaac or Nick at 677-7169.

This is a small lake. Float tubes and small cartop boats are allowed. There is no launch ram and nor are there parking facilities for boat trailers. Plan accordingly. This lake can be fished from shore in many areas. If you elect to wade watch out for sudden dropoffs. The lake has a maximum depth of about 25 feet so both floating and sinking lines are in order.

June Shad Outin

On Friday evening, June 11, we will have a shad outing on the American River at Sailor Bar. We will meet in the upper parking lot at 4:30 PM. Contact Nick or Isaac English at 677-7169 for more information.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May, 1997

Well, here we are...trout season again. I wonder how many of our members will actually be out fishing for trout with flies on opening day...it would be interesting to know. I, for one, will definitely be out there...and for me this year, "out there" is on the Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers.

Speaking of the Upper Sacramento, on opening weekend, the Dunsmuir business community is hosting the River Festival, an event designed to provide information on the river, its beneficial uses (including recreation and angling, among others), and its ecological status. There will be a large mockup of the river, many displays, programs and clinics for anglers, flytying demonstrations, and other activities. It would be worthwhile to attend this event and learn about the river. And, while you are there, you can even wet a line.

April's general meeting was very well attended, as was the March meeting. I believe this is attributable to a number of factors, not the least of which is renewed interest and enthusiasm on the part of members, new and "old". Also of importance is the great job that our program chair, Robert Tamson, has done in bringing quality, interesting programs to the meetings. Robert has indicated that as of the June program, he will "retire" from this position. We therefore need someone to follow in his shoes...so, please help us out here and volunteer. If you can't volunteer for the chair position, suggest a program. Perhaps we could have a program committee, which would lessen the burden on an individual member.

Speaking of upcoming events, don't forget the family picnic on Saturday, May 17th. It's free, and all you need to bring is your own main dish and something to share. There's a chili cookoff, for those interested, a drawing, casting and flytying games, and all sorts of other fun things. See the article later in this issue, for more details.

Thanks for the participation in the survey. We'll spend a few more minutes at the May meeting giving/taking survey forms from those who didn't get a chance to turn one in at the April meeting. The results will be announced in the June Leader, and at the June general meeting.

Finally, please consider this: GBF is your club, and it is only as good as you want it to be. We have a great youth program, educational seminars for members, and other events. When you are asked to volunteer

some of your time, whether you be an "old" member or a newer member, please step up to the plate and give a bit of your time. You'll have a chance to meet some really nice folks, and have an effect on the future of GBF.

Thanks, and....

See ya on the creek!!!

Bill Carnazzo, Pres.

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.

The Leader is accessible on the Internet at: <http://www.calweb.com/~gbf/>

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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for April Contest: "Chironomid pupa (midge)", featured in April 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.

April Winners: Category (i): Ryan Jablonski; Category (ii) Jeanne 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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* set aside and allow to dry completely (hint: prepare a dozen or so at a time)

6. When the points are dry, set them alongside each other, with the convex curves together ("shiny" side out), so they are "matched".

7. Holding them firmly between thumb and forefinger, mount them in front of thorax, keeping them directly on top of the hook. (Hint: after 5 or 6 winds, gently release them and test for proper position; if necessary, adjust them so they are directly and firmly on the top of the hook).

8. When done, the wing should extend no more than 1/2 shank length behind back of hook.

9. Form small, smooth head with thread. Whip finish.

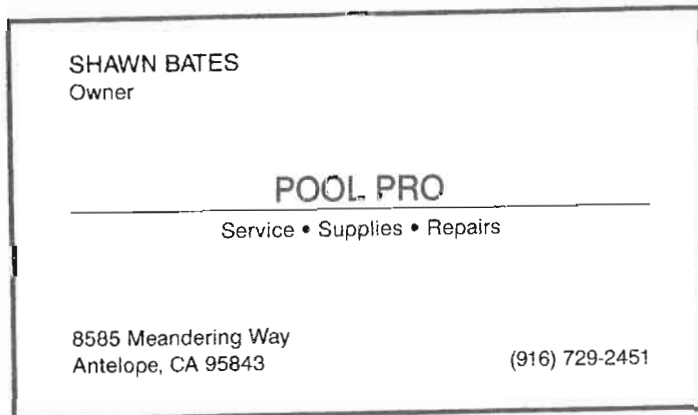
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Bear River Restoration

Jim Coleman

Problem: Fish habitat is extremely limited in the 1200 feet of open meadow. The stream is far too exposed; there is little in-stream cover, no undercut banks and no overhead canopy. Velocities are too low in areas due to over-wide and shallow channels created primarily by years of cattle grazing. The banks have been broken down and eroded and most of the riparian growth was grazed off.

Objective: To add brush sediment traps and log constrictors to define a new channel of 8 feet or so width within the existing channel. To add cover for fish shelter, plant growth for insect production, and to redirect low flows to sweep the bottom clear of silt. Over time this work will rebuild the present stream bottom into a new flood-plain, through which will flow a narrow, deep, well-shaded stream.

Now look at your scheduling calendar for this summer and pick at least one of the listed weekends to join us on the Bear River project. We need the help of everyone in the club to make this a success.

We will start with a long weekend at the end of May. We plan a work/fish campout from Wednesday, May 28th through the weekend. Meet at the access at 10 AM Saturday and Sunday, and plan to stay until about 4 PM if you can. Bring work gloves and a lunch. Call me at 885-4128 for more information.

1997 work-weekend schedule:

May 28-June 1	June 14-15
July 26-27	August 23-24
September 27-28	October 25-26

Directions to the Bear River Project are on the back cover, page 19.

Wanted: Trophy Wild Trout Lakes by John Deistadt

Over the past 23 years, biologists and anglers interested in wild trout fishing have worked together to develop the California Wild Trout Program. This effort has greatly expanded the opportunities Californians have to enjoy "quality" wild trout fishing. Streams like Fall River, Hat Creek, Pitt River, Hot Creek and the lower Owens River are now known throughout the State as excellent wild trout fisheries.

The reputations of the trophy trout fisheries available at Manzanita, Heenan, and Kirman lakes are also spreading. An obvious difference between the wild trout lake and stream programs, however, is the number of water in each program. While there are about 40 designated wild trout and catch-and-release streams, there are only ten lakes. Biologists have endeavored to expand the trophy wild trout lake program, but not wanting to compromise the present high standards for selecting such waters, they have ultimately rejected most candidate lakes.

The standards are not complex. For a lake to be considered, it should have unrestricted public access, be a roadside or day hike water large enough to provide relatively uncrowded fishing, and be capable of producing good numbers of 12 inch or larger wild or semi-wild trout. Such lakes, before they are designated, are subjected to one to three years of baseline studies. These studies involve not only the trout population and angling quality, but an assessment of why anglers are currently attracted to the water.

If, after such studies, it is decided that a wild trout or catch-and-release program could clearly provide better fishing than the current management program, and not unduly displace an established angling constituency, the lake is recommended for designation.

To expand the list of potential trophy wild trout lakes, the Department is inviting anglers to suggest waters that they feel meet the current standards. If you wish to nominate a water, mail your suggestion to the California Department of Fish and Game, Wild Trout Project, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Please describe your assessment of the lake in relation to the outlined standards and include your name, address, and phone number. The Department's current goal is to double the number of trophy "wild trout" lakes to 20 by the year 2000.

This article was reprinted from the Department of Fish and Game Wild Trout Project, Winter 1996.

FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
May, 1997
Slow Water Caddis

This Rene' Harrop pattern is designed to be a bit on the "realistic" side, as opposed to the more "impressionistic" fly designs. While it clearly works anywhere caddis adults are present, it is designed for stillwater, meadow streams and where water conditions are "low and slow". It is, however, quite simple to tie, and if fished properly will be effective.

Materials

Hook	TMC 100 or 900BL; Mustad 94845; #12-18
Thread	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Light olive rabbit or poly dubbing
Hackle	Ginger, wrapped over thorax, clipped on bottom
Wings	Light tan hen hackle, lacquered

Instructions

1. Mount thread on hook and dub a sparse abdomen, ending at a point about 1/3 shank length behind eye.
2. At that same point, tie in ginger hackle.
3. Dub a thorax over front third of hook, making it a bit larger than abdomen. Leave about 2 eye widths in front of thorax bare hook, so that wings can be placed here without crowding eye.
4. Wind hackle through thorax, and tie off in front of thorax, still leaving the indicated space behind eye.
5. Take two hen hackles and prepare them as follows:
 - * measure so that point of hackle is about 1-1/2 times length of shank (this point will be the wing surface).
 - * cut away excess below the measured point, leaving the exposed stems.
 - * using Dave's flexament (or similar glue), put a drop on each point, keeping them individual and apart.
 - * run the point through once between thumb and forefinger, spreading the glue evenly across the point.

Membership

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Please join me in welcoming our new members who joined in April. They are Mel and Helen Arnot, Mike Kitts, Steve Mueller, Steve Wolfe, and youth members Ron Morris and Rhett Jones.

You may have noticed that we now have a guest area at the front table during our general meetings. This gives us a chance to greet our guests, provide name tags and applications, help guests get oriented to the meeting, and answer any questions.

Please be sure to make an effort to talk with anyone wearing a guest name tag. If you can, try introduce them to someone with similar interests. It really helps our guests feel more at ease if we take the initiative to meet them. We've all been new folks at one point, so I'm sure you know what I mean.

New pamphlets have been developed which provide a good overview of our club and help present a professional image. The cost was very reasonable, and they have been very well received. Stop by the guest table and check them out. They will be available at meetings and other special events that the club attends.

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. For information, call Jeanne English at 677-7169, or Bill Camazzo at 663-2606.

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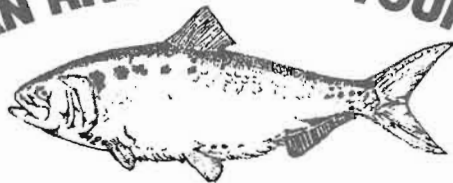
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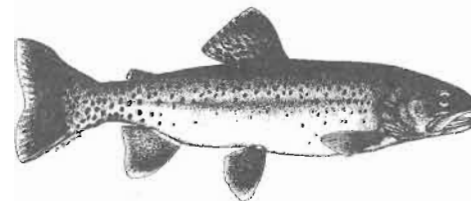
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Member Survey (Part 2)

For each of the following, rate how important the item is to you and how we're doing on that item now. 1 = Lowest 10 = Highest

Other Items	Importance	How are we doing?
Annual dinner		
Picnic		
Chili cook off		
Youth program		
Fly tying contest		
The Leader (Club Newsletter)		
Golden Trout Program		

Please add any other comments or suggestions on any topic:

Overall, how would you rate your level of satisfaction with your membership in GBF?

Member Information

1. Circle the type of fishing you most prefer.

River/Stream

Still water

Salt water

2. Circle the fish you most frequently fish for.

Trout

Bass or
panfish

Steelhead

Other: Please describe _____

3. Circle your skill level.

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

4. Do you have access to the internet, or expect to have it in the next year? Yes No

5. Would you be interested if the club were to develop a system to help members to find fishing partners?

Yes

No

Name (Optional) _____

GBF Member Survey - Spring 1997

Please mail to the club P.O. Box or drop off at the May general meeting.

For each of the following, rate how important the item is to you and how well we are doing now.

1 = Lowest

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Item	Importance	How are we doing?
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Speakers and topics		
Club activities updates		
Fishing reports		
Raffle		
Monthly meetings overall		

Comments or suggestions on the monthly meeting:

Location and types of fish outs		
Planning and communications for fish outs		
Fish outs overall		

Comments or suggestions about fish outs:

Selection of clinic topics		
Clinic instructor quality		
Clinics overall		

Comments or suggestions on clinics:

Choice of program priorities		
Salmon egg program		
Bear River Project		
Getting member support on important issues		
Conservation program overall		

Comments or suggestions about conservation:

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