

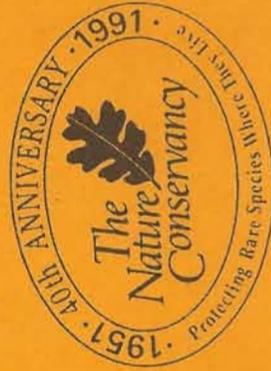
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Program: Saltwater fishing in
Cancun and Christmas Island
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Carnazzo Pond, Newcastle
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10 a.m.
- 21 Flytying at the Clubhouse 7 p.m.
- 24-26 Upper Sacramento River Clinic
(\$225 fee)
- 25 - 26 Bear River Habitat Restoration
and Fishing Party

November

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President's Message

by **Bill Carnazzo**

Fall...officially, at least, it's here.

As this is written, it's still in the 90's out there. Feels good, though. It's almost time for that flyfisher's delicacy at the end of the season — fall trout angling.

Low, crystal-clear water. Sometimes, clear skies. The crackle of morning frost beneath wading boots. Oblique sunlight. Riotous colors falling from the trees. All punctuate these too-few precious days.

And, boy, the trout can be wary! Stealth of approach, careful observation, sparse patterns, short and accurate casting, fine tippets, and a great deal of patience are called for. But the reward will be worth the effort.

One interesting side-effect of autumn conditions is the color and sheer quantity of leaves that can be seen strewn on the stream bottom before being flushed by heavier rainfall runoff. During clear, low-water conditions, with sun on the water, the leaf-effect can have an effect on dry fly fishing.

As all dry fly anglers know, it is essential to be able to see both the fly and the take. It doesn't necessarily take falcon-like eyesight, but it does require practice and a great deal of concentration. This is especially true with larger trout, which do not necessarily "take" with a splashy rise. Au contraire — sometimes they just suck the fly down in a tiny maelstrom created by sucking water through their gills.

The point here is that the multicolored leaves both in the water column and on the bottom will tend to make seeing the fly — and the take — tougher, requiring even greater concentration. A good set of polarized,

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President's Message

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UV-protected specs is indispensable here.

So should we stick to nymphing in these conditions? Clearly, no...to do so is to miss some wonderful action. However, because nymphing is also good in the Fall, here are a few thoughts (which apply also to the dries):

- Approach each pocket, run, slot, hole or riffle carefully.

- Watch that shadow! Oblique sunlight behind you will cast a long, scary shadow that will send those spooky fellows screaming away.

- Cast sparingly, especially where there is little depth.

- Don't "line" the fish.

- Use small indicators.

- Don't wave the rod around in the sky. Use sidearm techniques, keeping the rod out of the cone of vision.

- Where appropriate and safe, get down on your knees or hide behind a bush or rock.

- When striking, keep the rig in the water by striking downward.

- Wherever possible, try to spot fish from a distance before marching into the stream, and use "reading the water" techniques.

Now, go forth and rip some lips!

See ya on the creek!

The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishermen and flyfisherwomen who meet once a month at the clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. The organization is dedicated to fostering fly fishing skills, good sportsmanship and conservation of fish habitat. For membership information, contact Rob Ferrogiaro, 791-0887.

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Fish Tales

Members tell about their recent attempts to catch fish.



Wendy Gums participated in the North Yuba flyfishing clinic in August. She applied what she learned there to a nine-day fishing odyssey to Hat Creek, the Pitt and Klamath rivers, and more. In her catch was a 26-inch steel-head tricked by a fly that she tied.

Remember **Josh Gums**, the 12-year-old who takes bass and blue gill on Betts Bugs? Well, he's moved on to wavier game. He also attended the North Yuba clinic, where he picked up enough pointers to subsequently take his **FIRST** trout on a fly rod, on a Prince Nymph.

Jim Ferguson sought isolation and found it close to home, on the North Fork of the North Fork of the American. Saw no one else and found "plenty of small trout" — browns and 'bows that he fooled with dries.

Some fellows have to go far afield to find fish. **Vern Stubbs** and **Sturmer White** traveled all the way to Christmas Island and Cancun to load up on salt water species. They had so much fun they'll share tips and tales with us at the October general meeting.

Jim Holmes had a blast catching 3 and 4-pounders at Caples Lake. "There're lot's of midges and dam-sels," he said. He recommends fishing near the dam.

More praise for the North Yuba clinic came from **Bill Mayer** and **Terry Burnham**. "I learned to nymph and caught a fish," Bill said. "The techniques they taught us were very useful." Before the day was out, Bill landed eight more fish ranging from 7 to 12 inches apiece. Terry was attending his first GBF function, learned to nymph and joined the club at the following general meeting. "The teachers were great!" he said.

Upper Sacramento Clinic

GBF members are invited to participate in a special weekend clinic on the Upper Sacramento River Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 24-26.

The guides will be Ron Rabun and Bill Carnazzo, both licensed Dunsmuir-area guides.

A flyer describing the event was distributed at the August general meeting, and will be available again at the September meeting. The clinic is limited to the first eight members to sign up and pay the \$225 per person fee. So far, six spots are spoken for.

What's included: (see flyer for more detail)

- 2 guided days on the Upper Sac during the October caddis hatch

- Detailed and comprehensive instruction on techniques, gear, wading safety, flies, etc. while at the ranch

- 2 nights lodging in private houses on the river in Dunsmuir

- All meals, including sumptuous prime rib feast on Saturday night (BYOB)

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the Upper Sac from local experts!

Let's Go Salmon Fishing!

Nick and Issac English, GBF's co-fishmasters, announced at the September general meeting that they are planning an afternoon salmon outing at Sailor Bar on the lower American River.

Details will be available at the October general meeting.



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There are two judging classes, beginners and those with more experience. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on. This gives everyone a chance to compete at their own level.

September Winners: Only Ron English and Nathan Joyner submitted flies. Nathan won because Ron forgot to rib his fly!!

Note: Beginning this month, American Fly Fishing Co. is sponsoring this event by providing gift certificates for the winners!

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Flytying Skills Program

Pattern for October: *Sparkle Hare's Ear nymph*

(See the September 1997 *Leader* for directions.)

Flytying Skills Program

Rules: GBF's flytying skills program is held each month at the general meeting. Everyone is invited to participate.

All you have to do is tie the fly of the month (see above) and bring it to the meeting.

Judging is completed during the meeting and the best tied fly is announced just before the program, and the name of the tier is featured in the next month's *Leader*.

Flys 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). We have to do this to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.



This is an educational program for tiers who wish to advance their tying skills and/or simply enjoy this aspect of the sport. Because there are no prizes, it is a no-cost service for interested club

members. All flies submitted will be placed in the raffle for the evening's meeting.

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Don't Miss This!

Bear River Habitat Restoration and Fishing Day

Jim Coleman is a man on a mission — the restoration of the great Bear River brown and 'bow trout fishery in the meadow below Lake Spaulding. And he wants to share the satisfaction of accomplishing that mission with his fellow GBF'ers. He's invited you up to the meadow several times this year already, and there's **only one weekend left** this year for you to join in the fun.

The weekend of **October 25-26** is the last call for '97, says Jim. Everyone who takes the one-hour ride up Interstate 80 to the Highway 20 turnoff (then head back toward Nevada City and look for the GBF sign) will get to help put things in order before the rains begin, **and** spend some time fishing for the **BIG browns** that Jim has seen and hooked on previous outings.

This is GBF's major conservation project. It has been very successful to date, says Jim. "The stream has improved tremendously," he explains. "Even the structures lost in last winter's floods did what they were supposed to do, which was to help the stream scour a deeper and narrower channel. The river looks much better now."

He made more progress this summer, despite high flows, which limited the kinds of restoration activity that could be tackled. "We planted a lot of willows and pines, which provides shade and insects for the fish," Jim says. "If the water is down in October, we will build a new brush trap and tie everything down for the winter."

It's exciting to see the results, he says, but even more

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Bear River Fun and Fish Outing...Oct. 25-26 (continued)

exciting to see the fish coming back into the stream. If you join him for the October fun and fish outing, bring along some light tackle — 4 or 5-weight, floating line, attractor such as Parachute Adams in sizes 12 to 14 or basic nymph patterns. If the flows are down, dries work fine, says Jim.



Here's a CHALLENGE to 'bow fishermen. Jim has caught only browns in the meadow portion of the river. He wants to know if anyone catches a rainbow, because that will be an indication that the stream is close to getting back to its original condition. Rainbows are more finicky, he explains. "They need cold, clear water and natural cover. When we see the 'bows come back, we will know we've done our job."

Fly Casting Clinics Scheduled

Whether you are only just beginning to fling a fly or feel your technique needs a tune-up, these GBF casting clinics could be for you.

Fly casting clinics have been scheduled for the second Sunday of each month, beginning in September. Bill and Judy Carnazzo have generously offered their pond in Newcastle as the site for the clinics. Instruction will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for attending the clinic.

Bring your own rod with a floating weight-forward or double taper line and a 7 to 9 foot tapered leader (2X, 1X or 0X). Note: If you are a novice caster and

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Body	Superfine dubbing: chartreuse, pink, lime, orange, black; also, there is the Royal Trude, with peacock and red floss or mylar.
Wing	Calf body hair, white
Hackle	Brown or ginger high-quality dry fly hackle

Instructions

1. After debarbing the hook, cover shank with thread and advance thread to a point just above rear of barb. This will be the tail tie-in point.
2. At the tail tie-in point, tie in 6 - 8 fibers of Golden Pheasant tippet. The length of the tail is 3/4 of the shank length.
3. Dub a slim body to a point about 1/3 shank length behind eye.
4. Take a small bunch of calf hair and clean out the under fur. This will become the wing, which should extend to the top of the tail. It should be tied in where the front of the body ends. Hints: Trim the wing to length before tying it in. Apply flexament to butts before tying it in also. These measures will make it easier to control the butts and keep the wing on top. It should be tied in so that it is "down-wing" style, over the back of the fly.
5. Using a properly sized hackle, tie it in and wind it from the base of the wing to the head area, leaving enough room at the front for a neat thread head. Simple, eh???

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

Flytyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: *The Trude*

Andy Burk, a well-known tier who works for the Fly Shop in Redding, recently published an article on the Trude patterns. I have always kept some of these in my fly boxes — sometimes the trout just want a down-wing, low-profile pattern, and the Trude fits the bill perfectly.

According to Andy's research, the Trude originated in 1901 on the A. S. Trude ranch in Big Springs, Idaho. The first Trude was presented to the ranch owner as a gag. It had been tied on a huge 3/0 or 4/0 hook. Mr. Trude had the idea of turning the basic, simple pattern into a fishable streamer fly. Thus was born a tried and true producer.

Dan Bailey took it from there and converted it into a dry fly. The rest is history.

The Trude can be tied in many colors and sizes, but its beauty lies in its simplicity. Recently, a member asked that the patterns for the contest be confined to those using simple, easily available materials. While we don't always do that, since there are others who hold different opinions, the Trude is the essence of simplicity of both design and composition.

Oh by the way, it catches fish!

Materials

Hook	Tiemco 100, Mustad 94840, Daiichi 1180, #12-20
Thread	6/0 or 8/0, color to match body
Tail	Golden Pheasant tippets

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Fly Casting Clinics...continued

do not have a rod, there will be some loaner rods available. Useful accessories to bring along include line nippers and some red yarn for a simulated fly. Also, bring sun and eye protection and drinking water.

John Hogg, coordinator and instructor, says each clinic will address a fundamentals topic of interest to a novice caster and an advanced topic for more experienced casters.

October Fly casting Clinic (Sunday, Oct,12)

How to evaluate quality and performance in a fly rod

Directions to the Carnazzo Pond: Go east on I80 toward Auburn. Take Newcastle exit and cross over freeway (north). Follow signs to Lincoln to Highway 193. Go 3 miles on Hwy. 193, turn right on Gold Hill Rd. Go 2 miles. Turn right on Schindler Rd. Go about 1 mile to Country Hill Run. Turn right. Go 100 yards to the first driveway on your right. Enter driveway and park at the house. Walk around back to the pond.

Questions? Call John Hogg at 823-9744.

Junior Flytying Class

Flytyers ages 10 through 17 are invited to participate in a flytying class that begins on Friday, November 7 and meets for four consecutive Fridays (excluding Thanksgiving weekend). If there is enough interest, a fifth class will be held. Meetings are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Granite Bay clubhouse.

A small fee will be charged to cover some of the cost of materials — members \$3, nonmembers \$5. To register, call Jeanne or Ron English at 677-3924.

American River Salmon Festival

Casting demonstrations! Flytying by the pros! A flytying booth for kids!

These are just some of the things to see and do at the American River Salmon Festival on October 18 and 19 at the Aquatic Park above Nimbus Dam. And these are the exhibits that will be hosted by Granite Bay Flycasters.

Your help is needed to make this important event a success!

GBF, along with California Flyfishers Unlimited, is hosting the flyfishing segment of the festival. Jeanne English of our club is the coordinator. She needs volunteers to help set up and run the GBF club booth, casting demonstrations, flytying, and an area for kids to try their hand at flytying.

Novice as well as experienced flytyers are urged to participate. "You do not need to be proficient at tying to help at the kids tables," she insists.

Festival activities begin Saturday at 10 a.m. and continue through 6 p.m. Sunday, the hours are 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

So everyone, check your calendar and give Jeanne a call at 677-3924 to volunteer for one or more 2- to 3-hour shifts in a GBF booth. Or sign up at the September meeting.

Spend some time with friends helping the kids or answering questions at the GBF booth and then take the rest of the day to enjoy the rest of the festival — exhibits, demonstrations, storytelling, food, crafts, and more.

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Fly Fishing Oregon...continued

While launching at Wood River, about a mile up river from Agency Lake, we bumped into an Oregon guide who was beaching his drift boat. He provided us with some useful information and a few unique flies that he claimed worked on the lake. The fly was tied with a long hackle that I didn't recognize. I asked him where the hackle came from, and he replied that it was the butt feather from a road kill pheasant. Now that would be an interesting subject for a "name the fly" contest. Tom Ritchie caught the only fish on Agency Lake, and none were caught on the Wood River.

That then concludes the details of our trip. In summary, the gourmet cooks of the Float Tube Trollers prepared two meals shared and enjoyed by all at Crane Prairie. Camp fire irreverent banter was a lot of fun. Everyone was roasted a bit, but all survived and promised to make it an annual event.

A Hearty "Welcome!"

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Please welcome our most recent new members, **T. J. Burnham, David Homer, Bill Tierce, Mike Brune, and Ray and Edie Ramsey.**

It was great to see T.J. at our Yuba River fishing clinic! I hope we see the rest of our new members at a club event soon.

Remember, there is fly tying on a drop-in basis on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the club house. Stop by to tie or watch and learn.

Also there is a chance to brush up on your casting on the second Sunday of each month.

Check the club calendar for other events.

Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

by Bill Carnazzo

On September 16th, we had our first monthly fly tying get-together at the clubhouse. There were six members there for a couple of hours, all having a good time sharing techniques, patterns and fish stories. This is a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners, and pick up skills and tips on tying.

These sessions are for everyone — beginner to expert. The get-togethers start at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Questions? Call me at 663-2604. See ya there!!!

Looking for A Fishing Partner?

Many members have asked for a simple way to find fishing partners among the membership.

So here's our solution: At each general meeting, a *Fishing Partner* announcement board will be posted where everyone can see it. To find a partner, you write on a slip of paper provided by the club a brief description of your planned outing — date, time, destination — and your phone number. Then pin it to the board where others can see it. Anyone with a similar interest can call to work out the details.

Check your calendar before the meeting so you can post your request and put the new *Fishing Partner* system to work for you.

Cleaning Out Your Garage?

Classified ads are free to members of GBF. To place an ad call Gray Allen, 783-4334.

Fly Fishing Oregon

by Jim Holmes

After fishing Crane Prairie Lake with the Float Tube Trollers, the Flailers proceeded to Klamath Lake. The people in the Flailing group were Bus Gehring, Vern Stubbs, Tom Ritchie, John Peterson, Pete Reedy, and myself, Walt Dombrowski.

Upon arrival we launched for an evening of fishing at Klamath Lake. The conditions seemed ideal. The fish were leader shy and long 15 foot leaders with intermediate or type II full sink fly lines were used. Presentation when casting into the reeds required a rapid retrieve, casting in open water a long, slow retrieve. Armed with this information, I successfully executed two long releases. Becoming excited and somewhat overconfident by sudden success, I neglected to follow the 10 steps for long line releases on my next hook-ups. The next two fish, estimated to be in the 24 inch range by other knowledgeable observers, snapped my 4x tippet and absconded with my fly. Pete Reedy, meanwhile, was fishing the open water, practicing and perfecting his long casting form. While performing a triple down haul, he snapped his 6 weight Loomis 8 inches above the cork grip. The snapping of the graphite had the report of a rifle shot, which is somewhat disconcerting in a nature preserve.

Now, I'm not saying that there was a cause and effect, but shortly thereafter the sheriff's water patrol came cruising by. In the interest of Oregon tourism, he gave each of us a complimentary boat safety inspection. Pete's boat passed and the sheriff gave him a sticker which he now proudly displays on his boat's

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hull. Tom had an inflatable boat, which apparently didn't qualify for a sticker, but he was wearing the same type of vest that the sheriff was wearing and he gave Tom a compliment and a plastic whistle to wear on his life vest. You may recognize Tom by name, but if you have attended many GBF meetings, he is recognizable by his voice, much louder than that little whistle. When he yells "fish on," birds scatter and small animals run for cover.

The personal achievement award goes to Bus Gehring. While fishing over one of the springs that cool the lake, Bus caught two nice trout. Meanwhile, Dennis Richard, a notable Klamath Lake guide, who was fishing nearby with clients on board, did not get a hookup. Overall, we didn't do too well. With six people fishing for 3 days, we caught less than 10 fish.

Our next destination was Agency Lake, which is connected to Klamath Lake. A short trip by boat. A long trip by car. Pete Reedy and John Peterson did not accompany the group due to business commitments at home. The trip was uneventful and the fishing followed the same pattern.

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