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September 1997

Club Calendar

September

- 11 **General Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
Program: The Trinity River
- 12 - 14 **Fish Out! Robinson Creek.**
Call Nick or Issac — 677-7169
- 14 **Casting Clinic 1 p.m.**
Carnazzo Pond, Newcastle
- 16 **Flytying at the Clubhouse 7 p.m.**
- 18 **Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- 26 - 28 **NCCFFF Conclave**
North Lake Tahoe
- 27 **Nymphing Clinic**
North Yuba River

October

- 4 **Jay Fair Flytying Seminar**
Clubhouse (\$20 fee)
- 9 **General Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
Program: Saltwater fishing in
Cancun and Christmas Island
- 12 **Casting Clinic 1 p.m.**
Carnazzo Pond, Newcastle
- 16 **Board Meeting**
- 18-19 **Salmon Festival, Lake Natoma**
10 a.m.
- 21 **Flytying at the Clubhouse 7 p.m.**
- 24-26 **Upper Sacramento River Clinic**
(\$225 fee)

November

- 7 **Junior Flytying Class, 6:30 p.m.**

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President's Message

by Bill Carnazzo

"Where did summer go?"

Lately, I've heard this rhetorical, seemingly trite question voiced by friends, family, and others — in addition to echoes in my own psyche. In my case, I attribute this vague notion/question to several things. First, it seems as though as we advance in age, our remaining time here speeds away at an alarmingly increasing clip, despite our sometimes frenetic efforts to keep it at bay. So, we jog, exercise, etc.; maybe Zen is better.

Secondly, the old, overused adage that "time flies when you're having fun" is alive and well. This summer — and this whole year, for that matter — has indeed been a "fun" time for Judy and me. We are indeed fortunate to live where we do and to have been able to fish as much as we want to in as many places as we have, and to have the health to be able to continue doing so.

And third, when one is "busy" there are never enough hours to do everything we need or want to do. When I think about tying flies in the various shows and for commercial purposes, guiding, teaching riverside and other clinics, holding down a full-time job, being honored to be your president, maintaining homes and property, the word "busy" takes on new meaning. Anyway, the rhetorical question is indeed thought-provoking, despite its surface triteness.

As president, I really appreciate the input I receive from members — good and otherwise — and encourage more. For example, the board recently modified the fly tying contest in response to comments received

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President's Message

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in our member survey. After a short trial period, comments came from members to the effect that a "prize" really is an incentive, and that perhaps one of our fly shops could sponsor the program by providing prizes to make it more interesting. Wonderful ideas!! They will be implemented soon. Gary and Peter at American Fly Fishing Company have graciously and generously agreed to provide a gift certificate each month to the winners as an incentive and prize. Thanks to Ken Jablonski for the ideas, and thanks to American Fly Fishing Company for the support.

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Finally, the response to our August 16th North Yuba clinic was overwhelming. And from the feedback I've gotten, the 23 participants enjoyed it and learned new techniques and skills. These things require a lot of time and work to prepare and implement, but the effort is clearly worthwhile and rewarding. And, because some had to be turned away in order to preserve the quality of the experience, another clinic will be held in September.

Now, go forth and rip some lips!! Thanks, and see ya on the creek.

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Fish Tales

Members tell about their recent attempts to catch fish.



John Bergman praises the Big K Ranch on the Umpqua near Elkton, Oregon for its smallmouth bass at this time of year. The lodge offers guides for whatever fish you are pursuing. \$195 a day gets you lodging, meal and wine. The place was so agreeable, John's wife may go along next time, too.

Art Livingston tried Hat Creek last month. Got skunked every day until advised to use a green scud pattern and shown how to do the "castle shuffle," a variation of high sticking, he says. "It's where you walk downstream with the fly. Then, WHAM! Things get interesting."

Joe Gildone caught some "flying fish" in the Truckee and Little Truckee. "The fish were so small that when you set the hook they end up behind you," he explained. But there were lots of nice fish, too, he said. They fell for grasshoppers and beadhead Pheasant Tails.

Twelve-year-old Joshua Gums hauled a 10-inch bass out of the American River behind Cal Expo on a Butts bug, fishing from the bank. He doesn't limit his efforts to the river, however. He dragged an even bigger largemouth (15 inches) out of Dry Creek in Rio Linda, also on his deadly bug.

Bill Carnazzo says the upper Sacramento is good now, but will be GREAT come fall. He's been fishing it all summer, catching 11-inch fish and some to 19 inches. "They are big, healthy fish," he says. The McCloud is fantastic now, 22-inch fish caught on the bottom.

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!

August Clinic on North Yuba River A Success *Clinic to be repeated September 27*

The North Yuba nymphing gear/technique clinic on August 16th drew 23 members. The educational part of the program, which the group appeared to enjoy, consumed most of the morning. After lunch, the fishermen headed off to fish.

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There are two judging classes, beginners and those with more experience. This gives everyone a chance to compete at their own level.



August Winners: No flies submitted. C'mon folks, let's get those flies in here for judging.

Note: There will be a change in this program in October. American Fly Fishing Co. has agreed to sponsor this event by providing gift certificates for the winners! Look for details in the October *Leader*.

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Flytying Skills Program

Pattern for September: *Parachute Cahill Variant*

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

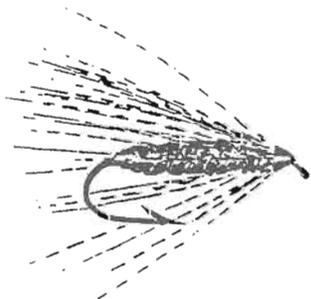
Flytying Skills Program

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.

Despite the unbelievable number of gold dredges on the river and the presence of a Delta Flyfishers outing on the same day, fish were caught, including some nice ones. It was a great day, weatherwise and from all other standpoints.

Instruction was handled by Bill Carnazzo, with the capable assistance of Rob Ferrogiaro.

September Clinic: Because many who had not signed up wanted to attend, but couldn't because the clinic was filled, an identical clinic will be held September 27. If interested, sign up at the September meeting and pick up a "poop" sheet for details.

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.

Fly Fishers Conclave

The annual Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave is scheduled for September 26, 27 and 28 at the North Kings Beach (Tahoe) Community Center.

This event features fly tying demonstrations, vendor booths, angling programs, casting demonstrations and contests, and youth programs. For information, call Bill Carnazzo (663-2604) or Frank Stolten (725-6894).

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 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.

September Fly casting Clinic (Sunday, Sept. 14):

Fundamentals — the forward cast, covering the first 40 feet

Advanced — adding 10 feet to your cast

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



(6-8, depending on hook size) and tie them in as a tail just above back of barb; length equals shank length or 1.5 times hook gape. Tie butts down well to prevent rotation. Directly on top of hair, tie two strands of pearl crystal flash of equal length to hair. Sparseness is the key!

3. Tie in copper wire for rib at same tie-in point as tail. Dub a slim hare's ear body forward to a point about 1/3 shank length behind eye. Wind rib forward evenly to the same point, and tie off.

4. Cut up some short pieces of pearl crystal flash (1.5"). Take 6 strands and tie in at the rib tie-off point, with tips pointing to rear. Take 8 strands of light deer hair and tie in at same point with tips pointing to rear.

5. Using hare's ear dubbing, dub a thorax which is slightly larger than the body, leaving about 1/8" of room behind the hook eye. Take a dubbing teaser (hook part of velcro works nicely) and tease out a bit of the hare's ear in the thorax, so it looks a bit scruffy.

6. Pull deer hair forward over the top of the thorax, forming the shellback, and tie off in front of thorax. Don't trim the butts yet. Now pull the crystal flash over the top and tie it off at the same point, again leaving butts.

7. Stroke deer hair and crystal flash butts down and to the rear, and wind over them a bit to force them into the leg position. Trim them to size (just short of hook point) and cut out a few of each.

8. Form a nice whip finish with a small head.

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek!

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Flytyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: *Sparkle Hare's Ear Nymph*

Typically, on a stream such as the Upper Sacramento, your nymph rig will include a dropper fly and a point fly. One very effective way to arrange this rig is to have a light colored fly/dark colored fly combination. The Hare's Ear serves nicely as the light fly, and we have featured that fly in this column in the past. This month's pattern is a variant of the standard pattern, adding sparkle to its characteristics, while sticking to the very basic traditional pattern materials. The fly can be weighted or unweighted, and can be tied with or without a bead.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 3906B; Tiemco 200R sizes 12-18
Thread	Tan 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Light deer hair and pearl crystal flash
Body	Hare's ear dubbing
Rib	Medium copper wire
Shellback	Light deer hair and pearl crystal flash
Thorax	Hare's ear dubbing
Legs	Deer hair butts and crystal flash from shellback
Weight	Optional
Bead	Optional

Instructions

1. Smash barb. If using thread, put it on hook at this point. If using weight, add after applying the bead. Cover hook shank with thread.

2. Take a small number of light colored deer hairs

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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.

Jay Fair Fly Tying Seminar

On Saturday, October 4, Jay Fair, a well-known fly tyer and guide from northern California, will conduct a special one day seminar for the first 20 GBF members who sign up. Jay will demonstrate many patterns that he has developed and proven during 50 years of fly fishing.

Included: Jay will provide all tying materials. You only need to provide your own tying tools and lamp. In addition to tying instruction, Jay will discuss material selection for each pattern and will describe the methods that he has found successful in fishing each fly.

Tying Level: *Intermediate.* While the patterns are not difficult to tie, they will require that you have a grasp of basic techniques such as tying in, proportions, dubbing methods, and whip finishing. If you have taken a basic fly tying class, you are probably ready for this.

Date/Time/Cost: Saturday, October 4, 8:30 'til 4. Bring your lunch. Fee - \$25 paid in advance. Call Frank Stolten for details at 725-6894.

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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A Hearty "Welcome!"

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Please welcome our most recent new member, **Rick Harlacher**, who recently joined our club. It was great to have Rick along on our recent Yuba River fish-out!

Joining a fish-out or getting involved in any club activity is a great way for new (or shy) members to meet people and increase their enjoyment of fishing. Upcoming fish-outs are discussed at each general meeting and are usually listed in the *Leader*.

If an organized fish-out doesn't fit your calendar, you can indicate your specific interests on the *Find A Fishing Partner* bulletin board at a general meeting.

Fishing the Trinity River

September General Meeting Topic – Byron Leydecker, avid fly fisher and founder of Friends of the Trinity River, will be our headliner on September 11. A frequent visitor to the Trinity region, he is also a tireless advocate for the river and the driving force for higher water flows for this great river. At this meeting you will get the low-down on

- why the Trinity is at a critical crossroads and what we can do to help preserve the future of this beautiful river, and
- how to take advantage of the many fishing opportunities that exist on the Trinity today.

California Fly Fisher Magazine readers may recall that Byron was featured in the April 1997 issue. Ron Weseloh of Cal Trout commented. "Faced with problems with a river, many people just walk away — go off to fish in some other state. Byron can certainly afford to fish in Alaska or Montana, but he stayed in California to do something about the river. He's amazing."

Be sure to join us and take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet Byron and learn how you can enjoy the Trinity and help secure its future.

Don't forget to arrive in time for the Member Help Table and fly tying demonstration before the meeting.

Looking for A Fishing Partner?

In the club's recent survey, many members 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.

Members' Marketplace

WANTED: Good quality graphite rod, 9', 5-weight. Call Michael Kaul at 677-8022.

FISHING BUDDY WANTED: Someone to go to Heenan Lake, preferably someone who has been there before. Call Michael Kaul. 677-8022.

FOR SALE: Antique fly rod, 8 feet, bamboo. Converts to spinning rod with extra sections. Call Ron Morris at 786-5479.

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

Fly Fishing Oregon

by Jim Holmes

Although this was not an official fishout, many members of GBF showed up at Crane Praire Reservoir in Oregon on July 6 to sample some of the reportedly fine fishing at this beautiful spot. Among those on hand were Bus Gehring, Vern Stubbs, Tom Ritchie, Walt Dombrowski, Pete Reedy, Bill Lockhart, Loud Berry Fitzpatrick, John Peterson, and Jim Holmes.

Conditions were ideal the first day, but fishing was rather slow, while most of the band unwound from the eight-hour trip from Sacramento. We had a long discussion that first night about the proper way to build a fire, whether to stack the wood or tepee it for the most efficient fire. This and many other important topics were discussed over subsequent campfires.

The weather deteriorated over the next couple of days, with wind and rain, and so did the fishing. However, some distinct fishing styles were developing: there were "Flailers" and there were "Trollers." There was, of course, a lot of crossover between the groups and some had problems with one or the other technique.

The Flailers generally had a pram or boat that could be easily anchored provding them with a platform from which to beat the water to a froth. The Trollers, however, were mostly confined to a tube or pontoon-type craft. Their superior manueverability allowed them to fish a wider variety of water, which pompted a number of Flailers to try a similar technique, giving rise to much finger pointing and good-natured jibes.

Who was most successful? Probably the Trollers. They used sinking lines and fished the entire column

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of water, but even that is open to debate. The Trollers in the tubes probably got the most exercise, especially when kicking into the wind.

Fishing improved as the week came to a close and the weather front and rain passed on. But, alas, it was time to head for home. The most important lesson learned on this trip was to be sure to have fly lines that have enough weight to sink to the bottom and enable you to fish the entire water column, no matter the depth of water.

According to the locals, fishing at Crane Praire, Klamath and Agency Lakes was the least productive in many years. The main reason, they said, was the water was too cold, 65 degrees. At that temperature, the trout are scattered in the lake. At 70 degrees or higher, the trout concentraste in the old river channels or in springs that flow up from the bottom of the lake.

Nevertheless, Crane Praire is a lovely lake with the Cascade Peaks providing a dramatic backdrop, plenty of bird life, and just enough fish (on this trip) to keep it interesting. We definitely will go back next year.

(More about this trip next month)

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