

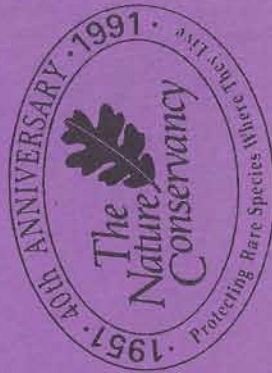
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7-11	Cal Expo Sportsmans Show Visit the GBF booth	
8	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.
15	Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
17	Tuolumne River Fishout Contact Ron English	677-7169
18	Fly Casting Clinic	1:00 p.m.
20	Fly Tying — Clubhouse	7 p.m.
28-Feb.1	San Mateo ISE Show	
30	Junior Fly Tying Class	6:30 p.m.

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The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship. For membership information, contact John Hogg, 823-4334

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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

By the time you read this we'll be into another new year. Hopefully, everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. One of the things I got for the holidays was a bad case of steelhead fever. As I write this, nearby rivers haven't started cooperating. The Trinity was blown out when I was planning to go, and it's a bit early for one of my treks to the beloved Smith. So I sit here tying flies, fooling with tackle, and wondering what it is about fishing that gets us so badly "hooked."

One thing is for certain: People who don't fish don't get it. Maybe it's the stories we tell about the broken rods (manufacturer's defect, I'm sure), the poison oak, or our unplanned invasion of a yellowjacket nest.

Or maybe it's the tales of the death march to that secret spot where we don't see a single fish, or the unexpected swim in 40 degree water, or the time we almost didn't get back across after the water in that popular tailwater fishery rose unexpectedly on a perfectly clear day.

Most people probably think that we get hooked on the joy of actually catching fish. No doubt, it helps when we have days like one I had last fall in my favorite trout river; a day filled with fat red rainbows leaping out of the deep pocket water trying to regain their freedom...many of them succeeding. But fishing days aren't always like that, at least for me.

I love to catch fish as much as anyone else does, but

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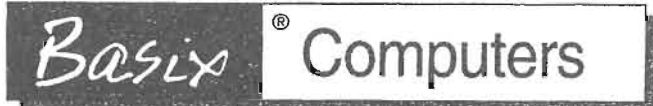




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we all know that there's more to it than that. We get the chance to see wildlife up close and personal, and to witness breathtaking sunsets and sunrises. Sometimes the spectacular scenery is so close to the road it's a shame so few people see it. Best of all, when we're fishing, it's hard to think of anything else. Maybe this is what is really meant by re-creation.

Another big reason that I enjoy this sport is the fact that fly fishing attracts some great people. We're blessed to have many of them in our club. As we start the new year, I'm asking you to join me in recognizing and thanking one person who has contributed in a big way to the success of our club: our past president, Bill Carnazzo.

Bill brought to the job his strong leadership skills and a passion for the sport. He led us back to financial health and strengthened the club by seeking to blend new ideas with ideas that have worked well in the past. Bill's love for the sport is contagious, and he gave generously of his time and expertise on many occasions, both in and out of his capacity as President. Give him a thanks next time you see him. It is the strong volunteer support of members like Bill that makes it possible for us to enjoy the many benefits of club membership. Thanks, Bill!

That's it for now. Gotta go get ready to see some wild-life up close...hopefully a wild steelhead.

Take care.

GBF Activities

Cal Expo Sportsman's Show January 7-11, 1998

GBF will again host a booth at the Cal Expo Sportsman's Show January 7-11. Stop by to visit with club member and buy tickets to the Annual Dinner and Raffle. The Sportsman's Show offers plenty to see and do, including GBF and other champion fly tyers and fly casters demonstrating their skills — and endless opportunities to add to your collection of fly fishing gear and pay-to-play outings.

We look forward to seeing you at our booth in Building C.

1998 Fishouts

Ron English, GBF Fishmaster, announces that the format of the fishout activity has been changed by designating a fishout coordinator for each outing. He is looking for volunteers to lead outings to some of their favorite fishing holes. "Everyone has some choice spots that they would be willing to share with club mem-



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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.

There is a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company for the winner in each category — \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. All flies submitted will be placed in the raffle for the evening's meeting.

December Winners:

Ron English won the non-beginner category.

John Butkovich won the beginner category (second time).

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Flytying Skills Program

Pattern for January 1998:

"Electric Caddis"

(See the December 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.

This is an educational program for tiers who wish to advance their tying skills and/or simply enjoy this aspect of the sport.

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

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.

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*.

Fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the *Leader* (right or wrong and irrespective of whether



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bers," says Ron. "Coordinating an outing is not difficult," he adds. "I will provide a 'to-do' list that makes it easy." So give Ron a call soon to volunteer your leadership. Here's the line up so far for 1998.

January Fishout Tuolumne River Trout!!!

On Saturday, January 17, GBF will host an outing to the Lower Tuolumne River near LaGrange. Call Ron English or Bill Carnazzo for details, or attend the January general meeting where it will be discussed.

February Fishout Lower East Walker River, Nevada

The February outing (weather permitting; it will be postponed if the summit is snowed in) will pay a visit to the Lower East Walker below Bridgeport. Call Rick Radoff at 624-2107 for details.

Fly Casting Clinic January 18

Last year, GBF offered a series of casting clinics to introduce fly casting techniques to people new to the sport as well as to help experienced casters polish and expand their skills. The series continues this year with the next session scheduled for **January 18 at John Hogg's pond in Newcastle** (A new location!). The clinic will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no charge for attending.

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This session will be different, says John. He accepted Bill Kiene's offer to lead a **long-distance casting** clinic for GBF members. However, unlike with previous clinics, this time the number of participants must be limited. For the long-distance casting clinic to be most effective for those who participate, it must be limited to six participants, says John. Consequently, the first six members to call him for reservations will have the opportunity to participate in this special session.

Having recently purchased some property with a suitable pond, John is eager "to test the site's functionality with respect to fly casting clinics." (And, he notes, as it is also loaded with fish, you may want to bring a fly or two along for afterward.)

Directions to John Hogg's pond: Proceed on Highway 80 toward Auburn. Take the Penryn exit; turn right

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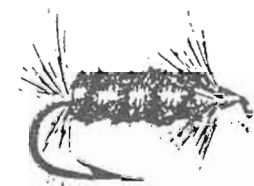
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Options (NOT to be used with contest entries)

Weight	6 - 8 wraps of 0.010 lead or substitute
Ribbing	1 strand of crystal flash or other ribbing
Bead	Gold, copper or black

Instructions

1. Smash barb. Cover shank with thread, leaving thread just above back of barb.
2. Dub a nice tapered cigar-shaped body to a point about 1/3 shank length behind the eye.
3. At this same point, tie in legs of guinea chicken speckled feather. They should be tied in "beard" style — i.e. on the bottom of the hook. The legs should extend no further back than the point of the hook.
4. Select a piece of ostrich herl from the feather. Tie it in butt first at the same point where the legs were tied in. Wind it forward in close, dense winds, leaving enough room for a nice head of black thread.
5. Whip finish. This little gem should be fished deep, especially in the winter. Fish generally will not be looking for food higher up in the water column at this time of year. Use split shot and an indicator.



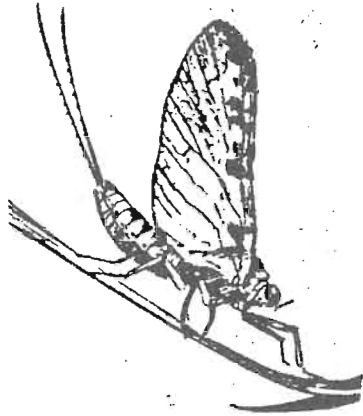
Enjoy, and "see ya on the creek!!"

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "Muskrat"

Sticking with the concept of simplicity — both of design and of materials needed — I selected an old-as-dirt Polly Rosborough pattern called simply "Muskrat." It is listed as a "searching nymph" in Dave Hughes' book *Nymph Fishing* (1995). This versatile pattern can be used with the Electric Caddis featured last month, with one or the other tied on the dropper. The pattern can be varied somewhat, by changing the body coloration or that of the collar, adding some ribbing, or adding a bead head. For purposes of our program, however, the basic pattern is what must be tied to enter your fly in the competition.



Materials

Hook	3X long nymph hook such as Mustad 9672, sizes 8 - 18
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Muskrat fur
Legs	Speckled guinea chicken fibers
Head	Black ostrich herl

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at the stop sign and go 3/4 mile to King Road. Turn left and go about 3 miles until King Road dead ends at Auburn-Folsom Road. Turn left and go about one mile; then turn right on Newcastle Road. (This is also a turn-off for Rattlesnake Bar on Folsom Lake.) Proceed about one mile to a "Y" in the road. Take the left fork, which is Rattlesnake Bar Road, following the sign to Auburn. After 3/4 mile, turn left on Hayes Road. Go about 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes and come up the driveway. Park on the grass between driveway and pond.

John: "I would like, once again, to express my deep gratitude to Bill and Judy Carnazzo for allowing us the use of their pond for the past several months. Without regular access to a top-notch casting location, we would not have been able to have the clinics that we were able to put on last year. (And who knows? If the wind doesn't blow right at my place, we may be right back at Bill and Judy's.)"

For the clinics, 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). If, however, you don't have equipment, some extra rods and reels will be on hand for you to use.

Useful accessories that John suggests bringing include line nippers and some red yarn for a simulated fly. Also, bring sun and eye protection and drinking water. Eye protection is a must if you will be casting — especially so for youngsters!

Questions? Call John Hogg at 663-2051.

GBF Activities

Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

Third Tuesdays

January 20 at the Club House

On the third Tuesday of each month we have our regular monthly fly tying get-together at the clubhouse. We meet there for a couple of hours to have a good time sharing techniques, patterns and fish stories.



These sessions are a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners and pick up skills and tips on tying.

Whatever your level of skill or interest, you are welcome to sit in. The monthly fly tying get-togethers are for everyone — beginner to expert. The sessions start at 7 p.m. and end at or before 9 p.m.

The next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20. If you have questions, please call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Annual Dinner

March 28, 1998

GBF's Annual Dinner is set for March 28 in a new location: St. John's Parish Hall in Folsom. Seth Norman well-known author and book review editor of Fly Rod & Reel will be our speaker and will lead a daytime flyfishing clinic. There will also be another great raffle

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Let's Build A Rod!

GBF has made arrangements for a rod-building seminar to be held at American Fly Fishing Company (corner of Fair Oaks and Watt Ave.) The class is limited to six GBF members. The fee is \$35 per person (a reduced rate for Club members). The instructor will be Mike Searcy (a primo rod builder) of American Fly Fishing Co. The date is March 28, 1998 (Saturday) from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Members who sign up will be given a materials list; all the rest of the necessities will be supplied with the course.

To sign up, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604. First come, first served.

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and silent auction and a special grand prize drawing for a Hawaiian vacation.

Tickets for the dinner and for the grand prizeraffle drawing will go on sale at the Cal Expo Sportsman's Show and at the January 8th general meeting.

This year, each club member will be asked to sell a minimum of 10 grand prize tickets to nonmembers. The person who sells the most grand prize tickets will receive two fly lines of his/her choice.

The annual dinner is one of GBF's major fund raising efforts. Proceeds go to the many conservation and educational programs and activities that the club undertakes each year.

Put it on your calendar now! See flyer on pages 10 - 11 for more details.

Junior Fly Tying Class Resumes

A new series of Junior Fly Tying classes begins January 30 at the clubhouse in Granite Bay. Sessions start at 6:30 p.m. and continue through 8 p.m.

The classes run for four consecutive Fridays at the same time and place. The cost (for materials) is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.

Hosts Ron and Jeanne English encourage young fly fishers to attend and learn about this enjoyable aspect of the sport. Call the Englishes for details, 677-3924.

Sugar Creek Ranch Special for GBF Members

For GBF members, we have set up special weekend trips to Sugar Creek Ranch, which is located just west of the City of Mount Shasta.

The dates available are: **February 14, February 28,** and **March 7** (all Saturdays).

Brochures will be available at the January general meeting. Times getting short and spots are filling up — so get your reservation in and beat the Winter doldrums.

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tunity to thank our family and friends, which we are so blessed with, for all of the thoughts, prayers, donations, calls, cards, and flowres. It was overwhelming and the family and I love you all.”

Bylaws Revised Copies Available

The membership approved changes in the club bylaws at the November general meeting, changes that will enable GBF to apply for an IRS classification that will qualify the club a wider range of tax-free grants. We rely on grants for a significant portion of the monies used for conservation programs.

Copies of the revised bylaws will soon be available over the internet by emailing the club secretary, Gray Allen, at GAllen2585.AOL.com.

Printed copies will also be available in limited quantity at the February general meeting.

Annual Swap Meet

GBF's annual swap meet, flea market and chili cook-off was held at the Clubhouse on December 6, 1997 (Saturday). A postcard (John Hogg's idea) was sent out to members reminding them of this event. The result was a great turnout.

Everyone who brought “stuff” sold some or all of it, and both buyers and sellers were pleased.

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Memberships are the same price as last year, as follows: Family — \$30, Single — \$25, Youth (under 18) — \$10.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members who joined in December: **Mike Guerin, Chris Hallahan, and Marty Stoddard.** Welcome back to **Larry Lee!**

We hope to see all of our members at the January general meeting, January 8. There'll be lots of fun, fly fishing information, fellowship and raffle prizes. **See you there!**

Greetings from the Naegles

The club received Christmas greetings from Katie Naegle, wife of Bob Naegle, a former and well-liked GBF member who passed away last May.

Her note included: "I would like to take this oppor-

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Welcome GBF's New Leaders

GBF's annual election was held at the December general meeting. The results were as follows:

President — Rob Ferroggiaro

Vice President — John Hogg

Secretary — Gray Allen

Treasurer — John Bergman

Directors: Ron English, Jeanne English, Jim Ferguson, Ken Jablonski, Drake Johnson, and Bill Carnazzo.

Two board vacancies have since occurred. Terry Eggleston resigned and John Hogg moved to the vice presidency. Their replacements will be voted on at the January meeting.

Membership

Well, it's the new year already, time for New Year's resolutions and the renewal of your GBF membership. We have a great schedule of activities planned for 1998, including club meeting programs, fish outs, clinics, conservation activities, fly tying, and special events like the Annual dinner!

By renewing promptly, you can support the club's conservation work and you'll be sure to stay on our mailing list to get the club newsletter, The Leader.

Don't miss out on the latest information about club activities, along with some great fishing tips and lore. To renew, see John Hogg at the monthly meeting, or mail your check to the club at P.O. Box 1107, Roseville, CA 95678.

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