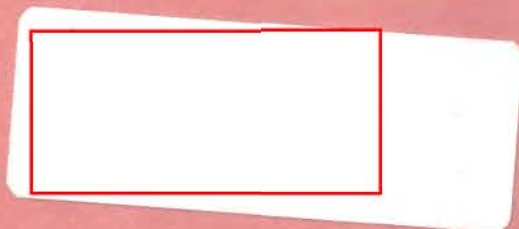


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Granite Bay Flycasters

Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship.

Meetings: Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Drake Johnson at (916) 783-0343.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows the show.

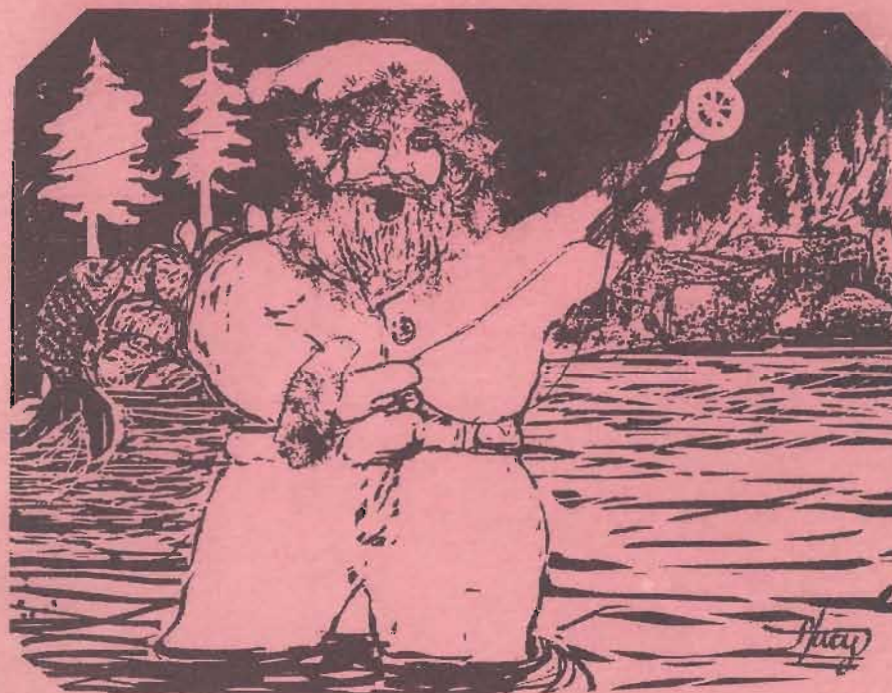
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17 Casting Clinic at John Hogg's-1 p.m.	18	19 Fly Tying Jam Session-6:30 p.m.	20 Annual Dinner Meeting-7:00 p.m.	21 GBF Board Meeting- 7:00p.m.	22 Hanukkah	23
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A "John Hogg" Casting Clinic!

Sunday, Dec. 17

With the holiday season upon us, one last casting clinic is scheduled for year 2000. Will the weather cooperate? Who Knows? But if it does, limber up that rod and amble on over to John's pond at **1 p.m., Sunday, December 17.**

The clinic is open to all casting levels from novice to expert. If you need a rod, one can be checked out from the club library (let me know beforehand), and we will also have one or two loaners available at the pond.

Directions are as follows:

Proceed on Highway 80 toward Auburn - Take the Penryn exit, turn right at the stop sign and go 3/4 mile to King Road - Turn left, and go about 3 miles until King Road dead-ends into Auburn Folsom road - Turn left and go about 1 mile, then turn right on Newcastle Road (This is also a turnoff for Rattlesnake Bar on Folsom lake) - Proceed about 1 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 grass between the driveway and pond. **Phone #(916)663-2051**

**** For those who haven't been to John's pond—go! It's a great place to cast and take instruction. With the help of other accomplished casters (like Steve Johnston, recently certified by FFF) John teaches techniques that will improve your cast (whatever style), and will help you identify casting weaknesses which keep you from casting farther and more accurately.***

announcement of the Interior Secretary's decision on which alternative will actually be implemented. That decision will come some time after a mandatory 30 day waiting period after the Final EIS/R. NCCFFF has been filing comments with federal agencies and the Interior Department, and has been encouraging anglers to write personal letters to Secretary Babbitt urging the return of water to the Trinity. **So please write those letters!** For convenience, background information for those who want to write letters is included below. Thank you to those who inquired about this, and my apologies if the story caused confusion.

ASAP REQUESTED ACTION: Write personal letters to Interior Secretary Babbitt asking him to select the Maximum Flow Alternative for the Trinity River Restoration. The mailing address and suggested points to include in your letter are included at the end of this message. Hand written letters are great.

SUMMARY: The final Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Environmental Impact Statement/Report will soon be released to the public. It is believed that the Secretary of the Interior will soon select one of the alternatives studied in this document and announce a Record of Decision. This decision will dramatically affect the future of the Trinity. He is being lobbied heavily by well financed water users who have benefited from the diversion of water from the Trinity, and who are fighting attempts to keep water in the river. The Secretary needs to know that the people of California want their river restored and the fish returned to the river.

BACKGROUND: The Trinity River Act of 1955 which authorized the dams on the Trinity, specifically mandated that the fish and wildlife of the basin not be harmed. However, since the dams were completed in 1963, water diversions led to a nearly 90 percent decline in the fisheries by the early 1990s. After years of legal battles, the Trinity River Mainstem Fisheries Restoration Environmental Impact Statement and Report (EIS/R) has been completed. The Maximum Flow Alternative offers the best chance for recovery of the river. NCCFFF has sent the Secretary a letter on behalf of our organization, but personal letters are very important. Whether this would be your first letter on the Trinity, or you have written before, this is a critical letter to write. For more background, go to: www.fotr.org

RECOMMENDATION: Write your brief letter making the following points: - say you are writing regarding the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery EIS/EIR - include a brief statement of your connection to the river as an angler, visitor, etc. - ask the Secretary to select the Maximum Flow Alternative - ask him to insure funding and strong leadership are provided for the restoration - thank him for his support - include your mailing address
Mail to:

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*Pattern for December Program: Buzz Hackle
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Note: This is an educational program/contest. Don't be reluctant to submit a fly! And ask for a critique from a more experienced tier; it will ultimately increase your chances at catching fish--and winning certificates to afford it!

**For the winner of each category, American Fly
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for each month's contest:**

Beginner: \$15.00 Gift Certificate

Non-beginner: \$25.00 Gift Certificate

** The winner of the gift certificate in the non-beginner category will be determined by a drawing between those who have entered that specific contest.*

Winner(s) for November:

Beginner: **Greg Rowe**

Non-beginner: **Ken Miller and Michael Gervais: Tie**

Program rules:

- * judging will be during the meeting
- * best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier 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 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.
- * two categories: beginner and advanced. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the advanced category from then on.

Conservation Corner *continued*

The report by the U.S. Interior Department follows years of study of the Trinity, a river little known outside Northern California but one that is critical to California's water picture. The river, which flows from the Trinity Alps region west to join the Klamath River just inland from the northern coast, supplies about a fourth of the Central Valley Project's electrical power and perhaps a seventh of its water.

The Interior Department's announcement contained several alternatives for dealing with the Trinity, which has been the focus of a tug of war between environmentalists and farm interests for nearly 50 years. Conservationists believe as much water as possible needs to be kept in the river to protect wildlife. Growers want water from the river for their crops, and they say the farm economy would be crippled if the flow is reduced. Federal waterworks built in the early 1960s at Lewiston diverted water to the Central Valley.

The alternatives listed Friday range from doing nothing to completely cutting off water from the river to the east and south. In the end, the department said its "preferred alternative" was a rough split: 48 percent of the water to be kept up north, and 52 percent allowed to flow south. Currently, about three-fourths of the Trinity's water is diverted to the south. Before 1992, as much as 90 percent was taken. "This alternative is definitely a good step in the right direction, but we were hoping for more," said **Tina Andolina** of the Friends of the Trinity. "But to ensure that this new water actually improves the fisheries, you have to get funding for it. Who's going to pay for it? Trinity County can't pay for it. The Interior Department can't pay for it. Funding for the Trinity's restoration has actually decreased over the past few years."

Gerald Meral of the Planning and Conservation League agreed. "We're going to 'up' the flow in the river, and that is better than not going up. But it's probably not enough to restore the fishery," Meral said.

Growers were critical of the Trinity alternative, noting that even now they don't receive sufficient water through the Central Valley Project. Some utility districts also have been critical, and the Northern California Power Association, which includes electrical utilities, opposes reducing the Trinity's flows into the Central Valley amid fears it could boost the cost of power.

In the Westlands Water District near Fresno, the largest agricultural water district in the nation, the preferred alternative did not come as a surprise. "It's going to be difficult to make up that water," said **Tom Birmingham**, Westlands' general manager. "This is just one action taken by the Department of Interior that will further reduce the amount of water available to agricultural contractors through the CVP." "We are already in a water 'crunch,' and this is going to make the water supply crisis even worse," added Birmingham, whose district is seeking to obtain water from the nearby San Joaquin River to protect its supplies.

NCCFFF Update

Trinity River Flow Clarification-Letters still needed

The recent Associated Press story regarding the Trinity River flow EIS/R does not mean we should stop writing letters supporting increased flows. This is the time when the letters are needed most. Here's why. The AP story included in our last update officially announces the preferred alternative for Trinity River Restoration as outlined in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Report. This is not an

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Conservation Corner

By David Baker



I will be forwarding "environmental alerts" in the form of e-mail messages to all interested club members. All you have to do is send your e-mail address to bakerdavidw@lycos.com with the request to be included in this distribution. Most of the alerts will come from our own **Rob Ferroggiaro** who is also VP Conservation, *Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF)*. Don't worry about being overwhelmed by message traffic since major fishery-related alerts do not occur that often and these are typically combined with monthly NCCFFF *Conservation Updates*. Try this service for a couple of months; you'll become better informed and perhaps even inspired to get involved in these important issues!

Meanwhile, I have volunteered with Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC) to participate in salmon surveys this year. What I have agreed to do is walk two sections of the Secret Ravine Creek both above and below Rocklin Road, near Sierra College. As I write this, I have completed three of the six weekly surveys which takes about four hours one day a week to complete.

It is surprising to see Chinook (King Salmon) up to 3 feet long in this small stream, especially considering how urbanized the surrounding area is. The surveys will help, along with macroinvertebrate (aquatic insects, etc) monitoring, physical/habitat conditions documentation and chemical testing, to assess the existing condition of the Dry Creek system. The overall goal of DCC's evolving citizens program is to promote a healthy watershed through application of credible scientific knowledge. Let me know in your e-mail if you'd like to get some hands-on experience in maintaining local streams. There are plenty of opportunities.

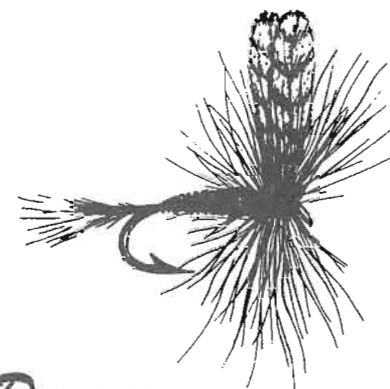
Switching gears, here is a recent AP article concerning water flows on the Trinity River and a follow up message from NCCFFF's Rob Ferroggiaro that I thought you might be interested in. It serves as one example of the complicated water issues that are so typical of California--especially of the north where the bulk of California's water originates.

SACRAMENTO—Trinity River Flows - Interior Department Announces Decision

Water flowing out of the Trinity River to California's agricultural Central Valley would be reduced sharply under a long-awaited federal plan unveiled Friday that is likely to have a sharp impact on farming and electrical power. The plan also means that about 26 percent more water may be retained in the Trinity to protect fish and wildlife and sustain the economies of local Indian tribes -- something the Indians have sought for two generations.

Flytyer's Corner

By
BILL CARNAZZO

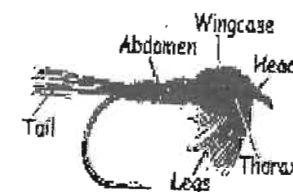


Peacock Dragon

Here is a nice, easy pattern for those lethargic winter bass. Bass love Dragonfly nymphs, and this food form is readily available to them in any healthy pond. When fishing for bass, or anytime when you are around such a pond, look around at the variety of Dragonflies which perform their acrobatics over and around the water, touching down occasionally to drop their eggs. Those Dragonflies were previously, of course, in their larval form at the bottom of that same pond. They hang around on the bottom, and on the stalks of pond vegetation such as reeds, pond irises, lily pads and similar vegetation. If you find a live one and pick it up, you'll receive a nice bite from it if you put it in your hand--so be careful. You will notice, though, that they are rather thick in the upper abdomen area, and somewhat flat in appearance. Those characteristics, naturally, will affect the manner in which the fly is tied.

Materials

Hook	3X long nymph or streamer hook, #6-10
Weight	.020 lead wire
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Ringneck pheasant back fibers
Underbody	Dark olive dubbing, tapered up
Body	Peacock herl
Wingcase	Ringneck pheasant tail fibers
Thorax	Muskat guard hairs, well picked out
Eyes	Mono nymph eyes
Head	Peacock herl



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Flytyer's Corner *continued***Instructions**

1. Wrap lead on shank, starting at about the 1/3 point up from rear of shank, and wind to the front 1/3 point.
2. Cover shank and lead with thread, and move thread to back end of shank.
3. Take 8-10 fibers from a bluish tint ringneck pheasant back feather, and tie them in as a short tail—about 1/3 of the length of the shank.
4. Take 4 or 5 peacock herls and tie them in at the same spot as the tail was tied in. Now drop a dubbing loop around 3 inches long, from the shank at the same point, and advance the thread to the front of the hook.
5. Twist all of the peacock herls together with the thread, so you end up with a nice, thick rope. Now wind this rope up to the front 1/3 point on the shank and tie it off there.
6. Tie in about a dozen Ringneck pheasant tail fibers by their butts, with the tips pointing to the rear; these should be tied in right where the abdomen ends. To avoid having an unsightly "gap" between the back of the wingcase and the body, as you tie in the wingcase, run the thread up onto the body a bit.
7. Now drop a dubbing loop about 3 inches long, and attach a dubbing loop tool to it. Take a bunch of muskrat fur off the skin with all of the guard hairs intact. Slip the fur and hairs into the dubbing loop, and then twist the loop, trapping the mixture and forming a fuzzy rope. Grab the end of the thread loop with hackle pliers, and wrap the rope around as a thorax. Take a piece of the hook side of Velcro and tease out the guard hairs. Push them down from the top and up from the bottom so all of them are out to the sides.
8. Tie in mono eyes around 1/8 inch behind the eye.
9. Pull the pheasant tail over the top as a wingcase, and tie it in behind the eyes.
10. Tie in a peacock herl or two behind the eyes, and wind them behind the eyes, and through the eyes in a figure-8 manner. Tie them off in front of the eyes, whip finish and admire the result.

Remember: to help perfect your skills, tie at least a half dozen of any pattern you tie; this will help you achieve consistency in your tying. Line them up on a piece of foam, and look them over with a critical eye; select the one you think is best tied, and mentally list the "mistakes" you made in the other five. Then, sit down and tie another 6 and compare them to the one you selected as the best, and again select the best of the best, and....

See ya on the creek!!!!

Fish Out

The Yuba River: Home-Field Advantage with Arno Deitzler

January 28

Arno Deitzler, Fishmaster, will lead members to victory above the Hwy. 20 bridge on this Steelhead Sunday. Arno's got home-field advantage. He fishes the Yuba quite a bit and frequently has success. Now, ideally, *everyone else* will be watching the "big game" (you know, football) while our club has the whole river to itself! That's the hope anyway. There are plenty of fish along this stretch of river to keep your mind off the game and in the water. My guess is that the only football talk you'll hear will be in reference to the size of the fish brought to the shore!

Chances are good, says Arno, that the Golden Stones (nymphs) will be chosen on the first round draft pick of flies to match the formidable steelhead teeming along the Yuba. Other popular players for this time of season are various rubberleg-type flies (some black, some light with flash), Prince Nymphs, Hare's Ears, etc. Shooting-head lines are recommended; you've got to be on the bottom this time of year. **Talk to Arno at the December general meeting for more details or give him a call (916) 483-8711.**

Below: Arno releasing a nice trout on the Merced earlier this year.

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Youth Fly Tying Classes with Ron and Jeanne English

January 19, 26, February 2, 9

There are very few feelings better than the one produced when you catch a fish on a fly that *you* produced. And for a child to catch a fish on his or her self-created fly, it's nothing short of magical. Introduce your child to the art of fly tying and watch him/her recreate that magic on the stream for years to come!

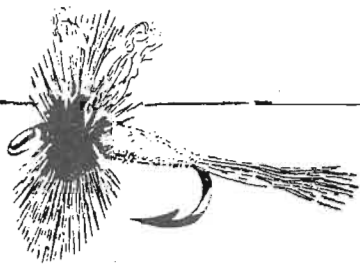
Ron and Jeanne English will lead four consecutive Friday night tying sessions--6:30 to 8:30--for youth between the ages of 10 and 17, beginning **January 19**. They will teach basic concepts, providing new tyers with the fundamentals required to advance. **The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, and this nominal fee includes the use of all tools and materials.**

Don't miss this opportunity to introduce your child to the art of tying! Ron and Jeanne have taught young tyers (including their own) for years and are always delighted to see these kids progress. This class will be announced at the December general meeting and a sign-up sheet sent around. Spaces are limited! **You can sign your child up early by calling the Englishs' in advance at (530) 677-7169.**

✓ A REMINDER OF ONGOING MEETINGS/CLASSES

In addition to specific events, ongoing meetings/classes appear in the calendar of each issue of *The Leader*. For those who have not made it a habit to flip to the inside cover and view the calendar entries, the following descriptive list of current ongoing activities is provided. This reminder will appear periodically; continue to refer to the calendar otherwise. Take a moment to mark *your* calendar with the following meetings/classes. Members are strongly encouraged to attend any/all of the club meetings listed below. See back page for contact numbers.

<u>Event/Meeting</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Lead By</u>
Conservation Comm. Meeting	First Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Round Table in Granite Bay	David Baker
General Meeting	Second Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Clubhouse	Drake Johnson
Annual Dinner Comm. Meeting	Third Wednesday (thru March) 7:00 p.m.	Round Table in Orangevale	Chris Ronshausen
Fly Tying Jam Session	Third Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	Clubhouse	Pete Peterson



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Old-logo polo shirts (these are the 'original' club shirts): Light blue: 2-small, 1-medium, 1-large.....Only \$10 each!

Long-sleeve shirts (Columbia brand, all-cotton twill, 2 flapped pockets): Navy: 2-large, 1-xlarge.....\$30 a piece!

Long-sleeve shirts (Outfitters brand, all-cotton herring-bone twill, 2 flapped pockets, button-down collar): Forest green: 2-medium.....\$30 a piece!

Long-sleeve shirts (Sea Harbour brand, light all-cotton, mesh vents, 2 flapped pockets, rod holder loop): Turquoise blue: 2-xlarge, 1 small.....Only \$40!

Long-sleeve shirts (Prentiss brand, all-cotton oxford cloth, 1 pocket, button-down collar): Blue: 2-large, 1-xlarge.....Only \$30 each!

Long-sleeve shirts (Eddie Bauer brand, chamois cloth, 2 flapped pockets): Cream: 1-large.....Only \$30!

Long-sleeve shirts (Cherokee brand, all-cotton flannel, 2 flapped pockets, button-down collar): Dark olive: 1-medium; Tan: 1-medium.....\$20 a piece!

Long-sleeve shirts (High Sierra brand, all-cotton sheeting cloth, 2 flapped pockets): Light tan: 1-medium, 1-large, 2-xlarge; Khaki: 1-medium, 2-large, 2-xlarge.....Only \$20 a piece!

Short-sleeve shirt (Woolrich brand, all-cotton soft denim, 1 pocket, button-down collar): Olive: 1-medium.....Only \$20!

Hats: all colors.....Only \$10 each!
(And we have a few of the old-logo, mesh-back style for only \$5 each.)

Take advantage of these deals while they last!
Talk to Mike Brune at the general meeting or
give him a call at (916) 723-4524

Upcoming Activities

Steelheading Techniques--On the American River with Arno Deitzler

January 13

There's a lot to learn about steelhead: what gear is best?; where do steelhead tend to hold?; when is the best time of day to fish?; how do I control a crazy, tail-dancin' steelie?--these are some of the questions that Arno will answer along the American on January 13, in addition to instructing individuals on specific techniques.

Mid-January is when steelhead begin to come up heavily on the American from the Pacific ocean and bay estuary, and all signs suggest that the river will see high numbers of these fish during this year's annual winter run. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn proven techniques that will increase your chances of catching one (or many) of these magnificent fish on your next outing. And speaking of next outings, note that this clinic has been purposely placed before the January 28 "Steelhead Sunday" trip to the Lower Yuba (see page 7): the skills you learn at the clinic will prepare you for this late-January trip and increase your chances of doing well.

The cost to members for this clinic is \$10.00. This money will pay for pizza and beverages afterward with any excess going toward our conservation interests. For more information, call Arno Deitzler at (916) 483-8711 or talk to him at the next general meeting.

International Sportsman's Exposition January 17-21



This is where the real sportspeople convene. It's the harmonic convergence of anglers, hunters and general lovers of the outdoors. This is the place to talk to experienced guides, dealer reps, shop owners and club members from other clubs throughout the country who share an equal interest in our sport. Cast rods, watch tying demonstrations, check out the latest gear, and when you need a rest, check out the plush velour seats offered by one of the many massive recreation vehicles on display.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the December general meeting for those interested in representing the club at our booth. There will be an instruction sheet in the booth for cash handling and other matters. The "pass" to get into the show consists of the badge which is worn at the booth (only). Those who have signed up will have their names on a list at the "will call" ticket booth at the main gate; they can pick up a badge there. There are only six badges. Those working in the booth need to return the badge to will call, so the next team can get in. Please cooperate in this regard. And don't miss this event! Call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604 for more information.

Dues are Due, Doobie du du

Can you believe that dues for a GBF individual club membership is only \$2.50 a month! Reflect on what you've gained (and what you've been able to give) while being involved with GBF during the past year. Know that the information, material and friendships (not necessarily in that order) that you've gained in the past year are worth plenty more than what our membership costs. Keep contact with the club that has made a difference in your fishing life and renew your membership now!

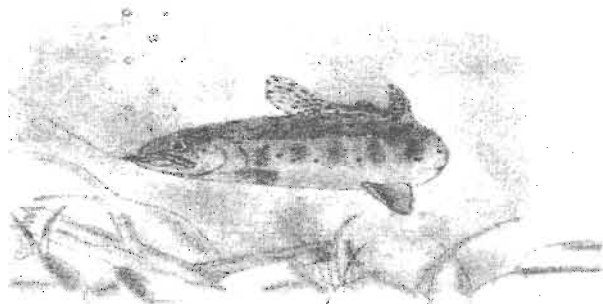
There will be an announcement at the December general meeting and an opportunity to renew your membership then. There will also be a membership packet sent out in January as a reminder. Talk to **Jim Ferguson** at the December general meeting for membership details or give him a call at (916) 781-2358.

The Golden Trout Program

There may not be a better way to hone your skills in the various disciplines that exist under the fly fishing umbrella, while showing involvement in our club, than to participate in the Golden Trout Program. And what better way is there to gain appreciation of the scope of activity and skills offered by the club?

What is the **Golden Trout Program**, you ask? It is a rigorous program of skills development with the demand for club participation which culminates with the completion of seven out of twelve elective skill categories. It's like being in school--for fly fishing! The cost: an initial ten dollar fee, a little bit of time and a whole lot of dedication. What do you earn? Well, besides a very attractive pin and the addition of your name on the Golden Trout Award Plaque in the trophy case, you will have earned the admiration of fellow club members and a whole lot of knowledge and experience.

Denny Welch, recent graduate of the Golden Trout Program, is the new coordinator for this challenging program. He is very anxious to get members started with their first skill/project. **At the December general meeting, Denny will explain the program in more detail and answer any questions of those interested.** Meanwhile, Denny can be reached at (530) 268-3453.



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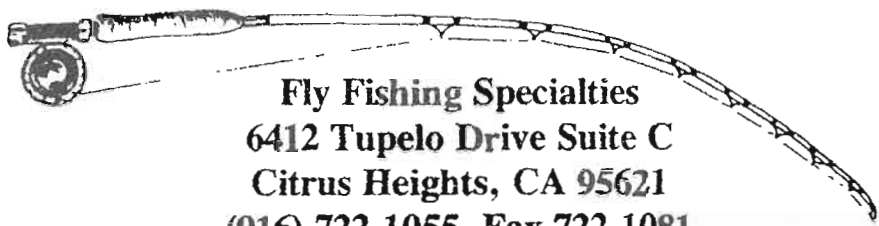


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Announcements

GBF Merchandise Sale!

As announced at the November general meeting, we've reduced the prices on most of our embroidered club shirts and hats and have some new items just in time for the holidays. We're also working on a whole new merchandise program for 2001, so the current stock will not be reordered. **Get it while you can! All of this merchandise will be available at the December general meeting.** If you'd like to reserve a piece before the next meeting, call **Mike Brune** at 916-723-4524.

* **For a complete list of this merchandise, see page 16.**

New Raffle Chair

Jeanne English, responsible in the past for so much of our club's growth, has once again "thrown her hat in to the ring" and has volunteered to commandeer our monthly club raffle. The raffle almost vanished; no one seemed to want to take on the responsibility of maintaining it as part of the GBF tradition. "Yet," says Jeanne, "I heard a lot of folks talk about how much they missed the popular end-of-the-meeting drawing. So, I'm reviving it." Starting at the December "holiday social," Jeanne will have new prizes displayed and rolls of tickets ready to sell!

Now maintaining a healthy raffle program takes work, and while Jeanne will take care of the bulk of the responsibility, she'll need some helpers to make things work especially smooth. If you can help out, talk to Jeanne at the raffle table at the December general meeting or give her a call at (530) 677-7169. **Whether you can participate or not, take a moment to thank Jeanne for reviving an important club tradition.** Thanks Jeanne! (By the way, her name is pronounced Jee-nee.)

Annual Dinner Chair Announced

Chris Ronshausen has stepped forward to lead the efforts of the Annual Dinner Committee. The Annual Dinner is set for March 31, and now is the time to prepare for this event. Chris has organized a core of enthusiastic members to help out but can use more assistance. There are yet a few important preparatory roles to fill to make this event run smoothly.

For the next four months leading up to the event, Chris will conduct meetings on every third Wednesday at the *Round Table Pizza* at Kenneth and Madison in Orangevale to hammer out details and responsibilities; pizza and beverages will be provided to those who attend. **Find out what's behind the making of an annual event of this proportion, and feel proud that you've participated in such an important fund-raising affair, by joining this team.** Call **Chris Ronshausen** for more details at (916) 638-5615.

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President's Message

Drake Johnson

Thanksgiving has passed and the rush to a new year is upon us! December is a fun month for the club--and a busy one! The following will be taking place, and all are encouraged to attend/participate:

- Our December meeting--A Holiday Social--will take place on the second Thursday, the usual general meeting date. (See page 1, *December Program*.)
- The Annual Dinner Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 20 for its first of several meetings to shape this event into its usual successful form. (See page 3 for more information on how you can get involved.)
- The Board will be working on the annual schedule for next year at its next meeting (December 21, 7:00 at the clubhouse) and would like to hear from anyone who has any suggestions for activities etc.

So you can see that we have a full month ahead. Check with me, or with any of the members associated with the respective event(s) that you are interested in, to get more information and to find out how your input can help shape these events.

And speaking of club events. Amidst the holiday rush, I was able to make it to Eagle Lake with the crew and had a great time--even though I didn't get a hit. The fishing was slow for me on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday the temperature was down (water in mid to high 30's), the sun was out and the winds down to near zero making for *very* clear water. I believe these conditions encouraged the fish to take the day off. However, on Sunday, **John Peterson** and I stopped off at Davis Lake on the way home. I did a little better, hooking into 16"-18" rainbow that towed me around in the pram that John let me use.

Anyway, I wish you all a happy holiday and a happy New Year. I am looking forward to starting the new year and to the opportunities it will bring our club.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, or on the water.





The Tail-Out Section

By Chris Ronshausen, Editor

Believe it or not, even though I've been in this club for approximately three years, the Swap Meet/Chili Cook-off/Photo Contest that occurred December 2 was my first! Man, I've been missing a good thing! I'm going to make a point to attend next year--and next time with money!

I never have really inquired about the event. The only clear picture I had in my mind was of **Joe Bania** dominating a large portion of the room with big ticket items, out of my range. I figured the rest of the selection--which I assumed would be meager--would be made up of nick-nacky stuff, roughly used and/or technically obsolete. Alas, I was quite mistaken in my assumption (and you know what they say about assumptions).

In fact, there was a treasure trove of quality hand-me-downs and new/gently used items! However, having already spent my Christmas fund on other items, "stuff" that I could have probably done without (but not at the time, of course), I merely drifted about, mouth agape, viewing all of the tremendous fly fishing gear that I would have to do without this year. And the kicker: these items were quite reasonably priced! **Robert Tamson** was giving away a pram; **Bill Carnazzo** had some great deals on his homemade flies; the **Englishs'** had some fine tying materials laid out (including what looked like enough hairpieces to make a full hide of deer/elk); **Jim Ferguson** had enough flies on the table to open up a shop; **Pete Peterson** and **Denny Welch** had some nice stuff out there; and then of course there was **Joe Bania**. And to cap it off, **Andy** of Kienes Fly Shop came late with a bundle of gear--substantially discounted!

So I just walked around, fondling items that I could have had, should have saved for--had to pass up. I must have made four passes around the room (after as many bowls of fine chili) until finally sulking in to a corner to hear who the winners were in the photo contest. Turns out there were many winners in several different categories. In fact I think there were as many winners as there were categories! As for the raffle, there were some nice prizes which were donated by those who participated in the swap.

Having not won anything in the main raffle, I figured I had one last chance at the door-prize raffle, where each person who entered the door that day received a ticket. The prize: a \$50 gift certificate to a *really* popular sports store. The winner: not me. Actually, I was happy to see **Arno's** wife, **Rebecca** win the prize; she was happy. (Incidentally, the last two numbers on her ticket were 5-7; mine were 5-6.)

Anyway, to make a short story long...Now I know what to expect at this event and I'm coming loaded next year--with money for the swap meet, money for raffle tickets and a nice photo: it'll be a win, win, win situation.

December Program @The Clubhouse

A Holiday Social

Got nothing to do Thursday, December 14? Then obviously you haven't heard of, or you forgot about, the December Holiday Social at the GBF clubhouse. Mark it on your calendar now! This will be, as has been for years, a great time to just hang out and talk fish; there's nothing better (except catching one)! If your mouth gets tired of talking, you can drift over and work some chewing muscles at the food table; expect plenty of tasty victuals provided by the club (and Terry Wasserman). There'll be meats and cheeses for sandwiches, salads, finger foods and of course...those famous meatballs!

So come "join the club" Thursday night to celebrate another holiday season at the GBF clubhouse. Bring a hearty appetite (especially for sweets) and a convivial spirit, and be prepared to talk...fish. And don't forget to bring a few dollars for the raffle! Jeanne English, our new Raffle Chair, is preparing an awesome array of prizes, and you know you can't win unless you buy a ticket! See you there!

Editor's note: Denny Welch, our new Golden Trout leader, will take a moment to talk about the Golden Trout Program. (See more on page 4.) And Arno will be there to receive your ideas for future fish outs while unveiling some of his own.



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