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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 p.m. 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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**President's Message**

*by Drake Johnson*

I want to take this opportunity to thank all you for helping me be your president for the last year and a half. I have learned a great deal about the tremendous qualities that this club has, and I have had the chance to get to know more of you personally. Now that I am not president I will have time to pursue a number of club-related projects that I have not be able to get to. Also, I hope to get started on fulfilling the requirements to achieve the Golden Trout Award.

We now have a new crew at the helm of the GFB. Denny Welch, president; Jeremy Gray, membership vice president; Chris Ronshousen, secretary; John Bergman, treasurer. New Directors are Linda Shaw, Tom Simms, and Lester Snow. Since two of the existing Board members have become officers of the club, we have two board positions open. As is the usual custom David Baker and Dick Neuman will be nominated to fill these vacant positions. As you can see we are in need of conservation vice president. If you are interested in taking on this assignment, the club would greatly appreciate it. If you would like additional information please get in touch with any of the board members. They are listed in the back of this newsletter.

As some of you may know, Arno, our fishmaster, has had to let go of this position. We are in desperate need of a new fishmaster to get us through this season. To be fishmaster you do not need to go on every trip, you just need to ensure that someone will be at every trip to act as coordinator. So, once again, if you have any interest in being fishmaster, talk to another board member or me. Also, if you have a place you enjoy fishing that you would like to share with club, please consider leading a fish-out there.

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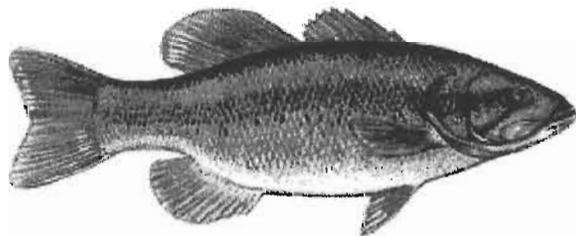
President's Message *continued*

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the Salmon Festival, October 13 and 14. Pete Peterson is coordinating this event, and we need lots of volunteers. We provided a fly tying experience for 400 children last year and expect to do more this year. All you need to do is show up and we will show you the rest. Pete will be having a sign-up sheet starting at the next meeting, so sign up early to get the time that works best for you.

Our annual club picnic is coming up Saturday, September 8, and organization for this event will begin soon. Stay tuned to learn of ways you can help.

Once again thanks to all you for your support and help this last 18 months.

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



## A Day of Nymphing ...

by *Bill Carnazzo*

We conducted GBF's annual clinic on pocketwater nymphing techniques (with some dry fly tips) Saturday, June 16. Eighteen members attended, and five capable assistants helped out. Some of the group met at Denny's in Newcastle for breakfast at 5:30 a.m., and before heading to Jeremy Gray's Nevada City Anglers shop for complimentary coffee "plus" and to stock up on flies and other gear.

From the shop, the group left for Downieville, to a small streamside meadow about 12 miles north along Highway 49. There I provided a rigging demonstration for a two-fly rig, with in-line indicator system, together with some points about rods, reels, lines, leaders and tippets. Then we adjourned to the river for an on-stream demonstration of nymphing techniques, reading the water, fly placement and strategy, and wading safety. The participants were then divided into small groups, each going with an instructor. Each person was given the opportunity to try the techniques, with individual critique.

Then everyone was turned loose to begin using these skills. Within half hour many of the participants had hooked and landed trout. From there the day just kept getting better, with everyone catching fish on nymphs and dries. The stoneflies were there, so Stimulators in yellow at size 10 worked just fine, as did a variety of other patterns. Popular nymphs were Bill's Simple Stonefly Nymph, the Prince, and Hare's Ear. An Olive Bird's Nest also accounted for a large number of fish.

The evening found us dry fly fishing some distance up the river near Bassetts. Suffice it to say that that was a great way to end the day.

Thanks a million to those members who volunteered to help me out on this clinic: Denny Welch, Rob Ferroggiaro, Amy March, Gary Flanagan, and Sturmer White. Without them it would have been impossible to provide a solid learning experience for the participants. Thanks to Jeremy, too, for opening his shop at such an early hour.

For those of you who signed up but did not get in because of the sheer number of folks we had on the list, we may conduct a fall repeat of the clinic. That decision will be made based on the degree of interest, and water conditions at that time. The water is quite low this year, and fall may prove somewhat unproductive—but that remains to be seen.

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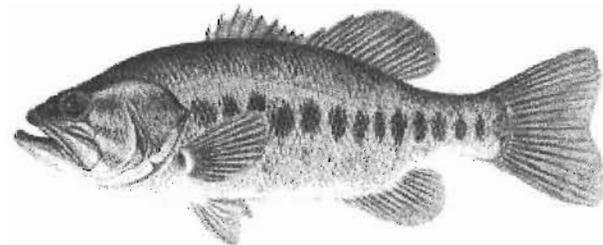
## July Program At the Clubhouse

Our July program speaker, Peter Dagger, comes to us courtesy of member Ray Mahlberg. Peter hails from Dover, county of Kent, England, where he lived before and after World War II. After some time in the British Navy, Peter moved on to his lifetime occupation as a firefighter. His program will include some wartime vignettes from a person who lived with it.

When he retired, Peter moved to the county of Devonshire to be closer to good fly fishing. Frustration at the poor quality and high prices of fly fishing gear on the English market led Peter to develop a fly tying cabinet which has been featured in many publications, and is successfully marketed in Europe and the U.S. In addition, Peter has established a newsletter that he says runs at least 10 pages each month.

When not struggling to meet the demand for his cabinets, Peter fly fishes and ties flies, paints, and writes magazine articles. He says that his first article is in "Flyfishing and Tying Journal," accompanied by one of his drawings. With all his activity, Peter tells me "At times I don't know if I'm punched, bored, or countersunk" (terms I suspect engineers will understand).

Peter will tell us how he came to take up fly fishing; how the sport has evolved in England from a "gentrified" pastime to one that can be enjoyed by anyone (anyone with enough \$, that is); and the difference between fly fishing in the British Isles and the U.S.



## Announcements

### You Could Be a Fishmaster

Arno Dietzler is relinquishing his role as Fishmaster, so we need a new volunteer to take the helm. Especially when fishing is prime, we need someone to coordinate trips to new places. The fishmaster need not go on every trip, but he/she will be responsible for ensuring that trips are scheduled, conveyed to clubmembers, and carried out. We like to schedule fish-outs months in advance so that members can prepare and get excited about the future fish-outs.

If interested, contact Denny Welch for more information. Denny can be reached at [dennywelch@jps.net](mailto:dennywelch@jps.net) or at (530) 268-3453.

### But, Arno Will Lead the July Fish-Outs

Arno will still be leading the fish-outs to the Merced River July 6,7,8 and to Hensley Lake Saturday, July 21. If interested, give Arno Dietzler a call.



### Conservation Corner *continued*

Another idea, suggested by Joe, is for the club to erect the dozen or so existing signs for reporting poaching violations. Although several years old, these signs are like new and have current DFG reporting information. The conservation committee thought the signs could easily be installed during club fish-outs. Joe agreed to purchase supplies to put sign installation kits together (metal fence poles and hardware items) and also made a presentation at June's general meeting. To obtain kits for your next outing, contact Joe at (530) 677-4263.

**Thoughts while Fishing:** I suppose it's a result of a religious upbringing, but sometimes I experience ecological guilt while flyfishing on some scenic river or creek (strangely these feelings never occur while fishing on a lake) as illustrated below:

- 1) Seeing trash along the bank or in the water column and momentarily feeling the distinct urge to collect and pack out some environmentally insensitive lowlife's garbage,
- 2) After landing the occasional large sized trout, I want a photographic memento and take entirely too much time trying to get the perfect shot, and
- 3) Catching a native fish (like a large sucker), knocking it in the head and slinging it into the bushes.

It has been scientifically postulated that flyfishers are much more prone to ecological-related guilt feelings than either the spinner or bait guys. If like me, serious issues from childhood are affecting your tender consciences while fishing, you need to volunteer to serve on the GBF conservation committee. This positive action will help you to purge either real or imagined ecological guilt from your childhood.

## Conservation Corner

by David Baker

**Student Scholarships:** Jim Coleman received creditable applications for GBF research scholarships from two UC Davis graduate students. The first proposal received from Peter Allen, focuses on conservation of the green sturgeon, a native species of Northern California. The second request was from Sudeep Chanda and concerns impacts that past non-native species introductions have had on the Lake Tahoe fishery. The GBF Conservation Committee recommended funding the applicants' research to the tune of \$1000 each. The board authorized full scholarships. As an aside, Jim had the opportunity to hear a speech by the professor who manages student projects at the Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology department at UC Davis. Both the scope and quality of research being done at the university are impressive.

**GBF Conservation Projects:** For the last several months the conservation committee has been trying to identify appropriate hands-on environmental projects. To this end, Barbara and Joe Bania have been working with Dave Lentz, of the Department of Fish and Game's Wild Trout and Heritage Trout Programs. Mr. Lentz has identified several potential conservation projects in which club members may wish to participate. Ideas under consideration include electrofishing the Upper Truckee River to remove brook trout; developing an interpretive display at Heenan Lake; helping to position and anchor root wads within the Walker River to create better fish habitat; and cleaning up trash, cutting brush etc. at Heenan Lake. Since information is still coming in, the committee decided to delay making a final decision on any of the DFG propositions until July.

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## Fly Fishing Quiz

by Liz Watson of the Northwest Women Flyfishers

(This piece is reprinted from the June 2001 issue of the Federation of Fly Fisher's ClubWire News Service.)

1. The line that is easiest to roll cast is \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) Triangle taper, double taper
  - B) Double taper, triangle taper
  - C) Forward taper, level line
  - D) Triangle taper, level line
  
2. Your fishing guide tells you to reduce your overhang. What should you do?
  - A) Decrease your casting stroke to 30 degrees
  - B) Shorten the amount of line outside your rod tip
  - C) Decrease the length of your leader
  - D) Go on a diet
  
3. What general guide can you use to select the 'X' designation of tippet for various hook sizes?
  - A) Subtract 2 or 3 from the hook size
  - B) Divide hook size by 8
  - C) Multiply the hook size by 5
  - D) Divide hook size by 3 or 4
  
4. Match the following women with their occupation: Carrie Stevens, Cornelia Crosby, Mary Dette:
  - A) Bamboo rod designer, fly fishing guide, fly tier
  - B) Fly tier, fly tier, fishing guide and writer
  - C) Fly tier, fishing guide and writer, fly tier
  - D) Fishing guide and writer, fly tier, fly tier

Answers: 1(A); 2. (B); 3. (D); 4. (C)

## Conservation Update

Nothern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF)

by *Rob Ferroggiaro*

### **Pit River FERC License Update**

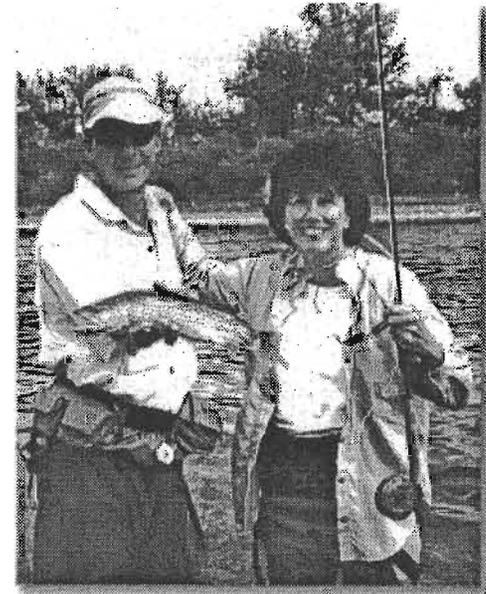
The operating license for the Pit #3, #4, and #5 powerhouses is up for renewal, and PG&E has filed a draft renewal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The conditions, including flows, will be defined in the renewed Pit license, and will affect the Pit and the fish for decades.

We are pushing for studies to determine how the fishery can be improved. Also, we are highly concerned about the consideration being given to raising the flows on selected summer and fall weekends for white water boating in Pit reaches #4 and #5. We have expressed concern about the possible impact on fish, invertebrates, and aquatic habitat. Since the flows being discussed could be as high as 1800 cfs (vs. the current summer/fall average of 150 cfs), these high flows would certainly affect angling opportunities.

NCC/FFF is part of a team of agencies and non-governmental organizations working to resolve issues associated with the future of these hydropower operations. It now appears that PG&E wants to reach a settlement agreement with stakeholders. It will be at least 2 years before the license is finalized, so stay tuned.

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Flytier's Corner *continued*

**Instructions**

1. Tie thread onto hook just ahead of tail tie-in point to conserve weight. Dub a tiny ball of fur at tie-in point, just above rear tip of barb.

2. Mix griz/brown barbules, keeping tips aligned. Measure, then attach just ahead of fur ball, wrapping back to and slightly onto the ball, causing the tail to splay. **Tip:** when tying on the tail, hold material at a 45-degree angle to hook, butts down and on the side of the hook closest to you. Take 1 loose wind, using the second wind to rotate material to top of hook. With practice, this will result in properly mounted tail, i.e., right on top of the shank.

3. Dub up tapered body, to 1/3 shank behind eye.

4. Select 2 small griz hen hackles from top of cape, oppose their concave sides, and hold between forefinger and thumb. Measure, and lay them squarely atop the hook, at the point where the body dubbing ends, with tips sticking out over eye. Hold firmly and tie in. Clip butts and pull wings back, with a few wraps in front of their base to stand them up. Separate gently and wrap between the two clumps first from back to front, and then from front to back, in the form of a figure eight. **Tip:** dub some more body material in back and in front of wings, leaving plenty of room for the head. This gives the fly a more natural look and makes winding the hackle in a perpendicular fashion easier.

5. Select brown/griz hackle, properly sized. Tie them in behind wing, with dull side forward. Wrap 3 to 5 turns of each, depending on size and sparseness desired. Tie off with small head.

**Techniques used (practice these):**

- “Furball” method of splaying tail
- “45 degree” method of mounting tail
- Proper mounting of hen hackle wings
- Dubbing beneath hackle

See ‘ya on the creek!

NCC/FFF Update *continued*

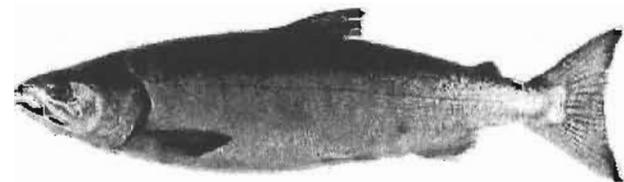
**Tuolumne River**

Despite the fact that the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has recently confirmed that steelhead are present in the Tuolumne River, low summer flows from Don Pedro Reservoir are taking their toll on the fish. Water temperatures have been near 70 degrees Fahrenheit at times, and dead fish have been found. NCC/FFF wrote to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the group with enforcement authority, formally requesting that they investigate the situation. As the flows have dropped, we are making phone calls to the agencies involved to highlight this problem.

**Lahontan Cutthroat Recovery Plan Update**

For those interested in the Truckee River and East Walker River, the Lahontan Cutthroat Recovery Plan, which was scheduled to be released soon, has gone back to the drawing board. The Fish and Wildlife Service has announced it will be at least late summer before the next draft is released.

For more information about these issues or about NCC/FFF contact Rob Ferroggiaro at rferro@ns.net or (916) 791-639.



## FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM

*Sponsored by American Fly  
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*Pattern for July Program: Olive Bird's Nest  
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### June Winners:

Non-beginner: **Greg Rowe**  
Beginner: **Christine Johnston**

### **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

## Flytier's Corner

*by Bill Carnazzo*

### Adams

This month let's take up basic dry fly construction technique, using the Adams as our prototype since it employs typical techniques, sequence, and materials. What does the Adams represent? If there is an answer, I believe it is this: "nothing in particular, and everything in general." An opportunist's delight, it masquerades as a mosquito, or as a credible fraudulent mayfly dun, or as a fluttering caddis if skipped on a dropper. It can be tied sparsely for spring creeks and fall/summer conditions, or bushy for heavier water. Its color/hue combinations render it reasonably visible, the dark wings seemingly drawing light, which then refracts itself among the grizzly-and-brown hackle barbules, creating a translucent appearance. In other words, the fish love it, and it is a "people pleaser" if properly tied.

Proportion is crucial. An overly long tail, for example, can affect both appearance and performance. While there are exceptions, proportion of the tail, wing, and hackle are relative to the "shank" length of the hook (generally, that portion directly behind the eye to the bend). Now let's turn to the Adams itself.

### Materials

**Hook:** Mustad 94840, Tiemco 100, or equivalent.  
**Tail:** Mixture of 4-6 stiff barbules each griz/brown  
**Body:** Med. grey dubbing, natural or synthetic  
**Wing:** Griz hen neck or rooster hackle, depending on size

of fly

bulky tie)

**Hackle:** One each griz/brown rooster neck (more, if

**Thread:** Grey 6/0 or 8/0

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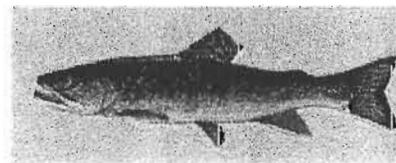
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## International Fly Fishing Show

The Federation of Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Show takes place August 6-11 in Livingston, Montana. This is always a popular event. And, when you're not at the show, you can visit the water!

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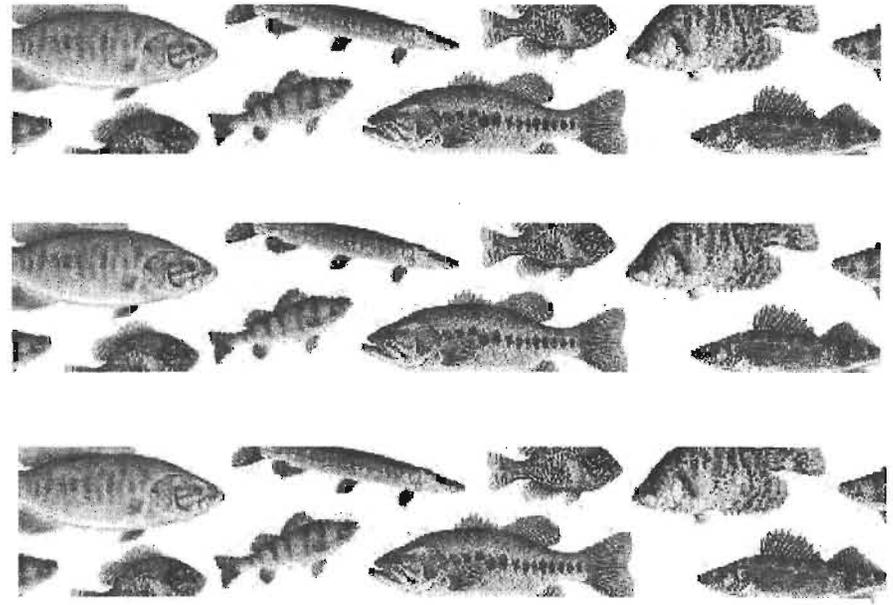
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