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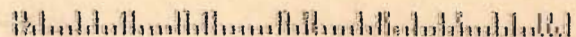
Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting Fly fishing and good sportsmanship.

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 Denny Welch at (530) 889-8562.

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.

Membership: To become a member of Granite Bay Flycasters, a nominal fee is required: \$35 for a family, \$30 single; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is a \$7 initiation fee for new members. The cost of membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Lester Snow 916-967-7563

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President's Message

You're all probably cussing Jack out right about now because The Leader arrived later than usual. Well, leave Jack alone because it's not his fault...it's mine. I've been pretty busy, we've got a short month, I thought I had another week to write this, etc, etc, etc. Then, on top of all that, Jack tell's me to "keep it short" because there's no room left in The Leader. With that in mind, I want to hit on two very important items.

The annual dinner is coming up on March 29th and we may be sold out. There were only 20 or so tickets left a couple days ago. If you plan on going I suggest you call Art Hawkins immediately. You may also be able to find a ticket at one of the fly shops. Whatever you do, do it NOW!

Our dinner raffle is shaping up to be one of the best ever. We have so much stuff it'll knock your socks off...rods...reels...tying stuff...trips...gift certificates...wine...dinner tickets...and some surprise stuff. I know there are some of you still out there that want to donate items for the raffle. Call Karl Wolff or Paul Meyers. Cash donations are always welcome. We use that cash to "fill in" the raffle and provide items that we purchase for a substantial discount. Again, if you can help in any way contact Karl or Paul.

Another important item I'd like to address involves Sierra Fly Fishers. An article appeared in last month's Leader which cast Sierra Fly Fishers in a bad light. It involved an incident that took place on the Yuba River at the 2002 Super Bowl Sunday Fishout. I received a concerned voice mail message from Grant Frazier who owns the fly shop and who is also a member of Granite Bay Flycasters. I talked to Grant very briefly and he and I are going to get together in the next week or so to discuss this whole thing at length.

While I was at the fishout and heard about the incident, I wasn't personally present so I'm not going to comment on what was or was not said. What I do know is that one of the person's involved in the dispute has not been associated with the fly shop in quite some time. What I also know is that what ever took place happened over a year ago. As most of you know, I'm a lawyer by trade and as such I've learned that there are always two sides to a story. We haven't heard the other side yet. As stated in the article, a very real and substantial problem exists on the Yuba River above the Highway 20 bridge and at some point those problems will have to be addressed.

I live in Auburn and I've shopped in Sierra Fly Fishers a number of times. I personally know Gus and Josh who work at the shop and we usually end up BS'ing about one thing or another when I'm there. It's a good shop. They're located in the Raley's shopping center right off the freeway in Auburn

Until next time.

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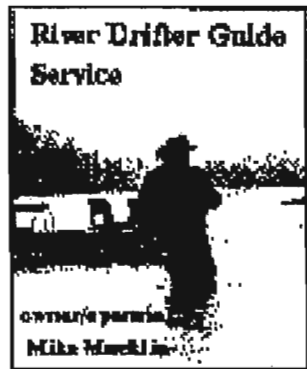
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DON'T FORGET

'The Day Program' with Dave Howard.

Remember... the Annual Dinner is only half the fun of the GBF Annual Dinner 'event'! Our guest speaker for the evening program, popular local guide Dave Howard, will also be at the GBF clubhouse at 10:00am that day (Saturday, March 29th) for a lively discussion and Q&A session on:

Tackle and techniques for fishing the American River.

Safe wading practices for fishing the American River.

Three reasons to come to the day program:

Dave knows tackle & techniques for the American River. Dave is a professional – hear him discuss the tools of his trade! He knows *what you need to know* to catch fish.

Is there any more important subject to American River fisherman than how to wade the river safely? If you have any doubts on the answer... *ask your loved ones!*

You can't ask questions during Dave's evening program! That's what the day program is for, so come on out to the clubhouse at 10:00am that day and *bring your questions.*

PYRAMID LAKE FINISH THAT RETRIEVE Arriving at Pyramid Lake at high noon on a blue bird day in Jan. with the temp. in the 60es, my wife and I check the north nets we saw 3 people fishing there, then we went to the south nets and saw 2 people fishing there, things didn't look good. It was too nice of a day for standing on a ladder so I decided to wade along the shore fishing in 2 to 3 ft. of water using my intermediate line and a white bugger, after about 45 min. of fishing I was fast stripping in a cast and got this feeling that something was following my fly, I stop the fly about 20 ft. from me and raised the rod tip up to bring the fly to the surface and just held it there for about 15 sec; then this fish came into view and I stopped breathing, I was just looking at this trout that looked more like a salmon than a trout. the fish was about 2 ft. away from the fly, the shadow from my rod wasn't a problem so I moved the fly a little with the rod which put the fly about 10 ft. from me, I could see the fish thinking about the fly but I ran out of space and decide to let the fly sink. The fish turned and went down for the fly, I was waiting for the grab that never came, I could see the fish but no fly did the fish eat the fly ??????? What should I do? I stripped some line in and felt that resistance of a fish and set the hook, me and the fish an 100 ft. of line was in 3 ft. of water. I finally got the fish on the reel and started backing to shore, this was the biggest fish I ever hooked at Pyramid Lake and I wanted to weight it and get my wife to take a picture of it. BUT after 5 min. of fighting this fish the hook pulled free and I watch the fish slowly turn and swim out into the lake.

By Gene Goos

Nevada City Anglers

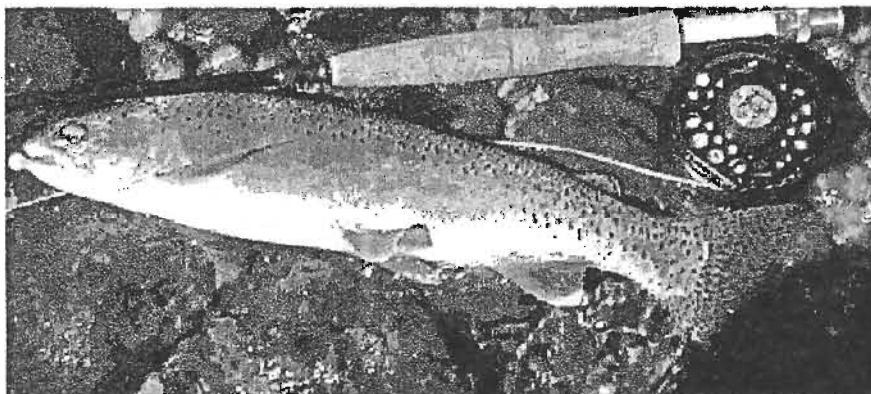
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GBF Annual Dinner: March 29th "Four Seasons on the American River" with Dave Howard

The Place

Day Program 10 am Granite Bay Activity Center on Folsom Lake, Granite Bay, East end of Douglas Blvd. in the State Park

Evening Program 5 pm St. John The Baptist Church, 307 Mon.

The Schedule

10:00 a.m. at the Granite Bay Activity Center:

At the day program, Dave Howard will talk about equipment and files, wading safety, and a demonstration of the double haul cast. All oriented to fishing on the American River.

There will be refreshments provided at this event.

5:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

The bar opens at this hour. Treat yourself to a glass of wine, cold beer, soda or mixed drink before dinner and "shoot the bull" with folks.

Now would be a good time to assess the awesome trips and gear Frank Stolten has provided for the silent auction. Bring your checkbook—and good luck!

And don't forget to pick up a bundle of raffle tickets and listen for your number later in the evening. This year there will be *many* spectacular prizes! Last year, everyone went home with something!

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., after the opening ceremonies, and will consist of your choice of chicken cacciatore with mushroom sauce OR sausage, peppers, and onions in pesto sauce along with pasta, garlic bread, caesar salad, and pink champagne ice desert.

Looking forward to the raffle?

You're not alone... the Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Dinner raffle is one of the most highly-anticipated club events of the entire year.

And the success of this event is directly attributable to the abundant, generous donations of our devoted local flyshops, the tireless prize-gathering efforts of our Annual Dinner organizers, and you – our club members, friends, and families.

Each year, club member contributions to the raffle make a huge difference – whether donating merchandise or services, or just pitching in some extra funds to help the club buy more prizes.

You can make the difference.

Here are some of the kinds of things that club members have contributed to the Annual Dinner raffle in years past:

- New, unused merchandise – fishing-related or otherwise.
- Professional services – of yourself, a company, or other organization in the form of a gift certificate or coupon.
- Handcrafted goods – again, fishing-related or otherwise.
- Funds specifically designated for the purchase of prizes.

Getting any ideas? If you can help, please bring your donations to the March club meeting, or call Paul Meyers at 916-797-1955 to make other arrangements. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Fish-Handling/Photographing Event – Wednesday, March 26th

Want lots of practice hooking and releasing nice fish (1-3 lbs bass and trout)? Want the chance to take lots of pictures of happy fishermen with beautiful gamefish – and have a few pix taken of yourself, too? Then read on...

A local fish farm that recently opened to the public has offered our club a one-time discount to come in and fish its rearing ponds for all the bass, trout, and other species we can catch! Some of the ponds have chunky (1-2 lbs) largemouths that will smash a popper on almost every cast. In another pond, you'll have to work only slightly harder for feisty trout and bass to 3+ lbs. Yet another pond has larger 'brood stock' bass, and still others are teaming with carp (the rage in Europe), BIG catfish (4-6+ lbs), and even some sturgeon to 20+ lbs (got shrimp oil?).

The farm charges \$75 per fisherman, per day, for access to all the ponds. For our event, the owner has agreed to reduce the charge to \$60 for each pre-registered club member. This includes all-day, unlimited catch and release fishing on all of the ponds on the property (over 120 acres). The only rules: no barbed hooks, glass containers, or alcohol. If you want to keep a few fish for the table, just pay an additional per-pound charge. These fish are specially raised for Bay Area fish markets so they get only top-quality feed - and are reported to be delicious!

This is a chance to catch more fish in a single day than you might catch in an entire year on public waters! You'll get lots of experience hooking, fighting, landing, photographing, and releasing good fish - and if practice makes perfect, this event will definitely benefit your fish handling & photo skills. Look for a sign-up sheet at the March club meeting. Visit the farm's website at www.ryanandamandasfishinghole.com for directions and more info. We'll meet at the ponds around 8am - just find the farm sign, then follow the dirt road about ¼ mile to the ponds.

Tackle: Bring poppers, wooly-buggers, leeches, etc. (they hit almost anything) and the lightest rods you have that can throw these flies. The ponds are about 4-5 feet deep and generally snag free. Some have weeds, and many are very murky/muddy (including the one with trout). Some of the ponds are big enough for tubes/pontoons/etc (which are OK to use), but you can definitely catch scores of decent fish by just walking around the edges. Bring a net for the trout to minimize direct contact. Heck... you can fish within 20 feet of your car so just bring everything!

SMUD's Trout Tournament 3/15-16

SMUD will be holding its semiannual trout tournament on March 15th and 16th, so Joe will be holding a fish out on either Monday or Tuesday the 17th or 18th for those fish (trout) that were not taken home. After talking with staff, stocking will take place Friday through Sunday of the tournament. Bring your grandkids and your appetites for these "put and take" fish since the bass make a meal of the smaller trout. Enjoy the tournament or the fish-out which ever you decide to participate in during this month. Contact Joe Bania at (530) 677-4263 or sign up at the next meeting.

WE MISSED YOU AT RANCHO SECO

By Joe & Barbara Bania

The air temperature was moderate and the sky contained broken clouds when we arrived Saturday, February 15th. Even though no one signed up for Saturday, Joe looked around just in case. Finding no GBF members, Joe "scouted" the lake by fishing several places and using a variety of flies. When we woke at 7 AM Sunday, there was blue sky scattered with fluffy white clouds. Before breakfast Joe scanned the lake for early arrivals but, finding no one, went back to camp. When nobody had checked in at our campsite by 10:30, Joe donned his gear and went fishing while Barb stayed at the campsite to have hot beverages and snacks ready for anyone who showed up. The sun was warm and she spent her time watching the ever-changing cloud formations and the wildlife (especially the sparrows bathing in the puddles created by the rain). Meanwhile, Joe found Mike Brune, Jim Holmes, his son Jay, and their two guests.

So, how was the fishing? Unfortunately, the change in the weather seemed to have put the fish down. When we left at 4:30 PM, Mike was still on the water but had experienced only a couple bites, and Jim and party had already left without giving us a report. Joe was fishing only for bass - had six hits, brought three in (one Saturday and two Sunday). Surface temperature should be in the middle fifties to get the bass moving; it was only 51° to 52° F. this weekend.

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American River Super Bowl Fishout January 26
Alex Giannini

On Sunday January 26, billions of people wretched the Super Bowl, but about 20 GBF members had a dynamite fishout on the American River. This fishout was led by Gary Flanagan our fishmaster. The fishout had to be moved to the American River and it was an excellent choice.

These American River Steelhead could put any NFL player to shame with their power, strength, and just plain evil. (Just ask our President about his two-piece Sage rod that's now a three piece. Ouch!!!)

Almost everybody had hook-ups that ended tragically, but it was a blast. The fish were so mean I never heard anyone mention leaving to watch the game!!

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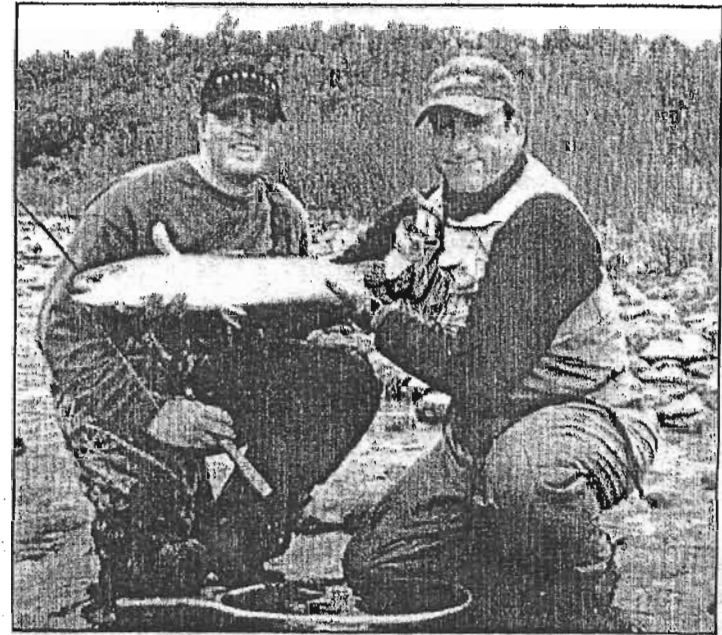
Alex is one of our youngest GBF members. The following Saturday, he and his father went back to the American and Alex landed a fresh eight-pound Steelie. The following day Alex and his father went back and fought seven Steelhead between six and fifteen pounds. Alex landed two of the monsters, which is a great record for fish these big fish. Keep an eye on this kid. He may be our next GBF Fishmaster

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April Fish Out

Again, Tony Hamamoto will host, what is becoming an annual event, Fish Out at Greenstone Country. The locals consider it, as one of the best Largemouth Bass fishing in El Dorado County. However, it's private! Many people have been asked to leave, including some of our members.

We have scheduled two fish outs to accommodate the Saturday only and the weekday only members. Unlike last year, with a limit of twenty members and a short notice, we will limit it to fifteen members for each day, this year. The dates are Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19.

Friday's agenda is to fish all three lakes: Indian Creek Reservoir, Picnic Lake and Gymhaka Lake and provide a fish count to the newly formed Greenstone Lakes Committee. The committee cleared the weeds, last fall!

Saturday's fishing will be limited to Indian Creek Reservoir. We strongly recommend this date for those, that never flyfished from a float tube or a small boat. A great place to begin and learn! If, you don't own a float tube you can fish with us. Many of us have extra tubes and fins. Check with us at the next meeting for more information. Also, Tony will be **BBQ'ing** for lunch (with your \$5.00 signup fee). Bring the family, have a picnic and enjoy what we hope is another beautiful day in the foothills!

Tony recommends a 5-wt or larger rod with a sinking line or a floating line with a long leader. The flies he recommends are damsel, white popper and clouser.

Tony says that we could start fishing at 8 in the morning. To get there from Sacramento, go east on Hwy 50 towards Placerville and take the Greenstone Road off ramp. Proceed north, by making a right turn, go under the freeway to Green Valley Road. Right turn, eastbound on Green Valley for ¼ miles, make a left at entrance gate, (Tony will provide the access code). Follow Stagecoach Road to the third lake, Indian Creek Reservoir.

Sign up early, call Tony Hamamoto @ (530) 642-9132 or e-mail him hamamoto@cwnet.com. A signup sheet will be available at the next general meeting.

Guided Striper and Shad Floats American River

Dave Howard, Guide



Spend a morning or evening on the river chasing stripers and shad with Dave Howard. Dave has been fishing and guiding the valley rivers for years. He knows where they live! And he knows how to get them!



You'll hit the river either right at dawn, or in the early afternoon and spend 5 or so hours angling. That way you'll be on the water during the low-light times of the day. That's when it's best for stripers. You'll have the opportunity to cast your

flies in front of stripers (all year) and shad (May through July).



The stripers range in size from 1 pound to over 50 pounds! They are fierce battlers, and aggressively chase flies. They are no dummies, however, so catching the big ones isn't always a snap

Shad, in contrast, are frequently easy to catch. They don't grow as big as stripers—the biggest are 6 or so pounds—but they fight really hard and are far more numerous. In a morning or afternoon session an angler can catch more than 20 of the ras-

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Pattern for March Program:
(featured in the February Leader)

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For the winner of each category, American Fly Fishing has generously donated the following prizes for each month's contest.

Beginner: \$15 Gift Certificate

Non-beginner: \$25 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.

February Winners:

Experienced: **Sorry no report**

\$25 Gift Certificate

Bragging rights

Beginner: \$ 15 Gift Certificate

No Entry

Program rules:

* judging will be during the meeting

* best tied fly announced 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.

- ~~1. Smash the barb and put the bead on the hook. Secure it with a thread dam behind the bead. Cover hook with thread, leaving bobbin hanging at the bend, just above the back of the hook barb.~~
2. Tie in crystal flash; use about 3 strands. It should be tied in just above the back of the barb.
3. At the same point, tie in copper wire ribbing.
4. Dub a slender body, ending the dubbing about 1/8" behind the bead.
5. Bring the crystal flash across the top of the body and tie off behind the bead.
6. Wrap the ribbing forward with close wraps, and tie it off behind the bead.
7. Tie in partridge legs; they should be tied in just behind the eye, and should extend along the sides of the body, back no farther than the point of the hook.
8. Dub a small collar of black dubbing behind the eye, and whip finish. Hint: when using beads, it is a good idea to apply a bit of super glue to the thread itself before whip finishing. This will ensure that the knot will not unravel.

See ya on the creek....

Flytier's Corner

FLYTYER'S CORNER BY BILL CARNAZZO March, 2003 Super Pupa

The Super Pupa can be fished as a Caddis pupa on its own, as one of a two-fly rig, or as a trailer off of a buoyant dry fly. It works on the Lower Yuba, and will probably work anywhere there is a healthy Caddis population. I don't know who originated this little green bug, but it bears some resemblance to Mike Mercer's Z-wing Caddis. I intend to use it on the Upper Sacramento and the McCloud (and maybe the Pit) this coming season, in both the green featured here and in a shade of tan.

Materials

Hook	Tiemco 2457, sizes
14-18	
Thread	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Insect green dubbing
Rib	Fine copper wire
Wing case	Pearl crystal flash
Collar	Black dubbing
Legs	Partridge
Bead	Gun metal gray metal
bead	

Tying instructions

CONSERVATION CORNER

GBF Conservation Committee meetings are at 7 PM on the first Thursday of the month and located at Round Table Pizza on Douglas near the Auburn Folsom Road. All GBF members are welcome. Have a pizza and join us. If you would like to be on a GBF email distribution list to receive a couple of fishing conservation reports each month, email me at jwcarroz@surewest.net and I will put you on the list. Your address will be kept confidential.

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is requesting donations for their efforts in conserving, restoring, and educating through fly-fishing. I encourage you to support the FFF and other fly-fishing organizations. Be generous. The future success of our sport

Stream habitat and timber harvests: Mike Laing has an article in January 2003 issue of the *River Mouth*. If you didn't receive a copy in the mail, you can read Mike's article on the internet by clicking on <http://www.nccfff.org> - then on 'Newsletter'. depends on their efforts in defending fishing water and habitat.

Interpretive display at Heenan Lake: -Fabrication of the steel roof and walls will be delayed until spring so that the finished components will not have to be stored for any length of time prior to snow melt at Heenan Lake, which must occur prior to transport and assembly. We will need 6 - 8 people at Heenan Lake to assemble the sections and secure them in place prior to pouring concrete.

John Carroz

Pyramid Lake Fish Out

Gary Flanagan

I found that sitting on a ladder was comfortable and being properly dressed, I wasn't all that cold. I decided that the only people that complain about the conditions at Pyramid are those that have never fished Pyramid. We had some rain and snow but maybe we were lucky. The wind blew but not too badly and not constantly. Yes Virginia, I won't lie, it can get cold and nasty, but it can get unpleasant almost anywhere. Once, I remember lying on a beach in Costa Rica sipping on a Pilsen, it was downright warm.

Pyramid is located about forty minutes east of Sparks, Nevada. I am planning on getting a room at Crosby's Lodge in Sutcliffe (www.crosbylodge.com), which is located on the west shore of the lake. The entire lake is located within the Paiute Indian Reservation and is administered by the Tribe. You do not need a Nevada Fishing License, but you must buy a fishing permit in Sutcliffe at the Marina for seven dollars a day.

Equipment includes a rod, 7wt or larger, type V or VI shooting head with running line.

Use straight Ten-pound Maxima leader and an assortment of wooly buggers in sizes 4 and 6. The fly should be tied with no tail. This reduces short strikes. Purple, black, olive, chartreuse, white and even pink are all colors that work. For the big fish, a crusty old guy told me to fish in the late afternoon and use any color, as long as it's black. He reminded me of Henry Ford. I was later by informed by another regular that the guy was a nut but that he does catch big fish. This lake is loaded with strange characters but they appear harmless.

You don't need a ladder but if the waves come up you will stay dry with one. I used a six-foot aluminum utility ladder. It sank into the sand to the first rung and it was very stable. The standard ladder used by most flyfishers is a kitchen type ladder with wide steps. It gets you up out of the waves and allows you to cast farther.

If you are interested in going or have any questions call Gary Flanagan at (916) 223-4240. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

Fundamentals of Casting a Fly Rod

John Hogg, Granite Bay Flycasters certified casting instructor will be conducting two casting clinics at Sailor Bar/American River on March 23rd and March 30th

John will take fifteen people for each clinic. A ten-dollar fee will be required at the time of sign-up.

Golden Trout Members may bring their booklets for signed off by John after successful completion of the clinic.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting

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