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ANNUAL DINNER

Our first annual dinner will be held on December 11 at the clubhouse from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. At that time we will be:

1. Announcing the winners of the elections for club officers for 1987.
2. Eating a great dinner catered by Alexander's Restraunt of Roseville.
3. Listing to a presentation by Mel Krieger who is one of the better known fly fishermen in the US.
4. Raffle off of the boat we had on display at the last meeting.
5. Raffle from dinner tickets for a trip for two to Babine Lake Resort for a week.

Tickets are now available at Fly Fishing Specialties in Roseville or at our club meetings on November 13 and December 4. Also, by mail if you send your money and a self addressed envelope to Ken Winkleblack, 8701 Country Creek Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. The price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 year and under. Remember, seating is limited so buy your tickets NOW.

PYRAMID LAKE

Join us on December 6th for a trip to Pyramid Lake for some large Cutthroat.

- Tackle Requirements: 8 Weight rod or larger with a type 4 shooting head.
- Flies: Woolly Worms.
- Further Information Contact: Jim Pratt, 966-0136



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems like we just started this year and now here comes elections, Christmas dinners, awards and installations banquet. When do presidents ever get to see a body of work done while in office? I must admit that I had hoped to do more work or should I say overseen more of my personal goals, which I have outlined in this forum in an earlier edition, reach fruition. One must suppose that ones effectiveness as an officer is relative to many factors. Not the least of which is running a meeting. Our unique situation with the use of a clubhouse in return for an awfull lot of volunteer effort, some of which is skilled, at a time when we have not the long time allegiance to a tradition, or well established organization, is painstaking at best. We have all just met, began structuring a means of including new responsibilities into our already full schedules, at at the same time are trying to not lose sight of amonqst our chores we get to the fly fishing fellowship that we all joined for. If we had been together for years and had met at odd and asundry innapropriate places, we would have taken the clubhouse by storm, and had a barn raising. For all that we have done, and the reasons for our delays we must pay attention to the needs of our hosts and finish the job we accepted now, or forever wish we had. We will have many years to enjoy the other sides of the clubs fullfilling our reasons for being involved, now is the time to generate the memories that will create a great legacy for those that follow in perpetuaty. We are all going to be proud to have helped. Please get out to the clubhouse on Thursday nights and lets finish soon!

I have enjoyed holding the office of president and feel that I list among my very best friends and favorite people whom I have met in the G.B.F.C. I hope that you all share my enthusiasm, and have indeed felt that I have represented an effective program of development for the club. Let's see another year of progress in our clubhouse, finished!

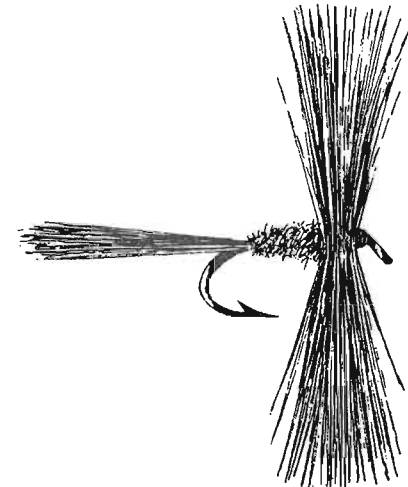
Nicolai M. Laquaglia

the other standard patterns brought a rise. Back again I went to the spider. Even though I couldn't hook the fish with the fly, I was at least causing some action. As before, on the first cast a fish rose, but this time missed the fly completely. I changed back to the Adams and a couple of casts later hooked another nice brown. And so it went for the rest of the day. The spider would get the fish moving, but to hook them I would switch to the Adams. There is no doubt in my mind that I would have drawn a blank that day if I would not have used the spider to spark the trouts interest.

Spiders are quite easy to tie since they are tied without wings. There are just a couple of rules to follow. The hackles should be of the finest, stiffest grade you can get. I always use a hackle two times larger than the standard length for the size hook. Hooks should be of fine wire and again, of the highest quality. Some prefer a short shank hook, while other prefer a regular length shank. I use both.

The long stiff hackles and light wire hooks gives the spider extra bouency and life like action not found in the normal dry flies. More than once I have had a gust of wind cause my spider to dance across the waters surface. When this has happened, more often than not, it produced a rise.

The average fly fisherman, like myself, already has far to many patterns in their fly boxes. However, the addition of a few spiders just might come in handy, and they don't weigh much.



On my second cast I had a rise. "What did I tell you," yelled my brother. I yelled right back that the trout did not take the fly, but had tried to drown it with it's tail. I might add, that it is no easy chore to cast a large fly with a 7' 2 oz. rod, like the one I was using. It takes a lot of arm motion and a lot of cussing to help it on its way. Believe me, I was doing a lot of both. I finally wised up and stopped casting to just any rise, and started working on one fish. After several casts to a nice one, it rose savegly and hooked itself. You talk about being surprised, I think I was even more surprised than the fish. Anyway, I took three more trout before I had to quit. Each, litteraly attacked the spider.

Although, there are standard patterns of spiders, I often invent my own. One of my favorites is tied with a straw colored tail and hackle and a gold tinsel body. This pattern, I find, works well during mid-day when the fish are not moving. One of my pet standard patterns is the Royal Coachman Bi-Visible Spider. Tie this fly with the Royal Coachman tail and body. Use an oversided brown hackle and add a few turns of white hackle at the front to finish off the fly.

At times, this fly can really stir up the trout. Many years ago, I had a weird experience while fishing one of my pet Sierra streams. You would have thought the stream was void of trout until out of desperation I tied on a big No. 8 pattern of this fly. The pool I was about to fish was at a bend in the stream. The water expecially near the far bank was deep. The lower branches of a large tree spread just above, and almost to the center of the pool. It was a very nice piece of water.

On my very first cast, a large snort surfaced directly beneath the spider and engulfed it. I struck, but the hook made no contact. I could actually feel the fly pull out of the fishes mouth. This happened not once, but three more times in the same pool. All four fish, judging by the size of their heads, as they rose to the spider, were very big. The hackles of the fly were just so long and thick that they acted as a cushion against the point of the hook.

I knew I didn't stand a chance at hooking a fish with the spider, so I switched to a No. 12 Adams. Right away a 14" brown nailed it. That was the only rise I got so I moved on to the next pool. Aqain, neither the Adams or any of

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Oct 9, 1986

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:30 P.M.

Welcome to new members this month. Jim Pratt, Don and Elizabeth Segun, all of Fair Oaks.

Club chairpersons were appointed as follows:

Gate Keepers: Brad Boustead, Tim Harrigan, and Dave Vingom
Building Workshop: Bill Furst
Telephone Solicitation: Don Segun
Election Nominating Committee: Frank Stolton

Ken Winkleblack reported on the first annual dinner and officer installation. (See details elsewhere.)

The board voted to send 1 \$100.00 donation in the clubs name to Nature Conservency.

The evening program on "The North Tule River" was presented by Darwin Atkin. Darwin also donated his special "California Girl" fly pin for the evenings raffle.

The raffle was held and an announcement of the "Big Boat Raffle" was made by Morris Schlesinger.

The meeting was adjourned.



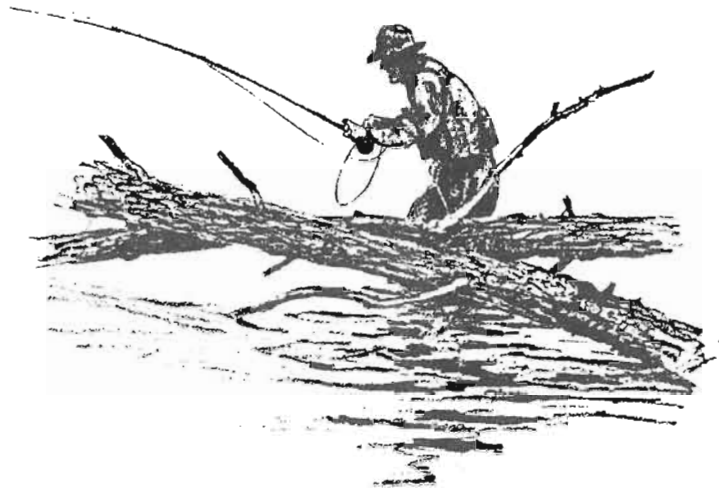
- CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

November

General Membership Meeting	Thursday, Nov 13, 7:30 PM
Workshop Night	Thursday, Nov 20, 6:00 PM

December

General Elections and General Membership Meeting	Thursday, Dec 4, 7:30 PM
Annual Dinner	Thursday, Dec 11, 6:00 to 9:00 PM



November's meeting will feature Ken Winkleblack showing his August/September trip down the Babine River. Ken is not a professional fisherman or guide but he is no stranger to the north woods having lead 8 major trips down Canadian rivers (fishing as he goes, of course). The presentation will show Ken his wife Sherry, and 5 friends as they raft the entire length of the famous Babine River. Also, part of the Skeena River. You will see: the towns of Smithers and Hazelton nestled in a valley at the base of the snow capped peaks of Northern British Columbia, Indians fishing in their old ways using nets and gaff hooks, the Canadian government fish counting weir where a continuous stream of fish pass for 6 months of the year, waterfalls, placid shots of easy drifting, some wild white water, trees, flowers, berries, and of course some fine fishing. This is a show for the whole family and a chance to see how you can have the trip of a lifetime and organize it all by yourself.

We will again try to show our film on entomology. I have previewed the first portion of this film and found it to be very good. If we don't get to it this time I think the Federation of Fly Fishers is going to have a warrant issued for my arrest for stealing their film (I have had it for 3½ months).

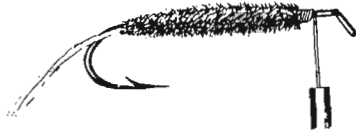
Coming attractions include Ed Hobbs and Joe Patterson on fishing in central Oregon and of course Mel Krieger our guest speaker for the first annual dinner.

DON'T FORGET THE SPIDERS

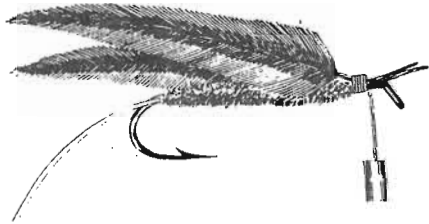
By Jack L. Parker

"All you have to do is match the hatch," shouted by brother Jim, who was not fishing, but taking pictures. "What in the hell do you think I've been trying to do for the past hour," I yelled back. I was fishing the Truckee River. Trout were rising all over the place but I hadn't had a single rise. I was stumped. "Why not give them something different," Jim suggested as I sloshed my way to shore ready to admit I had had it. "Well, just what would you suggest," I replied rather sarcastically. "Open up your fly boxes and let's have a look," was his patient reply.

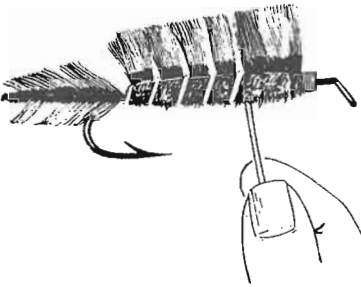
I laid out my rather large collection of boxes on a flat rock and we began searching for something that might do the trick. "This is it," he exclaimed holding up a fluffy No. 10 Brown Spider I had tied years before. "That monster won't catch these trout," I insisted, "but I'll bet it will scare them to death though." Anyway, he won the argument, so I tied the monstrosity to my tippet.



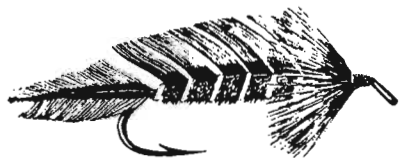
STEP 1: Tie in ribbing at rear of hook. Next dub the body with blended rabbit fur.



STEP 2: Next select two furnace neck hackles. I like them to be wide and soft. Tie them in by their butts.



STEP 3: Pull the hackle barbles on the top of the wing up to a 90 degree angle and wrap ribbing forward. Ribbing should consist of about 6 turns and should be wrapped tightly to secure the wing.

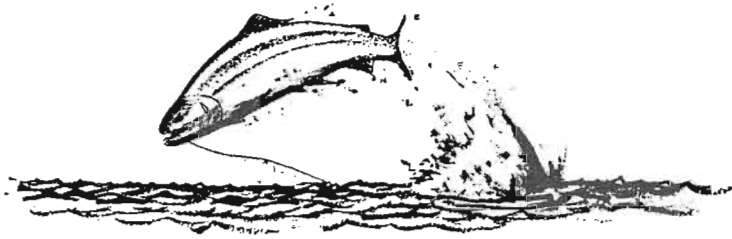


STEP 4: Tie on a furnace hackle and wrap five or six turns and tie back and finish fly.



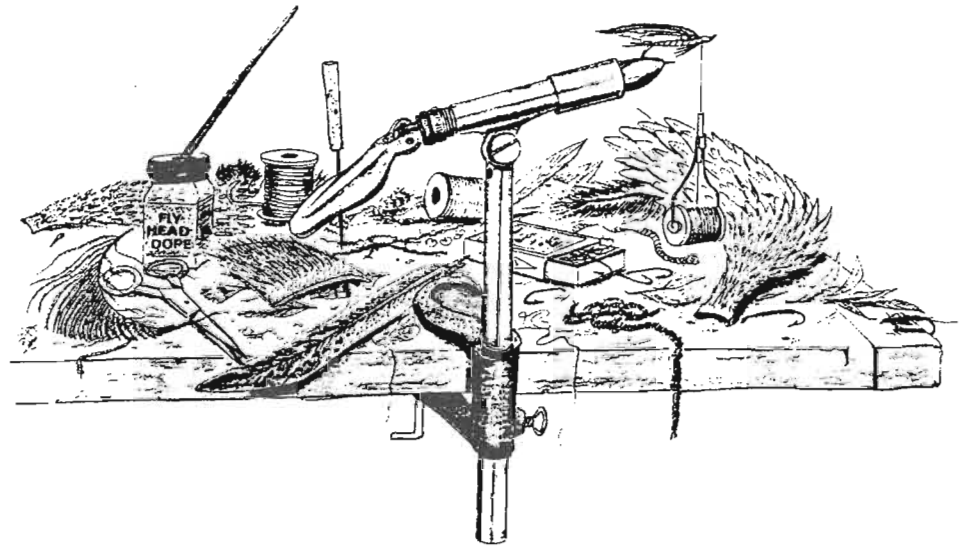
CHARLES E. BROOKS died October 30, 1986, at Travis Air Force Base Hospital. For those of us who knew this fine fly fisherman, we feel honored that he touched our lives. Through his books he did more than his share of contributing to our sport of fly fishing.

PLACES TO FISH



MARTIS LAKE (Nevada and Placer Counties) - Also known as Martis Creek Reservoir (a Army Corps of Engineers boondoggle), is 70 acre body of water put the California Department of Fish and Game into the wild trout lake business. The roaring success of DFG's stream program set the stage for a "yes" response when CalTrout urged that lakes be added to that management concept. DFG and CalTrout leaders selected Martis for Number One. Rare Lahontan Cutthroat Trout were stocked and allowed to reproduce naturally. A zero-bag limit was set, the first time in state history on public water. It was an instant success, one where an novice could catch a whopper...and release it unharmed to be caught another time. Unfortunately, the Cutts proved inept competitors against brown and rainbow trout and their numbers have dwindled as the other species thrived. Angling has become more difficult, but more challenging. Trout to eleven pounds have been landed, and Martis has a growing company of regular and returning fans. In 1984, the extremely rare Redband rainbow trout were stocked in some experimental numbers. They appear to thrive, and promise to add new spice to the fishery.

Months of May, June and to mid-July are usually prime. October can be good. Martis is a very good test of lake fishing skills. A float tube or pram are a must for this water. No motors are allowed.



FLY TYER'S BENCH

By Terry Hellekson

This month I would like to share with you a streamer design which came to us from New Zealand. This style of tying is not new and has sustained itself over many years. That is why I feel it is worth mentioning, especially for those of you who are new at this sport. There are a good number of patterns that are used using this fly design. One of which I have enjoyed much success with is the Furnace Matuka.

FURNACE MATUKA

HOOK: Mustad 79580, sizes 4 thru 10.

THREAD: No. 100 Black Flymaster Plus.

RIBBING: Oval gold tinsel.

BODY: Dubbed dark brown blended rabbit fur.

WINGS: Two furnace neck hackles.

HACKLE: Furnace.

Instructions for tying the Furnace Matuka:

MARTIS CREEK LAKE

- Ⓐ MAIN CHANNEL & FLATS
- Ⓑ THREE BAYS
- Ⓒ PENINSULA & NARROWS
- Ⓓ FEEDER CREEK & DAM AREA

