THE LEADER

VOICE OF THE

GRANITE BAY
Flycasters

NOVEMBER 1987
CALENDAR

November 7, NCFFF Fishout at Pyramid

November 12, 7:30 PM, monthly meeting
Bob Foster, Putah Creek nymphing

November 21, 6 am, Trout Derby at Rancho Seco
Volunteer fly tiers needed
Call Brad Boustead at 961-6094

December 10, 7:30 PM, monthly meeting

December 12, Putah Creek Fishout

January 6 thru 10, Flyfishing Expo at Cal Expo
Volunteers needed to man our booth
Call Jim Pratt at 966-0136

January 9, GBF Annual Dinner

January 12, Fly Tying Class—Sign up now!

January 14, 7:30, monthly meeting

January 30, Trout Derby at Rancho Seco

April 16 & 17, Flyfishing Clinic with Chuck Echert
Note: We will have a fishout at Pyramid in December or January, whenever we get good reports. Call Jim Pratt at 966-0136 to get on the list to be called.

* Putah Creek Regulations * From Solano Lake Dam to Monticello Dam * Flyfishing Only from November 16th til February 28th.

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

This month's program will feature Bob Foster, a local fisherman with his program on "Putah Creek - A Local Gold Mine". Bob has given this program to a number of local clubs and has had rave reviews. Half of his talk is on nymphing in general with emphasis on a "universal" method that is suited to beginners and experts alike. The other half concentrates of course on Putah Creek which is just coming into its prime season. We will also have the slide show "museum of American Fly Fishing" narrated by William Conrad (a professional, this time). This is a collection of excellent slides that present the nostalgia of our flyfishing past.

In the future, we have Dennis Lee on the latest state programs for developing the local bass fishery and Mike MacIntyre with his show on the Deshutes River in Oregon. I am running out of slide programs and would like to go to videos for the second feature but we need a large screen TV or a couple of small ones. Donations or leads on where we can get such equipment would be appreciated. Please contact Ken Winkleblack during the day at 786-8000 extension 4420.

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CLUB or CLIQUE?
by Jim Pratt

I've heard it said recently that a clique is forming in our club. I looked it up in the dictionary and found it to mean "a small exclusive group of people". I suppose it's true, because from my perspective, there is a small group of that people show up at all the activities of the club and indeed volunteer to organize and run those events. However, it's not true because this group is not exclusive. We continually invite people to go fishing or the other activities we participate in.

It's ok to just come to the meetings or for that matter, just read the newsletter, or to participate in only the events you're interested in.

If on the other hand, you would like the club, your club, to change or to do different or more activities, it's up to you to guide the club in that direction.

How can you guide the club in the direction you want it to go? Simple, attend the meeting and activities of the club and maybe even volunteer for something. For example, how about some youth activities or ?

I personally joined the club in order to meet nice people to fish with and to learn new areas to fish. For me, it is successful. Myself and the members of the small, but non-exclusive group of people do frequently fish together on non-advertised dates. Want to go with us? Simple, just call someone listed in the front of the newsletter or me, Jim Pratt at 966-0136.
ARTICLES WANTED

Write articles for the Leader and tell us how, when, where and why you fish. Or you could tell us a little story like the weekend one of our members took his wife and daughter salmon fishing and two of the three caught fish, guess which two. I won't tell you who that was, but his initials start with W. as in Warren. Anyway, they said he was a great guide.

Call Joe at 944-1244 with your articles or mail them to: GBF, PO Box 458, Roseville, Ca. 95661-0458

ELECTIONS

This is your chance to run the club your way. Elections are coming up soon and we need people to run for all of the offices listed in the front of this newsletter. Especially important are the offices of President, Vice-President, and Directors.

Call Morrie or Jim Victorine and talk it over.

TROUT DERBY

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 1987
TIME: 6 AM til noon * Awards at noon *
*We’ll meet at 8 am in the group area*
PLACE: Rancho Seco Lake
FEE: $1 plus $3 parking fee
TRIP LEADER: Brad Boustead 961-6094

Fly Tying demo (volunteers needed) and Fly Casting demo at 11:30 & 12:30

The lake will be stocked with over 1000 trout, If you catch a tagged trout, be sure to claim your prize before noon. This is a good chance to bring the kids fishing or your non-fly fishing friends. Anyone over 16 needs a license.

Sponsored by Raley’s and the dept. of Parks and recreation.

Let’s all go out and out fish the worm dunkers.

Flies: Start with wooley buggars and sheep creeks in the smaller sizes, 10’s, with a sink tip.

Float tubes with warm waders or prams recommended. No motors allowed.

Directions: 50 to Jackson Rd. toward Sloughhouse. Turn right on Dillard and left on Clay Station Rd., then left on Twin Cities Rd. to the lake. Once you spot the twin stacks, you’re home free.

Next derby is scheduled for January 30th.
THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT, MORRY SCHLESINGER.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE INCORPORATION AND NEW BY-LAWS AS WRITTEN. THE FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED FOR DISCUSSION AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS MADE TO INCLUDE HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS; A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE AMENDMENT DEFEATED. OTHER DISCUSSION WAS AN EXPLANATION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE OLD BY-LAWS AND THE NEW VERSION BEING VOTED ON. A BALLOT WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

THE ANNUAL DINNER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9 TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL EXPO TO BE HELD AT CAL EXPO. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

THE CLUB IS HAVING A BOOTH AT THE EXPO THIS YEAR AND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE. CONTACT JIM FREATT FOR DETAILS.

WE ARE PLANNING A 4-6 WEEK "BASIC FLY TYING" CLASS. ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING IT CONTACT TERRY EGGLESTON.

JIM VICTORINE ATTENDED THE QUARTERLY...NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FEDERATION MEETING AT DAVIS. SEVERAL AREA WATER PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED, WHICH JIM RELATED TO US. THE CONCLAVE WILL BE HELD IN REDDING CALIFORNIA THIS YEAR.

JIM PRATT REPORTED THAT THE CLUB TRIP TO HEenan WAS A SUCCESS; GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, BUT ROUGH FISHING. FOLSOM MAY BE A GOOD PLACE TO FISH, TRY IT. JIM IS ALSO PLANNING ANOTHER FLY CASTING CLINIC IN APRIL. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

BRAD BOUSTEAD WAS APPOINTED AS THE DINNER CHAIRMAN, AND JOE PHELAN IS THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

USING MANUAL DYES
by Terry Eggleston

The brilliant reds, bright yellows and electric blues are always in demand for fly tying materials. But, as you know, bright colors are not always desirable in duplicating the subtler color of most trout foods.

Before dyes such as Rite were developed, our ancestors found ways to color their materials with vegetables, nuts, or fruits. It's not quite as easy, or quick to dye the old-fashioned way, but the results make it worthwhile.

The coloring materials (cabbage leaves, onion skins, etc.) are placed in water and brought to a boil. Turn heat down to the simmering point. At that time add a teaspoon of vinegar to help the color penetrate the material. Add material to the pan and heat for 20 minutes. Then remove the pan from the heat and keep the material in the "dye" bath until the desired color is achieved. In most cases, overnight is long enough.

Here is a chart showing some of the possibilities for coloring materials:

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BEFORE YOU DYE
by Terry Eggleston

It's always pleasant to tie with good, clean materials. They are easier to work with, have a better sheen, and are much more pleasurable to the olfactory gland.

I came upon the solution to my problem one day after purchasing a very nice-looking bucktail. The first thing I noticed upon removing it from the plastic bag was the smell. The second was when I tried to stack with it. As you know, many animal skins can be very greasy and this can make working with them very difficult. I went to the kitchen looking for the answer. I thought I would just use a little of the old Joy dish detergent, but we were out. So I started to dig around under the sink to see what I could come up with. What I found was a product called "Grease Relief" by Texize, a household cleaner and degreaser, and decided to give it a try. It worked beautifully. I simply ran hot water into the sink spraying the Grease Relief in the water and then thoroughly sprayed the bucktail and worked it into the hair and skin. I put the bucktail in the hot water for about 5 minutes, rinsed it in warm water and put it on newspaper to dry. (This last step can be speeded up with the use of a hand-held hair dryer.) I now had one of the shiniest, most manageable, and best-smelling bucktails I had ever laid my hands on!

I now go through the procedure on all new untanned skins I obtain. I also always use the degreaser on all material before the go into the dye bath. It really helps the dye to penetrate.

MARGE VINGOM GAVE A REPORT ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUES. SHE ALSO HAS A MEDIUM SIZE CLUB JACKET AVAILABLE. CONTACT HER FOR DETAILS.

FRANK STOLTON RECEIVED SOME VERY NICE FLY FISHING BOOKS THAT WERE DONATED TO THE CLUB BY CLINTON PACE.

A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE BABINE TRIP WAS RECEIVED FROM BOB BROWN, DUE TO SOME PROBLEMS WHICH AROSE DURING THE JULY TRIP THIS YEAR. A REFUND CHECK WAS ALSO INCLUDED AND WILL BE SHARED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE TRIP.

THE PROGRAM THIS EVENING WAS PRESENTED BY MR. BILL MALONEY OF UNLIMITED ANGLERS OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS A LEGAL ACTION ORGANIZATION THAT DEALS WITH COMPLEX FISHERY PROBLEMS. THEY WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1981 AND ARE BASED IN BERKELEY. PROGRAM WAS INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE, AND ITS NICE TO KNOW THERE ARE SUCH ORGANIZATIONS THERE TO HELP WHEN NEEDED.

REFRESHMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE DURRANDS. THANKS AGAIN; THEY ARE APPRECIATED.

SOME VERY NICE PRIZES WERE GIVEN AT THE FUND RAISER. THANKS MARIE; AND THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS FOR THE CLUB FUND RAISER.

THE MEETING WAS THEN ADJOURNED.
FEATHERS FOR THE ASKING

With the opening of duck, goose and pheasant season, fly tiers are provided a ready and abundant source of prime feathers. Having a cooperative friend that bird hunts is the easiest way to get feathers. But, if you have no such friends, another and more abundant source is the network of state operated National Wildlife Refuges.

Hunters often pick their birds at these refuges before leaving for home or before the next day's hunt. Feathers are stripped into picking barrels and later thrown away or burned. If someone wanted any of these feathers, most hunters would give them gladly for the asking. Offering to help with the picking would facilitate things even more.

Closest refuges to Roseville are Sutter NWR, Colusa NWR or Grey Lodge Waterfowl Area. Maps are available for reaching these or other refuges through the State Department of Fish and Game. Call them at (916) 335-7010 for details.

TAKING THE PAIN OUT OF HOOK REMOVAL
by Terry Eggleston

Every fisherman sooner or later becomes the victim of a wild cast. Then he will have the painful responsibility of removing the hook from himself, a buddy, or God help you, your child. The various methods of removal you may have tried usually are not too pleasant. An otherwise good fishing trip can be ruined.

But there is hope! A simple, painless technique of hook removal is being taught in emergency rooms around the country. The only tool required is a 2-foot piece of strong mono or a shoelace (15 lb. or more). Double the line and loop it around the imbedded hook. Press the eye of the hook firmly down on the flesh so that the hook stands arched upward. Then grip the mono firmly and give a good hard yank. The hook exits painlessly, leaving only a small entry hole. Please refer to illustration below.

Remember, it's always a good idea to keep up on your tetanus shots.