

# THE LEADER

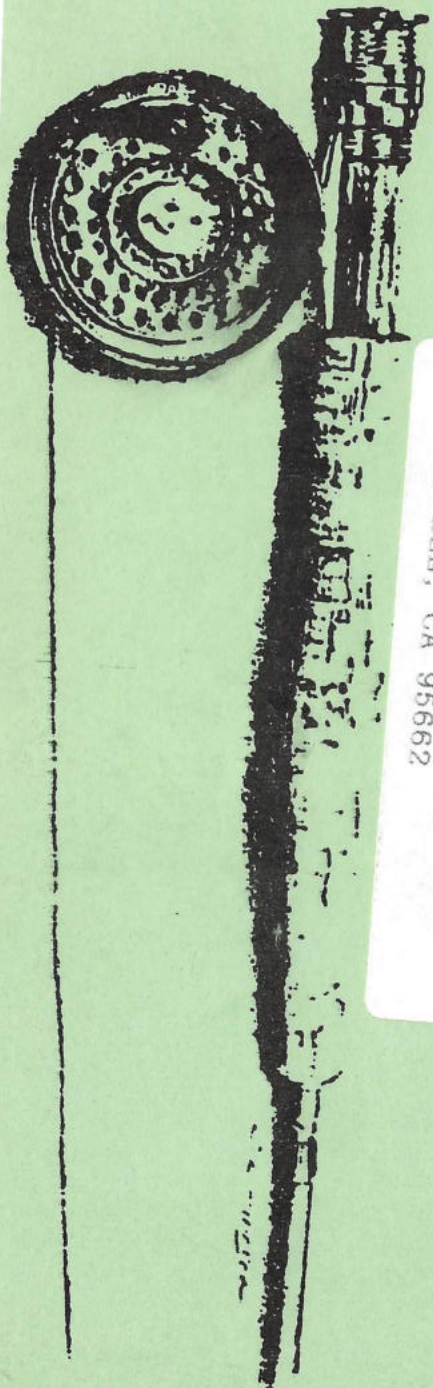
VOICE OF THE

GRANITE BAY  
*Flycasters*

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Stand on - 4' kitchen ladder or milk crate w/float.  
Dress warm - in layers, w/hat, gloves, sunglasses.

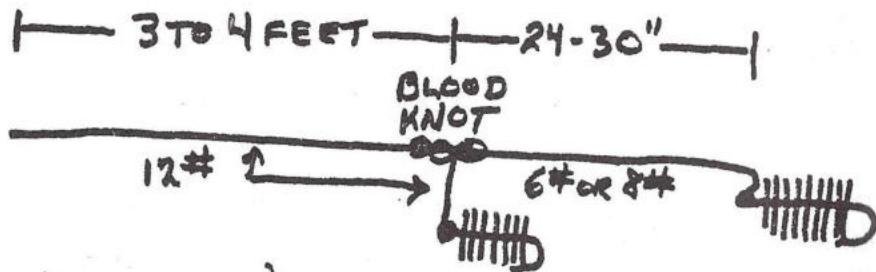
Meet between 8am and noon just north of the rearing pens. Ask at the Pyramid store when you stop to buy your \$6/day permit or see the map on the other page.

The SECRET is to cast as far as you can, and wait-wait-wait-wait, etc. Count to at least 20 or 30 before starting your retrieve. Retrieve until the leader is visible then lift your rod very slowly watching the area your flies are located. When you're satisfied a Trout is not following your flies, recast your line and count again.

Places to stay - Motel 6, The Nugget usually has specials, the Quality Inn \$26 (800) 762-5190, the Grand Motor Lodge has kitchenettes for \$40 (800) 648-3800 or check the Sunday paper.

If you're planning to go on this fishout, be sure to attend the planning meeting just before the regular meeting on March 9th. Our meeting will start at 6pm.

If you still have questions feel free to call me at 361-6774 days or 966-0136 evenings. Or go to any of the local fly shops and ask them how to fish Pyramid.



WOOLEY WORMS #6 OR #8, STANDARD IS BLACK & LARGER IN BACK, WITH WHITE ON DROPPER. MANY ARE NOW USING HOT COLORS WITH LOTS OF FLASH. THE CHUB IS SILVER & BLACK.

## President's Message

On Sunday, February 19th, the club participated in assisting the Department of Fish and Game with a willow tree planting project at our home water, Folsom Lake. Club members Jim Pratt, Warren Schoenmann, Ed and Marie Stull, Frank Stolten and Dave Terrill met at the Granite Bay entrance with a large group of volunteers from other local fishing clubs and proceeded to the planting site located along the banks of a small feeder stream. There we were instructed in F&G's planting techniques and split up into groups of planters and pruners.

With a great display of willing assistance and teamwork nearly 500 willow trees were planted along the stream banks. At the same time approximately 1000 willow cuttings were taken for propagation at Cosumnes River College's nursery and eventual planting next year at Folsom Lake or another reservoir. With the ground soft from the previous day's rain and the weather just about perfect, this energetic and motivated group finished all the planting in less that 3 hours which was just about half the time F & G estimated it would take.

Right now the lake level is considerably below the newly planted trees but as the water eventually rises (you gotta believe it will) most, if not all, of the trees will be submerged for part of the year providing an ideal nursery and protective habitat for warm water species. With a little cooperation from mother nature this section of the lake could rapidly become a hotspot.

On March 19, F&G will again be looking for help in taking additional cuttings for propagation. This is an easy project and anyone interested in helping out should plan to meet at the Granite Bay entrance at 9:00. This is a perfect opportunity to get involved with a local fishery enhancement project on a piece of water right on our club's very doorstep.

As one of the club's main goals this year is greater involvement in fishery enhancement activities, the above is a good example of what can be done when people are willing to back up their good intentions with a little effort. There are many fishery projects the club could become involved with (probably far more than we could ever handle) and I would like to have your ideas on projects or activities you think the club should pursue. Let me hear from you.

Frank Stolten

### **March Programs** by Ken Winkleblack

Our speaker for our March 9th meeting will be Gordon Kennedy from Alberta, Canada with his program on the BOW River. Some of our members, and members of the Stockton Club fished with Gordon last year and came back with reports of great fishing and of a great guide. They also developed a friendship with Gordon and through them we were fortunate enough to talk him into visiting each of our clubs at his expense to present his show. For those of you that have not heard of the Bow River it originates in Jasper Park on the east side of the Canadian Rockies and flows down through Calgary, Alberta where it slows and widens to become one of the prime Rainbow and Brown trout fisheries of Canada. This is an opportunity we don't often get to hear from a local resident expert on such a world famous river that is outside of California.

Future programs will include; Bob Beck from Cal Trout, Mike McIntire with his program on Trophy Alaskan Rainbow Trout, and Jim Crenshaw from the California Sportfishing Alliance. I am still looking for suggestions on what you really want to see in terms of future programs.

Ken Winkleblack

### **Raffle Items**

Chris Impens called me to add this info to the Leader. The Grand prize this month is a Mark Pak gear bag. There will be several other items to raffle and some donations by members. See you at the raffle table. If you have any suggestions for raffle items, please let him know.

Chris Impens (jh)

Dress warm, in layers, and wear a hat and gloves. The worse the weather, the better the fishing.

We'll meet just north of the rearing pens between 8am and noon. If the fishing doesn't work out, we'll move to south of the pens or to Popcorn. Don't fish within 500 feet of the pens.

Permits may purchased in town at the fishing stores or at the Pyramid Lake Store. If you don't tie your own, you can purchase Wooly Worms there also. Fishing permits are \$6 per day or \$25 per year. Camping permits are \$5 per day. No other license is required.

A few of our members may bring trailers so we can stay there or you can stay in Reno.

The way to catch fish here is to wade as deep as possible, stand on a box, cast as far as possible then wait 30 seconds for your flies to sink to the bottom. If they are not on the bottom, you won't catch fish. Retrieve slowly and erratically. When the retrieve is finished, raise your rod tip slowly, that's a favorite time for Big Red to hit.

If you want more information or to stay in one of the trailers, if available, call Jim Pratt at (days) 361-6774, (evenings) 966-0136.

### **HOW TO FISH PYRAMID LAKE** by Jim Pratt

Pyramid is a unique fishery and can be miserable fishing, but the results can also be worth it. Last month's Leader had a primer on fishing this wonderful fishery and this should get you ready to catch "Big Red" (a 10+ pound Cutthroat Trout). The following are suggestions only, so use what you have or want to try.

Rod - 8 wt, shooting head (super fast sink rate)  
Leader - simple 12# tied to a 6# mono (see February Leader).

Flies - #6 or #4 Wooley Worm or Wooley Bugger (unweighted), olive or black or white or something flashy. Imitating a Cui-Chub (olive w/black lateral line).

The weekend CLINIC covers and you will practice: straight line casting, slack line casting, reach casts, roll casts, shooting line, line control, hooking, playing and releasing fish. In addition, Chuck always throws in lots of tidbits about locating fish, how to fish various areas and a short course on trout diet.

The class size is limited to 20, so the first 20 to send checks will be the lucky ones. This is the same quality and material covered in other clinics costing from \$350 to \$700.

### **PYRAMID FISHOUT**

We will be at Pyramid Lake near Reno on March 18 & 19. The lake should turnover and we'll be able to catch large Cutthroat Trout from the shore. If you want to attend or just learn how to fish this incredible lake, read the LEADER and attend our club meeting on March 9th. If you're interested, please call Jim Pratt at the above numbers. If you want to catch 6 to 10 pound fish on a flyrod without going to Alaska, here's your chance.

### **PYRAMID LAKE FISHOUT** March 18 & 19

Catch 6 to 10 pound Cutthroat Trout on a flyrod on this fishout. In March, the lake turns over and these large fish cruise the shallows looking for their favorite food, the Cui-chub. The Cui-chub is a bottom feeder and if your flies are on the bottom, you have an excellent chance of landing a big one. Think I'm kidding, the minimum size is 19" with a limit of 2. Catch and Release Preferred. Please fish barbless, with all that wind, the hooks come out of your ears much easier.

Equipment: Most people use a 7 or 8 weight rod, with a very fast sinking shooting head, but a full sinking line will do just as well. Use a kitchen ladder about 3 or 4 feet or a milk carton with a float to raise yourself out of the swells and to increase your casting distance. Tie your own leaders on this one, just a straight piece of 12# test tied to a 6 or 8# test. They don't seem to be leader shy. Leave about 6 or 8 inches of the 12# test out on the blood knot and tie your first fly (smaller and lighter in color) here. Tie your second fly on the end of the 6 or 8# line. See drawing.

New Fishmaster for 1989!

**Congratulations** to our new Fishmaster, Mike Glasson. He called me with some EXCITING info that he is working on. There will be a fishout this month at Pyramid Lake for starters. There is talk of other fishouts. Mike does need some input and ideas on where to go, if you know of a place please let Mike know! Mike Glasson 885-0848.

(editorial comment) I know several members that fished Donner Lake last March that had tremendous stories to tell. So, there is some merit to cold weather fishing. jh

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PYRAMID FISHOUT** March 18-19

**Pre-fishout meeting will be just before the regular monthly meeting on March 9th at 6PM. We'll be discussing fishing techniques, leaders, flies, accommodations and food.**

We'll have two trailers there with a few spaces left. If anyone else would like to bring a trailer, come to the meeting and we'll see if enough members show up to utilize it. This will be a shared expenses fishout.

### **HOT CREEK FISHOUT**

Tahoe-Truckee Flyfishers has four spots available for their trip to Hot Creek Ranch on June 16 - 18. The cost is \$115 with four to a cabin. Hot Creek Ranch is famous for its dry fly only, catch and release only fishing near Mammoth on 395. Send \$25 deposit to P.O. Box 5704, Tahoe City, CA 95730 or call Bruce at 916-587-8152 in the evening for more information.

### **CLINICS BY MICHAEL FONG**

Salt water clinic on March 30, Western Trout clinic on April 13. The fee for both clinics is \$20 each. See Bill Kiene for more info 486-9958.

## KIENE'S FLYFISHING SCHOOLS

Bill has a bunch of one day schools scheduled. The fee is \$100 and all equipment is provided. Call Bob Giannoni 927-8383 for more information.

## SAGE SCHOOLS

Sage has several one day flycasting schools scheduled. For more information call Bill Kiene or Fly Fishing Specialities at 786-3470.

## SAN MATEO SHOW

The Fishing Expo will be at the San Mateo Fairgrounds March 15 - 19. Yes, it's the same show as Sacramento with a few booths added.

## GBF FLYFISHING CLINIC

April 6TH & 15-16

Sign up now, only a few spots open. Send \$45 to GBF, 8125 Sunset Ave. #188 Fair Oaks, CA 95628. As you can see by the other clinics listed, this is a bargain. Limited to 20 students.

## WILD TROUT STREAM SURVEY

If you would like to assist the DF&G and have an educational fun time, call Cynthia Duff (FFF) at 393-8560.

## BIG REMINDER

*The membership dues for the club are due in January. Please renew as soon as possible to keep YOUR membership current. You can update your membership at the next general meeting or mail a check to the P.O.Box.*

If you aren't current by the end of March, your name will be removed from the mailing list for the LEADER.

## FLYFISHING CLINIC

Here's your chance to learn the basics or improve your skills. Chuck's method of teaching is easy to understand and extremely thorough. Every evaluation form from his students have rated this clinic as **EXCELLENT**.

**WHAT:** BASIC FLYFISHING CLINIC

**WHO:** For **BEGINNERS OR INTERMEDIATE** flyfishers. Chuck Echer will be our instructor again this year.

**WHEN:** April 6th for the PRE-CLINIC  
April 15th & 16th for the CLINIC.

**WHERE:** The GBF clubhouse at Granite Bay on Folsom Lake.

**WHY:** To learn to catch more fish and enjoy yourself more. It's also a great way to get your significant other interested in the sport. Ladies are especially welcome.

**HOW:** Send a check for \$45 to:

**GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS**  
8125 Sunset Ave. #188  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

**INFORMATION:** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Pratt evenings at 966-0136 or days at 361-6774.

**EQUIPMENT:** You will need your own or borrowed equipment to participate in the clinic. If you're going to purchase equipment, it might be best to wait until after attending the PRE-CLINIC which covers equipment.

**RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:**

9 Foot, 6 or 7 Wt. graphite, medium action rod.  
Floating, WF (weight forward) line  
Any short leader, **no hooks**.

The PRE-CLINIC will cover rods, reels, lines, leaders, tippets and assembly. We will also practice knot tying and answer questions.

WIN A FREE FLYFISHING "Fisher" 8.5 Foot, Five Weight,

# Graphite Fly Rod

**"Cortland LTD" FLY REEL AND CORTLAND Five Weight WF FLY LINE!!!!**

*A benefit for California Sportfishing Protection Alliance*

Take a chance. Here is a great opportunity to win a free 8 1/2 foot, five weight, Fisher fly fishing graphite rod, Cortland LTD fly reel, and a Cortland five weight WF flyline, and benefit the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance's work in protecting the state's fisheries at the same time!

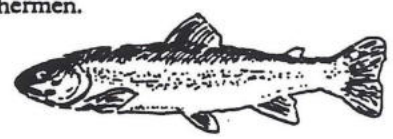
Send in your tickets with a suggested donation of \$1.00 per ticket, or \$10.00 for all 12 tickets.

**Drawing Date: April 30, 1989**

*Need not be present to win!*

Proceeds will benefit the CSPA's fisheries protection work. Drawing will be held on April 30, 1989. No consideration is required to participate. You will be contacted by the CSPA in the event you win this "top of the line" fly fishing outfit.

The graphite fly rod was donated by the J. Kennedy Fisher Company, the flyline was donated by the Cortland Line Company and the Cortland LTD fly reel was donated by Delta Fly Fishermen.



Mail tickets and donations to:  
CSPA, 5720 Roseville Rd. Suite "C"  
Sacramento, CA 95842

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# THE RIVER MOUTH



*News of the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers*

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Richard Izmirian, President

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## ANNOUNCING "FISHNET"

The Council will soon be on line with the ultimate networking tool - a computer bulletin board and electronic mail system. Anyone with a computer and modem will be able to call up the Council computer to access a number of databases being developed, conservation alerts, newsletter articles, fishing reports, calls for volunteers, and requests for information. Add your ideas and make it work for you.

This low cost communication tool should greatly enhance the Council's ability to serve the clubs and associate members of the Federation, provide interface with public agencies and other organizations, and allow timely transfer of important information. Contact Ron Rabun for details (916-758-5103).

## SALMON AND STEELHEAD IN THE CLASSROOM

Northern California school children are learning the life cycle and habitat requirements of salmon and steelhead, are applying what they learn to their local stream, and are watching salmon or steelhead hatch and grow in their classrooms' refrigerated aquaria. Council assistance for the Adopt-a-Stream program has been augmented by contributions from the Shasta Flyfishers, Siskiyou County Flyfishers, and Tehama Flyfishers.

Council Vice-President "Stew" Stewart is working to set up another program in a Redding classroom, The Golden West Women Fly Fishers are sponsoring a class in Greenville, Plumas County, The Gold Country Fly Fishers are establishing two projects in Nevada County, and FFF Director Terry Thomas will soon have an aquarium in his own classroom in the Sacramento area. To expand the Monterey Bay Salmon & Trout Education Project (STEP), the Council obtained a grant from the San Mateo County "Fine" fund for six classroom "set-ups" in coastal San Mateo County schools.

## "RISE TO THE FUTURE" IN A NATIONAL FOREST

The Shasta Flyfishers is the first NCC/FFF club to take on a cooperative project with the U. S. Forest Service pursuant to the Federation's memorandum of understanding. Club members and Shasta-Trinity National Forest fisheries staff are reviewing potential projects to restore and enhance fisheries within the forest. The Council is focusing on establishing many more Club/Forest Service partnerships in the "Rise to the Future" program.

## SHORT CASTS

The Council's quarterly meeting will be held at the Granite Bay Club House on Folsom Lake on March 4, 1989. All Federators are welcome - see your club's FFF rep for details and agenda...While we are there, the Granite Bay Flyfishers can show us their willow planting project at Folsom Lake...Jon Knapp (916-372-3931) is chair of the NCC/FFF Nominating Committee for FY 89-90 officers and Federation Directors. Contact Jon before March 4 if you are interested in serving...Ned Long of the Tahoe-Truckee Flyfishers and "Stew" Stewart of the Shasta Flyfishers are compiling a database of speakers and programs available for club meetings...Marty Seldon of the San Jose Flycasters is working on "Wild Trout IV" Symposium to be held at Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park, September 18-19...Marty is also compiling a list of tackle shops throughout California. The list will be available to members to call for information, etc....Be sure to send in your letters to the Bureau of Reclamation to protest the Bureau's water marketing scheme. Your conservation rep has the details.

