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Finnon Reservoir on April 29th. FUN was had by everyone. Isn't that what its about. The scouts came by and our fellow club members did a great job. Bill Stobbe was there and I am sure he will have everyones name and a report in the next issue. Jim did say that he caught a small bluegill and THEN a LARGE Bass ate the bluegill. So, he hooked a bass? Jim was calling on help from the LORD as his line was peeling off his reel. Well, the bass went to the bottom and stayed there. The Bass finally tired of playing games with Jim took off and left Jim with a screaming reel and NO fly.

Want Ads

Caddis float tube \$50 with a new tube.
John Hardin 966-8174.

Call either editor if you have something you want to sell OR buy and we will publish it.

We do have several programs started but time prevents me from alot of detail this month, but to name a couple. We have the Golden Trout Program started, Stan Hellekson has started the flytying class with @12 people and etc... If you need more details see any officer or committee person and they will steer you in the right direction.

I have to go Flyfishing now, but this is the tough part. Do I go Bass fishing .. Shad ... Bluegill... Striper... SmallMouth... or saltwater... and then do I go to a Lake... River... stream... or the Ocean...

See you at the clubhouse and the picnic.
Enjoy the Great Outdoors. John Hardin

How about YOU? What did you do or where did you go? Believe me, club members are interested in reading about your adventures. So, let your editors know how you are doing. Today, as a matter of fact, I asked a friend in Redding where he went for the trout opener. He said he cut brush all weekend! That's how it goes sometimes, but we made plans to go to some small creeks in July.

I guess that is the real importance of the trout opener to me and that is it means you can plan or go to your favorite stream or river and ENJOY your pastime. Have a Great Trout season.

John Hardin

I spoke with Bill Kiene and Stan Hellekson before writing this month's Leader. So folks, This is HOT off the press.

Bill Kiene of KIENE'S FLY SHOP (Sacramento) 486-9958 GET out there in the month of May and fish! Bass fishing, Shad fishing, Stripers, and Pan fish all are on the bite. Trout will be Hot in June. Shad will be hot in the middle of May. Fish the lower and middle elevation lakes now and go higher in June and July. Try more wet flies than dry flies.

Stan Hellekson of FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES (Roseville) 786-3470 - Wow, I just talked to Stan and he has caught Shad, this morning (May 4, 1989), in the American River at Sac State. He was using a white fly. Is that Hot or what? Anyway, on Monday the report was good for Fuller Lake, use a Woolly Buzzer size 8 or 10 and a sinking line type 3. Upper Sacramento and Hat Creek NOT HOT this weekend. Sac had high water.

Call or drop by these shops for more details.

Leader's Line

We've just finished our third annual fly fishing clinic conducted by Chuck Echer and once again it was a huge success. As he's done each year, Jim Pratt did a great job in organizing the event which is one of the main instructional services the club offers its members. Thanks for a great effort again this year, Jim, and also to Marge Vingom who put in numerous hours, behind the scenes preparing all the food for the lunches.

Our annual picnic is right around the corner on May 20th and, as always, it promises to be a fun day with enough activities for anyone. Plus, I know Chris Impens has another great raffle lined up for us. We may have to restrict ticket sales, though, to people like Brad or Dave Vingom to give the rest of us a chance!

It's also a perfect opportunity for our newer members to come out and socialize a bit and see part of what the Granite Bay Flycasters is all about.

See you at the Picnic!

Frank Stolten President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 11 GENERAL MEETING, general meetings are the second Thursday of each month, at 7:30 pm. They are always held at the Granite Bay Activity Center (GBF Clubhouse). Bring a friend or invite someone who is interested.

May 18 BOARD MEETING, 7:00 pm. at the GBF Clubhouse. Membership is invited.

MAY 20 THE 4th ANNUAL PICNIC!!!

May 11 Program

by
Ken Winkleblack

Our May 11 program will feature Mike McIntire with his "River of Rainbows" show. Mike was one of our first speakers in the early days of Granite Bay Flycasters and this presentation will be his third to our club. Mike is an expert on Alaska fishing and spends every summer up there guiding and fishing for a wide variety of fish. He seems to have the knack for finding BIG BIG fish. I am sure that this program will include some great scenery, big fish, and lots of tips on where to fish and what techniques to use.

Our future programs will include; Bob Beck on Cal Trout, Jim Crenshaw on Californis Sportfishing Alliance and Mike Flanigan on the Trinity Alps. In addition, I hope to have some short shows on some of our club fishouts, since we now have one every month.

FLY FISHING FOR SHAD

by
Bill Kiene

The poor man's tarpon is one of the best runs on the American River and the fishing gets really hot in mid May.

Fish the holes circled on the map. Cast a quarter upstream to get your fly down fast. Shad seem to hold in the deeper run during the day and more towards the surface in the morning and evenings. Jig the fly if you wish, this will sometimes induce a strike in colder water situations. After casting for 1/2 hour, always stop, retie and sharpen your fly and check for windknots. Safety is the key word in this fast river, always use felts or better yet, cleats &/or a wading staff. A hat and eye protection are a must as are barbless hooks.

The recommeded equipment is *7 to *9 weight rods with a shooting head, usually fast sinking, but it will vary with water flow rate and depth. Leaders range from 2 to 12 feet. In high flow, use fast sinking lines, short leaders and large heavy flies. In low flows, use slow sinking lines, long leaders and small flies. Tippet will go from OX to 3X depending on water clarity, light conditions and fly size.

GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS 4th ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendar now for the Granite Bay Flycasters fourth annual picnic:

Date: May 20th

Place: Granite Bay Activity Center
(Clubhouse)

What to Expect: Plenty of food, drinks, games for kids, volleyball, horseshoes, scavenger flytying plus a GREAT raffle!

Tickets: Prices are the same as last year.

Adults: \$5.00

Children 12 and under: \$2.50

Tickets must be purchased in advance either at the monthly meeting on May 11 or by sending a check to the club's P.O Box.

Come out, Bring the family and have a Great Time!

FISHING REPORTS

Chris Impens, Ken Winkleblack and yours truly went to the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American River for the Trout opener. We hiked into the Sierras about 2 miles. Yes, it was worth it! At least for me. I caught one trout @ 11 inches. Ken caught two trout, and Chris caught 9 trout, the largest was @11 inches. I was ALLOWED to watch Chris catch his largest fish. All of these fish are natives and still alive to our knowledge.

The trout opener is significant to me. It is not how many fish or how large they are, but it is a time to relax and appreciate the GREAT OUTDOORS. After lunch hour, I sleep on a rock with the sun warming me with no cares in the world at all. RELAXED, you bet I was. Enough about me! After all I'm the editor this month NOT a writer.

This space is provided for you to take notes at the general meeting and/or the annual picnic this month.

Flies range in size 2 thru 8 and come in many bright color combinations. Chartreuse and orange are very popular flies along with red, green, yellow and white. Nickel hooks are popular and bead chain eyes add weight and also turn the fly over to hook shad in the top of the mouth. Their lower mouth is very thin and hooks pull out easily. Unweighted, medium weighted and weighted flies in a variety of sizes and colors will be very helpful in matching all conditions.

Example #1 - high flow, deep water use a very fast sinking head with a short leader to OX tippet and a heavy #2 fly. Quartering upstream with some slack will really get you down. (this is one extreme)

Example #2 - low flow, shallow, clear water, sunny day. Fish are very spooky so I would use a slow sinking shooting head, a long light leader and a #8 fly. (this is the other extreme).

DREDGER POND FISHOUT

by
Frank Stolten

This month's fishout gave us a opportunity to fish several ponds in the Oroville Wildlife Area. After an early morning meeting in Lincoln, we proceeded to One Mile Pond, one of the bassiest looking lakes I've ever seen. But which, unfortunately, didn't quite live up to our expectations that day.

After 4 hours of flogging the water by Ken Winkleblack, Mike Durrand, Dale Wahl, Lou Bertane, Charles Bohland, Keith Havilland and Keith Sr., and myself, we were sufficiently humbled and frustrated to re-group and move to another pond.

This pond was un-named and located at the end of a gravel road between 2 long rows of dredger tailings. Without a detailed local map of the wildlife area (available at any Oroville tackle shop), we wouldn't have known it was there and probably wouldn't have found it on our own.

Here our luck (Luck?) changed and after putting in our float tubes we were almost immediately into fish with Mike Durrand fooling a 14 1/2 inch bass on one of his first casts. The pond was long and narrow and with it's overhanging branches, sunked brush and weed growth

it presented a lagoon-like appearance. It was a very relaxing place to fish plus we had the place virtually to ourselves. There was only one bank fisherman who told us the "Big Ones" were all down at the far end in the weeds and unfishable from shore. So, guess where we paddled our float tubes too?

Actually, it turned out, the fishing was good just about everywhere along the banks and sunken branches. While we didn't catch any large bass it seemed there was a small bass or bluegill eager to grab a small popping bug as long as it was placed properly. Getting the fly or bug close to the bank or protective structure was the key. Ken really had a hot day and caught and released at least 75 fish.

In all, it was another fun fishout. We had several new people participate, found some interesting new fishing spots to further explore and, even caught some fish!

Try to make one of the upcoming fishouts and I know you'll enjoy it.

NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome the following new member's who have recently joined and invite them to participate in the club's many activities.

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Henry Obana
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Roseville, CA 95661

GBF FISHOUTS FOR 1989

by Mike Glasson

We have a great schedule lined up for this year for Club fishouts! Our tentative schedule is as follows. Attend the monthly meetings to hear the details and watch for articles in future issues of the Leader. Those dates marked with an asterisk[*] are derby outings! The fishout leaders are also listed.

June 10 * American River Shad fishing with Dave Howard.

July 29 & 30 Mokelumne River Trout fishing with Ken Winkleblack.

August 26 * Lake Clementine Bass fishing with Jim Victorine.

Sept 23 & 24 Toulumne River Trout fishing with Bill Stobbe.

Oct 14 & 15 McCloud River Trout fishing with Ken Winkleblack.

Nov 18 Yuba or American River Steelhead fishing with Mike Glasson.

Dec 9 & 10 Garcia River Steelhead fishing with Dave Howard.

Those outings with an * indicate derby outings. For those that wish to throw \$2.50 behind their tall talking, awards will be presented for the biggest fish, most fish, or wettest fisherman, etc. A trophy will be presented at the following General Meeting.