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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 4 & 5, 1990:** No. Calif. Conclave. Hilton Hotel.  
**May 10, 1990:** General Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse. Dave Howard on Shad fishing.  
**May 10, 1990:** Deadline for picnic registration.  
**May 15, 1990:** Dave Howard Shad Fly Tying. 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse.  
**May 17, 1990:** Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse.  
**May 19, 1990:** Annual Picnic.  
**May 23, 1990:** Casting practice at Marie's pond. 6:30 p.m. to ?

**1990 Granite Bay Flycasters Fishout Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
May 11-13	Hot Creek-Trout	R. English
June 2 & 3	Pit River-Trout	Winkleblack
June 9	American River-Shad	D. Howard
July 21 & 22	Mokellumme River-Trout	Winkleblack
Aug. 11	Sierra Stream (Bill's pick)	Bill Furst
Sept. 15	Fuller Lake-Trout	Mike Radoff
Oct. 6 & 7	McCloud River-Trout	Winkleblack
Nov. 10 & 11	Trinity River-Steelhead	Dale Wahl

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Gary says:

- Folsom: Small mouth near surface; some trout and largemouth.
- Yuba:  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounders.
- Manzanita, McCumber & Baum: Big fish.
- Sierra Creeks: Looks good for opening.
- Fuller: Starting to heat up.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marie Stull

The picnic plans are, for the most part, complete. The intermediate tying clinic is in progress, and I have fishing fever, so I'm going to make this short. I'll be spending April 21st through 28th on the Green River trip.

Don't forget to send in your picnic reservations because it's going to be a real fun event for everyone this year. There will be events and very nice prizes for all, no matter what age group you're in.

I'm happy to announce that Joe Bania has volunteered to be the Conservation Chairman. He has had lots of experience in this area and is eager to get started in the position, particularly with youth involvement in our programs. Please welcome him to the position and give him your support.

Now it's time to pack my bags and fishing equipment, head for the Green River and catch the BIG one. Be sure to attend the May meeting and hear all the stories.

# Golden Shear

HAIR DESIGN

ED STULL

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**MAY PROGRAM**  
Michael Radoff

SHAD

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Our May Program will be presented by Mr. Shad Howard....I mean Dave Howard. Shad will be in the rivers soon, and Dave is an expert on shad fishing, so don't miss this program.

**SHAD FISHING NEWS**

After hearing Dave Howard's enthusiastic and interesting Shad fishing program at the May 10th club meeting, you will be happy to hear that he will be holding a Shad fly tying program on Tuesday May 15th at 7:00 p.m., at the club activity center. As in years past, this has been an exciting and informative evening and a chance for you to learn Shad fishing and fly tying from one of the best in the area.

**MAY RAFFLE**

The following is a list of raffle prizes that will be raffled off at the May Club meeting:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| - Handbook of Hatches | - Ceramic bobbin |
| - Rod Case            | - Hair Stacker   |
| - Nymph Wallet        | - "Ice" Scissors |
| - Tie-Fast Knot Tyer  | - Thermometer    |

We are going to try and publish the items up for raffle every month. If you have any suggestions or have something you would like to donate to the raffle, just let me know.

Remember, it's your suggestions that make our club work. Hope to see you at the next meeting May 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Chris Impens  
Raffle Co-Chairperson

**FISHING REPORTS**

**Feather River Ltd.**  
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Dan says:

Manzanita Lake: Fishing well. Sizes up to 22". Use wooly buggers, leeches and mayflies.

Lower Sacramento (Redding): Okay. Flows up to 9500 cfs. Use sparkle pupa #14.

Lewiston Lake: Still productive. Use callibaetis; sheep creek; orange body, soft hackle leech patterns.

Yuba River-above Hwy 20 bridge: Productive for ½ lb. steelies. Fish evenings with mayfly spinners, hares ears and birds nest.

Rancho Seco, Folsom: Sm./lg. mouth bass action picking up. Surface activity in ponds, sink tips or type 2 lines in lakes. Use leeches, wooly buggers and minnow imitations.

American River: (Shad) Few have been spotted in Discovery Park. Should be in action May 7th.

Collins Lake: Large mouth. Use wooly buggers with sparkle chanille.

No. Arm Folsom Lake: Good action.

**Kiene's Fly Shop**  
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Chris says:

- Boca and Stampede: Putting out trout.
- Pardee: Okay.
- Sherman: Tapering off.
- Upper Sacramento, McCloud & Hat Creek: Doing good.
- Manzanita and McCumber: Good.
- Bass and bluegill at upper elevations.

# Salmon & Trout Education Program

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Marilyn Moody - Teacher

## FIFTH ANNUAL GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS PICNIC

MAY 19, 1990

we'll all  
be safe  
this  
saturday



February 21, 1990

Granite Bay Flycasters  
P.O. Box 1107  
Roseville, Calif. 95661

Dear Flycasters,

Our eggs hatched on Friday (2/16/90) at 1:45. We were very HAPPY! On Tuesday, we saw an egg that still hadn't hatched. As of today, we can't find the egg.....so we had a 100% hatch! It's really neat to watch the alevin and we have several that are buried in the gravel.

Please come in and see our alevin. They're getting bigger every day.

Thankyou for giving us the chance to learn about Steelhead Trout.

sincerely,

The Trout Ed. Students  
written by Joe Hahn

*Joe Hahn* *Mandi Demac*

*Jason Neill*

*Jeremy Heitz* *Jonja Ruchart*

*Laura Winans*

*Robert Alexander*

*Ms. Moody*

*Ethan Anderson*  
*Vance Payne*

*Stephanie Zee*

Get ready for the best picnic yet! The following are some reason why it will be the best ever:

- Food and soft drinks will be FREE!
- More events, with prizes for each event.
- Large raffle with lots of merchandise.
- Special raffle for a six weight/four piece Loomis rod.
- Barbecued hamburgers and hotdogs with chips and soft drinks.
- Big surprise for each adult that attends.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to help make up a variety. There will be a two dollar registration fee per adult and children will be free. This is only a way to count heads so that we will be prepared to make this the best picnic yet.

Whether you participate in the events (such as the blindfold fly tying or the scavenger hunt fly tying or the casting competition) or just re-reacquaint yourselves with your fellow club members and meet new club members, we're sure that everyone will have a great time. Plus, don't forget to bring the kids; there will be events scheduled for them also, one of which will be a special raffle just for them!

Hope to see you there!

Rick Radoff

## HOT CREEK

Ron English

Hot Creek is a premier trout stream in the Eastern Sierras. The stream is approx. 5 hrs. from Sacramento and is good for dry and nymph fishing. The early season is the best for nymphing and the fish are in the 14 - 16 inch class.

Besides Hot Creek, there are the Upper Owens River and Rush Creek.

Rush Creek has permanent water flows on the lower reaches of the stream below Grant Lake and, even though it's a non-planted stream, it is filled with fish in the 8 - 12 inch class.

The Upper Owens has a vast amount of fish in its river because of a special regulation that prohibits the keeping of fish smaller than 18" in the early and late seasons.

For those who don't want to fish after dark or who would rather sightsee, Mammoth is only 20 minutes away.

There are several possible camp sites and one will be decided after we know how many people will be going. The trip will be May 11, 12 & 13 and if you would like to participate, please call me at 677-3924. There will be sign-ups at the May 10 meeting, but it would be best if you contacted me.

Shad  
Salmon  
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Steelhead

Trout  
Black Bass  
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The annual blistering cold outing to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, led by Jim Pratt, was again successful except for two changes. The weather was warm and we couldn't find Jim Pratt.

Bill Furst, Mike and Rick Radoff with their families and a guest, Ron Powers, got there separately Friday evening and joined up at Sutcliffe beach Saturday morning. New member Steve Scott joined us later in the morning.

Bill Furst caught and released the first fish which was 18 inches (19 inches minimum length). Steve Scott then used his first timers luck to show how it was done by catching a 24 inch/5 lb. monster. After a bunch of pictures and some hand shakes for a job well done, the fish was given to Ron Powers.

Saturday evening the ladies prepared a delicious lakeside pot luck buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all. The day was finished by fish stories around the one match, explosive bon fire started by Ron.

Sunday morning Mike Radoff got the early bird award and was the first into the water, but the fish avoided him and waited until Rick and Bill each caught 18 inchers. About mid-morning, everyone packed up and we moved to the south end of the lake by Popcorn rock. There we met Chuck Echer and the Truckee Fly Fishing Club.

The outing resulted in four fish being caught, one of which was a keeper. Both days the weather was warm and bright. The wind would blow then die down, but it seemed the fish were caught when there was a chop on the water.

There were periods of calm for casting practice and wind in the face for tangled lines. We all had a good time, especially Steve Scott. By the smile that was on his face, I'm sure he'll be glad to tell you how he felt if you ask him.

Bill Furst

## CONSERVATION REPORT

Joseph Bania

Hi! As the "new" chairperson of the Conservation Committee, I am looking for a few "good" men, women and young adults (children) to participate in developing an exciting conservation program, a program that we can be proud of as a group and individually contribute to making things happen.

We will be looking at new areas of endeavor, such as repairing, restoration, habitat improvement, working with other groups to contribute to the welfare of "all wildlife" and in the process, learn how nature works and how we can make this a better place to live by working together.

Please call me at home (677-4263) or at work (732-5399) for further information. If you prefer to write your suggestions or if you would like to volunteer as a committee member, please mail to Joe Bania, P.O. Box 162 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0162, or see me at the general meeting.

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## GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Warren Schoenmann

This month's centerfold is Joe's Hopper and is the second of the series required for the Golden Trout Program. The pattern sheet shown in the centerfold is an excerpt from Jack Dennis' Western Trout Fly Tying Manual. Complete tying details for this fly are available in the club library copy (soon to be released).

New participants in the program this month are Andy Stearns (who actually joined in late March after he heard he could get two credits for building a rod) and Joe Bania (the new conservation chairman). Welcome to the program gentlemen and have a good time with your project through the next 12 months.

### CASTING PRACTICE

Marie Stull

I mentioned at the last club meeting that I would be setting up dates when club members could practice fly casting at our pond and also maybe receive some casting help if needed. The first available date will be Wednesday May 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. until ?

If you would like to come out, please give Ed or me a call so we can plan on how many people to expect. The pond isn't as large as Folsom Lake so we will have to limit the number of casters at one time.

Remember, this is casting practice only, so no hooks please. "Big Freddie" stays in the pond.

Home: 663-2414, Ed's work: 966-6900.

Thank You!

Thank you Bill Furst for building and donating the fly tying bench which we will donate to the Conclave. Thank you also for creating the flag which we will use for fishouts so we can find each other.

## JOE'S HOPPER



This fine grasshopper imitation traces its ancestry to the state of Michigan. Its acceptance spread West and it has become a standard imitation for grasshoppers. Primarily fished as a dry fly, it deceives fish as a wet fly too, since it represents a small minnow fished this way. A bit of Mucilin on the wings and hackle creates buoyancy; thus large sizes can also be used as stone fly imitations.

Joe's Hopper performs best during the grasshopper season from the middle of August to the first of September. In small streams with high, grassy bank and slid off into the stream. With a slight twitching of the line the grasshopper will do the hopper stroke like its live counterpart.

The Joe's Hopper is a great fly for drift fishing in any Western river. On large ones where the current is heavy and deep cast the fly directly upstream and let it float motionless keeping a tight line. Also, when cast downstream ahead of the boat it will float like a cork. It is large enough to be watched by even a poorly visioned angler.

As for tying the Joe's Hopper, good stiff brown and gray saddle hackle greatly enhances the fly's buoyance. The heavy turkey wings should be laquered either before or after tying this fly. The best method is to spray the whole quill and dry it, then cut two wings from the opposite sections of the same quill. This fly also tricks eastern fish in small sizes, 12 through 16; because, in these sizes it can imitate a caddis fly.

<b>MATERIALS:</b>	Joe's Hopper
<b>HOOK:</b>	Mustad 79671 or 9672, sizes 4 through 16.
<b>BODY:</b>	Yellow chennile or wool.
<b>WING:</b>	2 matched turkey quill sections.
<b>TAIL:</b>	Red hackle fibers.
<b>RIBBING:</b>	Brown saddle hackle (trimmed).
<b>HACKLE:</b>	Brown and grizzly saddle hackles mixed.
<b>THREAD:</b>	Black monocord.