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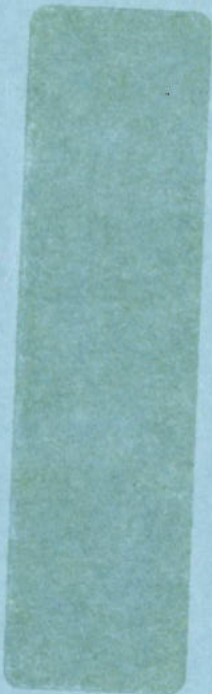
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*Flycasters*

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Calendar of Events

April

April 11	General Meeting 7:30 Clubhouse
April 18	Board Meeting 7:00 Clubhouse
April 20	Open House/Flyfishing Day Clubhouse

May

May 10	General Meeting 7:30 Clubhouse
May 11	Picnic @ Clubhouse
May 17	Board Meeting 7:00 Clubhouse

\*\*\*Fishing Reports\*\*\*

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American River: small summer run  
 steelhead- 6"-16" evenings on #16 caddis

Owens River near Bishop: 16"-24" browns  
 on black leech or wooly bugger, olive  
 caddis

Putah Creek: use small (18-20) P.T.  
 nymphs and tan wooly worms

Bass should be ready to explode in  
 foothill lakes and ponds with a few warm  
 days

Also: Pyramid Lake and Pardee Lake

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## Fishout Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Apr 13	Sacramento River* Redding	Ron English
Apr 21	Bass Outing Details next meeting	Jole Dye
May 18	Yellow Creek & Deer Creek	Ron English
May 25	Shad	?
June 2	McCloud River	Ed Stull
June 14	Fordyce Creek Carnazzo (walk-in)	Bill

\*Note: Prior to the April General Meeting, we will be having an orientation for the April 13 Sac River Fishout. Techniques & patterns for this particular outing will be discussed. So, arrive early and go prepared! (We will be fishing by the Convention Center Park Marina--Lake Rt. 299.

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## President's Message

Rick Radoff

The attendance of this year's meetings by members and guests has been overwhelming. We started this trend last year and are growing even larger this year. We need, therefore, to keep in mind that there are a lot of guests and interested future members attending our meetings and club functions. I urge all of the members to introduce yourselves to these future members, and make them feel welcome. Our first impression will most likely be the deciding one. As for all of our new members and guests, (last months guests will receive this copy of "The Leader") please don't hesitate to introduce yourselves. Friendship is a two-way street.

We have a new-member committee which is co-chaired by Gordon Evans and Don Steffa. Gordon's phone # is 726-5796, and Don's is (209) 478-2197. Sometime after each meeting one these flyfishermen will contact you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call either Gordon, Don or any other member, as we will all be happy to help in any way that we can to make your involvement with the club an enjoyable one.

I hope to see all of you at the next club meeting on April 11, and until then, keep a tight line!



## Classroom Aquarium Program

Rick Radoff

Warren and I have heard from most of the teachers, and all of the steelhead are doing well. Most are in the Fry stage now, and will have all been released by the time you receive this "Leader". Sargeant School released their steelhead on Sat., the 16th of March, Crestmont School on the 18th of March, and Oak Chan School released theirs on March 19th. The release from Fair Oaks School is scheduled for the 21st, and Kaseberg and Cirby schools plan to release on Friday, the 22nd of March.

Warren and I will be attending the Placer County Fish and Game Commission meeting on Wed., March 27th. We will be taking several of the teachers that are involved in the program to report to the Commissioners. We hope this will further our friendship with the commissioners and therefore increase the possibilities of future funding.

# Golden Shear

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**FISHOUT**  
Pyramid Lake, Nevada  
March 9, 1991  
Steve Scott

As we proceeded up I-80 in the early morning hours from Denny's Restaurant in Newcastle, only one thing was on everyone's mind; Would John Skimmerhorn's 1925 world record 41 pound cutthroat taken from Pyramid Lake be topped today? What about catch and release if I caught the world record? If you are not familiar with Pyramid it is fished in a very strange manner. You wade out as far as you can and then stand on a stepladder or milk crate to cast a shooting head with monofilament. The flies of choice are an assortment of various colored wooly buggers, esp. black and purple. "Keepers" must be at least 19 inches.

The weather for most of Saturday was cool, calm and cloudy. The water temperature was a cold 40 degrees. Several veteran Pyramid fishermen claim the fishing is better when the wind is up. I believe that is true because most of the time the wind is blowing! There were several fish hooked and lost on Saturday. Bill Furst landed one, and between comments on my beginner's luck still being intact, I landed two. After a very windy Saturday night, Sunday proved better. Rick Radoff showed everyone why he is the club president by catching six. Bill Furst came the closest to breaking John Skimmerhorn's record with a five pound, 24" cutthroat.

With a snow storm approaching, everyone headed home by noon. Next year, John Skimmerhorn!

If you are a newcomer and haven't gone on a fishout, you're missing a lot of fun. Sign up at the next meeting and join us!

Conservation cont'd

The FFF will be coordinating member club participation in the wild trout surveys scheduled for July-October; more information will be available around the end of April. Our members who participated last year reported that it was very educational as well as fun-- please plan to set some time aside for this worthwhile effort. John Dienstadt, DFG fisheries biologist, will be distributing a report shortly regarding the wild trout survey program and the results from last year. I'll share that information with you as soon as I get it.

As we fish our lakes, ponds and streams this year take a little time to reflect on how lucky we are...please remember that you are a guest in the wilderness and leave these fisheries as if you were just passing through.

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### April Meeting Speaker

#### "Hat Creek Country"

I met our April speaker at the Sacramento Sportsmen's Show. He is Bob Brink, owner/operator of Spring Creek Angler's Shop, Burney, Ca. As Bob says, "Between majestic Mount Shasta and rugged Mount Lassen in Northern California, lies some of the West's finest trout fishing." Bob is going to show us where to fish, what flies and gear to use, and where we can buy anything in the way of fishing equipment. He will cover Hat Creek, Fall River, Pit River, and other good spots. See you there April 11th!

Rick Radoff

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VOTE\*\*\*VOTE\*\*\*VOTE

At the April General Meeting, all members attending will vote on whether or not we will offer a lifetime membership.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lily Wong	James Horberger
Patrick Sandlin	Don Allen
George and Missy Arnold	
John Barris	Larry Eubanks
Thomas Klinefelter	Scott Rodgers
Al Biasotti	Paul Orcutt

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Flytying Meet cont'd

We also had a great raffle that was generously supported by Fly Fishing Specialties, Kiene's Fly Shop, and Feather River Unlimited. Please keep our local shops in mind and remember they need our support, too!

I'd like to thank Marie Stull, Mike Radoff and all his helpers who did their usual fine job in organizing the raffle and lunch. All proceeds from the event were donated to the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, the public trust advocate of the northern council and the group that seems to generate the most results from every dollar spent of any similar organization.

Successfully conducting an event like this requires the support of a lot of people from many clubs in the area and is a good example of what can be accomplished when the clubs work together to put on activities that benefit us all.

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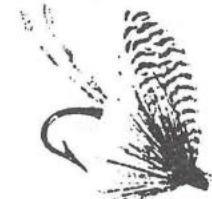
Restoration Conf. cont'd

The topic of the first general session was "public trust" (protecting resources for the people of California). Of course, one of the big concerns was the availability of water as we approached what we anticipate to be our 5th year of drought. Two recent landmark court decisions (Mono Lake and East Bay Municipal Utilities District) have reaffirmed the protection of water as a public trust. Historically, public agencies have not had the power to fight private influences, but, with active public support, they are better able to fight back. Occasionally agencies with public trust are in conflict with one another-- the public (that's you and I!) must input to these agencies to encourage compromise and resolution in the public interest. The speakers emphasized how public involvement and support helped with the two decisions above. While we may not wish to take a specific position as a club on some issues, each of us has an obligation to work toward what we believe in. [As I've heard said before, "If you don't vote, you shouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ (complain)."]

---More in next issue---

Joe Bania

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**\*\*Part 1\*\* SALMON/STEELHEAD/TROUT  
RESTORATION CONFERENCE  
Santa Cruz, Ca. Feb. 23-24, 1991**

On Feb. 23 and 24, Rick Radoff, my wife and I attended the 9th Annual Salmon, Steelhead and Trout Restoration Conference in Santa Cruz. I had not been to any of these conferences before and was favorably impressed by the dedication of the participants and the range of topics covered. About 300 people were in attendance.

One thing I think was reinforced for all of us was to do a careful job of planning (involving experts from various disciplines-- hydrology, geology, biology, botany, engineering etc.). Also stressed was the need for complete follow-through (planning, evaluation, and sharing results with others).

The keynote speaker was Congressman George Miller who addressed the distribution of water by the US Bureau of Reclamation. He felt the formula for water distribution was outdated and results in too much waste. He stressed that to preserve our fisheries, we all need to utilize water wisely. He also encouraged us to support the Fish and Wildlife Restoration bills to be introduced to Congress by him and Senator Bradley. (As I hear more about these bills I will let you know).

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## FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

Bill Carnazzo

In keeping with the purposes of this column to help tyers learn or perfect skills and learn techniques, this month's selection is the Pheasant Tail Nymph. There are a number of variations on this pattern, all of which are effective. The version set forth here is but one of the possibilities, but has proven itself to be useful in certain situations.

Tied in smaller sizes (16-20), it is a good fly for meadow streams such as the portion of Hat Creek below Baum Lake. Since, in the smaller sizes, it is not weighted, it is necessary to use lead shot or soft lead spun onto the leader in order to get the fly down to the bottom. Without lead, however, it serves as a fine emerger.

In it's larger sizes it is a good substitute for the March Brown nymph. In fact, it seems to be productive where any dark mayfly nymph is present.

### Materials:

Hook:	Mustad 3906B or equiv. (smash the barb!)
Thred:	Brown 6\0 or 8\0
Tail:	3 or 4 Ringneck Cock Pheasant tail tips, tied short.
Body:	Ringneck Cock tail barbules
Rib:	Fine Copper wire
Wingcase:	Ringneck Cock tail barbules
Thorax:	Fine peacock herl from the eye portion
Legs:	Ringneck cock tail barbules


Tying Instructions:

1. Attach brown thread, covering shank.
2. Select 3 or 4 long fibers from ringneck cock tail feather, measure length equal to shank, and attach directly above back end of barb, using the "45 degree" method. Do not clip butts.
3. Attach the fine copper wire at the tail tie-in point.
4. Using the same barbules as used for the tail, wind them on to form the body, proceeding to a point no further forward than 1/3 of shank length behind eye. Tie off there, but do not cut butts, as they will be used for the wingcase.
5. Reverse-wind the copper wire forward to body end, and tie off. Clip remaining copper wire.
6. Form thorax by attaching peacock herl at body end, moving thread to eye, and winding herl forward, covering 1/2 of the remaining length to the eye. Tie off and clip herl butts.
7. Bring pheasant tail butts over thorax, keeping them directly on top of the thorax. Tie them off at head. If there is enough of the butts left, wind thread in front of them, and pull them back to be used as legs. If there is not enough of the butts left, clip them after forming the wingcase, add 2 or 3 short barbules on each side of the wingcase to represent the legs. Keep the legs short, not exceeding the point of the hook.
8. Form neat small head and whip finish.

*Words worth remembering when you next approach your favorite stream, and wonder whether someday, sometime, someone who lacks your reverence for it's beauty and wildness will decide, godlike, that it should be put to other uses:*

"Eventually all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs."  
Norman Maclean, "A River Runs Through It"

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