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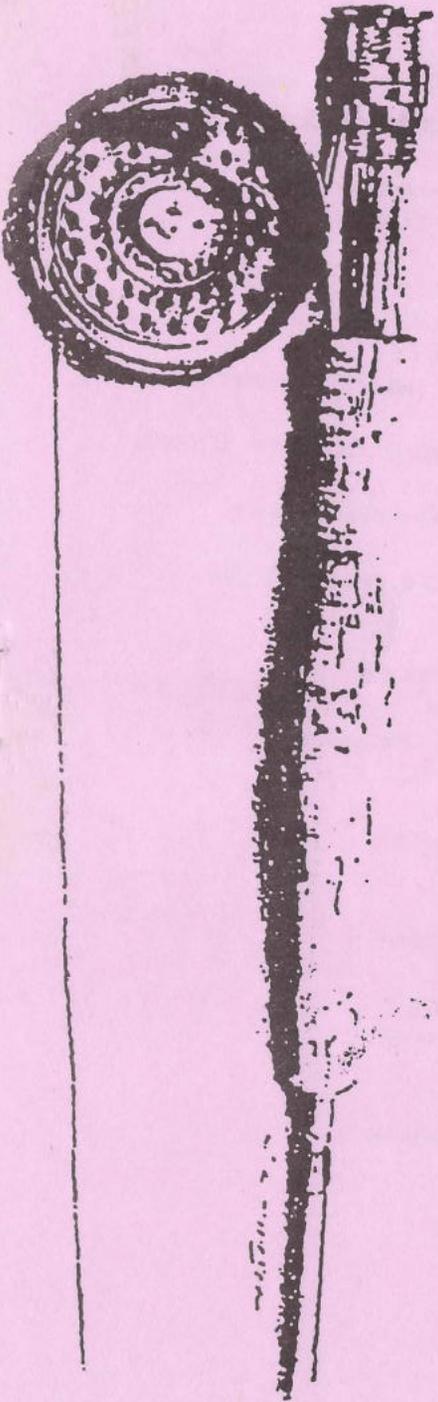
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Fishout Schedule

Aug. 24 Indian Creek Reservoir
& Lobdell Lake for Grayling

We will camp at Indian Creek,
call for details:

Ron English 677 7169

(Maybe Terry E. will show us his secret fly)

Sept. 7 Trinity River and Coffee Creek

Oct 12-13 Hot Creek and Owens River

NOTE: Upper Sacramento outing is
cancelled

Calendar of Events

Aug 8 General Meeting
7:30 at Clubhouse

Aug 15 Board Meeting
7:00 at Clubhouse

Sept 12 General Meeting
7:30 at Clubhouse

Sept 19 Board Meeting
7:00 at Clubhouse

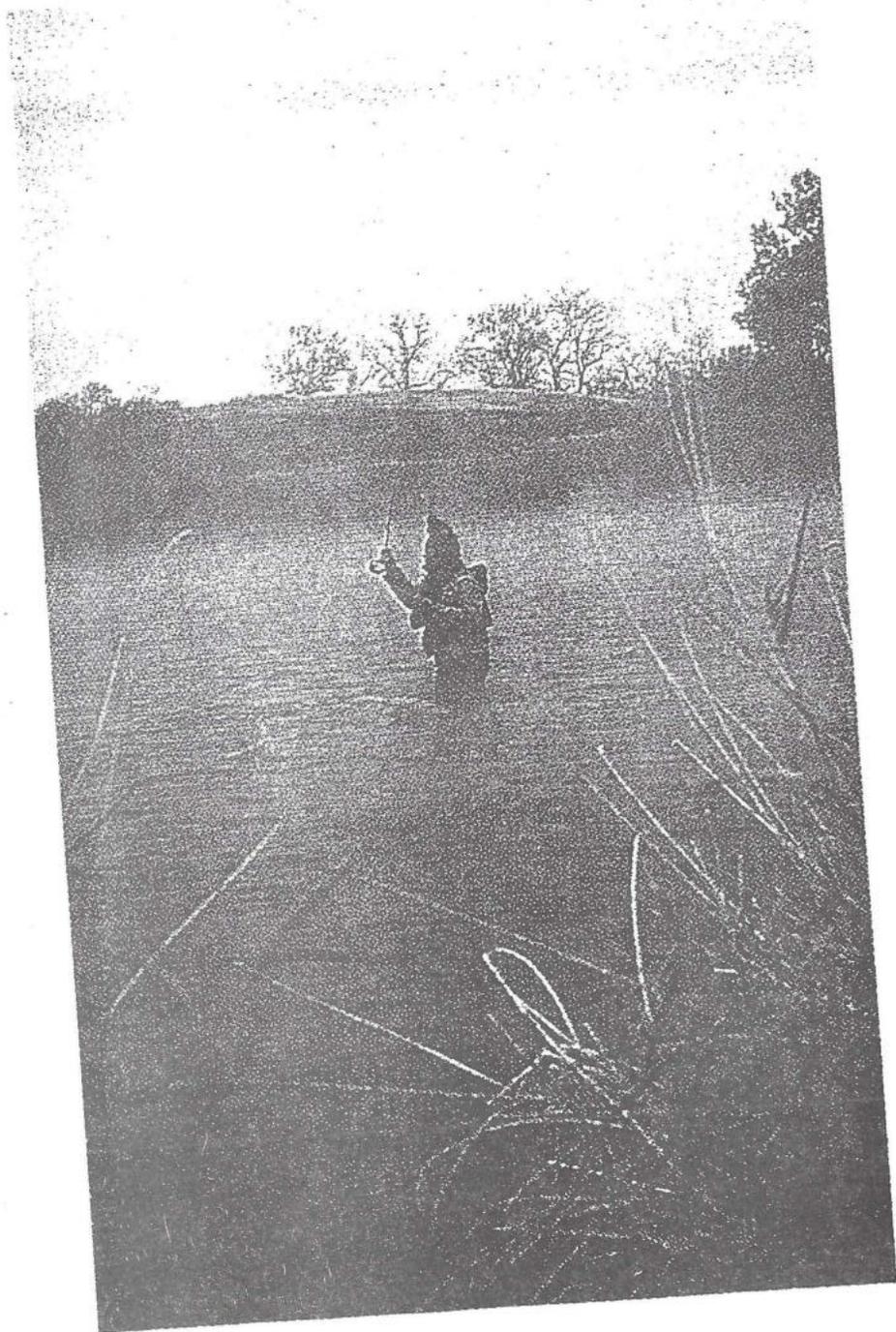


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by
Rick Radoff

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GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Warren Schoenmann

Three new members joined the program in July. I'm overwhelmed. The new participants are Curtis Radoff, Edward Pettyplace, and Randy Puccetti.

Curtis joined the program last club meeting and now that he's in the program he has planned to share his fishing knowledge with the 4H club which will give him credit in the youth program elective. He also asked for a copy of the knot descriptions which when completed will give him another program credit in the knot tying elective.

Ed and Randy are friends and joined at the same time so there may be a little competition started here; I'm not sure and neither of them are saying. What's up guys?

Any way, you all have fun; and we're happy you joined the program.

Anyone interested in the Golden Trout Program and its activities should check the front table at the next meeting. Marie and I have prepared an information summary sheet depicting the program electives which will be available at the meeting. If for some unworldly reason you can't make it to the meeting call either of us and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

Bill Carnazzo

This month we will explore the parachute style fly, utilizing hair for the "post", which is merely the wing by another name. There are many views on the function of wings on a dry fly. Personally, I view the wing as form--i.e., silhouette. If you believe what the experts say about the trout's "window" of vision, objects floating on the surface will enter the window at a point where they intersect the angle representing the window's outer envelope. The theory is that the highest (tallest) part of the object will enter the window first. Hence, the wing, theoretically, should be the first part of the fly to be seen by your quarry, assuming you are attempting to imitate an insect whose wings assume the upright position (e.g., a typical mayfly dun). If this is true, it is important to have a good silhouette representing the form of the wing. Following on with this line of logic, good contrast would be advantageous-- i.e., a wing which stands out against the background.

Does this mean the wing must be dark in color/hue? Not necessarily, since many highly successful patterns employ light colored wings (Hairwing Royal Coachman, Light Cahill, Elk Hair Caddis, to name a few). In any event, the parachute style is one type of upright wing, and many parachute patterns call for light colored materials. Let's look at using elk hair for the post, by exploring the PARADUN style of tying.

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Materials

Hook Mustad 94845 (barbless) or equivalent, size 12-20
Thread Tan
Tail Ginger Hackle Barbules
Body Tan fur or synthetic dubbing
Wing Bleached cow elk or Texas Whitetail deer
Hackle Ginger
NOTE: Coloration can be varied; olive, light and dark are effective, as is adams grey

Tying Instructions

1. Spin thread onto hook, near tail mounting position. Why here? To save weight by not covering, at this point, the whole shank with thread. That can be done after tail is tied in.

2. Apply wax to thread, and spin on a tiny amount of dubbing, just above the back end of where the barb would be (if the hook wasn't barbless), dub a small round ball on the hook. The purpose of this is to allow easy splaying of the tail.

3. Cut 8-10 barbules from a stiff spade hackle, and measure them to the length of the shank. Tie them in a short distance in front of the fur ball. TIP: use the "45-degree" method we learned earlier, to tie in the tail barbules. Once they are tied in and aligned properly on their top of the hook, begin to wind back over them, right to the base of the fur ball, and then slightly up onto the ball. The barbules should fan out in a nice, even manner. This will help to stabilize the fly on the water.

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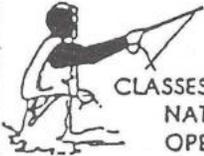
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4. From your piece of hair, cut about 20 or so hairs and stack them. Measure to length of shank. Holding the hair in your left hand, use the "45-degree" method to mount the wing about 1/3 of the way down the shank from the rear of the eye. The hair tips must protrude out over the eye, and care must be taken to tie all of the hairs in on the top, not allowing any to spin around the shank. After you have tightened the thread at the tie-in point, having applied 5 or 6 good winds of thread, let go of the butts and trim them at an angle toward the rear of the fly. Wind over the butts.

5. Now grab the tips in your left hand and raise them to the vertical position. Wrap one or two loose winds around the base of the wing to gather the hairs. Now build a shoulder in front of the wing to make it stand up, and then take a few more winds around the base of the wing.

6. After returning thread to base of tail, apply wax to the thread, and spin on a small amount of dubbing. Wrap the dubbing onto the shank, tapering the body as you go forward, to rear of wing. Tie in a high quality dry fly ginger hackle of the proper size, with the dull side down. The stem should be tied in on the close side of the hook, with the tip of the hackle pointing to the tail.

7. Now apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread, and wind on from rear of wing, tapering down in front of wing, leaving plenty of room for the head.

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8. Take the hackle pliers, and wind the hackle around the wing base. TIP: each wind should be wrapped under the previous one. When you have wrapped 3 or 4 times around the wing, drop the hackle pliers on the close side of the hook, hold the wound hackle back, and carefully tie off the hackle tip. This step will take some practice.

9. Form a neat, small head and whip finish.

Now take the fly out of the vise and look at it. Is the wing prominent? Or, is the wing too short? (a common error) Has the hackle "crept up" the post? If so, this is a sure sign of too many winds of hackle, or winds which are too loose. Parachute style flies should be tied sparsely, since they float well. Is the body nicely tapered--in the right direction? Is the tail properly proportioned? In my view, the best way to advance one's tying skills-- other than by constant practice--is to cast a critical eye on each product, catch one's errors before they become habits, and correct them on the next attempt.

Eulogy: This fly was, for me anyway, very productive on the Upper Sacramento, which I was may never again have the privilege of fishing in my lifetime-- at least the way we all assumed this precious jewel would always be (it was nominated for Wild and Scenic Status). Why are railroads allowed to transport toxic materials on rails which travel the same course as a river? Shouldn't they be limited to inerts? Who decides the proper balance of risks? The death of a river is a horrible thing to witness. Can you imagine how Joe Kimsey feels (proprietor, Ted Fay Fly Shop)?

Discouraging news this month-- Arcularius Ranch, a fly fishing resort on the Owens River about 50 miles north of Bishop, is being sold to make way for condominiums. we are losing more and more of our prime fishing areas to residential and industrial development. There are many ways we can help prevent such losses, but only if we stay sufficiently well informed.

One of the ways is to support property acquisition organizations such as the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB), the Nature Conservancy, the American River Land Trust, etc. These organizations buy property specifically to save it from development and, in some cases, actually conduct maintenance and restoration projects on the land. These lands are open to public use. The WCB recently acquired the spectacular Whiskey Lakes Ranch (4,567 acres with 3 big lakes) which has been renamed the Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, and is located off I-5 near Montague (south of Yreka). One of the fishing areas protected by the Nature Conservancy is the McCloud River Preserve northeast of Mount Shasta, with property along Fall River (upstream from the town of Fall River Mills) in the planning stage for acquisition.

Another way to help is to write letters of protest to state and local representatives immediately upon learning of plans to convert good fishing areas to incompatible development. A letter from or two individuals will not be particularly persuasive, but if you get many of your fishing associates to write letters, and they get other associates of theirs to write letters, the fishery may be saved.

Conservation Report

by
Joe Bania

The Conservation Committee is on a somewhat "forced vacation" due to fiscal problems of the Department of Fish and Game, and PG&E being at a standstill at developing plans for Bear River until they receive a response from FERC as to PG&E's responsibility in restoring the area once they abandon the Boardman Canal. DFG still needs our assistance with trout surveys and GBF members have responded by signing up for each of the four survey periods. By the time you get this newsletter, the Tuolumne River survey will have been completed. If you haven't signed up for any of the remaining surveys, it's not too late--the more help we have, the earlier we can get done and the sooner we can GET FISHING! Contact Frank Stolten at 725 6894, or Cynthia Macdonald at 737 0978 (after 8 pm), if you haven't already signed up. The remaining surveys are:

Merced River: (Yosemite Valley) Aug 20-23
Eight people/day needed
Meeting place: Sentinel Bridge
Northside parking lot

West Fork Carson: (tentative) Sept 10-11
Five people/day needed
Meeting Place: Markleeville Cutthroat
Saloon

East Walker: Nov 4-6
Six people/day needed
Meeting Place: Bridgeport Sporting Goods
Main Street

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TROUT ID

The Trout, a member of the family Salmonidae, has one feature not present in many fishes: the adipose fin, a fatty flap without rays between the dorsal and caudal fins.

Differentiating among the chinook, coho, and rainbow trout when they are in the silvery stage is difficult for some anglers. Most trout have white mouths. Coho salmon usually have a black or very dark gray mouth and tongue, while their gums are grayish-white. The chinook has a black mouth, tongue and gums. The confusion usually comes when trying to determine which is a rainbow and which is the coho salmon. The answer lies in the mouth.

Article is from "The Sports Afield Fishing Almanac", 1989, published by Nick Lyons Books.

Submitted by Joe Bania.

To end on a happy note, the Department of Fish and Game successfully eradicated the northern pike from Frenchman's Reservoir, replanted it with trout already, and held a fishing derby in mid-July to celebrate their success in reintroducing trout to the area.

We cannot relax our vigilance or sit back and assume someone else will "carry the ball" in protecting our fisheries. GET INVOLVED!!! Write letters, attend hearings and donate money/time if you can; show that you care.



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LIBRARY

The library was established for the reading and viewing enjoyment of all club members. Very basic rules of order were established so that the library could function in a very easy and simplistic manner for the benefit of all. Only two criteria were made; one is that the check out of books and videos be restricted to members, and the other is that each book or video be returned to the library at the club meeting following the date of check out.

Several of the club books and videos are now in a very overdue state. Perhaps those of you who were last checked out with them have forgotten that you still have a book or video out.

In order to secure the books and videos back into the library so that others may check them out, please review the following list of titles and last user who signed it out. If your name is one of those listed with an overdue book or video please return it at the next meeting (July 11). See you all then.

VIDEOS

5/10/90	Dave Howard	Angler Guide to NZ
4/11/91	Larry Eubanks	Learn to Fly Fish
4/11/91	Dennis Bogue	Essence Fly Cast.
\14/91	Steve Hand	Tie/Fish Caddis Fly
4/11/91	C Vandergrift	West Fly Fish Tips
4/11/91	Dan Gaffney	Skills of Flyfish
5/09/91	Bill Furst	Fish Damsel/Dragons

BOOKS

2/14/91	John Peterson	Flyfishing
4/11/91	Dave Hess	Fly Cast Technique
5/09/91	Jim Holmes	Trout Fishing
10/11/90	S. Skies	Essence Fly Cast.
5/10/91	D. Sharrock	Nymphing Basic
6/14/90	Bud Weis	Fish High Country

Thank you for your cooperation. The Library.

Fishout Report

by
Ron English

Cedar Grove-Kings Canyon

In attendance were Ron and Jeanne, Ike and Nick English; Judy and Bill Carnazzo; Paul Orcutt; Bill and Aaron Avery; Terry Eggleston and Ann. We all camped at the Moraine Campground next to the river. We started fishing Friday afternoon and we all caught fish. The fish were small but plentiful. The largest fish of the trip were caught by Bill C. and Terry.

Saturday morning Bill C. spotted a bear next to his camp site. Within a minute my boys got up to watch the bear with Bill, Judy and Paul. The bear was friendly, just looking for food. That afternoon Bill C. visited the Ranger and got a free lesson on food storage in bear country. If anyone has any questions on food storage in the National Parks, ask Bill Carnazzo.

One thing I noticed while fishing--there was an absence of fish wherever I saw certain tracks along the river's edge.

All in all we had a good time with great fishing and good weather. See you at the next Fishout.

P.S. Terry had a small accident when his wine rolled out the car door.

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