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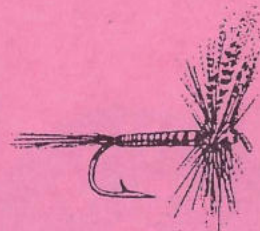
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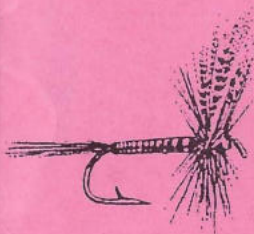


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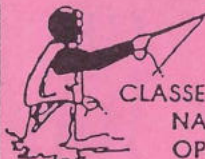
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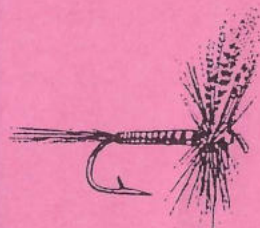
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Tentative Fishout Schedule

February: Open To be discussed at Feb meeting
March 9: Pyramid Lake
(leader needed)
March 23: Pardee Lake
led by Don Steffa
March 30: Bass Outing
led by Jim Victorine
April 13: Sacramento River at Redding
led by Ron English
(depending on flows)
May 18: Yellow Creek & Deer Creek
led by Ron English
May ?: McCloud River
led by Ron English
Date to be determined
June: Fordyce Creek (Walk-in)
led by Bill Carnazzo
June: Shad
July: Bass outing
Jim Victorine
August: Fuller Lake?
Sept. 7: Trinity River & Coffee Creek
led by Ron English
Sept. ?: Middle Fork Stanislaus River
led by Bill Carnazzo
Oct. 12,13: Upper Sacramento
Oct. 26: Kings River
led by Ron English
Nov: Open
Dec: Open

**Anyone who wishes to lead a fishout, please call me (Ron English) at 677 7169.

There can be several fishouts in one month!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Radoff

It is just a day after the Cal Expo Sports Show that I'm writing this, and as I sit here and reflect on the first month of the new year, (which isn't over yet) the first thought that comes to mind is to thank all of the volunteers who helped at the booth at Cal Expo. Even with the circumstances at the beginning and end of the show, we had a great response, and I feel that we will gain several new members. A special thanks to Sturmer White for the use of his display of beautifully tied flies. It stopped a lot of passersby. Thank you Olive S. for a wonderful job on the photo albums. Also a special thanks to Warren. Mike, Chris, Ed and Marie for putting in extra time at the booth. (Fran told me that we should have taken the motor-home down and left it for Ed and Marie!)

Now on to the rest of the month, where more exciting events are happening! On Thursday the 24th, I'm attending an in-service for more than fifteen more teachers for the Aquarium Program. This will bring our total to thirty-five. Let's hope that with the poor steelhead run, and the terrible water situation, the program won't have to be put on hold. On the 25th, Warren and I will be putting on a program for a Rotary Club, explaining what the Aquarium Program is all about. Hopefully we will be coming away with a donation to help further the program.

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February will be a busy month, also. We are starting a beginning fly-tying class, an advanced fly-tying class, and a rod-building class. Look also for an exciting fishout. Ron English, our Fishmaster, has been busy putting together the year's fishouts. Don't be surprised if you see more than one fishout in some months.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the February 14th meeting. Until then, tight lines!

KVIE-TV PLEDGE DRIVE

Once again the club will be assisting KVIE-TV, Sacramento's public broadcasting station, in its pledge and membership drive. The date is Sunday, March 17, from 3:00 to 7:00, a much friendlier time than our last visit. The "work" is fun, easy, and a great way to help support one of our community's important resources. Everyone I've heard from who helped at the last pledge drive really enjoyed the experience.

In addition to being on TV, volunteers get a tour of the facility and a behind-the-scenes look at how a TV station operates. We'll need 20 volunteers to cover the phones, and all club members are welcome to help. Sign up at the Feb. 14th meeting or call me, Frank Stolten, at 725 6894, but don't wait and be disappointed!

Welcome New Members

Bud Pate Guy Deaner Dennis Bogue
David Allen Richard Bastien

Flytyer's Corner cont'd

Techniques to practice:

The Hare's Ear Nymph is illustrative of the following basic techniques, which should be practiced:

1. The "hump" method of splaying the tail.
2. When dubbing, apply small quantities of dubbing material to sufficiently waxed thread, and twist dubbing in one direction only.
3. Taper the dubbing rope to assist in tapering the body.
4. If your vise rotates, the legs become easier to tie if the vise is rotated 90 degrees to either side.

** DUES DUES DUES **

Last call for those of you who have not paid your dues. This will be your last newsletter if your dues have not been received by the 25th of February. If you haven't paid your dues by March 31, 1991, you will have to rejoin. We have enjoyed having you as a member in 1990, and hope to have you again in 1991!

** ADVERTISING **

Advertising in the newsletter is \$60/year, or \$30 for 6 months for a business size card ad. This is a very affordable way to help your business grow. If interested in placing an ad, call Tom Ritchie at 624 1571 or Marie Stull at 663 2414

NOTE If any members have any fishing equipment they would like to sell or trade, you may place an ad in "The Leader" at no cost.

Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3906, 3906B or equivalent,
#10-22
Be sure to sharpen it!

Tail: Sparse lemon wood duck

Rib: Properly sized copper wire. The
original pattern called for gold
wire.

Abdomen: Dubbed blended hare's ear mask

Wingcase: Mottled turkey quill, light colored

Thorax: Dubbed hare's ear mask

Legs: Lemon wood duck

Weight: Properly sized lead wire, if
desired.

Instructions:

1. Cover shank of hook with thin thread base and wrap lead forward if desired.
2. Build small thread hump with 2 or 3 winds at tail tie-in point (above rear tip of barb), and move thread forward slightly.
3. Measure tail (slightly shorter than shank length) and tie in ahead of hump. Wind over butts to the hump, causing the tail to splay slightly.
4. Tie in copper wire at tail base, on far side of hook.
5. Wax thread and apply dubbing in small quantities, tapering the rope if possible to assist in tapering the body.
6. Stop dubbing approx. 1/3 hook length behind eye, and tie in proportionately wide turkey quill. Lay outside of quill section butt against shank, and tie down, back to and slightly up over the dubbing.
7. Wrap ribbing forward in even, medium spaced turns, tying off in front of wingcase.
8. Dub thorax, making it bulkier than body.
9. Bring wingcase over top of thorax, and tie down approx. 1/16" behind hook eye.
10. Tie sparse clump of wood duck on either side of thorax (at front of wingcase) for legs, not longer than point of barb.
11. With dubbing needle, or other implement, pick out dubbing on bottom of thorax--it gives it a more buggy look, and improves it's translucence.

CONSERVATION

Joe Bania

As I write this article, I can see a sky full of stars and a crescent moon. While it looks beautiful, I wish I couldn't see it-- I am anxiously waiting for clouds and RAIN. And then more RAIN! Many of our streams are in danger of significant fish die-offs due to low water levels, resulting in improper water temperatures, inability of fish to migrate due to land blockages, and increased predation by birds, mammals and poachers. Our need to participate in conservation efforts is more critical than ever as we face a fifth year of drought!

One of the conservation efforts we are planning to sponsor is daily trapping and transportation of baby salmon around a diversion dam in Auburn Creek Ravine this Spring. If the Department of Fish and Game plants the fish as planned, we will need to develop a schedule of volunteers to assist us from mid-April through June. We have already received offers of support from various groups and individuals but, since our club would be the primary coordinator, it is our responsibility to make sure an adequate cadre of personnel is available as primary and back-up workers for each day. Mr. Fred Meyer, biologist for DFG, will provide more information about this project at our General Meeting this month.

If you are interested in fish restoration activities, you may wish to attend the 9th Annual "Salmon, Steelhead and Trout Restoration Conference" February 22-24 in Santa Cruz. Friday is devoted to various field trips. The presentations and workshops

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run from Saturday morning at 8:30 through Sunday noon. Fifteen major topics will be addressed, ranging from "how-to" seminars on policies and regulations, education, and monitoring and evaluation. The full cost per person is only \$50 (conference registration fees submitted after February 1 are \$35 and include Saturday lunch; optional Saturday evening banquet with guest speaker Mark Reisner is \$15).

cont'd If you are interested in attending, please contact Rick Radoff at 624 2107, or Barbara or me for further information at 677 4263 (evenings).

AMERICAN RIVER MAKES TOP 10 ENDANGERED LIST
"CALIFORNIA ANGLER", JAN. 1991

The American River is among the top 10 endangered rivers in the United States, according to "American Rivers", a conservation group based in Washington D.C. Anglers have seen the steady decline in steelhead and salmon runs on the once productive American. Low hatchery production of these fisheries, along with five years of drought have plagued more than salmon and steelhead. Striped bass, once a prolific fishery in the lower river, and American Shad have also seen drastic declines the past few years.

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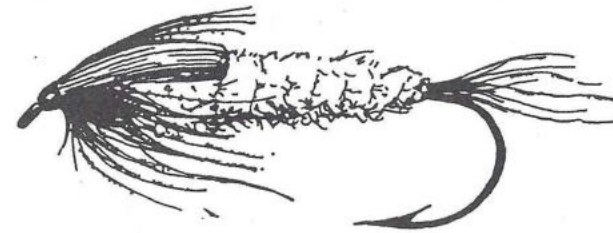
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

Bill Carnozza

The purpose of this column is to help members improve their flytying skills. The emphasis will be on basic techniques, using standard, common patterns to illustrate their application. Also, when a fishout is planned, we will try to present a pattern which has been recommended for the fishout location.

The Hare's Ear Nymph is a study in simplicity of design, and legendary in its effectiveness when fished properly. Why? Perhaps at, or near, the end of the drift it resembles a caddis pupa rocketing to the surface; or, fished along the bottom, its translucence may cause it to resemble a drifting mayfly or stonefly nymph, or perhaps a caddis larva. Whatever theory appeals to you, be it one of the above or some other, you are probably at least partially correct. In any event, as an elderly mentor once told me, "toss it quarter upstream, let it sink and do it's work as it drifts."

Here is a proven-deadly formula for this favorite standby:

Fly Tying Meet

Saturday, March 2, 1991
9 AM to 5 PM
Granite Bay Flycasters
Roseville

All flycasters are invited to attend the FFF Northern California Council's next fly-tying get together at the Granite Bay Flycaster's clubhouse in Roseville. All levels of tyers from beginner to hotshot are invited to bring their gear and tie, or just watch some of Northern California's best tyers demonstrate their own special techniques.

There will be tables set up with an experienced tyer at each, showing his or her specialties. You can sit down, clamp on your vise and tie along and learn. Move from table to table and sample whatever flies and techniques interest you. There will also be a number of open tables so you can demonstrate your own tying for others, or just practice what you've seen.

The morning session will be from 9 to 12, and the afternoon session from 1:30 to 5. Lunch will be provided by the Granite Bay Flycasters for a nominal charge. In the afternoon we'll have a fresh group of tyers so you can see a wide variety of flies and techniques.

Directions: From Interstate 80 take the Douglas Bl. exit in Roseville and head Southeast toward Folsom Lake. Continue on Douglas Bl. until it ends at the Granite Bay entrance to Folsom Lake. Tell the gatekeeper you're attending the FFF Fly Tying Event and you won't be charged for entry. Proceed to the second stop sign and turn right. Almost immediately turn left on the gravel road at the sign that says "Group Picnic Area", and follow it to the clubhouse.

For further information call either Frank Stolten (916) 725 6894, or Jim Victorine at (916) 652 0408.

FISHOUT

Stanislaus River
January 5, 1991

Don Steffa

Terry Eggleston had faced the fog on his way down to Stockton Friday evening. Ron English and his partner Bill Carnazzo were ready to meet us the next morning for the ride to the Stanislaus River just outside Oakdale along Highway 120. Steve Hand was also expected, but had to cancel Saturday morning because of the dense fog. Other members were also expected but didn't show, also due most likely to the fog. Ron and Bill were waiting for us at 8 AM Saturday, and since no-one else showed by 8:30 we made our way to the river with no visibility problems.

We arrived just downstream from Goodwin Dam and found fewer fishermen were on the river than had been on the opener, January 1st. This meant we wouldn't have as much competition as some good runs would not have been fished yet.

We helped each other rig our rods with size 14 to 18 Hare's Ear nymphs and Caddis pupae. Tan and olive were to prove the best that day. After we had tied on two flies with indicators, we were off to the river. We spent a little time exploring to give everyone an idea of the holding water, and some background info about the special regulations: no-kill, artificial lures, single barbless hooks. These had just been implemented four years earlier, and the river has responded with good numbers of fish.

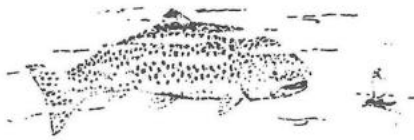
Fishout cont'd

Bill Carnazzo asked if I could demonstrate the technique I use in one of the better runs, and on my second drift I connected with one of many 6" - 8" juveniles in the river. Bill continued fishing the area, hooking and releasing several more fish before moving upstream. He continued doing well all day, hooking and releasing fish up to 16" on #16 & 18 Caddis and Hare's Ear nymphs.

Ron English came color coordinated in blue waders, blue club hat, etc. He really looked sharp while he cast tight loops and hooked fish. At one exciting point he did lose his hat and was unable to retrieve it with his rod! Ron had a good day with several good fish hooked and landed.

It seemed everytime someone turned around Terry was hooked up on either a good fish or the bushes. I couldn't figure out who was having the most fun; Terry, the fish, or the bushes! Terry took it very calmly, releasing his fish (and the bushes), or rerigging his outfit after an unsuccessful bout with a tree or bush out of reach on the other side of the stream! Boy can that guy cast!

After we had met for lunch and compared notes, (bragged about the fish we had caught) Ron and Bill had to leave for home. It was now 3:45 PM. That still left some time for Terry and myself to do some more fishing. We decided to visit the middle section of the special regulations area of the river, called "2 Mile Bar", downstream from where we had been fishing.



Fishout cont'd

We made our way to the river and arrived at the first run at 4:20 or thereabouts. Terry hooked the first fish on the first cast, and by the time we had made 12 to 15 casts we had hooked and landed about 8 or 9 fish in the 11" - 12" range. Just as fast as the action had started, by 5:00 it stopped. We noticed that now the temperature had dropped to the mid 40's, so we headed back to the car for something warm to drink and some food.

It was a good day on the Stanislaus; good company and good fishing. The river needs more friends. Local bait fisherman still fish the special regulations area, taking out good fish. I believe by introducing more people to the potential of the river we can help preserve this area and it's great fishery.

If anyone would like to go fishing just call me at (209) 478 2197.

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