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*Flycasters*

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## Schedule of Events

### July

General Meeting	July 11, 1991 7:30 pm @ Clubhouse
Board Meeting	July 18, 1991 7:00 pm @ Clubhouse

### August

General Meeting	August 9, 1991 7:30 pm @ Clubhouse
Board Meeting	August 16, 1991 7:00 pm @ Clubhouse

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Martis and Milton Reservoirs: improving rapidly, many techniques productive, from light Cahill dries, flying ants in the film, to wooly buggers.

Davis Lake: Very good with damselflies

Truckee River: Should be starting to produce

Fuller Lake: good, wooly buggers & float tubes

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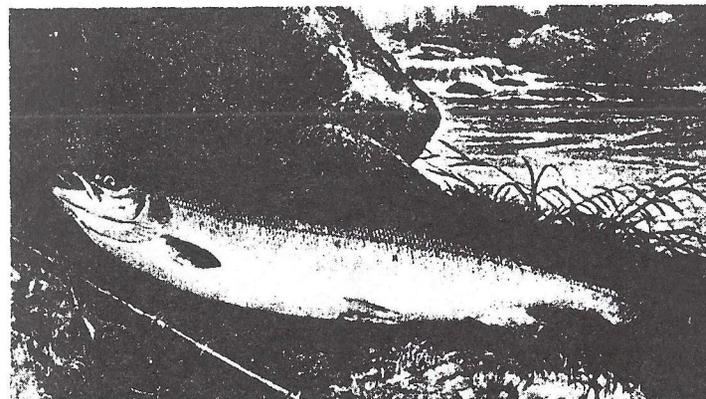
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rick Radoff

Well, we are into the second half of the year, and the second half will most likely be just as busy as the first half. We have some very good fish-outs scheduled, and the rest of the year's line-up of speakers for the general meetings look real interesting. Your Board of Directors have been hard at work planning and scheduling for future events which will be coming up during the second half of the year. These include: Conservation events; Salmon, Trout and Steelhead Education Program; fly-tying classes; rod-building classes; a possible special-guest to be held on a Saturday; and getting ready for the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers annual conclave to be held at King's Beach in September. You will be kept informed of up-coming events through "The Leader", and of course at the General Meetings. Please remember that ideas or suggestions that you may have will be listened to. Know who your board members are and don't hesitate to voice your ideas or suggestions and get more involved.

Until the next club meeting on July 11th, tight lines.

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JOHN VOELKER  
aka

"ROBERT TRAVERS"

This last March, the fly fishing world lost one of it's great authors, John Voelker, a.k.a. Robert Traver. In addition to "Trout Madness" and "Trout Magic", he wrote "Anatomy of a Fisherman", and, of course, "Anatomy of a Murder". Here is a part of a very famous, pointed quote from his "Testament of a Fisherman", telling why he fishes:

"I fish because I love to; because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariably beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds of people are found, which are invariably ugly...; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power, but respond only to quietude and humility and endless patience...; because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip...; maybe one day I will catch a mermaid; and finally, not so much because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of man are equally unimportant--and not nearly so much fun".

Submitted by Bill Carnazzo

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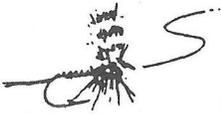


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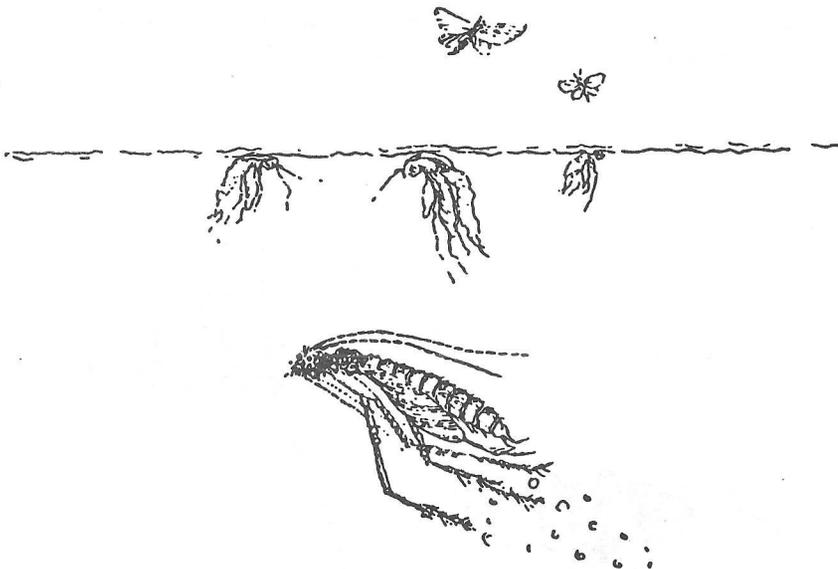
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## CONSERVATION REPORT

Joe Bania

GBF has a lot to be proud of for being only 5 years old! One area for pride is in it's members support of conservation. Based on our recent inquiry to other clubs regarding their conservation activities, it looks like we're near the top in helping to provide for the future of various fisheries. If you went to GBF's Open House in April you saw our list of activities-- I was impressed at how much the club is doing.

Activities being planned for the next 12 months include:

Trout stream surveys in cooperation with DFG: July - Sept. '91

Bear River restoration with NCC/FFF: possibly Fall '91

Little Shirttail Creek restoration, GBF project: assist in planning now, on-site labor probably Fall '92.

Still pending, of course, is our grant to capture and transport Chinook Salmon on Auburn Ravine Creek next Spring. I expect we will be asked to cut willows again next May, but that is only a half-day project.

Speaking of conservation, Barbara and I had a very disappointing first-hand experience while on vacation, with the deterioration of one of our favorite fisheries. Due to the lack of strong conservation support, the East Walker River (near Bridgeport) was run dry several years ago. Again, it looks very bad this year. Water temperatures were already in the high 50's and low 60's while we were there and the lake has very little water to maintain adequate flows. The locals are afraid it will take many, many years to recover.

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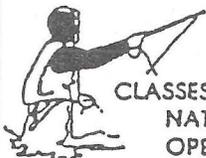
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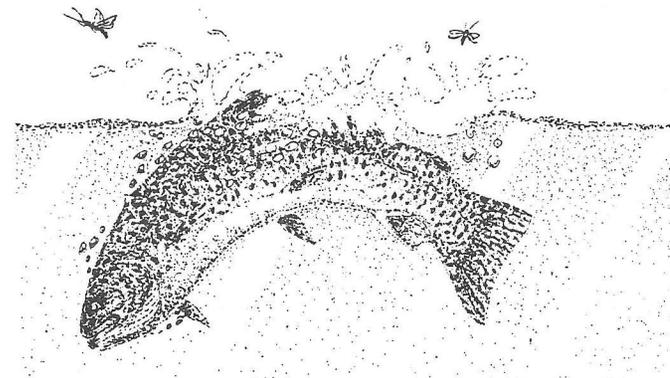
Bill Carnazzo

Simplicity. There are many, many fly patterns which require somewhat complex procedures and sophisticated materials. In general, these "advanced" patterns are single-purpose flies, and often they are the only thing which will work in the particular circumstance for which they were created. Indeed, some are works of art, and tying them is very enjoyable.

However, there is much to be said for simple, basic patterns that can be used in many different situations--and sometimes in those situations where just nothing seems to work. One such pattern is the "Sheep Creek". This fly seems to be able to excite trout, especially in lakes, and it is the ultimate in simplicity. The colors suggested below are just one (albeit extremely effective) combination--use your imagination.

### Materials

Hook: Mustad 9672, Tiemco 200, or equivalent, sizes 8,10,12  
Thread: Olive  
Weight: Lead wrapped entire length of shank.  
Tail: Brown Hackle  
Body: Olive Chenille (small or medium)  
Wing: Barred mallard flank



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## THE MOKELUMNE - ONCE AND FUTURE RIVER

When Comanche Dam was constructed, EBMUD and the State Water Board permitted less than 1% (5400 out of 730,000 acre foot average) of the natural Mokelumne river flow to be reserved for natural resource protection.

All three of the native anadromous fisheries of the Mokelumne are apparently extinct - two in the last decade. Devastating fish kills have racked the Mokelumne River Fish Installation three of the last four years. The once legendary chinook salmon spawning runs have dwindled to several hundred adult fish each of the past three years.

Who cares? Several years ago, the Delta Fly Fishers formed the Committee to Save the Mokelumne. Doggedly they collected evidence, cracked the bureaucratic barriers, and developed a constituency for the dying river. Last year, more than 75 newspaper articles (mostly front page) and frequent television coverage documented the escalating conflict between those who would see the Mokelumne restored, and those who would drain the last drop of water from its stream bed.

The Committee is now taking legal action against EBMUD, CDF&G, and the State and Regional Water Boards. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CalSPA) counsel Michael Jackson is heading a volunteer team preparing a lawsuit based upon the Public Trust, the Federal Clean Water Act, 5937 and 5650 of the Fish and Game Code, breach of contract, and other issues. Contact Bill Jennings at 209-474-8216 for more information.

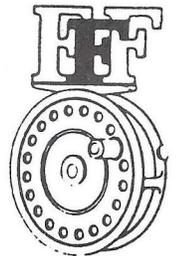
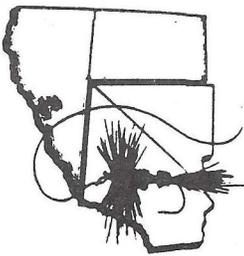
## SHORT CASTS

The Chico Area Flyfishers are participating in the "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" program - a special fishing day for kids from single parent homes. . . The Diablo Valley Fly Fishers are making plans to construct a fish ladder on a major drop structure on Walnut Creek. This is the first step in an effort to help salmon and steelhead overcome twenty-five such structures in what was once thriving habitat. . . The Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers held a fund raising (and fun raising) carnival to benefit the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CalSPA), the busiest little organization in the West. . . Thanks to the Truckee River Fly Fishers for hosting another successful NCC/FFF Pyramid Lake outing. Anglers were welcomed by some outstanding Pyramid Lake Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, our new "Catch and Release" signs, and, of course, the world famous barbecue. . . Joe Bania of the Granite Bay Flycasters is in discussions with the U.S. Forest Service and PG&E on several stream restoration projects, including a riparian restoration project for Bear River below Lake Spaulding. . . CDF&G is asking the Council to take over creel census work at Martis Creek Reservoir this summer. Budget constraints have left the Department without the resources to do its basic fishery evaluation work. Ned Long of the Tahoe-Truckee Fly Fishers is developing the census project. . . A special "thank you" to Lorraine Elliot, Les Junge, and all the volunteers who produced the amazing albacore and chicken feast at the California Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout Restoration Conference.

## A PERSONAL NOTE

There is nothing in the world like being president of the Northern California Council. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to lead our voice of fly fishing for the past three years. The volunteer efforts of so many have made our voice heard through our rivers, lakes, and streams to the halls of bureaucracy and salons of power. The Federation of Fly Fishers is an empowering organization. It works. I will be turning the gavel over to Tom Sharples in June. Please give him all the support you gave to me, and keep this good thing going. Sincerely  
- Richard Izmirian





# THE RIVER MOUTH

*News of the Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers*

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Richard Izmirian, President

MAY / JUNE, 1991

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## CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE NCC/FFF ELECTION

Federation clubs and members will be receiving their ballots in May for the election of Council officers, Council directors, and FFF international directors. Dr. Tom Sharples of Sacramento is nominated for President, Maureen Mitchell-Wise for Secretary, and Richard Holubek for Treasurer. Please mark and return your ballot promptly.

## NCC CONCLAVE '91 - "A FESTIVAL OF FLY FISHING"

Mark your calendar! September 13, 14, and 15, 1991 at North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, California. The three day program is for anglers of all skill levels, from beginner to expert. The festival includes comprehensive presentations and demonstrations on fly fishing northern California, international angling with the fly rod, fly casting, extensive fly tying clinics, and commercial exhibits.

The Festival features renown fly fishing pioneer Bud Lilly of West Yellowstone, Montana. An early advocate of catch and release angling, Bud Lilly has been a guide, teacher, and conservationist for over 50 years.

Programs will be presented by Rick Hafele, noted author, fly innovator, and entomologist. He created one of the first "living streams" which has emerged into educational programs in schools. Rick Hafele's writings present practical guides for understanding entomology and its relationship to successful fly fishing.

Tahoe area anglers Ralph Cutter, Randy Johnson, Dave Stanley, and Dave Bryeans will present programs and clinics for angling during the Festival. Other programs will be presented along with dozens of fly tyers in ongoing demonstrations, including noted tyers Darwin Atkin, Dick Nelson, Wayne Luallen, Ned Long, and Rob Ransom.

Auction, silent auction, and drawings support the fund raising activities. Bud Lilly will keynote a Saturday evening banquet. Festival registrations are \$20.00 individual and \$30.00 for the whole family. For additional information and registration materials phone Sarge Reynolds at (916) 662-1002 or Ron Rabun at (916) 758-5103.

## WILD TROUT STREAM SURVEYS

What can you do to help? Volunteer for a wild trout stream survey. The California Department of Fish and Game depends on volunteers from the NCC/FFF to complete the research required for the State's "Wild Trout" and "Catch and Release" programs. Experience is not necessary - just a little stamina and a good pair of waders. Check the schedule and mark your calendar

- Tuolumne River above Early Intake. July 17, 1991. Seven needed.
- Merced River (Yosemite Valley). August 20-23. Eight/day.
- West Fork Carson. September 10-11 (tent.). Five needed.
- East Walker River. November 4-6. Six needed.

Call volunteer coordinator Cynthia MacDonald at 916-737-0978 for details.