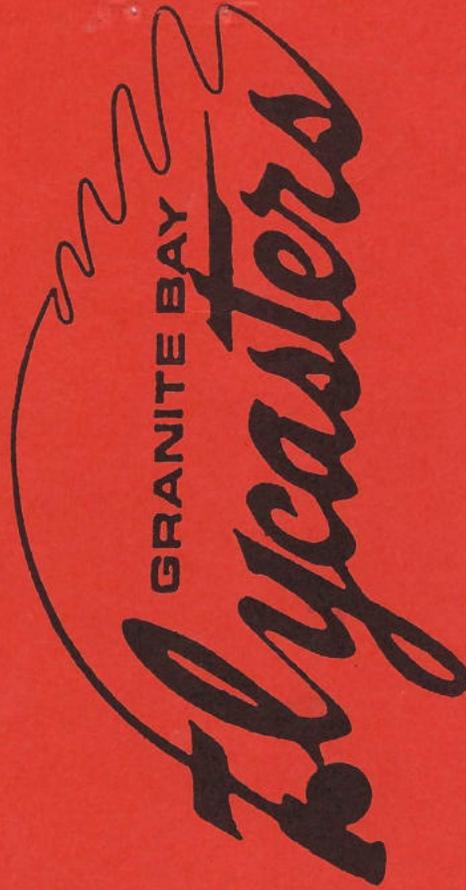


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# Calendar of Events

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## June

June 13	General Meeting 7:30 @ Clubhouse
June 14	Fordyce Creek Fishout
June 20	Board Meeting 7:00 @ Clubhouse
June 22	Sac River Shad Fishout

## July

July ?	Bass Outing Jim Victorine
July 11	General Meeting 7:30 @ Clubhouse
July 18	Board Meeting 7:00 @ Clubhouse
July 27	King's River Fishout

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## Tentative Fishout Schedule

June 14 :	Fordyce Creek (Walk-in) Bill Carnazzo
June 22 :	Sac River Shad Bill Furst
July ? :	Bass Outing Jim Victorine
July 27 :	King's River Ron English
Aug. ? :	Fuller Lake
Sept 7 :	Trinity River & Coffee Creek Ron English
Sept ? :	Middle Fork Stanislaus River Bill Carnazzo
Oct 12, 13 :	Upper Sacramento River
Oct 26 :	King's River Ron English
Nov :	OPEN (any ideas?)
Dec :	OPEN

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

There can be as many fishouts in one month as we can  
 come up with!

# President's Message

Rick Radoff

## \*\*\*FISHING REPORTS\*\*\*

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June is arguably the BEST month for fishing in California. Shad are in the river system, and bass and lakes and streams are becoming active, and bass and other warmwater fish are in the shallows and accessible to the flyfisherman.

Some particular spots and techniques:

Hilton, McCumber and Martis Lakes  
Standard lake fishing techniques: 12-14 blood midges, PT Nymphs, leeches and flying ants.

Davis Lake  
Damsel fly nymphs in the weeds

Folsom Lake  
Smallmouth Bass

Natomas/Willow Creek  
Hex Hatch, some surface activity for bass and trout

Yellow Creek  
This is the time! Green drakes just emerging.

Owens River  
Very productive from Benton Crossing to Big Springs.  
Browns and bows 12"-22"  
a.m. Olive matukas/zonkas/wooly buggers  
mid-day Browns in riffles & banks w/ caddis nymphs  
p.m. Streamers & callibatis nymphs

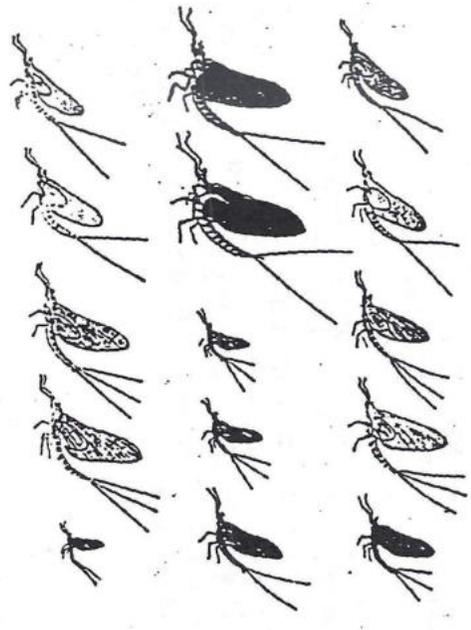
Hot Creek Blue winged olives, olive matukas, elk caddis, little brassies

**TIGHT LINES!**

This is the time of the year when we are all busy with many projects, most of which were probably put off last fall to do this spring and summer. As this is my case, I haven't gotten to go fishing as much as I would like, and when I can the weather doesn't and when I have made most of the club co-operate! I have made most of the club co-operate! I have made most of the club fish-outs this year, and I am looking forward to the upcoming ones. My brother Mike and I, and our wives, just got back looking forward to a float trip on the Bow River with a vacation in Canada. We were looking forward to a float trip on the Bow River and it was canceled. We did manage a few days on several lakes with some success. I hope to see a lot of you at the McCloud River fish-out on June 1st and 2nd. I hope the weather co-operates this time!

If I don't see you at the McCloud fish-out, then I hope to see you at the next club meeting on June 13th.

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## Spring Runoff Forecast

Chris Impens

There is good news for flycasters this year. Even with the lingering drought, the spring runoff will be better this year than last. The forecast by the Department of Water Resources is for 50-60% of average runoff from snowmelt through most of the mountain regions of California. This is a tremendous improvement over last year, especially in the Southern Sierras that saw only 25% of average last year.

The total runoff into the reservoirs will be about the same as last year, but this amount is comparable to 1989, which was "below average" and not a "dry" year. This means that the fishery habitat will be improved in mountain rivers and streams. I can't promise bigger fish, but I'm betting there will be bigger and better fish this summer.

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Flytyer's contd.

For this article, I have selected a very basic pattern--but one which teaches some interesting techniques. There are many ways to tie this type of shad fly; my personal preference, expressed in the method set forth below, is based on simplicity of design and ease in tying. I call it the "Green Marvel". \*Note: it can be tied in virtually any color by simply substituting your choice for the tail, the mono, the hackle and the chenille.

## Materials

Hook: Eagle Claw 1197N or Mustad 3908C  
Tail: Fluorescent Green Saddle Hackle  
(also called chartreuse)  
Thread: Fluorescent Green  
Body: Fluor. Green Flat Monofilament  
Collar: Fluor. Green Chenille  
Hackle: Fluor. Green Saddle Hackle  
Eyes: Bead Chain, silver or painted medium size

## Tying Instructions

1. Weighting is not necessary on this fly; as will be seen, there is a double layer of mono, which provides significant weight. If weight is desired, it should be applied along the sides of the hook, and not wound on.
2. Cover hook with thread, advancing to the rear to a point directly above the back of the barb. Wind forward approximately 1/8th inch and apply tail at this point. Tail should be 2/3 length of shank.
3. Advance thread to a point approximately 1/3 shank length behind eye. Tie in a 6 inch piece of green mono at this point. The mono should be tied in so that the butt is facing you.

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# FLYTYER'S CORNER

Bill Carnazzo

"Shad season" is here. But where are the shad? The current flow regimes in the Lower American River are not conducive to the large influx of shad that formerly occurred. There have been reports of some fish in the lower holes. For those of us who fish the Sailor Bar area and the Sunrise Area, the news is not good. However, we will keep hoping and trying.

Because the flow is low, tactics and equipment must be adjusted to the conditions. It is best to have a variety of lines with you when you go to the stream, to adjust the depth of the drift when necessary. It is also helpful to have a variety of colors and patterns in a selection of sizes. While shad are generally not leader-shy, if nothing else seems to be working, a change of leader tippet size can sometimes be effective. Also, depending on where one fishes, it is not always true that long casts are necessary. In fact, there are times when, in good years, the fish will swim around one's waders--a truly exasperating experience when you can't seem to buy a hookup!! The point is that your casts should cover the water--in close as well as "out there".

Shad patterns are, to say the least, abundant. In general, they are flashy in design, probably due to the prevalent theory that shad strike reactively, since they are in the river spawn. Whether that theory is correct or not, a glance into a shad fisher's fly box reveals that the only limit to the variety of these flies is the imagination of the tyer-creator.

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