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FISHOUT SCHEDULE

August 24	Indian Creek Reservoir & Lobdell Lake (Grayling)
September 7	Trinity River & Coffee Creek
October 12-13	Hot Creek & Owens River
November	Steelhead outing (to be announced)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
September 13-15	NCCFFF Conclave, Kings Beach Lake Tahoe
September 19	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
October 10	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
October 17	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
October 21	Flytying Classes Commence 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
October 28	Flytying Classes 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

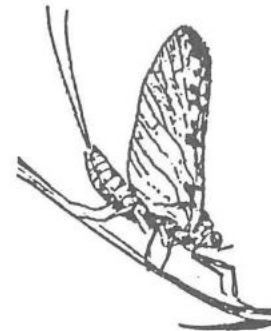


President's Message.

Rick Radoff

September and October are my favorite months of the year for fishing, the weather is usually starting to cool off and fall is just around the corner. We have several good fishouts scheduled during this time, and I urge all of you that are interested to give Ron English a call and he will be glad to fill you in with the details. I read all of the membership applications that the new members turn in, and of the two questions asked on the application dealing with (what do you expect from the club?) the most common answers are, 1-general information to increase my knowledge, and 2-fishing trips for me to gain experience. Well we are doing our best to provide the general membership with just that, if any of you have any suggestions on how we can improve on these two points of interest, please don't hesitate to tell myself or any other officer or board member of your suggestion. I hope to see several of you at the Indian Creek Reservoir fishout, I spoke with Ron the other night, and he said that at least nine families will be attending and that we will be staying in the group campground. These events are always great get-togethers and a great way to learn new techniques from other Flyfishermen.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on Sept. 12, until then, tight lines.





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank Marge Vingom, Jim Wright and Christine Vingom for their previous work as Treasurer, Editor and Librarian. I would like to welcome Missy Arnold as Treasurer, Bill Carnazzo as Editor and Jim Hornberger as the new Librarian. The rest of the Officers, the Board of Directors and myself are looking forward to working with you during the rest of the year.

At our December meeting we will be voting to fill the four Officer positions and three Director positions for 1992, if you are interested in running for one of these positions, or would like to nominate someone (with their permission) please call myself or one of the Board members, so that we can get all of the names on the ballot.

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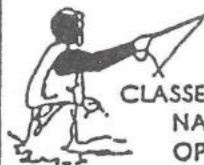
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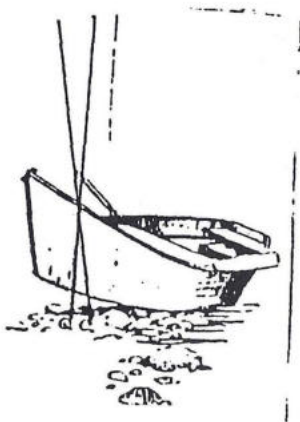
PROGRAMS

September

Bill Furst, our intrepid program chairman, has engaged Dennis Crocket, a Sacramento expert on fly casting equipment technology. Dennis will discuss line-to-rod relationships; leaders; matching equipment to type of fishing; and other related topics. This program will be good for beginners; and will undoubtedly provide a lively offering of endless opinions from more experienced flycasters.

October

Bill has engaged Sarge Reynolds to regale us about the blessings of Pyramid Lake.



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*****CONCLAVE '91*****

A lot of hard work has gone into this year's conclave. The programs, clinics and seminars are excellent: Bud Lilly, Rick Hafele, Darwin Atkin, and others, including several GBF tyers.

Dates: September 13, 14, 15, 1991

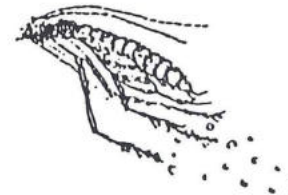
Place: North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach,
Lake Tahoe

This is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to learn a lot about our favorite subject. All club members were mailed at least one chartreuse colored announcement recently. If you did not receive one, or lost yours, call Frank Stohlton at 725-6894.

Upper Sacramento News

The Sacramento Bee, on August 21, 1991, carried the following news item: "The state Fish and Game director reversed himself Tuesday, banning catch and release fishing near the pesticide damaged stretch of the upper Sacramento River. 'While catch and release fishing kills very few trout', director Pete Bontadelli said, 'changing biological conditions...require that all human pressure be taken off the wild trout that survived.' Hungry birds and animals, displaced by the July-14 pesticide spill near Dunsmuir, have congregated upstream of the spill site and along the river's tributaries to feed on the surviving trout, agency officials said. The fishing ban takes effect on noon Saturday. All fishing in the main channel of the river below the spill site remains closed".

Editor's note: this implies that some fish survived. In an effort to gain first hand information, calls were made to Larry Green. He is apparently out of town. His comments will be solicited for the next bulletin.



CONSERVATION REPORT
by Joe Bania

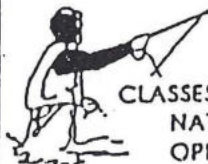
(for Sept. 1991)

Trout fishing season is more than half over -- I hope you have had as successful a season as I have so far (no trophies, but keeping busy trying to outsmart the fish I caught and released earlier).

As of August 15 (when I wrote this article), not much new was known about the effect of the railcar spill of herbicide into the Sacramento River near Dunsmuir. A trout specialist from the Department of Fish and Game provided this probable scenario: The first species that will appear will be from the genus Chironomus. These little mosquito-like flies swarm over the water in large numbers; they do not bite but can be very distracting. In the larval stage they are known as bloodworms and wigglers. The pupal stage finds them hanging vertically in the water with the gills in the surface film. Adults occur in a variety of colors with glassy smooth wings, prominent feather-duster antennae and front legs held in the air. A good example would be the midge. [On the other hand, mosquitos hold their rear legs in the air, have scaly wings and the female lacks the fuzzy antennae of the midge -- how's that for a micro-lesson in entomology?] Stoneflies and caddis flies will appear several years later, as will various other species that inhabit the area. As for the trout population, spawning will take place by next spring with a high survival rate due to a lack of swimming predators. This will continue over the next several years with a sizeable population of trout existing in this region after five years. It is conceivable that fishing could be reinstated at this time with trout getting up to 12 to 14 inches long. However, it probably will be ten to fifteen year before trophy trout of 20+ inches will be catchable in this section of the Sacramento River.

Those of you who enjoy fishing the Eastern Sierra near Mono Lake might be interested in knowing about the efforts to restore native Lahontan cutthroat trout to Mill Creek. Seven miles of Mill Creek (above the confluence of Lost Cannon Creek) were closed to fishing effective August 2, 1991 until the 153 Lahontan cutthroat trout recently moved there from nearby Slinkard Creek establish sufficient population to allow recreational angling. Because this part of Mill Creek is free of non-native (brook and rainbow) trout, it will also be used as a breeding area for Lahontans to be relocated elsewhere. This is part of a long-range plan to restore this threatened species to selected streams and lakes throughout its original range in California. Because Lahontans are more susceptible to angling than other trout, a temporary closure was recommended to ensure the fish have the best chance for survival and breeding. At least four other streams in the State containing

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Complimentary Exam to all GBF Members

Lahontans are closed to angling, and another population is protected by a zero limit. Hopefully these efforts will result in great fishing in the not too far distant future for the fantastic Lahontan.

A great time to identify things you can do to help improve fishing areas is while you are out there fishing -- that's when you notice the blockage that keeps fish from migrating, or the silt in the water that indicates watershed problems upstream, or . . . (you identify). Write yourself a note, and when you get home notify someone that can help correct the problem. To keep your favorite fishing area(s) in top shape means you must help; notifying appropriate people is one of the easiest but important ways in which you can participate. Good communication is the essence of all achievement.



"There's a good chance he's not into catch-and-release."

**Flyfishing Backcountry
Sierra Streams**
by

Royal B. Pocketwater

Part I

Back country streams can be enigmatic. From late spring through fall, the water is usually thin. Hatches tend to be sparse, depending (among other things) on the type and quantity of streambed and streamside vegetation. Trout populations, in turn, are generally lower than those in larger streams, and the average fish size is normally smaller.

Bear in mind that these are generalizations. Each stream has its unique biota—a puzzle or riddle which the equally -enigmatic backcountry flycaster is driven to unravel. Wild-eyed, wooly (and eventually smelly), s/he hikes, climbs, scrambles miles over, under, around and through obstacles animate (yes, Ron, bears too!!) and inanimate in feverish search of that blue line on the 1956-vintage topo (where is that *!\$%* trail??).

In the months that follow, we'll explore (pun intended) this subject from different angles—including, of course, fish stories, humorous anecdotes, and "heroic" deeds (to demonstrate why one should not take oneself too awfully seriously). We'll "profile" the backcountry freak; talk about the joys and rigors of getting there and (hopefully) back; equipment you'll need and not need (flies, rods, reels, lines, packs, clothing, etc.); techniques which seem to work; a "careful" lecture; backcountry manners; all embellished with a bit of literary license. Stay tuned.



Virginia Lakes: big fish using #2 sinker and marauder, sheep dip; #16 BWO and Lt. Cahill dries.

Stanislaus River (fly fishing only section): good using yellow humpy, birds nest.

Crowley Lake: good at Alligator Point with float tube, 10 foot sink tip, using olive matuka and zonker, #6.

Arcularius Ranch: very hot (someone landed a 30" Brown on black leech. Good flies: R.S. 2, #4; baetis emerger; birds nest; light cahill.

Spring Creek Anglers (Bob Brink)

Hat Creek: good a.m.—tricos, small duns; late eve caddis in fast water; nymphs during the day.

Fall River: good a.m. to midday on PVID #16; good all day on PT #18; caddis, small duns late eve.

Pit River: good on nymphs below Lake Britton darn, with some eve caddis.

Castle area: Tricos a.m.—apparently a wash from Rising River; small duns eve; "hot" for large rainbows, if can avoid planters.

Manzanita: slow during day on callibaetis; evenings callibaetis and midges.

Baum Lake: slow daytime.



FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
Bill Carnazzo

The Elk Hair Caddis

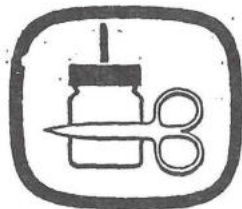
This pattern is another in our series of "flybox warriors". While there are many variations on this pattern, the Al Troth version represents (in my view) the standard against which variants should be compared. It is simple, functional, and effective--i.e., it catches fish.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 94845 (barbless), #10-20
Thread	Tan 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Hare's ear dubbing, blended to desired shade, and tied to a "fat" body shape.
Hackle	Golden badger or furnace, to suit
Ribbing	Fine gold wire
Wing	Bleached cow elk

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attach thread at or near bend of hook, and tie in gold wire.
2. Dub a "fat" body, using hare's ear blend of choice. The body should end approx. 1/3 shank length behind eye.
3. Tie in the hackle, properly sized. Palmer hackle back to end of body (about 5 turns) and tie off using gold wire.



4. Wrap gold wire thru hackle to front of body and tie off.
5. Cut small bunch of bleached cow elk, clean and stack it. Measure hair so that the tips extend rearward to a point 1/8" beyond the bend of the hook.

6. Apply thread to forward 1/3 of hook, and cover area with flexament or similar glue. Mount elk hair wing at front extreme of body, using the 45 degree method. The wing should spread itself over the body, but not too wide. This will take practice to achieve the proper amount of pressure. Hint: hold tips of wing tightly between index finger/thumb while tying it in.

7. Clip butts of wing to 1/8-1/4" length, so that they stick up perpendicular to shank. Apply a few thread winds in front of butts to form a shoulder.

8. (Optional, and not part of Troth pattern) Now apply a small amount of hare's ear dubbing in front of and behind the butts.

9. Place a drop of head cement at base of wing to hold it in place and maintain its shape.

Now cast a critical eye on the fly. Find a picture of this fly in an old magazine, or a pattern book, or a fly shop catalogue, and compare your product with the example. Tie a dozen of these, and compare them. Are they uniform? One of the hardest things to master in tying is production of uniform flies. Yet, when uniformity is achieved, it is usually a sign that the tyer is making significant progress in tying skills.



"Oh No! It's whip-finisher backlash!"