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August 6 * General Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

August 13* Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

September 13 General Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

September 20 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

September 25-27 NCCFFF Conclave, Lake
Tahoe

* Note the change from the regular meeting date

Outing Schedule--1992

Aug. 21-24 North Umpqua

Aug. ?? Lake Natoma Hexagenia Evening
Fishout

Sep. 12-13 Trinity River

Sept 26-27 Robinson Creek

Oct. McCloud River/Squaw Valley Creek

Nov. Steelhead trip

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST CANCER

By Laurie Warren

Dear Flycasters:

Cancer is an awful disease, as we all know. Many of you may know someone who has it, or has died from it. I have lost my mother, grandmother and grandfather to it. Hopefully one day there will be a cure.

On August 1st I am participating in a 5 mile "move-along-a-thon" against cancer. The object is to raise money by donations. (Ah! The reason for this letter.) I am looking for donations of any amount, and if you are interested, I will be at the July meeting or you can reach me at 985-4553. I feel this is a very worthwhile cause and I'm sure most of you do too.

I would need donations in before August 1st, and there are prizes awarded to whoever has the most donations. I'm hoping to raise \$2500 so I can win the GE Video Camcorder and videotape all the fish I catch and release. (Or the beautiful rainshowers!)

I hope to see you all at the next meeting!

Thank you for your support.

ANNUAL DINNER

This year's annual dinner (January) will feature Dave Whitlock--who needs no introduction. The tickets will be \$25.00 per person, and as in years past there will be a daytime presentation consisting of skills instruction and technical information. More information will be available soon, and tickets will be available shortly.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warren Schoenmann

Hello Flyfishers. Hey I'm glad to see the attendance at the club meetings is so high. Normally the numbers slip a bit during the summer months for vacations, hot weather, etc. but you folks are hanging right in there, keep it up, I'm happy to see you all. Don't forget the August meeting is a week early on the 6th. Plan to attend, it's going to be another good one.

You ever hear the one about.... "I'm just a beginner and don't fish well enough to go on the fishouts"... Folks, nothing is further from the truth. Let me emphasize that the fishouts are for every skill level and have been planned to provide a variety of fishing for everyone to enjoy, so lets see some new faces mixed in with the old ones at the outings.

Speaking of enjoy; Jim Holmes and I have had a ball calling members to obtain info from you all to update the Fishing Buddy List. Start talking about fishing to flyfishers and everyone has a story to tell about their last trip or bend your ear about the one that got away. It's great. Jim (who is doing most of the work) and I are pursuing the task diligently and hope to complete the list soon, however, we will print a new updated list each month with the new data. Pick up your copy at the meeting.
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New centerfold in the Leader announces the NCCFFF conclave and includes registration form and info. It will be another great one at Kings Beach again. Plan to attend and get your registration in early.

Well that's it for now folks, I've got to pack for the Kings River Fishout. I'll tell you all about it at the August meeting.... Better yet,,, see you there.

LET'S GO FISHING.....
Tight lines..., Catch 'em, Release 'em.

NOTE***NOTE***NOTE
AUGUST MEETING DATE CHANGED

The August general meeting is changed:
TO: Thursday, August 6, 1992,
7:30 p.m.
FROM: Thursday, August 13, 1992,
7:30 p.m.

The August board meeting is changed:
TO: Thursday, August 13, 1992,
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7:00 p.m.

The meetings will still be at the clubhouse. This change was necessitated in order to confirm the August program, consisting of two persons from New Zealand who will be here for a limited time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

WHAT IS CLINGING TO THAT ROCK

a book report* by

Bruce Cline

For those of you, like me, who are new to fly fishing and those of you who are embarrassed to admit you do not know the difference between a mayfly, a caddis fly and a stonefly or thought that a truefly was a type of fly you swat in your house, our library has the book for you. The Complete Book of Western Hatches by Rick Hafele and Dave Hughes is a real eye-opener. I thought I would be doing great if I could tell the difference between a mayfly, a caddisfly and a truefly and then was disappointed and astounded to learn that there were four categories of mayflies and more families and genus than you can count. Undaunted, I waded into the Western Hatches book and found that all of these bugs we try to imitate can easily be recognized with a little work.

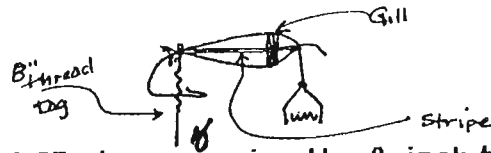
This book does a great job in breaking down the basic anatomical components of the insects and describing their life cycles. When I read a fly fishing book, I would rather not have it be a cure for insomnia with an endless stream of Latin terms that are difficult to pronounce. This book is a good hands-on tool with plenty of detailed photographs of insect and fly patterns. It covers the insect, then gives great suggestions on how to imitate them.

Armed with the Western Hatches book and a piece of fiberglass screen attached to a couple of dowels, I proved to myself that you can be a real amateur at this fly fishing game and identify nymphs with the best of them and match flies according to stream conditions. I gained a new appreciation for fly fishing on a recent trip to the Owens when we collected all sorts of nymphs in various stages, and got down on our knees to study the caddisflies and mayflies clinging to the grasses and trees.

Western Hatches also covers stoneflies, dragonflies, damselflies, waterboatman, alderflies, water beetles and trueflies. I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to become a more complete flyfisher and to be able to enjoy the sport even when you don't have a rod in your hand.

*Bruce submitted this article in order to complete one of the requirements for the Golden Trout program. Good work, Bruce!!

5. Using thread, tie on CF to be used as stripe:



6. Tie off CF at rear, using the 8-inch thread tag. Whip finish and cut off thread. Color thread with Parlane Marker, if desired.

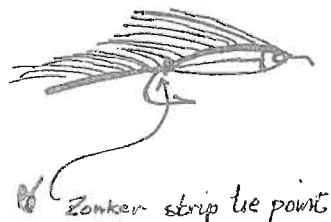
7. Coat entire body with light coat Joli-Glaze (JG). Set aside to dry for 24 hours. HINT: take toothpick, push it up into eye, release vise jaws, and plant toothpick with fly in foam. When dry, apply second light coat.

8. When second coat is dry, paint on eyes near front. If third coat is needed, apply it now. Obviously, you should do these flies in batches, and stagger the batches.

9. With the body complete, we will add the "wing" which in reality just supplies more form & color to the body, as well as lifelike motion. Using a narrow strip of rabbit fur--also called a "zonker strip"--trim front of strip to a narrow point & tie on behind eye and in front of tubing. Form head & tie off.

10. Wet rabbit & separate hairs at rear of body. Tie thread on here (over rabbit strip), pull strip rearward, secure tightly with a few wraps, & whip finish. Smooth hair to rear. "Tail" should be about 3/4 length of shank.

11. Apply JG to head.



Yes, it's a bit complex; but, it's also fun and you can be creative about it.

for August 1992

CONSERVATION REPORT by Joe Bania

Letters Needed to Support River Legislation

The steady decline in salmon, steelhead and striped bass populations has been attributed to inadequate water flows in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. These trends can be reversed and the runs restored, but time is running out.

Reform legislation has been introduced and passed by both houses of Congress which address water distribution by the Central Valley Project. These bills are to be merged into a single bill that will be voted on by both houses. You can play a pivotal role in supporting a greater allocation of water to protect and restore the fisheries by participating in a statewide mobilization of fishermen and fish conservationists. This effort is being coordinated by the "Share the Water Coalition" and all they ask is that each of us write a letter to our congressmen immediately [Congress is expected to vote on this issue any day now] stating support for increased water allocation for fisheries and preservation of our natural heritage. Your letter should request restoration of flows in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, a guarantee of 1.5 million acre-feet of water for fish and wildlife, a minimum of \$30 million to be provided for fish and wildlife restoration, and require compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Your letters should be sent to:

Representatives Vic Fazio, Wally Herger, Richard Lehman, John Doolittle, George Miller, and Ron Packard; and Senators John Seymour, Alan Cranston, Bill Bradley and J. Bennett Johnston. The address is Washington, D.C. 20510.

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Sacramento River and CalTrout Update

CalTrout is working with the Southern Pacific Railroad to restore the upper Sacramento River. Following a devastating railroad spill of metam-sodium in 1991 that killed all trout and other life in the river near Dunsmuir, California, SP has agreed to help construct a six-mile hiking trail along its banks between Dunsmuir and Lake Syskiyou along with endorsing the wild-trout restoration program. It will also clean the river of trash Cantara Loop and Ney Springs.

CalTrout successfully lobbied the Department of Fish and Game to endorse a wild-trout recovery on the river rather than massive hatchery stockings. It will take three years for fishing and seven years for full recovery according to CalTrout.

Fun Events, And Helpful Too!

Now that summer is here, there are numerous projects being conducted that directly benefit fish and fishermen/women, that also can be more fun than work. For example, Trout Unlimited is sponsoring several events including:

- o a catch-and-release cutthroat data collection project at Stone Lagoon. Contact Todd Flannigan at (707) 822-5363.
- o cleanup project on the Pit River late summer. Contact John King at (916) 233-5346.

There are several other projects which are also being planned. I will give you more information about them later. One of the perks of participating in these projects is that all meals are provided for most of these activities.

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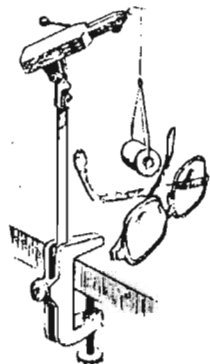
reflective materials, is worthwhile. The colors set out below are illustrative only--use (stretch) your own instincts and observations. The techniques are basically the same.

MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco T-200R (2xL, 1xS, st. eye) Mustad 79666 (keel) Size to suit.
Thread	White, size A
Underbody	Floss
Body	Silver mylar tubing (small)
Ribbing	Crystal flash (pearl)
Gills	Crystal flash (red)
Stripe	Crystal flash (blue, green, etc)
"Wing"	Zonker strip (color of choice)
Eyes	White acrylic paint
Body/head coating--	Joli Glaze

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook with thread, leaving bobbin at rear of hook. Form slim, minnow-shaped body with floss. Leave thread at point above barb.
2. Slip tubing over eye, and secure it carefully at rear. Trim butts of mylar, and tie on 2 strands pearl crystal flash (CF). Twist strands together & rib body rear to front and back again, achieving a cross-rib appearance. Tie CF off, leave an 8-inch thread tag, and whip finish.
3. Tie on behind eye & pull mylar firmly forward until tight. Secure it, leaving at least 4 hook-eye lengths of room behind eye.
4. Gills are formed by winding red CF around mylar tubing about 1/4 inch behind from tie-in point of tubing. To do this, use a "jam knot" to apply the CF itself directly to the body, and use 2 half hitches to tie it off, without using the thread.



FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

Bill Carnazzo

Competent, honest flytyers recognize that: (i) others have equal or superior talents; (ii) true innovation (as opposed to different methods of applying common materials) is the exception rather than the rule; and (iii) one should never assume that the completed fly in one's vise hasn't already been concocted. We've all read stinging rebukes in the "letters" columns of our favorite mags, telling of how the claimed "original" was in fact tied by so-and-so in the early '40's.

With the foregoing in mind, let's look at what I'm calling the "NEW BOYZ" series (the name is purely whimsical). They are designed to imitate bass prey in the form of "fry" (trout will, under the right circumstances, probably respond also). The various color/material combinations are designed to accomodate the fact that the same species of fry (e.g., bluegill) may appear different in different bodies of still water, due to water color/clarity gradients. Thus, in still water which is pea green and murky, it seems fundamental that the pattern must be brighter. But what does "brighter" mean? Is it sufficient to just use more silver? Or are there other colors in the spectrum which, in pea-green water, have properties which will attract fish? While these are questions for more scientific types, experience tells me that experimentation with different color combinations, using modern highly

Science Center Project

DON'T FORGET to sign up to help the Science Center with it's fundraiser for youth education programs. The Center needs your help Saturday, September 26 for a couple of hours between 7 am and 3 pm. You may even want to take your family between 10 and 5 pm so they can enjoy the activity stations, entertainment, and free ice cream supplied by Crystal Creamery.

If you are interested in assisting in this community service project (it can be used as one of the activities toward the Golden Trout Award!), please mark your calendar now and let me know at the next meeting or phone me evenings at 677-4263.

Get involved, take the time to learn what the various organizations like Trout Unlimited, CalTrout, California Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout Restoration Federation and The California Sportfishing Protective Alliance are all about. These organizations are working to protect our resources. With your help, we can make a difference and turn our fisheries from a decade of decline to one of success.



GBF Library

The books and videos are circulating well! Very few out over 30 days and those members have been contacted with good results. Will the person who took out the video "Tying Western Trout Flies"--Dennis and the book "Nymphing"--Borger at the July meeting please call me. We need help in locating Don Cummings. Anyone who knows him please call me.

Thank You.
Jim Hornberger. Librarian

FISHING FOR "FOOTBALLS" AT OASIS SPRINGS RANCH
by Barbara Bania

Joe and I have had a lot of wonderful fishing experiences over the years and the trip we took this June ranks among the best. The reasons? Lots of fish, **BIG** fish, remote setting within 160 miles of downtown Sacramento, comfortable sleeping rooms, good food (and we didn't have to cook it ourselves), a spa to relieve tired muscles after an exciting day of fishing, and all of this at a moderate price.

Oasis Springs Ranch is about 35 miles east of Red Bluff in a beautiful, steep canyon carved by the south fork of Battle Creek. The lodge accommodates 12 people at a time, and there's almost 6 miles of river on the 3,000 acre property. About 1 mile of river is easy to access, housing rainbows weighing an average of 2 pounds each, but with plenty of 6 - 8 pounders. The rainbows are so deep-bodied they look more like footballs than trout! The largest fish are caught in a deep pool about 150 feet from the lodge. There are also german browns averaging 4+ pounds; these fish were more difficult to catch.

Fishing here is catch and release, barbless hooks only, and the limited number of fishermen at one time assures the protection of the fishery and provides plenty of elbow room for fishermen/women. Everyone caught several fish within just a couple of hours of fishing but the fish are such strong fighters that many released themselves before their photo could be taken.

The tales you may hear from Joe are not substantiated by photos (I was usually too far away from the camera) but I'll vouch for him -- these fish were worth the trip!!

"Well?", said Royal, noticing ATC's pause and sensing that ATC was having trouble gathering his wits, "does it hang together?"

"Listen, Royal, there's something very wrong with your logic--I just haven't figured it out yet. In the meantime, do you remember the time we floated the South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho?", asked ATC.

"How could I forget, with you bringing it up all the time?", replied Royal. "Anyway, it was your fault".

"But it's so funny. I can still see you bobbing down the river, with us chasing you in the McKenzie. I've still got the pictures, you know", said ATC, smiling wickedly. "If there was a 'wet fly' award, you deserve it for that performance".

"Wait a minute now, don't you remember how I happened to end up in the water?", asked Royal. "You were on the oars, right?"

"Yes", admitted ATC.

"And I was standing forward in the bow, casting my hopper to the shore, right?", continued Royal.

"Yes", said ATC, withering slightly under Royal's cross examination.

"And the guide was busy trying to fix the bird's nest you made in your reel after you gorilla-stick-struck at that teeny trout that took your hopper, correctamente? And didn't he tell you not to put the boat into that curl sideways?", Royal continued, smelling blood now.

"Yes", said ATC somewhat sheepishly.

"And when you proceeded to do exactly what he said not to do, what happened?"

"You took a header", said ATC, regaining his smile. "But as you will recall, Mr. bear-man, my attention was diverted by one of your past-life kin swimming across the river just ahead of us", said ATC, rationalizing his faux pas as his laughter came again. "I'm sorry, it's just that the sight of the two of you bobbing along after you aroused his curiosity as you passed him, shouting and gesturing wildly, makes me laugh every time I think of it".

"Yeah, I guess it's funny, all right", said Royal, grinning himself now. "I'm sure glad I wasn't wearing my waders, because they would have been filled with more than water!!"

"Maybe you're right about your past life after all. You did look like brothers of sorts. He was a better swimmer, though", said ATC as they bounced around a dusty corner, laughing loudly.

Flyfishing Backcountry
Sierra Streams

by
Royal B. Pocketwater
Part XI

We left Royal and ATC as they were bouncing down a dirt road in Whitefish (ATC's old truck), talking about Royal's belief that in his previous life he was a bear. ATC, ever skeptical, was throwing curves at Royal. The last of these was particularly ironic: whether Royal had ever noticed a bear "releasing" a fish--Royal himself being an avid advocate of the catch and release principle. Let's see how Royal handles this one.

"Look, ATC, that's clearly an unfair comparison."

"Why's that?", ATC retorted.

"It's as plain as that rather large proboscis in the middle of your face. A bear takes fish to survive--they always have and always will. In a sense, then, they do release fish", Royal said, smug in the cleverness of his counter-riddle.

"OK, Royal, I know you want me to rise to the fly and ask the next question, so I will--how in the world can you say that bears release fish?"

"Well, do you agree that bears fish only for survival, and not for fun?", countered Royal.

"I'll agree to that for purposes of this--shall we say--discussion", replied ATC sagily.

"OK, then, since they don't fish for sport at all, then the fish that they don't catch for pleasure are, in effect, released--aren't they?", said Royal, knowing ATC would likely pounce on this dubious logic.

"C'mon Royal, you can do better than that--what's the point?", countered ATC.

"Look, if I was faced with a survival situation, I would definitely keep my catch. Don't tell me you wouldn't do the same. The rest of the time--just like the bear--I don't kill fish. So, if you look at it as not killing fish except for survival, your 'release' point goes away, doesn't it ATC?"

"Gimme a break, will you", replied ATC, momentarily nonplussed by Royal's answer to the riddle.

Humor Dept.!

(Can you read sideways?)

The Associated Press
KENAI - The usual and accepted fishing sequence calls for casting the line, hooking the fish, reeling it in and then hauling it into the boat. But one king salmon on the Kasliof River this week decided to cut out the middleman.
Fishing guide Fred Hall caught a 25- to 38-pound king out of the Kasliof on Thursday by accidentally rowing his drift boat underneath it. "I'm fairly amazed, but if you stay out there long enough, these things happen," Hall said.

Hall was drifting with three clients in the boat near the confluence before he called me.
"Figuring the king would die anyway, Hall kept it and said the Department of Fish and Game told him it was OK, as long as he marked his harvest record."
"Now he's actually been filtered and is fixing to go down to the smoker," Hall said Thursday.
Hall, who fishes for Tustumena Fish Guides, has been fishing for Alaska salmon since 1980, but he's never had a king jump into his boat, though other kinds of salmon have.
"He had to have come a ways. I'm 'I didn't see him jump," Hall said, bleeding, in the boat.
bounced off his head and landed, in the head," Hall said. The king er splash and felt something hit me.
"Five seconds later I heard another splash when he heard a splash behind his boat.
his clients were minding their own business when he heard a splash drifted below it and Hall said he and the king jumping. The boat had with Crooked Creek, where they saw ents in the boat near the confluence
not exactly sure how far he flew before he called me."

King salmon lands itself a boat Fish jumps at the wrong time, falls into anglers' laps on the Kasliof River

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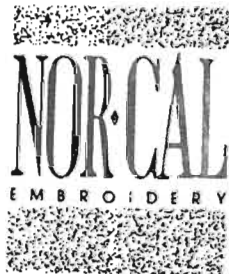
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