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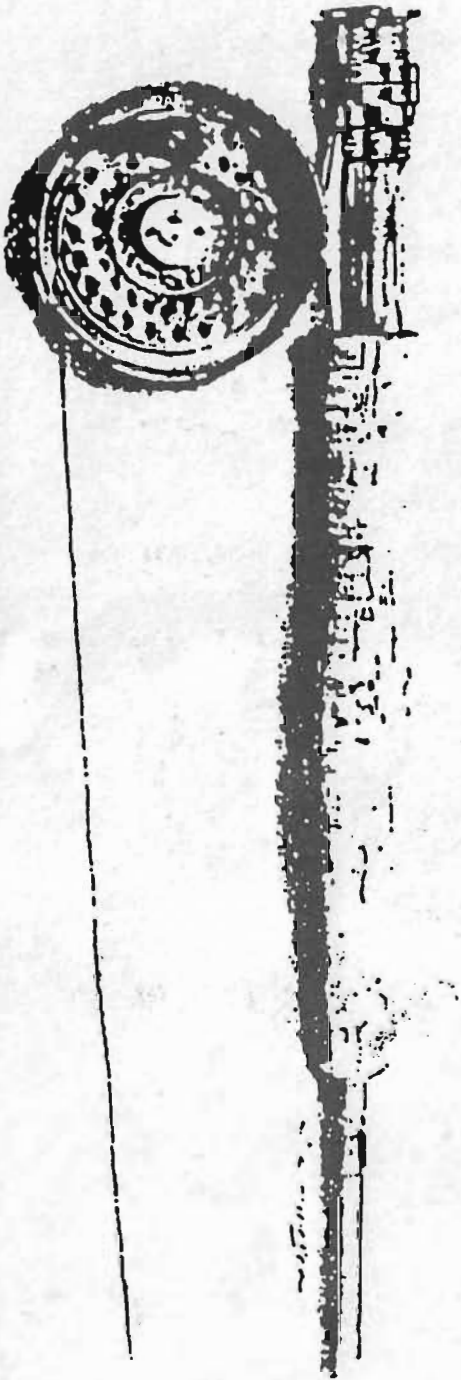
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 9 General Meeting
 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

July 16 Board Meeting
 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

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

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

* Note the change from the regular meeting date

Outing Schedule--1992

July 25-26 Kings Canyon

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

Note: other outings may be scheduled, and announced at our regular meetings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warren Schoenmann

The next outing was a backpack trip led by Ken (mountain goat) Winkelblack, to Mill Creek. The women on the trip, Jeanne English and Judy Carnazzo, thought it was a forced weight loss clinic. After a short two-hour hike we camped in a beautiful spot on Mill Creek where we fished for basically small rainbows with large stonefly patterns. There was a good Pteronarcidae hatch. We hiked out Sunday morning after a great time. Hope to see more on the backpack trip next year.

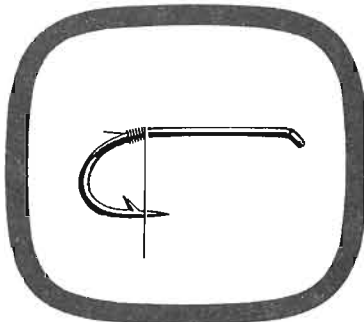
The very next weekend it was back to the Eastern Sierras to Indian Creek, home of some very large Kamloops. Saturday morning we were not disappointed. Rick R. hooked one on the way in that he was going to use the fish to tow him in. Saturday night was the night that Terry E. put together one great meal for the whole group. Everyone should attend an outing when he is the cook! Sunday morning the Fishmaster hooked a large fish only to be lost because you can't put your feet on solid ground when afloat. On the way home from Indian Creek some of the group stopped at Lake Kirkwood where the Fishmaster

led Rick R. and Ed S. on a short hike over the mountain crest (still sorry I missed the trail).

The last fishout and most well attended was to Fuller Lake where there were several choices, floating the lake, fishing from shore, or stream fishing the Bear River. The weather was cool with clouds off and on and this was the only fishout where we had an icemaker in the campground. The only person who needed the ice was Terry E. for his borrowed blender. There were several electrical outlets at this PG&E campground but they lacked sufficient voltage. Maybe they forgot to pay their bill.

There was a great campfire area for Saturday night with plenty of seating. We partook of the traditional roasted marshmallows, s'mores and pleasant conversation. Sunday it sprinkled off and on in the morning. We fished until noon then packed up and headed home. Rick and Fran R. stayed behind to see if it would snow.

The Fishmaster will be on vacation for five weeks. Terry E. will lead the Kings River outing with Bill Carnazzo advising on bear box procedures. The North Umpqua will be led by Bill & Judy Carnazzo. They have camped there several times and know the area well.



We gained several new members again this month. Welcome to the club folks, keep on coming, we're happy to have you with us.

For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a good fishout at Fuller. We had a great campout, we all caught a few fish (someone even caught a bird), and fun was had by all, see you at the next one.

The club was well represented at the Trout Unlimited sponsored Fin Clipping project at Nimbus Hatchery last Saturday. 5,000-6,000 (3-5 inch) and 750 (10-16 inch) Eagle Lake trout Adipois fins were clipped for identification. The fish will be planted in Martis Lake by DFG. Thanks to all who helped in the project.

The "Fishing Buddy List" is going to be improved thanks to a suggestion by Jim Holmes. We are going to include info on what type of fishing each member prefers (lake/stream), what type of fish you prefer to fish for (Trout, Bass, etc.), and what days you are available to go fishing. We will be calling each of you for your input and hope to have the data compiled and printed for the July meeting.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, and mark your calendar; due to program speaker availability the August club meeting will be moved to August 6th (first Thursday), and the Board meeting to August 13th (second Thursday).

LET'S GO FISHING.....

Tight lines..., Catch 'em, Release 'em.

GBF Library

Our happy thanks to all of you who dug up the overdue videos/books and returned them at the June meeting! Most of them went right back into circulation, so some of your fellow members are pleased, too.

Many thanks to Jim Holmes for doing such a great job with the library while I was on vacation!!

If anyone knows Don Cummings please call me.

Remember - books and videos are due in 30 days. If you keep them too long, bait fishermen will follow you around like puppy dogs everytime you go fishing.

Jim Hornberger

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STATE WATER BOARD HEARINGS

On June 22, 1992, the State Water Resources Control Board commenced hearings on setting interim standards for the protection of the Delta. For years both the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project have been operated in such a fashion as to nearly destroy one of the nation's most valuable natural resources--the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. As one of our members so aptly put it: we go about damaging our ecosystem in the name of economics; then, when we see finally what havoc we have wreaked, we spend "zillions" studying how to fix it. Nothing could describe the delta process better. The only thing left unsaid is that although we have spent zillions studying delta problems for untold years, nothing has been done, and the situation has gone from very bad to nearly a total loss. One look at the shamefully long

list of endangered delta species listed under the state and federal Endangered Species Acts tells the story--the winter run salmon, soon to be joined by other runs; the striped bass; the delta smelt.....

The Board has said that it will issue interim protective standards by year's end. The evidentiary hearings begin Monday, July 6, 1992. CalSPA, represented by attorney Michael Jackson, made a riveting opening statement on June 22. They have company: the Environmental Defense Fund; the Sierra Club; Friends of the River; the Natural Heritage Institute; and others. Your support of these warriors, financially and by participation in the hearings, will assist them in their efforts to protect that resource which is the very reason for this club's existence: the fishery resource.

Set forth below is some information regarding the delta. In coming editions, we will publish further information on the Board and its functions, and the various governing laws and how they work. We will also keep you updated on the hearings.

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.

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 joint project with the US Forest Service and DFG, June 29 through July 4, to help restore Sheephead Creek (a tributary to the McCloud River) for redband trout. Contact Leo Cronin at (415) 453-5370.
- 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 last 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.

PRAM WANTED

Wanted: one pram, in good shape, at a reasonable price, for a "good home". If you have one you aren't using, and think that you might want to sell it, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604 (home) or 264-5346 (work).

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,
7:00 p.m.
FROM: Thursday, August 20, 1992,
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!!!!

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CONSERVATION REPORT by Joe Bania

Fish Fin Clipping Project, June 20

On June 20, six GBF members assisted members of Trout Unlimited and the Department of Fish and Game on an adipose fin clipping and fish measuring project conducted at the American River Fish Hatchery. The purpose was to mark hatchery-raised Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout destined for release in Martis Lake later this year. The water conditions of the lake will be measured frequently and next year a fishout (catch and release only) will be conducted to determine how well the fish have done in their new environment.

The activities began at 9 AM with an overview of the project described by DFG employee Dave Lentz. After that the volunteers were given buckets of mildly anesthetized baby fish (ranging in size from about 1-1/2 inches to 3-1/2 inches) and asked to clip the adipose fin off each fish and place the fish in fresh, aerated water (the recovery room!). It was a tricky task and we had to work quickly so the fish were not anesthetized too long. By 11:15 AM, we had clipped the fins on approximately 4,900 baby fish, and it looked like only 6 succumbed to the stress of being handled. After a short break, we went over to a raceway where we clipped the fins off 756 significantly larger Eagle Lake Rainbows and measured every tenth fish. These fish ranged in size from 9 to 14 inches, and most of the volunteers wished they'd caught such beauties at the lake on a flyline rather than at the hatchery with a net. You'll get your chance next Spring at the fishout!! It is expected that they will be 2-4 inches larger.

We completed the work activities for the day about 1:15 PM, and then sat in the shade of some trees at DFG's Region 2 office while we ate lunch prepared by members of Trout Unlimited, and enjoyed the companionship of others concerned about protecting our fish resources. We even swapped a few fish tales like all avid fishers do when they get together. The group finally dispersed around 2:45, feeling satisfied with a job well done and another step accomplishing toward preserving our fishing heritage.

Thank you go to Dave Lentz (DFG) and Dennis Wojdac (TU) for coordinating the project, members of TU for their hospitality, and Warren Schoenmann, Rick Radoff, Jim and Marty Holmes, and my wife Barbara for their work in catching, clipping, counting and measuring all those fish!

Science Center Asks Our Help

The Sacramento Science Center is conducting a fund raising activity on Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to 5 pm. The event will be comprised of various activities centered on a "Where's Waldo" theme. There will be activity stations, entertainment, and lots of ice cream supplied by Crystal Creamery (the primary sponsor of the event). Attendance is expected to be in excess of 1,500 people. The ultimate beneficiaries of this activity are children in surrounding communities who attend programs at the Center learning about science, nature and conservation.

To make such an event a success requires a large number of volunteers to help with assembling booth fronts, setting up tables and chairs, serving as "runners" and a variety of other miscellaneous tasks. People willing to help set up would be needed from 7 am to 11 am, and "runners" are needed from noon to 3 pm.

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"It's hot in here", replied ATC, lying. "Besides, you seem so definite and final in your conclusion that you were once a bear. What makes you so sure anyway? I mean, it's hard enough for a skeptical old crust like me to swallow this business of former personalities to begin with--as you know, I choke on it."

"Well", ventured Royal, somewhat buoyed by ATC's candor, and by his attempts to control his usually-instant dialogue-killing snide remarks and laughter, "it's just that we've had so many--shall we say--encounters with bears, that I've concluded that they seem

to seek me out. And why else would they be dogging me unless we have this, you know, bond?"

"You can't be serious", said ATC as Whitefish took a particularly bone-jarring bounce over a deep rut. "That's right, Whitefish", he thought to himself, "I feel the same way".

"Besides", continued ATC, "since I've been with you at most of what you call encounters, have you concluded that I too am affected by this supposed kinship?"

Royal laughed at the typical inescapable logic of his friend's question. "Look, ATC, I haven't thought this through all that far, and I can only speak for myself"

Continuing, Royal countered with the final arrow in his quiver: "Look, ATC, isn't it true that bears are fisherman of sorts?"

"Yes", replied ATC, immediately seeing where Royal was going with this last rationalization, "but so are some birds. So are you telling me that because you love fishing you must have been a bear?"

"It's as clear as that water we just fished", replied Royal, undaunted by ATC's continued skeptical questioning. "Besides, it helps to explain what occurred in at least most of the bear encounters we've had over the years."

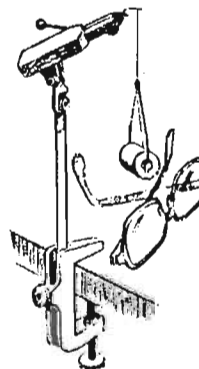
"Well, let me ask you this, then--how many bears have you seen release fish? If you were a bear once, keeping everything you caught, how is it that you do the exact opposite now? I've never heard of bears being subject to gentle persuasion--at least I'm not going to try that approach next time we meet up with one." A slight smile appeared at the corners of ATC's mouth as he herded Whitefish down the dusty wagon path of a road, sensing that Royal was going to have a tough time with that one.

FLYTYERS CORNER

by
Bill Carnazzo

The Soft-Hackle Fly

The soft hackle fly is enigmatic. It "represents", yet only in a vague way. Still, it is extremely effective in the right circumstances, and when fished properly. Body color is a matter of choice, and need not be exact; body shape, on the other hand, can be critical. The soft hackle body should be tied sparsely and shaped (in a taper) with precision--no lumpiness or excess material. Resist the urge to cover up excess dubbing with thread. To quote one of my favorite tying authors, Dick Talleur: "The truth is that tying goes much better, and is actually easier, when it's done with precision. Sloppiness creates problems, so it should be avoided." Amen!!!



MATERIALS:

Hook	Try Tiemco 200R; or use Mustad 3906B
Thread	8/0 unithread, color of choice
Hackle	Hungarian partridge saddle feather
Ribbing	Fine gold wire
Body	Fine texture natural or synthetic, color of choice

TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. With hook in vise, tie on thread behind eye.
2. Holding partridge feather by its tip with hackle pliers, strip fluff from body leaving the speckled barbules, which should be stroked out to a 90 deg. angle from stem. Don't cut stem.
3. Tie feather in by tip. Leave enough space behind eye for small head. Stem should be pointing out over eye.
4. Neatly spiral thread to 50% spot on hook, and tie in gold wire. Wrap back to beginning of bend with even wraps.
5. Spin dubbing sparsely onto thread--enough to cover hook to tie in point of partridge.
6. Reverse-wrap wire forward; cut off behind partridge, leaving tiny tag to bind down as you bring thread forward to front of partridge.

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7. Gently grasp hackle stem with pliers, and with other hand stroke barbules backward. Wet hackle to aid in this function.

8. Take two wraps, tie off and form small head. As you wrap, continue to stroke barbules backward. Be gentle--stem will snap if too much pressure applied.

NOTE: if you can't find small enough partridge (or substitute), strip barbules from a larger feather and even them up. Pointing the tips out over the eye, take two loose wraps around them on a bare shank, then tighten thread. Although this requires some practice, it should distribute the hackle 360 deg. After finishing the rest of the fly, fold the barbules back evenly, and wrap over butts, forming small, neat head.

* Adapted from an article in "American Angler and Fly Tyer" magazine, by Dick Talleur.

PROGRAMS

Here's the lineup for the rest of the year. We certainly owe our program co-chairs Marie Stull and Rick Radoff, major kudos for a series of terrific programs this year. As you can see, September is open. Call Marie or Rick if you have any suggestions.

July Rob Ransom (see below)

August Tim & Brian McCarthy of Tongariro Guide Service, Turangi, N.Z.

September

October Fred Gordon: Fishing Siskiyou and Shasta Counties

November John Shewey: Big Trout in Big Country--Fishing the Great Basin Reservoirs

December Dan Garcia, S.F. Orvis Fly Shop--Entomology

Flyfishing Backcountry Sierra Streams

PART X

by

Royal B. Pocketwater

We took leave of Royal and ATC as they were bouncing down the dirt road in Whitefish (ATC's truck), as ATC wistfully asked Royal what he planned to be when he grew up.

"I don't know--a preacher, maybe. Don't they only work on Sunday?"

"How would you know, heathen? When was the last time your shadow darkened the threshold, so to speak?", quipped ATC.

"Actually", said Royal, desperately wanting to change the subject, "I was wondering what I used to be."

"Huh?", said ATC, looking dubiously over at Royal to see what he was drinking.

"Look", said Royal, "It may sound weird, but I think I know what I was in my last life. If you'll just resist your usual urge to laugh and belittle me about this, maybe I'll tell you."

"Who's laughing?", said ATC struggling to contain the guffaw building inside. (They had, of course, gotten into this discussion many times, with Royal holding forth seriously and the entirely skeptical ATC all the while poking fun. The inevitable result was that Royal clammed up and refused to discuss it further. Knowing this, ATC decided to restrain himself--at least for the moment.)

"I'm convinced I was a bear", Royal blurted out, disclosing his belief somewhat sheepishly.

The paroxysm of laughter now nearly overcoming ATC, he still managed to spit out a question in an effort to gain some time: "A bear? What kind of bear?"

"Just a @\$%& bear, ATC!!", said Royal, somewhat piqued at ATC's questions. "And, why is your face so red. You really ought to have those veins sticking out on your neck checked out."