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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 29	Jerry Silver Program at Clubhouse
Mar. 2	Flytying Potpourri #2 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse**
Mar. 9	Sacramento River Outing at Redding
Mar. 12	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse*
Mar. 16	Flytying Potpourri #3 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 19	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 21	Bass Outing**
Mar. 23	Flytying Potpourri #4 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Mar. 30	Flytying Potpourri #5 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Apr. 6	Flytying Potpourri #6 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
Apr. 9	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
Apr. 16	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

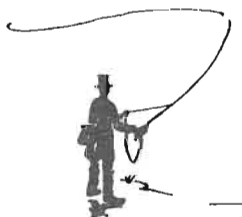
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** NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate at 6:45 p.m., because the gatekeeper will lock the gate at that time.



Tentative Outing Schedule--1992 (Revised)

Mar. 9	Sacramento River at Redding
Mar. 21	Bass outing
Apr. 4-5	Sacramento River at Redding
Apr. 26	Lake Natoma Outing & Picnic
May 10-??	Arcularius Ranch. 6 spots. Call for reservation: 677-7169
May 30-31	Mill Creek-backpacking trip
June 6-7	Indian Creek Reservoir
July 11-12	Milton Lake and Middle Fork Yuba
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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warren Schoenmann

Just wanted to bring all of you up to date on club happenings.

The Schoolroom Steelhead eggs have hatched and in a few weeks will be returned to the river by the students.

Joe Bania has completed negotiations with the State on the Auburn/Coon Creek fish relocation project so we will be asking for your help in carrying out the project in the very near future.

A sizable donation has been made to Cal Trout to help in their conservation efforts.

The membership has grown again this month, however, there are still some who have not renewed their membership for '92. Hurry and send your dues in, we sure don't want to loose any of you.

The picnic, will be on May 16th this year. It's sure to be another great one so plan to attend. Paul Orcutt is chairman and will be looking for help from the membership so give him your support.

The board approved the purchase of several additional books and videos for the library. Jim hopes to receive at least some of them by the March meeting.

Tight lines, catch 'em, release 'em.

GOLDEN TROUT PROGRAM

Marie Stull

There are two new participants in the Golden Trout program again this month. Paul Orcutt and Kevin Burgess joined the program in February.

Paul is also on the Board of Directors and has volunteered to be chairman of the picnic this year.

Kevin has just recently joined the club and has participated in some of the club fishouts.

Welcome to the program gentlemen. Have a good time with your program during the next twelve months.

Progress this month in the program is all happening in the English family. Jeanne, Ike, and Nick have all completed electives which add credits to their programs. Keep up the good work.

A Book Report on The Art of The Trout Fly

I read The Art of the Trout Fly, by Judith Dunham. The book is divided into 4 sections: the life cycle of the fly; the subsurface fly; the dry fly; and the terrestrial.

Fly tyers from all around the world talk about their flies that they tie. Almost all of them talk about experimenting. Some of them tie realistic, such as Bill Blackstone, and some tie impressionistic, such as Cal Bird. Some use natural materials and man made materials. A few people use only natural materials.

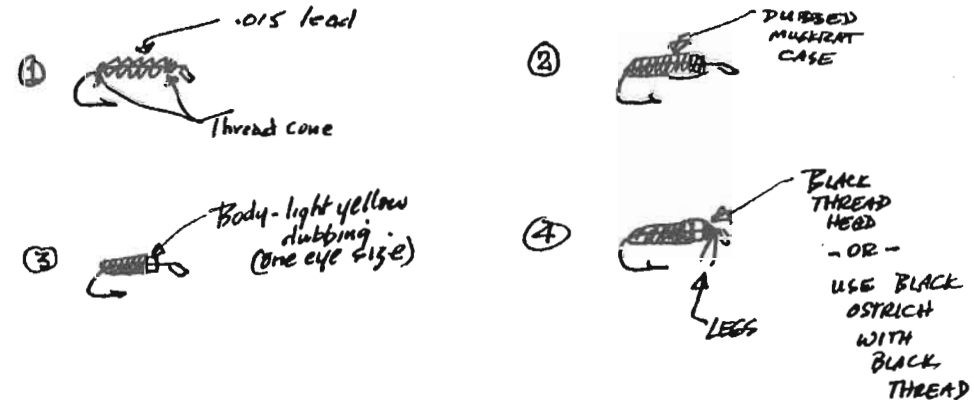
I learned that you should experiment a lot.

Report by Nick English, for the Golden Trout Program. Nice Job, Nick!!!!

March 9th SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING

Call Ron English for details as to where to meet, and other information. Ron provided the following pattern which is highly successful for these fish:

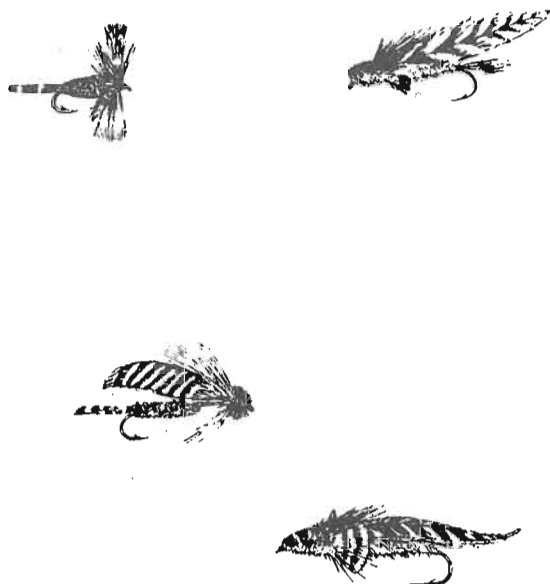
<u>Cased Caddis</u>	
Hook	Mustad 3906 or equivalent (#12)
Weight	.015 lead
Case	Muskrat
Body	Cream or light yellow dubbing
Legs	Pheasant tail
Head	Black thread
Option	Head and body of black ostrich



GBF Library

New Book: Designing Trout Flies; Gary Borger,
1991 (autographed copy).
New Video: Fly-tying Presentation; Gary Borger,
GBF Clubhouse, Jan. 1992.

Overdue:	Since
Videos:	
Trout Hot Spots, N. Calif.	11/14
Nymphing; Borger	12/12
Fishing Crustaceans & Snails	12/12
Essence of Fly-Casting	12/12
Book:	
Fly Tier's Primer; Talleur	12/12
Missing:	
Fishing The High Country; Combs	6/91?



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CONSERVATION PROJECT: AUBURN RAVINE CREEK

Help save native Coho Salmon in Auburn Ravine Creek! Fingerline native Coho Salmon attempting the perilous journey to the Sacramento River and on out to sea more often than not end their journey in a farmer's field near Lincoln. But GBF's indefatigable conservation chairman, Joe Bania, plans to give this season's crop of fingerlings a free ride around the weirs and irrigation gates that would otherwise end their lives. But he needs a bevy of like-minded conservationists to help get the job done.

Joe has negotiated a contract with the DFG that will provide fish traps and an aerated fish transport tank for the project. What Joe needs now are three or four people each day from around April 15 to June 15 to join him on the creek near Lincoln to empty the traps and then haul the fingerlings downstream about 20 miles. He needs your help for about two hours in the early morning while the air is cool. If you can help one day or more, please let us know. We'll sign you up for the day(s) that are most convenient for you and provide other details such as where to meet and when, and what to bring, as they become available.

If you can help, call Gray Allen, conservation co-chair, at 783-4334 (day or night) to volunteer. If you get an answering machine, give your name, phone number and date(s) that you are available. Thanks.

CLUB PICNIC

It's time to prepare for the annual club picnic!! This year Paul Orcutt has volunteered to chair the event. He will be calling you for assistance, as there are committee volunteers needed. This is always a fun event, with good food, games, a great drawing, and camaraderie.

The date is Saturday, May 16, 1992.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, SO THAT YOU WON'T MISS OUT!!! More information will be published later

DUES--DUES--DUES

It's that time again, folks. Your club provides a wide variety of activities, and participates in an number of important conservation programs. Yet, our dues are moderate. In short, your contribution goes a long way. Here's a sampling of what you get: a monthly meeting with an informative program and a generous drawing; classes in rod building, fly tying, and casting; the best club bulletin in the west (editor not modest); fishouts galore--real opportunities to fish new water with some excellent anglers; satisfying conservation programs and information; an annual family picnic and an annual dinner at which well known guest speakers present a valuable program. Here's the dues structure:

Individual.....\$20.00
Family.....\$25.00
Life.....\$300.00

Now that you've made out the check, please fill out this easy form and send it in with your check (to the club's P.O. Box)

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Club jobs/activities in which you are interested (see inside front cover):_____

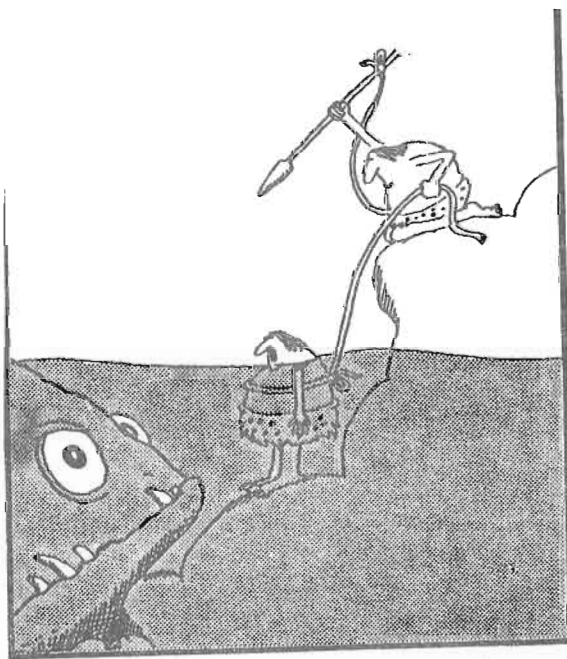
Activities you would like to see more of?

Program suggestions?



than the rest of this creek". "I wouldn't know, I haven't gone for a swim", said ATC, laughing both at his own wit and Royal's appearance in white skivvies and even whiter skin, atop the falls. "Very funny", said Royal, "but I really do think it's colder and not just a little colder". "Now that you mention it", said ATC, "I guess it does seem colder. One quick way to find out--just drop your thermometer in up here and then do it down in The Hole", suggested ATC.

"It's 56 degrees up here", said Royal, still in his skivvies, as he scrambled over the rocks down to the slippery ledge below. "My if he doesn't look ludicrous", mused ATC. "Forty eight", cried Royal as he pulled himself back up. "I thought so". "Could it be the depth?", asked ATC. "That might account for a degree or two, but not seven degrees--and that water's moving", replied Royal. "It's like an ice box in that water--I'm still shivering. From now on I'm calling the place 'Ice Box Hole'".



"Now, Grog! Throw! ... Throooooooooowl! ...
Throw throw throw throw throw throw! ..."

MARCH PROGRAM: DAVE HOWARD

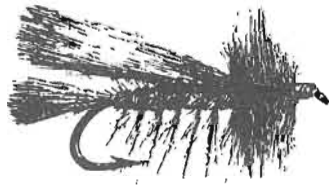
Our March program will be Dave Howard. Here's a special note from Dave regarding the program: "Sinking tip lines are extremely effective when nymphing for trout and fishing subsurface flies for steelhead and shad. Fishing sink tip lines allows the flyfisher total line control and strike sensitivity. Through slides and diagrams we will go fishing to view technique, mending procedures, and the results (big steelhead). Before you cast, you had better check your drag, because if you use the proper technique fishing a sink tip, your reel is going to be screaming. I always enjoy speaking to the Granite Bay club and I look forward to seeing all of you.

SALMON TROUT & STEELHEAD EDUCATION PROGRAM (CLASSROOM AQUARIUM PROJECT)

On Feb. 12th, a very rainy day, the volunteers listed at the end of this article met at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery to count out groups of fifty steelhead eggs and then go on their merry way to deliver to the various teachers (twenty six) scattered between three counties, with the furthest away being Foresthill. Some of the teachers had just finished releasing the Salmon fry that they raised in their classrooms. A big thanks to the following GBF volunteers: John Hardin, Jim Coleman, Gary Morgan, Marie Stull, Jeannie English, Fran Radoff, Terry Eggleston, Frank Stolten, Warren Schoenmann, David Hess, and Co-Chairman Mark Neice.

Rick Radoff



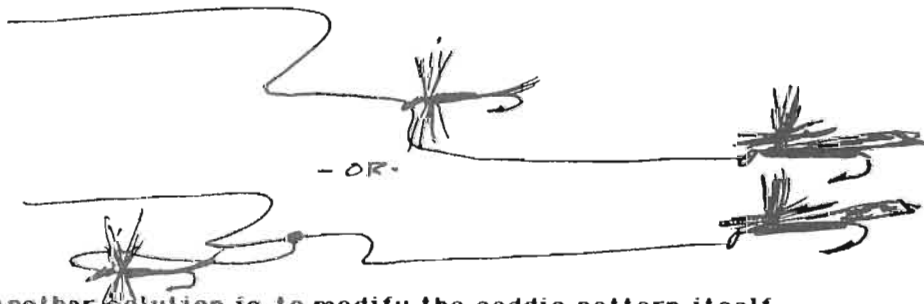


FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
Bill Carnazzo

The Parachute Caddis

Let's leave the steelhead flies behind, and return briefly this month to trout flies. Then for the next few months we'll feature bass/panfish patterns. Darker caddis patterns--from dun to dark olive--are often a necessity. Still, dark flies can be nearly diabolical in the capacity to "conceal" themselves in virtually any light condition. This problem can be remedied, in part, by using a strike indicator (personal preference prevails here--I prefer another dry fly fished as a dropper), something like this:



Another solution is to modify the caddis pattern itself to create visibility while retaining the essential dark silhouette. The parachute caddis fits the bill.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 94845 or Tiemco 100
Body	Shaggy dubbing, dark color to suit
Wing	Turkey quill, treated with fixative, dyed to match or compliment body color
Post	Elk hack, calf body hair, or white kip
Hackle	Stiff neck, color matching body/wing
Rib	(Option) Fine wire, color of choice
Thread	6/0 or 8/0, color to match

Royal didn't hear ATC's last remark, as his thoughts strayed back to that midsummer afternoon. After ATC had broken off the huge trout on that afternoon, they had rested The Hold for an hour or so, all the while discussing the details of the incident--that is, after ATC had calmed down and stopped shaking and muttering incoherently. "Where did he take the fly?", asked Royal as if anxious to get another whack at the geezer. "Right in front of that big fissure in the wall across the pool", replied ATC. "He stopped that nymph directly in front of the crack. I think, though, that we can forget him for today".

"Right, and I doubt if I'll be able to raise another fish in there at all today, actually, said Royal. "After that battle, they're probably all down for the day". "Maybe", replied ATC, "but it's sure worth a try. There could be another hunk in there. And, that Golden Stone nymph you've got there is different than my Ida May. So, give it a shot--nothing to lose", he said encouragingly, despite still being a bit shook.

When they agreed that the pool was as rested as it was going to get, Royal took up position on the slippery rock ledge amidst the mist from the falls. ATC sat above him on the outcropping, watching the indicator. Royal's first cast (and his next 25) went unheeded. His enthusiasm on the wane, he decided to try a couple more casts & then call it quits. "What if I mended in the opposite direction than I think I should?" he mused. "Maybe a lottle drag wouldn't hurt--and, it could well be that the current at the bottom is different". So, he threw his slack downstream instead of up, as the line came abreast of him. The indicator began to speed up unnaturally, but then rapidly changed direction just as it reached the big fissure in the far wall. Utterly startled out of his near-coma, Royal reared back on the rod with such force that his feet slid from beneath him on the mist-slick rock, sending him headlong and feet first into The Hole. He bobbed quickly to the surface and scrambled back onto the slippery rock, rod in hand, line limp. He looked up to find ATC shaking his head and guffawing loudly. "Well, I guess I do look like a dweeb", muttered Royal as he smiled into ATC's ever-vigilant camera lens.

He quickly stripped to his skivvies, wrung out his clothes as ATC's camera shutter repeatedly clicked in staccato fashion, and laid them on a flat rock to dry in the warm midday sun. Glad that he'd dropped his pack on the cobbled beach above the falls, he dug through it for the dry socks. "You know, ATC," he said, "the water in The Hole seems far colder

Flyfishing Backcountry
Sierra Streams
by

Royal B. Pocketwater

Part VII

[We left Royal and ATC enjoying their post-sucker comraderie and their for-the-road sodas. We rejoin them now as they prepare to walk out of the canyon]

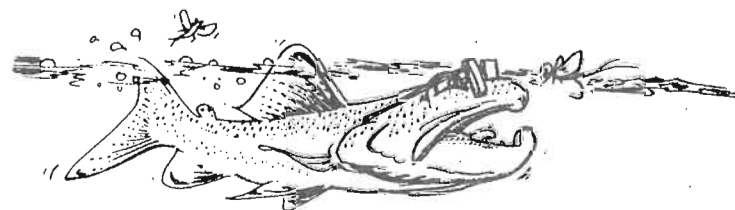
After dispatching the dead (and now quite stiff) sucker to an open spot where some bullyish predator could find it, breaking down their 4-piece rods and stowing them in their day packs, Royal and ATC inched their way back up the deer trail & across the avalanche path & other assorted obstacles that formed the route upward. Royal patiently waited along the way for the silent ATC, whose brooding look of sheer terror had reappeared. Finally reaching the top of the cliff, they rested on the flat mossy rock wher they had earlier lunched. The climb had caused them to sweat, & the northerly breeze which by now had freshened and become more pronounced, chilled their moist skin to the point where they donned their flannel shirts.

The trail out was a relatively flat & well defined three miles along the spine of a windswept ridge punctuated by the ghostly hulks of lightning-blasted ancient pines & junipers. "I guess we'd better get along", said ATC. "We've probably got an hour and a half of daylight left and three miles to hike". "Yep", said Royal as he squared up his weatherbeaten had and shouldered his pack. "By the way, did you lock your truck, ATC?" "A fine time to ask", ATC retorted, "and yes, I do have the keys" he followed, with a mock look of frustration, anticipating Royal's (usual) next question. "Why do you always ask me that when we're three miles into the woods, and on the way back to boot?" "Because it's so much fun to watch you react", laughed Royal.

"You know", said ATC as they walked along a wide canopied section of trail, "today's sucker escapade may have been a 'classic' as you put it, but your antics at the Hole last year had all the earmarks of an epic". "Yeah, I guess", replied Royal as if to even the score, "and you've got your photos too, right?" "Yup. Did I ever show you the one of you standing there in your skivvies trying to wring out your pants? It's a riot", quipped ATC mischeivously.

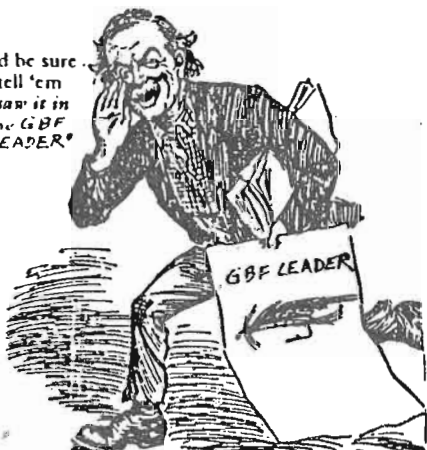
INSTRUCTIONS

1. With hook in vise, mount thread directly above rear end of barb (or hump on barbless hook). Tie in ribbing (optional) at tie in point, & cover hook with thread.
2. Cut small bunch of hair for post. Even tips, & measure wing to slightly longer than shank. Mount wing using "45 degree" technique, at the 33% spot on the hook (back from eye). Hair should be directly on top of hook, with tips out over eye.
3. Trim butts at angle and cover with thread. Taking hair tips between left index finger & thumb, place a loose "gathering" wind around base of hair at the post tie-in point. Now place thread behind post, pull hair vertical and bring thread back to front of post, take a wind around base of post, & back to rear of post, applying rearward pressure as you do so. This will cock to post up without building a big lump in front of it. With post vertical, take 3 or 4 wraps round its base as foundation for hackle.
4. Return thread to tie in point & form dubbing loop; wax heavily. Lay dubbing in loop and spin into a chenille. Dub tight but shaggy body, tapered up to base of post. Reverse wind ribbing, and tie off.
5. Cut 1/4" section of treated turkey quill & form tent wing over body. Mount directly behind post, applying flexament to mounting area first. Do not smash down on wing--it is unnecessary and will cause it to flare out and/or splinter. Trim rear of wing in an notched "V". Wing silhouette should be tentlike in shape.
6. Tie in hackle concave side down; tip should be pointed rearward, at 45 deg. angle to far side of hook. Now place small amount of dubbing in front of post and wrap hackle around post, placing each successive wind below the previous one. Tie off tip of hackle, trim it, and form small neat head.



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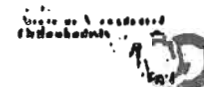
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