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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14 General Meeting*
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

May 16 Club Picnic at Clubhouse

May 21 Board Meeting**
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

June 11 General Meeting*
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

June 18 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

* NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate before 7:30 p.m., because the gatekeeper must lock the gate at that time.
** NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate at 6:45 p.m., because the gatekeeper will lock the gate at that time.

Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.
Tentative Outing Schedule—1992
(Revised)

May 10-11    Arcularius Ranch. Reservations full.
May 30-31    Mill Creek—backpacking trip
June 6-7     Indian Creek Reservoir
June 13-14   Fuller Lake
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

Most of the preparation work for the upcoming Auburn/Coon Creek trapping and transporting program is now completed. We will soon pick up the traps and be calling the volunteers to help with installations. Thanks again for your help in making this another GBF success project.

Don't forget opening day is just around the corner, April 25. Call a friend from the "Buddy List" given out at the last club meeting and plan a trip for the opener....

... And don't forget the Lake Natoma fishout and picnic planned for April 26. Details are in the Leader, or call Gordon Evans for the rest of the story...

... And don't forget the Annual Picnic, May 16. If you haven't already done so make plans to attend. Bring a blindfold; I hereby challenge everyone to beat me for the best tied fly in the blindfold tying contest. Besides the good food, good fun, and good friends, some lucky person will take home a Sage Pack Rod as the Grand Prize. Only one catch,... this event is for members and their families only, so if you're not already a member (as is most of the known world population) now is the time to join the Granite Bay Flycasters.

... And for gosh sakes don't forget to come to the May Club meeting. We're having another great program; this time on Streamer fishing and techniques. Everyone I know will be there so come on out and join us for the good times, we'd love to see you all.

.... And last of all read the whole Leader, it's got the best news and best ads in town; and for heavens sake support your advertisers.

Tight lines... catch 'em, release 'em.
**BITS AND PIECES**

**CLUB PICNIC**

Once again we are getting ready for the GBF annual picnic, to be held on Saturday, May 16, 1992. This is an event that promises a good time for club members and their families. There will be casting games, a "scavenger" fly tying contest, horseshoes, volleyball, and games for the kids.

We are charging a "registration fee" of $2.00 per adult, which will be refunded in the form of free drawing tickets. The food is free, and will include soft drinks and the main dish—ribs and hot dogs. Every family is being asked to bring either a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

There will be a raffle, with the usual assortment of excellent prizes.

Mark your calendars for May 16th!!! You will be able to sign up for the last time at the May 14th general meeting. In the meantime, call Paul Orcutt, Picnic Chairman, at 878-9131, and he'll sign you up.

**CLASSROOM AQUARIUM PROGRAM**

All of the teachers have released their fry. It was a quiet go-around this time. We had no problems, and all of the classrooms had good success. Only a couple of schools had field trips to the American River to release the fry; the rest met on Saturdays or in the evening to release fry raised from the egg stage. Terry Eggleston was able to meet with the class from Oakdale Elementary School at Sailor Bar on Wednesday, April 8, and assist as they released their Steelhead fry. There was a reporter from the Neighbors section of the Bee, so keep an eye out for the article. The aquarium program is over until about November, so that means it must be time to go fishing. Hope to see you out there.
Several new participants signed up at the casting clinic: Judy Carnazza and Jim Hornberger. Others who have advanced in the program are: Frank Stolten; Anne Latteri; Paul Orcutt; Jeannie English; and Bill Carnazza. Sign up.....it's a great program!!

ROD BUILDING AND/OR NET MAKING

Warren Schoenmann will teach, or assist in teaching, a rod building class and/or a net building class. Those interested call Warren at 725-2542. Depending on how many sign up, classes will be scheduled.

MAY PROGRAM

Kate and Bill Howe will talk about "Streamer Techniques". Kate and Bill formerly were with the Conway Ranch in Nevada. Kate now works for the Fly Shop in Redding. Both are excellent tyers.

NECFF CONCLAVE

In September, the Northern California Council will again host the Conclave, at King's Beach, Lake Tahoe. Pete Parker, who ties the "Helicopter Fly"---you've got to see it to believe it, folks, it's actually a miniature helicopter---will be there. He has donated one of his creations for the raffle/drawing. Also featured will be a fly plate donated by Dan Byford, originator of the "Zonker", and numerous other unique additions to the world of fly fishing. As usual, there will be a large assortment of programs, and expert fly tyers putting on demonstrations all day long on each of the days. So, plan to attend--dates and further information will be published later.
CASTING CLINIC

The Saturday installment of the clinic was a huge success, with ten participants all eager and ready to learn from the able instructor, Chuck Echer. The clinic went all day, with part of the time devoted to classroom type functions, and the balance to on-the-water casting. The Sunday installment got drenched—rained out. It has been rescheduled for those who signed up.

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.

3. Hairy C.C. Caddis Larva

All As In The Krystal Caddis Above

Except:

Twist a noodle of hare's ear dubbing with the strands of Krystal Flash and Crystal Hair to make a more naturally subtle body.

4. Dark Krystal May Nymph

Try this one when the Baetis mayfly nymphs darken just prior to emergence.

Hook: Tiemco #3761, Sizes 18 & 16
Thread: Dark Brown P.A.C. 8/0
Tail: Dark Bronze Mallard
Abdomen: Black Krystal Flash
Shell Back: Black Krystal Flash
Thorax: Mole/squirrel Blend or equivalent.

5. Krystal Back Hare's Ear

Just another variation of the many "Flash-Back" or "Sparkle Nymph" patterns. Super simple to tie, it is notable for the enhanced effectiveness seemingly produced by the dark iridescent shell-back. Although a generic mayfly pattern, it's very effective as a small stonefly nymph especially in golden olive for that of the Little Yellow Sally.

Hook: Tiemco #3761, Sizes 16 - 12
Thread: Dark Brown P.A.C. 8/0
Rib: Two strands twisted together of Olive Krystal Flash or Golden Yellow Crystal Hair
Body: Natural Light, Natural Dark or Olive Hare's Ear
Shell Back: Multiple Strands of Black or Peacock Krystal Hair
Tail: Partridge: Natural Grey, Brown or Dyed Olive

[For Angling: Outing May 10-11]
ROB RANSOM'S
TROUT FLIES FROM THE ARC

A selection of Trout fly patterns refined on the Arcularius Ranch section of the Eastern Sierras' Owens River.

1. RANZINGER PUPA

An effective sub-surface pupa used to imitate the Brachycentrus and Glossoma Caddis.

Hook: Tiemco 2457, 2487 or equivalent
Size: #18 Glossoma, #16 Brachycentrus
Thread: P.A.C. 8/0 Dark Brown or Black
Body: Rabbit Antron Blend
Green: Brachycentrus
Cream/Coral: Glossoma
Rib: Two strands Pearl Crystal Hair twisted together
Optional: add 6 or 7X tippet into the twist for extra strength
Hackle: Starling
Horns: 2 Strands Pearl Crystal Hair
Head: Peacock Herl

2. KRISTAL CADDIS LARVA

Fish this cased caddis imitation deep. On the upper Owens, the cased Brachycentrus is the primary food source all season.

Hook: Tiemco #3761, Dairiki 750
Sizes: #16 and #14
Thread: Black or Dark Brown P.A.C. 8/0
Body: Krystal Flash and/or Crystal Hair
Twist from multiple strands (8 to 20)
Size 14: 8 or 9 doubled strands
3 Black or Dark Peacock
3 Light Olive
3 Light Golden Olive

Peeking Body: Bright Green Dubbing or Thread
Legs: Black Starling Hackle
approximately 1.5 times the body. Place them together on top of hook about 2 eye widths back from eye. Tie them down securely and then separate them with a few figure-8's.

7. Mount one or two hackles (your choice), and wind between frong wing segment and antennae. Clip hackle in a "v" on bottom (optional).
"Dual Winged Caddis"

This pattern is another effective imitation of an adult caddis. It employs a “double” deer hair wing, which produces a remarkable resemblance to the tent-wing appearance of the natural insect. The deer hair (or elk) which forms the wing allows this fly to float high.

**Materials**
- Hook: Tiemco 100 or Mustad 94840 (smash barb)
- Body: Dubbing of choice (should be fuzzy)
- Wing: Deer or elk, in hues ranging from dark to light
- Hackle: Stiff neck hackle, tan to olive
- Antennae: Stripped hackle quill, or microfibbets
- Thread: 6/0 or 8/0, color to match

**Instructions**

1. Tie on at bend, and dub rear third of hook; stop there.
2. Take small bunch of deer or elk hair, to be mounted at point where dubbing stops. Hair tips should be relatively even, but don’t stack hair because this wing is somewhat shaggy in appearance.
3. Using the 45 degree method, mount hair on top of dubbing, at its most forward point. Keep hair directly on top of hook. Trim and bind down butts tightly.
4. Now dub the next third of the hook, over butts you just bound down.
5. Following step 3 instructions, mount second wing segment of hair wing so that its length causes it to blend into the rear segment.
6. To form antennae, strip quills (or use microfibbets). The antennae should form a “v”, with the length...
We rejoin our two troutaholics as they are on their way home from their day of hiking and fishing.

"ATC, why do you keep driving this old beater of a truck? Didn't you last wash it during the Vietnam war? Don't the dents now occupy most of the body, with an occasional undented spot here and there? What the hell color is it, anyway?"

Acting as though he hadn't even heard Royal's staccato-like questioning, ATC unlocked his door and yanked open, oblivious to the brinding, metal-to-metal noise it emitted on its outward swing as dent met deeper dent. After slipping his rod case behind the seat, he slid behind the large steering wheel of the tired old warrior, leaned against it, and with a sharp kick to a well-worn spot on the inside of the passenger door, caused it to unlock.

Shaking his head, Royal pulled the door open as far as it would go—just enough for him to squeeze through, jack himself into the sagging seat whose fabric had long since gone to seed. "Sheeeesh, ATC", said Royal, "this thing really is trying to get over on its side".

"Beats walking", replied ATC, staring stonily ahead and in a tone indicating that he wanted Royal to change the subject.

Undaunted, Royal pressed on with his needling. "If and when the beast does start, what kind of mileage does it get? I can't recall it willingly passing a gas station without having to be filled".

"Gas gauge hasn't worked for years, and I've never tried to compute the mileage. When one tank runs out I switch to the other, and then fill each one. You know that!", replied ATC sullenly. "Tell me, has old Whitefish ever failed us?"

"Whitefish?", asked Royal. "Why Whitefish?"

"Have you ever seen one of those ugly things move fast?" quipped ATC. "And besides, regardless of what you might think, this truck is white under all that dust and road grime".

"Well, at least you've managed to keep your sense of humor. You're right, though—it gets us there, albeit slowly", Royal admitted as ATC turned the key and Whitefish noisily growled to life.

"It's about your muffler, ATC", Royal continued doggedly. "Tell you what—it's either I buy a radio and headphones, and tune Whitefish and you out, or Whitefish gets a new muffler. I consider a new muffler, at least in this case, to be a better investment."

Declining to elaborate further in hopes that the point would register with ATC, Royal stopped there as ATC ground the transmission into its low gear and Whitefish lurched forward on the hour-long trip down the mountain over the rutted, bumpy, dusty dirt road.

After what seemed an eternity of silence, Royal glanced over at ATC for some clue to his mood and reaction to the last tidbit of needling. Glad that there was no indication of irritation, Royal asked whether ATC had heard his last remarks.

"Yep", ATC replied. "But you didn't finish, did you?"

Not surprised at ATC's perceptiveness, Royal continued. "Let's just say that the noise level of both headphones and Whitefish's muffler can damage one's hearing. Now, if I invest in a set of headphones it seems to me that I'm just creating a new noise problem—and, anyway, I wouldn't be able to hear your lectures about my fishing and tying bungling. On the other hand, if I took the amount it would cost for one of those contraptions and put it into a new muffler for Whitefish, my eardrums and psyche will be better off."

"Tell you what", said ATC after a pause timed sufficiently lengthy to make Royal a bit nervous. "you herd ole' Whitefish here on down this cowtrack of a road and I'll relax a bit and think on it". With that comment, ATC pulled to an abrupt stop, got out and circled around to the passenger side.

As Royal assumed the pilot's position, he muttered "Yeah, you'll think on it while you're examining the back of your eyelids".

ATC, meanwhile, settled into the lumpy passenger seat, pulled his hat over his eyes, with the noticeable curl of a smile at the corners of his mouth.