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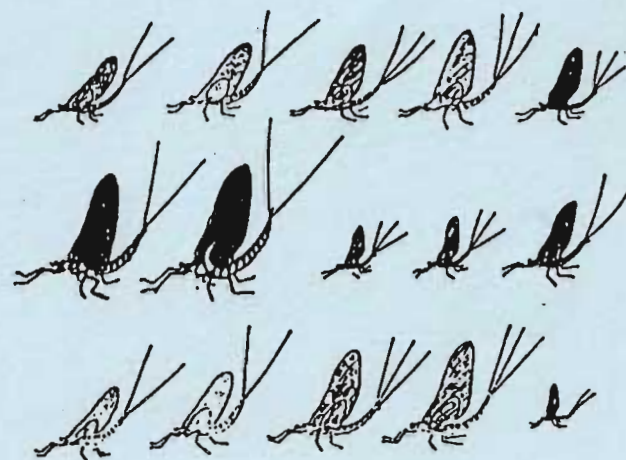
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
October 15	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
November 12	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse
November 19	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse
December 5	"Swap Meet" at Clubhouse



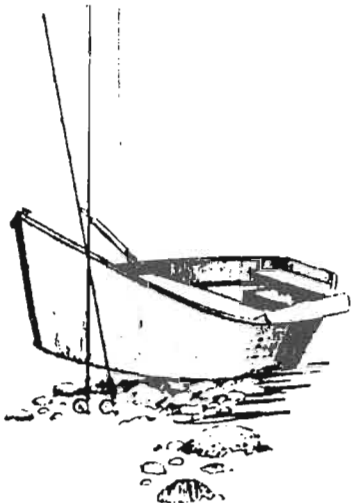
Perryman, to be held on Saturday, December 12, 1992. The schedule for the day, the price, and other details will be available at the October meeting. Signups will be limited, so be sure to move on this one. Al puts on a "good show", and you will be certain to learn a lot.

## Outing Schedule--1992

- Oct.            McCloud River/Squaw Valley Creek\*
- Nov.            Steelhead trip
- Dec.            Baja trip (tentative)

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

\*Exact date will be announced at the October meeting.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warren Schoenmann

Just returned from a great time at the conclave; the club was well represented there also. If you didn't attend this year you missed a good time weekend. Lots of good informative seminars and fly tying demos by many of the best. Bruce Cline, who put me up for the weekend at his cabin, Mike Wasserman and I fished Martis Friday and Saturday evenings. All I got was wet feet (waders leaked) and cold Friday. Saturday I changed waders, stayed dry, and we all caught several nice trout. Fly of the day was the Blood Midge or any likeness.

It's time for all of us to start thinking about the next few months and coming events. November is nominations for Officers and Directors for the coming year. As I wrote in the last Leader, it can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience, and a good opportunity for you, the membership, to become involved with your club. If you are interested in serving in any capacity contact me.

December is election month. Those elected to the Officer and Director positions will shape the direction the club will take in the coming year.

(con't)

In January we will again have a booth at the Cal Expo Sport show (Jan 6-10). Rick Radoff will coordinate the booth activity and will be asking for volunteers to help work at the booth. January 23rd is the Annual Dinner date. Marie has done a great job (as usual) and will need volunteers to help put the whole event together, so contact her to offer your help. We also need donations for the raffle, like a dozen of your favorite flies, or whatever you may want to donate. Get your donations in early so we can catalog and record them in the dinner program.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting.

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

### SWAP MEET

The club will hold a "swap meet" on Saturday, December 5, 1992 at the Clubhouse. The purpose of this event is to allow members to take some time during those frosty (and hopefully nasty-weather) winter days to examine and inventory their fishing gear and decide what should be retained, and what might fetch the price of yet another piece of flyfishing accoutrement. By the way, "fishing gear" can be liberally interpreted to include clothing, books, shoes, tying gear/materials, fru-fru, etc. Start thinking about this event now, and plan to exhibit your wares (for free, and no sales tax)!!! Mark Niece is chairperson for this event, with Joe Bania as co-chair.

project in the interim. What can be done to stop them? Support (as in financial) for the groups which carried the ball for us is one thing; support for designation of the area as a National Recreation Area is another. Stalwarts such as Friends of the River will be contacting those of us who have supported their efforts--and we will pass the information on.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We've signed up two new members: Greg Laret, and John Hogg. This brings our membership to 110. New members are the lifeblood of a club such as ours--keep them coming, we're all recruiters.

### ELECTIONS

Elections will soon be held. The club bylaws specify that nominations will be taken in November, and the election will be held in December. President Warren mentioned this at the September meeting, and will do so again at the October meeting. There are openings on the Board of Directors, and all of the officers' jobs are up for election. The Board determined that there should be at least two candidates for each opening---so, be thinking of persons who would be willing to serve, and to be a credit to the club, in the officer/director jobs.

Also open are a number of the committee chairs. Volunteers are needed for these positions, as will be announced at the meeting.

### STEELHEAD FLYFISHING CLINIC

Here is an unusually good opportunity. The club has arranged for a steelhead clinic with Al

meeting. Anyone who has fished this stream knows that it can and will be ruined by poaching and overkilling unless something is done. These fish are just too valuable to kill, and the time to act is now. You can help by picking up, signing and mailing one of these letters.

**BAJA OUTING**  
**SHAKE THOSE POST-XMAS BLUES!!**

Your fishmaster is planning an outing for the week after Christmas, to Baja California to do some surf fishing. This is tentative at this point, but anyone interested should contact Ron English at the October meeting, or call him at home (677-7169). Ron will talk about this at the October meeting.

**AUBURN DAM DIES AGAIN**

Once again, reason and justice prevailed, and the proposed Auburn Dam was soundly defeated at the Congressional level. While this time it was a lesser project (albeit at a cost to the taxpayers of over \$700,000,000!!!), nevertheless the project posed a significant threat to the wild and scenic values, the recreational values, and the fish and wildlife values in the canyons of the American River. Many of us have wandered about these canyons in search of solitude--and trout. To lose them in the name of big dam construction would be tragic for us and for future generations.

The dam effort was defeated by a strange coalition of "permanent pool" dam supporters (who wanted built-in expandibility) and environmental groups opposed to this unnecessary, destructive and grossly expensive project. But they will be back in two years, and will be working hard to attempt to justify the

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Joe Bania

Update: Upper Sacramento River Recovery [Excerpts from "California Fly Fisher" Sept.-Oct. 1992]

To assist the recovery of the devastated native rainbow population, DFG has kept its commitment to abstain from stocking domestic trout during 1992. The Department is also raising native fingerlings on an experimental basis to augment in-stream spawning, but there has been no transplanting of native trout due to insufficient numbers of brood fish at the collection site used by the Department. Also, no action has been taken to install a temporary fish barrier to prevent competitive non-salmonids from migrating up the river from Lake Shasta. Monitoring is being done to determine if a barrier will be needed next year.

The river has made significant progress toward recovery. Aquatic insects are surprisingly abundant, with a fair number of species present; substantial hatches of mayflies and caddis came off earlier this year. Riparian vegetation is also bouncing back, although one species of shrubby willow stills shows some negative effects from the spill.

Unfortunately, trout, sculpin and other aquatic vertebrate species do not appear to be doing as well. Juvenile trout have been observed in localized areas, but it is clear the river has a long way to go before achieving full recovery.

CalTrout and Southern Pacific are sponsoring a cleanup project along the entire 38 miles of upper river. If you are interested in helping out, please call 916/926-2184.

Releasing Fish Alive Successfully

The magic time for many fabulous blue-ribbon trout streams is upon us, making this the best time of year for fishing right up until the season ends. I would like to remind you to "PUT 'EM BACK ALIVE!". CALTROUT publishes a few suggestions; by following these you can be certain that released fish will live to be caught again. Remember that a fish that appears unharmed when released may not survive if not carefully handled.

1. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Play and release

## "Fly Fishing Small Streams" (con't.)

- o the trout are more likely to be wild (natives, or a previously planted self-sustaining population)
- o fish from small streams taste better (for those of you who don't always release your wild catch)
- o study the water and surrounding environment to select most likely spot to find fish -- look for deep pools, undercut banks, log jams, cool water, fish rising, lots of aquatic insects (both in and on top of the water), and fish-eating birds
- o don't wear bright colors (except if you're fishing during hunting season; it's better to scare the fish than to be shot!)
- o downstream casts in small streams are more productive (but the author acknowledges it requires more skill to set the hook on a fish that is facing you)
- o streamers are surprisingly effective, especially in the evening and when fishing brown trout; also good in tight pocket water because you can fish the streamer for 20 minutes or so (it mimics a small fish struggling upstream)
- o sidearm cast, pile cast, roll cast and dapping are best techniques in small waters
- o the best weather you can hope for is cool, damp, cloudy -- especially on small streams where cover is at a minimum and the fish are skittish. Bugs also seem to like cloudy days and stay on the water longer

I would highly recommend this book to beginning fly fishers and non-fishers because the author provides a well-rounded picture of fly fishing. However, I would also recommend this book to experienced fishers just for the pleasure of reading about the author's experiences and philosophy. Who knows, even the experienced flycaster may pick up a new tip or two!

Fernandez, Mel Krieger, and Rick Hafele were superb--where else can an assembly of such talent, in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, be obtained??? The flytying demonstrations by twenty local and national experts (including three from our own club) were exceptional. There was an unbelievable auction, raffle and silent auction; there were commercial displays; casting games; and good fellowship with other flyfishers.

Mike Wasserman, Bruce Cline, and Warren Schoenmann took time out to fish Martis Creek Reservoir--twice!! They got into fish both times, and even caught fish on flies tied for them at the conclave.

In addition to those folks, the club was represented by Bill and Judy Carnazzo, Terry Eggleston, Don Steffa, Frank Stolten (who was responsible for the flytying events), Jim and Terry Hornberger, Steve Hand, Jeannie, Nick and Isaac English (the fishmaster being AWOL in Yellowstone), and Joe and Barbara Bania.

A number of the tyers were taped. The tapes will be available soon for sale. They will be well worth the investment.

### FALL CLASSES

The club is offering classes this coming Fall in rod-building, net-building, equipment needs, and beginning flytying. There is still room in some of these. Signups will close at the September meeting. The beginning flytying class will be taught by Bill Carnazzo. Instructors for the others will be announced at the October meeting.

GBF Library

Thanks to Jim Holmes for handling the library at the September meeting! It's great to have a competent, enthusiastic volunteer like Jim who is always willing to help.

New Book: A River Runs Through It;  
Norman Maclean

Overdue books:

60 Days:

Modern Trout Flies; Sierra Trout Guide.

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REMINDER

Books and videos are due back in 30 days at the next meeting. Make arrangements to get them to the club by then, if you can't make the next meeting.

Thank you.

Jim Hornberger, Librarian

"FLY FISHING SMALL STREAMS"  
by John Gierach, Stackpole Books, 1989  
[a book report by Barbara Bania]

Whether you fly fish or just accompany a fly fisher on trips, you will enjoy reading this book. It is written in a style that is easy to read, and is sprinkled with photos and pen and ink drawings. By the time I finished reading, I not only had learned some new things but I felt I had just spent time with a good friend: the author writes in such a manner that you almost feel you're in a conversation with him. [Of course it doesn't hurt that the author and I share similar views about what fishing is all about!]

The author defines a small stream as one "you can cast across easily just about anywhere on it, that you can wade--and often cross--in hip boots, that is way too small for boats, and that most of its structure pretty well exposed to view". The appeal to him is that they are invariably pretty places, out in the country, and less frequently accessed by other people.

His feels fishing small streams is neither harder nor easier than rivers or lakes, but feels it is distinctly different. One of the nicest aspects of the book is that he explains the rationale for his suggestions. The chapters of the book encompass the entire scope of fly fishing from what makes good habitat for fish through techniques for successful catch to consideration for other fishers. He also includes tips on what to take on backpacking fishing trips, and how to find fishable small streams.

Below are a few of his thoughts:

- o small stream trout feed throughout the day (instead of morning and evening as you would find on larger waters)
- o the fish in small streams are easier to spook but they also appear to be less selective about the fly patterns they strike

## Conservation Report (con't.)

fish as rapidly as possible. A fish out of water for more than four minutes will suffer brain damage from loss of oxygen. A fish played gently for too long may be too exhausted to recover.

2. KEEP THE FISH IN THE WATER as much as possible. A fish out of water is suffocating and, in addition, is many times heavier. He may pound himself fatally if allowed to flop on the beaches or rocks. Even a few inches of water under a thrashing fish acts as a protective cushion.

3. GENTLENESS in handling is essential. Keep your fingers out of the gills. If you use dry hands, take care not to remove slime or abrade the fish. If wet hands, fight your tendency to squeeze the fish for control. Small fish are best handled by thumb and forefinger on the lower lip. Nets of (wet) soft cotton are helpful provided the mesh does not become entangled in the gills. Nylon abrades. Hooks and lines catching in the nets may delay releasing, so keep net in the water.

4. UNHOOKING. Remove the hook as rapidly as possible with long-nosed pliers or forceps unless the fish is deeply hooked. If deeply hooked, cut the leader and leave the hook in; it will eventually dissolve. Do not tear out hooks roughly. Be gentle and quick. Small fish, especially, may die of shock from rough handling.

5. REVIVING. Some fish, especially after a long struggle, may lose consciousness and float belly-up. Always gently cradle the fish in your hands below water level, belly-down, heading upstream. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This is artificial respiration and may take a few minutes, especially in lakes. When the fish revives, begins to struggle and swims normally, let it go.

6. STOP FISHING. Trout do not survive very well when caught and released in warmer waters. Carry a thermometer and check the water. When it is 68 degrees and above, consider calling it a day, or wait for cooler evening temperatures. At least use heavier tippets, play fast, and revive fish with extra care.

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## CAL-EXPO BOOTH

Once again, the club will host a booth at the International Sportsman's Exhibition in January at Cal-Expo. This event will be co-chaired by Rick Radoff and Bill Carnazzo. They will be looking to the membership for help in managing the booth during the show hours. This is a rewarding experience, as it allows the club to tout its benefits, sell memberships, sell tickets to our annual dinner (if any are left), and sell tickets to the drawing at the annual dinner. The public is always interested in this booth, and we have met a lot of interesting persons at the past shows. More information will be provided in the coming months.

The grand prize for the annual dinner, another Keeton 8-foot pram, will be on display in the booth as it was last year.

The club is also being asked to help out in the NCFCC booth this year. The plan is to use this booth as a means of attracting members for the clubs themselves, as well as for the Northern California Council.

## YUBA RIVER

The Fish and Game Commission, based on recommendations made by DFG staff, and on input from the public, establishes the stream and other water-body fishing regulations on a biannual basis. This process is now underway.

Ron English has drafted a letter to the Commission requesting designation of the Yuba as a catch and release stream for steelhead. He will have copies of this letter available at the October



## SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER

This year's annual dinner (Saturday, January 23, 1993) 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. Buy your tickets before December 1, 1992, and you will be entered into the drawing for a Powell DF 90-1L 3-4 weight rod. Those purchasing tickets after that date will not be entered in this drawing. You will have a choice of Prime Rib or Cornish Hen. The dinner will be held at the Elks Lodge in Roseville. For tickets, contact Marie (663-2414) or Rick Radoff (624-2107) or Warren Schoenmann (725-2542).

Once again, Marie has done a superb job!!!!

### OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will feature renowned artist and fisherman/guide Fred Gordon, who will talk of fishing the Siskiyou area. Fred provided unique ceramic pins for the NCCFFC Conclave at Tahoe this year--each one numbered and signed. Members who attended the Conclave will have them at the meeting, so others can see the beautiful work which went into producing these pins. Each is a collector's item. Fred also produced some outstanding pieces for the auction at the dinner at the Conclave. Don't miss this program!!!

### NCCFFC CONCLAVE '92

Those of you who missed the Conclave at Tahoe this year missed a genuine treat. The programs by R. Valentine Atkinson, Chico

Cutthroat & Campfire Tales  
The Fly Fishing Heritage of the West  
John H. Monnett

This is an excellent book describing the history of fly fishing in the American West. The author is obviously a proponent of the concept of catch and release fishing as he describes the impact of western pioneers on the once commonplace native Cutthroat trout in Western lakes and streams.

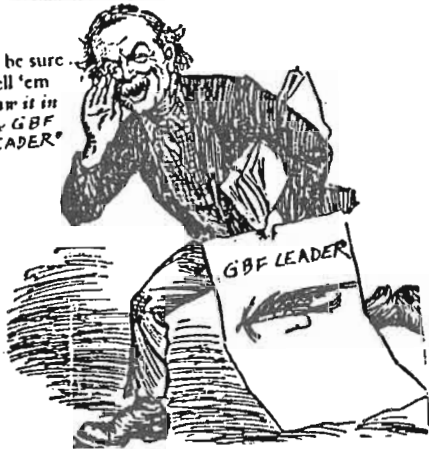
In the book he describes how many of the fisheries of the west had been severely depleted as far back as the by the turn of the century (this was a surprise to me), particularly those fisheries containing Cutthroat Trout. This was brought about primarily by the attitude of the western pioneers, who saw wildlife as an unlimited resource that could be harvested without any thought for the future. This was the same mentality that brought about the demise of the buffalo. The author shows numerous examples of early fishing expeditions where hundreds of pounds of trout were taken daily (careful records were kept by many of these groups), and often wasted when spoilage occurred during shipping. It was interesting for me to note that even in those days, a trout of 12" or better was considered a nice fish, and trout in the 4 lbs plus range were not that common (at least not nearly as common as fish in that size range that are caught by members of our club).

The author does show that conservation methods can be successful, where he compares his days fishing result on the Yellowstone with a recorded day of fishing on the same river 110 years earlier. Surprisingly, the quantity caught is about the same, with the average size being only slightly less.

With careful management and catch and release fishing, the author feels that many of the lakes and streams of the West can be restored to the once great Cutthroat Trout fisheries that existed before the impact of the western settlers. This book would be good reading for any one not convinced of the value of catch and release fishing. [Book report by Paul Orcutt]

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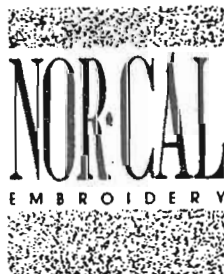
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