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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Program: Greg Lily Improving your success in Montana
April 15	Board meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
April 17	Casting Clinic
May 1	River Cleanup
May 8	"Catch a Smile"
May 13	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse
May 15	Picnic Please note date change!
May 20	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
April, 1993

PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

Apr 17 & 18 Sacramento River at Redding  
Apr 24 or 25 Local bass fishing  
May 3 (Mon) Indian Creek Reservoir  
May 17,18,19 The Arc (Only 1 space left)  
Call Ron English for info.  
Jun 5 & 6 Spicer Lake  
Jun 19 & 20 Yosemite Creek (Backpack)  
July 10 & 11 Carson Wilderness  
July 24 & 25 Rocky Point (Oregon)  
Aug 15-16 King River  
Aug 27-30 Williamson River, Oregon  
Sep Cache Creek (Date depends on  
water flow)  
Sep 11 & 12 Trinity River  
Sep 25 & 26 Robinson Creek  
Oct 22 Heenan Lake (Friday)

Please Note: Any of these dates are extremely tentative due to, finally, a "normal" winter. If there are any fishouts that you would like to lead, contact the fishmaster, Ron English.

April...for many of us, a very special time of year. "Stirring", I guess, would be a good way to describe it. Humans stir, having holed up for the winter next to the wood stove. Animals stir in the same manner, albeit for a whole different set of reasons...mostly, it seems, related to reproductive instincts (at least that's how my ducks behave). Plant life stirs...look around at the profusion of wildflowers this year, and the blossoms.

Of course, April means that the IRS is also on the stir. And soon those who would mess with our clock will adjust our lives by one hour (an awesome delegation of power, when you think about it).

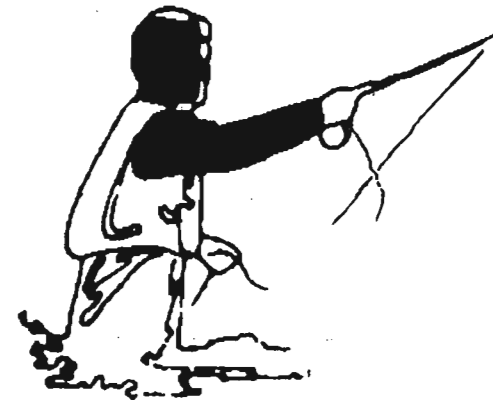
For the flyfisher, April is the harbinger of some very stirring thoughts. The bass/bluegill thing is on in full swing--ever notice how this event is tied to the bloom of lupine? And, trout!! Yessss...!!! Will that "favorite" opener spot be fishable this year? Does it matter? Isn't it the planning and anticipation and the getting-there that causes the "stirring"? Back country angling may be a little later this year, but just think of what the Fall will be like. I, for one, am definitely, unquestionably "stirred".

Under the "some things never go away" category, I read recently in the newspaper (therefore it's true, right?) that the City of Auburn wishes to push the Auburn Dam issue because it will benefit the local economy--"it", of course, being the huge structure and the massive inundation it will cause, in the form of an artificial lake. C'mon folks, is that a good reason to drown all those

miles of canyon forever? The mentality here is interesting...first denigrate, downplay and divert attention from the project's negative effects on the ecosystem, blaming all economic woes on those crazy "enviro's" who want to stand in the way of "progress"; second, "build it, dam it" (as the bumper sticker screams); then, when the predictable ecological damage in fact occurs (which in turn causes economic problems), the truly contrite government begins to commission "studies" to determine how to "fix" it. Does this sound familiar? Does it ring true in the Delta, where the pumps have sucked dry a long stretch of the San Joaquin River, rendering most salmon runs extinct, and causing the rest of the lower river to run upstream, causing all migrating anadromous fish to be confused? Why isn't proper screening on Sacramento River diversion intakes (of which there is a countless number) required, to protect the endangered Sacramento River winter run? Why is it endangered? Does the government ever learn from past mistakes?

I believe I'll go fishin' (while there is still someplace to fish)! See ya'all on the stream.

Bill Carnazzo, President



We would like to express our thanks to the members of the Granite Bay Flycasters for the continued support they have shown our stores over these past years. Also a big thank you to those club members, both past and present, who have expended considerable effort and leadership in making the Granite Bay Flycasters the leaders in Northern California.

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## CASTING CLINIC

We will be having a casting clinic on April 17th. The instructors will be none-other than Greg Lilly and his sister Annette. Being the children of Bud Lilly, they have been raised in the fly fishing world. They both guided for their father in Montana and taught fly fishing.

The clinic will be held at Ed & Marie's pond. Lunch will be provided. Time will probably be from 9-4. Class size will be limited to 10 people so they can spend a little more one on one time teaching.

What makes this clinic unique is Annette will be doing a ladies only class. We will be dividing the pond so the ladies can be at one end and the guys on the other. This is a chance for the ladies to show the guys you can do it!

The cost for this excellent seminar is only \$30 per person, a real bargain.

As of March 1, there are still a few spaces available. Please call Marie for more information. Please be sure to get a map at the April meeting.

Marie

## STEELHEAD CARDS (CON'T)

Last month I reported on the steelhead card budget. I have more information now. The \$218,000 for projects is subject to 24.25% overhead for the department to process projects.  $24.25\% \text{ of } \$218,000 = \$52,869$  or about the salary of a fish and game employee. So far the total wages is now \$52,869 plus \$64,000 which equals \$116,865. Only about \$.50 on the dollar will go directly to projects. It is just amazing how a project for steelhead restoration ends up benefitting the fish last. I will continue to track the steelhead fund.

Ron English

## FISHING REPORT

The report for the last fishout will be in the next leader.

In general, the fishouts will be in the maybe category until the weather stabilizes--not perhaps until June. Just be thankful that we have water!

## APRIL PROGRAM

The April program will be Greg and Annette Lilly speaking on "Improving your success in Montana". They have over 20 years experience in fishing and guiding on Montana waters and wish to share with us now to best select good waters in Montana.



## SIERRA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED HAVING BANQUET

The first fundraising banquet of the Sierra Chapter of Trout Unlimited will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 20th, at the Shepherd's Inn in Rancho Cordova. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Dietsch, technical advisor to the recent movie hit "A River Runs Through It", who will describe the making of this wonderful movie. Funds from the dinner will help support coldwater fishery conservation programs.

The Sierra Chapter, established about two years ago, services the area bordered on the west by the Sacramento River, on the north by I-80, the south by Highway 50, and the east by the Nevada state line.

The local chapter is involved in numerous projects including a salmonid egg raising education project (with the help of GBF), a fish marking/water monitoring project for research being conducted by DFG, and is coordinating a storm drain marking project within the region to prevent water pollution in our rivers. Other worthwhile projects are on the drawing board.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person, \$60 per couple. For further information contact Dennis Wojdak at 686-5579.

### "CATCH A SMILE DAY"

Gary Voet, California Stripped Bass Association, Aerojet Corporation and I invite you to help make a MEMORY for a group of Physically Challenged Children. They will be experiencing the Great Feeling you and I have known for years, Catching our FIRST FISH. On Saturday, May 8, we will be at the Aerojet complex to help these Children "Catch A Smile". Please feel free to call Craig Vandergrift 933-4230, Bob Knight 363-0596, or Tom Klinefelter 363-6634, and ask them why they are going again this year? Wouldn't you want to be part of that experience? I will see you at the clubhouse on April 8.

Thanks, John Hardin Home 983-0426/Work 455-8310

## FLYTYER'S CORNER

by  
Bill Carnazzo

### Caddis Sparkle Pupa

This Caddis pupa imitation was developed by Gary La Fontaine, and introduced in his book *Caddisflies*. The secret of success for this fly is the antron yarn, which is treated so that the fibres remain separated. This results in trapping of air between the filaments, which causes bubbles to appear in the fly body, giving it a lifelike appearance. The development of this pattern makes an interesting story, found on pages 33 through 51 of *Caddisflies*.

### MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 94840, or equiv.
Body	Olive (or other color) dubbing mixture of 1/3 antron, 2/3 natural or synthetic fur
Sheath	Antron yarn
Hackle	Soft wet fly hackle
Thread	6/0 or 8/0, to match
Weight	(optional) Lead

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attach thread at a point two eyewidths back of the hook eye. Cover shank with thread, and add lead if you wish to weight the fly.

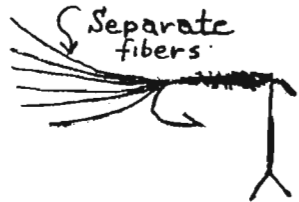
2. Tie in a short section of antron yarn, at a point directly above the back point of the barb (already squashed down, of course).

## SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3. Spin dubbing mix onto thread (or use pinch dubbing method). If you spin it on, remember to spin in only one direction.

4. Wrap the dubbed thread forward to the original tie-in point.

5. Separate the antron yarn fibers. Now gently pull them forward, distributing them evenly around the hook shank. The idea here is to form a loose sheath. Tie down and trim away the excess fibers.



6. Tie in soft hackle at the forward end of the sheath. Wrap 2 or 3 turns of hacks, tie down the tip and trim excess. Push hackle to rear and wrap a few turns of thread to hold the hackle fibers in that position.

7. Form a neat head and whip finish.

**FINAL NOTE:** remember to bring your flies to the April meeting, for the flytying contest. Remember that the contest will be for the fly featured in last month's bulletin (the Surf Percher Red).

The editor is going to try this as a regular feature to the leader to acknowledge special accomplishments by the members of the club. If you have a special accomplishment or know someone who has done something especially good or bad and would like to see his/her name in print, please see me at any meeting or call me, Jim Holmes, at 967-6709 with said information. This especially applies to NEW members!

Some special accomplishments of the past include:

\* Paul Orcutt catching very large browns on the Little Truckee last fall (pictures on request!)

\* Terry Eggleston catching a large spawner (26") on the McCloud (pictures available)

\* During the San Francisco Fly Fishing Expo, Jack Dennis was giving a demo with 100's of people around, stopping his presentation and saying Hi to Ed and Marie

\* Ron English losing something falling down in (this time) the ocean. Ever find your booties, Ron?

\* New member Sean Chynoweth while fishing at a lake last summer, lacking a black fly and many miles from the road, using a shoelace to tie the now famous shoe fly to catch fish!

You get the idea...please contribute!

Books Overdue: GBF Library

Sierra Trout Guide;Cutter. Craig  
Vandegrift - 11/12/92  
Practical Fishing Knots;Kreh. Stan Steele  
12/10/92

Videos Overdue:

60 days;  
Alaskan King; Fishing The Midge;  
Nymphing; Tying Western Trout Flies; Fly  
Tying Basics.

Over 60 Days:  
Skills of Fly Fishing; Borger. Lamont  
Carr 12/10/92  
Jim Hornberger, Librarian



## Conservation Report (con't.)

### PUMPS STOPPED TO PROTECT WINTER-RUN SALMON IN THE DELTA

To assure protection for the salmon, DFG has adopted the 1993 Biological Opinion issued recently by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The terms of this Opinion require that the total level of incidental take of winter-run chinook salmon must not exceed one percent of the estimated number of winter-run salmon entering the Delta. This figure is 2700 juveniles. By February 20, 1993, the cumulative incidental take had reached 1200 juveniles. So the pumps were turned off after more than 25 years of operation. Now the salmon will have a fighting chance to survive without getting ground up in the pumps.

### CONSERVATION HOT LINE

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) has established a hot line with conservation information followed by an extensive fishing report. It is updated every Thursday by Dave Ford, Conservation Chair. Not only will you hear a recorded message, but you can leave a message for NCCFFF at the end. The number is (916) 725-1147. Try it, you'll like it!

### GBF MAY "ADOPT" NORTH FORK OF AMERICAN RIVER

GBF has been investigating adoption of a 25+ mile stretch of the North Fork of the American River (from Iowa Hill Bridge to Palisades Creek near Soda Springs). Much of this is rugged canyon country but has great fishing. The Department of Fish and Game has identified a few tasks that we could help with and will soon be collecting some biological data that will identify more specific program needs. Since the area is in U.S. Forest Service jurisdiction, we will be working with them as well to develop a comprehensive plan. More info later!!

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## Conservation Report by Joe Bania

### GBF ANNUAL PICNIC

The GBF Annual picnic will be held on May 15, 1993. Mark Neice, Picnic Chairman, announced that the admission will be \$4.00 for adults and children 15 and under will be free, plus a dish to share. Mark will have details at the next meeting.

May 13 will be the last day for sign-ups for the picnic.

For those who have not attended this fun annual event, we have a casting pond and contests, blindfold flytying, scavenger tying, child's games, volley ball, as well as an excellent RAFFLE. This year the grand prize will be a Sage 4pc 5 wt rod.

This is an excellent do-not-miss event!

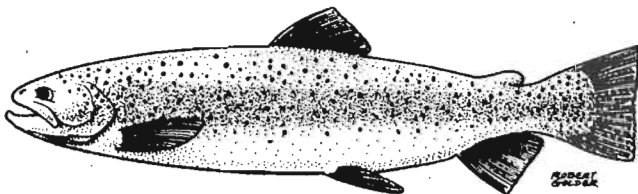
If you are unable to attend the April meeting and still wish to sign-up for the picnic, please mail the following to

Mark Neice  
3417 Cook St.  
Rocklin, CA 9576

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dish: Salad or Desert or Side

Amount Enclosed: (4.00 p/p) \_\_\_\_\_



### CATCH AND RELEASE VIDEO

The Northwest Women Fly Fishers (NWFF) developed a free instructional video on how to release fish without harm. The video is available to our club and will be arriving soon to enhance our ever growing library. The Seattle based organization is dedicated to conservation and promoting further education of women fly fishers.

### UPPER OWENS RIVER: CALIFORNIA'S HENRY FORK?

It is the opinion of several reliable sources that the Upper Owens River has the potential to be another Harriman Ranch type trout fishery. This section above Lake Crowley has consistently produced tackle busting trout. A recent survey of the lake by DFG has turned up brown trout in excess of 20 pounds, with many fish in the 10 to 15 pound class. The Department of Fish and Game is looking at new regulations concerning this fishery, and the lower reach of the Owens River including the Five Bridges wild trout section north of Bishop. Look for future updates concerning this valuable resource.

### GET THE LEAD OUT AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT:

The Federation of Fly Fishers has joined the Environmental Defense Fund in calling for a ban on the use of lead fishing sinkers. Extensive research has shown that the birds eat the sinkers while feeding and are poisoned by lead and die. The Environmental Protection Agency stated that "lead poisoning has affected every major species of waterfowl in North America and many birds in other regions of the world." Inexpensive lead-free substitute sinkers are available from your local fly shops....drop by and talk to them about what's new in fishing gear for 1993.

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