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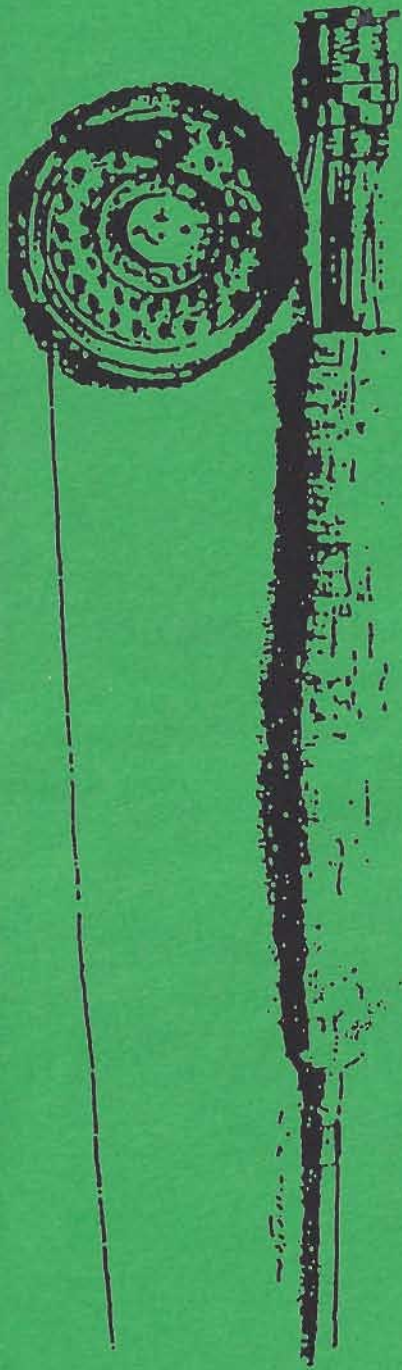
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 9	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse
Dec 11-12	3 Guys Fishing Expo Clubhouse
Dec 16	Board Meeting 7:00 at clubhouse
Jan 13	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse
Jan 20	Board Meeting 7:00 at clubhouse

Please Note: NO Feb meeting! Do come to the Dinner!

Jan 19-23	Ed Rice Sportsmen's Expo Cal-Expo
Jan 22	NCCFFF Hall of Fame Event Bldg A Fort Mason
Mar 9-13	Ed Rice Sportsmen's Expo San Mateo

August

Lake Natoma Hex hatch
Fall River/Burney area
Davis Lake
Rockfish Fly

September

Robinson Creek
Alpine County--Walker River
Saltwater Bottom Fish
Caddis Emerger

October

Saltwater bottom fishing trip
San Luis Reservoir
Trinity (Trinity Canyon Lodge)
Sacramento River
Cate's Turkey

November

Putah Creek
Pyramid Lake
Thunder Creek Anchovy

December

Kings Harbor (Long Beach)--Bonita
Green Butt Skunk

A new idea! How about a weekly after-work fishout? Interested members can simply show up at a regular time and place (say, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.), and decide where they want to fish--e.g., Fuller Lake, Rancho Nuko, American River, Folsom, etc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December, 1993

Looking Back--And Forward

The time has come to pass along the leadership of GBF to others. As the capable Past Presidents who preceded me would likely agree, the feeling is bittersweet.

The "bitter" part, it seems, is that it is actually a fun job, which provides the opportunity to meet many flyfishers, to learn more about our sport, and to watch GBF grow and prosper into the active, recognized and fiscally sound club that it is. Leaving such a fun job behind is sad, in a way.

The "sweet" part, of course, is that the demanding responsibility of being President rests now on another's shoulders, and as **Past** President I will be able to attend to other matters--such as being Fishmaster for the upcoming year.

Here are my parting thoughts:

* Take care of Earth, and do it in small ways; the "big" ways are noisy, but accomplish precious little.

* The purpose of GBF is education--not to serve whims. Knowledge won't be gained without participation.

* Your officers and directors are volunteers, and need your advice. Try to be helpful with constructive criticism.

* Fish, fish, fish, fish, fish and fish...take only knowledge gained, perhaps an occasional fish, but always a Vision.

See you on the creek.


Pres


GOODIES. Many thanks to Margaret Woodhouse Haviland and Ann Latteri (and her daughter, Jennifer) for bringing some scrumptious desserts to the November meeting. I understand there were only crumbs left under the table!

We have special holiday delights planned for this December meeting. In the light of Christmas, there will be hors d'oeuvres such as deli trays of meats, cheeses, and relishes. So come and join in on the festivities!

Also, there will be some Christmas gifts to buy, re: Fish Art prints and original art, as well as calligraphy sayings.

Happy Holidays! Teri Tate Hornberger



PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE--1994
[INCLUDING FLY OF THE MONTH LIST]

January

Steelhead.....Feather, Yuba or American
Stanislaus.....Trout
Wooly Bugger/Wooly Worm for Pyramid

February

Pyramid Lake
Andy Burke's Flat Tail Bassworm

March

Bass.....Gordon's Pond
Folsom or Clementine.....Smallmouth
Damsel Nymph

April

Bass.....Yuba Goldfields or Feather Dr
Sacramento River at Redding
Davis Lake--Damsel hatch
Linesider

May

Manzanita Lake or Indian Creek
San Luis Reservoir
Sardine/Gold Lakes
Shad-American or Yuba River
Fuller Lake Special

June

Fuller Lake One Fly Contest
and Campout
Spicer Lake
Bass (poppers)
Royal Wulff

July

Backpack trip to Wolf Creek
area
Downieville area (North
Yuba &/or tributaries)
Prince Nymph

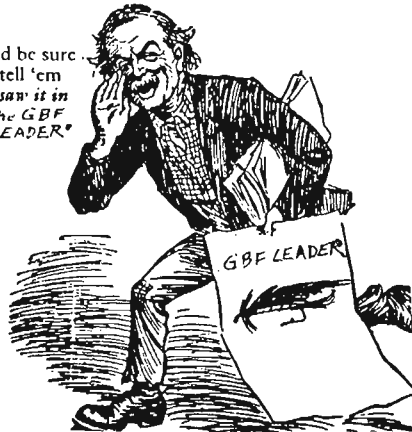
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

BILL CARNAZZO

Umpqua Belle

December, 1993

[NOTE: THIS IS THE PATTERN FOR THE FLY TYING CONTEST FOR JANUARY-WHICH MEANS BRING IT TO THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING. SEE ARTICLE ON THE CONTEST IN THIS BULLETIN]

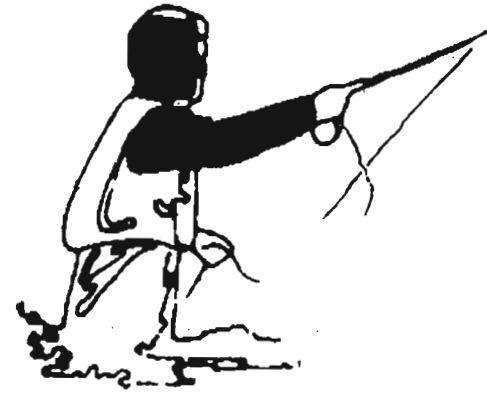
This pattern is a generic, yet effective steelhead pattern, where bright colors are called for. It was, according to Mel Marshall, in his book Steelhead, originally tied for the North Umpqua River; it is now considered a universal pattern.

MATERIALS

Hook	Eagle Claw 1197N, or equivalent, size 2, 4
Tail	Red hackle fibres
Body	Rear third--yellow floss; front two thirds yellow chenille
Rib	Silver flat tinsel, medium
Wing	White bucktail topped with a streak of red (add some crystal flash, although not called for in the original pattern, of course)
Hackle	Brown
Thread	Yellow monocord (or 6/0)

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover shank with thread. Wrap lead, if weighted fly desired.
2. Mount tail just above the point of the hook, in traditional steelhead style.
3. Tie in tinsel at tail mount point.
4. Tie in floss at tail mount point, and wrap smooth body covering rear 1/3 of hook.
5. Tie in chenille at front end of floss, and wrap forward; tie off, leaving sufficient room for a nice head.
6. Wrap tinsel forward 4 turns; tie off at same



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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NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Denis Peirce, a fishing tour guide from Rough & Ready, has a new program on radio station KNCO located at 830 on your AM dial. It will be broadcast between 6 and 7 on Saturday mornings. His program consists of fish reports, outdoor activities, and discussions of conservation topics such as river access on the Yuba River. Denis also has a call-in request feature so that you can call and request fishing report for any specific area. The number to call is 272-3424. This sounds like a great program and you might want to check it out.

FOR SALE

(This is a reminder-If you as a GBF member have some personal goods to sell, you may list them for free in the leader. Just call me, Jim Holmes, 967-6709 for more information)

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ANNUAL DINNER

Marie Stull reports that ticket sales are strong for this year's annual dinner. Raffle prizes are needed! Anything you would like to donate, even if it is not fishing related, is gladly accepted. Contact the dinner chairperson, Marie Stull, for information.

point as chenille.

7. Stack small bunch of white bucktail, measure so wing extends to mid-tail; cut butts and mount hair directly on top of forward point of chenille, keeping it on top by holding tight.



8. Stack smaller bunch of red bucktail, and mount in same manner as white.

9. Tie in and wrap two or three wraps of hackle.
10. Form nice tapered, smooth head and apply shiny head cement (Joli-glaze, for example).



FLYTYING CLASSES

The October/November tying classes are completed. The beginners class was taught by Marie Stull and Terry Eggleston, and the intermediate class was taught by Bill Carnazzo. Everyone, instructors and students, learns a lot from these sessions. Next time they are offered, consider enrolling. You get a lot for the nominal charge.

RODBUILDING/MATERIAL DYING/POPPER CLASSES

The signup sheets for these tentative classes generated sufficient interest so that the Board decided to confirm them. The exact dates will be announced later. Material dying will entail two evenings in early February; rodbuilding will occur in late February; and the popper class will be held on a Saturday in March. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for each of these programs.

ELECTIONS

Here is the slate which you will vote on in December:

President	Terry Eggleston
Vice Pres.	Mark Niece
Secretary	Kim Roccaforte
Treasurer	Walt Dombrowski
Board	Dan Gaffney
	Steve Hand
	John Lewis
	Paul Roccaforte
	Vern Stubbs
	Ed Stull
	Mike Wasserman

Also open are the various committee chairs. The committees are listed in the front of the bulletin. The committees accomplish the work of the club--i.e., volunteerism is the essence of the success of our club.

If you wish to volunteer, please call one of the three persons on the nominating committee:

Frank Stolten	725-6894
Warren Schoenmann	725-2542
Paul Roccoforte	989-7331

Thanks for helping.

FLYTYING CONTEST

More members are participating in the monthly flytying contest--6 flies were submitted in November. The winner of the October contest was Mike Crosbie, with his version of the Antron Caterpillar. Remember, the winner will receive a GBF flybox, and will be announced in the next leader.

1. Bring in a fish firmly and quickly: Don't fish with a rod that is underweight for the size of fish being pursued. The fish should not be totally exhausted when brought to hand.

2. If a net is used, make sure its large enough and has a soft cotton twine netbag.

3. Never handle a fish by its gills.- If picked up from the water, a fish should be gently supported by hand(s) under its belly. If it struggles during hook removal, turn it upside down and it will stop.

4. When picking up a fish by hand wet your hand first so that the fish's protective slime covering is not rubbed off.

5. If you're in a boat, be aware that accidentally dropping the fish on a hard surface is going to injure it. Photo opportunities should be carefully arranged to assure that the fish is out of the water for only the briefest possible period.

6. If a hook is firmly imbedded and difficult to remove - cut your line and leave the hook in the fish. The hook puncture will abscess and force the hook out in a couple of days, and the fish will survive.

7. To test a barbless hook, push it into a piece of cloth. It will catch on the fibers when removed if there is any barb remaining.

8. Be careful about beaching a fish that is still struggling aggressively. Dragging a fish out of water onto rocky, or even a sandy beach can injure it. Rather, control the fish in shallow water and release it there. Use a net or bare hand, whichever method is best is quickest and gentlest on the fish.

9. After releasing a fish, watch it closely to make sure it can swim. A tired fish may float over upside down and drown. Hold the fish gently right side up, and move it gently back and forth into the current to get its gills working. Do this as long as necessary, until it can swim away on its own.

CONSERVATION REPORT By John Hogg

In early October, my son Robert, and I drove up to Heenan Lake for a Saturday of fishing. The lake itself is only 1/2 mile or so wide by about a mile in length, and it was very crowded - probably 50 tubers, 3 or 4 electric prams, and several bank fishermen. (In fact, it kind of reminded me of Happy Jack's Fish Farm - except they didn't weigh out your catch when you left.)

But more to the point, I was somewhat taken aback by the abusive handling that more than one angler demonstrated on their catch.

The worst example I saw was an angler who successfully brought a beautiful 20 inch cutthroat to the tube and then inserted an index finger through the back of its gills while carefully removing the barbless hook. Sadly, its doubtful the fish survived such abuse of its breathing organs.

Those fish nets from the local discount store were also in evidence - you know, the ones with stiff, green plastic net bags - imagine what those do to the slime protection on a fish's skin - and its subsequent exposure to fatal infection.

And there are other injurious practices that - while not observed that day at Heenan - are all too common among otherwise well-intentioned anglers.

One is the 'trophy catch' that is held out from the water for a couple of minutes while photos are taken - (perhaps the photographer's air supply should be cut off for the same length of time that the fish is out of the water.

And there is the unfortunate fish who is fought until it ceases to struggle so that the last vestige of fight can be enjoyed - (it probably will be the fish's last fight, released or not.)

But enough negativity - let's review some fundamental practices that will give the fish a good chance of surviving its initial folly of being caught.

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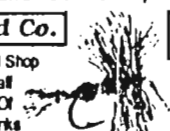
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A reminder: the fly featured in this December bulletin [Umpqua Belle], will be the fly for the January contest (and that's the way it works for each month's contest). This will allow you to watch the fly being tied at the December meeting (i.e., commencing at 6:30 p.m. on the night of the meeting). So, for the December contest, bring your version of the Lefty's Deceiver, which was featured in the November bulletin. Whew!!

Another reminder: at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting (Nov. 11), there will be a tying demo using the fly in this bulletin. This is designed to help you learn to tie it, so that you can enter your best example in the December contest. So, come early!!!

A final reminder: the gate at Granite Bay will be closing at 7:00 p.m. We will have a gatekeeper, but he/she will only be there until 7:30 p.m. So, get to the meeting early.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Bill Kiene, owner of Kiene's Fly Shop, will present a program on fishing in British Columbia--you know, the place you always wanted to go, but probably have to wait until the kids finish college, or your retire. So, come and fantasize (and plan) with us.

ANNUAL DINNER

Marie reports that ticket sales have been brisk. If you want to see the master, Lefty Kreh, "up close and personal", both during the day and at the dinner, you'd better get your tickets now. Call Marie at 663-2414, or get them at the November meeting.

Help is needed for drawing and auction items. Our vast array of excellent prizes is one of the reasons our annual dinner receives so much praise. Club members are invited to donate items...it doesn't have to be fishing-related. Also, put the "arm" on businesses you deal with, for gift certificates or other donations. Beat the bushes!!!

SWAP MEET

The club's annual swap meet was held on Saturday, November 20, 1993. Much gear changed hands. Some of us purchased Teri Hornberger's art work...those who missed this event missed a treat, as her work is beautiful. We have two wonderful [and generous] artists in the club--Teri, and Kieth Haviland.

CLUB KITCHEN

The club's kitchen is growing. But more gear is needed Clean out those garages, folks, and lend the club a hand. The plan is to use these implements on such events as next June's campout/fishout/one-fly contest at Fuller Lake. Call Terry Eggleston if you want to donate.

DUES ARE DUE!!!!

Dues are now due for the 1994 year. Dues remain at \$25 for individual membership, and \$30 for family membership. The Board voted to reinstate the quarterly prorating system for new members.

This year's "cutoff" date for payment will be the February, 1994 club meeting. If you renew after that date, it will be as a new member. This means that you will also have to pay the \$7 initiation fee. So, renew early, folks.

I.S.E. BOOTH

GBF again will have a booth at the International Sportsman's Exposition Sacramento show, January 19-23, 1994. This is a fun event, but we need members to staff the booth. There will be a signup sheet at the December and January meetings. Members who volunteer to help will enter the show free, but will have to pay for parking. Parking passes will be purchased for those who wish, if payment is received in advance. Call Bill Carnazzo, 663-2604, if questions or if you wish to help.

CANTARA PRESERVE

Your club donated \$150 to CalTrout, earmarked for their Cantara Wild Trout Preserve Project on the Upper Sacramento. As part of the post-toxic-spill program, CalTrout has begun acquiring parcels along the river in the Cantara area, and is building a caretaker's cabin/visitor's center, public restrooms, and a trail segment. They will run it in the same fashion as the McCloud Nature Conservancy project. You should belong to this organization--they do things. If you do, look for an article about our contribution in their "Streamkeeper's Log". If you visit the area, look for GBF's name in the visitor center contributor recognition area. Info on the project will be available at the December meeting.