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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 10	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Dave Lantz-Wild Trout
Jun 17	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Jul 8	General Meeting 7:30 at clubhouse Randy Johnson-Truckee Area
Jul 15	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June, 1993

PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

Jun 19 & 20 Spicer Lake
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.

On Smallness

Some years ago, a good friend from Pocatello, Idaho gave me a book entitled "Small is Beautiful". I can't remember who wrote it. I have long since misplaced it or lent it to someone. But I do remember the message: in all that you do, walk softly upon the earth and leave no print, for it has lived long before you, and its ability to survive depends entirely upon how you treat it. I interpret this to mean that my life should be lived in harmony with the rest of life; that if I disturb the balance for personal gain, or out of greed or callousness or opportunism, I am accountable to the earth from which life springs, and to those who will follow.

"Small", then, is a philosophical frame of reference. For me, it helps define action; it guides me in decision making. Do I really need this product? How is it packaged? Excessively? What portion of this consumer item must inevitably end up in local landfills--which are most certainly an endangered species? Does the manufacture of this product involve chemicals or other materials which must find their way into the waterways?

Bringing all this to our sport, it seems to me that fly fishing expresses the essence of that book's message. With a simply made hook, adorned with natural materials and made with the flyfisher's own hand; with a simple piece of leader to which the fly is attached at one end and the long-lived fly line is fastened at the other end; and with a rod and reel designed to provide a lifetime of service, we enter the stream, lake, pond or sea in a truly light fashion. Once there, we work within nature's system in an effort to puzzle out her mysteries and fool our wily quarry. If we are fortunate enough to outsmart a wild fish, we can choose to "walk lightly upon the earth" by releasing it gently and

allowing its life to remain a part of the great circle. Food for thought.


Kudos to Mark Niece for a great job in organizing the club picnic, which was held on May 15th. The food was great, and everyone had a fun day. Thanks to all those who brought food dishes, and shared in the work needed to run the affair, especially Terri and Jim Hornberger, Terry Eggleston, Marie and Ed Stull, Warren Schoenmann, and Ron and Jeanne English.

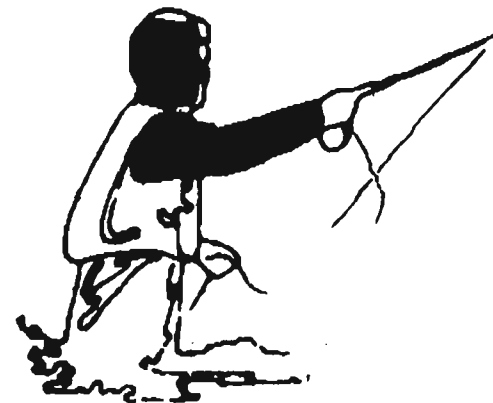
Perhaps you've noticed the construction on the restrooms. In order to continue using the clubhouse free of charge, the club has agreed with State Parks to construct the restrooms, with the state providing the materials. Ron English, Rick Radoff, Terry Eggleston, and others have devoted a significant amount of their personal time and effort to this project. Their dedication deserves your recognition. Please take the time to personally thank them, and to offer to help finish the project. Additionally, there is a significant economic benefit to those who help with the volunteer labor. For details on this, ask Ron or Rick.

One of the benefits of being a GBF member is the opportunity to become involved in club activities, which in turn enables members to share flyfishing knowledge and skills. Our activities sometimes require dedication of personal time and effort--i.e., work. In this area, there are conservation projects such as our anadromous fish egg/aquarium program, and the upcoming Bear River project (which is well on its way to becoming a reality). Other activities, such as the seminars and, of course, the fishouts, are a different kind of "work". The message: become involved in club activities, even if it requires some sacrifice. You will benefit immeasurably from participation.

Finally, as most of you know, Joe Bania has announced that he can no longer serve as Conservation Chairperson. Joe's hard work and dedication have helped produce the excellent reputation of our club in the flyfishing community, for its conservation activities. Joe's shoes will be hard to fill. However, member John Hogg has stepped forward and accepted the challenge. Volunteerism lives!!!

Okay. Let's go match the hatch and rip some lips. See you on the stream.

Bill CAZZO
President 



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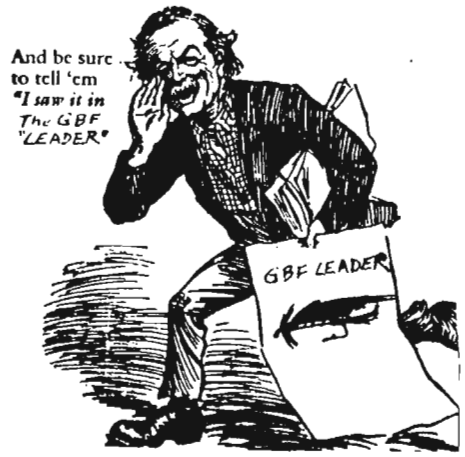
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

BILL CARNAZZO

Cork Poppers

Here's another simple, effective pattern for panfish and bass. It's small, floats relentlessly, and creates fish-attracting surface disturbance. I've used it successfully for years. The body is made of small corks available at any craft store. They are shaped as indicated below, and are approximately 1/2 " long. Use your imagination when painting the bug, and in applying the skirt and hackles. The colors used in this article are illustrative only. You'll find it better to make them in batches, due to the steps involved. When fishing it, allow it to hit the water with a splash, then be still while the concentric rings disappear. Take the slack out of the line carefully, without moving the fly. Point the tip of the rod directly at the fly, and begin the retrieve with spaced, short pulls, pausing after two or three chugs. If the fly is made properly, and if your retrieve is right, you should hear a "pop" accompanied by a splash ahead of the fly. Vary the retrieve to achieve different effects. Don't be tempted to pick the fly up too soon; often the fish will follow it almost to your feet, and grab it at the pick-up.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 33903 (popper hook)
Body	Cork (see below for shape)
Skirt	Rubber leg material
Hackle	Green saddle hackle
Tail	Green and white saddle hackles
Sealer	Clear vinyl sealant
Paints	Acrylic jig paints

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the popper hook in the vise. Note the ridges on the shank. Their purpose is to keep the body from rotating. Using fine grit paper,

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Just a reminder, this is a "fun" article for the club members to either toot their own horn over something well done, or, maybe, something not so well done. Give me a call to include you or your buddies SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. Thanks. Jim Holmes 967-6709

*Ron "The Rod Breaker" English has broke yet another rod. He may singlehandedly but Sage out of business.

*We have a new entrant for the wet fly award-Kim "Dances with Water" Roccoforte who took a vicious drenching on a small tributary to the Bear River.

*Terry Eggleston was able the catch a High Sierra largemouth from Rucker Lake.

*Your editor was checking out some spots recommended by Joe Bania on the Lower Owens River when I was startled by several large swirls in the grass near to where I was standing. Since Joe has consistently talked about large brown trout in this area, I was really getting excited until---one of the large swirls poked his large scaled head out of the water, a carp. Where are those trout, Joe?

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

John Hogg was unanimously accepted to fill the Conservation Chair. This will be a difficult task following Joe Bania's excellent lead for several terms.

FISHING REPORT

American Fly Fishing Co. Gary Eblen, Owner

*Any bass water is hot-NOW! Try some farm ponds.

*Lewiston Lake-Emerger patterns

*Shad-In, but hard to catch. Watch for lower water releases and be careful.

*Little Truckee-Little nymphs (16-18), Rust spinners and caddis in P.M. also brown stoneflies size 10.

Fly Fishing Specialties Stan, Owner

*Shad in a.m. and late p.m. Watt Ave to Sunrise.

*Shad also in Yuba.

*Spooner Lake-Olive and Tan Birds nest 10-12.

*N. Fork of Feather (Along Caribou Rd.)-Stonefly, orange, 4-6

*Stony Creek-Attractor patterns

Kienes's Fly Shop Bill-Owner

*Shad but hard to catch

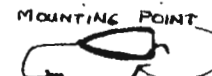
*Bass peaking now

*Some stripers still in the lower American

*June 15 to July 15 should be the best months especially at Fall River, Hat Creek, and Pit River.

*Lakes such as Davis and Manzanita just starting now. Bring your damsel flies!

sand a cork smooth and place a shallow slit in it from front to rear. Slip the cork onto the hook, with the front of the cork just behind the eye. Set the fly aside to dry.

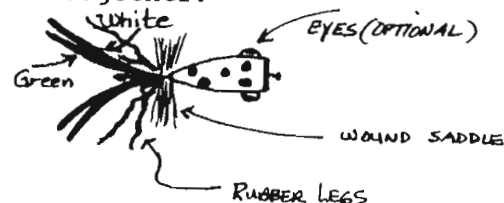


2. Cover the cork with vinyl sealer, and then paint the basic body color. Paint the face a contrasting color, and add contrasting spots/blotches. I use a small plastic swizzle stick which has different size ends for to make the spots/blotches. When all is dry, coat with a clear glaze and set aside to dry.

3. Cut 3 pieces of rubber leg material to 3" lengths. Place them under hook behind body and double them over, pulling them upward. Tie them down at rear of body while pulling them up. They should be even on both sides of body.

4. Match two sets of green/white saddles, with concave sides facing out. Holding all four on top of the hook, tie them on. Now pull them upward, tying down butts. This keeps them evenly spaced.

5. Wind green saddle around skirt and tail base, at rear of the body. Whip finish and place several drops of zap-a-gap at body end where all comes together.



PICNIC REPORT

Chairman Mark Niece announced that the picnic was a complete success. Over 60 persons attended this fun event. Big winners of the raffle included Ken Winkleblack who won the rod and Mike Crosby's daughter, Kim who won the float tube. Probably the most disappointed person at the raffle was Robert Cline (son of Bruce "Power Bait" Cline) who did not pull a winner for Dad this year. Last year he was able to win the rod for dear Dad.

FISHING REPORT

On May 3, 1993 several diehard people showed up to fish Indian Creek Reservoir. The Fishmaster launched his borrowed Water Otter from one side of the lake and was blown to shore and more on the other side in a short time. Fishing conditions were heavy wind and waves. The fishout was called off by 9:15 a.m. No fish caught. WARNING: do not go to float tube fishouts if fifty mile per hour winds are predicted in the area.

Ron English

FISHING REPORT

A hardy band of fisherman tried to fish the Arcularius Ranch on May 17, 18, and 19. Those in attendance were Paul Orcutt, Bill Lockhart, Al Knoll, Jim Holmes and Vern Stubbs. Between an earthquake, high water, and cold water (44 F.) on the Owens, the fish were not cooperative. We did have some success on Hot Creek but the fishing was still slow. Rumor has it that the Ranch has been sold and we may be losing this rather inexpensive potentially great fishing area. This may be your last year to fish in this beautiful setting so take advantage of it if you can.

SPECIAL EVENT

MARTIS CREEK LAKE FISHOUT FOR SCIENCE
June 5, 1993

As part of an on-going project to study Martis Creek Lake, DFG has asked for help from various flyfishing organizations. Last year, GBF worked with DFG and TU to help clip adipose fins on more than 6000 trout smolt and 750 eagle lake trout (12-18 inches in length). These were then introduced into Martis Creek Lake which has been experiencing a decline in production. Since then, the Tahoe-Truckee Flyfishers of California and TU have been monitoring water temperatures and helping with various tests being run by DFG.

This Saturday, June 5 you'll have a unique experience to fish for some of these lunkers for science, and record various details on all fish caught. This is a catch and release effort.....so barbless hooks only! To get in on the fun, bring your flyfishing rods, float tubes, prams (no motors allowed), cotton fish nets and a variety of carpenter ants, blood midges, mayflies and various nymphs, leeches, and streamer patterns. According to Tahoe-Truckee Flyfishers early season fishing on Martis should also include drifting deeper waters with wooly buggers and leeches in sizes 4-10, and various streamers. Brown and olive are best colors. Also try black gnats, sizes 14-18.

We'll meet at the lake (pram launching area) at 10:30 a.m. (for you late risers) and fish most of the day. Martis Creek Lake is located only 5 miles South of Truckee off Highway 267.

With more than 70 acres to fish it is anticipated that 30 people will be needed. Phone Van U'ren of TU at 731-4926 if you can help with this important evaluation of Martis Creek Lake.

See you there!

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Joe Bania

SPECIAL EVENT AT MARTIS CREEK LAKE JUNE 5TH **[see next page]**

KIDS FISH 'N' FUN DAY AT NIMBUS HATCHERY

June 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., another Kids Fish 'N' Fun day will be held at the Nimbus Hatchery. This event has been extremely successful in the past. Three ponds, including one with wheelchair access, will be stocked with trout for this event. Free use of fishing equipment, bait and instructions will be available. Adults with valid fishing licenses will be allowed to participate also.

Participants will also be able to tour the American River Trout Hatchery and the Nimbus Salmon Hatchery to see how fish are raised, fed, and prepared for release in various lakes and streams in California.

FREE FISHING TO ENCOURAGE NON-ANGLERS TO..... TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

The State of California offers two free fishing days a year. The dates for 1993 are June 12 and September 25.

A fishing license is not required on either of these days, but all other regulations (including fish size and bag limits) are applicable. So take a friend fishing on these special days and get him/her "hooked" on this pleasant and healthful sport.

JOHN HOGG TO TAKE OVER AS CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN

After more than three years as Conservation Chairman for GBF, I will turn over the reins to John Hogg effective June 30. I have enjoyed working with you during my time in this position and will continue to help with the conservation activities of Granite Bay. Please give John your support in the important task of protecting our fisheries.

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GBF Library

MANY THANKS to Warren Schoenmann for the great job he did on setting up the book auction at the club picnic! Quite a few books were sold. There are some of the more valuable ones left - opportunities for a special gift or addition to your own library.

Those of you who didn't get to the picnic missed a fun day and delicious food. Mark Neice and his helpers did a terrific job!

My apologies to whomever called me with an offer to take over the library for me in June. My answering machine was dying and I could not decipher your name or number.

Paul Roccoforte has come to my rescue and will handle the library in June. He is an avid user of the library, so I know it is in good hands.

Time for several of you to locate the "overdues" and plan to get them back to the club by June meeting - via mail, friend or yourself.

BOOKS:

60 Days:

Trout Fishing, Joe Brooks
Nymphing, A Basic Book, Borger
Fly Tyer's Primer, Talleur

90 Days:

The Henry's Fork, Brooks;
Larry Eubanks
Modern Trout Flies, Jorgensen
Kieth Talcott
Beginning Flytyer, Bainbridge
Larry Eubanks
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Mike Baker

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Practical Fishing Knots, Kreh
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Videos:

60 Days:

Learning to Fly Fish, Dennis
Tying Western Dry flies, Dennis
Nymphing, Borger
Fishing Crustaceans and Snails, Borger
Fly Tying, Borger, GBF Clubhouse
Fly Fishing Tips, Lawson et al.
Fly Fishing, Pettine
Fly Fishing for Bass, Whitlock, OW, Vol 21
Fly Tying Bass Flies #1, Whitlock
Fly Fishing the San Juan River.

90 Days:

Essence of Fly Casting, Kreiger
Carl Wolf
Trout Hot Spots, N. Calif.
Greg Macias
Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies, Dennis
Doug Geyer
Fly Tying Patterns & Technics #2, NCCFF 91
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FROM THE GOODIES CHAIRMAN

Thanks to Chuck Smith for bringing some delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies and to Vern Stubbs for the delectable homemade zucchini bread with raisins for the refreshments at the May meeting. Not only do we have flyfishermen in our group but some great cooks as well. Also, as chairman, I appreciate the enthusiasm that is presented by all of you who have volunteered to help in this way.

I wont be at the June meeting, as Montana is calling. However, Jeanne English is going to be there to make sure everything goes smoothly. So thank you in advance, Jeanne.

Teri Hornberger