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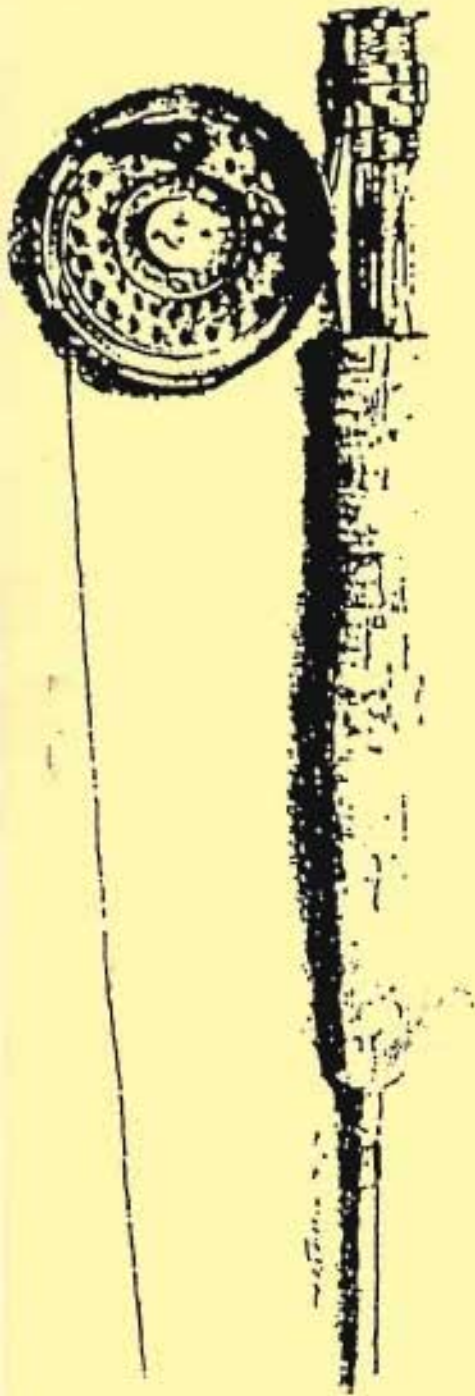
VOICE OF THE

GRANITE BAY  
*Flycasters*

March 1993

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7	Fishout-San Luis Reservoir Check with Ron for water conditions
March 11	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse Program: Mark Lane on Montana
March 18	Board meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
March 19, 20, 21	Ocean Fishing and late steel head, Ft. Dick
March 27	Fly Plate Class 9:00 A.M. at clubhouse
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 & 18	Casting Clinic
May 1	River Cleanup
May 15	Picnic Please note date change!

### FLYTYING CONTEST

The plan for the contest is to utilize the fly which is featured in the Leader each month, for the succeeding month's contest.

This month, let's try using the fly featured in this issue of the Leader, "the Surf Percher Red", apparently created by John Shewey. Bring your best creation to the next general meeting, in a box, envelope, or whatever, with your name attached to it. The flies will be collected, and the winner will be announced in the next bulletin. Flies will be judged on their overall construction, with emphasis on accuracy, technique, correct application of materials and composite appearance. The flies will later be entered in the club drawing, or utilized for some club purpose. Prizes? Well, that hasn't been decided yet. For now, the Board of Directors felt that the recognition of winning is the prize. If you have questions on the contest, call your prez.

### WANTED

Bruce Cline is looking for a 7-8 wt reel. If you would like to sell this item, give Bruce a call at 985-6745.

Ed. note: If you have something to buy or sell, as a free service I will be happy to put the notice in the Leader.

Jim Holmes  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March, 1993

Today, while sitting at my bench "cranking bugs" and intermittently gazing out the window at the steady (and seemingly endless) rain falling on the pond, and feeling somewhat philosophical at the moment, it seemed right to step back for a quiet (I don't make much noise when I'm by myself) moment and "take stock".

Okay. It's your birthday today. You've taken the day off. What is it that has brought you to this point--sitting here in a mess of hooks, feathers, fur, and an endless assortment of tools, gadgets and materials, with a silly grin on your face while eyeballing a new creation in the vise? Why take the time to build that # 3 nine foot four piece rod? Why save for that new Ross reel, or invest in that sink tip line? Where has the thirty-some years of flinging flies gotten you?

The answer to the last question--right where I want to be!! The answer to the others: flyfishing takes me to the deep and quiet places I love; allows me to gently handle and release wild things; gives me a chance to be creative, to solve (or try to) those puzzles and curves thrown by our quarry and their habitat; and to meet and be challenged by others who love this sport. 'Nuff said??



We've got some great events coming up, folks. There's the outings to San Luis Reservoir forebay, and Fort Dix; the Jerry Silver (and Greg Bevard) class on framing displays; the netbuilding class (Ken Winkleblack); the casting clinics by Greg Lilly and his sister Annette; the GBF annual picnic (May). All these quality events are aspects of our sport; they all relate directly to questions like those posed above....and to the answers.

Dues....dues....dues!!!!!!! We have gotten a large number of new members; but we are concerned about those "old" members who have not renewed yet. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, this is the last issue which will be sent to persons who have not renewed (see the dues article in this bulletin). Don't wait!!! In order to regain good standing you'll have to pay the initiation fee, and the new dues rate.

One last thing....it does pay off to write letters to congresspersons, senators, the President, and state and local representatives. When Joe Bania asks for your help, please respond. After all, it only costs \$.29!! (so far).

See you at the March 11th meeting; in the meantime, flatten those barbs and dream about bent rods and tight lines.....

Bill Carnazzo  
President

## PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

Mar 19,20,21	Ocean fishing and late steelhead Fort Dick
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.



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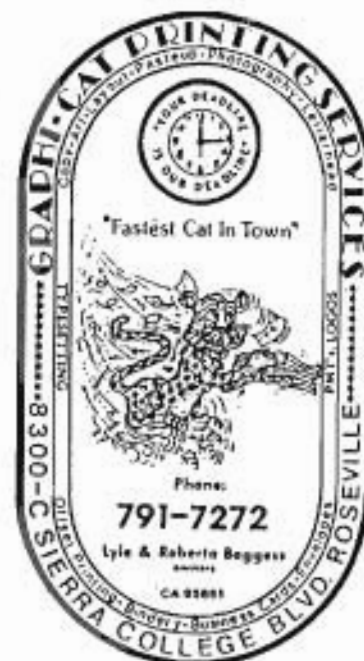
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## CASTING CLINIC

We will be having a casting clinic on April 17th & 18th. 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.

Marie

## 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!

## FLY PLATE CLASS

The club is very fortunate to have Jerry and Bea Silver along with Greg Bevard volunteer their services to conduct a "hands on" fly plate class for club members. The date is Saturday, March 27, beginning at 9:00 AM and continuing until all fly plates are completed.

Last February Jerry and Bea conducted a very informative demonstration program for us and we've been hoping to get them back ever since. Only this time everyone in the class will actually construct their own fly plate. All materials to construct the fly plates will be provided, the only items you'll need to bring are 3-5 flies to mount in the plate and a glue gun if you have one. It really isn't difficult and will be satisfying to mount some of your favorite patterns. Besides, once you know how it's done, the same technique can be used to make displays for items other than flies. And, I know this club has a lot of creative members.

Because there is a limited number of mat cutters and to make sure that everyone in the class gets plenty of personal instruction it will be necessary to limit participation to 15 people. The cost is \$25 which just covers all materials and includes lunch prepared by Chef Togo. It's a real bargain!

Members-only can sign up at the MAR 11 meeting or call me at 725-6894 for further information.

Frank Stolten



**\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\***

Dues Warning.

Check the mailing label on your leader.

If upper right hand corner of the label has "93R", THIS IS YOUR LAST LEADER! unless, of course, you pay your dues.

Last chance, folks.

**NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

Effective March 19, 1993 the Board voted to increase the dues for the GBF. The new rates will be \$30.00 for a family membership and \$25.00 for a single membership. Those 18 and under as a single are \$10.00. This marks the first raise since 1986 and reflects the increased cost of materials for the club. New members will still have a one time \$7.00 initiation fee. (see above article)



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**CONSERVATION REPORT**

by Joe Bania

**FISH SQUISH**

In the Winter issue of TROUT magazine, the results of a scientific look at the effects of anglers wading on incubating trout eggs and sac fry were reported. The study was conducted by Bruce Roberts, a graduate student at Montana State University. The article was appropriately entitled "Fish Squish".

The study was begun as the result of a Montana Supreme Court decision that prohibited private landowners from denying sportsmen access to state waters flowing through their property as long as the sportsmen stayed between the ordinary high water marks. Since this forced fishermen to wade through spawning beds, the Montana state legislature later established a process by which private landowners could petition the state fish and wildlife commission to restrict public access to streams running through their property if probable detrimental effects of recreational use could be demonstrated. The study was conducted to determine to what extent walking in the stream is detrimental.

From the time eggs are first deposited in the gravels to the time the young fish emerge, they go through three distinct developmental stages: green egg stage, eyed-egg stage and sac fry stage. Mr. Roberts stated it soon became apparent that wading was detrimental to all three developmental stages; one wrong step could result in the death of a significant number of developing eggs.

The direct cause of mortality was the crushing of the yolk sac but mortality also occurred indirectly from fungus which spread from the dead eggs to colonize on healthy eggs which had not been disturbed by wading.

The duration of all three stages is dependent upon the water temperature in which

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the eggs are being incubated, and spawning seasons differ for different species of fish. Consequently, fishermen should be extremely careful when wading, and avoid all areas with gravel accumulations that look like potential spawning beds.

Trout usually spawn at the pool tailouts or other areas with adequate updwelling and gravel accumulations. New redds appear as cleansed areas with algae-free gravel, usually with a well defined anterior depression. The cleansed gravel of older redds recolonizes with algae and usually levels over, making the older redds difficult to recognize.

#### 12 Pound Rainbow Trout Landed at Lake Natoma

The above headline was in "The Fish Sniffer"; no report on what the fisherman was using for bait or lure, or the fate of the fish. I sure wouldn't have minded catching that one myself! In honor of its ability to avoid being caught until now, and hoping it would breed smart (or lucky) offspring, I hope the fisherman photographed it and let it go.

#### River Cleanup Project

Plans are being developed for GBF participation in the National River and Trail Cleanup Week starting Saturday, May 1st. The goal of the week is to remove trash and debris from 12,000 miles of rivers and trails. Participating in the project is an opportunity for every person to make a contribution to the health of our rivers (and thereby the health of the fisheries), and it also provides first-hand opportunity to learn about sources of pollution and other threats to the aquatic environment.

More detail will be published in the next newsletter but **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW TO SET ASIDE SATURDAY, MAY 1ST** to help clean up a segment of one of the local rivers in which we fish.

The club has two more videos thanks to a donation by our Past- Prez. Warren Schoenmann: Fly Fishing the San Juan River, Sam LaManna; Today's Sportsman, and Washington's Secret Monster Trout, Fly Fishing Video Magazine

#### Books Overdue:

90 days:

Henry's Fork; Brooks.

Sierra Trout Guide; Cutter

60 days:

Practical Fishing Knots; Kreh

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Tying the finishing knot is super easy and makes a nice tight head knot. Here's how:

Wrap thread to end of hook shank and stop where you want your finishing knot. Lay the monofilament loop along the hook shank (toothpick end toward bend of hook) and wrap the tread around the mono 5-6 times. Clip the tread so approx. 2-3" remains and stick this "tag" through the underside of the loop. Hold the thread end and then pull the toothpick straight back. The mono loop will pull the tread through the wraps you made over the mono. If necessary, clinch the knot with a slight tug on the tread trim remaining tag. Dave then puts a spot of Zap-a-Gap on the knot, but it will hold without it.

The same procedure can be used if you wish to finish off a knot at the curved end of the shank or anywhere else in between.

The knot steps look like this:

1. Wrap thread here 5-6 times



2. Clip thread after wrap. Leave 2-3" tag end.

3. Stick tag end through underside of mono loop.



4. Pull toothpick back, clinch knot, and clip end. Admire nicely finished head, before going fishing!

Next month Bruce will feature tips on how to do a power bait sac under a wing case for a great hare's ear. (eds note: just kidding!)

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## FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

BILL CARNAZZO

### SURFPERCH FLIES--SURF PERCHER RED

This month we feature a fly for surf perch, in preparation for our upcoming Fort Dix trip. The credit for this pattern goes to John Shewey, an Oregon guide who presented a program for us a short time ago. It's a simple fly--colorful, and from the reports, effective.

#### MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 3407, # 2--6 [alternate: Eagle Claw 1197N]
Thread	Red
Eyes	Large bead chain [alternate: lead "barbell" eyes]
Tail	Yellow marabou, short
Body	Red diamond braid
Wing	Red marabou
Overwing	Red crystal flash
Beard (opt.)	Yellow marabou

#### TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook with red thread, back to bend.
2. Tie in yellow marabou tail just above back end of barb. Tail should be short--about 1/3 of shank long. [Hint: when tying in marabou, wet the butt ends; it is much easier to control]
3. Tie in red diamond braid at base of tail; wind it forward to about 2 eye widths behind eye.
4. Tie in red marabou wing material at forward end of body. [Hint: tie it in on top of the red diamond braid, at its very end]. Wing should extend to end of tail.
5. Tie in 4-6 strands red crystal flash for the overwing; tie it in directly on top of the marabou.
6. [Optional] Turn fly over [or rotate vise], and mount yellow marabou beard directly under wing. Beard should extend to forward tip of barb.
7. Return fly to upright position. Take a pair of

bead chain eyes and mount them directly in front of wing, using figure-8 turns around them. Before doing this, place a drop of flexament at the mount point.

8. [Optional] Mix a few strands of yellow and red marabou, and tie them in by butts just behind eyes, together with 2 strands of red crystal flash. Twist them all together to form a loose chenille. Now wind around shank just behind eyes, and tie off.

9. [Optional] Paint large yellow dot on sides of eyes; then paint white dot inside the yellow. This adds a bit of pizzazz [probably falls under "people-pleaser", and fish may not care].

### MORE FLYTYING CORNER

by

Bruce Cline

Make your own Dave Whitlock "whip finisher" for great knots

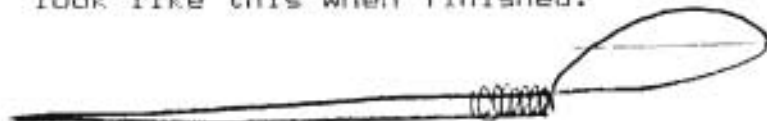
Dave Whitlock's morning presentation on midges was great. He had some great tips that should be shared with all members who could not attend. One great tip was creating your own "whip finisher" which makes great knots for both ends of the hook. Here's how:

Materials:

- Tooth pick (sturdy if possible)
- Monofilament or tippet (0x - 2x)
- Tying thread
- Zap-a-Gap, nail polish, or Super Glue (Dave loves Zap-a-Gap)

Putting it together:

Put toothpick into vise and tie on a 2-3 inch loop of monofilament to the end of the toothpick with thread and bodkin. Dave adds a little Zap-a-Gap to the thread for security. It works best if you clip off the end of the toothpick so it is blunt. The device should look like this when finished:





**SAVE THE NORTH FORK AMERICAN WILD RIVER!**

**FUNDS NEEDED TO PURCHASE PRIVATE LANDS --**

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Flooding of 53 miles of the North and Middle Forks of the American River is a major reason why environmentalists oppose a multi-purpose dam. The spectacular canyon of the North Fork, in the proposed reservoir area and upstream, is virtually undeveloped all the way to the crest of the Sierra Nevada. The canyon is a valuable wildlife corridor containing a great variety of forests and habitats. Forty miles of the North Fork have been designated as a Wild River by both Congress and the California Legislature.

Hikers, backpackers, and fishermen know the North Fork as a refuge from civilization where they can enjoy solitude and nature at its finest. Wild rainbow trout abound in the typically crystal-clear waters of the North Fork, and the fishing is generally excellent. Fourteen trails provide good access to the Wild River.

The Wild River is not safe from development. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act prohibits construction of dams and protects public lands along Wild Rivers, but does not restrict development on private lands. Every other mile of the canyon within Tahoe National Forest is privately owned. These 6,000 acres, which were originally railroad land grants, are now owned by a real estate investment syndicate. The syndicate is willing to sell them to public agencies, but the lands must be purchased in the next 24 months. The purchase price will be about \$3.5 million.

Congress is the most likely source of funds for the North Fork. If public funds to buy the North Fork private lands cannot be found, they will very likely be sold off in small parcels which would be logged or developed as recreational properties. Public access for fishing would be lost. Erosion from logging of timbered lands on steep slopes would cause severe siltation into the clear waters of the North Fork.

Your help is needed now. Write your congressional representative and California's senators, asking them to support a \$3.5 million appropriation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to purchase North Fork American Wild River lands.

[See reverse side for more information]



On the reverse side is information provided by Trout Unlimited to encourage concerned citizens to write to their congressional staff members in support of using tax dollars to acquire land along the Wild River section of the North Fork of the American River. Since individual letters have more impact than signing a form letter, you are encouraged to write a letter in your own words.

Because it is best to send letters regarding local issues to district offices in order for the staff of congresspersons to more effectively do their job in providing analyses, local addresses are provided. A copy of the letter could also be mailed to the Washington office c/o U.S. Senate, Washington DC, 20515, or U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 20510. And, even if you do not live in District 4, you may wish to write to Mr. Doolittle and let him know you are concerned about protecting the North Fork of the American River.

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