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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 8-10	Conclave North Lake Tahoe Convention Center-Kings Beach
Oct 14	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse Speaker: Judy Warren Heenan Lake and Alpine County
Oct 21	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. at clubhouse
Nov 11	General Meeting 7:30 p.m. at clubhouse
Nov 18	Board Meeting 7:00 at clubhouse
Nov 20	Swap Meet at Clubhouse
Dec 11-12	3 Guys Fishing Expo Details in next leader

## PROPOSED FISHOUT SCHEDULE

Oct 22            Heenan Lake (Friday)  
Nov                Kings River

### FISHING REPORT

#### **American Fly Fishing Co. "Rick"**

\*American River-Steelhead on light caddis emerger 14-16 in P.M. Watt Ave to Goethe  
\*Waiting for cooler weather in High Sierra

#### **Fly Fishing Specialties Stan, Owner**

\*Little Truckee River above Stampede-Egg sucking leeches or glow bugs  
\*Yuba, Hwy 20 bridge- olive stimulators or olive soft hackle 12-14  
\*Martis- improving  
\*Yuba, near Downville- 16-18 dries  
\*Rouge- **red hot** see Stan for details

#### **Kienes's Fly Shop Bill-Owner and Jeff**

\*Little Truckee-late evening dk or olive Caddis 14-16  
\*Heenan-Slow  
\*#8 Pit river-large mayflies showing  
\*McCloud-October Caddis  
\*Indian Creek Res.-Beneath the surface, Prince nymph 10, calebeatis 16-18, 18 Adams dry, cast to risers

#### **The Fish Connection Mike and Sue Solgat, Owners (702) 782-4734**

\*Indian Creek Res.-Any small nymph subsurface, 16-18 Royal Wulff or white Cahill surface, cast to risers  
\*Heenan Lake still warm  
\*Pyramid Lake-Call for latest information

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**October, 1993**

### **On Equinox**

September 22 marks the Autumnal Equinox, or the first day of Fall (because day and night are of equal length)...for me, a magical season. On reflection, I suppose it's the concept of change that has always intrigued me. The first crisp feel of Fall in the air, the wispy breeze that rattles and loosens the now-stiff leaves and gently whistles through the conifer needles, the blazes of color displayed by the vine maples among the evergreens as I wend my way down the long trail to my destination stream, the eagerness with which the fish respond (spurred, no doubt, by a sense of urgency in anticipation of winter's onset)---all these things presage Nature's process of slowing down, and a time for contemplation and introspection. Change.

Like it or not, flyfishing seems to be changing in many ways--some good, some perhaps not so good. In a limited way, I find myself on the "not" side of that equation--especially when it comes to this fundamental principle: flyfishing, if it is to continue to exist, must remain in spirit firmly rooted in the ecosystem from which it springs. Divorce it from that system and it will die.

In subtle ways, this principle may be on its way to becoming an endangered species. It may not be able to survive amidst the pontifications of the hordes of "guru's" who now adorn the flyfishing landscape. If my point is elusive, just look through the myriad catalogues, or read the voluminous flyfishing literature now on the market. Is the emphasis on tricky, slick tools and techniques appealing to wanna-be's and rooted in appearances? Change.

Speaking of endangered species and change, my term as President will soon be ending, as will the terms of the other officers and most of the directors. The nominating committee will be knocking on your door; please be open to suggestion, since it

is good to have "new blood". As for me, I will be taking on the job of "Fishmaster" for next year, in an effort to step into Ron's shoes. A proposed 1994 fishout schedule, for member comments, will be published in the November Leader. Here's your opportunity for input, so be sure to exercise it.

In the meantime, enjoy the Fall fishing-- it should prove to be outstanding. Tight lines.



*"Let's see... Long cast, kind'a windy. You'd better give me a six weight with a weight-forward line."*

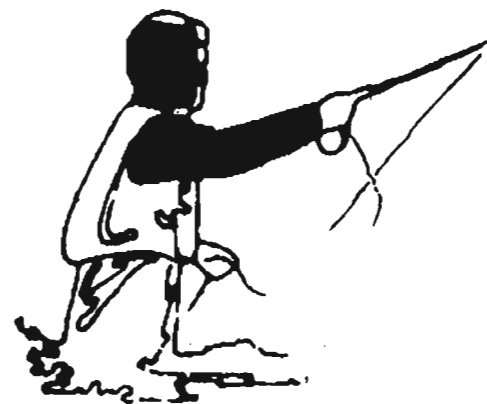
### T-SHIRT SALE

GBF has a limited number of medium and large T-Shirts for sale with the logo on both front and back. They will be available for purchase at the next general meeting.

### THE TRAVELING FISHERMAN

As announced in last months Leader, GBF will be involved in presenting the traveling fisherman program featuring Mike Lawson, Jack Dennis, and Gary LaFontaine.

This program will be a full day of fly fishing fun, complete with hands on tying, casting, and insrtuctional videos. More information will be available at the general meeting.



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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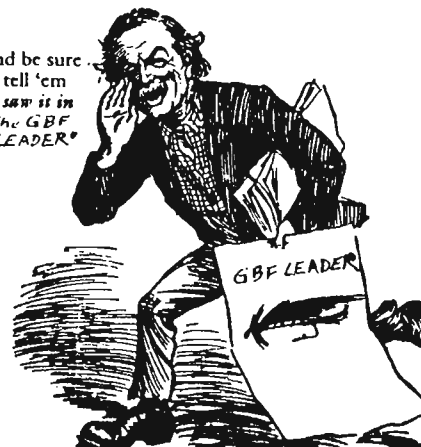
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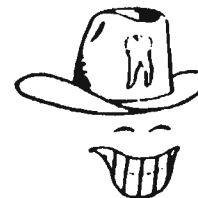
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## Musings by the River

by Barbara Bania

### GBF LIBRARY UPDATE

Our club library is a wealth of information on fly fishing. Jim Hornberger has built a fine collection of over one-hundred books and videos. I am looking forward to continuing Jim's work as the new librarian.

Some **NEW** things will be happening the next two months with the library.

One-the Board has approved charging fines on overdue books and videos. The fine will be \$5.00 a month per book or video until it is returned or until the replace value is matched. The fines start in November! If you check out a book and/or video at the October meeting and do not bring them back until the December meeting, you owe \$10.00, \$5.00 for the book and \$5.00 for the video. All fines collected will benefit the library.

Two-GBF has two big boxes of magazines donated by Jack Parker. The magazines include Rod and Reel, the Flyfisher, Fly Fishing, and Flyfisherman. They will be on sale at the meetings for \$.50 for two or \$1.00 for three. All money collected benefits the library.

Three-the library will be arranged in categories-Entomology, Fly Tying, Travel, Fishing Stories, and Fishing Techniques. There will be a sign on each category for ease of selection. Come by and check the categories! Maybe you will see something that you didn't know we have. ALSO, LOOK for the new books like Angling Field Guide for Fish of Alpine County, by Judy Warren and others!

Paul Roccoforte-Librarian

It was a warm day in mid-October, 1992, and I was on a fishing trip in the Sierra. On a whim, I decided to take a leisurely drive to see some nearby countryside I'd never visited before. About ten of miles from camp, the road crossed a steep-sided stream lined with quaking aspen trees whose leaves looked like burnished gold. When I got out of my car to check the fishing conditions, I noticed some very large fish nestled under overhanging vegetation, and a lot of smaller fish rising. The sun was too bright for me to get a good look at what they were rising for so I decided to sit on the bank for awhile to watch. Even though I was only 50' off the roadway, there was little traffic to detract from the soft noises made by the stream's current as it whisked around reeds, and over rocks and fallen logs. The longer I sat, the more fascinated I became with the rises of the fish. By the time I had watched for over an hour, I felt I could identify the individual fish by the way they rose. Some rose straight up out of the water about half their body length, some just nipped at the surface, and a few leaped completely out of the water. There was almost constant splashing, like the fish were performing a choreographed ballet to soft music played by an orchestra. Even the insects, which droned around me made a pleasant sound. I felt relaxed and content, the cares of my everyday life temporarily forgotten. It was then I remembered something I had realized long ago -- I really don't go fishing to fish, I go fishing to experience the beauty of nature and marvel at its diversity; fishing may just be a socially acceptable excuse to be alone and study God's wonderful handiwork.

## TECH TIPS

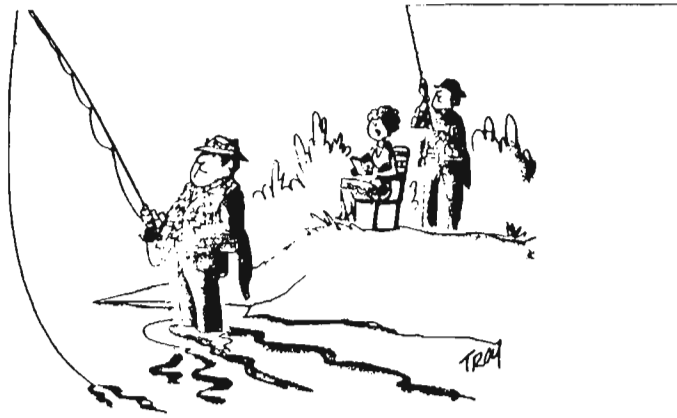
Warren Schoenmann

Have you ever been unable to separate the sections of your fly rod at the ferrule and the two pieces seem to be welded or glued together. It seems it's a matter of hot and cold (and the correct temperature extreme at the right time).

Terry Eggleston offers the following solution: apply cold water or hold ice on the female end of the ferrule, as close to the joint as possible, while applying hot water or heat to the male end of the ferrule and this should provide enough expansion and contraction at the connection to get the two sections to release at the ferrule.

What do you do to keep this from happening in the first place; periodically clean both ends of the ferrules and then apply a small amount paraffin (wax) to the male ferrule end to lubricate the joint and prevent the sections from becoming stuck together.

Got a Tech-tip? Give me a call and we'll publish it in the LEADER.



"George's belief is that all fish should be released to be caught another time. Some day he's going to catch one, to justify his philosophy."

## FLYTYER'S CORNER

by

**BILL CARNAZZO**

**The Antron Caterpillar**

**October, 1993**

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

The Antron Caterpillar appears in Judy Warren's book on fishing in Alpine County. Judy will present the October program. I do not know who originated this nice pattern. It's buggy, iridescent, and just looks like a fish-catcher.

### MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 3906B, 8-16
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Weight	Fine lead wraps (optional)
Tail	Barred mallard
Body	Peacock green dubbing
Hackle	Grizzly, palmered
Shellback	Barred mallard

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook with thread, and apply lead, if desired.
2. Take 10-15 barbules of barred mallard, and stroke together to even tips. Mount short tail (1-1.5 times gape) above rear of barb. Do not cut butts.
3. Tie in hackle, tip first, just ahead of tail tie-in point. Hackle should be 1.5 times gape.
4. Apply dubbing to thread, or use dubbing loop. Dub medium body, stopping about two eye lengths behind eye. Place first wrap of dubbing behind hackle.
5. Palmer hackle up to end of body and tie off. Cut "V" into hackle on top of body. Pull butts of mallard forward to form shellback, and tie off, forming nice small head. Option: apply Flexament to shellback (lightly).

eds. note: Mike Solgat or perhaps his grandfather is the originator of this fly according to his wife, Sue. Mike owns the Fish Connection in Minden, Nevada.

### FLYTYING CLASSES

As was announced at the September meeting, two flytying classes have been scheduled for the month of October. There will be a beginner's class, and an intermediate class. Classes will commence Tuesday, October 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. There will be six class sessions for each level, and the classes will be run simultaneously. Marie Stull will be teaching the beginner class, and Bill Carnazzo will be teaching the intermediate class. Other members have volunteered to assist in the teaching effort.

There is a limit of ten persons for each class, with a cost of \$10.00, which must be paid on or before the October club meeting. There are only a few slots left for each class--it's on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in learning to tie, or in advancing your skills, you should sign up. The few remaining slots can be reserved by calling Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Tentatively, in November there will be a one-day class on tying poppers and other bass bugs. Techniques for balsa wood, cork, foam and hair poppers will be demonstrated. The exact date will be announced at the October meeting, with a signup sheet available. Depending on the interest in this, the program may be offered in the spring--either as a substitute for the November class, or in addition to it. This will be in preparation for the bass outings we will be having next spring.

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### ELECTIONS

A nominating committee has been formed for the purpose of putting together a slate of names for the membership to vote on, for officers and directors for 1994. All of the officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) are up for election, along with five positions on the Board of Directors. **Please volunteer--it is always wise to have fresh faces in these positions.**

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

We have been getting a few more flies entered in the contest...keep 'em coming!!! The winner of the August contest was John Hogg, with his version of the Stimulator. Walt Dombrowski's Gulper Special won the September contest. Remember, the winner will receive a GBF flybox, and will be announced in the next leader.

**A reminder:** the fly featured in this October bulletin, will be the fly for the November 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 October meeting (i.e., commencing at 6:30 p.m. on the night of the meeting). So, for the October contest, bring your version of the Light Cahill, which was featured in the September bulletin. Whew!!

### OCTOBER PROGRAM

Judy Warren, a guide from the Markleeville area, will present a program on fishing in the Alpine County area (Walker River, Pleasant Valley, Heenan, etc.). She has written a book on this area, and has donated a copy to the GBF library. She will likely bring some of her books to the meeting. You may wish to purchase one.

The November program will feature a third generation East Slope packer/outfitter who specializes in flyfishing the area. Both of these programs will be excellent.



### 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 October meeting.

At the August meeting, four tickets were purchased by members from Mike Radoff, who was sitting in for Marie. The purchasers forgot to give Mike back the stubs. The trouble is that without the stubs having been turned in, there is no way for Marie to know you have bought tickets, and you will not be on the list at the door. **PLEASE TURN IN THE STUBS TO MARIE IMMEDIATELY. THANKS.**

### SWAP MEET

The club's annual swap meet will be held on **Saturday, November 20, 1993**. Here is your opportunity to sell or trade any items of tackle, clothing, or whatever, or to make a good buy on such items. Mark your calendars, and clean out that attic/closet!!!

### CLUB KITCHEN

The club's kitchen is growing. The cooker was purchased. Donations are now needed. So far Verne Stubbs donated a large skillet (thanks Verne), and Bill C. donated a 5 gallon propane bottle. 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.

### NCCFFF CONCLAVE

This event, which is well worth the trip and the minor cost, will be held October 8, 9 and 10, at the Community Center in King's Beach, on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. The programs are good, the flytying is superb, and the fellowship is fun. Four of our club members will be tying: Bill Carnazzo, Terry Eggleston, Marie Stull, and Don Steffa. Don't miss this opportunity.

### RODBUILDING/MATERIAL DYING CLASSES

At the October meeting, the membership will be polled for a showing of interest on a rodbuilding class. Given sufficient interest, a class will be scheduled.

At the same time, we will ask the membership whether there is sufficient interest in a material dying class. A few basics will help eliminate much of the confusion which exists in this area.

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**CONSERVATION REPORT**      **By John Hogg**

The Great American River Cleanup took place on Saturday, Sept. 11 with GBF being represented by **Rich Pontius, Vernon Stubbs, Tom Thalken and his son Morgan, and myself.**

Along with several hundred other volunteers we swept the Goethe Park area clean of all debris, and then were treated to a lunch by the Lions Club- good fare, but the real highlight came when Rich and I discovered Dove Bars in the ice cream tub which was otherwise populated by more mundane treats such as popsicles and Eskimo pies. Deelishous!!!

Recently a club member mentioned to me that while some members are going on out of state trips to 'trophy trout' rivers, it was difficult for him to get good fundamental information on the where what and when of such a trip. As I recently enjoyed a trip to the Big Horn in late August, (and frankly because I'm a little short on conservation news this month.) a recap of the trip follows:

"Fishing the Big Horn", usually means staying in Fort Smith, Montana, and fishing parts of the river from the afterbay of Yellow Tail dam downstream 15 or so miles. The river has immense populations of trophy size (16" to 22") trout both browns and rainbows. Guides, who may be retained through any of the three fly shops (advance reservations are a must) use the McKenzie style drift boat and charge roughly \$235 per day for two anglers. Tipping is customary if you had a good day. Be aware that most guides stress nymphing techniques, usually with a two fly rig. They know their clients are generally going to catch more fish, and will have less tangles and fewer casting and line control problems with a nymphing rig. (In sum, the guide is going to have an easier, and more productive day.) Dry fly enthusiasts should make their preference very clear when making a reservation so that their

assigned guide will be knowledgeable and competent with the river's hatches and dry fly habitats.

For all but our first day at the Big Horn, we rented our own drift boat (\$60 per day including car shuttle), and guided ourselves. In the early morning, we enjoyed massive trico hatches from about 7:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Once a pod of rising fish was spotted, #18 black bodied trico patterns worked fine - 6x leader necessary because of the size of the fly. We found that spinner patterns were unnecessary, and we used parachute patterns for easier visibility. As we soon ran out tricos, black marker pens were used to blacken lighter colored flies - these also worked well.

While drifting during the afternoon, we fished hopper patterns concentrating on faster riffly water. Drifting the hopper 20 to 30 feet ahead of the boat, and very close to shore (about 2 to 4 feet) resulted in lots of fast exciting surface action.

After dinner each night, the fish began taking black caddis from the surface. Fishing dead calm water where you could see fish rise usually not productive because the fish were very selective. However, fishing water with moderate surface disturbances usually brought strikes in short order. And although the live caddis were about size #18, we all did better with a larger black bodied parachute caddis (white post, down wing) that was about a size 10 tied on a size 14 dry fly hook. Because we were there during the full moon, we fished well into dusk, and hooked many fish by feel rather than sight.

Arrangements can be made through three shops, Big Horn Angler, Big Horn Trout, and the Quill Gordon. All shops offer lodging accommodations. There is also the Cottonwood campground for campers. To get to Ft. Smith, fly to Billings through Salt Lake City. Rent a vehicle, and drive southeast through Hardin to Fort Smith. (about 75 miles.)