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November 10
General Meeting
Clubhouse 7:30

November 12
Fishout - Putah Creek

November 17
Board Meeting
Clubhouse 7:00

November 18
Youth Meeting
Clubhouse 7:00

November 26
Fishout - Pyramid Lake

December 3
Open House & Swap Meet
Clubhouse 9:00

December 8
General Meeting
Clubhouse 7:30

December 15
Board Meeting
Clubhouse 7:00
GBF FISHOUT SCHEDULE
(INCLUDING FLY OF THE MONTH LIST)

November
12 (Sat) Putah Creek
26 (Sat) Pyramid Lake
Grey Hackle/Yellow (dry)

December
10 (Sat) Kings Harbor (Redondo Beach) - Bonita
Green Butt Skunk

Note: the tentative schedule for 1995 is currently being developed and will appear as soon as completed. If you have any suggestions or ideas call your Fishmaster.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
NOVEMBER 1994

This is the season of thankfulness and we at Granite Bay Flycasters have much to be thankful for; a great Clubhouse, willing volunteers, excellent programs, and now we finally have the work permit to start the restoration of the Bear River!

Jim Coleman will be contacting all those who signed up for work parties and team leaders. Hopefully we will be able to stabilize the most heavily damaged sections of the river before the snow flies. If you did not previously sign up to participate in this worthwhile and satisfying project and would like to help, give Jim a call at 885-4128. This project has been in the works for over six years, let's all make it a big success.

On December 3rd we will be holding an Open House and Swap Meet at the Clubhouse. Bruce Cline is heading up this event and will be needing some help with organization. Give him a call at 985-67456 if you can assist. See the article in this edition of the Leader for more info.

Remember that since the time has changed, the State will be locking the gate at 7:30 p.m. We do have a Gate Keeper (Vern Stubbs) and he will stay no later than 7:45 so please be at the meetings on time.

Next fishout will be Putah Creek on November 12th, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604 for more info. The General Trout Season closes November 14th so get out and catch some fish while there's still time.

See you at the next meeting.

Terry
President GBF
OPEN HOUSE AND SWAP MEET

On Saturday, December 3rd the Granite Bay Clubhouse will be the site of a GBF sponsored Open House, Swap Meet, and Chili Cookoff! The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars, polish up your old gear, tie up some flies, cook up some chili, and join us for what promises to be a fun filled day. Also available at the swap meet will be some very fine fish and wildlife artwork.

The Club looks forward to opening its doors to show off the great projects we have been working on over the past year and to show off our talented collection of fly tiers (Masters as well as Masters-in-Training). Come see our award winning Youth Program in action, learn some casting techniques, buy, sell, or trade some gear, and most of all have fun.

Food will be available, including chili recipes, so bring your favorite chili for guests and members to enjoy. Our Youth Program will be most gracious for any contributions of baked goods which they will sell and use the funds to further their ever growing membership.

Since selling space will be limited, we ask that all those wanting tables to sell items please contact Bruce Cline (985-6745) before Thanksgiving so we set up accordingly. As always, help is needed for this event, give Bruce a call if you can lend a hand.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL OTHER FLY FISHING CLUBS:

Please join us at the swap meet and bring your gear to sell or trade. If you have any artists in your club, have them bring some of their work. See you all there!

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.

Fly Fishing Specialties

Hwy 50 & Bradshaw Store:
9500 Micron Avenue -#129, Sacramento, CA 95827
Telephone: (916) 366-9252

I 80 and Antelope Store:
6412E Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
Telephone: (916) 722-1055
ELECTIONS COMING SOON

Elections for officers and board positions are will be held at the December 8th General Meeting. A nominating committee has been formed (Bill Carnazzo, Walt Dombrowski, and Jim Coleman) and anyone who is interested in serving the club should contact one of these individuals. All members new and old are welcome and encouraged to run for any of the elected positions. Get involved with your club!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING !!!

Hard to believe but there are only 40 something more shopping days until the holidays! Need some gifts for your friends and loved ones? GBF has them for you. There is a nice selection of hats, shirts, and fly boxes available from the Club. These items are always on display at the General Meeting. Check them out while you’re there a pick up a few. If you cannot attend the meetings give Marie a call at 663-2414, she will set you up with some GBF merchandise.

BEAR RIVER UPDATE

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! He may be a little early or very late depending on who you ask, but yes indeed Granite Bay Flycasters is now in possession of all the appropriate documents, permits, and insurance to go forward with the Bear River Restoration Project.

The final piece of the puzzle was received October 20th in the form of a Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE) permit to use and occupy PGE property, more specifically the Bear River site. Along with the permit GBF has received numerous documents which outline the activities which will be taking place. Some of the activities include: formation of lattice traps, lattice overhangs, parallel overhangs, willow trenches, willow mats, and willow planting. All these activities will contribute to our ultimate goal of restoring the Bear River to a fish holding and fishable habitat.

Unfortunately, GBF does not possess "Disney-like magic" where we can cast a spell and the tools and materials will jump up on their own and complete the project, we need human intervention! Many people have already signed up to help with this project, however we can use more help. If you are interested in participating in this project contact Jim Coleman and let him know. The ultimate satisfaction of seeing your hard work come to fruition when you catch that beautiful trout on a stream that you helped restore will be well worth the effort.

All Awards

- Trophies - Plaques
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- Decals, etc.
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Robert Smith
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
BILLY CARNAZZO

Grey Hackle/Yellow (dry)

November, 1994

[NOTE: THE PATTERN FOR THE NOVEMBER FLY TYING CONTEST WILL BE THE ELK HAIR CADDIS FEATURED IN THE OCTOBER LEADER. BRING YOUR BEST VERSION TO THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING. REMEMBER--THE WINNER GETS A FREE G.B.F. FLYBOX, AND EACH PERSON ENTERING A FLY GETS A TICKET TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE BOX FOR THE DRAWING AT NEXT YEAR'S PICNIC. BRING THOSE FLIES IN--DON'T BE SHY!!!]

[ANOTHER NOTE: SEE NEXT ARTICLE FOR A RUNDOWN ON THE RULES AND INCENTIVES FOR THE CONTEST]

This fly has sentimental value to me, in that many (too many) years ago it produced my largest ever Upper Sac rainbow. If you read the manuals, you will see many versions of this fly; the following represents an adaptation which appears to me to work consistently. Why have such a fly? One needs a yellow-bodied dry, and this is as good as any Catskill-style pattern.

Materials

Hook Tiemco 100; Mustad 94840. #14-20
Tail Grizzly (stiff) hackle points
Butt Red dubbing (rabbit is good)
Body Yellow dubbing (ditto)
Rib Silver mylar tinsel (ex. small)
Wing Dark blue dun
Hackle Grizzly-sparse
Thread Yellow 8/0

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FINDING THE "BEST ROD"
submitted by Wayne Dahl

On Saturday, October 15th, John Hogg and his crew of instructors presented a Performance Evaluation Clinic to 10 very appreciative flycasters. As the experts passed on their combined knowledge of fly rods, lines, and leaders, we eagerly tried to absorb as much as we possibly could. We spent the morning learning the details of fly rods in a real-life, hands on way. We learned about fast rods and slow rods, how to find the spline (and what it means), what dampening is and why it is important, how the guides should be placed and much, much more. We used a detailed comparison sheet to conduct blind evaluations of the equipment. Next our President provided a very descriptive lesson on the many nuances of fly lines and leaders. We learned how important the proper line to rod match is and how to select the right line and leader for any given fishing situation.

After a gourmet lunch we each took a couple of rods down to the pond for our final exam. Have you ever been able to cast 25 or 30 different fly rod/reel combinations in the same afternoon? What an experience! The tremendous differences in the equipment became obvious very quickly. We tested rods that ranged from $30 to $450. Testing was done with the labels covered so we were not influenced by brand name. We found that brand name and price alone cannot be used to determine casting quality, and that each person had his or her own set of requirements. There was no one "best rod." Next time someone in a shop hands me a "big name" rod and asks what I think of it, will be very interesting. I won't just wave it around and make some comment about how nice it feels, etc. I recommend that everyone in the Club take advantage of this clinic if we can persuade our experts to do it again. Thank you very much to all who contributed and special thanks to Ed and Marie for providing the "classroom."

Tying instructions
1. After jamming thread on hook, apply small ball of red dubbing immediately above rear of barb.
2. Cut 8-10 barbules of stiff grizzly, preferably using a spade hackle. Tie on just in front of small ball; length = shank. Wind thread back against ball, causing tail fibres to spread.
3. Take two dun hackles, and use tips for wings. NOTE: the technique for this has been the subject of past articles in this column. If you have trouble with it, call me. Wing should be mounted at the 1/3 shank length point back from eye.
4. Return thread to tail point, and dub body up behind wing. Now rib with the tinsel, making 3 turns.
5. Tie in stiff grizzly hackle just behind wings, and take two winds behind, and two winds in front of wings. Take care not to crowd hook eye.
6. Form nice small head, and whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!!
FLYTYING CONTEST RULES

Don't be reluctant to submit your entry...ask for a critique if you want help, or to know what the winning fly has that yours doesn't. Here's the rules:

* Judging will be during meeting
* Winner announced just before program
* Winner still gets a fly box
* Judge(s) will stay after meeting to give critique, if requested.
* Each member entering a fly gets a free ticket, on which name and phone is placed
* Tickets deposited in a sealed box each meeting
* Drawing held at annual picnic (commencing in 1995)
* Winner gets $100 gift certificate at fly shop of choice.

As you know, certain of the tyers in the club have voluntarily kept themselves out of the contest; that will continue to be the case. So, enter your flies, folks...don't be shy!!!

NOTE: LAST MONTH'S WINNER WAS Mark Lutz. Congrats to Mark. We had eleven entries in October. The response is getting better—but we'd like at least 15 for each meeting's contest. Don't be shy, folks!!!!!!! The $100 gift certificate will be there for the taking—you'll get one chance at that prize for each month you enter a fly in the contest.

FINAL NOTE: THE FLY MUST BE TIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LEADER, IN ORDER TO KEEP THE "PLAYING FIELD" LEVEL. THE JUDGES NEED TO MAKE CHOICE BASED ON A SINGLE PATTERN, IN ORDER TO BE FAIR. THANKS.

ANTUAL DINNER UPDATE

The annual dinner with Lefty Kreh will be held on February 11, 1995 at the Elk's Club in Roseville. Tickets are now available so get them soon. This event will be a sure sellout. Tickets are $30.00 per person and will be available at the General Meeting (November 10th) or by contacting Marie Stull. There will be an early bird raffle prize, a pair of Simms waders, for those that purchase tickets before December 1, 1994.

The grand prize in this year's general raffle will be a Water Otter. Tickets will be $1.00 each or 12 for $10.00. The Water Otter is valued at over $800.00.

Lefty will also be giving a special casting class, Saturday morning before the dinner. The class will be limited to 10 people at $40.00 per person. We are offering this class to Club members only until December 1, 1994. After December 1, if the class is not full, it will be opened to anyone. This is a great chance to get a lesson from the "Great One". See Ed or Marie Stull to reserve your spot.

Those of you who are used to a morning program for dinner attendees, don't worry. We will also be having this program sometime later on Saturday morning. Times for both the casting class and general program will be announced at a later date.

The general raffle is starting to take shape. We already have some trips lined up plus many other items. We also need Club members to help with donations as in the past. Think about tying some flies or donating bottles of wine. See Marie or Warren Schoenmann regarding donations.

We will keep you posted as details develop on this great event. Tight lines 'till then.

Marie
The beginner's flytying class, for those of you who signed up, will commence November 7th and continue for four successive Monday evenings. The class will be held at the Clubhouse. For the first class, just bring whatever vise or tying tools you have. If you don't have any you will be able to use one of the Club's sets. We'll have to discuss what arrangements can be made for use at home if you have no tools or vise. Materials for the first class will be furnished. You will be given a syllabus and other written materials at the time of the first class. Classes will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp, please don't be late as it disconcerting to the other attendees. We will be done before 9:00. Class cost is $10 payable at the first class.

The "tips, tricks, and techniques" class will be held in January. Some people have already signed up and there are a few spots still available. If you have any questions call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.
FISHMASTER'S REPORT
November, 1994
Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

1. UPCOMING OUTINGS. The Upper Sac outing is scheduled for Oct. 29th at Dunsmuir. We had a good signup for this, and it will be over by the time you read this article. After that we have Putah Creek and Pyramid, in November. See the schedule for details. For 1995, a tentative schedule will be published next month. We'll ask for input on that at the November and December meetings.

2. PAST OUTINGS. The San Luis outing was held October 8th. Five members attended; the fishing was, unfortunately, sparse. But they had fun. We were unable to put the salt water trip together; we'll try again next year.

3. Contact the Fishmaster. If you have questions on any of the outings, or want information, please call me (Bill):

   264-5346 (work)
   663-2604 (home)

"Well, first the bad news — you're definitely hooked."

GBF TALENT - BRANDON NEICE

The artwork on this page was drawn and donated to the Leader by GBF youth member Brandon Neice. Brandon is the son of Mark Neice our Vice President. Brandon has been very active with the Club and we appreciate his time and effort. Thanks Brandon and keep up the good work!