

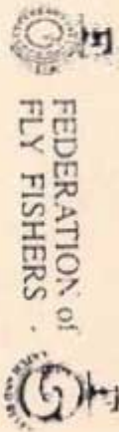
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Including Fly of the Month

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|------------------|--|
| August | Zug Bug |
| 10 | Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30 |
| 17 | Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00 |
| 18 | Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30 |
| 19 | <i>Sierra Golden Trout</i> (May have to be postponed) |
| September | Rabit Leach |
| 8th, 9th, 10th | Youth Meeting - <i>Trinity Alps Camp/Fishout</i> |
| 14 | Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30 |
| 21 | Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00 |
| 23 | <i>Robinson Creek Fishout</i> - Terry Eggleston - leader |
| October | Electric Caddis |
| 12 | Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30 |
| 14 | Rod and Line Evaluation Clinic 9:00 AM |
| 19 | Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00 |
| 20 | Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30 |
| 21 | <i>Upper Sac Fishout</i> |
| 28 | Open House 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| November | Line Sider |
| 18 | <i>O'Neil Forebay Fishout</i> |
| December | Little Winter Stonefly (Dry) |
| 1 | <i>Yuba River Steelhead</i> |

BEAR RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT WORK DAY

Jim Coleman

Here is a chance to really show some support to your club. Saturday, August 12th is scheduled for a major work day at the Bear River restoration project. Although quite a bit has been accomplished despite the long winter and high water, we still have an awful lot to do. This summer promises to be short and we want to make the best of it.

Therefore we are planning a big push starting with Aug. 12th. There is lots of room for everyone to contribute and there are jobs that will require a strong back. But, there are also plenty of jobs that won't require a lot of strength. This is an excellent opportunity to combine a weekend out in beautiful country, get in a little fishing, enjoy some good GBF company and make a difference in the type of fishing we will have in the near future. You can get credit for this toward your Golden Trout award. If you haven't seen this project or the valley, your missing something. Bear River Valley is a gorgeous valley not too far from home, and the project will make it even more enjoyable.

We plan to meet at the project at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning the 12th of August. For those of you who don't know exactly where the project starts we will meet you at the Hwy. 20 bridge over the Bear River. Just take Hwy. 80 toward Reno and turn left at the Hwy. 20 intersection then watch for the bridge. Someone will be there to meet you. Bring along working shoes, gloves, lunch, plenty of liquids and lots of energy. You might throw in a rod or two in case we don't work all day and all night.

Plans are being made to secure a campsite for those who would like to spend the night. Camping information will be provided at the general meeting or if you can't make that just give me a call.

My number is 885-4128

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings fellow flyfishers! Looks as though trout fishing is finally in full swing, albeit a few months behind. The reports I've heard lately indicate that river and streams are stabilizing and local lakes are finally developing some stratification. So let's get out there and catch some fish!

I want to bring everyone up to date with the latest news from the Board. The Bear River project is moving along nicely. Jim Coleman has had a number of work parties on the river already and has many more planned. We are planning on having a work party/fishout/campout the weekend of August 12 - 13. This will be a great chance to help out with the Bear River project and do a little fishing as well. Fuller Lake is nearby and Jim has reported seeing catchable size fish in the Bear. Details are a little sketchy at this time but the dates are firm. We will provide details at the next general meeting (August 10). This is also a good chance to get some Golden Trout credit by helping out with a project.

We have sent in our application to participate in the International Sportsman's Expo which is held annually at Cal Expo. Although the event is not until January 17 -21 of next year, we need to get started with some plans. We will have a booth for the entire show and plan on informing the public about GBF, recruit some new members, and sell some tickets to the dinner and raffle. As the time draws closer we will have sign up sheets for those who would like to help out with staffing the booth. This event is always a lot of fun and is a great way to meet new people.



Could GBF be heading into the 21st century by going on-line? We are currently looking into the possibility of having our newsletter and club info available through the Internet. There are a number of fishing (including flyfishing) items available now as some of you who have "surf'd the Internet" have already seen. Stay tuned for further details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Con't)

A couple of items to put on your upcoming calendar are the Robinson Creek fishout September 23 - 24 and the Conclave at Kings Beach, North Tahoe September 29 - October 1. Plan on attending both of these events they are always excellent.

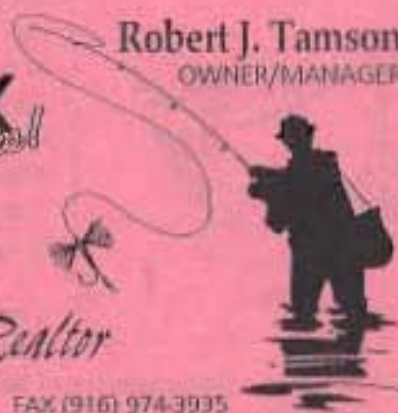
Time to check out for now so gather up your gear, call a fishing buddy and go catch some fish. Remember to "let 'em go alive"

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BE PREPARED

by: Mark Neice

On Sunday Morning April 30th 8:00 AM our second and last of our outdoor First Aid Class was underway. We practiced on the scenario of splinting broken limbs in the field to prepare for emergency transport. One of the many things we learned in emergency situations. The class was over at noon and everybody who took the class was certified and went on their way. Roy Bloxham and I had some work to do on Roy's house that afternoon. We were setting forms for a concrete driveway and garage floor. Suddenly we heard Roy's wife say "Roy come look at Amy's arm, I think she broke it". We dropped our tools and went to see her. She was in much pain, so we put the scenario of broken limbs into reality. We checked Amy's symptoms, splinted and elevated her arm in a sling and sent her to emergency. It ended up, her arm was fractured in two places and was put in a cast.

It is so important to know First Aid and CPR. You never know when you will be called on to use it. The best part is, you may save a life and it could be your son or daughter, or spouse.

That is why it is good to ... BE PREPARED!!

We would like to thank Carole Hopkins for taking the time to teach us community First Aid. It really helps to know to take care of an emergency.

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Out Fishing (cont)

An sky and stream is always fine;
Men come real close to God's design,
Out fishin'.

A feller isn't plotting schemes,
Out fishin'.
He's only busy with his dreams,
Out fishin'.
His livery is a coat of tan,
His creed-to do the best he can,
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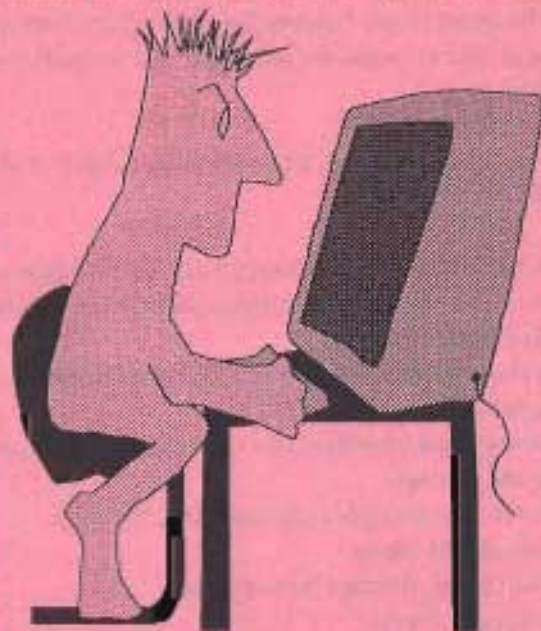
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Fly Fishing the Internet

by: Brian Staab

By now I'm sure many of you have heard the terms Internet, World Wide Web(WWW) or Information Super Highway. Some of you have undoubtedly had the opportunity to 'surf the Internet' — as they say. Just a quick description for anyone unfamiliar with the WWW. The WWW is a whole constellation of resources connected together by a vast collection of inter-connected networks. The WWW is the information available to us and the Internet is the network infrastructure that allows us to gain access. Most people browse the WWW through services like America On-line, CompuServe or Prodigy.



The information that is available on the Internet is phenomenal. You can count on finding information on any topic imaginable, and you got it, there is enough fly fishing information out there to keep you busy for years. I've found information on all areas of fly fishing: weekly northern CA fishing reports; details on specific fishing locations both local and around the world - including how to get there, when to go, and what to use; fly tying and entomology; catalogs for gear and materials. The Fly Fishers of Davis recently added a home page to the WWW that details their club and any upcoming outings. The Northern California Fly Fishing home page is great for local hot spots. The McKenzie page has some great illustrations of fly patterns and the insects they imitate. I've also found some good prices on fly tying material on the Virtual Fly Shop. I've listed the Internet address of each one of these pages plus a few others below. Another exciting area of the WWW are the news

groups (also listed below). A news group is where people like you and I can openly exchange information about a common topic. If you want to know how the season opener was on the Eastern Sierra, just ask and somebody out there will probably tell you. If you want some opinions on a particular product, again, just ask and you will shortly have plenty of opinions.

Needless to say, I'm hooked and if you haven't already, I suggest you check out the fishing action on the Web. Like the Davis club, I'd think it would be great to see Granite Bay Flycasters start a home page. It would be a great way to publicize our club. All we need is someone with the right know how.

If you have any problems accessing these pages, feel free to call Brian Staab 983-1674

Yahoo Directory (a good directory of fly fishing pages)

http://www.yahoo.com/Entertainment/Outdoors/Fishing/Fly_Fishing/

The McKenzie Page

<http://zebu.uoregon.edu/cgi-bin2/Mckenzie/Mekfrontend.pl>

Northern California Fly Fish

<http://www2.ecst.csuchico.edu/~jschlich/Flyfish/flyfish.html>

J.P.'s Fishing Page

<http://www.geo.mtu.edu/~jsuchosk/fish/fishpage>

The Virtual Fly Shop

<http://rmii.com/~flyshop/flyshop.html>

Fly Fishers of Davis

<http://wheel.den.davis.ca.us/~tamarten/flyfish.html>

New Groups

<news:rec.outdoors.fishing.fly>



Out Fishin'

A feller isn't think' mean,

Out fishin'

His thoughts are mostly good an' clean,

Out fishin'

He doesn't knock his fellow men, or harbor

any grudges the. A feller's at his

finest when

Out fishin'

The rich are countades to the poor,

Out fishin'

All brothers of a common lure,

Out fishin'

The urchin with the pin an' string can

chum with millionaire an' king, Vain

pride is a forgotten thing,

Out fishin'

A feller gits a chance to dream,

Out fishin'

He learns the beauties of a stream,

Out fishin'

An' he can wash his soul in air

That isn't four with selfish care,

An' relish plain and simple fare,

Out fishin'

A feller has no time for hate,

Out fishin'

He isn't eager to be great,

Out fishin'

He isn't thinkin' thoughts of self,

Or goods stacked high upon a shelf,

But he is always just himself,

Out fishin'

A fellers glad to be a friend,

Out fishin'

A helpin' hand he'll always lend,

Out fishin'

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-ATTENTION TYERS --

Here's a chance see what the "best in the west" do. The 1995 issue of *Patterns of the Masters* is available. For those of us that didn't have a chance to go to the 95 FFF Conclave in Montana this will give us a chance to see just what the tyers were doing.



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FISHMASTER'S REPORT

June, 1995

Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

Upcoming Outings: The August 19th Sierra Golden Trout outing may have to wait until the high country is more accessible. As of this writing, it's looking bleak. We'll have a better fix on this before the August general meeting. If this one can't be held, we'll plan a Truckee River or other outing for that date.

Past Outings: The July 8th Hat Creek trip was not held, inasmuch as no one call to express interest. The July 15th Umpqua fishout was also canceled due to lack of response on the request for an outing chairperson. The two July 29th outings -- Rucker Lake and North Yuba -- will both be held. At this writing, they are still a week away. A report will be given at the August general meeting. Someone other than the Fishmaster will have to do that, since he'll be gleefully fishing in Montana.

Contact the Fishmaster: If you have questions on any of the outings, or want information, please call me. (264-5346 work or 663-2604 home)

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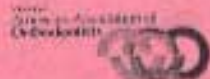
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AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

by: **Robert Tamson**
Program Chairman

This month we want to welcome Mr. Derick Irwin from the University of California, Davis. Derick is the first of what we hope is many to receive a fellowship grant from our club. Derick's topic this time is "Swimming Metabolism and Mechanics of Stream Fishes." Wow, can you imagine the difficult research he must have had to do. I can just see him now, having to spend all his research time at some cold stream high in the Sierras trying to figure what that big trout wants to eat. He probably had to wade right in and in some cases he must have caught some (just for the good of the research). I would guess a 9 ft. graphite 4 wt. would be a primary tool of the trade. Lets come out and hear what he has found out - maybe it can help me in my stream fishes research.

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LIBRARIANS REPORT

By: Kim Roccoforte

Thank You to the GBF Club members that help keep our library strong and interesting. Not many "donated" this month but those that did made up for the lack of numbers by the excellence of quality.

Mark Lutz donated a beautiful set of his files to the July raffle in the name of the Library. **John Hogg** expressed his appreciation for being able to use some of the Library materials by donating "Atlantic Salmon Fly Tyers and Their Arc" by Judith Dunham. Everyone should stop and at least look this one over it is nice.

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My number is 726-1584 and it is both phone and fax.

FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
BILL CARNAZZO

Zug Bug
July, 1995

Note: The Pattern for the August Fly Tying contest will be Bead Head Hare's Ear featured in the July Leader. Bring your best version to the August General Meeting. Remember--The winner gets a free GBF flybox, and each person entering a fly gets a ticket to be deposited 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]

The Zug Bug was originated by Cliff Zug. This versatile fly is elegant in its simplicity -- both in design and materials used -- and its popularity is a tribute to its fish-catching ability. For me, this fly has accounted for some very nice rainbows on Fall River.

It should be fished deeply under an indicator. Watch the indicator closely for any hint of a subtle take; any unusual indicator motion should induce your gentle strike. Don't be tempted to "rare back" on the rod, lest you become known as "ole gorilla stick".

Zug Bug

Materials:

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| Hook | Mustad 3906B (sharpen; smash barb) #6 - 16 |
| Weight | Lead substitute (optional) |
| Thread | Black 6/0 or 8/0 |
| Tail | Peacock sword fibres |
| Body | Peacock herl |
| Legs | Brown hackle fibres |
| Wingcase | Lemon wood duck flank |

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Don't Miss this month's meeting. Plans are being made for the fishout next month. We'll be going to the Trinity Alps area and might even have a chance to get a few Kokanee out of Coffee Creek. General plans are to camp the 8th, 9th and 10th of Sept. This should be a great chance to get in a lot of fishing. For those of you that are new to the sport, you couldn't ask for anything better. The Aug. meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Friday the 18th at the clubhouse as usual. We'll be expecting all of you so you can find out what to bring and when and where to bring it.

THE BEAR IS WATCHING

by: Carole Hopkins

If you are fishing in the Crystal Basin area this summer, you may wish to read this. The bear population in the crystal Basin area is very healthy and active this year. While walking out Tells Creek, which is between Loon Lake and the Wench Creek area, Don Hopkins had an encounter, which he will not likely forget. This has quickly been added to his repertoire of stories.

He was checking out the creek for possible fishing spots. The creek is fairly brushy with willows and aspen. He was walking down the drainage area and would occasionally poke through an open space in the brush. About a quarter mile from camp he was checking the creek out with his Polaroid sun glasses. He had come through the brush with his eyes on the creek and stood there for a minute or two scanning the pools for any sign of trout.

Seeing none, he raised his eyes to the other side of the creek and was looking eye to eye to a very large bear. The bear was about 30 feet from him across the creek sitting like a dog facing the creek. Fortunately, the bear has poor eyesight, and though it had sensed Don's presence, it did not see him. It was sniffing the air and looking about, but not at Don. After a jolt to the ol' heart, Don realized that the bear had not seen him, nor since the breeze was blowing in his (Don's) face, had it smelled him. He did the right thing and simply froze his position. After what seemed like a half an hour or more, but in real time about five minutes, the bear rose to a standing position (This was a very, big BEAR), sniffed around again. It then lowered to all fours and sauntered away down the creek. You will be happy to know that it was not necessary to use CPR to restart his heart.



Tying Instructions

1. Smash barb and sharpen hook. Wrap weight on shank, covering thorax area of hook, but leaving plenty of room for the head. Cover hook and weight with thread.
2. Snip 3 or 4 peacock sword fibres from sword stem, and tie on as tail; length should be about 1/2 shank length.
3. Tie in, at tail tie-in spot, a 6" piece of black thread.
4. At same spot, tie in 3 or 4 pieces of peacock herl by the tips or the herl. Advance thread to eye.
5. Twist the 6" piece of thread and all of the herl together into a rope or chenille, using hackle pliers to hold it all together while twisting.
6. Wind the herl chenille forward to a point 3 eye-lengths behind eye, and tie off there.
7. Snip a clump of long brown hackle barbules from a brown rooster hackle. Tie these, beard style, on the bottom of the hook just behind the eye.
8. Snip a clump of fibres from a lemon wood duck feather, and tie the clump in facing rearward and on top of the hook, just behind the eye. Now clip these fibres so that they extend rearward about 1/3 length of body.
9. Form a nice, small head, and whip finish. Apply lacquer if desired.

Watch that indicator, and See ya on the creek!!!!



FLY TYING 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:

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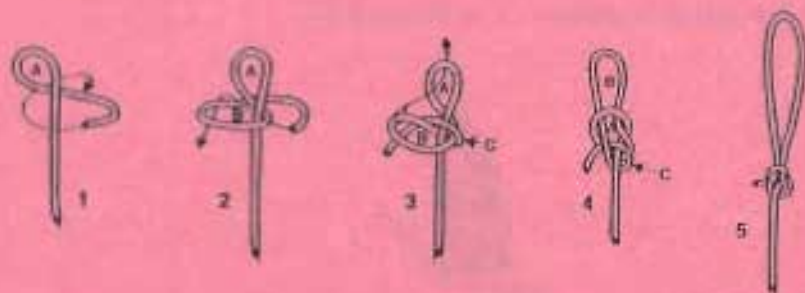
- Judging will be during the meeting
- Winner announced just before program
- Winner still gets a fly box
- Judge(s) will stay after meeting to give critique, if requested.
- Each member entering a fly gets a free ticket, on which name and phone number is placed.
- Tickets are deposited in a sealed box each meeting.
- Drawing held at annual picnic
- 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: The fly must be tied in accordance with the instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere). In order to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern. THANKS.

-- Last Months Winner --

Last month the contest fly was a kaufmann's rubber legs stonefly nymph and the competition was intense. But, Ron English withstood the challenge and came out on top. I say "withstood the challenge" because there was only one other fly submitter. This has to be a record - we expect at least 10 flys. Maybe its summer and you are using all your flies on the stream. Come on, tie one more - the odds have never been better. Congratulations Ron, how many fly boxes do you have now?



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IT'S NOT TOO LATE

by: Jim Coleman
Conservation Chairman

This month the state committee commissioned to review the fishing regulations relative to the upper Sacramento River will meet. They will consider opening this stretch to all fishing with the standard 5 fish limit. If you value this beautiful fly fishing area and the excellent wild trout it produces it would benefit you to write and state your opinion. Or would you rather see it as another overfished area full of stockers? Send your letters just stating that you support the present regulations to:

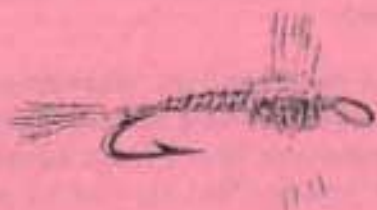
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If you have any questions or would just like to discuss this matter please call me at 885-4128.

RUCKER LAKE FISHOUT

July 29th
WHERE WAS IT?

I know now. By the time you see this you should know too. Sorry, we didn't get a report on how this one was because of printing dead lines etc. but, we'll have one next month. If you still don't know where it is, come to the meeting, maybe someone there will tell you.



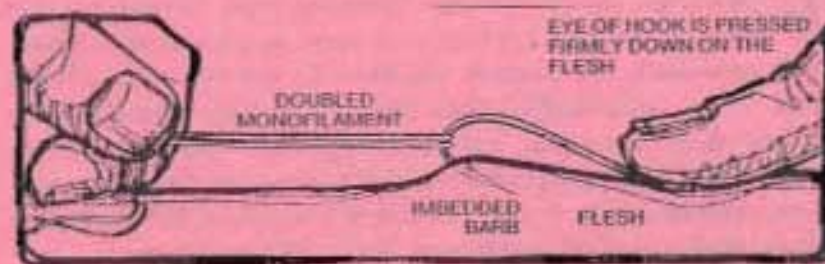
Fishing Report

You have noticed by now that we have the latest Fishing Report reprinted here for everyone again. Make sure you let the good people at **FISH FIRST** know how much we appreciate this. They are kind enough to fax this to us about two times a month, on their nickel. If you get a chance stop in and say hello and Thanks. **FISH FIRST** is at 1404 Solono Ave. in Albany, (N. Berkeley) or just give them a call at 510-526-1937. Maybe you have some information that would fit in the next report. Also, if you look at the bottom of each report you will see a list of contributors that make this publication possible. We all know some of these people so thank them also the next time you see them.

EAR PIERCING OR PAINLESS HOOK REMOVAL

It is hard sometimes to decide just what the title of an article should be. But, I can always count on one of the good-OL'-GBFers to figure a way to remind me that I should have written something last month. I won't mention any names but we have a member with a newly pierced ear. I'm watching to see if he comes up with a nice ear-ring based on some great fly design to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Be that as it may, there is a way to remove the hook painlessly and still stay in the one-fly contest. In this case I think "painless" is a relative term. The only tool required is a 2-foot piece of strong (15 pound or so) monofilament line. The line is doubled, then looped around the imbedded hook. The eye of the hook is pressed firmly down on the flesh of the victim so that the hook stands arched upward. (See the picture). Then the doubled mono is gripped firmly and given a good hard yank. (This is kind of hard to do if fishing alone) The hook flies painlessly out, leaving only the original prick in the skin and muscle.



If the simplicity of this technique makes you dubious, look at the angle of the barb on a fish hook and picture it imbedded in your arm. When the eye of the hook is held down, the yank on the line rolls the barb right out from under the flesh. We can practice this at the next meeting if you like. Just stick a fly in yourself someplace and come about 10 minutes early. I'm sure somebody will be there to help.



HOW TO WRITE A STORY FOR THE CLUB NEWSLETTER*

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What is the biggest problem about writing? To most people choosing a topic is the major stumbling block. The truth is that when it comes to a fishing club, there is a lot to write about. Your own experiences for example, and these do not have to be always successful. People enjoy reading about failures too, since so much can be learned from them. Every club has interesting people and writing about them makes for interesting articles as well. You can write about the varied flies in your collection, places you have fished, a review of the last angling book you've read, a local trip or far away places. And on and on.

The advantage of writing for a club newsletter is knowing that it will be read by experts and novices alike. This means that whatever you write, it will be appreciated by at least some of the membership. As an example, you have just caught your first bragging size fish. So? Other anglers have done it before and have probably written about it. But look around you, look at those new members. To them catching a trout, any trout, is a feat and they'll welcome any information on how to achieve it.

OK, but how do you write about it? Just answer the following guidelines: Who, Where, When, and How, keeping in mind that the last is the most important question.

Let's see how this works in practice: **WHO** - Brown Trout. **WHEN** - yesterday. **HOW** - The fish took a Grizzly Wulff. **WHERE** - by the five arches bridge on the Esopus. These simple facts are to the point but hardly qualify as an article.

Let's elaborate a little: On May 12 at about 8:30 a.m. I caught a 17" Brown Trout on a size 12 Grizzly Wulff dry fly. It was an overcast day and the water was high. I was fishing the Esopus River, and finally caught the fish by the Five Arches -Bridge. Descriptive, better than the first, but reads like an entry in a diary.

Adding a few details and the **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**, changes the facts into an article: I had always wanted to catch a bragging size Brown trout, and upon the recommendation from a friend, I decided to try my luck on the Esopus River. On Saturday, May 12, I left my house at 3 a.m. in order to reach the river by sunrise. The sky was clear and I entered the Esopus with high hopes. The water level was higher than the last time I fished this stretch, but that was in the Fall. I casted with high hopes but by midday all I had to show for my efforts was a 12 inch Rainbow, that fell for a Hare's Ear nymph. I went back to the car to eat a sandwich and realized that the sky had become heavily overcast, I only hoped it wouldn't rain. I returned to the river and although I didn't see any insects raising, I decided to use dry flies. I tied a size 12 Grizzly Wulff to a 9' 5X tippet leader, and after spraying it with floatant I began to wade upriver casting the fly close to the shoreline. Since there was no response from the fish, I decided to switch flies but I concluded to try one more cast. As the Grizzly Wulff floated downstream, it was redirected by the current closer to the side of a half submerged tree trunk. I was just about to pick the line up when

I'm sure you've got the idea.

Now let's see you do it!

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

What's Hot and What's Not (updated 20 July 1995) - The Fishing Report from *Fish First!*

| Fishery | Water Conditions | Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches | Haz | Comments |
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| Burr Valley Reservoir and Lake Almanor | Clear, cold. | The Hex hatch has started. Burr Valley is more consistent, but Almanor should pick up shortly. Get on the water at 7 pm and fish hex nymphs on a slow sinking line until you see the fish working the dries. Best areas on Burr are near the campground and the dam. Rainbows and browns are running 3-8 lbs. On Almanor, fish the west side of lake near Prattville. | Bark's hex nymph, hex paradox (#6). | |
| Davis Lake and Frenchman Reservoir | Slightly off color, cold. | Davis - Fishing is good one day and spotty the next. The damselfly hatch is underway, with best fishing from 8 am to 1 pm. Best area is the northwest corner of the lake. Frenchman - Fishing is good with sinking lines and streamers near the dam and north end of lake. | Blood midge pupa, red serendipity (#16). Barr's damselfly, bark's damselfly, Whatlock's damselfly, headhead damselfly, SRI moon-eye damselfly (#10-12). Streamers - Lite bite zonker, Janssen marabou leech, headhead mini leech, woodhead sculpin, crystal bugger, articulated leech, marika, mini leech, mudler minnow, live brite minnow, mylar zonker, headhead crystal bugger, headhead mini leech (#4-10). | Float tube or prism will improve chances. |
| Deer Creek (below Juhl Caves (lower Creek)) | Moderate flow, clear. | Fishing is fair to good. Indicator nymphing with a stonefly nymph and headhead dropper is best bet early and late in the day. Salmonflies and march browns are out in evening, with rainbows from 10-18" working the dries. A few steelies are also reported in the system. | Stoneflies (see McCloud River). March browns (see Callibaetis for Spooner Lake). | The take of one hour downstream is definitely worth the effort. |
| Fall River | Clear, normal flows, cool. Weedy. | Fishing is fair to good. Tricos are showing from 7-9 am, with fishing working the spinners in the back eddies and along the edges of the stream. BWO and PMD hatch mid morning. Indicator nymphing and swinging small mayfly nymphs both producing. Swinging streamers at the deep bends is productive in afternoon when wind comes up. Hex hatch is still going, but slowing from previous weeks; best area is near the PG&E dredger. | PMD nymph - Bark's HB infrequent, PT, HB PT, poxyback (PMD), black AP. Bark's leg nymph (#16-18). PMD emerger/dry - Harrop short wing emerger, Harrop CDC transitional dun, DB foam emerger, floating nymph, Lawson's halfback emerger, Lawson's crippled dun, Harrop captive dun, CDC comparadun, Shimazaki CDC dun, sparkle dun, thorax dun, extended body dun, hi-vis parachute, Harrop hairwing dun (#14-18). BWO patterns (see Hat Creek). Streamers (see Davis Lake). Hex (see Burr Valley). | Morning spinner fall near Rick's Lodge is very good. |
| Feather River, Middle Fork | Clear, cold, moderate flow above Two Rivers, blown out below. | Fishing is fair from Graeagle to Two Rivers. Indicator nymphing with stonefly nymphs and headheads is best bet. Stoneflies and caddis hatching after 7 pm, with some fish working the dries in the slower water. | Stoneflies (see McCloud River). Caddis (see Upper Sac River). Headheads (see Pit River). | The river below Two Rivers will take a few weeks to come into shape. |
| Hat Creek - Lower (Pit-2 to Pit River) | Normal flows, clear. Patchy weeds. | Fishing is good early and late in the day. Good tricos and rusty spinner fall from the Pit #2 riffle to the Hwy 209 bridge. The spinner fall starts when air temps rises to 60-65°F. Midday fishing is slow; keep walking the flats, looking for mics. Micro caddis is best hatch in evening, but PED, BWO, little yellow stones, and rusty spinners also producing from 7 pm to dark. Indicator nymphing in the Pit #2 riffle is steady with small caddis pupa and mayfly nymphs. | BWO nymph - poxyback, biot poxyback, bark's leg nymph, DB baetis nymph, hares ear, PT, brasse, olive disco midge, bark's wet emerger, RS2 (#16-20). BWO emerger/dry - floating nymph, foam floating nymph, Harrop short wing emerger, DB baetis emerger, Lawson's halfback emerger, marabou cripple, CDC transitional dun, Sticrop biot dun, hi-vis parachute, CDC parachute, Harrop hairwing, sparkle dun, Shimazaki CDC dun (#16-20). Little yellow stone dry - yellow stone female, yellow stimulator, CDC soft hackle, Bark's CDC stone, The Fly (#16-18). PMD (see Fall River). Caddis (see Upper Sac River). | A good number of trout in the 16-20" range are being reported. |
| Manzanita Lake | Low 50°F. Slightly off color, patchy weeds. | Fishing is slow due to cold water. Best action is subsurface with callibaetis nymphs and streamers. Some midge dry action in the morning and evening. Callibaetis hatch is sporadic, but getting stronger with warmer water temps. | Midge pupa/larva - disco, Kaufmann's midge pupa, red worm, gray midge pupa, brasse, headhead brasse, midge biot pupa (#18-22). Midge emerger/adult - Ben's midge emerger, Harrop midge adult, standard midge adult, griffith's gnat, palamino, CDC hatching midge, CDC midge adult, Harrop CDC transitional midge, live brite parachute, parachute adams (#20-22). Flying ant (#10-12). Callibaetis (see Spooner Lake). | Walking the banks and stalking trout has been the best technique. |

What's Hot and What's Not (continued) - The Fishing Report from *Fish First!*

| Fishery | Water Conditions | Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches | Fly | Comments |
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| McCloud River | 210 cfs at Ash-Ck Natl, normal color, Mid 50° F's. | Fishing is fair. Fish the 2-fly rig (large No. 4 head with a smaller mayfly or caddis dropper) in the 4-8 ft deep run early in the day. Fish are not concentrating in the pocket water. Afternoon fishing slow. PFD, yellow stone, and some caddis showing in evening, with some fish rising from 7 pm to dark. Streamers also producing in the tailouts of pools. | Bonetti nymph - headhead hot stone, Kaufmann's stone, superior stone, Bart's dark stone, braided hatch creek, Teal's stone, black rubberleg, black sparkle stone, brownstone rubberleg, headhead brownstone (#6-12), Stonefly dry - SRI imitable stone, Kaufmann's stimulator, improved stone, golden stone rubberleg, midon X, peacock trude (#6-12) headheads (see Pt River). Streamers (see Davis Lake). Caddis (see Upper Sac River). PFD (see PMD for Full River). | Try the Ash Camp area to avoid crowds. |
| Pt River | Slightly off color, 150 cfs at Big Bend. | Fishing is good. Indicator nymphing with 2-fly rig (stonefly nymph and a headhead dropper) is producing lots of rainbow running from 12-10". Fish the fast riffles with plenty of shot to get the fly down. Caddis and smelt creamy mayflies hatching in the evening, with good dry fly fishing with attractor dries from 7 pm to dark. | Headheads - larva (see soft hackle, like hite olive and peat), Badger, CDC ditch, danger baby, zig bug, prince, thorax PT, black PT, hams ear, olive hams ear, march brown, pecking, caddis, caddis pupa (#13-18), Stoneflies (see McCloud River), Caddis (see Upper Sac River), Creamy mayfly (see PMD for Full River). | Pt #3 is most consistent producer; if you want bigger fish, go downriver to Pt #5. Wading staff and stream clubs highly recommended. |
| Sacramento River (above Lake Shasta) | Moderate flows (190 cfs at Box Canyon, 525 cfs at Dog Creek). Clear, mid to high 50° F's. | Indicator nymphing is producing good action from 8-10 am. Rainbows also willing to rise to golden stone and caddis before the sun hits the water. Fishing slows drastically during afternoon hours. Creamy orange mayflies, caddis, and little yellow stones hatching in the evening, with good dry fly fishing from 7:30 pm to dark. Some golden stones still showing, with fish chasing up for them in the heavy water. Most consistent action is from Gnat spinners to Cantara Loop. | Caddis pupa - SRI stonefly caddis, Ligan' scullbait, Fabian's terror, headhead live hams, LaFontaine sparkle pupa, Nori's pupa, z-wing, caddis, scullbait, glow bend pupa, pecking caddis (#14-18), Caddis emerger/adult - Bert's The Fly, Harrop slow water, silk hair, goldfish, SRI real, CDC huck, emerger/olive, sparkle emerger, Matthew's x-caddis, King's River, DH hi-viz, royal trude, SRI hi-viz (#14-18), Headheads (see Pt River), Stoneflies (see McCloud River). | Some smallmouth bass are beginning to show near the Dog Creek area. |
| Spencer Lake (in Nevada, near South Shore Tahoe) | Clear, cold. | Fishing is good early and late in the day. Rainbows, browns, and brookies are feeding on minnows and caddis from 5 to 8 am. Average trout is 12-14", with some fish to 20". Fishing slows in the afternoon; use sinking lines and streamers or callibaetis nymphs for best action. Midge hatch in evening is good, with fish rising if wind stays down. | Callibaetis nymph - hot peacock, Lawson's callibaetis, pheasant tail, peacock, buck's leg nymph (#14-16), Callibaetis emerger/dry - cdc leopards, marshmallow cripple, cdc transitional nymph, cdc transitional dms, Tackle cdc stillborn, parsnymph, Lawson's floating nymph, sparkle dms, Staleys cdc hot dms, thorax dms, Harrop cripple dms, parachute (#14-16), Midges (see Mammoth Lake). Streamers (see Davis Lake). | Both wade and boat fishing productive. |
| Other reports - Trinity River below Lewiston Lake is fishing fair, steelhead smelt action is slowing. Some half pound steelies showing early and late in the day; use stonefly nymphs. Kinnon Lake (off Hwy 108 near Sonoma Junction) is very good; brookies from 2-4 lbs are being caught on wads, headhead pheasant tails, and streamers. Be prepared for and 2 hour lake into the lake. Stanislaus River below Tullock dam is blowing out 1320 cfs. Yellow Creek is fair to good, use small parachute adults in morning and evening and small mayfly nymphs during the day. Lewisville Lake is slow to fair callibaetis hatch is spotty; streamers and callibaetis nymphs best bet. Caples Lake fishing good with streamers on sinking lines near the dam. Hot Creek fishing fair with small nymphs, some micro caddis hatching in evening. Indian Creek Reservoir fishing fair with damselfly, callibaetis nymphs; dry fly fishing is improving in the evening. East Walker very high, fishing is tough. Crowley Lake is spotty for trout, very good on perch. Basin Lake is fishing well with small nymphs and dries; a creamy orange mayfly (#16) and micro caddis hatch has fish on top in the evening. North and Middle Forks of Stanislaus River, East Canyon, Pleasant Valley Creek blown out for at least two more weeks. Truckee River is high and fishing is slow from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows; headheads and streamers are the ticket. Below Alpine Meadows the river is high, but clearing, look for improved fishing in coming weeks. Little Truckee between Boca and Stampede Reservoir is fishing fair; water is high, best area is where the stream dumps into Boca. Saphen Creek is high, but fishing ok with larger headheads. Maria Lake is dropping and clearing; some blood midges action in evening. Rath Creek is fishing well with headheads during the day, caddis dries in evening. | | | | |
| Upper Sacramento Alert. The Department of Fish & Game will be collecting and analyzing data pertinent to the fishing regulations for the Upper Sacramento River. They will be forwarding a recommendation to the Fish & Game Commission, who will decide the river's fate for 1996-1997. These actions will take place later this summer and fall. Your help will be needed to enlist support, write letters, attend meetings, make presentations, analyze data, and generally lobby on behalf of continued catch and release, no stocking. Please let us know if you are interested or willing to help. Call Doug Lovell at 510/528-4234, fax 510/528-2613, or email DOUGLOV@AOL.COM. Additionally, if you fish the Upper Sacramento River, make it a point to spend your money with the local business community. That means lodging, tackle, guides, and meals. Dorsey and Mt Shasta City are the two important communities. Also, when you do spend your \$\$ locally, tactfully mention that you are flyfishing and that you make the Upper Sacramento River a destination because of the catch and release regulations. Money talks. Let yours speak sincerely and convincingly. | | | | |
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