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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Including Fly of the Month

November
9 Line Sider
16 Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
17 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
18 O’Neil Forebay Fishout-Sturmer White Leader

December
2 Little Winter Stonefly (Dry)
9 Yuba River Steelhead
21 Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
22 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30

January
11 Little Winter Stonefly (Dry)
18 Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
19 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
ANNUAL DINNER REPORT

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE - NOW!

Rich Brown - Dinner Chairman

OK out there all you good Granite Bay Flycasters (and anyone else that enjoys a great event) It’s time to start planning for 3 Feb. 96. Remember, the goal this year is for every member to make a donation to the raffle. Let’s start bring our items in beginning this month’s general meeting. We are looking for anything related to fly-fishing, camping, outdoors, maybe some good wine - what ever is your strong point. We have always had great raffles in the past and this one should be just a little better than the last one. It’s important that we get these items (or just a description of what you intend to donate) early so that we have some idea how to plan.

Please bring your wallets or checkbooks to the November meeting, Dinner tickets will be on sale. Those buying tickets before December 1 qualify for the Early Bird Raffle - a custom made fly rod from American Rod Company. Tickets are $30. The dinner is Saturday, February 3, 1996. Call Rich Brown at 325-4564 or 797-0309 for more information.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings fellow flyfishers! Lots to talk about this month so I will dive right in and get started.

The Club’s annual swap meet and chili cook-off will take place at the clubhouse on December 2nd. This event has always been a lot of fun for numerous reasons. First of all it’s a great place to pick up holiday gifts for you flyfishing friends, second, you can munch out on some excellent chili and assorted munchies, and best of all it’s a good time to kick back, relax and tell your favorite fall fishing stories to your fellow club members.

Elections are coming up in December and nominations will be announced at the November 9th general meeting. All members are encouraged to run for a board or officer position. If you would like to get involved with the business side of the club and help put together events and activities for next year this is your opportunity. If you are interested contact any of the current officers or board members and talk to them about it.

I know that we are all proud to be members of the Granite Bay Flycasters, but now we have even more reason to be proud! GBF captured two of the four Northern California Council of FFF awards which were presented at the Conclave at Kings Beach. We received awards in the areas of Conservation and Education. The Conservation award was due to the hard work and effort the club has put in the Bear River Restoration Project. Special thanks and congratulations to Jim Coleman for leading this project and dedicating so much of his time toward our goal of restoring the Bear River. The Education award was received on behalf of the Egg-raising Program and our Youth Program. Again, special thanks...
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Con't)

to Rick Radoff and Mark Niece for chairing the Egg-raising program and to Jeanne and Ron English for their efforts with the Youth Program.

One last reminder. The Annual Dinner tickets are now on sale. Get them early so you won't be left out of what promises to be a great night. Mike Lawson will be our featured speaker to go along with a BBQ buffet dinner and of course the famous GBF dinner raffle.

President    Michael Wasserman

LIBRARY REPORT

by: Kim Roccoforte - GBF Librarian

The new books at the October GBF general meeting were well received. A big Thank YOU goes out to the following folks who returned their books and made donations on behalf of the library:

- Mark Lutz donated hand tied flies to the raffle
- Doyle Richardson donated Fly Fishing Strategy, by Doug Swisher and Cari Richards to the library,
- Jim Victorine donated the Fear of Fly Fishing by Jack Ohman to the library and to the raffle, donated several bottles of head cement and a handful of ceramic hook sharpeners which he made himself!

A message to Steve Avery - You did not lose the video you checked out back in September, the GBF Board Members located it the week after you checked it out!

I've had a great year and a half as Librarian - we are looking for someone to take over the library position beginning in January so that I can run for the position of GBF President for 1996. Please give me a call!

Keep the library circulating! See you in November!    Kim Roccoforte

FISHMASTER’S REPORT

November, 1995

Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

Upcoming Outings: On November 18th we will hold the Striped Bass outing at O'Neill Forebay, at San Luis Reservoir. There will be a map available at the November meeting. Sturmer White will lead this one. We had a good time last year; try to make it, if you can.

Past Outings: On October 21st, the Upper Sac. Outing was held. Eight members caught their share of the river's bounty. Unfortunately, I got diverted due to a houseful of guests, and couldn't make it (*@%$&*#).

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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YOUR NOMINATION PLEASE

Now is the time for us to decide who is going to take the helm of our club for 1996. There are quite a few positions open this year and there will probably be some we haven't planned on due to some of us taking on new tasks. We need nominations for: President, Vice President, Treasurer, 3 Board positions and don't forget, we need a new editor. Dig down deep and decide what you can do for your club or who you would like to see in any one of these positions. The nominations committee would welcome your input either way. Give Mike Wasserman (677-7189), Frank Stolten (725-6894) or — or any of the club officers or directors a call and voice your opinion. November meeting will entertain nominations and the vote will take place at the December meeting. Let's hear from you.

FRESHWATER STRIPERS
AT
O'NEIL FOREBAY
November 18th Fishout
Sturmer White - November Fishmaster

This fishout looks like it is going to turn out to be one of the best of the year. We have quite a few signed up already and Sturmer has provided us with lots of information, a map and even some flies just for the occasion. For those of you that haven't decided yet I'm repeating a part of last month's article just to wet your appetite.

"O'Neil Forebay has vast areas of gently sloping, weed-covered flats, and they can be a fly fishers dream at times. The water ranges from 3 to 15 feet deep with plenty of subsurface vegetation to sustain the bait fish, stripers feed on most. Striped bass are schooling species and few fish hit a streamer harder. If no fish are taken in one area, we will move until we find the fish. Occasionally we find only 12 inch fish. That's O'Neil Forebay flats. A 30 ponder may eat your fly on the next cast.

Many stripers are taken by wading anglers, but when wade fishing it takes experimentation to determine which sink rate line is best for existing conditions. Most of us will be using float tubes. It's easy, it's fun! Getting the fly down quickly to the level of the bass and keeping it there during the entire length of the retrieve is extremely important for success. High-density lines accomplish this very effectively."

If you missed the meeting or have just decided that you are interested give Sturmer a call, he'll fill you in or you can wait till the general meeting and hopefully catch him there.

Sturmer White 791-2618

---Big Stripers---
LAST MONTH'S WINNER
or
Jeanne Did it Again!

This must be the 14th time Jeanne English has won the fly tying contest. That's OK, Jeanne, keep it up! But, you better not let down because some of us are trying to catch you. Congratulations!

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ATTENTION NEW FLYFISHERS
by: Paul Roccoforte

If you have never tied flies before, give me a call and I will show you how. Also, if you are new to flyfishing or have not mastered the basics, call and I will meet on a stream or a lake. I know of quite a few nice spots that we can try. I have extra gear and tube and a flexible schedule. So give me a call - no charge - bring cookies.

Paul: 642-2929

Fishing Report

You have noticed by now that we don't have the latest Fishing Report reprinted here for everyone again. Your editor had a little problem with his fax machine and the FISH FIRST homing pigeon couldn't make up for my shortcomings. Let the good people at FISH FIRST know how much we appreciate these reports. They are at 1404 Solano 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.
The Signal Light*
By Ray Burkhart
Mid-Willamette Fly Fishers

Here is a steelhead pattern designed by Randall Kaufmann. It is a relatively new tie that takes advantage of the magic of Krystal Flash.

Lani Waller has an excellent article concerning winter steelhead in the Winter 1992 FLY FISHING QUARTERLY. This article is well written and of interest to all of us who flyfish for steelhead, winter run or summer run. One of the patterns that Waller places near the top among his favorites for cold and dirty water, is Randall Kaufmann’s Signal Light.

This is surely a pattern that we will be hearing more about. It is a beautiful pattern that embodies the characteristics of those that have become accepted favorites for steelhead regardless of the season. In the larger sizes and weighted it is reportedly a very good winter run fly. When tied on smaller and lighter wire hooks, it surely will have a place among our summer run flies.

**Hook:** Mustad 36890, Partridge M or TMC 7999. Sizes 2/0 to 6  
**Thread:** Black and strong  
**Tail:** Purple saddle hackle fibers  
**Body:** In three parts. Rear is fine strand of orange fluorescent fuzzy wool. Middle is fine strand of green fluorescent fuzzy wool. Front is black chenille of slightly larger diameter than fuzzy wool sections.  
**Rib:** Fine oval silver tinsel over all body sections  
**Under wing:** Mixed Krystal Flash composed of 3 or 4 strands each of red, royal blue, pearl and copper. This reaches back to tip of tail  
**Over wing:** Black marabou full. Suggested amount is one plume of appropriate size  
**Hackle collar:** Purple saddle hackle tied to low back and enclose wing. Reaches near hook point. Hackle is same as used for tail

Good Luck. Tight Threads and tight Lines.

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

THOUGHTS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF FISHING AND LIFE*

Compiled By Dr. John Connolly
Arrowhead Fly Fishers

One of the reasons that fly-fishing appeals to so many men, I think, is that the sport is non-competitive. There are occasional individuals, I know, who can't seem to be happy unless they go forth for the day's fishing laden with bets on the first fish, the largest fish, the heaviest creel, and so on. Such men miss the point. Angling is an aesthetic pleasure.  
William J. Schaldach

One has only to see a skillful performer casting a fly to appreciate that the sport has in it the elements of art. And an artist thinks seriously about his tools ... the angler has much the same feeling for his rod as that possessed by a violinist for a rare Amati or Guarnerius. William J. Schaldach

Come live with me and be my love, And we will some new pleasures prove of golden sands and crystal brooks, With silken lines and silver hooks. John Donne

There is certainly something in angling that tends to produce a gentleness of spirit and a pure serenity of mind. Washington Irving

To wear the clothing of an angler is not necessarily to be one, and the mere catching of fish is no recommendation to Walton's brotherhood of honest men ... I want to tell you something about fishing with artificial flies ... that fly-fishing is as much a way of living as it is a method of angling. A. J. McClane
THOUGHTS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF FISHING AND LIFE*(Con't)

The angler does not ask time from a clock face. His time is in shadow and light—in dark forest of red-wood, the brightness of clear water, in the misty outline of a wet green meadow... He stands apart from the precise steel mind of a clock when he wades to meet a river. A. J. McClane

Now I see the secret of making the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth. Walt Whitman

Adopt the pace of nature: Her secret is patience. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and storms their energy... and cares will drop off like autumn leaves. John Muir

One generation passes away, another generation cometh; but the earth abideth forever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasten to his place where he arose. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to its circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. Ecclesiastes

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

The NCC/FFF is sponsoring its annual Fly-Fishing Exposition and Hall of Fame Dinner at Fort Mason, Bldg. A, in San Francisco, Saturday, January 27, 96. The event begins at 9AM and will feature over forty of Northern California's best Fly-Tyers (including 3 from GBF) plus displays of antique tackle, bamboo rods, collectable art and books. Parking is free.


Beginning at 6PM, there will be a buffet with wine and a benefit auction. The evening concludes with ceremonies honoring Frank Mararelli who will be inducted into the NCCFFF Hall of Fame for his life-long contributions to fly tying, fly casting, conservation, fly fishing education and youth development. Admission is $5 per person at the door for the daytime show and $30 per person for both the day and evening events. All proceeds benefit the education and conservation activities of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

Reservations are required of the evening event. Please mail checks to:

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As the year draws to a close (at least the part of the year that we can work on the Bear) its time to look back and see what has been accomplished on this project. Those of you that have been up there can take a lot of pride in what you have done. As we check the pictures of last year at this time and the most recent ones, I’m sure you will be impressed. But, the pictures don’t really do it justice. We now have the lower section to the point you can visualize just what it will look like when mother nature has had a chance to help us out. You can see the new channel, where the banks will be and even where they will be undercut to make a great nursery or “hole” for that big one. Soon the gravel will wash in and we will have a great spawning bed area. You can already see many more fish (even though most are not very big yet) than there were here last year. It gets exciting so don’t plan on coming up to help out next year unless you are willing to run the risk of getting hooked.

Talk to the folks on the following list and see if I’m exaggerating. This is a list of those GBF’ers that pitched in this year. Some of these people were up there many many times and some were there only once but all of you deserve to be proud of what you did. Thanks go to:

David Baker    Bruce Bartholomew    Bruce Becker    James D. Bennett
James F. Bennett Tim Bellanger    Larry Burns    Donna Cunningham
Stephanie Dahl  Wayne Dahl      Terry Eggleston    Jim Ehring
John Hogg      Robert Hogg     Will Keller    Tom Klinefelt
Robert Naegle  Ron Otto        John Peterson   Ed Martello
Tom Ritchie    Kim Roccoforte  Paul Roccoforte  Marshall Smith
Frank Stilson  Jeff Stubbs     Vern Stubbs     Marti Wallace
Mike Wasserman Sturmer White    Vern Wilson     Jim Wycoff

And most of all we thank Jim Coleman our leader! THANK YOU ALL!!!
THE LEADER NEEDS A NEW EDITOR  
(The Old-One wore out).

This is a great way to help your club and one of the most interesting and fun jobs available. If you have any interest let us know soon. I can guarantee you will have a great time and the rewards will be far greater than you imagine. Remember the Leader is your publication and as such needs your support. Every member is encouraged to contribute. Whether you have an idea, criticism, a story, an article or you are a good artist that can draw a picture for us, please don't hold back. Contact your editor and let's hear what you have to say. Inputs are required by the 27th of November to make the December publication. These can be hand written, typed, faxed or dictated over the phone or just call and pass on your thoughts. The point is that we need input from you!

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SWAP MEET AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Granite Bay Flycasters’ annual swap meet and chili cook-off will take place at the clubhouse on December 9th. This event is always a lot of fun rain or shine, hopefully more shine than last year when it was wet and gloomy. Anyway, here’s the deal: clean out your garage and closets and collect all the flyfishing and camping gear you either don’t use anymore or have never used. Bring it down to the clubhouse on December 2nd and have a blast bartering with your fellow club members. While your digging out your gear get a pot of chili going on the stove and bring that along with you too. There will also be a chili cook-off, you didn’t think we would have a club event without food did you? Anyway, the best tasting chili as judged by your peers will receive a special prize. We would also ask that people bring some other assorted side dishes, you know stuff that goes with chili, like corn bread or Tums and Rolaids.

This is a great chance to pick up some holiday gifts for those hard to buy for flyfishing friends and relatives. There will also be GBF paraphernalia available (say that fast three times!) such as hats, tee shirts and patches. If you are going to be bringing items for sale let Mike Wasserman know by giving him a call or talking to him at the next general meeting (November 9th). Those people bring items should arrive around 9:00 to set up and then will get rolling around 10:00. The event will last until all items are sold or we run out of chili! There is a rumor circulating that your Board of Directors will be supplying beer and soda for the event. More info will be available at the November meeting.

Imagine yourself - fly rod in hand - standing on the bank of a wild river, full of enormous brown trout, in the pristine wilderness of the Chilean Andes, South America.

Well, Tom Eaton from the Amador Flyfishers Club recently traveled to Chile and experienced this trip of a life time first hand! According to Tom, the resident Brown trout of the Chilean Andes are huge and love rising to dry flies!

At our November 9th meeting Tom will share with us a video tape of his South American flyfishing adventure and tell us all the Fantastic Details!

See you there!!
TECH CLINIC
- How to Evaluate a Fly Rod -
by: Kerry Wilson

Saturday morning October 14, seven Granite Bay Flycasters appeared at the club house to listen and learn from John Hogg on how to evaluate fly rods. John’s rod evaluation sheet which listed 19 pre-casting elements and 13 casting elements to consider in selecting a fly rod served as the outline for the clinic. He explained and demonstrated each and every one of these elements. First, we covered up all the labels on the 11 rods there, then we had a chance to conduct our own evaluation, using John’s evaluation sheet. What an education.

As part of the rod evaluation, John spoke about the effect of the leader and the type of line you are casting on the rod. The most interesting point for me was John’s suggestion to stress the leader tip until it doesn’t break under “reasonable” tension. Then add the tippet material. This should reduce the amount of lost fish due to leader failure. Not to mention the loss of the last of your favorite flies you brought with you.

After the discussion and pre-casting inspection / evaluation of the 11 rods, we retired to the volley ball court to for the real test. The rods submitted ranged in quality from one that could-cast but would be very tiring to quality rods that worked well. We really learned a lot about flyrods and casting. What was good for one was not necessarily good for the next guy. What cost the most was not always the one that worked or checked out the best. THANK YOU JOHN!

EGG PUSHERS NEEDED

It's time for us to place the eggs for the Egg-Raising project in the schools again. We will pick up the eggs at the Nimbus fish hatchery and transport them to the various schools on our list. This is a fun time but if we don’t have enough people delivering, it can become just too much fun for one day. Therefore, if you can help out we would sure appreciate it. The exact day is not known yet because it depends on when the eggs will be ready but, it should be within the next two or three weeks. It may even be before the next general meeting so, don’t wait till then to let us know if you can help.

Give Fran Raddof (624-2107) or Frank Stolten (725-6894) a call for particulars as soon as you can. Even if you’re available only on certain days or times, let them know soon, so they can plan.
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:

Rules:
- 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.

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**CUTS**

(How many of these answers do you know?)

Q. What is the first thing to do for a cut?
A. Stop the bleeding. Apply direct pressure with a clean cloth

Q. How do you clean the cut?
A. Use large amounts of tap water. Then wash with an antiseptic such as Betadine. Don’t use soap, detergents, or hydrogen peroxide, - they may injure healthy tissue, prolong the healing and increase risk of infection.

Q. Now What? Cover it or leave it exposed?
A. It will heal faster if covered because a dry clean dressing limits the number of bacteria that can get in the way of the healing process.

Q. OK, Now do you need to see a doctor?
A. Yes, if:
- The cut was caused by a soiled object such as a lawn mower or by an animal
- If there is possibility there is still something still in there like glass or the tip of the hook.
- If there is numbness or abnormal nerve or muscle function below the cut.
- If its large enough for stitches - get them within the first few hours.

Q. Do you need to get a tetanus shot?
A. If you haven't had one in the last 10 years or 5 years if you receive a puncture wound during routine work/recreation.
FLYTYER'S CORNER

by
BILLY CARNAZZO

Linesider
November, 1995

Note: The Pattern for the November Fly Tying contest will be the Electric Caddis featured in the October Leader. Bring your best version to the November General Meeting. Remember--The winner gets a free GBP 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]

There are a variety of approaches to tying this fly; this is but one of many. Sturmer White will present other patterns for the striper outing at San Luis, at the November meeting. Try tying this one in black, purple and white.

**Linesider (Con't)**

Tying Instructions (white version):

1. After jamming on the white thread, add weight if desired, by wrapping shank beginning well behind where head will be located, and ending just above barb point.
2. Mount white marabou just above rear end of barb; mount crystal flash on top to that, leaving butt ends intact and extending forward over eye of hook. Tail should be approx. same length as shank.
3. Attach chenille at tail tie-in point; attach white saddle hackle by its tip at same point.
4. Wrap chenille forward in close wraps, to forward end of lead, and tie off. Take the first full wrap behind the saddle hackle.
5. Take the butt ends of the tail crystal flash and divide them into two equal halves. Bring one half up along each side of the body and tie it off at front end of body. This puts a "line" along each side of the fly.
6. Palmer up the saddle; when reaching the front of the body, add a few winds to create a soft hackle effect.
7. Mount a white marabou wing, topped with crystal flash (same color); wing should extend to middle of tail. Leave crystal flash butts, allowing them to stick out over eye.
8. Now build a nice, tapered full head of the black thread. Because white thread has been used so far, you will have to change threads at this point. You will be winding over the crystal hair butts in the process; keep them sticking out over the eye, and on top of the hook.
9. Once the head is formed, tie off black thread and cut it off. At rear of head, and against wing base, tie on bright orange thread. Take crystal hair butts and bring them back across top of head so butts are now to rear, and will blend with wing. Tie them off with red thread, at same time creating a narrow band. Tie off and cut thread. This is intended to imitate gills, or something similar.
10. Use Joli-glaze or similar product to create a deep gloss on head. When this is dry, paint on eyes with drop of white or yellow paint. Later, add a pupil or contrasting color.
11. Rip some lips.

See ya on the creek!!!