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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Including Fly of the Month

September
8th, 9th, 10th
Rabbit Leach Youth Meeting - Trinity Alps Camp/Fishout
9
CCI Casting Clinic - 10 AM - John Hogg Instructor
14
Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
16
Rod Evaluation Clinic - 10 AM - John Hogg Instructor
Bear River - Workday - Jim Coleman
21
Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
23
Robinson Creek Fishout -
29 - Oct 1
NCCFFF Conclave - Kings Beach

October
12
Electric Caddis Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
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Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
20
Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
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Open House 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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18
Line Sider O'Neil Forebay Fishout - Sturmer White Leader
December
1
Little Winter Stonefly (Dry)
Yuba River Steelhead
ANNUAL DINNER REPORT

September 1995
Rich Brown - Dinner Chairman

The annual dinner will be on the first Saturday in February. Our guest will be Mike Lawson of Henry's Fork Anglers. He will put on a daytime program, as well as an after dinner presentation.

Our new location will be at the Maidu Center on Rocky Ridge Drive in Roseville. Tickets will remain at $30.

We will have a buffet style barbecue dinner prepared by Hogs Heaven of Colusa.

Dinner tickets will go on sale in September at the monthly meeting. Tickets for the grand prize - a Water otter - will also be available.

This year we would like every club member to do two things:
1. Buy at least one dinner ticket
2. Donate, or get someone else to donate, a raffle item. You may bring raffle donations to any monthly meeting starting in September.

We are looking forward to a great event. This is GBF's main fund-raiser for the year, so the help and participation of each club member is crucial. If you would like more information, or would like to help, call Rich Brown at 325-4564 (day) or 797-0309 (evening).

Rich Brown

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow flyfishers! From the dwindling attendance at our August general meeting it is obvious that many members are on vacation. I hope this means that we will have lots of good stories about fishing experiences at the September meeting. Those of you who were able to attend the August meeting got a first hand look at how GBF is contributing to the knowledge pool in the area of fisheries research and conservation. Derek Irwin, a UC Davis student, was our speaker and first ever recipient of the GBF Fellowship Award. The Fellowship Award was established to provide funding to a student research in the areas of fisheries management and conservation. Derek presented the results from his study on smallmouth bass swimming mechanics. His presentation was very well received and made all of us proud that GBF was able to contribute to this endeavor. We asked Derek to attend the Board of Directors meeting (August 17) to provide us some more detail with regard to the Fellowship. After he spoke, the Board voted to continue support of the Fellowship and we hope that we can continue to provide opportunities in research to students like Derek.

On the weekend of August 12 - 13 Jim Coleman put together a work/fish/camp outing at the Bear River in an effort to have members help out with the on-going restoration project. This event was poorly attended and the topic was discussed in length at the Board meeting. The Bear River restoration project is a source of great pride for GBF, yet we seem to have trouble getting members to volunteer time to help out. What has developed is a small (very small) group of "regulars" who have put in a heck of a lot of time and effort to keep this project afloat. We cannot continue in this manner if we want to keep the project exclusively a GBF effort. I am appealing to all members to try and volunteer some time and help out with this project. Even if you can help for a few hours it would be much appreciated. The next scheduled work day will be September 16th. I believe that all members will find this to be a rewarding experience. A big thank you goes out to Jim and his faithful group that has so far shouldered more of the load than they should be. Get involved and do your part for the future of trout fishing, after all this is what we're all about.

Rich Brown
Presidents Message (Con't)

Upcoming events include the Robinson Creek fishout (Sept. 23) and the Conclave at Kings Beach (Sept. 29 - Oct. 1). Terry Eggleston, who usually leads the Robinson Creek fishout, will be unavailable this time because he is in Alaska doing some guiding. Bill Camazzo is looking for a volunteer to take his place and lead this fishout. Hope to see many of you at both of these events. Until then, call a fishing buddy and hit your favorite stream or river, just remember to let 'em go alive.

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Clinic 2 - Technical Clinic - How to evaluate a Fly Rod

Have you ever had someone hand you a rod in a store and say "This is a really great rod, give it a try!" So you shake it up and down a few times, and reply, "Yeah, its got a great action!" (.... meanwhile you're wondering just what the heck is a great action.) And what about the spline of your rod, did you test it when you bought the rod to make sure the guides were located properly relative to the spline? And what about the number of guides on the rod? How many is good? And what about their spacing? Hookkeepers, good or bad? Up locking or down locking reel seats? Stripping guides, one, two or three?

And flylines, why do I buy a six weight rod, and then some "expert" tells me I should put on a seven weight line? And casting... one guru tells me double taper lines are better, another swears by weight forward lines.

And do you really have to pay $300 or more to get a decent quality flyrod? And what about the discount stores? Can I get a good quality rod there?

We'll cover these issues, and many more including how to evaluate and test a rod so you can tell the good from the bad, from the ugly, and how to choose intelligently from the scores of flylines available, and the real scoop on leaders. And finally, how to tie 'em all together to best meet your particular fishing circumstances.

This clinic will be conducted on Saturday, September 16th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Location will be announced at the next meeting or by phone. Cost is $10, payable to GFB. Bring your own lunch. For casting, bring the same outfit described for Clinic 1.

For further information call John Hogg at 916-823-9744
Traditionally, the FFF has offered an opportunity at the Northern California Conclave for fly casters to attend a seminar and take the test required for certification as a Certified Casting Instructor. For the testing portion, the caster is required to demonstrate proficiency with the false cast, forward cast, reach cast, roll cast off both shoulders and a 70-foot distance cast correctly using the double haul. Additionally, the caster must demonstrate certain common faults on demand including the tailing loop, open loop, and lack of timing.

This clinic is an unofficial warm-up for the testing portion. We will simulate test conditions, and assist participants in meeting the test’s requirements. Additionally, casters will be oriented to some of the how-to’s of casting instruction, in hopes they will be available as instructors and coaches for GBF clinics in the future.

While the main purpose of the clinic is developing CCI test proficiency, any member desiring to improve their casting, or getting involved as an instructor in future clinics, is encouraged to attend.

This clinic will be conducted on Saturday, September 9th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Location will be announced at the next meeting or by phone. Cost is $10, payable to GBF. Bring your own lunch. For casting, bring 5 to 7 weight rod, floating line, 7.5 foot 1x or 2x leader, and a #10 bushy

FISHMASTER’S REPORT
September, 1995
Bill Carnazzo, Fishmaster

Upcoming Outings: On September 23rd, we will hold the Robinson Creek outing. Terry Eggleston was scheduled to lead this one; however, Terry will be in Alaska at that time. So we need an experienced volunteer outing fishmaster for Robinson Creek. Please give me a call if you are interested.

Also coming up is the Youth Group fishout at Trinity. Contact Ron English (677-7169) if you want to go on this one. The outing will be held the weekend of September 9 - 10.

Past Outings: The North Yuba outing was held as scheduled on July 29th. It was attended by 16 GBF members, the Fishmaster, and his eldest son. The fishing, for most, was good. For some, it was excellent. Fish were caught on dries and nymphs. The river was in great shape for wading, although caution was still warranted in many sections. A number of larger browns were taken - one in the “very large” class. Pizza was enjoyed by some in Downieville after the fishout.

The Rucker Lake outing was also held; however, I assume that Paul and Kim will provide a report on that.

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)
Note: The Pattern for the September Fly Tying contest will be the Zug Bug featured in the August Leader. Bring your best version to the September 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]

This pattern, also sometimes called a “Bunny Leech”, is one of those fishy looking flies that gives one confidence when it is tied on. Use a Duncan Loop to attach it to the tippet; this will give the fly more motion in the water. It should be weighted. When fished, try slow strips alternating with faster, short strips. Be sure to let it sink before commencing to strip.

Rabbit Leech

Materials:
Hook
Thread
Weight
Tail
Body
Topping

Tiemco 300; Mustad 97580, or equiv. #2-6
Black 6/0 or 8/0
Your choice
Black rabbit fur strip, with 4 strands of red and blue crystal flash
Black rabbit fur strip, wrapped
3 strands red crystal flash fly such as a Royal Wulff

BRING EM WITH YOU!

This year our Annual Dinner committee is going out of their way to make it easy for you to do your share. Beginning this meeting, there will be a table set up to accept your donations. So start thinking what your planning on donating and bring it in to the next meeting. The committee will collect, catalog and store your items for the big night. I’ll bet they even will send you a nice thank-you letter. Come on everyone, let’s all do our share and do it early so we can make it a little easier for the crew that has to figure this all out.

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This months outing planned for Sept. 8, 9, 10 to be the Trinity. Will be camping at the Tannery Campground. We plan to fish the Trinity river by the hatchery and also Coffee Creek where we hope to find some Kokanee. Call The English’s for details.

We had a good meeting in August with about eight members attending. We tied some flies that we hope will work at the Trinity.

Rabbit Leech (con’t)

**Tying Instructions:**

1. After covering hook with thread, apply weight. Smash barb.

2. Take 1/8” wide rabbit strip, and tie in a piece equal to shank length for tail. Top with 4 strands of red/blue crystal flash. Tail should be tied in directly above back of now-smashed barb.

3. At same tie in point as tail, tie in another strip of rabbit, 1/8” in width, to be wound forward around shank for the body. Tip: for winding purposes, as opposed to the tail, it is better to use rabbit strips which are “cross-cut”, so that the fur lays in the proper direction.

4. Wind the strip forward, creating a thick body, soft in texture. Leave enough room at the front for the head.

5. Top the body with 3 strands of red crystal flash, form a nice even head, and whip finish.

Watch that indicator, and hang on because they don’t take this fly softly.

- 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:

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.

CORRECTION

Several readers have noticed a typographical error or two in the past few issues. In the spirit of everyone pitching in and doing their part, I would appreciate if you would each review the last 6 issues and insert the following corrections as appropriate.

Thank you! Your Editor
Learn from the finest fly tyers....
Over 40 world class tyers will be demonstrating their techniques and
creative ties in the fly tying theater. A wealth of fly tying creativity,
knowledge and skill will be shared as these innovative tiers invite you to
sit down and join them in their favorite patterns. Some of these special
people include Ned Long, Andre Puyans, Kate and Bill Howe, Chris
Barza, Larry Glenn, Ed Berg, Dan Blanton, Jim Christensen, Gene
Kaczmarek, Jennifer Lee, Edie Mashiko, Ralph Wood, Dorothy Zinsky,
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Workshops.

NCCFFF YOUTH CONCLAVE

The Granite Bay Flycasters is once again heading up the youth
activities for the Conclave. Our Youth Group and its Leaders
Ron and Jeanne English will be organizing and running this part of
the Conclave again. Those of you that were there last year realize how
well received this was last year and we hope to have even more response
this year. Jeanne tells me that they will need assistants particularly for
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Ok, I admit it, I'm one of those guys who think bass are a species of fish that goes along with those pork-rind throwing boy-howdy's on Sunday morning TV ... certainly not a fish fit to catch with a fly rod ... right?

Well, according to our September speaker, Ken Henley, I've been missing lots of fun!

Ken says we're in a perfect location for some HOT fall season bass fishing in shallow water, from a boat or wading. He will also cover in his presentation some interesting facts about the yearly cycle of the bass (both large and small mouth).

Maybe it's not too late for me and the others like me to change ... got any extra poppers I can borrow?

See you there!!

An Open Invitation to all Fly Fishers and Fly Tyers

NCC/FFF Conclave - Sept. 29th thru Oct 1st 1995
Kings Beach, CA

Conclave 95 will feature Ralph Cutter on his specialized techniques for fishing the lakes and streams of the Sierras, Ken Hanley on inshore saltwater fishing, John Shewey on fishing for summer steelhead in Oregon rivers. These experts will teach you how to find your quarry, how to fish for them and what equipment and techniques to use. Ralph Cutter will give the keynote address at Saturday evening's Dinner. There will be a live auction of fly fishing items and raffle.

Review some of the already committed presenters/fly tyers that will help make this a show you don't want to miss:

Notable speakers include Lani Waller on steelhead fishing, Andy Burk's excellent program on a practical approach to fishing stillwaters, Jim Victorine on bass and sunfish techniques, Brett Jensen on the Klamath and Trinity River Steelhead, Dick Galland on Wild Trout Waters, Frank Armendariz on Deschutes River Fly Fishing, Randy Johnson on Truckee Tahoe Fly fishing, Additional speakers Fred Rowe, Don Johnson, Sarge Reynolds, Press Powell, Milt Jensen, Dave Simmons, Denis Pierce, Andre Puyans, Ron Rabun, Jay Murakoshi, Mark Hoesser.
THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE* (con’t)

The environmental battle cry has been "Think globally.Act locally." Our best hope and perhaps our only hope of success is to stay united. As a group, we have the capability of making our influence felt politically. Until the politicians understand our concerns and we make the environment our top priority, it will most certainly not be one of theirs.

In my position as sales manager for a broadcast video equipment company, by necessity I am in contact with cutting edge communication technologies. There has been a synergy of video and computer technologies that is expanding every day. The new buzz word is "virtual reality." Virtually reality is already being used to help train fighter pilots. The promise of this technology is that someday we'll be able to transport ourselves into a computer generated three dimensional world by slipping on a special headset and goggles. Imagine sitting in your living room and booting-up your favorite fly fishing destination on your computer. You slip on the headset and instantaneously your streamside casting to artificially generated trout, rising to artificially generated bugs, as an artificially generated sun sets in an artificially generated sky.

Unless we are prepared to take a more aggressive stance on the environment and get more involved politically, virtual reality may be our only reality.

*From the FFF Newsletter Story File

Judy and I attended the 1995 National FFF Conclave which was held in Livingston, Montana, on August 9 - 12. Also there from GBF were Ron, Jeanne, Isaac and Nick English, Michael and Morgan Thalken, Rick Radoff and Bud Pate. Of course, Ed and Marie Stull, now residents of nearby Bozeman, were there also.

Suffice it to say that the Conclave was well worth the long drive and effort to get to Livingston. While there is not enough space here to detail all of the activities and events, the flytying education was itself worth it all. Tyers from all over the world were there, demonstrating new and different techniques, materials, and methods. Trust me - tying is not what it was 35 years ago... now there I go, dating myself!!!

Ron an I had the pleasure of acting as guides for the youth fishing day. We each took several young people fishing on the Yellowstone. While we had an astounding "whitefish" day, we had a lot of fun. We may even have provided some helpful education for the young folks — hopefully.

Of course, we took plenty of time out from the Conclave each day to take advantage of the available fishing around Livingston. Many nice trout (and a lot of whitefish) were hooked and released during these times.

I’m happy to report that Ed and Marie’s new home in Bozeman is coming right along, thanks to their stalwart contractor, Rick Radoff. Their view of the valley is astounding, and their home will be beautiful. We were able to visit the site on our way west, after the Conclave.

The English/Carnazzo camping crew and a great time in the Livingston Campground -- not exactly your typical wilderness, backcountry camp area. Surrounded by a freeway on one side, city streets on another, and a busy rail line on a third side, it was nevertheless a fun experience. But, that’s another story -- for a later edition of the Leader.
On the way home, Judy and I spent a couple of days fishing the Lochsa River in southwestern Idaho. The Lochsa has 35 miles of catch and release, fly fishing water. It is loaded with fat Cutthroats, and innumerable Steelhead smolts. We, of course, ripped many a lip here. Leaving there, we headed across the Oregon desert, and spent a couple of days on the North Umpqua, where the trout fishing was outstanding on nymphs, and good on dries. Chased from this location by a horrendous rainstorm, we headed for Dunsmuir, where we spent another couple of days fishing the wonderful stream, the Upper Sac. As you can see, we had a great time. The old hippie wagon -- our '62 VW Westfalia -- just kept right on chugging along. But that too is another story for another time.

I recommend the 1996 Conclave, also to be held in Livingston, to you. And don’t forget the Tahoe NCCFFF Conclave this Fall.

Fly fishing is sometimes described as the “zen” of sport fishing. I believe that’s true. I am certain that there are those so deeply enthralled with the sport that it sometimes borders on the fanaticism of a religious cult. Norman Maclean’s book, A River Runs Through It, begins “In our family there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing. It is that way for many of us. Therein lies both our strength and our weakness, for like other cults, our passion for our beloved sport sometimes takes on a self righteous tone. We tend to believe our particular method is the only true way to enjoy the sport; anything else is heresy.

We argue about the ethics of strike indicators while the Henry’s Fork slips into mediocrity. We argue whether light rods and light tippets overtax fish while Taneycomo turns into a sewer. All other issues that might serve to divide us should pale in comparison to the environmental damage being wrought on trout habitat.

That message was powerfully brought home to me by Gary Borger’s program at a recent Conclave, “Where The Trout Are.” Coincidental to Gary’s program, the following evening KY3-TV aired “Total Impact—The White River in Dilemma”, a report on the environmental impact of our area’s growth on the White River Basin. Much of that report was not news to those of us who have witnessed first hand the decline in the fishery below Table Rock Dam. But the extent of the pollution to the entire White River system, both lakes and tailwaters, should send a chill down your spine.

I believe it is time we all became more environmentally involved. Devastation of trout habitat is no longer just a far away concern, if indeed it ever was. It’s occurring in our own back yard. Picking up the trash at Crane Creek once or twice a year is not enough.
The Golden Trout Program Congratulates and welcomes one new member. James D. Bennett completed his last requirement during the Work Day on the Bear River. He says he really enjoyed participating in the program and especially the conservation efforts at the Bear.

Signed, Steve and Vern.

BEAR RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT
WORK DAY

What happened? Did we scare you with the word “work”? I made it smaller in the title this month just in case. As you know we had a major push planned for the 12th of August to really make a big effort for this project, before it gets too dry to get anything into the meadow. Well, we had a few of the dedicated and very few of the rest of us showed up. On Sunday 50% of the workers were not even members. That 50% was one of Jim’s friends. I tip my hat to him.

This really is a great opportunity to put something back into our sport and the “work” isn’t all hard. Jim is planning another big weekend the 12th of October. Let’s show him we don’t expect him to do it all. We should have about 50 of us there that weekend. So mark your calendars now and keep tuned for more details. I’ll see you there. Your editor.

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. They are 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.
Please print and fill out all information on this form. The registration fee for conclave '95 is $25 per individual and $35 per family (includes 2 adults and children under 17) for entire weekend. Registration does not include after hours cocktail or dinner functions, raffles or auctions, which are priced separately below. All meal functions are limited in size, so advance purchase is advised. Tickets for all functions will be held for pickup at the North Tahoe Conference Center when you arrive. Daily registration is $10. Full payment must accompany this form.

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