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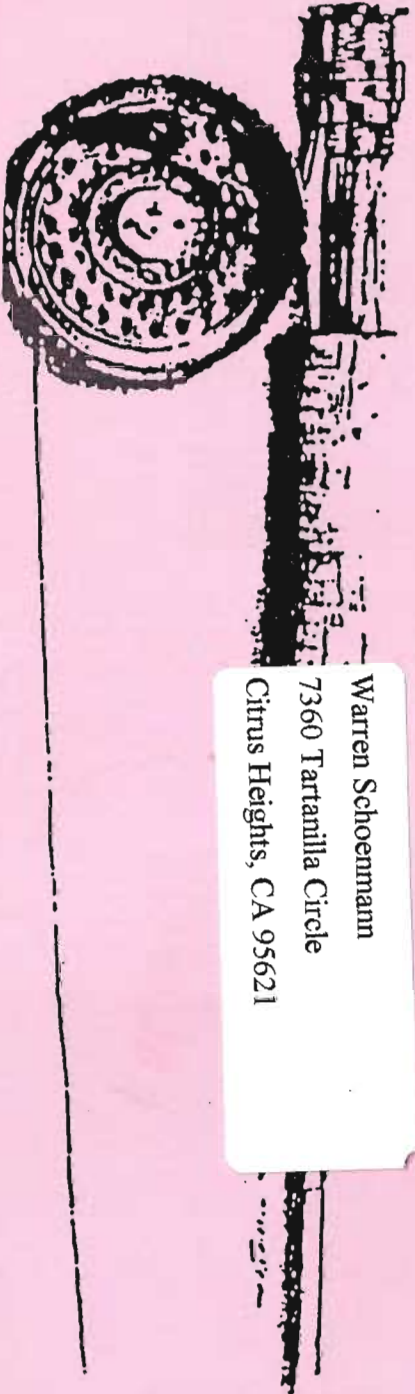
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April

11	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
13	Fishout - Rancho Seco (Joe Bania)
17	Casting Coaches Clinic (John Hogg)
18	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
20	Kiene's Fly Fishing Expo 9:00 - 5:00
21	Fairfield Fly Shop Grand Opening
24	Novice Casting Clinic (John Hogg)
27	Opening Day General Trout Season

May

1	Novice Casting Clinic (John Hogg)
4	Novice Casting Clinic (John Hogg)
8	Advanced Casting Clinic (John Hogg)
9	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
15	Advanced Casting Clinic (John Hogg)
16	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
18	Annual Picnic

June

1	NCC/FFF Quarterly Meeting
13	Club Meeting - Clubhouse 7:30
15/16	One Fly Contest (16th) at Indian Creek (Terry Eggleston)
20	Board Meeting - Clubhouse 7:00
21	Youth Meeting - Clubhouse 6:30
29/30	Bear River Project Weekend

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Ok, I think we are all ready for opening day. **Bill Carnazzo** and **Terry Eggleston** have completed their fly tying classes and now we all have some new sources for flies. **Jeanne** and **Ron English** have finished a similar class for the youth group so we should be in good shape for many years to come. I've checked around and the reports I've gotten back are great. Everyone involved with the fly tying was very satisfied. About the time that you are reading this edition of the Leader, **Bill** and his merry band of fly tyers will be putting on their annual "Tips and Techniques" class. This is one of the most interesting tying events that I have ever been to. I hope a lot of you had an opportunity to participate.

Carol Hopkins' CPR and First Aid classes were conducted on two successive weekends so now we have more certified people around in case of an emergency. I suggest that any time you are planning a fishing trip to your favorite secret spot that you call last years president or this years president and invite them along - just in case.

This month **John Hogg** is putting on his novice casting clinic. His timing is great, just after taxes and just before opening day! What a way to change our thought patterns and prepare us for a fresh approach for the rest of the year.

Did you notice how much brighter it was last time you walked into the clubhouse? We can thank **Terry Eggleston** and **Ron English** for installing a new bank of lights which were provided by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

When I talked to **Jim Coleman** last week he told me that he had been up to the Bear River project and it is looking good. All of the structure we put in last year is still in place and is starting to collect soil and debris just as planned. He also talked to the people who control the flow of water through the Bear River and they believe we have seen the highest flow we will see this year. I hope that you are all planning to help out with the project this season. We need to hit it hard every chance we get and we need **your** help to do it.



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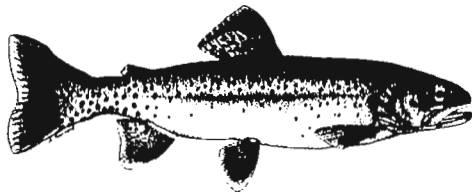
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While we are talking about conservation I want to mention **Joe Bania's** plans for this year. Be sure to read his articles in this Leader and while you're doing that think about what you can do to give him a hand. GBF is organized as a conservation group and we fully intend to do what we can to assure that fishing in our area continues to improve.

A quick check with **Kerry Wilson** confirmed my suspicions. The fishout at the coast produced a few "fish stories". I hope I can get someone to tell one or two of them at the general meeting on the 11th. **Kerry** said he had some pictures too, maybe he'll bring them along to share.

Remember, opening day is this month - Let's go fishin' !!!

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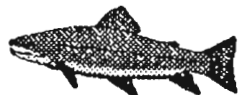
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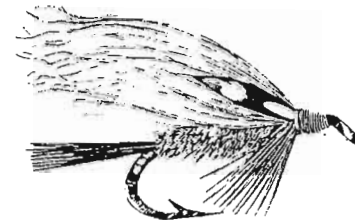
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS FOR APRIL...

- **FLY TYING CLINIC:** April 19 • 5-9 pm. **Ken Hanley**, author of *Surf Zone & California Fly Fishing and Tying*, presents a hands-on clinic. Limited to 12 anglers. \$25.
- **FLY TYING CLINIC:** April 20 • 10 am-2 pm. **Andy Burke**, one of the best tiers in the west! Bring your vice and notebook. Limited to 12 students. \$30.
- **UPPER SACRAMENTO CLINIC:** April 21 • 10 am-2 pm. **Ron Hart** will teach about this great river & the flies you need. Last class was a sellout! Limited to 12. \$25.

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If anyone found a set of keys at the March general meeting please contact any of the club officers. Approximately 8 keys were on a plain split ring. The owner has been having to walk to work and sleep on his driveway since the loss. The keys may have accidentally ended up in a box or package, please check your stuff. Thank you.

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

by Robert Tamson

I'm delighted to announce that **Milt Jensen of Merganser Outfitters** will be our speaker this month! The subject of Milt's program will be stillwater flyfishing techniques that he and his clients use to catch monster trout on the waters that he guides.

Milt will share with us information on four of the fantastic lakes that he guides on. These will include: Lake Almanor, Eagle Lake, Butt Valley Reservoir, and lastly a 400 acre private trophy-trout fishery called Five Dot Reservoir which has trout up to 8 pounds!

For up to the minute fishing reports on the Lassen area and surrounding waters, or to talk to Milt about a guided trip with Merganser Outfitters, give him a call at (916) 343-4071.

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I knew that would get your attention. Anyway, please check your updated schedules and make sure you pay attention to any announcements made in the Leader or the general meetings about dates and times of club events. The club calendar is put together at the start of the year and there are times when weather conditions, fishing reports, or availability of people can cause dates to be changed. Again, please listen up for any changes. If you are not sure contact one of your club officers.

KIENE'S FLY FISHING EXPO - APRIL 20TH

FUNDAMENTALS OF FLY CASTING CLASSES

GBF's flycasting class schedule begins with the Fundamentals Classes set for the following dates:

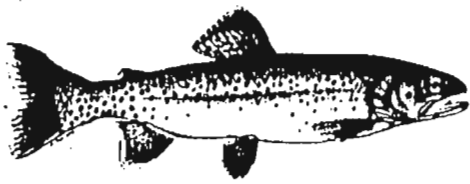
- 1st class: April 24th (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. to dusk
- 2nd class: May 1st (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. to dusk
- 3rd class: May 4th (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This schedule will provide ample time to learn the basics of fly casting and keeps Opening Day weekend clear (April 27th) which we must avoid or otherwise suffer the unrepentant absence of most of our coaches! The cost of the class is \$15, payable to GBF.

We encourage students not to purchase a fly rod just for the purpose of the class. The Club has recently acquired six St. Croix 9 foot, 5/6 weight rods and we will have other extra rods as well. If you are just about ready to purchase a rod, hold off until after the class, as you will be far more qualified to judge a rod and make an informed decision.

The class agenda will include: the roll cast, basic forward cast, false casting, shooting a line for extra distance, and rigging rod, line, leader, and fly for effective casting. This class is primarily designed for novice casters, however people who want to tune up their skills are more than welcome to attend.

The class location will be at the pond at Bill Carnazzo's home. Maps and directions will be provided at the April meeting, or by calling John Hogg at 483-0100 (work) or 823-8744 (home).



For those of you who like to learn new fishing methods and skills while at the same time helping your club acquire new members, we have a deal for you. On Saturday, April 20th GBF will be sponsoring a booth at Kiene's Fly Fishing Expo. This endeavor will be similar to the booth we had at the Cal Expo Show where we introduce new and old fly fishers to the variety of activities which GBF has to offer. This annual event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and there is no admission charge. Kiene's is located at 2654 Marconi Ave. in Sacramento.

The program will consist of many enjoyable exhibits including manufacturers of float tubes, fly fishing rods and reels, waders and other outerwear, and guide services. Fly tying demonstrations, featuring some of the elite tyers on the west coast (including some of our very own!), will be taking place throughout the day. There will also be a fly casting contest (open to anyone willing to try) and door prizes consisting of products from the major suppliers. The special feature of the day will be an on-going presentation by Greg Lilly. Greg is a nationally known guide and instructor based in the Yellowstone region. He will be performing casting and fly presentation techniques on a portable trout stream with moving water.

While you are visiting the show we are asking that members demonstrate some good old club spirit by volunteering some time at our booth. Even if you can help out for an hour or so it would be much appreciated. A sign up list will be circulated at the April meeting. Hope to see you all there, this is always a fun-filled event.

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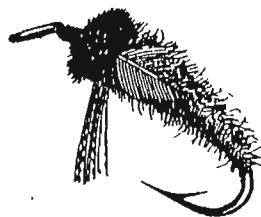
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CASTING COACHES WANTED

The Fundamentals of Casting" classes will be starting soon (see accompanying article in this edition of the Leader) and coaches are needed. If I have not already buttonholed you, please give me a call if you would like to participate as a coach. This is a great opportunity for you to help your fellow members, and at the same time benefit as a caster and instructor.

A coaches meeting will be conducted on Wednesday evening April 17th at Bill Carnazzo's pond. We will cover coaching techniques and the fundamentals course syllabus. If you can help out please call John Hogg at 823-9744.



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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON...OBSERVATION

by

A Thinly Hackled Emerger

What follows here is one flyfisher's considered opinion on the age-old question of what makes a successful angler successful...i.e., what is it about the person that consistently catches fish, that distinguishes her/him from others not so fortunate?

If we search our memories, we most certainly will recall a day when no matter how we tried, we could not catch our proverbial backsides with both hands. And yet, lurking nearby wearing a smug grin is a fellow angler hooking guide-sized trout on every cast (or so). Screwing up all our courage, with teeth firmly clenched and ill temper barely concealed, you subtly clear your throat and blurt out that age-old cliché oft heard uttered by frustrated flycasters----"Say, friend, whatchya using?"

Expecting a disdainful stare, you are mildly surprised (and relieved) at his folksy-sounding voice in response: "Well, suh, it's jus' my good ole standby, the freebie special tied to imitate the kranitz hatch." Well, now, that explains it all, you think to yourself, staring blankly at him as he quietly departs the water saying "I've got to head for the barn now; my arm is hurting from landing all those bruisers. Good luck, ya all." Hoping against hope that he didn't notice your utter bewilderment, you fumble for your flybox to search again in vain for that magic bug sure to turn the tide.

Sound familiar? There are myriad factors which may affect a flyfisher's success rate. Obviously, foremost among these is the individual's relative skill level; all other things being equal, a skilled flyfisher will land more fish. For example, an experienced nymph fisher will be more apt to recognize or detect a strike than a novice.

Other variables include appropriateness of equipment (e.g., having a floating line in a situation where one is required); weather conditions; local knowledge (e.g., familiarity with the feeding idiosyncrasies of fish on a particular stream); and the angler's mental/emotional state on a particular day (e.g., ability to concentrate)--believe it or not, karma and angst can have a clear and definite effect on how the flyfisher works the fly and handles the line, all of which affects presentation and therefore how many fish are fooled [this interesting psychological/philosophical concept could be the subject of a series of essays for its own sake; I'll spare you that now, though].

Setting all of those factors aside, and assuming that they are not applicable, a major variable in success rates is the angler's essential connection with his/her surroundings--what I call "centered observation". What follows here, and in the next few Leader issues under my byline, is all opinion and entirely subjective but without judgment--which imposes right/wrong on things which just are. In other words, no criticism is intended--just some (hopefully) helpful "observations" and insights, with a little poking of fun to keep things light.

"Centered observation"--what is it? In a word, and reduced to its simplest formulation, it's one's sense of awareness. It is understanding and believing that I am connected to, and one with, this place where I find myself at this moment endeavoring to defraud trout, or bass, or surf perch.

Let's put some meat on those bones. On countless occasions, I have watched in utter amazement an angler approach a stream by marching right into the water, aiming for a specific spot, or no particular spot, totally oblivious that he/she has just scattered catchable (and often large) trout to the four winds. By blindly traipsing through such habitat, the angler has blown a prime opportunity.





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BRITISH COLUMBIA FISHING TRIP ???

Several club members, namely retired types such as **Vern Stubbs, John Peterson, Jim Coleman, Tom Klienfelter, and Bus Gehring** have tentatively planned on motoring up to the Lake Williams area of British Columbia sometime in June. The plan is to take RV's and boats and fish the streams and lakes on the way and around Lake Williams. If anyone is interested in tagging along in their own vehicle or sharing a ride contact any of the above to see what it's all about.



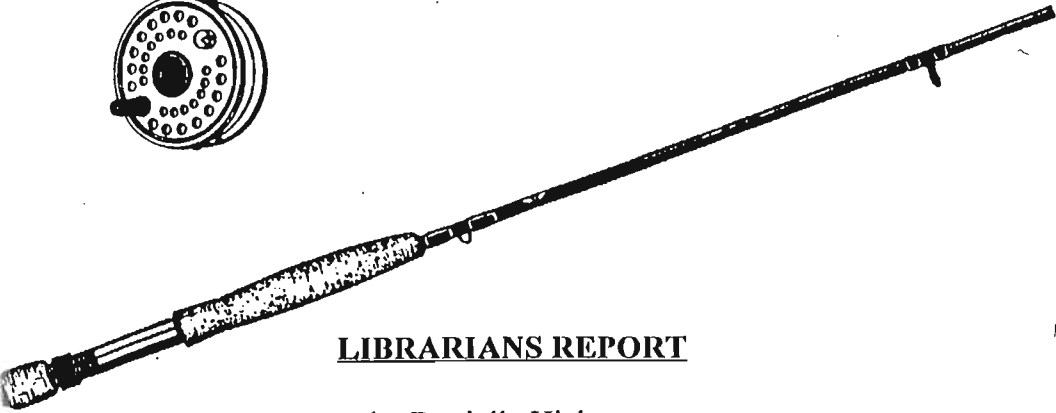
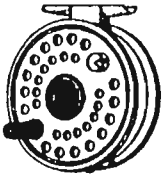
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LIBRARIANS REPORT

by Danielle Hickman

Greetings fellow GBF members! Thanks one and all to those who returned books and videos at the March meeting. I hear the turnout was spectacular to see Ken Hanley. Also, a big "thank you" to Terry Burkes for standing in for me while I enjoyed the Cambridge Heights kindergarten presentation of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". It was a "must see" performance (two thumbs up!). If anyone still has outstanding materials call me, we finance.

The latest addition to the library is a collection of short stories entitled The Armchair Angler. It's a nice casual reading book... good for the fireplace. The board of directors has been very generous this year with the library budget. If you have items of specific interest you would like to see in the library please let me know. See you all in April.

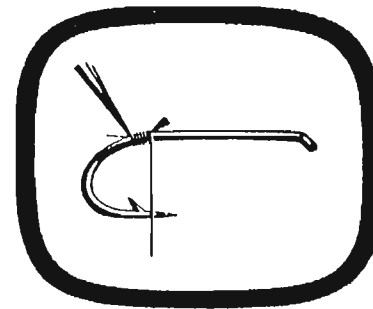


Here is the point—quiet observation, prior to entering the stream, will enhance your day. The angler who "sizes up" the water from a safe distance while rigging up or changing flies, and who looks carefully for streamside/waterborne insect and fish activity in the shallows and just off the bank, begins his/her angling experience by connecting to the environment inhabited by the piscatorial prey. In other words, I endeavor to **become the fish** from the moment I reach streamside. By observing in this manner, the angler will increase fish-spotting skills, learn to read water, and "get entomological".

In contrast, the angler who splashes directly into the stream, casting blindly and repeatedly, begins the day disconnected. "Connections" with fish may occur, but my experience tells me that they will be fewer in number and lesser in quality than those enjoyed by the observant angler who may ultimately reach that same spot in the stream, but only after carefully, quietly and methodically searching all of the water between the bank and that spot.

In future issues, this concept of centered observation will be explored further. We'll consider such things as clothing, bugs, reading water, drift technique, finding the fish, and generally enjoying oneself while fishing—with some humour sprinkled in here and there.

In the meantime...think sparse!!!



SURF FISHING OUTING AT POINT REYES

by Kerry Wilson

Nine Granite Bay Flycasters and four guests hit the beach near Point Reyes on Saturday, March 23rd for a day of surf fishing. The weather was excellent; a light off-shore breeze, warm sun, and moderate surf.

We all walked into the surf and proceeded to test our skill against the elusive surf perch. Frank Stolten caught the first perch on a "surf percher red" fly. Frank casted behind the breaking wave until the fly was on the bottom then started stripping in to catch his fish. Ron English picked up the slack for the rest of us by hooking 6 fish and landing 3. He was also using the "surf percher red" fly. Ron also caught fish on a red and gold "wooly bugger". Most of us fished all morning until the tide turned in the early afternoon.

After fishing and lunch, most of us headed to the hot showers at the campground to wash the salt from ourselves and our equipment. The evening was spent around the English's campfire discussing past and future fishouts. One of the guests was Drew Lindsey, President of the Tahoe/Truckee club. He suggested a joint fishout with his club and ours and we all thought it would be a great idea. Stay tuned for details in the near future.

On Sunday Ron English fished the surf and continued his good luck of the previous day by catching some more perch. The rest of the group went hiking and sight-seeing. All-in-all everyone had a good time and found the campground to be very nice.

In addition to the GBF members present and Drew Lindsey (Tahoe/Truckee), Nancy (Tahoe/Truckee), and Paul Johnson and Amy (Kiene's) attended. Thanks to all that came.

I assume all members of GBF are interested in quality fishing opportunities; we'll lose these if we don't put some effort into saving them. Jim Coleman's project at the Bear River is an excellent example of what can be done to restore habitat. The Bear River is also an excellent example of unnecessary (thoughtless?) habitat destruction that we are now trying to fix. Let's prevent habitat destruction through education efforts to make people/businesses aware we can maintain good business practices as well as habitat.

It is important that we learn to respect the resource. Like anything else, by not giving it the respect it deserves, it can be lost forever. Please take the time to be kind to the environment and practice catch and release of wild trout.

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CONSERVATION REPORT
BY
joe bania

Last month I identified the three major conservation components of GBF's program -- the egg raising project, the Bear River Project, and the miscellaneous activities that fall under the umbrella of the Conservation Committee. This month I'd like you to take a few minutes to fill out the survey form in this *Leader* identifying various activities in which you are interested.. You can even reproduce it and have each member of the family fill one out. To better evaluate future activities and get us on our way to a successful and prosperous 1996, I'll have a sign up sheet at the next meeting for those that want to help as members of the **Conservation Committee**.

Many things are happening in Conservation

A group calling itself **PETA** (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has announced its intentions to unilaterally revoke sport anglers' membership privileges in the global food chain. How will they accomplish this goal? By throwing rocks in the water where people are fishing! Is this the way the future of fishing will be decided? This could mean the end to fishing as we know it. You'll not even be able to hook fish, much less bring them in, photograph, and release them. What an interesting prospect for the future of conservation!!!!

What's going on at DFG? In spite of major budget cuts and being in the throes of a reorganization, the staff in Region 2 continues to work on programs that respond to the legislative mandates and perceived desires of the public. It appears to me that most of the public does not bother to express their concerns to the director of Fish and Game or to the Legislature. **That's where we can help!!** We can learn more about what's happening (or not happening!), educate other GBF members, family members, and work associates and encourage them to let their legislators and DFG officials know what programs are important to us. Finally, we need to take the initiative and work with DFG to make these programs a reality..

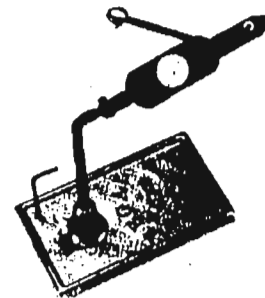
Supporting public education programs is one of the most important thing we can do, but is the least likely to show immediate results. GBF has a great youth conservation education program; now we need to help educate adults -- or do we want to wait a decade or more until the youths grow up to begin to have an impact? By then, will too much damage have been done to habitats to effectively restore them, or can we act now to prevent, or at least slow down, the destruction? That old adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" certainly seems to have validity when it comes to protecting the world we live in.

FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for April Contest: Screamin' Shrimp, featured in March Leader.

Contest rules: Don't be reluctant to submit your entry. Ask for a critique if you want help, or what the winning fly has that yours does not.

- + judging will be during the meeting
 - + winner announced just before program
 - + winner gets a new fly box
 - + each entrant gets free ticket on which name and phone number are printed
 - + tickets are deposited in a sealed box each meeting
 - + drawing held at annual picnic
 - + winner gets \$100 gift certificate at fly shop of choice
 - + fly must be tied in accordance with 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.
 - + there are two classes: (i) those who have won the contest three or more times, and those who are acknowledged experienced tyers; and (ii) those who have not won more than three times. Separate boards and separate prizes are provided for each group.
- Last month's winners:** (i) Jeanne English; (ii) Isaac English. We may have to have a special classification for the English family alone!!!



FLYTYER'S CORNER

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Callibaetis Emerger Pattern

The callibaetis is a prolific, widespread mayfly species. While technically there are a variety of different forms of callibaetis, the flyfisher need only be concerned with coloration and size under most circumstances. During late February, I happened to be fishing where afternoon callibaetis hatches occur regularly. On that day, the nymphs were brown in color, and about #14 in size. The fish were mostly nymphing (back/tail riseforms), but a few were picking off emergers or cripples on the surface. The emergers were less dark in color, and had a light colored thorax area. The pattern featured here suggests a generic emerger, to enable the flyfisher to imitate most varieties of the callibaetis emerging insect. It should be fished on the surface or just under the surface film. It is based on a Rene' Harrop design, but is significantly modified by me to meet my own needs.

MATERIALS

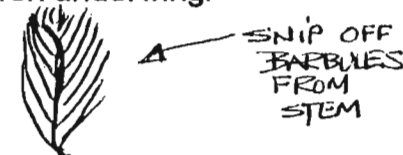
Hook	Tiemco 200 R, #14, 16; or Tiemco 900BL
Tail	Brownish antron yarn
Abdomen	Pheasant tail wound around shank
Rib	Fine gold wire
Thorax	Yellow rabbit fur dubbed
Underwing	White antron yarn
Overwing	Blue dun CDC
Legs	Partridge
Head	Yellow rabbit fur dubbed

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Smash barb. Tie in sparse brownish antron tail just above back of barb; fibers should be varied in length--not blunt. There are no blunt edges in the natural world.
2. Tie in 6 pheasant tail (PT) barbs by their tips, at same spot as tail tied in. Now tie in ribbing material and move it out of the way.
3. Wind PT over rear 2/3 of hook shank to form abdomen; rib wire counterclockwise over abdomen and tie off.
4. Dub a ball of yellow rabbit at forward end of abdomen.
5. Take small portion of white antron and tie in just forward of rabbit ball, as under wing; shape it in form of "tent" wing with scissors. See illustration below.



6. Now take 2 CDC feathers, and cut barbs from stem, as shown below. Apply in successive small clumps as overwing, as shown, to form nice thick wing. Trim same as, but slightly longer than, the white antron underwing.



7. Using a small partridge feather, wrap a sparse set of legs soft-hackle style.
8. Now dub a head of the yellow rabbit, whip finish and admire the product.

See ya on the creek!!!!

CONSERVATION PROGRAM SURVEY

(Please complete and return to Joe Bania at the next meeting, April 12, or mail it to him at PO Box 162, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0162.)

The following questions should be answered as you would approach a good book. The contents explains how one feels at the time it happens so be free and expressive when you approach it..

(1) Is the conservation program at GBF undertaking what you want it to do ?

Yes No I don't know; need more information.

Really don't care about conservation that much.

Other (for those of you who want to express your ideas in different words):

(2) What topics/issues should the Conservation Committee address:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planting willows for fish habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Adipose fin clipping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream evolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakes and how they evolve | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning the environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Whirling disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchery trout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild/Native trout | <input type="checkbox"/> Water rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLM Land management | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Over harvesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fisheries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The great basin | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography of the local area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology of the local area | <input type="checkbox"/> Other native species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Resource management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People management | <input type="checkbox"/> Trout Unlimited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra club | <input type="checkbox"/> Cal trout |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native american rights to harvest fish | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydroelectric dams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Suction dredging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designated scenic and wild rivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbyists |

Other(s):

(3) How much time (stated in hours per year) would you be willing to dedicate to:

- _____ electro-shocking fish with Dept. of Fish and Game
- _____ planting willows to enhance streamside riparian areas
- _____ cleaning up trash along the American River Parkway
- _____ fin-clipping smolts for planting in various lakes for growth surveys
- _____ participating in county Fish and Game Commission meetings
- _____ taking an advocacy role in promoting various environmental issues
- _____ teaching others about conservation issues
- _____ writing letters and/or articles to promote conservation activities
- _____ conducting stream surveys
- _____ storm drain stenciling
- _____ designing posters on your computer
- _____ building displays
- _____ other(s) please specify:

Name (please print) _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____