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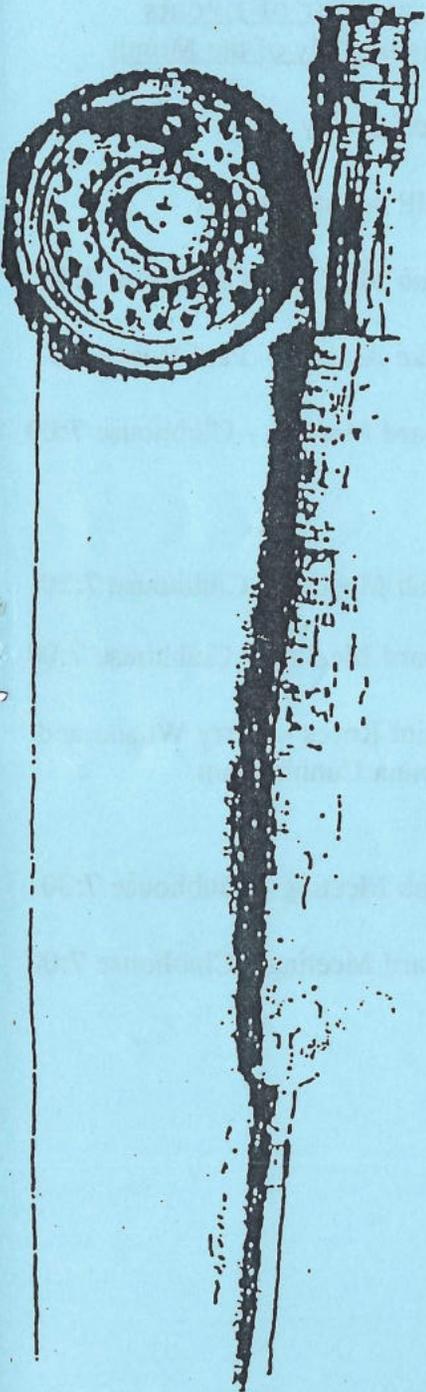
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Calendar of Events
Including Fly of the Month

February

3

8

10

15

March

14

21

23-24

April

12

14

Alebilly Fly

BGF Annual Dinner

Club Meeting - Clubhouse

Lake Amador - Paul Roccoforte

Board Meeting - Clubhouse

Club Meeting - Clubhouse

Board Meeting - Clubhouse

Point Reyes - Kerry W
Donna Cunningham

Club Meeting - Clubhouse

Board Meeting - Clubhouse

until after the class. By then, you will be a lot better educated, will get the opportunity to try several rods, and as a result will be much more able to select a rod that meets your needs and pocketbook. Last year, a number of novice casters hurried down to the local discount store just before the class, and came with rods of such poor quality, that they were actually hindered in their natural progress as casters.

Finally, I am reminded of a story recently told by Chuck Echer, of watching a chipmunk scurry out along a branch over a deep pool, to grab an acorn that was delicately balanced on a leaf. Just as the furry creature grabbed the acorn, there was a huge commotion and the chipmunk was in turn grabbed by a monstrous German brown.

Hands shaking, Chuck dug through his flybox looking for something that might resemble a 'chipmunk fly', and just as he selected his biggest, brownest, hairiest fly, the surface again broke, and the huge brown rose to carefully place another acorn on the leaf.

Tight lines and handle 'em gently.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit here trying to put the club calendar together, it becomes very obvious that we are going to be very busy in 1996. Don't get me wrong, I think this is great and this is the way it should be. In the first three months alone, we have 22 different events or programs that at least some of us will be involved with.

By the time you read this we will have completed The Annual Dinner (Did you enjoy Mike Lawson? - dumb question, huh?), ISE show at Cal Expo, NCC/FFF Expo at Ft. Mason and Steelhead day at the Nimbus hatchery. As the year progresses we won't slow down much, but we did try to leave a little time to go soak a fly now and then. Of course we'll have monthly general meetings and at least one fishout per month plus the annual picnic and the fall openhouse/chili cook-off/swapmeet. Add to that, fly tying classes, casting classes, first aid/CPR classes, and it even looks like we will get a rod building class in this year. I'm still looking for someone to conduct a net building class. Any takers? Then we need to save some room to help Jim with the Bear River Project and Terry with the casting pond. There will be something for everybody so, lets all get involved!

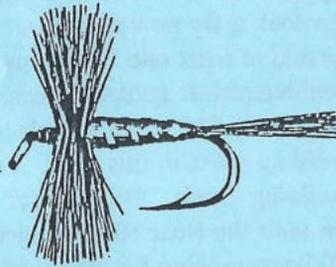
Don't forget, it's time to pay the annual dues again. They are due by the end of February or you will be dropped from the roster. That means that you won't get a copy of the Leader and it will require a new \$7.00 sign up fee to rejoin. Don't let February get by you. Either send a check to the club at our P.O. Box or pay Kim at the next general meeting. This is also a good time to bring your next door neighbors or best fishing buddies in and encourage them to join.

You will notice some changes to the committee chairpersons list on the first page of the Leader. Bruce Cline has resigned as a Board member and the Board has voted Robert Tamson to fill Bruce's term. In order to relieve Jim Coleman from some of the work he's been doing, he will head up the newly named Bear River Restoration committee. Joe Bania has volunteered to take over the Conservation committee in Jim's place.

The Training and Education committee has been changed to "Fly Tying" headed by **Bill Carnazzo** and "Casting" headed by **John Hogg**. Next you will see that **Frank Stolten** is replacing **Mark Neice** as co-chair of the Egg-Raising Project.. We've placed the task of putting Granite Bay Flycasters on the internet with our own WWW Home page in **Brian Staab's** hands. And last but not least, **Robert Adams** is taking over the club Merchandise. Watch this table. Robert has some new stuff planned for us. This should spread the effort a little better. Please lend your support to each of these folks and pass on your thanks to Bruce and Mark for all their efforts in the past.

Lets go Fishin!

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Advancing Your Casting

by John Hogg

Except for those hardy few, most of our flyrods lie unbent these winter months, and improving one's casting enjoys a priority just slightly above swimming in the America River in the early A.M. (And writing an article about casting lacks divine intervention as well!!)

But there are some activities worthy of a twitch. One is an invention of Joan Wulff's (not a new one by any means), who in spite of being overshadowed by her husband, the great fly angler Lee, is a world class caster in her own right. She devised a casting aid called the Fly-O. Simply put, it's a miniature flyrod about 4 feet in length, and attached to it is a length of heavy yarn about 1/2 inch in diameter and roughly 8 feet in length.

The Fly-O is intended for indoor practice, and it works quite well. Each foot of yarn projecting beyond the rod tip, represents about 8 feet of flyline, and good technique is necessary to carry a tight loop on both the backcast and forward cast motions. (However poor technique will still permit a lousy backcast, and a reasonably good-looking loop on the forward cast as we so often see on the stream). The Fly-O can be cast not only in a conventional manner, vertically, and fore and aft, but horizontally with a sidearm motion in front of you, that allows you to see both your backcast and forward cast, and make adjustments accordingly.

Another helpful aid is the casting tapes series offered by Mel Kreiger. Mel is not only a great caster, but more importantly, he is one of the greatest teachers of flycasting, and has given selflessly to the Fly Casting Instructor's Program sponsored by the FFF. One thing I like about Mel's approach is that he recognizes that properly executed short casts are going to catch the fish - and that long casts are only a small part of the repertoire of a competent caster. Like they say in golf, "drive for show, putt for dough."

We will be offering a very comprehensive casting instruction series in late April and May, and for those of you who intend to take our fundamentals class, and are thinking of buying a rod, I recommend that you hold off

OUTINGS

Paul Roccoforte

Putah Creek Outing: This outing was attended by five members, Steve Bertrand, Tom Klinefelter, Jim Bennett, Sr., and Paul and Kim Roccoforte. We all met at the store at Putah Creek and Steve explained how to fish the creek. Everybody who was there caught lots of things, but *Salmo trutta* and *Salmo gairdneri* were not on the list. Jim wins the award for successfully fending off the Mad Black Berry Bush that tried to eat his flyline. Thank you to Steve for leading the trip and for finding a fine place to eat dinner.

The February outing will be on the 10th at Lake Amador as advertised in last month's Leader. Lake Amador is about an hour from Granite Bay. Call Paul for directions. The people who run the lake have their own trout hatchery and aren't stingy with the number of fish they plant. In addition Amador has a reputation for BIG bass. This bass like to eat 12 inch planters! Get out the woolly buggers and come on out. Floating lines are most commonly used, but it wouldn't hurt to throw in an intermediate sink or even a type 2 sinker.

Don't forget about the March 23 trip to Pt. Reyes to fish for surf perch. More about this in next month's bulletin.

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GBF JUNIOR NEWS

Ron and Jeanne English

Upcoming Activities: We are scheduling a fly tying class to be held on three Friday evenings, Feb. 16, 23 and March 1, from 6:30 to 8:30PM at the clubhouse. The class will be divided into skill levels - beginner, intermediate, and advanced, and is offered to youths under 18. Class size will be limited and you must call Ron or Jeanne English (677-7169) to register. There will be a materials fee of \$3 for non-club members. No charge to club members.

Recent Outing: Eight young people attended the outing at Arden Pond, Jan 13. It was cold and foggy and catching was not good on the pond. Four older members went to the river to try for steelhead - with two steelhead caught and one salmon hooked. Thanks for attending - we'll do better next time.

Request or Help: Ron and I would like to have an assistant youth advisor so there is someone to supervise activities if we are unable to from time to time. Please call or see us at the February meeting if you are interested.



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Feb. 3: INTRO. TO FLY FISHING

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Feb. 7, 14, 21: BEGINNING FLY TYING CLINIC

6-10pm. Brett Drury. \$39.95

Feb. 8, 15, 22: INTERMED. FLY TYING CLINIC

6-10pm. Brett Drury. \$39.95

Feb. 10: CASTING CLINIC 8-10am. \$19.95

Feb. 10: STEELHEAD CLINIC on the river.

8am-2pm. Al Bunch. \$10

Feb. 10: JOHN MCKIM, author, artist, tyer, humorist.

A class for beginners to advanced tyers.

10am-1pm. \$15 Class limit: 12

Feb. 17: FLOAT TUBE CLINIC

8am-2pm. Norm Rissignol \$10

Feb. 17: INTRO. TO FLY FISHING

8am-1pm. Al Bunch \$29.95

Feb. 17: JAY MURAKOSI, CA coastal and Baja seminar.

Expert tyer and lecturer, Jay will share his fishing and tying secrets!

10am-1pm. \$15 Class limit: 12

Feb. 24: CASTING CLINIC 8-10am. \$19.95

Feb. 24: STEELHEAD CLINIC on the river.

8am-2pm. Al Bunch \$10

Feb. 24: RON HART presents a clinic on the techniques, locations & special fly tying

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FLOAT TUBE HINT

Many float tubes and pontoon kick-boats do not use rubber inner tubes with automotive style air valves, but instead are equipped with plastic bladders and twist lock valves. These twist lock valves have been known to leak. The plastic bladders are expensive to replace. What to do? Place a balloon over the twist lock valve and secure it in place with a rubber "O" ring. (This was excerpted from the January 1996 issue of *Field and Stream*)

February Program

Robert Tamson, Program Chairman, has a great program lined up for us in February. He has several speakers who all want to come. So, come to the general meeting and see who he decided on!

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3. Tie the eyes in now, just above the point of the hook; apply head cement to this point.
4. Now make the claws by taking two even saddles, and stripping away all the fuzz at the butt end; leave the butts, which should be about 1" long. Leaving about 3/4" of the hackle on the stem, trim out the centers of the feathers. See 5 below for illustration.
5. Tie in the two claws so that they stick out at about a 45 degree angle, facing rearward. They should be tied in at the same spot as you tied in the eyes. At this point, your bug should look like this:
6. Notice the position of the butts. Now reverse them and lash them down so they point out over the back of the hook, just in between the claws. This forms the antennae.
7. In between where you tied in the raffia, and where you tied in the eyes, there should still be a bit of room. In this space, tie in the chenille and let it dangle for the moment.
8. Now take your weight, and beginning just ahead of the eye tie in point, wrap lead forward toward eye, only to a point 1/2 way down the hook.
9. Tie in hackle for legs on top of lead wraps, just behind eye.
10. Wrap chenille first in front of eyes, then around and over eyes and forward to a point about 1/2 way down the hook. Stop wrapping at this point and wrap one wind on thread over chenille to hold it in place.
11. Tie in the ire ribbing at this point and let it hang. Move thread to eye.
12. Finish wrapping chenille forward, to about 1/8" behind eye, and tie off. Now grab the hackle and palmer it forward for the legs.
13. Take the raffia and pull it over the body to the eye, spreading it out so it covers the back of the fly, forming a shell. It should be directly between the antennae and claws. Tie down just behind eye, leaving about 3/8" of material sticking out over eye to imitate tail.
14. Wind the ribbing forward (4 or 5 wraps), and tie off behind eye. Whip finish and voila...!!!

Fish the fly slowly, remembering that these critters swim backwards. See ya on the creek!!!



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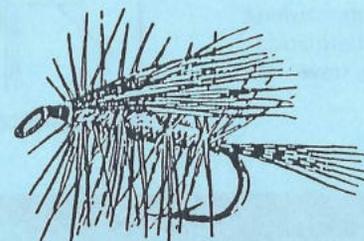
by Danielle Hickman

Thank you to all GBF members who returned their overdue materials at the January meeting. I know there are still quite a few of you who need to return items. And in accordance with California state laws, (none of the offenders are minors) we are publishing the names of the offenders.

Videos	Robert Adams (2)	Bruce Cline	Robert Belcher (2)
	James Aguilar (2)		
	Eric Gabele		
Books	Jerry Diregolo	John Ramsey	Dan Lovesee
	John Hargrose		Jan Talbot
	Carol Hopkins	Michael Bane	John Peterson

I have had a few requests for videos and books - fishing in Australia, casting/fishing techniques for tarpon, permit, and bonefish. Mike Sarkisian from Kiene's recommended Lonnie Waller's three videos *Flyfishing for Pacific Steelhead* beginning and advanced and *Flyfishing for Trophy Steelhead*, and Billy Pate's two videos *Flyfishing for Tarpon* and *Flyfishing for Giant Tarpon*. These will be new additions to our library.

I welcome any other suggestions from members.



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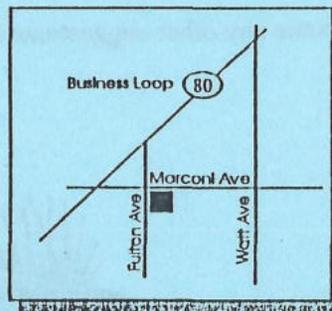
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FLYTYER'S CORNER

By Bill Carnazzo

February 1996

Neele's Crayfish

In February, the Fishmaster has scheduled an outing at Lake Amador. One of the flies which would work there, among others, is the Woolly Bugger. We have featured the ole W.B. in prior articles, so won't repeat it here. Instead, in the interest of creativity, let's work on a crayfish pattern (having just introduced some crayfish to my own bass ponds, my interest in this subject is piqued).

E. Neale Steeks is a creative tier: but, after my own heat, he pursues simplicity of design an material. This crayfish pattern is a clear example of his style-- although I have taken the liberty of modifying the pattern significantly, to make it even simpler.

MATERIALS:

Hook	Mustad 9671 or equiv., sizes 6 to 10
Thread	Olive or brown 6/0 or 8/0
Claws	Brown dyed grizzly saddle hackle, from about mid-stem, trimmed to shape
Eyes	30 pound or heavier mono, melted on ends
Antennae	Butts of the saddle used for claws
Shell	Brown swiss straw or raffia
Body	Brown or olive medium chenille (or variegated)
Legs	Brown or olive grizzly hackle
Rib	Reddish copper wire
Weight	Wrapped lead or substitute of choice

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cover hook with thread. Tie on raffia just above rear of bar, and leave it hanging out over the back of hook for now.
2. Make mono eyes by taking a 3/4" piece and holding it against the side of a candle flame, using a tweezer or hackle plier. Go slowly, and take care not to let melted mono drip on clothing or skin--avoid fire/burn danger here by being very careful. Hold one end against the flame until a small ball is formed; let that cook, and then do the other end. When done, the whole thing should be about 1/4".



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FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for February Contest: Alebilly, featured in January 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.

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winner announced just before program

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fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version on 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: (1) those who have won the contest three or more times, and those who are acknowledged experienced tyers, and (2) those who have not won more than three times. Separate boards and separate prizes are provided for each group.

Last month's winners: (1) Jeanne English; (2) Nick English.
Congratulations to the English family.

FISHING LOG

PLACE: _____ DATE: _____

WEATHER: Clear _____, Partly Cloudy _____, Cloudy _____, Rain _____, other _____

TEMPERATURE: _____ WIND: None _____, Light _____, Moderate _____, Heavy _____

TIME: AM _____, PM _____, Best _____

MOON PHASE: New _____, 1/4 _____, 1/2 _____, 3/4 _____, Full _____

FISHING METHOD: Wade _____, Tube _____, Boat _____, other _____

WATER: Temp. _____ Condition: Average _____, High _____, Low _____, Clear _____

other _____

EQUIPMENT: Rod _____, Line _____, Leader _____

Flies _____, Size _____

other _____

INSECT ACTIVITY: _____

FISH: Type _____, Size _____, Number _____

Best time _____

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