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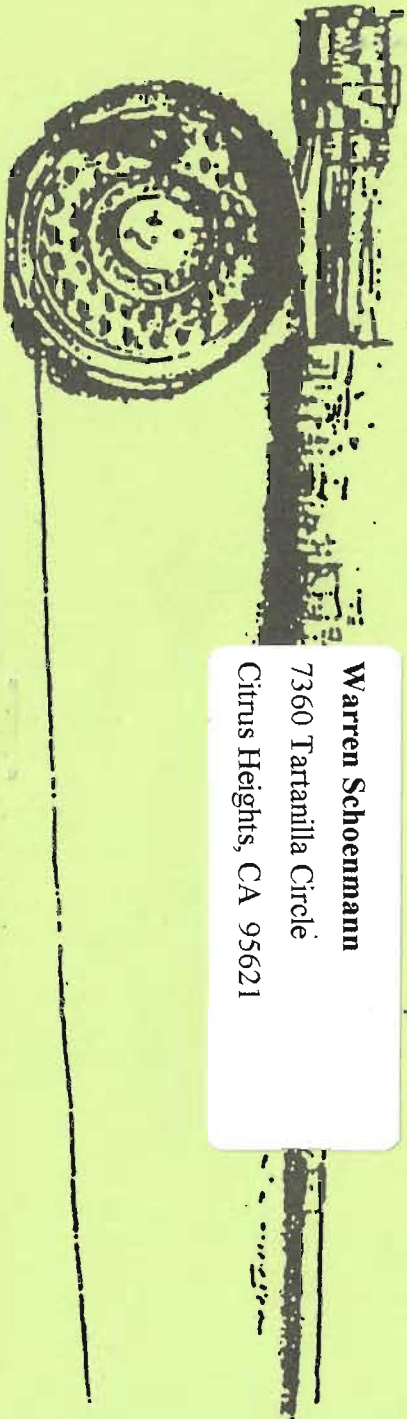
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May

1	Callibaetis Emerger
4	Casting Clinic, Novice - John Hogg
8	Casting Clinic, Novice - John Hogg
9	Casting Clinic, Advanced - John Hogg
15	General Meeting 7:30 PM - Clubhouse
16	Casting Clinic, Advanced - John Hogg
18	Board Meeting 7 PM - Clubhouse
	Annual Picnic
	Casting Clinic, Advanced - John Hogg

June

1	NCC/FFF Quarterly Meeting - Joe Bania
13	7:30 PM General Meeting
15-16	Fishout - One Fly - Indian Creek - Terry Eggleston
16	Father's Day
20	7:00 PM Board Meeting
21	6:30 PM Youth Meeting
29-30	Bear River Work Day

July

4	Independence Day
11	7:30 PM General Meeting
13-14	Fishout - Rucker Lake - Kim and Paul Roccoforte
18	7:00 PM Board Meeting
19	6:30 PM Youth Meeting
20-21	Bear River Work Day

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

OK everyone, **THIS IS OUR TIME OF YEAR!**

The season is open, casting classes are in full swing, flytying is complete, the weather is good and we have plenty of water this year. I expect to hear some great opening day fishing stories this month. Paul has scheduled the fishout this month to be at Gold Rush Ranch. This is a great place to get in the swing of catching fish. Everyone, from beginner to expert, will get fish here. For all you beginners, this is a great place to get started right. There will be plenty of advise available and this is a great opportunity to begin meeting other GBF'ers.

Again I want to encourage all of you to participate. The more you get involved the more the club will pay you back. One excellent way to do that is to begin by answering the conservation survey the Joe Bania put in the Leader last month. He has a whole menu of opportunities to choose from. Some of them will take a lot of time and effort and others will only take a little. Call Joe (677-4263) and ask him what you can do to help. I'm sure he has something in mind that will fit your interests.

A bunch of us got involved in Kiene's Fly Shop's open house and we all had a ball, learned some interesting things and generally just enjoyed the day. Our thanks go to Tom Klinefelter and his crew for your efforts in setting up and manning our booth! From what I hear Granite Bay Flycasters took away at least our share of the prizes that Bill had, including a rod, a reel and a float tube. We were also well represented at the fly tying tables by Greg Bevard, Bill Carnazzo and Terry Eggleston..

Would you like to have a compendium of information available at your finger tips about the great fishing spots around the area? Norm Rossignol has agreed to put together a GBF fishing data book for us all to use. He needs everyone's help though. So, next time you go out give him a call (363-6435) as soon as you get home and feed him any

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information you can, even if the trip was a bust. Soon he'll have enough data to make your next trip better.

Our annual Picnic is this month too. Now I can guarantee a good time here. Bring your whole family, your favorite food, your appetite and come join in the fun. Don't forget to bring your specialty to enter into the chili, salad or cookie contest. Terry Burkes has plans to fill the day with fun and food. I'll bet you will go home with a full stomach, and you will have made some new friends.

See you at the picnic!

Wayne Dahl
President



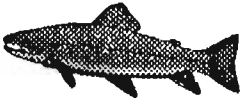
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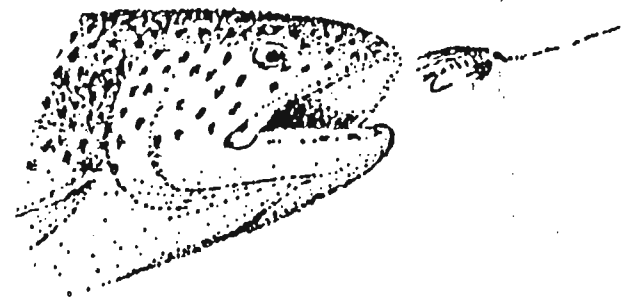
Mount Lassen Winner

by Nick English

I won the trip to Mount Lassen Trout. It included a program. The program was a streamer seminar. I went March 16. The instructors were Chuck Echer, Walt Robinson, Gerry Martin and Gary Gould. They put together a book for everyone in the class. It had casting basics, streamer basics, and streamers in moving water. The seminar was until noon, then you go fishing.

I caught a total of 5 fish, but it was really windy. I caught one brown and the rest rainbows. The smallest was my brown at 19 inches. The biggest was a 28 inch rainbow.

It is well worth the trip up there. I would say it was worth the money I paid, but it only cost me a dollar. I would pay the \$125 for the seminar.



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Apply a layer of thread to rear half of hook. Form a small ball of brown dubbing at the end of the shank (where the bend begins). If we were using a barbed hook, this point would be directly above the back end of the barb.
2. Stack approx. 10 moose body hairs and tie on just ahead of ball, keeping the hair directly on top of shank. The tail should be length of shank. Holding the tips in left hand (opposite if left handed), run thread over hair and up onto ball; release hair and it will splay out, fan-like.
3. Using scissor tips or bodkin, divide hairs in half and pull to sides; figure eight around the two halves once. If done correctly, each side should be at a 45 degree angle from shank.
4. Tie in rib material at base of tail.
5. Move thread forward to 30% point behind eye. Stack a small bunch of medium deer hair, measure to length of shank, and tie in at 30% point, with tips out over eye. Hair must stay on top.
6. Trim butts at an angle; tie butts down firmly.
7. Grasp hair by tips and pull back; place opposite thumbnail at base of wing and push rearward. Let go of tips. This will cause the wing to stand up and fan out 180 degrees across top of shank.
8. Return thread to rear, and dub up finely tapered abdomen.
9. Reverse rib with the gold wire, and tie off in front of wing.
10. Dub thorax slightly larger than body, keeping dubbing around front and back of wing. This will help keep the wing in upright position.
11. Dub a small head in front of thorax, with light or dirty colored yellow dubbing. Rabbit works nicely. Whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!!

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Conservation Report

by
joe bania

CONSERVATION PROGRAM SURVEY

Thank you to those members who have already completed and returned the Conservation Program Survey included in last months "Leader". If you haven't filled out the survey and returned it to me, please take the time and either mail it in or bring it to the next meeting. I'll have copies available at the next meeting if you need one! It is important to get a representative sample so we can tailor the program to suit your interests.

COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY

One of the tasks facing the Conservation Committee is to establish on-going communication with other organizations dedicated to protecting the environment and fisheries. To accomplish this, Barbara Bania (yep, my "other half"!) has begun developing a list of contacts with whom to work on cooperative ventures. If you belong to, or know of, organizations/businesses/government offices that are concerned about the same issues we are (even if we're on "opposite sides of the fence"), please let her know as much as possible -- just the name of the organization is OK but a contact person and phone number would be nice, and an address to go with it would be better yet!!!

SPECIAL PROGRAM BY UNITED ANGLERS

Jim Victorine, "The Rod Doctor Radio Program Fly Fishing Guide" will share a very exciting program of "Fly Fishing Foothill Lakes for Black Bass" at the United Anglers meeting Wednesday, May 8 at Carrow's Restaurant, 10th and S Streets, Sacramento. Jim's presentation will begin at 7:30 PM. Contact Jim Russell at 775-1849 for more information. This is a good opportunity to get involved with another conservation group.



Conservation Report (continued)

NATIVE CUTTHROAT TROUT ARE MAKING A COMEBACK (DFG Wild Trout Project Report by Eric Gerstung)

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is making considerable progress in restoring native cutthroat trout habitat in California. During the decade Lahontan cutthroat trout have been restored to Slinkard Valley Creek, Mill Creek, and Wolf Creek within the Walker River Drainage and to the headwaters of the upper Truckee River, a tributary to Lake Tahoe. DFG is currently involved in eradicating nonnative fish from Silver Creek, a tributary to the West Walker River. One more chemical treatment will be required before the stream can be restocked with Lahontan cutthroat trout. Although all of these waters are currently closed to angling, most may be opened to catch-and-release fishing when they are fully repopulated. Lahontan cutthroat trout once occupied hundreds of miles of stream habitat within the Truckee, Carson and Walker river drainages. Following introduction of nonnative trout, native cutthroat trout were displaced from all but a few miles of historic stream habitat.

The rare Paiute cutthroat trout, which formerly occurred only in the Silver King Creek drainage within the Carson River system, was nearly eliminated from most of its historic range as a result of hybridization with and displacement by nonnative rainbow trout stocked between 1930 and 1950.

DFG recently chemically treated Silver King Creek upstream from an impassable barrier falls to eliminate a hybridized trout population. The reclaimed habitat was restocked with Paiute cutthroat trout transplanted from a pure population. Pure Paiute populations now occur in Silver King Creek above Llewellyn Falls and Corral Valley and Coyote creeks, which are tributaries to Silver King Creek entering downstream of Llewellyn Falls. Although these waters will remain closed to angling during the foreseeable future, the Department is considering a proposal made by angling groups to reestablish Paiute cutthroat trout below Llewellyn Falls so that a catch-and-release fishery can be established.



FLYTYER'S CORNER

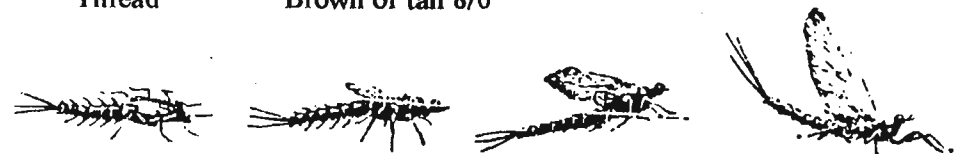
BY
BILL CARNAZZO
May, 1996
Bill's Calli-dun

Last month we featured a callibaetis emerger. Now let's tie the next stage of this wonderful insect's life--the subimago, or "dun" stage. This pattern is not really original; rather, it's novelty lies in the manner in which common techniques are drawn upon and combined into an effective, suggestive pattern. For example, there is nothing new or original about the comparadun style wing, or the no-hackle form, both of which are used in this fly.

Fish this pattern on a 4X-6X tippet, depending on conditions. Used in stillwater, it sits perkily on the surface--not off it, as is the case with catskill-style flies. In freestone streams, it should be drifted lazily into and out of pockets; in meadow streams or spring creeks, use a pile cast or similar technique to allow the fly to catch all those conflicting nuances of current. If you encounter a calli-hatch, and if the fish are taking adults (which may not always be the case--watch your riseforms), cast to rising fish, being careful not to "line" the riser.

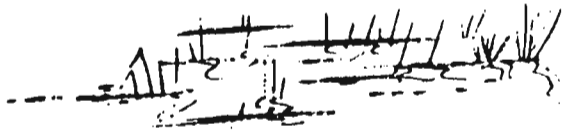
MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 94833; Tiemco 900BL, #14-16
Tail	Approx. 10 moose body hair fibers
Abdomen	Light brownish dubbing of choice
Rib	Fine gold wire
Wing	Deer hair, comparadun style, darkish
Thorax	Same as abdomen
Head	Light yellow dubbing
Thread	Brown or tan 8/0



Spring BBQ Picnic May 18th

It's that time of the year again! Fish are biting, the weather is warming, and Granite Bay Flycasters are having their annual picnic. We expect an even better picnic than last year. We are going to have the traditional BBQ pig. Man, what a treat!! We are going to have a chili cook off. This year we are also going to have prizes for best salad, and best cookie/brownie. We will issue tickets to vote with and the winners will receive a nice prize. We will have games for the kids, as well as the adults, in casting and fly tying. Don't hesitate, sign up your best chili, salad, or cookie/brownie and come join the fun. The club will provide non-alcoholic beverages; you may BYOB. We will start around 9:00 AM and finish around 4:30 PM. The cost this year is \$4 per person for everyone 18 years of age or older; there is no fee for persons less than 18 years of age. Bring the family and a hearty appetite and we will see you there. Remember, it's your club and you can only get out of it what you put into it. This is a great way to meet other members and swap stories. See you there!



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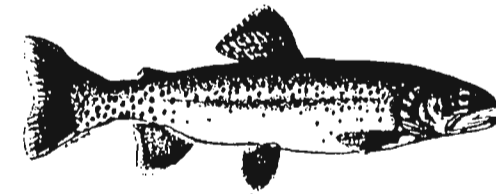
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May Meeting Speaker

by Robert Tamson
Program Chairman

Our speakers for the May meeting will be our very own fellow flycasters **Frank Stolten and Jim Coleman!**

Frank and Jim will share with us a terrific program on the Bear River Project! Included in the program will be up to the minute news for the ongoing project as well as the club's plan for this coming season and beyond. I'm sure we will all find this program very interesting and educational.



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Congratulations to Drake Johnson for being the first to sign in at Rancho Seco; he won a fly box and a dozen flies. It was a very beautiful day with the wild flowers blooming and the squirrels running around, but it was somewhat windy, testing ones casting abilities. Very few people were there in the AM -- must have been the 13th day of the month that kept them away. I saw several people catch trout but there was definitely not as much action on the water as usual. Bass fishing should be improving as the weather warms up so go on out there and hook into one of those tackle busters!

Please take the time to enjoy nature but don't fish over the nesting sites of the bass.



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Fishmaster's Report

Plan to join us on Saturday, May 11, for a great day of bass fishing at Gold Rush Ranch near Coloma. This is one of those favorite "secret spots" so pick up a map at the May 9, general meeting. There is a fee of \$5 per person charged by the land owner, but we can almost guarantee plenty of fish will be caught! Danielle Hickman will host this outing so plan to meet her at the lake around noon. Start with a small popper (anything bright yellow, orange or green) working the shore from the banks or a float tube. As evening approaches head to the back side of the lake and work the shore with larger poppers for the "BIG BASS." By mid-April the water was beginning to warm up and the fish have been great fighters. For more information contact Danielle Hickman (961-1664) or Kim Roccoforte (642-2929). See you there!

It's not too early to start planning your strategy for the "one fly" contest. This will be June 15 and 15 at Indian Creek Reservoir. Plan to join the camp out and make a weekend of it. There are some beautiful trout in this lake and by mid-April many could be seen working the shore at dusk. Terry Eggleston is hosting this contest/outing so stay tuned for more information.

In July we've scheduled a break from your trout fishing on the rivers to practice up on your fish landing skills. Paul and Kim Roccoforte will hold the "second annual" Rucker Lake fishout July 13 and 14. This is primitive camping on a beautiful mountain lake in the Bear River area. Everyone that came up last year met new folks to fish with and enjoyed picnicking and a great barbecue. And there are lots of bass. All those fish we caught and released last year will have gotten even bigger by this July!

A special thank you to John Hogg for conducting the casting clinics! Remember that each of the above mentioned fishouts will be the perfect location to practice your newly acquired/perfected skills.



FLYTYING CONTEST

Pattern for May Contest: Callibaetis emerger, featured in April 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) Tom Ritchie. The intended purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest in tying, and to provide one way in which club tiers can increase their skills. From observation, it appears that we are clearly accomplishing the latter; however, we would like to see more entries, so we get more competition.



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SOME OBSERVATIONS ON...OBSERVATION

by
A Thinly Hackled Emerger

Last month we considered the principle of "centered observation"-meaning the totality of 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 in my angling experience. The whole point is learning to use this concept to improve your overall experience, and your angling success.

This month let's discuss centered fish observation. First, keep in mind that if you can see the fish, it can likely also see you. This is true even if you spot a fish facing away from you, because all it takes is a slight shift in position, or some slight shadow or movement on your part, to alert the fish to your presence. If you succeed in spooking a large fish, and could have avoided it by focusing on the situation, you will undoubtedly be kicking yourself in the pants all the way home.

A skilled flyfisher will often see things that one less skilled doesn't notice. The ability to see fish in their watery environs is, for the most part, a learned skill. Many years ago (too many), while fishing along a scenic stretch of the beautiful North Umpqua, I noticed an angler below me, standing on the road about 30 feet above the river, looking down into the water with hands cupped over his eyes to shade them from the bright sun. I watched as he rigged up, climbed down the bank, stayed away from the stream, and carefully crept behind a large boulder. Though I could no longer see him, I did observe his cast shoot upstream from behind the rock to an obviously pre-selected spot. You guessed it--he hooked and landed a beautiful steelhead on that first cast. I may not be a rocket scientist, but an obvious lesson like this one will tend to get my attention.

What I learned is that, for example, the shadowy form of the trout as it fins in the current at the tail out of a pool or riffle will reveal itself to the observant angler who takes the time to allow his/her eyes to adjust to the color of the water and the bottom, which in turn are affected by streamside vegetation, the time of day, and the weather (i.e., sunny vs. overcast). Fish in such situations will move laterally to intercept a passing insect; this movement often creates a flash as the fish quickly turns or

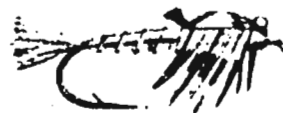
rolls to grab the bug. Once the fish is located and its feeding rhythm noted, the proper fly and presentation can be determined. For example, it may be best to lie low on the bank and drift a slightly weighted nymph to the fish from upstream; or, it may be best to wade in below the fish, and hook cast the nymph to it. Presenting a dry fly might possibly work--but the evidence from observation would indicate that the better chance of hooking this fish is with a nymph since that is what it is doing.

Learning to spot fish is not easy. An excellent pair of polarized lenses is indispensable. Polarization is a fancy name for lines embedded in glass, for the purpose of reorienting diffused light. Light which is not directional is diffuse and causes glare. To understand this all one need do is look at shiny leaves on a tree with the bare eye, and then look at those same leaves through a good set of polarized lenses. It's as if the color has changed entirely.

Assuming that you are armed with polarized lenses, and assuming that there are no fish rising to clue you in as to where they are (we will consider riseforms next month), where do you begin? The riffle/pool tailout example above is one type of situation; it may take a significant amount of time, however, to locate just one fish. If one is not inclined to have that much patience, the next alternative is to look for fish where the structure of the stillwater, or the lay of the stream dictate that they should be located. Properly done, this method will reduce the amount of time spent (with practice) locating fish. It too, however, requires patience and a lot of practice. Fish and rocks, or fish and pieces of branches, can look a lot alike on the bottom of a stream. Movement is almost always the giveaway. "Reading the water" will be the subject of a future piece in this series--because to know where to look, one must know how to read water.

Next month: observing riseforms.

In the meantime...practice observing fish and think sparse!!!



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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:

Planting willows for fish habitat

Entomology

Lakes and how they evolve

Riparian restoration

Environmental issues

Wild/Native trout

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Over harvesting

The great basin

Geology of the local area

Legislation

People management

Sierra club

Native american rights to harvest fish

Mining

Designated scenic and wild rivers

Adipose fin clipping

Stream evolution

Cleaning the environment

Whirling disease

Hatchery trout

Water rights

Federal Government Agencies

Commercial Fisheries

Geography of the local area

Other native species

Resource management

Trout Unlimited

Cal trout

Hydroelectric dams

Suction dredging

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 _____