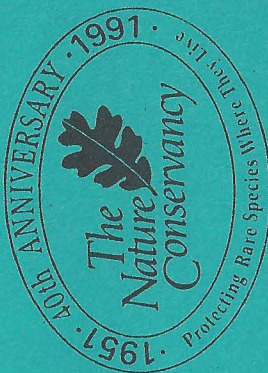


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August

- 14 **General Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
 21 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
 23 - 24 **Bear River Restoration Work Day**
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President's Message

by Bill Carnazzo



August already? Where did this year go? Well, at least we can look back through the journals and diaries of this year's contingent of river/stillwater-spent days, and count ourselves fortunate to have been able to spend so many days pursuing our wary quarry.

Or those who don't keep such records can wander back through the misty, murky memories of such days. If your reverie finds you disappointed for having not "just done it," either enough or not at all, then maybe it's time to rethink things. A friend and sometime fishing companion apparently did just that. Recently, he told me this: "Last year, I worked a lot and didn't fish much. This year I fished a lot and worked less. I sleep better now."

For me, it's a matter of life's priorities. I really do believe in what Robert Traver had to say on this score: "I fish because...I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time and I for one don't want to waste the trip...and, finally, not because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant — and not nearly so much fun."

And speaking of fun — GBF needs to amend its by-laws, and the process is somewhat laborious. The purpose of the amendments is to bring them in line with the federal and state tax laws which grant tax-exempt status to "charitable" organizations. While we do have tax-exempt status for purposes of our own income, in order for contributions to GBF to properly qualify for deduction and in order to receive certain grants, we have to requalify and change our status.

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President's Message

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The bylaws are being revised now and will be presented to the membership for approval in the fall. The procedure is for the Leader to notify members of what the changes are; the Board must approve the changes; then the membership votes at a regular meeting. You will see this in the near future. And by the way, if there are other changes you would like to see in our bylaws, now would be the time to let the Board know so they can be included.

Finally, this is the first issue of the Leader edited by our new editor, Gray Allen. Gray took over from Bruce Bartholomew, who carried the load for a long time. Bruce deserves a hearty "thank you" for doing a good job and being conscientious about it.

Now go forth and rip some lips! Thanks...and see ya on the creek!



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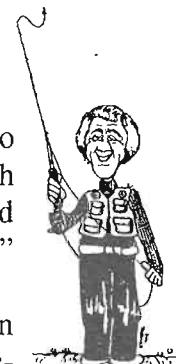
Fish Tales

Members tell about their recent attempts to catch fish.

Leave it to our leader, Bill Carnazzo, to sniff out a productive stretch on the south fork of the American River. Recently, he and some buddies scored on rainbows up to 15" on nymphs, Princes and light Cahills.

Nathan Joyner, our new Conservation chairman, tested the waters of Spicer Reservoir (near Bear Valley off highway 4) and found "lots of small fish." He fished from a canoe with large black caddis and small mayflies.

Terry Eggleston likes Dunsmuir at the railroad yards. Fishing upriver from the First Street bridge, he scored on native rainbows during a heavy hatch of "little yellow stoneflies" with light Cahills and rusty duns. The water's low and easy to wade wet.



Fishing Partners Wanted!

Fishing Buddy Wanted: All types of fishing. Retired, will fish day or night. Need help in casting. Frank Allen, Cameron Park. (916) 677-0870.

NOTICE: In the club's recent survey, many members asked for a simple way to find fishing partners among the membership. **So here's our solution:** Starting with the August general meeting, a *Fishing Partner* announcement board will be posted where everyone can see it. To find a partner, you write on a slip of paper provided by the club a brief description of your planned outing — date, time, destination — and your phone number. Then pin it to the board where others can see it. Anyone with a similar interest can call to work out the details.

SUGGESTION: Check your calendar before the meeting so you can post your request and put the new *Fishing Partner* system to work for you.

Let's Go Fishing!

GBF day-trips and overnights. Everyone's invited!

Alaska Fish Out: Nick English reports that the unofficial fish out in Alaska is "going good, so far — even though no one else from the club has shown up yet."

"We have caught fish," he writes, "rainbows, grayling, whitefish, lake trout, pike, king salmon, and Dolly Varden. My dad, Mr. Whitefish, is the only one who has caught a humpback whitefish. Three kings were caught so far, and mine was 45 inches long and 30 inches in girth."

Nick wants to know, "How come no one has shown up? You GBF members need to get up here and catch some fish." Be advised, however. Nick reports, "The mosquitos are BAD!"

August Fish Out: North Yuba River Clinic

Date: August 16, 1997

Time: 7:30a.m., SHARP!

Place: Meet at Downieville pizza joint next to Union 76 station on the right as you enter town

Equipment: 4-, 5- or 6-weight rod and dry line with leader down to 3X; good nonslip wading shoes; sun protection; wading staff (wooden, preferably); Prince, Hare's Ear, Cased Caddis nymphs, #12-14; Light Cahill Parachute, Royal



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Flytying Skills Program...continued

Whether you are an aspiring or a skilled flytyer, this program is for you. There are two judging classes, beginners and those with more experience. This gives everyone a chance to compete at their own level.

July Winners: Non-beginner category — Ryan Jablonski. Beginner category — Rob Ferroggiaro. Congratulations to Ryan and Rob, they each get to **explain** to the club at the next meeting how they tied the **fly** — and how they would fish it!

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Flytying Skills Program

Pattern for August: *Little Yellow Stone*

(See the July 1997 *Leader* for directions.)

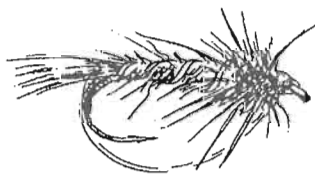
Flytying Skills Program

Rules: GBF's flytying skills program is held each month at the general meeting. Everyone is invited to participate.

All you have to do is tie the fly of the month (see above) and bring it to the meeting.

Judging is completed during the meeting and the best tied fly is announced just before the program, and the name of the tier is featured in the next month's *Leader*.

Flys 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). We have to do this to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.



members. All flies submitted will be placed in the raffle for the evening's meeting.

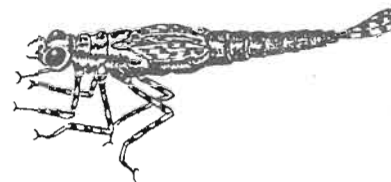


This is an educational program for tiers who wish to advance their tying skills and/or simply enjoy this aspect of the sport. Because there are no prizes, it is a no-cost service for interested club

Wulff, Callibaetis, Elk Hair Caddis dries.

This fish out will consist of an on-stream clinic on the North Yuba River. Bill Carnazzo, with able assistance from a few other experienced anglers, will provide instruction on nymphing techniques, rigging for nymphs, strategies for obtaining a good dry fly presentation and drift, wading safety, reading the water, etc.

After lunch, we will "fan out" along the river and put the instruction to good use. Plan for this one. It will be instructive as well as offer a good time. As of now, we have 20 signed up, but more are welcome. The sign-up sheet will again be available at the August meeting.



Fly Fishers Conclave

The annual Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave is scheduled for September 26, 27 and 28 at the North Kings Beach (Tahoe) Community Center.

This event always provides a variety of interesting activities and a good time for everyone. It features fly tying demonstrations, vendor booths, angling programs, casting demonstrations and contests, and youth programs.

Mark your calendars for these dates and plan to attend.

For information, call Bill Carnazzo (663-2604) or Frank Stolten (725-6894).

A Hearty "Welcome!" To Our New Members

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Please welcome our most recent new members — **John Butkovich** and **Neil Nelson**.

We are happy that you joined our enthusiastic bunch of flyfisherfolk. And we look forward to seeing you at our meetings, outings and special events. Call any officer if you have questions or suggestions.

Attention all members: If you're planning to attend an event where other fly fishers might be in attendance, take along a few copies of our new GBF brochure. This is how many new members found out about us. To obtain copies, contact me, Rob Ferroggiaro, at the general meeting or call me at 791-0887.

Thanks for the Feedback

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Member Survey — During the June board of directors meeting, we held an in-depth review of the input from the member survey, which was conducted in April and May. Those of you who attended the July general meeting have already seen some of the changes and additions that we are making in our activities. Planned changes were mentioned in last month's *Leader*.

An overview of the survey results is included in this issue of *The Leader*. We'll discuss it briefly at the August meeting. Since we received more good sugges-

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provides a good silhouette and stability on the water.

4. Cover the rest of the shank with thread. Now cut and clean a small bunch of elk hair. Somewhere around 20-25 hairs will do.

5. Stack the hair, evening the tips. Measure it to length of the shank and tie it in at a point 1/3 of the shank length behind the eye with the tips pointing out over the eye. When the hair is secure, trim the butts and tie them down securely.

6. Grab the wing by the tips and pull rearward, standing it up. Take 3 winds in front of it and wind around its base while pulling the thread to the rear, about 4 times. This should stand the wing up straight, permanently.

7. Return thread to base of tail and tie in crystal hair rib. Now dub a sparse, tapered body to base of wing. Rib body with 3 or 4 turns and tie off in front of wing.

8. Select appropriately sized hackle and tie it in with shiny side up and tip facing away from you. Tie in just behind wing, leaving about 1/8 inch of stem for first wind around the posted-up wing.

9. Dub a thorax of the pink dubbing in back and front of the wing, leaving thread hanging in front of the wing. Remember to keep 1/8" behind the eye free of thread or material.

10. Grab tip of hackle with hackle pliers and begin winding around the post. Take the first three winds up the post and the rest down the post, each successive wind beneath the previous one.

11. Tie off hackle in front of wing. This step is tricky; it will be demonstrated at the August meeting from 7:00 - 7:30, unless I am on vacation and into some trout.

12. Form a nice whip finish with a small head.

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek!

Flytyer's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: Parachute Cahill Variant

Last month, we featured a summer-type pattern — the Little Yellow Stonefly nymph. Here we feature another summer hatch imitator, a variant of the traditional Light Cahill, tied originally in the Catskill form. This variation features a parachute wing and an off-color body, with a suggestive ribbing.

This variant will suggest small summer caddis which are plentiful around healthy streams, as well as summer evening hatches of light-colored mayflies. In a pinch, it also can imitate the Little Yellow Sally we all know and love.

Materials

Hook: Tiemco 100; Mustad 94840; Daiichi 1182; #14-18

Thread: Light yellow 6/0 or 8/0

Tail: Stiff cream spade hackle fibers

Wing: Bleached elk hair

Rib: Pearl crystal hair (1 strand)

Body: Light pink fine dubbing of choice

Hackle: Stiff cream neck hackle

Instructions

1. Smash barb, cover rear half of shank with thread.
2. Form a tiny ball of fine pink dubbing just above rear of barb. This will serve to "splay" the tail fibers.
3. Cut or strip about a dozen fibers from a cream spade hackle and measure them to the length of the shank for the tail. Tie them on just ahead of the dubbing ball. When secure, wind the thread back, forcing the fibers against the ball, causing them splay out. This

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Survey...continued

tions than we could act on immediately, we will be working on implementing other ideas during the coming months.

Some of those are:

- Strengthening our conservation program, particularly our ability to mobilize members to action when important issues arise which could affect our fisheries.
- Enhancing *The Leader*.
- Expanding and enhancing the *Fish Out* program.
- Incorporating member suggestions into plans for the 1998 Annual Dinner.

As a result of this survey, we have the opportunity to build on our strong programs with some great new ideas to make membership in GBF even more valuable. As a volunteer organization, however, the club needs active members to make things happen.

If you have an interest in any club activity, please contact a board member and volunteer to help, even if you can only spare a little time. This is a great way to make new friends and make a difference!

Member Market

For Sale: Pontoon boat. New, still in the box. Southfork II by Bucks Bags. Complete. \$475. Call John Bonatto. 773-1613.

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Cassified ads are free to members of GBF. To place an ad call Gray Allen, 783-4334.

Summary
GBF Spring '97 Member Survey
(86 responses)

Where members fish:

75% of the members fish streams
50% fish still waters

Preferred species:

82% fish for trout
40% fish for bass or pan fish
22% fish for steelhead, shad, stripers or other species

Skill level:

30% of the members consider themselves beginners
55% said intermediate
15% chose expert

On line:

63% have access to the Internet or expect to within a year

Fishing partners wanted:

80% said they would like to have a way to find fishing partners

Satisfaction with the club:

Overall satisfaction with the club ranked 8.9 out of 10

Activity rankings:

(how members rated certain club activities, along with suggestions for improvement):

■ **"Important, with high level of satisfaction"**

Clinics — not sure how topics are set when future clinics are planned

Youth Program

Monthly meetings — speed them up and provide more information about places members can fish

Annual dinner — get less expensive speaker and location, have a speaker who will talk about places where members might realistically fish, try a new caterer

■ **Important, but lower level of satisfaction**

The Leader — include more information on fishing locations, tactics, etc.; include monthly program topics

Conservation program — need a clear process to set priorities and communicate what we're working on, need to be more effective at mobilizing members on important issues affecting fisheries

Fish outs — more local fish outs, more coaching and hints for participants, especially for beginners; better communication about plans

■ **Less important:**

Fly tying contest

Club picnic Golden Trout

Chili cook-off