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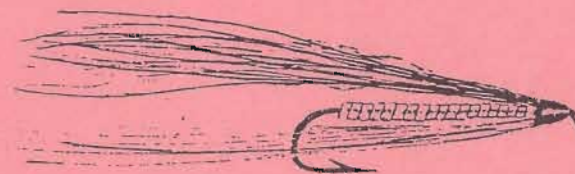
Calendar of Events

July

10	7:30 PM General Meeting
17	7:00 PM Board Meeting
20	1:00 PM Casting - John Hogg
26-27	Bear River Work Day

August

14	7:30 PM General Meeting
21	7:00 PM Board Meeting
23-24	Bear River Work Day



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FLYTYING SKILLS PROGRAM

Pattern for July Program: "Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis", featured in June Leader.

Program rules: Don't be reluctant to submit a fly. Ask for a critique if you want help.

- + judging will be during the meeting
- + best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier featured in the next month's Leader
- + 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.

This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills, and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport. Because there are no prizes, it is a no-cost service for interested club members. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June, 1997

I trust that our membership is enjoying a bountiful trout season. For me, it tends to "govern" my existence for at least April through November. There's always that next bend in the river, or that next pocket up above to explore. I suppose those of us who understand this (to some) fanatical quest will someday wade through those sparkling riffles right over the horizon into Nirvana. I recall years ago reading to our young children a very old story about a yearling beaver who stood beside a stream with an itchy, tingly feeling inside, but unable to identify it. So he began to explore the stream...and I'll leave the rest to your imagination. Anyway, is the analogy apparent?

The membership **has** spoken! Loud and clear. Rob Ferrogiaro, with the assistance of Ron and Jeanne English, tabulated, summarized and synthesized the results of the survey. At the July meeting, members will receive a one-sheet summary of the Board's selection of the most significant findings and recommendations gleaned from the survey forms. In fact, if I'm not mistaken, that summary will also appear in this Leader. (Ed Note: It will be in the August Leader)

Some of the suggestions/comments in the responses were selected for immediate implementation; others will be implemented over time. For example, what we formerly called the "flytying contest" has now been changed to the "flytying skills program" with prizes eliminated and a refocused objective. The new format appears in this Leader. And, beginning at the July general meeting, there will be a bulletin board on the wall for persons who wish to find a "fishing buddy". You will also find in this Leader two new features: a column for swap/sell/wanted fishing-related items (our definition of "related" is very broad); and a column for those seeking fishing partners (please, no "SWM seeking...etc). We are also going to organize a "fly swap/sell" table at the general meetings, and try to shorten up the business portion of the meeting. That's just a sample of the changes which will be made in response to the survey. You will also see changes in the fishout and seminar programs. So, thanks for your input...and a very special thanks to Rob Ferrogiaro for donating his skills in this area.

Finally, look at the front inside cover of this Leader and find the changes. Our new conservation chair is Nathan Joyner, who also volunteered to assume the responsibility for our web page; our new raffle chair is Mike Wasserman; our new Leader editor, effective for the August edition, is Gray Allen; we have a new grant position--assumed by Frank Stolten; and a new program chair, Joe Gildone. A hearty "thanks" to these folks for stepping up to the plate.

One more thing--c'mon folks, Jim Coleman needs support on the Bear River project. We will soon have a video of the project to show at the general meeting, so you can see why we are proud of what has been done, and looking forward to what remains to be done. Through Frank's hard work, we have obtained a number of grants and are working on others; now we need your help. So, the Board members will be calling you individually asking for a commitment to a day of work on the project. Please don't say no. Okay?

Go forth and rip some lips!!!

Thanks, and....

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Bill Carnazzo, Pres.



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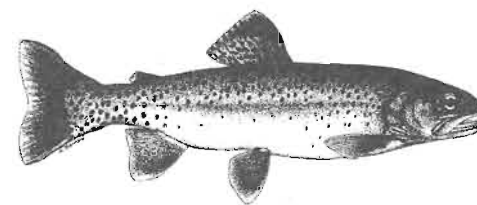
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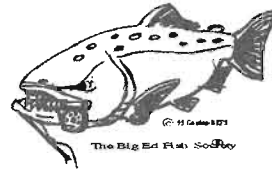
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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

FLY FISHING THE UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER & SHORTLINE NYMPHING



Presented by **Ron Rabun, Dunsmuir Area Guide**

Our program this month covers fly fishing the Upper Sacramento River using modern and traditional nymphing techniques including the Ted Fay upstream method. The programs focus at valuable information that can increase success fly fishing the Upper Sacramento River and other freestone pocket water trout fisheries. Ron uniquely combines a clinic seminar, demonstration and slide program to cover:

- Background on the Upper Sacramento River and it's fishery.
- Status of the River Following the Southern Pacific Spill in July, 1991.
- Orientation on Up-Stream Nymph Fishing and Short-line Casting Techniques
- Equipment setup; Rod, reel & leader construction used for two-fly nymphing.
- Stream Wading and Approach for fly fishing success.
- Short-line Dry Fly Techniques that are valuable in fast moving Pocket Water.
- Aquatic insects that guide selection and use of fly patterns.
- Slide presentation that covers both the river and demonstrated techniques.

To borrow a phrase of writer P. J. O'Roarke, "... if there is such a thing as fish delicatessens, (we'll talk about) where the fish hang out and what they would order for lunch."

ABOUT THE PRESENTER - RON RABUN

Ron Rabun has fly fished the Upper Sacramento River since 1976. From 1980, Ron's conducted annual docent fly fishing clinics for various Northern California fishing clubs. His programs and guiding concentrates upon a modern version of the well known Ted Fay Up-Stream Nymph fishing technique for the Upper Sacramento and other similar freestone rivers. Ron is known for developing the an In-Line Bright Butt Indicator simply using brightly colored Amnesia mono running line. Ron is actively involved as a long term Director in the Northern California Council FFF and serves as it's liaison regarding the 1991 Spill. His Upper Sacramento River program presentations have been enjoyed by many fly fishing organizations. Since the initiation of angling since the Spill, Ron has provided his knowledge and techniques through guiding, programs, fly fishing schools and group clinics. Ron and Sharon Rabun share their efforts in providing their services and products to the fly fishing community.

FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
July, 1997
Little Yellow Stone

Now is the time when the small yellow stoneflies are evident around streams such as the Upper Sacramento. So, it is well to have a good nymph imitation, and a good dry pattern. This month we feature an old Polly Rosborough pattern called simply the Little Yellow Stone. Fish this pattern right on the bottom, which means you may want to weight it some.

Materials

Hook	Tiemco 300, Mustad 79580, size 10
Thread	Light yellow 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Dyed chartreuse mallard flank feather
Rib	Yellow thread, heavier than tying thread (such as size A)
Shellback	Same as tail
Body	Chartreuse wool yarn
Legs	Same as tail
Wingcase	Same as tail

Instructions

1. Smash barb, cover shank with thread, and add weight if desired.
2. Tie in short tail, about ½ body length, just above back of barb. At same point, tie in mallard flank for shellback by tying in by tips. Leave this standing or stroked back.
3. Tie in yarn at same point, along with ribbing thread, which should be heavier than tying thread.
4. Wrap yarn around shank to a point about 1/8' behind eye, tie off and trim.

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5. Grab shellback material by butts and pull forward, distributing it evenly across the top of the fly, and tie it off at same point that body yarn was tied off. Leave the butts intact, as they will become the wingcase.
 6. Wrap ribbing material forward to same point with about 6 nice even turns, and tie off at same point.
 7. Take butts of shellback material and pull them back toward tail; tie them down in this position to form the wingcase. They should extend back to about the middle of the shank, so trim them at that point.
 8. Tie in leg material, which will be a beard-style "hackle" on the underside of the fly. The legs should extend back not quite to the point of the hook. Form nice head and whip finish.
- Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!

FISHING BUDDIES WANTED

Members are invited to send in their names and phone numbers for free publication here, for the purpose of finding others interested in fishing together. This is a good way of meeting new people and learning of new places to fish. It would be helpful to include the type of fishing desired (e.g., stream, stillwater, back country, etc.) or the skill one wishes to learn (e.g., nymphing, reading water, etc.). This column will appear in each issue whether or not there are items to publish.

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Yuba River Fishout

The August fishout will consist of an on-stream clinic on the North Yuba River. Bill Carnazzo 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. The clinic will be in the morning, starting at 8:00. After lunch, we will "fan out" along the river and put the instruction to good use. Plan for this one, which will be instructive as well as a good time. The date will be announced later.

SWAP/SELL/WANTED

Members are invited to send in their fishing-related items that they wish to swap or sell, or which they are in need of. This is a free service which will be available in the Leader each month, in this column, which will appear whether or not any items are listed [so members don't forget it's available]. The definition of "fishing-related" is very broad, so go for it

Casting Clinic Scheduled (the 60 foot roll cast)

Did that get your attention? Recently, I was on a fishing trip with my good friend Joe Libeu, who is a member of the Long Beach Casting Club, and who just received his Master Casting Instructor certification from the FFF. Joe was the 37th person in the US to be certified by the FFF.

I was asking about casting requirements and he said, "One that you better practice is the 60 foot shooting roll cast." I kind of gulped and replied in a quavering voice, "a 60 foot shooting roll cast? On my best day I'm lucky to hit 50 feet! As for shooting it ?" He laughed and said, "It's easy", (once you know the trick), "when we get a break from catching all these 22 inchers, I'll show you how."

Well, a couple of hours later, the fishing tailed off a bit, and even though my arm was tired from horsing in a bunch of two footers, we got down to the how to. In fact, it turned out to be so easy, that I was a bit flabbergasted - just a little lateral adjustment to the laws of physics, and a slight change of grip. And unlike the fish I've been mentioning - this is no bull. In fact, with really favorable conditions, casts in the mid-60s were nailed consistently.



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I'd like to tell you more about this cast, but the editor doesn't want me to take up too much space. But, if you come to the casting clinic on Sunday, July 20 between 1 PM and 4 PM, I'll pass on Joe's instructions. (Incidentally, any casting question you want to address can be covered at the clinic.) It's at Bill Carnazzo's pond: Take HWY 80 to the Newcastle exit. Go over north over the freeway and follow the signs to Lincoln (HWY 193). Once on HWY 193, go three miles to Gold Hill road; turn right and go 2.5 miles to Schindler road, turn right and go approximately one mile to Country Hill Run. You'll see the pond on your right. Bring your rod and reel with a floating line. If you've got questions, give me a call John Hogg, 823-9744.

From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

Gray Allen will be taking over as the Leader editor next month. All submissions should be sent to him. His address is 306 Diamond Oaks Rd., Roseville, CA 95678. His phone number is 783-4334.

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Outings

June Shad Outing

Eleven club members attended the shad outing on a Friday evening in June. About a dozen fish were hooked throughout the evening. Those who did have hookups should not be discouraged as the catch has been spotty. Keep trying because when you do hit a school and catch some it will be worth it!

July and August Outings

Isaac and Nick will be gone for July and August. The bad news is they won't be leading the fishouts. The good news is that they will be in Alaska fishing. So for July and August Jim Coleman will be leading the outings. Yep, you guessed it, we're going to the Bear River for work parties both months, July 26 and 27 and August 23 and 24. Jim will be giving personally escorted tours of the Bear River project. After working all day members are invited to stay for a little catch and release fishing with barbless hooks. Or go to Fuller Lake, always a good bet. For those people who want to spend the night there is camping at Spaulding Lake. Rough camping is available at Rucker Lake which has a great population of smallmouth bass. The campground at Fuller Lake has been closed. There is a possibility the club may be able to get the PG&E group campground. If the club can get the group campground it will be announced at the August meeting. Give Jim Coleman a call at 885-4128 and let him know which days you will be attending these outings

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