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Calendar of Events Including Fly of the Month


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| March | Gulper Special and CDC Emerging Midge |
| 1 | 9:00 AM NCC/FFF Exposition - Fort Mason |
| 7 | 6:30 Youth Meeting - Clubhouse - Ron and Jeanne English |
| 13 | 7:30 PM General Meeting |
| 20 | 7:00 PM Board Meeting |
| 22 | Steelhead Outing - Nick or Isaac English |
| April | |
| 10 | 7:30 PM General Meeting |
| 13 | High Sierra Fly Casters Festival, Minden, Nev |
| 17 | 7:00 PM Board Meeting |
| 19 | Kiene's Fly Shop Open House |
| 26 | Opening Day - Trout Season |
| May | |
| 8 | 7:30 PM General Meeting |
| 15 | 7:00 PM Board Meeting |
| 17 | 9 AM Annual Picnic |

INTERMEDIATE FLYTYING CLINIC

During the last part of March and early April, Bill Camazzo and Terry Eggleston plan on teaching an intermediate tying clinic. There will be a signup sheet at the March general meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, but are interested in the clinic, call Bill at 663-2604 for details. Participants will be expected to actually be at the intermediate level. The reason for this is that the class will move quickly through some more advanced techniques, and it will be most frustrating for you if you are unable to keep up. If you have taken the beginner seminar, and have increased your skills through practice, you are probably ready for the intermediate class. Please bring a sampling of your work to the March meeting. The fee for this class will be \$15.00

March Fishout

For the March outing we are going to the Eureka area. We will fish for steelhead (Mad and Eel Rivers), surf perch and other ocean fish. There will be a sign up and more details are the March meeting or call Nick or Isaac English at 677-7169.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March, 1997

With "ole man winter" on his grouchy way out the door (hopefully), we now can begin looking forward to a long spring, summer and fall of productive bassing, trouting, steelheading, etc. I, for one, am chomping at the bit. I must admit, though, that I have been out doing some winter angling--if for no other reason than to preserve my personal sanity in a world seemingly bent on an unrelenting assault on common sense. As I see it, fish don't care about, respond to or have to deal with those things we term the "affairs of men (and women)"; simplicity, patience and common sense, however, may cause them to respond. I find great solace in such thoughts.

Our annual dinner was a resounding success. It could not have been so, had it not been for the total dedication of the dinner committee. Those people deserve more than a simple thank you from our club--they deserve at the least a resounding round of applause and our everlasting gratitude. Here they are: Rich Brown (and Marnie, his secretary who puts up with him), who headed up the committee; Rob Ferroggiaro (your stalwart V.P.) who assisted Rich and attended to a vast number of tasks needed to make it a go; Frank Stolten, whose work on the silent auction and raffle was nothing less than marvelous; Ron and Jeanne English, who helped Frank, and organized the bar and many other aspects of the dinner; and Verne Stubbs and all of the others who helped set up the hall and the raffle tables. I am sorry if I forgot to mention anyone. We will have a summary and report from the committee at the March meeting.

Our fishmasters are doing a great job!! As you can see from the schedule at the end of this issue, they have made plans for a steelhead outing near Eureka in March. I'm told that if the steelheading is bad, and if the surf perch don't cooperate, a new fly fishing technique called "poke-poling" (with a bamboo rod, of course) will be demonstrated. I, for one, am anxious to learn this.

Speaking of upcoming events, we are considering an intermediate tying clinic for late March and early April, if enough interest exists. A short article on this appears elsewhere in this issue. Also, note the NCCFF Fort Mason event on March 1st, where several of your club members will be tying. This is

a big fund raiser for the Northern California Council, so please try to attend. It is always a fun event. Finally, in April there is the High Sierra Fly Casters Expo in Minden, Nevada, and Bill Kiene's Expo at his shop in Sacramento; both of these are excellent events. We will have a booth at Bill Kiene's Expo, so stand by to be called for volunteer time in the booth.

And....don't forget April 26th is opening day of trout season. After all, that's what it's all about.

Thanks, and....

See ya on the creek!!!

Float Tubing Tip

Ever have a fin come off while float tubing? If so you know the value of fin savers. Contrary to what some fin manufacturers say I've never seen a fin that floats. You can make a pair of fin savers very easily. All you need is a pair of shoe laces and a velcro strap to put around you ankle. Just tie one end of the shoe lace to the fin and the other to the velcro strap. You can buy velcro straps at a bicycle shop. They sell them as a pants guard to keep your pants out of the chain.

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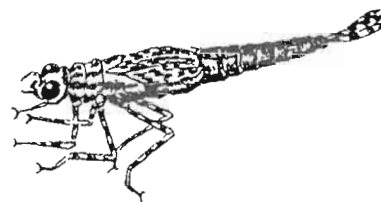
FLYTYING CONTEST

Patterns for March Contest: Gulper Special, featured in January Leader, and the CDC Emerging Midge featured in the February Leader. Because we didn't have a general meeting in February, the judging for these patterns will occur at the March general meeting. In other words, we will be having two patterns in the March contest.

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
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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 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.

February Winners: No one, since we didn't have a general meeting in February. Get those flies in the contest!!! The \$100 gift certificate is there for the taking...who couldn't use that??



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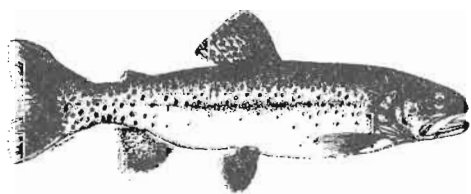
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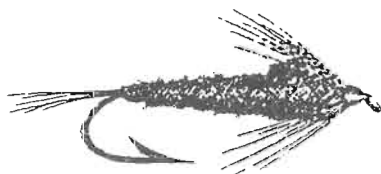
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March Meeting Speaker

Robert Tamson, Programs Chairman

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Seth Norman. Seth is a very talented writer and fascinating fly fishing speaker. I was fortunate enough to see one of his outstanding programs last fall at the Lake Tahoe Conclave. It was great! The program he will share with us is the same one I saw at the conclave. It's filled with the most fantastic slides and stories of any slide program I've ever viewed! I know I've said it before, but seriously ... **DO NOT MISS THIS SHOW!!**

Seth writes for many outdoor publications including my personal favorite, *California Flyfisher*, in his column, "Master of Meander," and has just released two wonderful books titled *Flyfishers Guide to Northern California* and *Meanderings of a Fly Fisherman*. I've asked Seth to bring several copies of both his books so he can personally autograph them for you after his program.



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4. Tie in 4 strands of peacock herl by the tips, at this same point. Strengthen them by wrapping them around the tying thread. Now take the herl and thread together, and wrap a nice thorax forward to a point about 2 eye-lengths behind the eye of the hook.
5. If you opt for mono eyes, tie them in now, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.
6. Just behind the eyes, or at the point where the herl thorax ends, tie in an immature feather from a pheasant back. You will find these feathers behind the main, larger feathers on the back. Before tying it in, trim the feather material from one side of the feather.
7. Take two wraps of the filoplume, stroking it back so it sweeps back over the thorax; tie off and trim. Care must be taken in handling these feathers as they are quite fragile.
8. Form a nice, small head with the tying thread.

Now go fish your Billywog. Spring is near and the bass are in shallower water.

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FLYTYER'S CORNER

BY
BILL CARNAZZO
March, 1997

The Billywog

Although trout fishing is a passion with me, bass and panfish fishing is also high on the list--which is why I live where I do, with two bass ponds. This has given me the opportunity to create some new patterns--some (but not all) of which have been successful. One of the successful ones, at least on my ponds, is my polywog imitation. Bass love frogs, and there are always polywogs around in one form or another. This fly is so simple it may make you laugh. Well, then, all the better--because I favor simplicity. It should be fished with short strips; but if that doesn't work, try variations in stripping speed and length. P.S.--the fly may also imitate a damsel nymph.

MATERIALS:

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| Hook | Tiemco 200R or similar shaped hook, sizes 8-12 |
| Thread | Black 6/0 or 8/0 |
| Tail | Small bunch of muskrat fur, with guard hairs |
| Abdomen | Dubbed muskrat |
| Rib | Fine gold wire |
| Thorax | Peacock herl (wrapped) |
| Hackle | Filoplume or immature pheasant feather |
| Eyes | (Optional) 30# Mono heated to form eye shape |
| Weight | (Optional) Lead or substitute, at thorax area |
| Head | Small thread head |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cover shank with thread and add weight at thorax, if desired. Smash barb.
2. Take small bunch of muskrat fur and tie in a short tail at bend, just above back end of now-smashed barb.
3. Tie in gold wire for rib, and dub a slim body up to a point just forward of the halfway point of the shank. Counter-wind the rib forward to this same point, tie off and trim.

From the Editor's Desk

Bruce Bartholomew

As all of you saw the pages for last month's Leader were out of order. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Starting with this issue of the Leader I'm numbering the pages to try and prevent any further mistakes like this in the future.

Deadline for the Leader is the Saturday following the third Thursday of the month. Send articles for publication to Bruce Bartholomew, 336 Prewett Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Articles can also be faxed to me at 983-7719, but let me know before faxing because I don't always leave my computer on.

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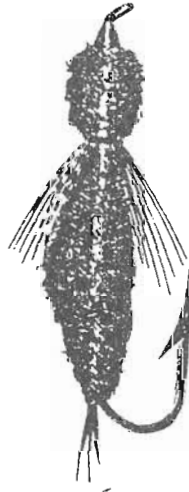
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Letter of Appreciation

The club recently received a letter from Wilderness Unlimited thanking us for our involvement at the The International Sportsmen's Exposition and in particular the Youth Fair Coordinators with the Expo Youth Fair. As the letter points out these shows don't always happen at the most convenient time and many people have to sacrifice their time. The letter concludes, "Thank you for the use of the fly tying kits and materials. We have confirmed interest in expanding this part of the show."

Our involvement in this endeavor at the Expo Youth Fair has not gone unnoticed and to the people who helped out thanks. It is people like you who make a difference in the world. All of you have had a positive influence on the youth you worked with.



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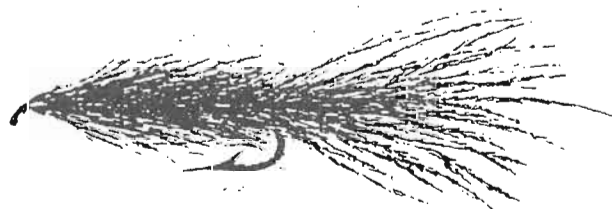
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For a successful club to exist the membership must be willing to contribute their time and skills. You will only get out of the club what you and others jointly put into it.

I'd be willing to support the club by helping out in the following:

Please include any comments or suggestions you might have including things you would like to see the club do in the future.



The Duncan Loop or Uni-knot

Bruce Bartholomew

Let's get one thing straight right from the start. I don't like messing around with leaders. The heavy butt section is okay. And I find it pretty easy to tie a permanent butt section to the fly line using a nail-less nail knot. I used to tie on a permanent butt section, then tie a perfection loop in the end, put another perfection loop in the butt of the leader, and join the two together. Trouble was, every time I went into the local fly shop in the Bay Area, where I used to live, the owner would cut off the two loops and retie the connection with a blood knot. I've pretty well resolved these problems by using a Duncan Loop also know as a Uni-knot to join the leader to the butt section of the leader.

It's the tippet that gives me the most trouble. The more flies I change the shorter the tippet gets. Then I end up tying the fly in the mid-section of the leader. Of course I never know what the tippet is on my leader any way because I can't remember from one fishing trip to another what tippet I was using the last time. After going to all the trouble to tie on a new tippet my knots like to fail! Now I find out that some tippet materials aren't compatible with one another.

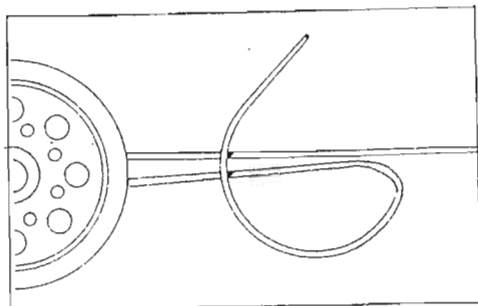
So what's a person to do? Well, let's try to make a little sense out of some of this with the Duncan Loop or Uni-knot. I know one person who says this one knot is really the only knot you need to know. It can be used to tie on the fly, join the permanent butt section to the leader and add a new piece of tippet among other things. When I buy a new leader I like to cut off the tippet section and then tie on a new tippet section. This way I know when the tippet is getting too short.

I've included the directions from *Practical Fishing Knots* to show how the knot is tied. To join two lines together just lay the two lines next to each other and then tie a Uni-knot in each line. Then pull on the two knots together. This knot is also excellent for materials that aren't compatible with each other. This connection will not pull apart, unlike a blood knot or surgeons loop.

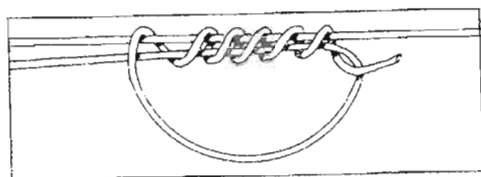
If you've never tried the Uni-knot give it a try. I think you'll like it. Practice tying it at home and not on the stream when the fish are rising. This is the worst place to try to learn a new knot.

Tying the Duncan Loop or Uni-knot

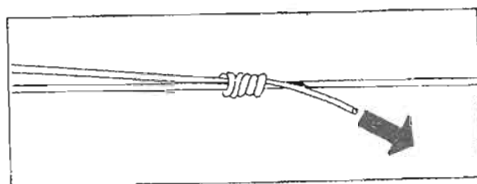
STEP 1 Pass the tag end of the leader through the eye of the lure or around the spool and bring it back alongside the standing part. Allow about six to eight inches to finish the knot. Hold the tag end against the standing part about six inches from the bitter end. Bend the end back toward the lure or spool, forming a loop beneath the two strands.



STEP 2 Starting at the end closer to the lure or spool, make four or five wraps with the tag end around both strands, passing the tag end through the loop after each wrap.



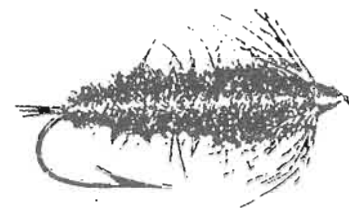
STEP 3 Pull steadily on the tag end to draw the wraps together.



Time to Renew Your Membership

Rob Ferroggiaro

We have a great schedule of activities planned for 1997 including club meeting programs, fish outs, clinics, conservation activities and other special events. By renewing promptly you can be sure to stay on our mailing list to get the club newsletter, *The Leader*, with all the latest information about club activities along with some great fishing tips and lore. Remember, members who haven't renewed by the March meeting will be dropped from the mailing list. Also, there is a \$7.00 fee to renew after a membership has lapsed. See me at the March meeting to renew, or mail you check to with the enclosed form to the club P.O. Box. Give me a call at 791-0887 if you have any questions



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California Angling Coalition - Update!

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF) brought together several sportfishing and conservation groups in 1993 to begin a new era of cooperation. Slowly, a coalition has been formed to coordinate our efforts in the never-ending battle for fishery conservation and enhancement. The members of this coalition are the Southwest and Northern California Councils (FFF), Trout Unlimited, California Trout, United Anglers, and California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance.

Our first challenge was working together in the summer of 1995 to ensure that there was no set-back in how the Department of Fish & Game (DF&G) managed the Upper Sacramento River through its regulatory process. Although each organization had its own position, we were united in our desire to protect the progress made to date on recovery of the Upper Sac..

The coalition has continued to meet at least semi-annually to share issues of concern to each organization and to find opportunities to again work together. Through the coalition forum, member organizations can quickly share fast-breaking news from the legislature, industry, courts or government agencies that may affect fisheries and can leverage their political power by flexing their memberships' muscles. We are putting those muscles to good use in several areas:

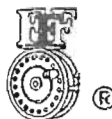
We have asked the Director of DF&G to designate the South Fork of the Kern River as wild trout waters to be managed under the California's Wild Trout Program. This is in response to findings by the Golden Trout Wilderness Federation, and supported by a California Trout study, that overgrazing by private interests, such as Anheuser-Busch, has hurt many segments of the Golden Trout Wilderness Area. Negotiations are now taking place which should drastically reduce the number of cattle in the area over the next few years.

We are talking with DF&G to refine state suction dredging regulations to ensure that fisheries are not adversely affected by suction dredging. We are also seeking budgetary support for the Department to determine the degree to which various types of suction dredging may be harmful to fisheries.

We are working to ensure that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) lists Steelhead as "threatened" or "endangered" under the Federation Endangered Species Act along the California coast and in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system. We also want NMFS to list Coho (Silver) Salmon as "endangered" south of Ten Mile River in Mendocino County.

The coalition is proving its worth. We all have limited resources, but by working together we can do more for less. Our next meeting will be in late April. There we will discuss the two Councils' initiatives to the Department of Fish & Game regarding wild trout policy and developing a management plan for the Upper Sacramento River.

We thank the many clubs and individual anglers who support the Northern California Council's participation in the coalition through their donations. For more information about the coalition, please contact Chuck Bucaria, coalition facilitator and vice president of conservation for the Northern California Council, at (916) 392-4583.





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CONSERVATION MEETING: On March 15, club conservation directors, committee chairs and members are invited to a NCC/FFF conservation meeting at Papagottso's Italian Restaurant (1995 North Main St., Walnut Creek) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will cost \$15.

At the meeting, Kyle Murphy, DF&G fisheries biologist, will discuss Big Sur and Carmel River Steelhead as well as locations to fish for trout in California's central coast range. Dave Lentz, director of DF&G's Wild Trout Program, will present the program from a state-wide perspective. This is the 25th anniversary of the program, and NCC/FFF has requested that the Upper Kern River Golden Trout Wilderness area be included under the program.

All club conservation people are encouraged to attend so we can learn about plans for spring and summer of 1997. For example, the Southwest Council will again need help on their Eastern Sierra Pickell Meadow restoration project in Mono County (contact volunteer coordinator Frank Emerson at 818/846-6597 or e-mail AgTrout@aol.com for information). This will also be an opportunity for clubs to learn how to apply for Council and/or Federation conservation grants. For more information on this meeting, contact event chair Norm Stevenson of Mission Peak Fly Anglers at 510/792-9248.

SUCTION DREDGING: Dave Ford and Norm Stevenson are representing California's Councils and the sportfishing coalition in negotiations with suction dredgers and DF&G regarding regulatory language under consideration. The coalition (Northern California and Southwest Councils, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout, United Anglers, CSPA) position is: 1) no new dredging permits in areas subject to Endangered Species listing; 2) no dredging in streams designated for wild trout management; 3) DF&G costs related to dredging to be funded by dredger community, not fishing or hunting licenses; and 4) DF&G's first priority is to prohibit activities deleterious to California's fish and wildlife resources.

HISTORIC MEETING: On February 4th executives of the Councils met with DF&G Director Jacqueline Shafer to discuss: 1) support for the Wild Trout program; 2) request that DF&G prepare a wild trout management plan for the Upper Sacramento River; request DF&G action necessary to meet their Steelhead Management Plan goal to double stocks of wild Steelhead and Coho Salmon by the year 2000. Annual meetings between the two councils and the director of DF&G are planned.

ABSOLUTE POWER: State Water Resources Control Board staff are attempting to approve non-compliant water rights applications on the Carmel River for the enrichment of a few special interests, in particular Clint Eastwood's planned golf course and luxury estates. Approval would not only further deplete the river's steelhead population but be a flagrant disregard of due process, the public trust, and the state regulations. Please send letters to Walter Petit, Executive Director, SWRCB, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812 on Water Right Application 30497 (Margaret Eastwood Trust, Applicant) stating your opposition to the application, demanding submission of an environmental impact report, and asking why Mr. Eastwood merits special dispensation from the Board. (Our thanks to CSPA for this alert.)

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