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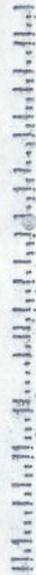
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Club Calendar

April 1998

- 4 **Fishout: Stampede Reservoir**
- 9 **General Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
Dave Howard: fishing local waters for shad and stripers
- 11 **Clinic: Fly Fishing Basics** 9:00 a.m.
GBF Clubhouse
Clinic: Rob Building
American Fly Fishing Co.
- 16 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- 21 **Fly Tying — Clubhouse** 7:00 p.m.

May 1998

- 2 **Fishout: Hot Creek/East Walker**
- 14 **General Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
Members share their knowledge about knots, tactics, fishing holes and flies
- 21 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.



The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishermen and flyfisherwomen who meet once a month at the clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake.

The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship. For membership information, contact John Hogg, 823-4334

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Programs

April Program

Guide Dave Howard brings tips and hints on fishing for shad and striped bass in local waters, especially the American River.

Howard will also discuss fishing for half-pounder steelhead on the same waters. Dave is the originator of the "Wet Pinky," a popular and effective shad fly locally.

May Program

It's skills night at the clubhouse. Knowledgeable members share their insights and techniques on everything from the knot tying to fishing techniques to fly tying. There will be demonstrations and opportunities to ask questions.

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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Well, the trout opener is only about a month away, and I can hardly wait. Like you, I'm hoping our favorite streams aren't El Nino'ed all the way into July. Fortunately, Sturmer White got me interested in bass fishing recently, and last season the English family hooked several of us on Shad fishing. This created a lot of new fishing possibilities. Recently I've been thinking about several fishing options I still haven't pursued; there are still a lot of different fish to seduce into munching a fly. So much water, so little time.

Annual Dinner: Speaking of munching, by the time you read this, the 1998 Annual Dinner will be in the books. With over 180 tickets sold as I write, it's shaping up to be a great event. Thanks to Rich Brown (our Dinnermeister), Frank Stolten, Jeanne English, and Ron English for investing the many hours required to make all the necessary arrangements, and to solicit and organize all the great raffle prizes. Once again, our membership came forward with some great donations and volunteer support whenever we needed it. Thanks to everyone who helped! As always the committee is interested in your comments and suggestions for next year.

Advertising/Fund-raising: In other news, the Board created a new position at our last meeting, Advertising/Fund-raising Chair. John Hogg generously stepped forward to accept this new role. As you know, we have a strong interest in finding ways to raise money from outside our club. With circulation of The Leader ap-

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proaching 200 copies each month and the opportunity to be seen on our great new web site, we have something valuable to offer potential new advertisers who could be doing business with us. There are probably other revenue producing opportunities which could increase the resources we have to support important conservation work. If you have any suggestions along these lines, catch up with John or join us at a Board meeting. We are very grateful for our current advertisers, so please support them when you have the opportunity.

Catch Fish, Be Safe: Enjoy your Spring fishing, whatever your passion, and be careful out there. Inspect those float tubes and take care wading in those high water streams. While you're at it, cross your fingers and hope that the shad and reasonable water levels happen at the same time. Come to the April general meeting and get prepared for these strong fighting fish.

See you at the April meeting.



GBF Activities

Fly Fishing Fundamentals Clinic April 11th

by Rob Ferroggiaro

Here's your chance to even up the odds with those wily fish. Join us at 9 AM on Saturday, April 11th at the clubhouse and find out everything you ever wanted to know about:

- Equipment selection and tackle preparation
- Types of flies and fly selection (no Latin required!)
- Fly fishing tactics
- Getting a quick start: avoiding common problems
- Recommended fishing locations and guides

The clinic will run until 3 to 4 PM, so bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be available in the morning.

We'll try to tailor the course to meet the needs and interests of the participants and there will be plenty of time for questions. If you have questions about your tackle or fishing gear, bring it along.

During this clinic we will refer to the application of different casting techniques, but if you want to build your actual casting skills, plan to attend one of our monthly casting clinics.

We apologize for forgetting to mention in the last newsletter that there is a \$15 fee for this clinic. The clinic is for GBF members only.

There are a few openings left, so, sign up at the April meeting or call Rob Ferroggiaro or Bill Carnazzo.

for that evening's meeting.

Winners for March:

Ron English won the non-beginner category;

Cindy Leggett was given a "2nd Place" prize for the beginner category, because believe it or not we had no entries in the beginner category. Anyway, congratulations to Ron and Cindy!

C'mon folks, enter those flies!!!

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Pattern for April Program:

“Bill’s Simple Stone”

(Featured in March *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.

- Two categories: beginner and non-beginner; anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on.



This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills, and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport.

There will be a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, our program sponsor, for the winner in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle

GBF Activities

April Fishout Stampede Reservoir

Yes, Stampede, in April, snow and ice permitting. And it’s a float tube trip, except for those who wish to feel their feet after a day of fishing. They should bring a canoe or...

Ron English says Stampede is usually great in April, but this year, who knows?

Stay tuned. Ron will announce a date and arrangements as we get closer to the time to go.

May Fishout Hot Creek/East Walker

Put May 2 on your calendar for a great fishing trip. Ron English and family will lead their annual trip to Hot Creek, with possible side trips to the East Walker. Ron likes this stream because many fish are caught, even by the novices. It is a small stream, easy to fish, with grassy banks that are forgiving of careless backcasts. It produces trout from 6” to 18”. Ron recommends 4 to 6 wt. rods, leaders 6X to 8X. Flies for Hot Creek: green rockworm - 12 to 14; cased caddis - 14 to 16, plus beadhead in 14; small dries: Adams - 18 to 20, BWO - 16 to 18 and grey caddis.

Camping at Convict Lake. Bring your Long Johns; the elevation is 7,000 feet, it can get chilly. There are cabins and a store at the lake, and condos at Mammoth Lakes, which Ron says, is a “full service” town, even has a fly shop. Ron says there will be more information at the April meeting.

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Gerle Creek Reservoir Fishout

Saturday, June 6, 1998

Mike Wasserman

The Gerle Creek Reservoir is about 35 miles from Highway 50 on Ice House Road. The entrance to the reservoir is about three to four miles past the Loon Lake turnoff.

A fairly small lake, Gerle Creek Reservoir is excellent for float tubes. You can also fish from shore. There is good access all around the lake. Prams or canoes would be OK (no gas motors allowed).

Fishing is primarily for browns, with a few rainbows also available. I recommend a floating line and some sort of sinking line (sink tip or full sink). Standard trout flies are fine (wooly buggers, streamers, Sheep Creek, mosquito, elk hair caddis, etc.).

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- You must be able to read the water
- You should keep your fly in the water
- You must know how to pick the holes

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2. Just above back of barb (smash it), tie in 1 strand of crystal flash, then 4 strands peacock herl. Herl should be tied in by tips. Wind thread forward to near eye.

3. Grab all four strands of herl and the strand of crystal flash with hackle pliers, and twist them together to form a chenille. This combines body material and rib, and creates strength for the herl at the same time.

4. Wrap this "chenille" forward to about 1/4" behind eye, and tie off there.

5. Cut a nice bunch of marabou from the stem; be sure to use the longest marabou you can find, as it is much easier to work with.

6. Tie the marabou in by the butts, where the herl body ends. The tips of the marabou should be pointed out over the eye—i.e., forward.

7. Wrap thread forward over butts to very close to hook eye, then back to point where it was tied in (about 1/4" behind eye). Leave thread there for now.

8. Now pull marabou backward, distributing it around the hook, and forming a "bullet" head.

9. While holding the marabou back, take a few winds over it to finish the "bullet". Make sure the marabou is distributed around the hook. If so, then whip finish at this same point.

10. With thumbnail and index finger, shorten the marabou tips to a point where it extends just beyond the end of the hook. Don't use scissors, as it creates an unnatural appearance.

Watch how pollywogs swim around. Adjust your line strip to match that activity...and see ya on the creek!!!!

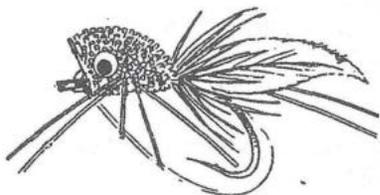


Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "Pollywog"

In a past article, I featured a pattern that I invented for bass and panfish called the "Billywog". I have found that pattern to be extremely effective, and very simple to tie—a good combination in my book.



Here is another very simple pattern, not of my creation, but a very nice imitation of pollywogs. A simple fact, folks—in springtime bass eat pollywogs, so go for it!!!

MATERIALS

- Hook** Mustad 9672 or equivalent, sizes 6-8
Thread Black 6/0
Weight (optional) 6 wraps of lead or substitute at thorax
Body Peacock herl
Rib 1 strand rainbow crystal hair
Collar Black marabou, tied forward and pulled back to form bullet head

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook shank with thread; apply 6 winds of weight at thorax area (optional). Do now crowd head area. Secure weight with thread wraps.

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Gerle Creek itself is also fishable and has a number of miles of accessible water.

I will be camping at Gerle Creek Friday and Saturday nights (June 5 - 6). If you would like to camp, I would advise that you make reservations by calling 1-800-280-CAMP (2267). There are some first-come, first-serve camp sites, but the campground tends to fill up fast during the summer weekends.

If you have any questions, call me, Mike Wasserman, at 530-677-7189. I will post a sign-up sheet at the next meeting(s) and call those who sign up.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Hardy Marquis #6 reel, plus extra spool. \$150. Call Mike Wasserman at 677-7189.

For Sale: 1996 Lowe pram, aluminum, 12'. Painted camoflauge. Lined with wood to prevent snagging lines. \$550. Call Rich Pontius at 677-2149.

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

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More Fishouts Planned

If you've got the itch to get on the creek or paddle a pond, maybe you'll want to join your fellow GBF fisherfolk on one of these outings.

June (dates to be announced):

- * Lower American River — an after work shad event
- * Upper Sacramento — a great trout stream

July 10 — Crane Prairie Reservoir

August:

- * August 11-16 — Loreto, Baja Mexico
- * Cup Lake
- * Truckee River

September:

San Joaquin River in Mammoth

October:

- * Kings River
- * Steelhead

November:

- * Lower Sacramento
- * O'Neill Forebay — stripers
- * Trinity River

December:

- * Truckee, Nevada portion



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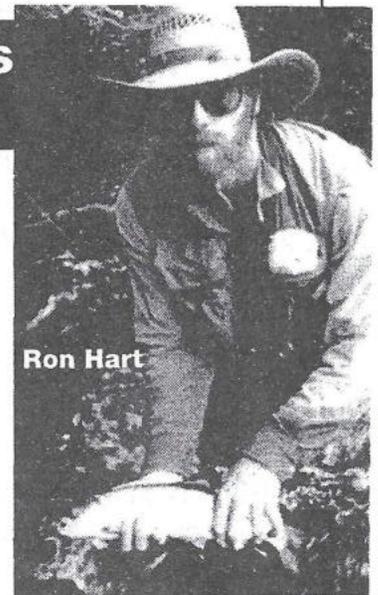
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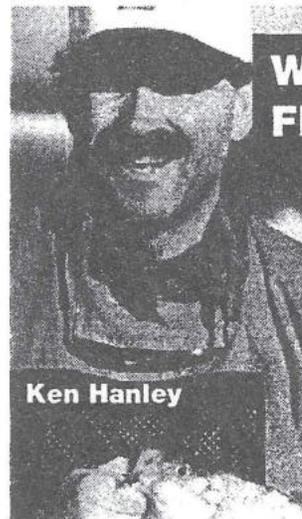
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of water off Green Valley Road a few miles east of El Dorado Hills.

The fish cooperated, hitting wooly buggers in olive and brown, sizes 6 to 10, and just about anything else Sturmer and company threw at them. The belly-boaters hooked dozens of feisty blue gill, some quite hefty, and a number of hard-hitting bass ranging from about 10 to 15 inches. Most of the fish were caught along the east bank in or near the tules.

Our thanks to Sturmer for organizing a pleasant outing, a good start on the '98 bass season.



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Rod Building Seminar

Bill Carnazzo has made arrangements for a rod building seminar that will be held at American Fly Fishing Company on Fair Oaks. The date is April 4. The price is \$35 per person (a reduced rate for club members), and the instructor will be Mike Searcy, a primo rod builder, says Bill. If interested, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604. Limited to six persons.



Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

Third Tuesdays

April 21 at the Clubhouse

On the third Tuesday of each month GBF has a fly tying get-together at the clubhouse. We meet there for a couple of hours to have a good time sharing techniques, patterns and fish stories.

These sessions are a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners and pick up skills and tips on tying.

Whatever your level of skill or interest, you are welcome to sit in. The monthly fly tying get-togethers are for everyone — beginner to expert. The sessions start at 7 p.m. and end at or before 9 p.m.

The next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21 at the clubhouse. If you have questions, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

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Wanted:

A creative volunteer to design and update our club booth

As most of you know, GBF sets up a booth at several events throughout the year. For example, on April 18th, we'll be at Kiene's Expo. Our booth has been a good way to attract new members and pass along information about club activities, conservation, and fly fishing in general.

We have a durable and attractive backdrop and club sign, but the rest of our booth is getting more than a little "tired." It's time for a major update so that our booth is up to the standards of everything else we do.

If you have the interest (and maybe a little artistic talent) we could use a little of your time to help us figure out how to create an attractive and informative display.

If you're interested, please give Rob Ferroggiaro a call.

Fishout Leaders Needed

Fishmaster Ron English needs a few good people who can lead one or more fishouts this year. He is putting together a full year's schedule of fishouts, both day trips and over-nighters, and still has some gaps in the schedule.

Bass fishermen -- Ron needs you to lead a fishout. If your favorite spot can support only a few fishermen, we can limit the sign-up.

If you would you like to lead a fishout, choose one

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Look for GBF on the Web

Have you visited our web site yet? Surf on in and find a growing wealth of information about the club, its activities, fly tying, and much more.

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If you have any suggestions for our web site, contact Jim Ferguson or Nathan Joyner.

Membership Directory

GBF plans to print an official membership directory, which will be made available to all members. This project will get underway in about a month, as soon as we have a record of all renewals and new memberships for 1998.

Some people, for reasons of their own, may not want their names and addresses published. If you are one of those, please contact our membership chairman, John Hogg, as soon as possible and ask to have your name withheld from the directory.

Call John at home at 916/663-2051.

Bass Fishout Scores

Neither wind nor waves nor threatening skies stayed five intrepid bassers from flinging their flies at Cameron Park Lake on March 25. Led by Sturmer White, John Peterson, Vern Stubbs, Rob Ferroggiaro and Gray Allen tested the waters of this pretty body

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member donations, including **Fly Fishing Through the Mid-life Crisis** by Howell Raines, and **A Different Angle— Fly Fishing Stories by Women**.

Please remember the GBF library while you are doing your spring cleaning! We gratefully welcome any dusty but in good condition castoffs from your home angling libraries to share with other members.

A new feature that you may have noticed back at the library table is our magazine swap. Members are encouraged to bring in their previously read magazines, where they will be available for others to purchase for a quarter apiece.

Finally, we want to once again remind members that books are due back at the following general meeting. We have noticed quite a few books staying out for several months, so in order to encourage prompt returns, we are going to begin enforcing our bylaws by charging \$5 a month for overdue books effective in April. So, don't forget to bring in your books on time.

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of your favorite spots and sign up to lead your fellow GBFers for a day or weekend of fun and fellowship. Even if you have never organized such an outing, GBF will make it easy (and fun) for you. Ron has a printed guide-sheet that will take you through the routine, step by step, so nothing is overlooked.

Give him a call — 677-7169.

Looking for A Fishing Partner?

If you would like to have someone join you for your next fly fishing outing, try posting a message on the *Fishing Partner Board* at the general meeting.

To find a partner, write a brief description of your planned outing — date, time, destination — and your phone number. Then pin the note to the board where others can see it. Anyone with a similar interest can call you to work out the details.

He Recommends Mount Lassen Trout Trip

Brian Staab won the club raffle last year that gave away a free trip to Mt. Lassen Trout, a pay-to-play spot with legendary trout cruising its ponds. Here's Brian's account of his trip.

On February 26th I had the opportunity to join Terry Eggleston and his crew up at Mt. Lassen Trout for some education and great fishing. I won the this trip through one of the raffles that GBF put on last fall. Although I was lucky enough to cash in on a great trip for \$5 worth

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of tickets, I certainly wasn't lucky when it came to picking a good weekend as far as the weather goes.

I headed out early and got pounded with rain for the entire two-and-a-half hour drive. Once we were on the ranch, the day started out with seminar activities. Relatively speaking, we were lucky, given that the hardest rain and wind came through while we were sitting in the shed for the seminar. However, the cracking wind against the aluminum roof on the shed made one doubt they'd live long enough to experience the afternoon fishing.

After lunch, everyone got to tie on their best fly for the murky water and figure out how to fire it through the wind without either wrapping it around your neck or falling in the mud. (I accomplished both more than once.) Once we got the details figured out, the fishing was amazingly great. In about 4 to 5 hours of fishing, I landed about 12 trout ranging between 8 and 15 pounds. They were all great fighters.

If it didn't take so long to fight and land each fish, you could easily hook up on twice as many.

The majority of the fish were caught close to the shorelines with size 10 to 12 black or olive buggers and leeches. In the upper pond, I did best with a full sink line. In the lower pond, they were all caught with a floating line.

Despite the weather, I had an excellent time and the fishing was outstanding. I can't imagine the fun it would be on a clear, warm day when those fish are feeding on top.

I look forward to going back.

News and Notes

Library Collection Expands

by Cindy Leggett

The GBF library recently purchased two new books and an instructional video that are now available for loan:

* **Presentation** by Gary Borger is a comprehensive but entertaining guide to angling strategies from one of the true masters of the sport. It contains a wealth of information for flyfishers of all experience levels.

* **Flyfishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout** by Denny Rickards offers straightforward, successful techniques for catching trout in lakes. Through his many years of hands-on experience fishing for trophy-sized trout, Denny has unraveled many of the mysteries of stillwater fishing. In this book, he shares his knowledge, offering tying recipes and successful retrieval methods of his most productive flies, as well as when and where to find the fish that you'll want to brag about for a long time.

* **Practical Fly Casting** by Barry and Cathy Beck provides casting instruction by this popular husband and wife team from simple mechanics to working your cast around obstructions onstream.

* **Pursuing Wild Trout** — Author Bob Madgic has generously donated a copy of his new book to the GBF library. This is a delightful collection of his personal reflections on fly fishing in the Sierras, focusing on local natural history and environmental consciousness.

In addition, we have added two more books from