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August 1998

- 11 - 16 Fish Out — Loreto, Baja Mexico
 13 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Brett Jansen on steelhead fishing
 on the Klamath and Trinity Rivers
 18 Fly Tying — Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
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September 1998

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 20 Club Picnic 1:00 p.m.
 (in lieu of General Meeting)
 At the clubhouse, for the entire family

October 1998

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 Ken Hanley on bass fishing
 15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 20 Fly Tying — Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.

November 1998

- 12 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
 Fly fishing in the Burney area

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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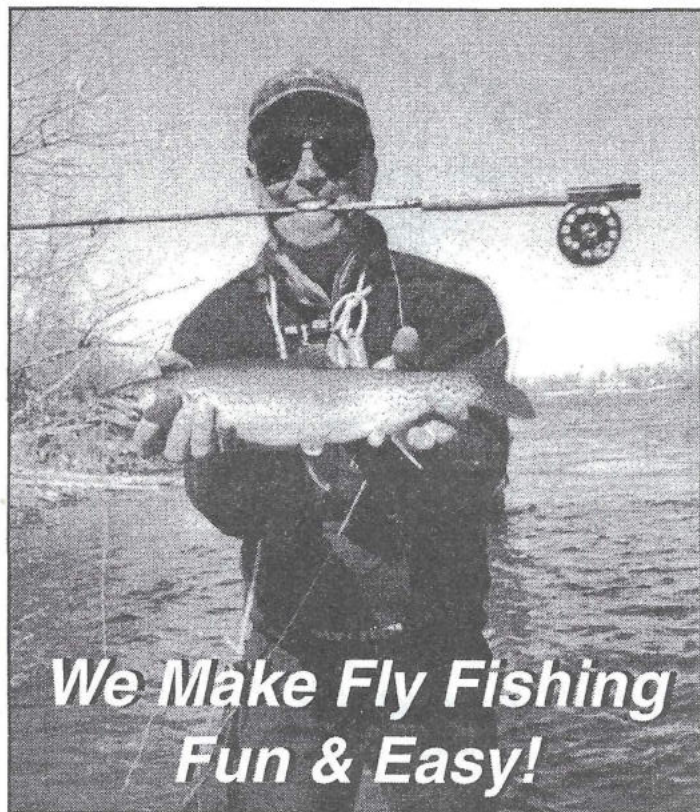
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Programs

August:

Brett Jansen will conduct a clinic on steelhead fishing. His presentation will be geared to fishing the Klamath and Trinity Rivers.

September:

No general meeting this month, a Club Picnic instead for members and their families on **Sunday, September 20th at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse**. The Club will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks. There will be fly tying, casting, kids games and, of course, a raffle.

See page 6 for details.



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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

I have to admit, when I dream of fishing I'm usually dreaming about 20+ inch trout and our blue ribbon rivers like the McCloud, the Pit, and the Upper Sac. But recently I had an experience which gave me some new fly fishing scenes to dream about, this time on the smallest of remote streams.

While vacationing in Northern California, I acted on a tip from a good friend and headed out on a forest service road with a topo map to find a small stream that supposedly held cutthroat trout. After a dusty ride and a short hike ... bingo! No footprints, no cigarette butts, no coils of monofilament, no bait hook wrappers, just the small stream of dreams under a canopy of alders. At first glance it looked almost too small to hold fish, but working my way upstream, I found small to mid-size pools with willing cutthroat trout. It seems that a waterfall forms the connection between this stream and the major river system downstream, enabling these cutthroat to enjoy peaceful genetic isolation.

The trout were small by blue ribbon river standards, most were 6-8 inches in length, but they attacked anything that vaguely resembled food with a desperate vengeance that made each hookup exciting. In the sun-

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President's Message

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light, these brilliantly marked fish looked like true works of nature's art. Moving upstream, fishing any place with depth, the hours went by in a blur.

As I sat down alongside the banana slugs to eat a sandwich, I realized how my perspective changes depending on the circumstances. Most of these fish would have been released without a thought had I been fishing a larger river. But in a stream like this, a 10" fish brings a rush of adrenaline, and the pair of 12" fish taken from a heavily overgrown pool became cause for a moment of silence in gratitude for the experience.

After talking to other fly fishers, I know this small stream experience is not unique. There are probably more small trout streams in California than we could find in a lifetime. I have to admit, I'm more inclined now to find time to search them out. Meanwhile, I have some wonderful memories of breathtaking little pools, fine trout, and a friendly blue heron.

Hope you're enjoying your summer. See you at the picnic.

Rob



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Flytying Skills Program...continued

- 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 for that evening's meeting.

Winners for July:

Jeanne English won the non-beginner category;
Michael Gervais won the beginner category.

Congrats, Jeanne and Mike.

Folks, enter those flies!!!

Flytying Skills Program

Sponsored by
American Fly Fishing Company

Pattern for August Program: "Damp Damsel"
(Featured in July 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

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GBF Activities

FISHOUT SCHEDULE

August:

Date: August 11-16, 1998
Leader: Bus Gehring, 652-0981
Place: Loreto, Baja

Equipment: 10 or 11 weight rod; cork drag reel; 250 to 300 yards of backing; sun protection; flies: Lefty Deceivers, poppers, Clousers.

We fly from Sacramento to Los Angeles and then on to Loreto. We stay in a hotel there and will get in four solid days of fishing! A number of non-fishing wives are also coming along at a reduced rate. Call me for additional details.

September:

Date: September 11-13
Leader: Ron English, 677-7169, 677-3924
Place: Trinity River/Coffee Creek
Facilities: camping at Tannery Gulch

Equipment, etc.: This will include dry fly as well as nymph fishing for trout and, possibly, kokanee. There's also smallmouth bass for the taking in the small lake adjoining the campground.

There will be a "how-to" presentation on fishing pocket water.

Sign up soon, because we won't hold this fishout unless a minimum of three other people go along.

Call me, Ron English, for details.

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GBF Club Picnic

Sunday, September 20 at 1 p.m. at the
Clubhouse at Granite Bay, Folsom Lake

• **FREE!** The Club is providing hot dogs, hamburgers and softdrinks free to members and their families.

• **Bring a sidedish.** To add to the occasion, we ask that each family bring either an appetizer, salad, or dessert, based on last names:

A through G — A salad: potato, macaroni, or green with dressing

H through O — a dessert

P through Z — An appetizer

If you plan to attend, **please sign up** at the August meeting or call Tai Lee at (916)782-9501 so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!!!

Fly Fishing and Investing Have Much in Common

Fly Fishing

- You must be able to read the water
- You should keep your fly in the water
- You must know how to pick the holes
- Dropper rigs are extremely effective

Investing

- You must know where to invest
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Flytier's Corner...continued

Thorax	Brown antron dubbing
Legs	Brown grouse or partridge hackle fibers
Weight	Lead or substitute

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cover hook with thread and wrap weight; if using lead, size it to the size of the hook (i.e., smaller hook = finer lead wire). 5 to 6 wraps should suffice.

2. Take a supple stemmed brown hackle and strip the barbules from it, leaving only the brown stem. Tie in the tip (thinner) end of the stem just above the back of the barb of the hook. Leave it there for now.

3. Dub a nice thin body of bright green antron dubbing, leaving the front 1/4 of the hook for the thorax.

4. Rib the body with the brown hackle stem, and tie off the rib material at the same spot where the body ended.

5. Dub on a sparse looking thorax covering most of the remaining 1/4 of the hook.

6. Turn the fly over in the vise, and tie on a sparse "beard" style hackle, which should be no longer than sufficient to fall just short of the point of the hook.

7. Whip finish and put 'er into the drift. (Hint: try fishing it in a two or three fly rig, and add or subtract weight to compensate for depth and flow conditions).

See ya on the creek!!!

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "LaFontaine's Caddis Larva"

Gary LaFontaine, of course, needs no introduction. Suffice it to say that Gary is a superb author, and a very creative fly tyer. His book on Caddis insects and patterns and his video tape on the subject are clearly authoritative, and a good addition to one's library.



We have all seen, when turning rocks over in a stream bed, the little green wormlike creatures squirming around. Many of these are un-cased caddis larvae. This month's featured fly is a good, simple imitation of that insect, which at certain times gets "into the drift". Trout will key on them during these periods, and unless the angler realizes what's going on, it can be very frustrating. One way to get "one up" is to hold your seine net in the current; if you accumulate a bunch of these in the net, you know what to do!!

MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco 200; Daiichi 1270; or equivalent, #10-16
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0
Rib	Stripped brown hackle stem
Body	Bright green antron dubbing

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GBF Activities

Calling All Conservationists!!

Two more weekend work (and good time) parties are planned in the cool mountains beside the healing Bear River so the Club can continue its conservation work on that beautiful (and improving) stream. The dates are **August 29-30** and **September 19-20**.

Anyone who plans to participate should contact Jim Coleman a few days before the date. Please bring your lunch and work gloves, and plan to arrive at 10 a.m. Also bring hip boots or waders, if you have them. The club will have a few hip boots to loan.

See the following map for directions. Allow about one hour driving time from Auburn.

Jim reports that **the fishing is good!**



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North Yuba Clinic September 12

This is a repeat of two very successful clinics held last year about the same time.

Date: September 12

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

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

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

This fishout will consist of an on-stream clinic on the North Yuba River. Bill Carnazzo, with able assis-

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How to Avoid A Dunking by Rob Ferroggiaro

As a flyweight wader, I have taken my share of unexpected swims in rivers. Here are some ideas that have helped me avoid unexpected swims.

1. Never go without a wading staff to act as a third leg to maintain balance and to feel your way along when the bottom isn't visible.

2. Be prepared with the right equipment. I find stud-ded wading shoes helpful. At least use felt soles. A wading belt is a good idea, and in big water, consider using an "SOS" style suspender flotation system.

3. When using a staff, keep two points of contact with the stream bottom at all times, keeping your staff out in front of you and upstream.

4. Plan your route carefully. Never wade upstream from a log or tree laying on or just under the surface.

5. In difficult wading, take small shuffling steps and angle downstream.

6. Always have an escape route.

7. Avoid stepping on the tops of boulders and don't get your foot wedged between rocks.

8. Be alert to changing water levels.

9. Be alert when walking along the river's edge or when entering or leaving the water.

10. In pocket water, use exposed boulders for hand holds and taking refuge in "soft" pockets behind them.

If you fall in heavy water, don't try to swim, assume the rafters position with feet downstream, floating on your back, using your feet to fend off rocks, and working your way to shallow water.

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The Golden Trout program is open to any active member who pays the \$10 entrance fee. To earn the certificate, the participant must complete activities in seven of the following 12 categories within a year: Literature, Conservation, Entomology, Club Fishout, Club Event, Casting, Knots, Fly Tying, Rod Building, Youth Program, Club Work Day, Net Building.

Take your skills to the next level. Earn a Golden Trout pin and have your name inscribed on the plaque that hangs in the clubhouse. Contact Vern Stubbs for details.

Win A Raffle Prize

Check 'em out at next general meeting!!!

The general meeting raffle in August will include some fantastic prizes. We are fortunate to have one more \$250 gift certificate from Oasis Springs Resort to headline the August general meeting raffle.

Raffle tickets are 3 for \$1 or 18 for \$5. Raffle tickets are available before each meeting and during our mid-meeting break.

Have some fun and support your club by participating in the raffles — buy some tickets, you may be a big winner!!!

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tance from Rob Ferroggiaro and 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.

The instructional clinic will be in the morning, starting at 7:30. 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 **signup** sheet will again be available at the **August meeting**. Call Bill at 663-2604 for more info, or in case you can't be at the August meeting.

Last year we held two North Yuba clinics because of the high demand (over 40 participants). We can only do one this year, so get signed up early.

Upper Sac October Caddis School and Clinic

Ron Rabun, Bill Carnazzo and Joe Kimsey, in conjunction with the Ted Fay Fly Shop, have teamed up to present a 2-day school/clinic featuring the Giant October Caddis.

There will be tying instruction, some entomology on the insect, and a whole lot of guided on-stream instruction on how to catch trout during the annual emergence of this unique and very large insect. A flyer was available at the July meeting, and more will be available at the August and September meetings.

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What's included:

- Fly tying instruction by Joe and Bill
- Two and a half guided days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) on the Upper Sac.
 - Instruction on nymphing and dry fly techniques used during this emergence
 - Two nights lodging, right on the Upper Sacramento River, in private accommodations in Dunsmuir
 - Meals, starting with dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday.

COST: \$325.00 per person (Based on a minimum of 10 persons)

HOSTS/GUIDES: Ron Rabun, Bill Carnazzo and Joe Kimsey. To reserve a spot, call Ron (1-800-FLY FSHN) or Bill (663-2604).

August Casting Clinic

John Hogg

The August casting clinic will be held on Sunday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m. Casters of all skill levels are welcome. We have club rods available for those who wish to use them. The highlighted topic will be how to execute the extended roll cast. Using some special line handling techniques, it is possible to execute a roll cast that exceeds 60 feet in distance. Come on out and learn how!

Wear eye protection, and guard against the heat with a hat and sunscreen!

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were changed with the effect that it destroyed the spring and fall runs of spawning fish. The same small group of people are working on the DFG to change the regulations to allow bait fishing. I believe the real agenda of this group is to get the special trophy trout catch-and-release season at Crowley Lake changed to bait fishing and a 5-fish limit."

If these efforts to return trophy and catch-and-release waters to bait fishing and killing fish concern you, express your opinions about this and about the 10-year plan for managing trout resources to the Executive Director of Fish & Game Commission, Robert Treanor, at rtreanor@hq.dfg.ca.gov

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.

Include a brief description of your planned outing and your phone number.

Learn New Skills in Golden Trout Program

There are many reasons to take up fly fishing, one of which is it is a never-ending pursuit of knowledge and skill. GBF offers the Golden Trout program to help members develop their abilities to make fly fishing even more fun and rewarding.

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Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

by Bill Carnazzo

Each month a group of fly tiers meets at the Clubhouse to tie for a couple of hours, and share techniques, patterns and fish stories. It is a good way to get to know other members, meet fishing partners, and pick up skills and tips on tying. It is for everyone—beginner to expert. The sessions start at 7:00 p.m., and end at or before 9:00 p.m.

The next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. If there are questions, please call me at 663-2604.

See ya there!!!

Conservation Corner

by Nathan Joyner

An acquaintance who shares our concerns about protecting native trout waters sent this alert to me recently. It's something all of us should be concerned about.

"It has come to my attention that there is a movement underway in Mono County and this state to return our wild trout and catch and release waters to bait fishing and killing fish. They also would like to do away with the heritage program that sets aside waters as wild trout waters with catch and release programs designed to help the fish to become a self sustaining population.

If you think this is a joke, recall that a couple of years ago the regulations on the Upper Owens River

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Come to my pond as follows: From Highway 80 toward Auburn, take the Penryn exit; turn right at the stop and go 3/4 mile to King Road; go left three miles to Auburn-Folsom Rd; turn left and go 1 1/2 miles to Newcastle Rd.; turn right and go one mile to the "Y" in the road. Bear left, which is Rattlesnake Road and go 1/2 mile. Turn left on Hayes Road and go 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes Road. Call John Hogg at 663-2051 if you have questions.

Remembering Polly

by John Hogg

The clubhouse at the Pasadena Casting Club looked over a downsloping lawn to the casting pond — a gigantic asphalt affair over 200 feet long and 100 feet wide, built more than 40 years ago.

One Sunday I noticed a caster at the far corner, more than 100 yards away. What I saw was the sunlight highlighting the bright green flyline as it formed an absolutely perfect loop — identical on the forecast and backcast, and a perfect rhythm with no pauses, until without any hesitation the fly was laid on the water.

I had never seen anyone cast like that. But as soon as I saw it, I knew it was the way I wanted to cast.

I wandered over and was surprised to see that the caster was a lady. She was above average height, silver haired, and had a no nonsense aid as she addressed each target. The fly flew to the center of each ring as

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she worked her way out to 50 feet and then back to the closest target. Then around again for a total of ten targets. Polly Cathcart didn't miss even once. I was watching a six time world champion!

While the pond was always surrounded by casters, Polly didn't offer up unsolicited advice or coaching. You had to go down to that corner to ask her. And when I asked, I got a lot more than I bargained for. It wasn't a few minutes worth, it became a marathon of Sunday afternoons as she helped me develop sound casting fundamentals and overcome six years of "adventurous" casting form. (Every time I picked up a rod, it was a new adventure because my casting was so inconsistent.) And I wasn't alone, a small group of eager students came out religiously every Sunday (no pun intended).

There was no monetary charge for all of this assistance, only the students' willingness to be there and listen and learn. Polly would count out a casting cadence to improve our timing. To this day, I can immediately bring my timing back in line by intoning the "Throw, Throwwww" rhythm that she taught us, varying the timing of the words depending on the length of the cast.

In 1993, our family moved to Auburn, and I did not see Polly again. Less than a year later, she suffered a fatal stroke and was gone. But I still remember her fondly, and gratefully. One of the world's best flycasters who shared her knowledge and expertise with anyone who asked.

News and Notes

GBF's 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.

It's easy. Just key in the club's address and enjoy the ride: www.calweb.com/~gbf

If you have any suggestions for our web site, contact Jim Ferguson, 781-2358.

Fishout Leaders Needed

Fishmaster Ron English needs a few good people who can lead one or more fishouts this year, both day trips and over-nighters.

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

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