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- 9 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
GBF stalwart, Bill Carnazzo,
shares an expert's secrets on
nymphing for trophy trout
- 10 Fish Out — Crane Prairie Reservoir**
- 16 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
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Expert advice on fishing in
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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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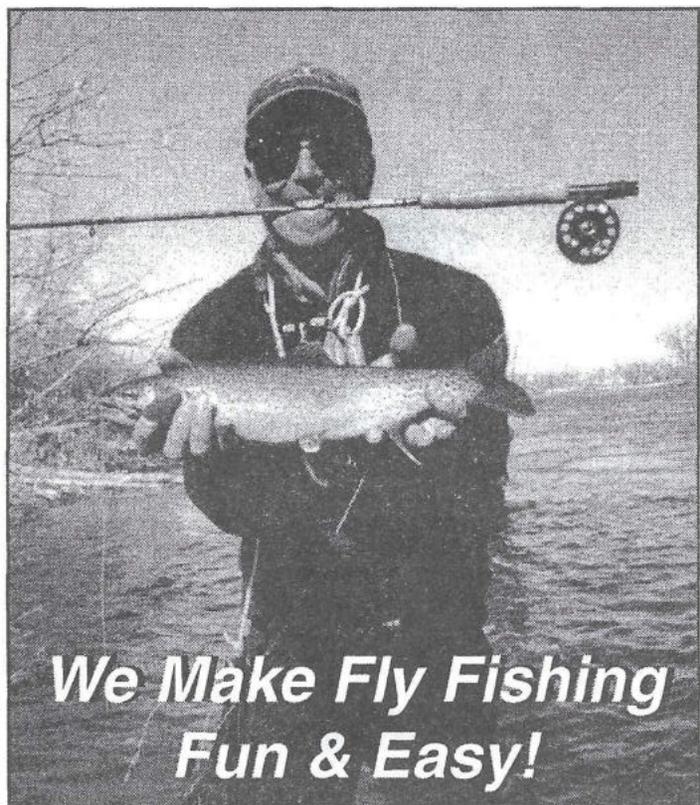
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July:

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August:

By August it will be time to plan some fall trips to the north country, when the fishing can be some of the best you will experience all season, anywhere. Our guest this month is an expert on fly fishing in the Burney area, one of the prime destinations for memorable trout fishing. Come learn the secrets for success in that area.



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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

OK, so here's the latest fish out score... El Nino 2, GBF 1.

While we've had a couple of fish outs canceled, we're not giving up. As I write this our shadmeisters, the English family, are scouting the situation out and waiting for the right moment to rally the corps of GBF shad fishers for an afternoon of fishing. We also have at least two trout fish outs scheduled for July. Hey, why not lead a fish out yourself?

Give Timely Support

At the June general meeting we had a great presentation from Jim Edmondson of Cal Trout. There is a lot happening on the conservation front. The State Fish and Game Department is developing its 10 year strategy, and the far reaching Cal Fed Program continues to roll along. You'll be hearing more about both as they are screaming for attention from those of us who care about the fish. On an issue close to home, your Board recently submitted a comment letter on the proposed new operating agreement for the Truckee River.

Hopefully each of our members will join Cal Trout, FFF, or another conservation organization at this critical time. We'll have applications available at the general meetings. Joining doesn't cost a lot, and it enables you to get the latest information on conservation issues while adding important additional financial support. In many cases it takes money to get our points across and these folks know how to spend it wisely.

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President's Message

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Don't wait until something bad happens to your favorite lake or stream.

Fall Family Picnic

In other news, we're doing some early planning for an end-of-summer club picnic. This will be a great chance for socializing and relaxing. The tentative date is September 20th, a Sunday afternoon. This family picnic would include games and a BBQ. We're hoping to be able to do this picnic free of charge to our members. The organizing should be fairly straightforward, but we will need a few volunteers to pull it off. Let me know if you'd be willing to help out.

Plumbers' Friends

The strong volunteer support provided by our members is one reason it is a pleasure to serve as your president. Unsung hero awards go to the following members: Ron, Isaac and Nick English with Michael Gervais took the initiative to fix the plumbing on the septic system at the club house so the toilets would work properly. Also, while taking care of a family emergency on the East Coast, Gray Allen called to line up Leader articles and spent a chunk of his only weekend in town working his usual publishing magic. Thanks!

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Pattern for July Program: "Neale's Crayfish"

(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 is 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 June: Both categories were won by the Medina family—a clean sweep!! The beginner category was taken by Natasha Medina; her Dad, Jeff Medina, took the non-beginner category.

Folks, enter those flies!!!

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ing a short stub of foam extending beyond the tie-down point. Again, don't stretch out the foam; it should just be snugged down.

9. Place the mono eyes in the slot formed by the thread used to tie down the wingcase, and tie them in securely. Whip finish.

Swim this puppy; keep your eyes open; visualize a take; and hang on!!! See ya on the creek!

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JULY FISHOUT

Date: July 15, 1998
Time: Noon to ????
Leader: Bill Carnazzo
Place: Little Truckee River
(exact place to be determined)

Equipment: 4,5 or 6 weight rod and dry line with leader down to 4X; 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 is a midweek one, in response to our members' survey results in which one of the suggestions was to provide for midweek outings.

There will be a **signup sheet** at the July general meeting. Or, call Bill at 663-2604 for signup or more info.

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.



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Club Supports Research

by Jim Coleman

Following board action, two GBF research grants were awarded to Ph.D. candidates at UC Davis, Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries. One grant of \$1,000 went to Shana Katzman for a study of salmon from the Sacramento River system. Another grant of \$500 went to Ryan Mayfield for a study of green sturgeon in the delta system. The club can look forward to a report from each of these students on completion of their studies.

Volumteers Sought for Bear River Conservation Outing

Jim Coleman, longtime leader of the club's Bear River restoration project, has scheduled the first weekend outing to the meadow and stream off Highway 20

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

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under sparse tuft of chartreuse marabou

- Back** Strip of yellow-green closed cell foam
- Abdomen** Dubbing to match natural
- Rib** Fine gold wire
- Thorax** Dubbing to match natural
- Legs** Dyed-green partridge palmered thru thorax
- Eyes(opt.)** Melted monofilament
- Wing case** Strip of closed cell foam

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tie in crystal hair and marabou just above back of barb to form a tail. The crystal hair goes on first as an "under-tail".
2. At the same spot, tie in the gold wire and a 3/16" inch-wide strip of closed cell foam. The strip should be about 2" long, since you don't want to stretch it which would reduce bouyancy.
3. Dub a thin body covering the rear 2/3 of the hook shank. Leave the bobbin at the front of the hook.
4. Pull the foam strip over the back of the fly and bind it down with the wire, ending at the same spot as the body. Secure the wire with a few wraps.
5. Attach a second, wider piece of foam at the thorax area. The foam should be pointing back toward the tail because it will be pulled over to form a wingcase later.
6. At the same point, tie in by its tip, a dyed green partridge hackle. Now dub a thorax to match the body; the thorax should be dubbed loose and fuzzy.
7. Wind the partridge hackle foward through thorax, tie it off and trim excess.
8. Pull wingcase over thorax; secure it at front, leav-

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "Damp Damsel"

For those of you who remember, John Shewey presented a program to GBF some years ago. John is a prolific and creative tyer and author. One of the places he fishes is Crane Prairie Reservoir in Oregon. His words:



"The fish don't always want a damselfly nymph that sinks or swims. I found this out one June day several years ago on Oregon's Crane Prairie Reservoir, a lake known for producing exceptional damselfly hatches."

John goes on to say that he thought the huge boiling rainbows were taking freshly emerged adults; he discovered, however, that they were instead taking surface swimmers. Long story short, he created a pattern he calls the "Damp Damsel"—meaning, of course, that it is supposed to be in the surface film, and not sink. This fly was selected for this month's column because it's (finally) bass time, and because of the upcoming GBF outing at Crane Prairie, led by Jim Holmes.

MATERIALS

Hook Tiemco 200; Daiichi 1270; #8-12
Thread Olive or yellow 6/0 or 8/0
Tail 3 strands of crystal hair (chartreuse)

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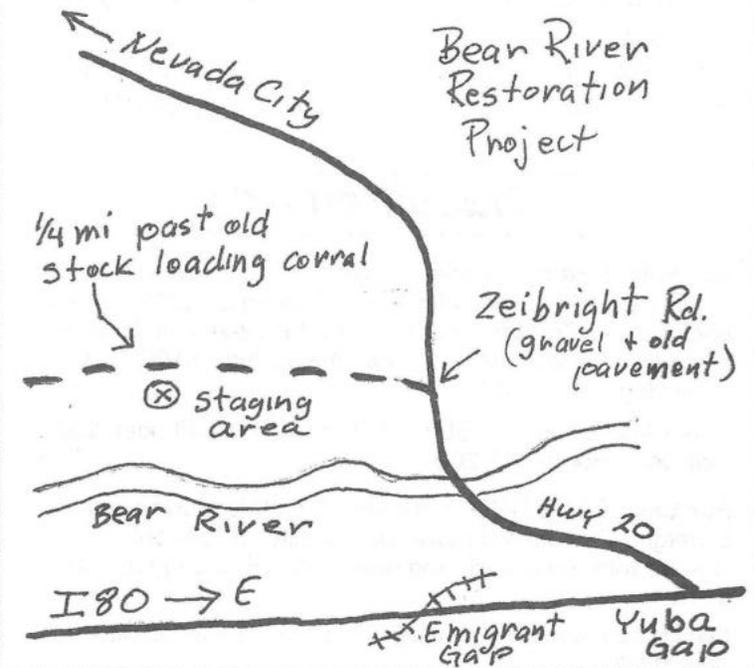
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to continue conservation work halted by the winter of 1998-99.

Jim says the work party is tentatively set for July 18 and 19 — weather and conditions permitting. All members who plan to participate for either one or both days are asked to contact Jim a few days before the date and verify that the party still plans to go up to the stream on those days.

For members new to the project, 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 limited number of hip boots to loan.

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



News and Notes

Fabulous Raffle Prizes

Check 'em out at next general meeting!!!

The next two general meeting raffles (July and August) will include some fantastic prizes. We were fortunate enough to receive two \$250 gift certificates from Oasis Springs Resort and a one night stay at Sorensens Resort.

We will include one of the Oasis Springs gift certificates and the Sorensens one night stay in the July general meeting raffle. The other Oasis Springs gift certificate will 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.

Support your club by participating in the raffles — buy some tickets, you may be the big winner!!!

Classified Ads

For Sale: Scientific Angler System 2, 7/8 reel with backing; never used; \$80. Scientific Angler System 2, 12/13 reel with backing and Cortland 444SL saltwater 12-weight floating line; slightly used, but only by a little old lady, \$100. Call John Hogg, 663-2051.

Silent Auction Prize!!! 50% off on a Don Hill drift boat; \$60. Call John Hogg, 663-2051.

For Sale: SAGE ROD: Sage RPL 590, 9 feet, two piece for 5 weight. Custom rod made with quality components. Comes with Sage sock and tube. \$195. Rod Leggett. 791-4710.

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

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Upper Sac...

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cased caddis larvae.

Wade Safely

Finally, here is a repeat of an important part of an article I prepared earlier in the season: Wading safety. If you can't see the bottom, don't take that next step without poking around with your wading staff (don't leave home without it!!!), not your foot. Remember—even an inch more of water can cause a big increase in pressure against your body, and even knee-high flow can be strong enough to sweep your feet from beneath you. If in doubt, stay on the bank, and don't wade.

Above all, be careful out there....!

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What's the Scoop on the Upper Sacramento?

Bill Carnazzo knows...

This report is as of June 23rd, based on fishing the river on the 20th and 21st. Yes, it is high—no doubt about that. But it is fishable, and the fish are hungry. It is helpful to be competent at nymph fishing or to employ a guide to help in this department, because high water nymph tactics are different and more tricky. Basically, you fish the edges and margins, looking for holding water along current seams and near obstacles. Short, tight drifts are needed; you will find that heavy current causes your line/leader to move around a lot, making it even tougher to see strikes even with your favorite indicator. The good news is that if you get a good drift and maintain a tight connection to the fly, you have a chance of hooking a nice fish or two.

Fly Selection

This last weekend the flies that brought results were: #14 bead head flash back hare's ear; #14 dark hare's ear Bird's nest; Bill's stick caddis, #8; and black rubber legs #6, with white rubber legs trimmed short (3/8"). Three to five BB size shot were needed.

Bugs seen:

Adult golden stones; adult Pteronarcys (giant salmon fly); smaller (#14) tan caddis; #12-14 gray drake mayfly; #12 dark colored caddis; innumerable nymphs of differing sizes, shapes and colors, including the young

News and Notes

ConservationCorner

by Nathan Joyner

In the past couple of months I have attended several conservation related meetings that informed me of many issues with the water that our members fish and live near. Several of these issues have prompted action from our board of directors, and some should prompt action from anyone interested in the fisheries involved.

Bear River

On Wednesday, June 24th, I attended the joint Placer and Nevada county fish and wildlife commission meetings to hear Jim Coleman give a presentation on our Bear River Project. Jim really talked the club up at this meeting, and his glowing descriptions of the Flycasters and the project progress really made me proud to be a member! I really enjoyed my time on the project last year. The beauty of the stream and the history of the site impressed me, and the end result of the work that we did really made it worth the effort. Keep the Bear River work days in mind this summer, and pitch in to something that appears destined to go down as a successful stream restoration project, thanks to the members involved.

Truckee River

The Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) has been a hot topic at several of the meetings I have attended. The agreement takes place between the main water interests on this drainage: California, Nevada, the Paiute tribes, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the

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Sierra Pacific Power Company. I learned that in the early 90's the government got involved in negotiating an operating agreement between a particularly acrimonious set of water interests. This agreement is the culmination of that effort and is a long term agreement on how this system operates, and who gets the water. I have learned of several issues with the agreement from the fly fishing, environmental, and conservation point of view:

1. This agreement does not guarantee minimum flows necessary for wildlife and riparian habitat.
2. This agreement does not contain water temperature requirements for wildlife and riparian habitat.
3. This agreement does not call out for monitoring flows or temperatures.
4. This agreement does not contain provisions to renegotiate if these requirements are not met.

GBF Role

The board has sent letters to several officials stating these issues. If you care about this area and the health of the drainage, I urge you to do the same. Comments can be sent to the following people:

Tom Scott

Bureau of Reclamation

PO Box 640

Carson City, NV 89702

email: kgibson@mp.usbr.gov

fax: 702-882-7592

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Rick's Place... *(continued)*

incredible. The hatch lasted from about eight in the morning until about noon. It looked like there was a Pale Morning Dun snowstorm with the resultant snowdrifts of bugs on the water-rafts of insects. The larger fish would only take "clumps" of these bugs, making fishing a bit frustrating! This would be a great opportunity for some clever flytier to invent the "Clump o' Bug" fly.

The afternoons calmed a bit, but the fish still would hit a black caddis dry that would start coming off about 3 p.m. In the evenings, after a delicious dinner served "family style" by Linda and presided over by Rick (this is a great chance to talk over the day's adventures with your fellow fly fishers and Rick), the evening caddis hatch would come on and there would be another great opportunity for some larger trout. Hint: Try the Indian Hole with a sinking line and some large fly like a Matuka just before dark.

Our trout were smaller than in some years, but they were aggressive and jumped enthusiastically, which made up for their smaller stature. We saw plenty of very large trout, just that we were unsuccessful in capturing them. This is ALL dry fly fishing — a Joe Bania heaven!

This is a great and relaxing trip, a good place to take any level of fisherman with the assurance that they will catch fish. Take a look at our pictures at the next meeting!

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Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

by *Bill Carnazzo*

On Tuesday, June 16th, our regular monthly fly tying get-together at the clubhouse unfortunately got preempted by a group of lifeguards holding a training session there. Apparently the staff at the Park office got schedules mixed up. So, instead, six of us travelled over to Pres. Rob's house and sat at his kitchen table and tied for a couple of hours, sharing 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, July 21, at 7:00 p.m., at the clubhouse. If there are questions, please call me at 663-2604.

See ya there!!!

Silent Auction Winner Reports on Rick's Lodge

by *Jim Holmes*

As part of the Silent Auction at the GBF Annual Dinner, Rick's Lodge donated a one-day trip including food, boat, and room, which Bill Lockhart and I stretched into three fishing days and two nights at the lodge.

This is a great fishing opportunity that should not be missed! While we were there (mid-June, there was a hatch of Pale Morning Duns that was absolutely

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Please contact me, Nathan Joyner, if you have questions or would like more information on the TROA.

Trout Plan

The Department of Fish and Game has been distributing their "Strategic Plan For Trout Management" for public comment. This plan covers trout management in California for the next 10 years. I am certain that many members have opinions on trout management, so I urge all interested members to find out more. The process that this plan will go through starts with the public comment phase. This phase has a deadline of July 31, but will most likely go until the end of the year. From there, the Department of Fish and Game will write an action plan, which will contain measurable goals for the department to work on. The department will then implement the plan and 3-5 years down the road evaluate progress and goals and make adjustments as necessary. It is important for individuals to give feed back to the DFG on this topic. If you would like more information on this topic, or a copy of the plan, please call Nathan Joyner. Please send feed back on the plan to:

Mr. James Hopelain
1416 Ninth Street
PO Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
email: jhopelai@hq.dfg.ca.gov
ph: 916-653-7584

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I spoke to Mr. Hopelain who is a Senior Biologist for the DFG & writer of the plan. He was a very nice person and genuinely interested in our input. He also offered to come to our club, give a 30 minute presentation on the plan, and take feed back on the plan right there. Please contact myself or Rob Ferroggiaro if you are interested in having the club schedule this.

Linda Creek

Currently there is a plan to channelize Linda Creek and take out many of the heritage oaks in certain sections. At the Placer county wildlife meeting there was a request to identify any anadromous runs of fish that existed or currently exist on that stream. Some folks feel that the proposed work would affect any current runs, and preclude restoring historical runs in sections of the creek. If any members have information on historical runs on this creek, please contact:

Dennis M Cavallo
916-878-18704

Also, please let me know about them.

Thank you for your efforts; our conservation projects enhance our sport today and preserve and restore fly fishing opportunities for future generations.

See you on the stream.

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GBF's on the Web!

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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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