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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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May: It's skills night at the clubhouse. Knowledgeable members share their insights and techniques on everything from knot tying to fishing techniques to fly tying. There will be demonstrations and opportunities to ask questions of some of the most skilled fly fishermen in California.

June: Representatives of Cal Trout, the staunch defenders of trout habitat in California, will discuss "Trout Management for the 21st Century." According to Cal Trout, 75% of the streams in California have no management, yet these streams account for the greatest biodiversity in the state and nation. Cal Trout believes the trout resources in California should be managed under a heritage program as the human population grows by another 13 million in the next century.

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President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

When I was talking with Seth Norman at the Annual Dinner, he reminded me how fishing experiences were such a big deal for many of us when we were young. Anyone who has worked with our Youth Program knows that many kids love fishing and fishing stuff. They just need someone to make fishing possible. This leads me to make this suggestion. How about taking a kid fishing?

I know some of our members regularly fish with their own kids. For those of us with young families, taking our children fishing is a rewarding way to have a great time. There are many young people, however, who may never get the opportunity to go fishing with a parent. Those of us that are in a position to do so can do a great thing by taking along a niece, nephew, neighbor, or any young person who would love the chance to have an outdoor adventure.

Why not create space in our schedules for at least one fishing outing that includes an aspiring young angler? Whether it's a simple day trip or something more extensive, a fishing trip could make a real difference in a young person's life and create some wonderful memories. So how about taking a kid fishing?

Speaking of the Annual Dinner, all the bills have been paid and the money has been tallied up, thanks to our hard working Treasurer, John Bergman. It turns out that the dinner was not only a terrific social event, but it was also a huge financial success. At the April board meeting we approved the budget for this year, and I'm pleased to report that the club is in the strongest finan-

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President's Message

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cial position on record. In the coming months we'll be developing plans to apply our resources toward fishery conservation in the most effective way possible. If you'd like to help out, or have suggestions, please contact our Conservation Chair, Nathan Joyner, or any of your board members. Stay tuned for more on this topic.

We have a bunch of great club activities coming up. If the trout opener wasn't enough to get you motivated to go fishing, or if you've been fishing and want to compare notes and pick up some great tips, don't miss our May General Meeting. We've got something different planned and it should be a lot of fun. Also, don't forget to check the Fish Out calendar. (As I write this, I'm getting my stuff together for the Hot Creek trip).

By the way, if you've been fishing, please take five minutes and file a fishing report on our web site. Just click on the "Fish ON!" in the index. It's easier than you might think, and it should be a great way to share information among members.

Finally, thanks to all those who helped out at Kiene's Expo. Congratulations to Beth Jappay and Jeanne English for taking first and second in the women's division of the casting contest!

Take care,
Rob



GBF Activities

Go the Distance! Distance Casting Clinic May 19

by John Hogg

Bill Kiene has offered to conduct an "after work" distance casting clinic on Tuesday evening, May 19, beginning at 6 p.m.

The clinic will be conducted in the parking lot adjacent to his fly shop and will include both group and individual coaching. We will be targeting casts of 60 feet and more. Anyone planning to attend should be sufficiently experienced to cast at least 50 feet comfortably. Emphasis will be on the double haul, the back cast drift, and the hard stop release.

Bring your own rod, but there will be few rods that can be shared on a loaner basis. Bring a six weight rod, or heavier, with a weight forward floating line and a very heavy leader — 1X or 0X — about seven feet in length with a small yarn fly. (Hint: tie the yarn on with a Duncan's loop and it won't come off. Clinch knots won't hold.)

As we will be casting on concrete, you can expect some wear on your line. I recommend that you dedicate one line just for casting practice.

Want more info? Call me, John Hogg, at 663-2051.



placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

Winners for April:

Ron English won the non-beginner category.

John Ramsey won the beginner category. I believe this is John's first win, so congrats to John, and to Ron for winning the non-beginner category. Folks, enter those flies!!!



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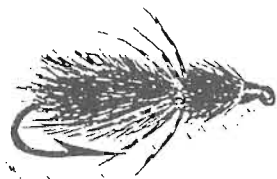
Pattern for May Program:

“Pollywog”

(Featured in April *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

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May 2 - 3 Fishout: Hot Creek/East Walker

Hosts — The Englishes

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 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.

May 9 Fishout: Stampede Reservoir

Host: John Bonatto

Stampede is a great place to fish in the spring for browns, rainbows, and some kokanee (salmon). We have scheduled this trip for Saturday, May 9. That should fall in the category of spring! It's a float tube trip, except for those who want to bring canoes, boats or, perhaps, fish from shore.

The plan is to fish the northeast arm fed by Sagehen Creek, if we can get access to the area. There is a loop road on the northeast side of the dam, which is paved

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to about one-half mile from Sagehen Creek (turn left on dirt road at end of pavement). The spot where the creek runs into the lake (west side) is where we will fish, if the road is clear of snow and mud.

Rods could be a 4- to 6-weight for #10-12 wooly worms, either black or olive, fished about 15 to 20 feet down, depending on the weather. However, the fish may hit any type of fly, even dries, if we have a very warm day.

We will meet at Brookfields restaurant on I80 at the Eureka exit (Roseville) about 6:30 a.m. and depart at 6:45 a.m. to travel up through Truckee. Take the Boca Reservoir exit near Hirschdale, go past Boca and follow signs to Stampede. **Do not** turn left at the dam access. Continue straight ahead on the loop road. We will meet again at the end of the pavement on the loop road to check out the access. The road should be clear by

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2. Take 1 or 2 CDC feathers. If using 2, match their tips.

3. Holding them together, measure them against the shank length, and tie them in just behind the eye, with the tips pointing out over the eye. This is done so that the tips can be pulled up as a "wing" in front of the body, which will be tied next.

4. Take 1 to 3 choice peacock herls and tie them on with the "bare" side of the herl stem forward. The "butt" end of the herl should be the end tied in.

5. Now either tie in a separate piece of thread or form a dubbing loop at the same point as the herl was tied in. The thread piece or loop should be about 3" long.

6. At the same point, tie in a properly sized dry fly neck or saddle hackle. Tie it in by the tip. Move tying thread forward to just behind eye.

7. Place the herls and the thread together and twist counterclockwise to form a "chenille". Grab it with a hackle plier, and wrap forward to about 1/8" behind eye. Tie it off there.

8. Palmer the hackle forward in nice even turns, forming a bushy appearance. Tie it off where the herls were tied off

9. Grab the CDC wing and pull it back, wrapping a series of thread wraps in front of its base—i.e., between the butts and hook eye. This will stand it up. Don't use too much thread.

10. Whip finish.....and see ya on the creek!!!!

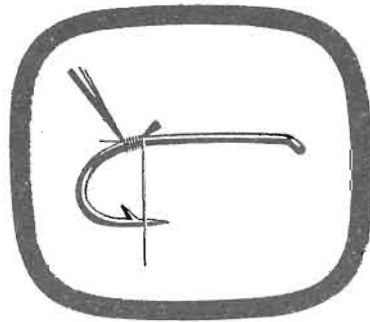


Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

This Month's Pattern: "Cluster Midge"

The Cluster Midge is an adaptation of George Griffith's "Griffith Gnat", one of those tried-and-true fly box regulars for suggesting those litter critters we all so lovingly refer to as "midges". In fact, the Cluster Midge, designed by Rene' Harrop, a Griffith's Gnat with the addition of a CDC "Wing". The pattern books seem to vary in their body material; my research indicates that the "original" was tied with black dubbing or yarn. One of the more interesting variations is tied with peacock herl for the body, and I have selected that material for this article.



MATERIALS

Hook Tiemco 900BL; Mustad 94840. #12-22
Thread Black 6/0 or 8/0
Wing White CDC ("cul de canard" or duck-butt), tied upright
Rib Fine gold wire
Body Peacock
Hackle Grizzly, palmered

INSTRUCTIONS

1. If hook is not barbless, smash barb.

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Fishouts...continued

May 9 (Hopefully!). If we can't get to the "spot," the area has a lot of alternative fishing locations, including Boca and nearby streams.

Contact me, John Bonato, at 773-0446 (home) or 773-1613, except May 4-7, when I will be away on business.

June 6 Fishout: Gerle Creek Reservoir

Host: Mike Wasserman

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

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would be OK (no gas motors allowed).

Fishing is for browns and a few rainbows. I recommend a floating line and some sort of sinking line, standard trout flies — wooly buggers, streamers, Sheep Creek, mosquito, elk hair caddis, etc.

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

I will camp at Gerle Creek Friday and Saturday nights (June 5 - 6). If you would like to camp, make reservations: 1-800-280-CAMP (2267). The campground tends to fill up fast during the summer weekends.

If you have any questions, call me, Mike Wasserman, at 530-677-7189.

Casting Clinic Kudos

by Christine Johnston

The day dawned sunny and so were my spirits as we drove through breathtakingly brilliant green scenery to the Carnazzo's ponds and the GBF casting clinic.

I was nervous and happy to see other nervous neophyte casters there. John Hogg, however, was calm, concise and thorough as he directed us, so our nervousness dissipated quickly.

The coaches were helpful and encouraging, thanks especially to Nathan and Frank; they didn't make me feel like the complete bumbler I probably looked like at first.

This first day of the clinic was spent on the basics of roll casting, and we also learned the pickup, lay-down cast. We all learned a lot and made real progress. We

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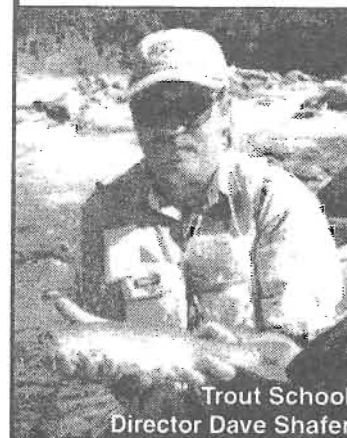
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Bass will eat as much as they can cram into their mouths during the Fall, preparing for the extreme cold of the winter months. They can be found cruising underwater searching for food almost anywhere. During winter fish can be found in the deeper regions of the pond trying to conserve energy. Although fish are somewhat sluggish during these periods, this is one of the best times of year to catch trophy bass. Because the food is scarce and the fish are in deeper water, it makes them less wary of artificials.

Before fishing a pond, it's a good idea to hike around with a pair of polarized sunglasses and locate under water cover and likely fish holding areas.

How do I catch them?

After the fish are located and it is determined what they are eating, catching becomes a fairly easy matter. First choose a rod of 8 or 9 feet, a 6 to 8 weight line depending on choice of fly, and a strong stiff mono leader of 3 to nine feet, the longer leaders being for shallower water. Choosing your fly is directly related to what the pond restaurants are serving that day, so choose a fly that gives a general imitation of the forage being consumed.

As crucial as your choice of fly is your retrieve. The retrieve used should accurately simulate the prey being imitated, but most importantly you should experiment with many different retrieves, varying the speed and the pauses and lengths of strips.

So grab your fly rod and head out to a local bass pond; its easy and you'll have a lot of fun!

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started out flailing and ended up fly casting.

Casting on the water sure beat casting in the parking lot at Kiene's Fly Shop, although had usefulness, too.

The second Saturday of the casting clinic dawned gray and threatening. I brought my rain shell just in case and thankfully only needed it the last half hour when the rain started in a light teasing and then came in full force. This second day of the clinic was spent in getting the false cast down and learning to shoot line. Again, the coaching was super and I am grateful to Beth and John for their gracious help. I learned that I can false cast in the pouring rain.

The third day of the clinic was on a sunny, pleasant Sunday afternoon. This time John set up different stations that the student casters rotated to. We learned some things about fishing with a popper from Bill Carnazzo, about nymphing and mending from Rick Radoff, and about "wumphing" from Jim Ferguson.

The last thing that was introduced was the double haul. Maybe I'll catch on to that at next year's clinic.

The clinic was very well done and attended. Everyone got way more than their \$15 worth. Thank you to everyone who helped. It showed me what a great group of people the Granite Bay Flycasters are!

A special thank you goes to the Carnazzos for their gracious hospitality, letting us tramp around their gorgeous ponds. Thanks especially, too, to John Hogg for his expert guidance throughout the clinic. Thank you also to all the coaches not mentioned here for volunteering their time to help others learn this marvelous sport.

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Casting Clinic Wrapup

by John Hogg

The Fundamentals of Flycasting course concluded last month. I would like to thank all the coaches who gave up their Saturdays to help our new casters. It appeared that our efforts paid off, as I saw roll casts snaking out onto the Carnazzo's pond and tighter loops cutting through the air. And as usual, a big thank you to Bill and Judy Carnazzo for letting us use their beautiful pond. (Bill, check with Frank Stolten about any refrigerator depletions.)

And special thanks to Betsy Hansen for her fine photographic coverage of the class. With your permission we'll definitely use some of these in our booth and other publicity for the club.

Early Season on the Upper Sacramento

by Bill Carnazzo

Trout season opened Saturday, April 25th. Freestone fly anglers on streams such as the Upper Sacramento River were likely greeted by high and perhaps discolored water conditions. Here, then, are some things to keep in mind for the Upper Sac and similar streams:

1. **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.

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can mean the difference between success and failure. To find out the primary prey the bass are foraging on find out what is available. This can be found out by turning over rocks in the pond, looking for schools of minnows in the shallows, by seining the incoming and outflowing streams for insects, minnows, and crawdads, and even by looking in the bushes and trees. Look not only for flying insects, but also look and observe. Are there a lot of baby birds in the over hanging trees? Are there a lot of rodent holes around the water? These overlooked food sources can all be potential foods for large gluttonous bass.

After your potential food sources are identified, consider them and determine what is going to give the bass the most food value for the energy expended. This has a important bearing on where the bass will be located. Whether trout or bass, big fish eat big food. Don't be shy about making a large offering to these predatory fish. Sometimes, bigger is better.

Where are the bass?

Bass always prefer to stay near some form of cover and a good food source. This gives them security and a perfect opportunity to use the cover for ambushing prey. The cover can vary a lot with seasons. In spring try fishing in and around drop offs where fish congregate while getting ready to spawn. In summer bass ponds can warm to unbearable heats for bass and the fish will congregate in the deeper cooler water and by incoming water flows and springs.

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Fly Fishing Bass Ponds

by Ryan Jablonski

Bass ponds are perfect alternatives to those large congested bass lakes normally identified with bass fishing. These enclaves provide large (sometimes very large) eager fish that are the perfect quarry for the fly fisher.

A private or public bass pond is the perfect water for the fly fisher; being shallow enough to be covered at all depths and seasons by a well equipped angler. The forage is easily imitated doesn't take a ten weight rod for most type4s of flies. Best of all the fish are plentiful, and with the large amounts of food available, the residing bass can grow to monstrous sizes.

The first step to fishing any bass pond you have never fished is to ask yourself a few questions:

What are the bass eating?

This is a very important question to ask, especially for fly fishers, where imitating the correct food source

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2. Fly selection. Old adage: "dark water means dark flies; light water means light flies". So, if conditions are murky, select darker patterns, with beads and/or flash to attract hungry fish. In order to get down, the flies will need to be weighted rather heavily. Hungry fish are generally less selective. Nymphs suggested: #8-12 Prince; #10-14 Sparkle Hare's Ear; #8-12 Bill's Stick Caddis; Dark Ted Fay Bomber patterns; #12-16 Bead head Bird Nest; Kaufman's Golden Stone, #8-10; Poxback Stone, #8. Dries suggested: Yellow Humpy and Little Yellow Stone, 12-18; Baetis imitations, preferably small paraduns, #14-20; Parachute Adams, #12-20; Stimulator in "dirty yellow" shades for early Yellow Stonefly hatch.

3. Tactics. If flows are high, search out resting water where fish can seek and find refuge from high flows. Such areas are found in places where there are obstacles which cause flow deflection, such as rocks, downed trees, and along the banks. Fish will often congregate in these refuge areas, and not be as dispersed as they will be during later "normal" flows.

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

Fly Fishing 101

by Tai Lee

On Saturday, April 11, eight developing anglers (Tom Martin, Gene Allen, T. J. Burnham, Steven Conca, Ralph Martinez, Ron Calvert, John Moore, and myself) got together to learn about the art of fly fishing. For the better part of the day, Rob Ferroggiaro, Bill

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Carnazzo, and Sturmer White tried their best to get us prepared to catch fish this year.

Meeting at the clubhouse, we prepared ourselves for a full day of receiving our instructors' collective knowledge, wisdom, experience, and stories. The six hours passed in no time at all.

By the end of the day, we were all experiencing mental overload and physical strain from carrying about six pounds of handouts. As Sturmer aptly put it, "You guys get fifteen dollars worth of paper, alone."

The handouts included: a list of guides and tackle shops, how to avoid problems, tackle selection, entomology, wading tactics and wader repair, a fishing tip checklist, leaders and lines, a paper on fly fishing ethics, and a copy of *The Double Haul* by Lefty Kreh. The discussions were spirited and all three instructors had many things to add to each segment.

Rob began the day with presentations on fly fishing equipment. Fortunately, there were no representatives from the local fly shops there to hear about how he fished for years with a \$70 fly rod. Rob then got into wading equipment and techniques, and finished with his thoughts on waist packs and his trip checklist.

Bill then took the podium for one of his two appearances. He began talking about equipment as well but then quickly got into knots and leaders and tippets. We learned the virtues of the Duncan Loop and I, for one, came away from that a much more confident fisherman. Previous to that, I had no idea what to do for leaders or tippets, let alone what knots to use. We were

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Monthly Fly Tying Get-together

Third Tuesdays

May 19 at the Clubhouse

On the third Tuesday of each month GBF has a fly tying get-together at the clubhouse. We meet 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 sessions start at 7 p.m. and end at or before 9 p.m. The next get-together is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19 at the clubhouse.

If you have questions, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

Water Flow Info at Your Fingertips!

by Rob Ferroggiaro

With all the runoff this year, we'll have to keep a close watch on river flows. Did you know that real time flow data for many of our favorite rivers is available at two Internet sites? In many cases, you can get trend and historical data, too, which can be real handy. Here are the two sites to check out:

US Geological Survey Surface Water Stations — <http://h2o.usgs.gov/> — This site offers real time and historical flow data. After the main page loads, click on "Real time" for the map of gauging station sites.

California Data Exchange Center - DWR — <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/> — This site is a little awkward to use, but has data not available at the USGS site.

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1998 Fishout Schedule

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.

May 9 - Stampede Reservoir, John Bonatto

June:

* TBD - Lower American River — an after work shad event

* TBD - Upper Sacramento — a great trout stream

* June 6 - Gerle Creek - Mike Wasserman

July 10 — Crane Prairie Reservoir

August:

* August 11-16 — Loreto, Baja Mexico

* TBD - Cup Lake

* TBD - Truckee River

September:

* TBD - San Joaquin River in Mammoth

October:

* TBD - Kings River

* TBD - Steelhead

November:

* TBD - Lower Sacramento

* TBD - O'Neill Forebay — stripers

* TBD - Trinity River

December:

* TBD - Truckee, Nevada portion

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pretty excited to see we could get away with just two knots: the Duncan Loop and the Nail Knot.

After this, we ate lunch while Sturmer got up and got into the entomology section of the course. Perfect material for building up an appetite. I began to think I saw Caddis pupa on my pizza. But this, too, was more than just pictures of insects. Sturmer spoke of each insect through its entire life cycle. He told us where we could find each and at what time of year. Most importantly, Sturmer told us which flies imitate these insects in their various stages. Then he got into which flies we should have in our own boxes. This was broken down into sizes and how many we should have of each.

Finally, we had all of our equipment set up and or flies selected. We were now ready to go fishing. This is when Bill got up for a final time and spoke of fishing tactics. He drew out a section of river and showed us how and where to fish. Bill took us down the river and showed us how to work each riffle, rock, and pool, methodically. And he finished by showing us his nymphing technique.

The day was rounded out with the instructors telling us where they like to fish. Spots where we could go and maybe catch Mr. Trout. We had better, because I would not want to make any of our instructors look bad. All three are what I would consider to be fishermen's fishermen. And I think I speak for all of us when I say that I cannot think of people from whom we would rather learn the art.

TROUT OUTFITS

SAGE DISCOVERY
5 WT Rod W/Tube
Lamson DCA Reel
WF Floating line
Dacron Backing
Trout Leader
Retail \$320.00
Package Price \$280.00
(4 piece rod add \$50)

SAGE 9ft 5wt RPL+ Rod
W/rod sock and tube
Lamson LP 2 Reel
WF Floating Line w/backing
Trout Leader
Trout Clinic (\$95.00)
Retail \$785.75
Package Price \$690.00
(4 piece rod add \$50.00)

REDINGTON Redstart
5wt Rod w/tube and sock
Lamson DCA Reel
WF Floating Line
Dacron Backing
Trout Leader
Retail \$258.95
Package Price \$199.95
(4 piece rod add \$50.00)

Tying Deer Hair Flies with Mark Hooser
May 16th \$20.00

Beginning Fly Fishing Class with Bill Lowe
May 9th, June 27th \$40.00/person

Intermediate Fly Fishing Clinic with Bill Lowe
May 17th, July 26th \$65.00/person

Beginning Fly Tying Class with John Fields
May 12th, 19th, and 19th \$35.00 2 for \$40.00

Tying Shad Flies Learn how to tie the local favorites Cost FREE May 17th RSVP

F.F.S. 1998 Travel Destinations

Upper Sacramento River June 13th-14th
Learn all it takes to catch fish, on one of the best trout rivers in the west, with Mike Costello \$170.00

Loreto, Baja for Dorado and Sailfish with *Bus Gehring*
August 12th-17th \$850.00 from Sacramento

Green River, Utah September 16th-20th
\$495.00 from Sacramento

Milt Jensen's Five Dot Reservoir
October 17th-18th \$300.00 from Susanville

Fly Fishing Specialties

6412 C Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 (916) 722-1055

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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 or Nathan Joyner.

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.

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.

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.

Give him a call — 677-7169.