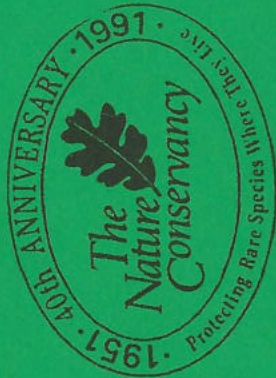


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Club Calendar

April 1999

- 6 and 13 Advanced Fly Tying clinic
Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- 8 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Dave Shafer — "Fishing Alaska's
Amazing Karluk River"
- 10 Fly Fishing Basics clinic
Clubhouse 9:00 a.m.
- 15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
- 27 -May 2 Fish Out: Hot Creek and
East Walker - Ron English

May 1999

- 13 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Club Night: Everything Your Ever
Wanted to Learn About Fly Fishing
- 18 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

June 1999

- 5 - 6 Fish Out: Walleye and "Wiper"
Ron English
- 10 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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GBF Meetings

April: The Amazing Karluk

Again we journey to Alaska, this time to see the amazing Karluk River through Dave Shafer's eyes and camera. He'll show spectacular slides of the region and the biodiversity that makes this stream home to a wide variety of species. Shafer, fishing guide and expert photographer, is on the American Fly Fishing Co.'s team. Dave will share his expertise on fishing the Karluk, which he terms "one of the great experiences of my fishing career". Dave is a premiere guide, and a genuinely nice person.

May: Club night

Come learn from your peers! The club will offer a number of "help" and "information" tables on everything from local fishing spots to proper equipment, knots, fly tying, entomology, fishing techniques, and much more. Each table will be staffed by one or more highly experienced fly anglers. It was a big hit last year and was high on the member survey preferences.

June: Fishing the Back Country

Steve Walter and Dan Murphy from Yosemite Creek Anglers will put on a very informative program on backcountry waters, horse pack trips, & guiding on the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Walker Rivers. Here's your chance to learn some new, low pressure angling areas.

President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

As I look out the window, it's become obvious that spring has finally sprung. The ponds are warming up, and the trout opener is just around the corner. Perhaps you have your own springtime rituals. One of my springtime tasks is to pack away my winter steelhead gear, and to start filling the spots in my fly boxes emptied on last fall's trout outings. Thanks to Sturmer White, I also start thinking bass!

This time of year also brings a flurry of GBF activities including our annual spring clinics covered elsewhere in this issue. We have the makings of a great fish out schedule so plan to join us, or better yet, volunteer to lead a group. Also, in the coming weeks we'll have our club booth at Kiene's Expo on April 17, and we'll be doing youth fly tying at Creek Week celebration on April 18 in Roseville, and the Sugar Pine Nature Day on May 22.

In other club news, at our Board meeting this month we announced that GBF was just granted tax exempt 501(c)3 status by the IRS. No, we can't deduct our dues, but this change is important because it makes it possible for GBF to receive grants for our conservation work. Kudos to Frank Stolten who put in many hours of effort putting our application package together and relentlessly following up with the IRS.

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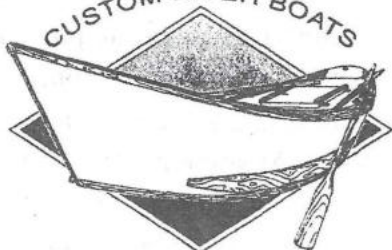
ing an additional officer position, Vice President - Conservation. This would be similar to what has been done by the Fly Fishing Federation. It would place appropriate organizational emphasis on conservation, and it would insure the individual leading our conservation work will have a seat on the Board. At some point in the near future you will be asked to review and vote on the by-laws changes required to implement this. If you have any suggestions about this or about our conservation work in general, see any board member.

Finally, I'm pleased to report that after reaching a record membership level last year, we're still attracting a lot of new members. To those of you who have joined us recently, welcome! The best way to truly enjoy your membership is to get involved. Join us at a clinic or fish out, or volunteer to help with one of our activities. Speak up and let us know how we can help. At the same time I'm asking our longer term members to reach out to newer members to help them feel welcome. And please, wear your name badges.

Enjoy your spring fishing and wade carefully! Don't forget to check out the handy links on our web site. You can access stream flow information to see if your favorite river is fishable or a raging torrent.

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The third annual Creek Week observance in Roseville that focuses attention on preserving and enhancing the Dry Creek watershed is scheduled for **April 10 - 18**. Led by the Dry Creek Conservancy and the City of Roseville Park and Rec Dept., with support from local businesses, Creek Week activities include educational programs, such as development impact on the watershed, flood protection, wildlife and habitat, salmon populations in Dry Creek, and stream dynamics and health. Tours and stream cleanup round out the program. Call Gregg Bates at the Conservancy for details: 771-2013.

Kiene's Expo

Bill Kiene and his staff will be staging their annual Expo at the shop on Marconi at Fulton, **April 17**. It's a great opportunity to pick up some good deals, participate in fly fishing clinics and rap with your fellow fly fishers about our favorite past-time. The club will again have a booth at the Expo. Call Kiene's for details: 486-9958.

Fly Contest...continued

where), 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.

Winners for March: No one!!! Not enough flies!!!

Flytier's Corner...continued

10. Use four of the knotted pheasant tail sections to form the legs. To do the front legs, simply tie one side in at the joint at a 45 degree angle with the tips to the outside and pointing forward; then tie in the other side the same way. Repeat the process for the rear legs pointing rearward, which can be made slightly longer if desired. Once all of the legs are attached, each of the joints should be given a drop of superglue.

11. Whip finish in the joint area and apply a drop of superglue.

12. Since some of these spiders have egg sacs, the tyer may wish to dub in a ball of cream colored dubbing just beneath the abdomen on a few of the flies, just for variety.

13. If eyes are desired, simply place a drop of high quality gloss red or black (or a combination of those colors) enamel on each side of the thorax area near the hook eye.

See ya on the creek!!!

Fly Tying Skills Program

Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Pattern for April Program: "Pettis Unreal Egg"

(Featured in the 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 some-

GBF Activities

Let's Go Fishing!!

April Fish Out: Hot Creek

In the Mammoth Lake Area

April 27 - 30, May 1 - 2

Don't miss this one!! It's an annual event for GBF fisherfolk, and always results in some good fish stories. Ron English puts it together and can fill you in on any details not covered below. Here're the basics:

Location: Take U.S. 395 south from Lake Tahoe to Mammoth Lake area (drive time 4 1/2 to 5 hours).

Accommodations:

Camping — Convict Lake Forest Service camp ground

Cabins — Convict Lake

Condos — Mammoth Lake

Weather: Cold nights, maybe warm days.

Temperatures may range from 25 F. to 65 F.

Gear: 5 to 6 weight rod, floating line, hip waders or boots, BB - B lead for weight

Flies: Cased Caddis, 16 - 18; Green Rock Worm, 14 to 12; Bead Heads

Small dries: Adams, 18; Grey Elk Hair, 18; BWO, 18

(Ron will show the flies to bring at the April meeting and at the Tuesday Fly Tying session)

Beginners: nymph rigging and fishing techniques will be demonstrated on site.

Questions? Ask Ron at the April meeting.

GBF Activities

Be A Leader!

Host a fishout

Bold. Adventurous. Fun-loving. People oriented. Needs excuse to go fishing.

Any of these sterling attributes apply to you?

If so (and even if they don't), you could be a candidate to lead a GBF fishout — a one-, two-, three-day or longer excursion to a fishing site near or far. All you need to do is rally those who want to go with you and lead them to the destination.

GBF makes it easy with a helpful checklist, and Fishout Chair Ron English stands ready to give advice and encouragement. Call him, if interested in leading an outing.

Here are some suggested dates and destinations. Volunteer for one or more of these or recommend others.

April	Lake Davis	Need host
	Lower Sacramento	Need host
April 27 -May 2		
	Hot Creek	Ron English
May	Upper Sacramento	Bill Carnazzo
	Bass - local pond	Need host
June	Shad	Jeanne E.
	Eagle Lake	Rich Pontius
Rest of Year	Need suggestions	



Flytier's Corner...continued

1. Place hook in vise and cover hook with thread.
2. Cut a piece of foam one inch long and approximately 3/8 inch wide.
3. Place a few drops of "superglue" such as "Insta-Cure" on one half of the piece of foam, and fold it in half, thereby gluing it into a single, smaller piece. Be sure to keep glue off of fingers. It should set within a minute. It is best to do a dozen or so of these at one time.
4. Once it is dry, it should be carefully trimmed to a rough heart shape.
5. With a pair of tweezers, hold the shaped body over a cool flame to round the edges. Sanding also works, but tends to leave the foam rough.
6. Using a sharp razor blade, make an incision in the body from approximately its middle to the front. This slit will be where the hook is inserted. Great care should be taken to slit only half way through the body.
7. Place a few drops of superglue in the slit and place the body onto the hook, adjusting it so the eye sticks out and the hook is slipped into the pre-cut slit. Set this aside and allow to dry for at least an hour, while working on the others. two new ads
8. For the legs, select long fibers from a pheasant center tail. Use approximately 6 to 8 fibers, and tie an overhand knot in the middle of the section. This will take some practice and patience. It is essentially the same method used to make hopper legs.
9. Placing the now-dry body back into the vise, separate and create a joint between the thorax and abdomen areas with tight wraps of thread. The thorax area should be slightly smaller, so that the abdomen looks nice and round and fat.

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

April 1999 Pattern: "Bill's Simple Turantula"

Small Turantula-like spiders live around the edges of ponds which have grassy banks. Those that somehow find themselves on the water are instantly gobbled up by panfish and bass. Some of these spiders have large egg sacks of a creamy yellowish color, contrasting against their brownish, somewhat hairy body. This pattern seeks to imitate these spiders with materials different from the usual panfish spider patterns, which normally use rubber legs. Instead, knotted pheasant tail fibers, which have a hairy look, serve as the legs.

MATERIALS

Hook	Tiemco 200R; Daiichi 1270. An alternate would be a Mustad 33906, which is a specially configured popper hook. Sizes 8-16
Thread	Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Medium brown closed cell foam, such as Spirit River, Inc.'s "SRI Fly Foam"
Legs	Pheasant center tail feather fibers, knotted to form a joint
Egg sac	(optional) Ball of cream fur dubbing (beaver, or synthetic)
Eyes	(optional) High quality gloss enamel paint (red, black or both)

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions are for a size 10 hook. The proportions need to be adjusted for different sizes. The color can be varied, but from my observations these small Turantulas are almost always brownish.

GBF Activities

Jump Start Your 1999 Fishing Season!

GBF Fly Fishing Clinic

April 10th, 9 AM to 3 PM at the Clubhouse

Find out how you can catch more fish and increase your enjoyment of fly fishing as we discuss:

- Tackle and equipment selection and hints
- Rigging up - knots, leaders, etc.
- Which flies you should have in your box, and when to use them (*no Latin required*)
- Hints and tips on different tactics for finding and hooking fish
- Stealth and safety hints
- Your questions!

The last portion of the session will be on the water at Folsom Lake, conditions permitting.

Suggested tackle for fishing the lake:

Line: Intermediate sink line, floating line, or slow sink line

Flies: Bring wooly buggers in green, olive, brown or black, or your favorite lake fly. Use bead heads or weight on the flies. Pinch the barbs.

Leader: From 5 foot for sinking lines up to 9 foot for floating lines. No finer than 3x so you can pull fish and flies out of the brush.

Waders: Recommended but not essential. It will help to at least have "irrigation" boots or hip waders.

Equipment suggestions courtesy of Sturmer White

Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

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GBF Activities

Basics Clinic...continued

Tackle Critique: If you have any questions about your tackle, flies, or equipment, bring your stuff to the session.

FEE: There is a \$15 fee to cover our expenses (Cash or checks payable to GBF).

For more info call Rob at (916) 791-6391

Special Offer for New Members

“What Flies Do You Need?”

by Drake Johnson

The Club has arranged for new members in 1999 a great opportunity get your fly box off to a good start.

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but it will often attract a fish's attention. If the fish doesn't take the dry, it may take the nymph. If you observe carefully, you can see this happen. This tactic works best for me in what Mike Donega recently called "soft water". These are places on river edges or in larger pockets where the nymph has a chance to settle to the right depth and drift. It can also work in still water when fish are feeding near the surface. Just cast to create a drag-free drift, watch the dry fly, and hold on!

Want A GBF Logo?

On your T-shirt? Your windbreaker? Your fishing vest? Your socks? Your kids?

GBF can get it for you wholesale, says Drake Johnson, Merchandising Chair. If you want a GBF logo on any of your garments, bring the item (clean) to the next general meeting and speak to Drake about it. He can get you an estimate of the cost and time required to get the job done.

Visit GBF on the Web!

Have you visited the Granite Bay Flycasters' web site yet? Drop in and find a growing wealth of information about the club, its activities, fly tying, links to other fly fishing info and organizations, and much more. It's easy. Just key in the club's address and enjoy: www.gbflycasters.org.

If you have any suggestions for our site, contact our Webmaster, Bill Avery, at (916) 632-1275.

Forget about corkies and yarn. Use a fly for an indicator!

by Rob Ferroggiaro

I had been fly fishing way too long before someone suggested fishing a dry fly with a nymph on a dropper. If you use this tactic, you know what I mean. If not, then try this exciting way to catch fish. One of the things that makes it exciting is that you see the take, regardless of which fly the fish grabs.

Here's one way to set up this rig. To your standard dry fly leader, tie on a high floating dry fly treated with floatant. In free stone streams you might try an elk hair caddis, humpy, adams, or irresistible. To the bend of the hook on this fly, tie a short piece of tippet material. You can vary the tippet length, but you might start at around 18 inches. I tend to use a fairly fine tippet most of time, 5X to 7X. Tie a nymph onto the tippet. Nymph selection is, of course, dictated by local conditions, but you can often be successful with a pheasant tail (maybe a flash back), a hairs ear, or an emerger in smaller sizes, 16-18. In fact, this is can be a great way to fish a size 18 -20 midge pupa pattern, or a brassie.

If you aren't successful with the first set up, experiment with different dropper lengths. You can also grease the dropper material from the dry fly to within a few inches of the nymph which will cause the nymph to drift just under the surface.

I've heard a lot of theories about why this is tactic effective. For one thing, this is an effective way to get a nymph to drift horizontally at a particular depth. Midges and other poor swimmers drift this way, so the presentation looks natural. Also, the dry fly not only works as an indicator,

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New Member Offer...continued

Each new member will receive a letter along with a starter list of flies and sizes that has been put together with input from some of the more experience fly fishers in the club.

You will need to take your letter and list to each fly shop and meet with the person designated. They will assist you in your fly selection.

This is a great opportunity to meet the owners of the shops and get additional help in selection of tackle or ask question about local fishing location.

We are very fortunate to have in our area three excellent shops that are staffed with knowledgeable people. These shops provide much appreciated support for our club and it is in all of our best interest to give them our support.

So if you joined this year, see John Hogg to get your letter.

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GBF Activities

New Videos and Library Books

by Cindy Leggett, Librarian

Many of you have made requests for specific videos and books in the past few months or subjects that weren't available in our current library collection. Therefore, in an effort to update and round out our selection of books and videos, we've made the following additions that will be available for check out at the next meeting:

Videos

"A.K. Best: Tying Blue-Winged Olives" by A.K. Best

"A.K. Best: Tying Caddis and Midges" by A.K. Best

"Lessons with Lefty: A Teaching Guide for Fly Casting"
by Lefty Kreh

"A Casting Approach to Dry Fly Fishing in Tight Brush"
by Joe Humphry

Books

"Caddisflies" by Gary LaFontaine

"Mayflies" by Malcolm Knopp

"Mastering the Spring Creeks" by John Shewey

"Fishing Lessons" by Paul Quinnett

"Yosemite Trout Fishing Guide" by Charles S. Beck

"Yellowstone Fly-Fishing Guide" by Craig Mathews &
Clayton Molinero

These new books were donated to us by Richard Anderson, Publisher of "**California Fly Fisher**" magazine:

"Small Fly Adventures in the West-Angling for Larger Trout" by Neale Streeks

"Yellowstone Fishes" by John D. Varley and Paul Schullery

"First Cast-Teaching Kids to Fly-Fish" by Phil Genova

News and Notes

Flycasting: It's Got to Stop!!!

by John Hogg, Casting Chair

What is common to all of these motions? The swing of a baseball bat; a golf swing; the stroke of a tennis or racquetball racquet. And what is common to them that is the exact opposite to a flycast?



It's the follow through of the swing, of course. To become proficient in these sports we must learn to continue the stroke even after contacting the ball. But a flycast is completely different. It is the sudden stop of the rod tip which conveys energy to the flyline and keeps it moving well past the rod tip. Many novice flycasters use their rod to pull the line through the air, and the results are not pretty. Casts are limited to 30 feet or so, and the wide open loop of line creates many problems: flies in the bushes behind, casts blown back in the caster's face, and sore arms and shoulders as a result of all the extra exertion.

A caster with this problem must rethink the entire casting motion to include a sudden stop that will send the line on its way. Visualize the flight of an arrow from a bow. It is all due to that sudden stop of the bow string. Casting instructors have created many metaphors to convey this motion. Think about flicking water off a paintbrush, or throwing an apple that has been stuck on the end of a long stick. That's the kind of stop you need for both the forecast and backcast with a flyrod. (Thanks to Lefty Kreh's new casting video for the concepts in this article.)

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Conservation

Focusing on What's Most Important

by Nathan Joyner, Conservation Chair

Recently, the GBF Conservation Committee addressed the question, "How do we make decisions on what to do in our conservation program?" From this evolved a draft mission statement and strategy points to help guide the club's conservation program. These guidelines came out of what the club already does, such as the Bear River project, the school classroom egg program, and the scholarship grants program. The guidelines also include education and awareness goals to address the needs of our members and the community. I think that the work of the committee, our president, the board of directors, and our conservation leaders, such as Jim Coleman and Rick Radoff make the GBF conservation program worth supporting.

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Conservation...continued

Please read our draft mission statement and strategy points, and give me your feedback. Call me or speak to me at the next meeting.

Draft Conservation Mission Statement

Our mission is to protect, preserve, and restore the places we fish and the species we fish for.

Draft GBF Conservation Committee Strategy Points and Criteria

Strategy 1:

- * Educate members in order to raise awareness.
- * Report news and information at meetings, in the Leader and in separate mailings.
- * Sponsor conservation related presentations at our general meetings and at special meetings.

Strategy 2:

- * Support others who work in conservation and fisheries related research.
- * Donate to conservation organizations.
- * Offer scholarship grants to students in fisheries related research.

Strategy 3: Support Conservation Projects

- * Bear River
- * Classroom Egg Rearing Program
- * Identify future projects the club can sponsor.

Strategy 4: Act On Current Conservation Issues

- * Make letter writing campaigns on issues pertaining to our mission.
- * Write letters on behalf of the board and the club.
- * Attend meetings with key policy makers.
- * Have face-to-face meetings with key policy makers.
- * Actively identify important mailing lists to be on.
- * Work with other conservation groups on issues.
- * Act as a stakeholder in fisheries related issues,

Conservation

Fish Win in CSPA Driven Hearing

Should operation of the Yuba River take into account flow and temperature requirements for the anadromous fisheries that exist there?

Should Yuba River water diverters improve fish screens on river diversions and insure survival of juvenile fish that are entrapped in diversions?

These questions and more were addressed in a State Water Resource Control Board hearing held in 1992. Seven years later, the SWRCB published a draft decision that outlined fish flows and temperature requirements, in addition to more protection of fish from diversions on the lower Yuba River.

The new stream flow and water temperature requirements were driven by a complaint filed by a coalition of fishery groups headed by the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance (CSPA).

Since 1965, the Yuba County Water Agency has operated the river based on an agreement with the CDFG that provided paltry in-stream flows.

The new requirements provide fish friendly minimum temperature and flow requirements that YWCA must meet. The requirements take into account CDFG recommended flows and temperatures for the Chinook salmon, steelhead, and American shad fisheries on the river. The decision also requires YWCA and nearly all of the water diverters to provide plans to improve fish screens on diversions and to improve the return of captured fish to the river.

This decision will certainly be challenged by water users, so it is essential we keep informed and active on the issue.