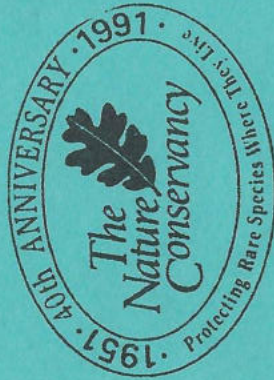


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Fish Out — East Walker TBA

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18 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Fish Out — Surf Perch TBA

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20 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.

Fish Out — Lake Davis TBA

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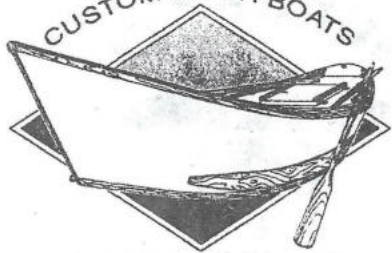
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GBF Meetings

January: Lead-free Fishing

Mike Denega, the fisheries biologist who entertained us with beautiful photos and tales of fishing in British Columbia last year, returns to help prepare us for the 1999 fishing season by sharing his ideas on lead-free fishing. Come learn another way to preserve and protect our precious aquatic resources.

We hope to see you there!

February: Bass Fishing and Poppers

Won't be long before the hawks are in the shallows, ripe for a fight. Come hear Leo Gutterres, bass fisherman and popper creator extraordinaire, tell all on how to tempt bass and create irresistible bass poppers. He'll share patterns and techniques for building balsawood poppers that lure the lunkers to your line.

See you in February!



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

President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

I've been admiring one of my Christmas presents, a beautiful artist's sketch of a steelhead, and wondering why I enjoy fish pictures so much. This reflection was probably brought on by the puzzled reaction many people have to my enthusiasm for pictures piscatorial. To the non-fishing observer, many of the fish we catch might not be considered beautiful when compared to butterflies, birds, and many mammals found in nature. (Can we really call a 4 pound largemouth bass "beautiful" in the typical sense of the word?) So why do we enjoy the pictures?

Maybe the pictures serve as icons that conjure up strong images of things like striking scenery, breathing fresh air, and the satisfaction of a challenge met and a skill well learned. Our fish pictures and fish art certainly aren't icons of worship, but they can command a sort of reverence for the miracle of life's circle and the relentless survival instinct of these water bound creatures. Maybe that explains why I'm running out of bare wall space in my office.

Looking ahead, this is the time for New Year's resolutions. While I'm not sure how much value there is in this custom, I'm working on my resolutions just for the fun of it. Here are some I'm considering.

- I will not be so obsessed with stream and river fishing and I will try fishing more lakes
- I will get rid of any flies in my fly boxes that I haven't used in the last five years
- If I get a grab from a steelhead on the hang down, I will not jerk the fly out of its mouth

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- I will not put my rod in the back of my truck without being in the case (a repeat from last year)
- I will not think too much about why I enjoy fish pictures

Regardless of how our resolutions pan out, you can be assured we're planning a big year for GBF in 1999 and it will be an honor to serve as your president again. When you get this, I'll be off steelhead fishing, but I'll see you at our Cal Expo booth or at the January meeting.

Take care.



It's A New Dues Year

by John Hogg, Membership Chairman

GBF is due your 1999 dues which are now due so please do.

Your prompt payment of your 1999 dues will ensure that issues of the *Leader* keep coming, and it helps the club's treasury as well.

Individual dues are \$25; family dues are \$30; initiation fees for new members or for current members who don't meet the renewal deadline are \$7 additional.

If you need a new badge, they are \$5, and can be ordered by calling me. Please send your check to John Hogg, Membership Chairman, 10101 Hayes Drive, Newcastle, CA 95658. You can also pay at the next general meeting. Questions? Call me at 916-663-2051.

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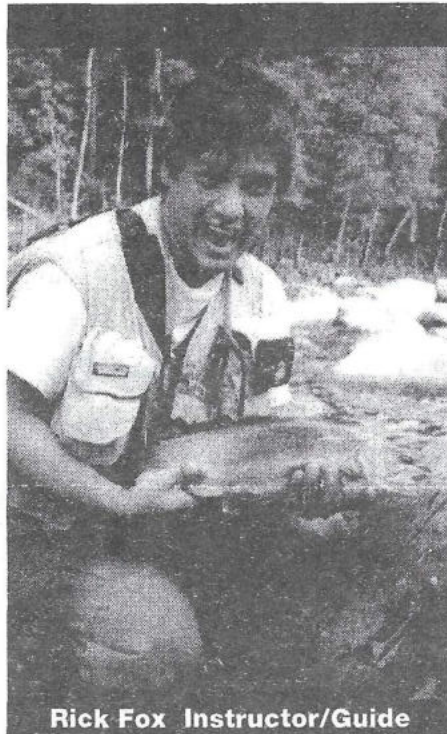
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Flytying Skills Program...continued

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(s) in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. So, enter those flies!!!

Winners for December: Bill Avery in the Beginner Category and **Ron English** in the Nonbeginner category. Congratulations to all!

Folks, enter those flies!!! The gift certificates are worth money to you, so there's no excuse for procrastinating. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

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but stopping short of the base of the wing. Tie off and cut the herl.

8. Tie in a properly sized, stiff brown neck hackle behind the wing, securing the stem in front of the wing. Leave the thread in front of the wing, leaving room for a nice head.

9. Wrap the hackle behind and in front of the wing, and tie it off. The fly should be fully hackled; if necessary, use two hackles or a long saddle hackle.

10. Build a nice small head and whip finish. Fish the fly in pocket water. It should float high and dry. It works best in frothy or choppy water, and especially well on small back country waters.

See ya on the creek!!!

Fly Tying Skills Program

Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Pattern for January: "Emergent Sparkle Pupa"

(Featured in the December *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



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GBF Activities

Looking Good!

Club Exhibit Gets New Look

The new backdrop for our club booth will be ready for the show at Cal Expo. A special thanks to Jim Rasmus, President of RDA Design Associates in Roseville. Jim donated a used, but very serviceable, display background unit to our club. This enabled us to create a display that wouldn't have been practical otherwise.

Please join me in thanking the project team responsible for the design and execution; Gray Allen, John Hogg, Ron Calvert, Jim Ferguson, and especially to Tim Cherms who has been the leader of this project and who secured the backdrop for us.

The 1999 edition of our booth should be very attractive, and the new format allows us to easily update our

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pictures to increase the quality and impact of our message as new pictures become available.

If you have any suggestions on how we can increase interest in our booth and the club, please contact any member of the project team.

Cal-Expo Sportsman's Show

(For information on this event, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604, or 264-5808)

The International Sportsman's Exhibition at Cal-Expo dates will be held **January 13-17, 1999**. Mark these dates on your calendar. GBF will again host a booth at the show. GBF volunteers will "man" the booth. There are a few spots still open for sign-up.

This is a great club event, and well worth the commitment to spend a couple of hours in the booth having fun and meeting people—as well as promoting the Club and its activities.

There will be an instruction sheet in the booth for cash handling and other matters. The "pass" to get into the show consists of the badge which is worn **at the booth (only)**. Those who have signed up will have their names on a list at the "will call" ticket booth at the main gate. They can pick up a badge there. There are only six badges; so, those working in the booth need to return the badge to Will Call, so the next team can get in. Please cooperate in this regard.

If you have volunteered, we look forward to seeing you at the booth. If you are just attending the show, stop by and see your club's new exhibit and visit with us for awhile.

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Flytier's Corner...continued

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean and stack a small segment of deer hair for the tail. Tie it in just above the back end of the barb. Tail should be length of shank. Cut butts off at a taper along the shank to avoid ending up with a lump.

2. Move thread forward to a point about 1/3 shank length behind the eye. This will be the wing mounting point. Cut and stack a medium bunch of calf tail. Measure so that wing will be length of shank.

3. Tie wing on with tips of hair out over eye of hook. Hold the hair tightly to keep it from twisting around the hook, it must stay on the top of the hook. Before pulling the wing up, cut butts at a taper, blending it into the deer hair butts from the tail. Now tie butts down.

4. Pull wing up to vertical position, and lay about 5 wraps in front of wing. Now wrap thread around the base of the wing twice, and bring it to the rear, catching the thread in the butts of the wing material; pull straight down and take a wrap. Repeat this procedure. This has the effect of securing the wing in the vertical position without too many wraps in front of it.

5. Divide the wing into two equal parts, and figure -8 between the wings a few times to separate them. Now spiral the thread around the base of each wing. Note: See *American Angler*, January-February issue for a good article on making wings in this manner.

6. Take thread back to base of tail and tie in two strands of peacock herl. Advance thread to wing. Take 2 or 3 wraps of the herl to form a small butt, and tie it off. Do not cut it just yet.

7. Tie in yellow sparkle yarn and take 2 wraps just in front of peacock herl butt, and tie off. Cut the yarn, and then take several more wraps of the herl ahead of the yarn

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

January 1999 Pattern: "Muir Wulff"

Sometimes the story behind a fly is better than the fly. That may be the case here, although the fly itself is productive under the right circumstances.

It seems that years ago (many years) Terry Eggleston was at the Muir Trail Ranch, which is at around 7,500 feet in elevation in the southern Sierras. One evening after dinner, Terry and others were having a few cold ones and tying flies. The light was dim (the only power at the ranch is a generator and a Pelton wheel), making tying a challenge. Tying Royal Wulffs for the next day, Terry used calftail to make the wing and with the other usual materials completed a half dozen which were promptly stowed in the fly box.

The next day he reached for one of the fresh Wulffs, only to discover that he had used yellow calftail instead of white for the wing. Now, I'm not sure whether it was the light or the "cold ones," but it doesn't really matter — the result was the birth of the Muir Wulff. A few modifications have been made over the years, but the basic fly is still the same.

MATERIALS

Hook	Standard dry fly (e.g., Tiemco 100) #12-18
Thread	6/0 or 8/0 black
Tail	Greyish deer hair
Body	Peacock herl
Center rib	Yellow sparkle yarn
Wing	Yellow calftail or calf body
Hackle	Brown dry fly hackle



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The schedule for the show is as follows:

Wednesday	noon to 9 p.m.
Thursday	noon to 9 p.m.
Friday	noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We will staff the booth for the following shifts:

Wed., Thur., Fri.,	— noon to 3:30, 3:30 to 6, 6 to 9.
Sat.	— 10 to noon, noon to 3:30, 3:30 to 6, 6 to 8.
Sun.	— same as Sat., except show closes at 6.

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Your Angling Future and CalFed

By Nathan Joyner

The future of our fisheries in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento Delta and its headwaters depends largely on the CalFed Bay-Delta program. CalFed is short for the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort amongst water interests with a two-part mission: water management of the Bay-Delta and ecosystem restoration. The program seeks to resolve problems in Bay-Delta water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water supply reliability, and levee system



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rod tip very low to the water, and all the slack out of the line. As the pickup nears completion, the line will be lifted off the water and the rod will load. The unloading of the rod upon the sudden stop ending the backcast will throw the line up and back, setting up for a successful forward cast.

Principle #3. The line goes in the direction of the speedup and stop at the end of the cast.

The casting motion starts slowly and then accelerates to a hard stop. The direction that the line will travel is not defined until the very last moments of the cast. Other instructors say, "The line follows the direction of the rod tip." This is a very useful principle to understand, especially when trying to do mends or curve casts, or understanding how to overcome tailing loops.

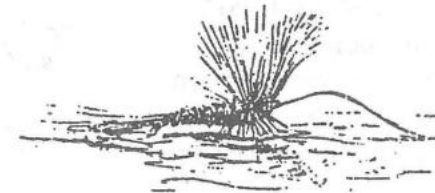
Principle #4. The distance you speed up and stop determines the loop size.

Loop size is determined by the vertical distance change of the rod tip.

Principle #5. For longer casts, the backcast should be a sidearm cast where the rod butt and hand travel in an upward plane with the thumbnail pointing backward.

This recommendation evolves from Lefty's saltwater experience where casting off a boat bow allows a lot of room. Adjustments may have to be made on the stream.

Lefty's principles are best explained, of course, with a viewing of his tape. It's a good one, so take a look!



Lefty Kreh's Five Principles of Casting

by John Hogg

Lefty Kreh was late for his clinic (sponsored by CFFU). Arriving at San Francisco airport, he was rushed to Sacramento by car, and at the last minute we all jumped in our cars and dashed over from Channel 6 to the front lawn of Lefty's motel and met him there.

With only enough pause to open his suitcase and extract a rod, the clinic began...and what a treat it was! This 74-year-young man talked nonstop for almost two and a half hours, and demonstrated one cast after another without ever losing a breath.

His casting is truly a wonder to behold, and he teaches a style of efficiency — techniques that can be quickly learned in a matter of days, weeks or months — rather than the years it can take to master more classical forms.

After the clinic, I extracted Lefty's second videotape, "Flycasting with Lefty Kreh," (produced by Gary Borger) and using the pause and rewind buttons extracted Lefty's five principles of flycasting. Because I had to take dictation from Lefty's tape, his principles are not exact quotes as I have not found them in written form. The comments after each principle are mine.

Principle #1. The further you move the rod on a cast, the more it helps you make the cast.

Lefty does not mean moving the rod tip in a big arc on the backcast. That is the worst thing you can do. Rather it is lateral movement, especially of the butt section.

Principle #2. The end of the line must move and the line must be fully off the water before the backcast can begin.

To achieve this, the pickup action must begin with the

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integrity. As Bee Staff Writer Nancy Vogel puts it, "The state and federal government have launched a campaign in the Central Valley rivaled in cost and scale only by the effort to save Florida's Everglades."

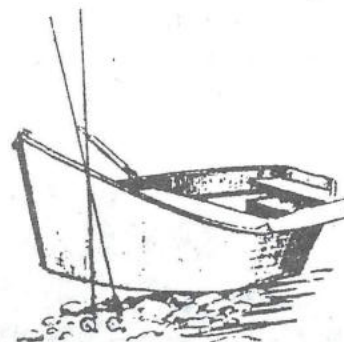
CalFed works on solving problems found in the Bay-Delta area. Solutions to the problems found in the Bay-Delta go far beyond managing the Delta, and include restoration of headwater areas. Solutions can occur in most of California including the Central Valley watershed, Southern California water service, Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, San Francisco Bay, the Pacific Ocean out to the Farallon Islands, and a coastal band extending to the Oregon boarder. This agreement effects nearly all of California and directly impacts us in the Central Valley.

CalFed will take about 30 years and most cost estimates hover around \$10 billion. Since the public hearings in April and May 1997, CalFed has written a "draft phased plan" for California water. The plan is broken up into two stages. Stage 1 is the first seven years,

Stage 2 is everything after that. Potential capital expenditures include peripheral canals, storage dams, land purchases, and levee enhancements. The Ecosystem Restoration Plan includes expenditures for habitat restoration.

Part of CalFed's joint mission is to restore ecological health to the Bay-Delta system. To fulfill this mission, the draft plan includes an ecosystem restoration plan. The eco-

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draft plan includes an ecosystem restoration plan. The ecosystem restoration plan attempts to address restoring, protecting, and managing the various habitats found in the system, restoring critical flows, improving Delta outflow during spring time periods, and modifying or eliminating fish passage barriers. In 1998, CalFed approved 62 projects for funding under the ecosystem restoration plan for a total of approximately \$25,300,000.

A new component of the Ecosystem Restoration Program includes the concept of an environmental water account, which would provide the environment assets that could help fisheries recover.

Also CalFed includes a water quality program which will focus on improving water quality and reducing impacts from urban and agricultural pesticide use, bromides, trace metals, mercury, selenium, salinity, turbidity, and sedimentation, toxicity, and low dissolved oxygen.

Due to the scope of the problems and solutions that CalFed addresses, anglers should be aware of CalFed. CalFed Advisory Board member Richard Izmirian states, "Let's recognize that the fisheries that depend on the delta and its tributaries are in deep trouble. We should be committed to making CalFed



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News and Notes

Loreto (last Year)

Now that the freezing weather is upon us, I was remembering back to last August where things were definitely not cold. In fact they were damn hot, not only in Sacramento, but in Loreto, Baja California. Bus Gehring and Diane, Barry Fitzpatrick and Cyndi, Jim Holmes and Marty, Bill Lockhart, Vern Stubbs, Mike Brune and Kjeli Steinmo all took off for an adventure in Loreto.

Flying via United Airlines was an adventure all by itself. (Never trust what the reservations say: always be very early!) Once we finally arrived, the accommodations at the Hotel Oasis were great with excellent food — a different theme each night.

It really helped to have some experienced people with us because things the first morning were quite confusing. Just getting up at 0430 to go fishing was confusing after a long trip. As things settled down, we would fish until about 2 p.m., nap, eat, and do it again.

Unfortunately, the targeted species (dorado) were not in this year. The water was too cold thanks to you know what. But we had many other choices and most of us caught many different kinds of fish. It is unbelievable how hard a 10-pound bonita or skipjack can pull! This was a great trip, but a little humid for some. It is something that we will repeat in the future.



News and Notes

Hall of Fame... continued

hibition. Mail checks to: Irmke Schoebel, 2342 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Questions? Call Irmke at 415-661-7638.

For more information, contact: Sheree Kajiwarra, 1405 Marshall St., #606, Redwood City, CA, 94063 or call her at 605-369-7228 or email: skajiwarra@earthlink.net.

Fishing Trip Anyone?

by *Jim Holmes*

British Columbia

Several GBF members are interested in a June trip to British Columbia. Yes, we know that the streams are closed at that time. This will probably be in the middle two-three weeks of June to coincide with the very large midges that are hatching at that time in some of the lakes of British Columbia. We will be having an informational meeting sometime in early February. If you are at all interested, call Jim Holmes at 967-6709 or Bus Gehring at 652-0981 and put your name on the list.

Crane Prairie, Oregon

We are planning a trip to Crane Prairie Reservoir, probably leaving the 5th of July and returning the 10th of July. These dates are very much subject to change! We will be fishing for the large rainbow trout in Crane Prairie, as well as Atlantic Salmon in another lake where we caught them last year, and for browns. We may also fish the Williamson River (hex hatch). For signups or more information, call Jim Holmes at 967-6709 or see any of us at the next club meeting.

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work because this will be our generation's last chance to reverse the decline of California's once great fisheries."

There are two issues that sport anglers should be concerned about. First, public funding of surface storage dams would cost taxpayers a bundle. Instead of paying for more surface storage, it makes sense to work to better manage existing storage, and to fully exhaust conservation alternatives before turning to the public for dam funding. The surface storage issue has become divorced from the key questions CalFed was created to answer: how to best restore the ecosystem, reliability of water supply, and water quality.

Izmirian states, "The alternatives to dams and isolated



conveyances are water conservation and improved management of the water storage infrastructure already in place. The key to water conservation is pricing. If a farmer is given the choice of paying the actual

cost of water supply development to irrigate the land, install subsurface irrigation, or purchase water from a willing seller, we would probably discover that the demand for new surface storage reservoirs would disappear. One of the weakest elements of the CalFed plan is that water conservation and a water transfer solution is likely to be subverted by publicly subsidized storage projects that will continue to promote the inappropriation of the people's

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water.”

One other issue that sport anglers should consider is that the government is doing little to protect and restore the beleaguered Central Valley Steelhead, and CalFed does little to address the specific need for restoration of these fish. Sport anglers must take a position that CalFed must take specific measures for restoration of the Central Valley Steelhead in order to insure that restoration efforts specifically target them.



CalFed has become renegotiations of how water in California is managed, and for this reason alone warrants attention. We should pay close attention for the fish, for our water, and for our children.

Angler's should and can have an impact on what is happening with CalFed. Izmirian states, "The easiest thing for the sport fishing community to do is slam the CalFed process and criticize its output. We can then continue to bemoan the state of our fisheries until there is nothing left. Looking beyond what we see as shortcomings, however, are significant efforts to improve flows for fisheries, remove dams that reopen important tributaries to spawning salmon, install fish screens, improve habitat from mountain watersheds to the bay, and improve water quality."

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News and Notes

ing gear, trips and more. Now is the time to stock your fly boxes and prepare for the 1999 season.

Each year, the Hall of Fame honors a person for lifelong contributions to the art, science, and sport of fly fishing and to conservation. Prior inductees include Jack Horner, E.C. Powell, Myron Gregory, Phil Miravalle, Doug Prince, Cal Bird, Ted Fay, John Tarantino, Roy Haile, Fanny and Mel Krieger, Leo T. Conin, Andre Puyans, Frank Materelli, Lani Waller, Bill Schaadt, and Russell Chatham.

This year's NCCFFF Hall of Fame inductee is Bob Baiocchi, California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance's (CSPA's) bulldog of fishery protection and enhancement. Bob tirelessly monitors the activities of federal and state trustee agencies, files protests and complaints, appears before boards and commissions, writes briefs, and appears in court. He is the state expert on water rights, who fights to ensure adequate flows for fish, restore degraded fisheries and guard against the threats to what is left. CSPA was created to take back our rivers, and because of Bob it has done a great job for us all.

Proceeds benefit the NCCFFF and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. NCCFFF is the regional council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to conserving, restoring, and educating through fly fishing. The council founded and continues to be a major sponsor of CSPA, the public trust advocate for fish and the habitat that sustains them.

Day-only admission is \$5 per person at the door. Under 12 free with a paid admission. Reservations are required for the evening event — \$30 per person or \$45 per couple includes beverages, buffet, and admission to daytime ex-

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On Dec. 18, 1998, Governor Wilson and Secretary Bruce Babbitt released a "Revised CalFed Phase II Report" for public comment. You can look at the CalFed web site to find out more about the programs at <http://calfed.ca.org> on the Internet, or call 1-800-700-5753.

You can also send a letter asking Lester Snow, the executive director of the CalFed Bay Delta program, a letter asking to modify the CalFed Environmental Impact Statement to contain provisions to enhance the Central Valley Steelhead populations.

Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
CalFed Bay-Delta Program
1416 9th Street Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

In addition you can send a letter opposing public funding of surface storage dams. You can ask the government to exhaust conservation measures and fully utilize the existing water storage before building more dams. Write to:

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor-elect Transition Team
980 9th Street
Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814
The Honorable Al Gore,
Executive Office of the Vice President, White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500
vice.president@whitehouse.gov

Some Delta Statistics

Area of the water shed: The system drains more than

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61,000 square miles or 37% of the state.

Area of the Delta: The legal Delta includes 738,000 acres

Delta Inflow: Inflow ranges from 6 to 69 million-acre feet per year (MAF); average is 24 MAF

Diversions: Over 7000 diverters draw water from the system including 1,800 in the Delta itself.

Delta Exports: The SWP and the CVP draw an average of 4.9 MAF (~3.6 MAF for agriculture and 2.3 MAF for urban uses) from the Delta each year.

Flora: Over 400 plant species can be found in the Delta, not including agricultural crops.

Fauna: The Delta harbors about 225 birds, 52 mammals, and 22 reptile and amphibian species.

Fish: There are 54 species in the delta and a total of 130 in the Delta and Bay.

Marshes: There are 8000 acres of tidal marsh in the Delta; originally there were 345,000 acres.

Levees and Channels: 1100 miles of levees protect over 700 miles of waterways.

Delta Farmland: Over 520,000 acres are farmed in the Delta

Principal Crops: The most commonly grown Delta crops are wheat, alfalfa, corn and tomatoes.

Agricultural Value: Average annual gross value of Delta production is \$500 million.

Recreation: Annual average use of the Delta is about 12 million user days per year.

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Fly Tying Expo/Hall of Fame Dinner

Saturday, February 13

The Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) is again presenting the largest and best tying event of the year on February 13 at San Francisco's Fort Mason Center, Building A.

Fly tying from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is followed at 6 p.m. by a buffet dinner and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. More than 50 top tiers from throughout the state are sharing their skills and knowledge at this event that raises money to save fish for California's anglers. A silent auction and a live auction and raffle feature fly boxes from the tiers, fish-

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GBF Meetings

January: Lead-free Fishing

Mike Denega, the fisheries biologist who entertained us with beautiful photos and tales of fishing in British Columbia last year, returns to help prepare us for the 1999 fishing season by sharing his ideas on lead-free fishing. Come learn another way to preserve and protect our precious aquatic resources.

We hope to see you there!

February: Bass Fishing and Poppers

Won't be long before the hawks are in the shallows, ripe for a fight. Come hear Leo Gutterres, bass fisherman and popper creator extraordinaire, tell all on how to tempt bass and create irresistible bass poppers. He'll share patterns and techniques for building balsawood poppers that lure the lunkers to your line.

See you in February!



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Have you visited the Granite Bay Flycasters' 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.

President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

I've been admiring one of my Christmas presents, a beautiful artist's sketch of a steelhead, and wondering why I enjoy fish pictures so much. This reflection was probably brought on by the puzzled reaction many people have to my enthusiasm for pictures piscatorial. To the non-fishing observer, many of the fish we catch might not be considered beautiful when compared to butterflies, birds, and many mammals found in nature. (Can we really call a 4 pound largemouth bass "beautiful" in the typical sense of the word?) So why do we enjoy the pictures?

Maybe the pictures serve as icons that conjure up strong images of things like striking scenery, breathing fresh air, and the satisfaction of a challenge met and a skill well learned. Our fish pictures and fish art certainly aren't icons of worship, but they can command a sort of reverence for the miracle of life's circle and the relentless survival instinct of these water bound creatures. Maybe that explains why I'm running out of bare wall space in my office.

Looking ahead, this is the time for New Year's resolutions. While I'm not sure how much value there is in this custom, I'm working on my resolutions just for the fun of it. Here are some I'm considering.

- I will not be so obsessed with stream and river fishing and I will try fishing more lakes
- I will get rid of any flies in my fly boxes that I haven't used in the last five years
- If I get a grab from a steelhead on the hang down, I will not jerk the fly out of its mouth

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President's Message

- I will not put my rod in the back of my truck without being in the case (a repeat from last year)
- I will not think too much about why I enjoy fish pictures

Regardless of how our resolutions pan out, you can be assured we're planning a big year for GBF in 1999 and it will be an honor to serve as your president again. When you get this, I'll be off steelhead fishing, but I'll see you at our Cal Expo booth or at the January meeting.

Take care.



It's A New Dues Year

by John Hogg, Membership Chairman

GBF is due your 1999 dues which are now due so please do.

Your prompt payment of your 1999 dues will ensure that issues of the *Leader* keep coming, and it helps the club's treasury as well.

Individual dues are \$25; family dues are \$30; initiation fees for new members or for current members who don't meet the renewal deadline are \$7 additional.

If you need a new badge, they are \$5, and can be ordered by calling me. Please send your check to John Hogg, Membership Chairman, 10101 Hayes Drive, Newcastle, CA 95658. You can also pay at the next general meeting. Questions? Call me at 916-663-2051.

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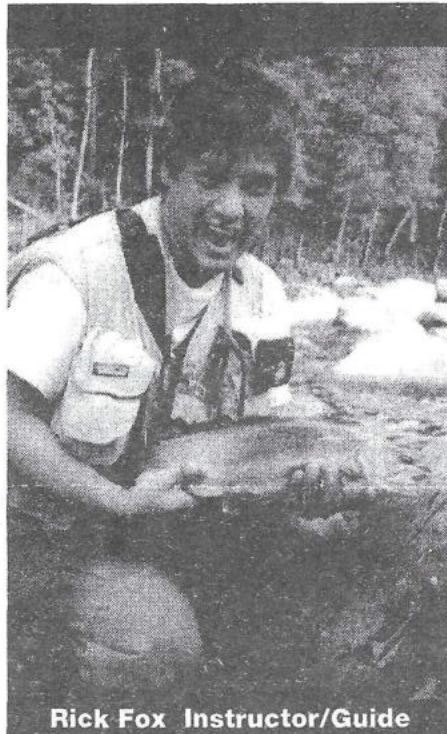
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Flytying Skills Program...continued

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(s) in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner. So, enter those flies!!!

Winners for December: Bill Avery in the Beginner Category and **Ron English** in the Nonbeginner category. Congratulations to all!

Folks, enter those flies!!! The gift certificates are worth money to you, so there's no excuse for procrastinating. All flies submitted will be placed into the raffle for that evening's meeting.

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but stopping short of the base of the wing. Tie off and cut the herl.

8. Tie in a properly sized, stiff brown neck hackle behind the wing, securing the stem in front of the wing. Leave the thread in front of the wing, leaving room for a nice head.

9. Wrap the hackle behind and in front of the wing, and tie it off. The fly should be fully hackled; if necessary, use two hackles or a long saddle hackle.

10. Build a nice small head and whip finish. Fish the fly in pocket water. It should float high and dry. It works best in frothy or choppy water, and especially well on small back country waters.

See ya on the creek!!!

Fly Tying Skills Program

Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

Pattern for January: "Emergent Sparkle Pupa"

(Featured in the December *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



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GBF Activities

Looking Good!

Club Exhibit Gets New Look

The new backdrop for our club booth will be ready for the show at Cal Expo. A special thanks to Jim Rasmus, President of RDA Design Associates in Roseville. Jim donated a used, but very serviceable, display background unit to our club. This enabled us to create a display that wouldn't have been practical otherwise.

Please join me in thanking the project team responsible for the design and execution; Gray Allen, John Hogg, Ron Calvert, Jim Ferguson, and especially to Tim Cherms who has been the leader of this project and who secured the backdrop for us.

The 1999 edition of our booth should be very attractive, and the new format allows us to easily update our

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pictures to increase the quality and impact of our message as new pictures become available.

If you have any suggestions on how we can increase interest in our booth and the club, please contact any member of the project team.

Cal-Expo Sportsman's Show

(For information on this event, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604, or 264-5808)

The International Sportsman's Exhibition at Cal-Expo dates will be held **January 13-17, 1999**. Mark these dates on your calendar. GBF will again host a booth at the show. GBF volunteers will "man" the booth. There are a few spots still open for sign-up.

This is a great club event, and well worth the commitment to spend a couple of hours in the booth having fun and meeting people—as well as promoting the Club and its activities.

There will be an instruction sheet in the booth for cash handling and other matters. The "pass" to get into the show consists of the badge which is worn **at the booth (only)**. Those who have signed up will have their names on a list at the "will call" ticket booth at the main gate. They can pick up a badge there. There are only six badges; so, those working in the booth need to return the badge to Will Call, so the next team can get in. Please cooperate in this regard.

If you have volunteered, we look forward to seeing you at the booth. If you are just attending the show, stop by and see your club's new exhibit and visit with us for awhile.

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Flytier's Corner...continued

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean and stack a small segment of deer hair for the tail. Tie it in just above the back end of the barb. Tail should be length of shank. Cut butts off at a taper along the shank to avoid ending up with a lump.

2. Move thread forward to a point about 1/3 shank length behind the eye. This will be the wing mounting point. Cut and stack a medium bunch of calf tail. Measure so that wing will be length of shank.

3. Tie wing on with tips of hair out over eye of hook. Hold the hair tightly to keep it from twisting around the hook, it must stay on the top of the hook. Before pulling the wing up, cut butts at a taper, blending it into the deer hair butts from the tail. Now tie butts down.

4. Pull wing up to vertical position, and lay about 5 wraps in front of wing. Now wrap thread around the base of the wing twice, and bring it to the rear, catching the thread in the butts of the wing material; pull straight down and take a wrap. Repeat this procedure. This has the effect of securing the wing in the vertical position without too many wraps in front of it.

5. Divide the wing into two equal parts, and figure -8 between the wings a few times to separate them. Now spiral the thread around the base of each wing. Note: See *American Angler*, January-February issue for a good article on making wings in this manner.

6. Take thread back to base of tail and tie in two strands of peacock herl. Advance thread to wing. Take 2 or 3 wraps of the herl to form a small butt, and tie it off. Do not cut it just yet.

7. Tie in yellow sparkle yarn and take 2 wraps just in front of peacock herl butt, and tie off. Cut the yarn, and then take several more wraps of the herl ahead of the yarn

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

January 1999 Pattern: "Muir Wulff"

Sometimes the story behind a fly is better than the fly. That may be the case here, although the fly itself is productive under the right circumstances.

It seems that years ago (many years) Terry Eggleston was at the Muir Trail Ranch, which is at around 7,500 feet in elevation in the southern Sierras. One evening after dinner, Terry and others were having a few cold ones and tying flies. The light was dim (the only power at the ranch is a generator and a Pelton wheel), making tying a challenge. Tying Royal Wulffs for the next day, Terry used calftail to make the wing and with the other usual materials completed a half dozen which were promptly stowed in the fly box.

The next day he reached for one of the fresh Wulffs, only to discover that he had used yellow calftail instead of white for the wing. Now, I'm not sure whether it was the light or the "cold ones," but it doesn't really matter — the result was the birth of the Muir Wulff. A few modifications have been made over the years, but the basic fly is still the same.

MATERIALS

Hook	Standard dry fly (e.g., Tiemco 100) #12-18
Thread	6/0 or 8/0 black
Tail	Greyish deer hair
Body	Peacock herl
Center rib	Yellow sparkle yarn
Wing	Yellow calftail or calf body
Hackle	Brown dry fly hackle



GBF Activities

The schedule for the show is as follows:

Wednesday	noon to 9 p.m.
Thursday	noon to 9 p.m.
Friday	noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We will staff the booth for the following shifts:

Wed., Thur., Fri., — noon to 3:30, 3:30 to 6, 6 to 9.

Sat. — 10 to noon, noon to 3:30, 3:30 to 6, 6 to 8.

Sun. — same as Sat., except show closes at 6.

To sign up for a shift, call Bill Carnazzo at 663-2604.

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Your Angling Future and CalFed

By Nathan Joyner

The future of our fisheries in the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento Delta and its headwaters depends largely on the CalFed Bay-Delta program. CalFed is short for the CalFed Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort amongst water interests with a two-part mission: water management of the Bay-Delta and ecosystem restoration. The program seeks to resolve problems in Bay-Delta water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water supply reliability, and levee system



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rod tip very low to the water, and all the slack out of the line. As the pickup nears completion, the line will be lifted off the water and the rod will load. The unloading of the rod upon the sudden stop ending the backcast will throw the line up and back, setting up for a successful forward cast.

Principle #3. The line goes in the direction of the speedup and stop at the end of the cast.

The casting motion starts slowly and then accelerates to a hard stop. The direction that the line will travel is not defined until the very last moments of the cast. Other instructors say, "The line follows the direction of the rod tip." This is a very useful principle to understand, especially when trying to do mends or curve casts, or understanding how to overcome tailing loops.

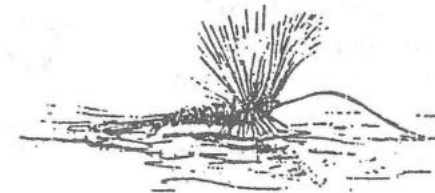
Principle #4. The distance you speed up and stop determines the loop size.

Loop size is determined by the vertical distance change of the rod tip.

Principle #5. For longer casts, the backcast should be a sidearm cast where the rod butt and hand travel in an upward plane with the thumbnail pointing backward.

This recommendation evolves from Lefty's saltwater experience where casting off a boat bow allows a lot of room. Adjustments may have to be made on the stream.

Lefty's principles are best explained, of course, with a viewing of his tape. It's a good one, so take a look!



Lefty Kreh's Five Principles of Casting

by John Hogg

Lefty Kreh was late for his clinic (sponsored by CFFU). Arriving at San Francisco airport, he was rushed to Sacramento by car, and at the last minute we all jumped in our cars and dashed over from Channel 6 to the front lawn of Lefty's motel and met him there.

With only enough pause to open his suitcase and extract a rod, the clinic began...and what a treat it was! This 74-year-young man talked nonstop for almost two and a half hours, and demonstrated one cast after another without ever losing a breath.

His casting is truly a wonder to behold, and he teaches a style of efficiency — techniques that can be quickly learned in a matter of days, weeks or months — rather than the years it can take to master more classical forms.

After the clinic, I extracted Lefty's second videotape, "Flycasting with Lefty Kreh," (produced by Gary Borger) and using the pause and rewind buttons extracted Lefty's five principles of flycasting. Because I had to take dictation from Lefty's tape, his principles are not exact quotes as I have not found them in written form. The comments after each principle are mine.

Principle #1. The further you move the rod on a cast, the more it helps you make the cast.

Lefty does not mean moving the rod tip in a big arc on the backcast. That is the worst thing you can do. Rather it is lateral movement, especially of the butt section.

Principle #2. The end of the line must move and the line must be fully off the water before the backcast can begin.

To achieve this, the pickup action must begin with the

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integrity. As Bee Staff Writer Nancy Vogel puts it, "The state and federal government have launched a campaign in the Central Valley rivaled in cost and scale only by the effort to save Florida's Everglades."

CalFed works on solving problems found in the Bay-Delta area. Solutions to the problems found in the Bay-Delta go far beyond managing the Delta, and include restoration of headwater areas. Solutions can occur in most of California including the Central Valley watershed, Southern California water service, Suisun Bay, San Pablo Bay, San Francisco Bay, the Pacific Ocean out to the Farallon Islands, and a coastal band extending to the Oregon boarder. This agreement effects nearly all of California and directly impacts us in the Central Valley.

CalFed will take about 30 years and most cost estimates hover around \$10 billion. Since the public hearings in April and May 1997, CalFed has written a "draft phased plan" for California water. The plan is broken up into two stages. Stage 1 is the first seven years,

Stage 2 is everything after that. Potential capital expenditures include peripheral canals, storage dams, land purchases, and levee enhancements. The Ecosystem Restoration Plan includes expenditures for habitat restoration.

Part of CalFed's joint mission is to restore ecological health to the Bay-Delta system. To fulfill this mission, the draft plan includes an ecosystem restoration plan. The eco-

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draft plan includes an ecosystem restoration plan. The ecosystem restoration plan attempts to address restoring, protecting, and managing the various habitats found in the system, restoring critical flows, improving Delta outflow during spring time periods, and modifying or eliminating fish passage barriers. In 1998, CalFed approved 62 projects for funding under the ecosystem restoration plan for a total of approximately \$25,300,000.

A new component of the Ecosystem Restoration Program includes the concept of an environmental water account, which would provide the environment assets that could help fisheries recover.

Also CalFed includes a water quality program which will focus on improving water quality and reducing impacts from urban and agricultural pesticide use, bromides, trace metals, mercury, selenium, salinity, turbidity, and sedimentation, toxicity, and low dissolved oxygen.

Due to the scope of the problems and solutions that CalFed addresses, anglers should be aware of CalFed. CalFed Advisory Board member Richard Izmirian states, "Let's recognize that the fisheries that depend on the delta and its tributaries are in deep trouble. We should be committed to making CalFed



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Loreto (last Year)

Now that the freezing weather is upon us, I was remembering back to last August where things were definitely not cold. In fact they were damn hot, not only in Sacramento, but in Loreto, Baja California. Bus Gehring and Diane, Barry Fitzpatrick and Cyndi, Jim Holmes and Marty, Bill Lockhart, Vern Stubbs, Mike Brune and Kjeli Steinmo all took off for an adventure in Loreto.

Flying via United Airlines was an adventure all by itself. (Never trust what the reservations say: always be very early!) Once we finally arrived, the accommodations at the Hotel Oasis were great with excellent food — a different theme each night.

It really helped to have some experienced people with us because things the first morning were quite confusing. Just getting up at 0430 to go fishing was confusing after a long trip. As things settled down, we would fish until about 2 p.m., nap, eat, and do it again.

Unfortunately, the targeted species (dorado) were not in this year. The water was too cold thanks to you know what. But we had many other choices and most of us caught many different kinds of fish. It is unbelievable how hard a 10-pound bonita or skipjack can pull! This was a great trip, but a little humid for some. It is something that we will repeat in the future.



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hibition. Mail checks to: Irmke Schoebel, 2342 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Questions? Call Irmke at 415-661-7638.

For more information, contact: Sheree Kajiwarra, 1405 Marshall St., #606, Redwood City, CA, 94063 or call her at 605-369-7228 or email: skajiwarra@earthlink.net.

Fishing Trip Anyone?

by *Jim Holmes*

British Columbia

Several GBF members are interested in a June trip to British Columbia. Yes, we know that the streams are closed at that time. This will probably be in the middle two-three weeks of June to coincide with the very large midges that are hatching at that time in some of the lakes of British Columbia. We will be having an informational meeting sometime in early February. If you are at all interested, call Jim Holmes at 967-6709 or Bus Gehring at 652-0981 and put your name on the list.

Crane Prairie, Oregon

We are planning a trip to Crane Prairie Reservoir, probably leaving the 5th of July and returning the 10th of July. These dates are very much subject to change! We will be fishing for the large rainbow trout in Crane Prairie, as well as Atlantic Salmon in another lake where we caught them last year, and for browns. We may also fish the Williamson River (hex hatch). For signups or more information, call Jim Holmes at 967-6709 or see any of us at the next club meeting.

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work because this will be our generation's last chance to reverse the decline of California's once great fisheries."

There are two issues that sport anglers should be concerned about. First, public funding of surface storage dams would cost taxpayers a bundle. Instead of paying for more surface storage, it makes sense to work to better manage existing storage, and to fully exhaust conservation alternatives before turning to the public for dam funding. The surface storage issue has become divorced from the key questions CalFed was created to answer: how to best restore the ecosystem, reliability of water supply, and water quality.

Izmirian states, "The alternatives to dams and isolated



conveyances are water conservation and improved management of the water storage infrastructure already in place. The key to water conservation is pricing. If a farmer is given the choice of paying the actual

cost of water supply development to irrigate the land, install subsurface irrigation, or purchase water from a willing seller, we would probably discover that the demand for new surface storage reservoirs would disappear. One of the weakest elements of the CalFed plan is that water conservation and a water transfer solution is likely to be subverted by publicly subsidized storage projects that will continue to promote the inappropriation of the people's

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water.”

One other issue that sport anglers should consider is that the government is doing little to protect and restore the beleaguered Central Valley Steelhead, and CalFed does little to address the specific need for restoration of these fish. Sport anglers must take a position that CalFed must take specific measures for restoration of the Central Valley Steelhead in order to insure that restoration efforts specifically target them.



CalFed has become renegotiations of how water in California is managed, and for this reason alone warrants attention. We should pay close attention for the fish, for our water, and for our children.

Angler's should and can have an impact on what is happening with CalFed. Izmirian states, "The easiest thing for the sport fishing community to do is slam the CalFed process and criticize its output. We can then continue to bemoan the state of our fisheries until there is nothing left. Looking beyond what we see as shortcomings, however, are significant efforts to improve flows for fisheries, remove dams that reopen important tributaries to spawning salmon, install fish screens, improve habitat from mountain watersheds to the bay, and improve water quality."

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ing gear, trips and more. Now is the time to stock your fly boxes and prepare for the 1999 season.

Each year, the Hall of Fame honors a person for lifelong contributions to the art, science, and sport of fly fishing and to conservation. Prior inductees include Jack Horner, E.C. Powell, Myron Gregory, Phil Miravalle, Doug Prince, Cal Bird, Ted Fay, John Tarantino, Roy Haile, Fanny and Mel Krieger, Leo T. Conin, Andre Puyans, Frank Materelli, Lani Waller, Bill Schaadt, and Russell Chatham.

This year's NCCFFF Hall of Fame inductee is Bob Baiocchi, California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance's (CSPA's) bulldog of fishery protection and enhancement. Bob tirelessly monitors the activities of federal and state trustee agencies, files protests and complaints, appears before boards and commissions, writes briefs, and appears in court. He is the state expert on water rights, who fights to ensure adequate flows for fish, restore degraded fisheries and guard against the threats to what is left. CSPA was created to take back our rivers, and because of Bob it has done a great job for us all.

Proceeds benefit the NCCFFF and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. NCCFFF is the regional council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to conserving, restoring, and educating through fly fishing. The council founded and continues to be a major sponsor of CSPA, the public trust advocate for fish and the habitat that sustains them.

Day-only admission is \$5 per person at the door. Under 12 free with a paid admission. Reservations are required for the evening event — \$30 per person or \$45 per couple includes beverages, buffet, and admission to daytime ex-

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On Dec. 18, 1998, Governor Wilson and Secretary Bruce Babbitt released a "Revised CalFed Phase II Report" for public comment. You can look at the CalFed web site to find out more about the programs at <http://calfed.ca.org> on the Internet, or call 1-800-700-5753.

You can also send a letter asking Lester Snow, the executive director of the CalFed Bay Delta program, a letter asking to modify the CalFed Environmental Impact Statement to contain provisions to enhance the Central Valley Steelhead populations.

Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
CalFed Bay-Delta Program
1416 9th Street Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

In addition you can send a letter opposing public funding of surface storage dams. You can ask the government to exhaust conservation measures and fully utilize the existing water storage before building more dams. Write to:

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor-elect Transition Team
980 9th Street
Suite 1800
Sacramento, CA 95814
The Honorable Al Gore,
Executive Office of the Vice President, White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500
vice.president@whitehouse.gov

Some Delta Statistics

Area of the water shed: The system drains more than

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61,000 square miles or 37% of the state.

Area of the Delta: The legal Delta includes 738,000 acres

Delta Inflow: Inflow ranges from 6 to 69 million-acre feet per year (MAF); average is 24 MAF

Diversions: Over 7000 diverters draw water from the system including 1,800 in the Delta itself.

Delta Exports: The SWP and the CVP draw an average of 4.9 MAF (~3.6 MAF for agriculture and 2.3 MAF for urban uses) from the Delta each year.

Flora: Over 400 plant species can be found in the Delta, not including agricultural crops.

Fauna: The Delta harbors about 225 birds, 52 mammals, and 22 reptile and amphibian species.

Fish: There are 54 species in the delta and a total of 130 in the Delta and Bay.

Marshes: There are 8000 acres of tidal marsh in the Delta; originally there were 345,000 acres.

Levees and Channels: 1100 miles of levees protect over 700 miles of waterways.

Delta Farmland: Over 520,000 acres are farmed in the Delta

Principal Crops: The most commonly grown Delta crops are wheat, alfalfa, corn and tomatoes.

Agricultural Value: Average annual gross value of Delta production is \$500 million.

Recreation: Annual average use of the Delta is about 12 million user days per year.

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Fly Tying Expo/Hall of Fame Dinner

Saturday, February 13

The Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) is again presenting the largest and best tying event of the year on February 13 at San Francisco's Fort Mason Center, Building A.

Fly tying from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. is followed at 6 p.m. by a buffet dinner and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. More than 50 top tiers from throughout the state are sharing their skills and knowledge at this event that raises money to save fish for California's anglers. A silent auction and a live auction and raffle feature fly boxes from the tiers, fish-

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