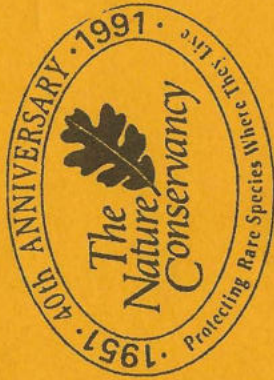


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## Club Calendar

### June 1999

- 5 - 6 Walleye and "Wiper" fish out,  
Lahonton Reservoir, Nevada  
Ron English**
- ?? Shad fish out: to be announced  
Jeanne English**
- 10 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Fishing the Backcountry**
- ?? Kamloops fish out: Jim Holmes**
- 15 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.**
- 17 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

### July 1999

- 8 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.**
- ?? Crane Prairie fish out: Jim Holmes**
- 15 Board Meeting**
- 20 Fly Tying - Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.**

The Leader is published monthly by Granite Bay Flycasters, a nonprofit association of flyfishers who meet monthly at the clubhouse at Granite Bay at Folsom Lake. Programs and activities for youth and adults, families are welcome.

The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship. For membership information, contact John Hogg, (916)663-2051.

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## President's Message

by Rob Ferroggiaro

On a sunny May weekend I had the opportunity to be in Dunsmuir to attend the quarterly meeting of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. We did manage to get in a little fishing, but the highlight of the weekend for me was the opportunity to meet and work with some very special people — a room full of dedicated fly fishers and conservationists. Each person present had his or her own piscatorial interests, but I was humbled and impressed that they share such a passionate commitment to FFF's conservation efforts.

Knowing I'll be omitting many other people worthy of individual mention, I want to introduce you to four FFF conservation leaders whom you should know.

- **Kent Bulfinch**, award winning FFF member and retired corporate executive who for the past 12 years has toiled tirelessly save the fish and to bring science and reason to the Klamath River Basin Task Force.

- **Bob Bacchi**, consultant to the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (an FFF and GBF sponsored group), is a walking encyclopedia of information about water rights and conservation history and is a force to be reckoned with every time some group starts to give away water from our lakes, rivers and streams.

- **Mary Seldon**, NCCFFF and FFF member "emeritus",

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has been a key player in more crucial conservation issues than I can recount here (and more than I'll probably ever know about!), and makes his presence felt every day on important fishery issues.

• **Chuck Bucaria** has argued relentlessly on behalf of the fish in hearings, in meetings, and in writing throughout California for the past seven years as VP Conservation for NCCFFF.

At this meeting, Kent Bulfinch told an interesting story. After 70+ years of life experience, Kent observed that most anglers are like seagulls. They dive frantically on a group of fish, then when the fish disappear, the gulls fly around squawking like mad. Then they just move on to find fish somewhere else.

This brings me to the message of this article, so excuse me while I get on the soapbox... Last I heard, NCCFFF represents 27 clubs in Northern California and Nevada. Granite Bay Flycasters alone now stands nearly 200 members strong. At this point, we have only begun to tap the potential we have to shape the future of the waters we fish. Each of us needs to play at least some role in this or we are just riding the coattails of people like Kent, Bob, Marty, and Chuck.

Let's do our squawking before the fish disappear!

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**Jacket Found!!** If you left a jacket at the March general meeting, please see Rob to claim it.

## Fly Tying Skills Program

*Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company*

**Pattern for June Program:** "Ron's Crayfish", featured in the *May 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.

**Note:** Starting in **June**, we will pass out packets of the materials needed for the next month's contest fly, in an effort to stimulate more interest in the contest. (Please don't enter a fly in both the beginner and nonbeginner category at the same time.)

**Winners for May** — **Phil Moeller** in the nonbeginner category; **Steve Johnston** in the beginner category. Congratulations to all. Folks, enter those flies!!! The gift certificates are worth money to you, so there's no excuse for procrastinating.

## GBF Activities

### Let's Go Fishing!!

**June 5 - 6: Lahonton Reservoir**

**Host: Ron English — 530/677-7169**

This will be float tube fishing for "wipers," white bass, walleye, catfish, and big carp. It's warm water with sandy beaches. You'll need a Nevada fishing license (\$12 for first day and \$4 per day thereafter, or \$50 annually).

Lahonton is about one hour from Reno. Take Highway 80 to Exit 46. Goto the right into Fernley. When you come to the signal light, turn right on Alt. 95 going toward Yerrington. When you get to Highway 50 at the lake, go east on 50 to the end of the lake. Follow signs to campground and we will camp at Beach 10. There's **NO WATER** at the campsite. Call Ron about gear.

**June???** — **Shad Outing**

*Just waiting for the fish to arrive!!*

**Hostess: Jeanne English**

**530/677-7169**

Sign-up at June meeting. Time will be late afternoon and evening on a weekday. Will call all on list when date and place are determined.

**GEAR:** 6- or 7-weight rod with shooting head type 3 or sink-tip (shooting head more effective).

You are encouraged to enter the shad tournament sponsored by American Flyfishing. We will have cameras at the outing to take pictures. Proceeds of tournament go to SARA, a good cause, lots of good prizes!!

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## Let's Go Fishing...

### Fish the Fabulous Kamloops

Travel to Canada's Kamloops area with Jim Holmes and other GBF-ers for great fishing in mid-June. For details, call Jim at (916) 967-6709.

### ...and Crane Prairie, too!!

Jim is also leading the annual outing to Crane Prairie in Oregon the second week of July. Call him to sign up and to get details on what to bring, etc.

### Be A Leader!

#### *Host a fishout*

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.

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## Flytier's Corner...continued

**Shellback** Clear plastic  
**Weight** (optional) lead or substitute  
**Antennae** (optional) Olive hackle fibers

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place hook in vise and smash barb. Cover hook shank with thread.
2. At the point just above the back end of the barb, attach a piece of clear plastic (sandwich bags work). It should be around 1/8 to 1/4" in width.
3. At the same point, attach a piece of monofilament (old 3X tippet works).
4. Add weight to hook at this point, if desired. Now take 3 or three ostrich herls and tie them in at the same point, by their tips. Twist them together to form a herl "rope". Wrap this rope forward to a point just behind the hook eye and tie it off there, leaving enough room for a nice head when done with the fly.
5. Bring the plastic shellback forward, and tie down at the same spot. The plastic should not cover more than the top half of the fly.
6. Now wrap the monofilament forward, ribbing the shellback. Tie it off at the same spot, and form a nice small head.
7. If you opt for antennae, just take some olive hackle barbs and tie them on before forming the head, with the tips of the hackle pointing out over the eye, and extending about \_ shank length forward.

See ya on the creek!!!

## Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

### June 1999 Pattern: "Ostrich Scud"

The Ostrich Scud is a Fred Arbona pattern. It is the essence of simplicity, both in design and in the materials needed. Scuds are prevalent in many bodies of water. While they vary in color, hue and size (5mm to 25mm), they are generally similar in their overall shape and appearance. In some streams they are a principal trout food; where scuds are present, trout seem to key on them, and often this will show in the size and "plumpness"—and even coloration—of the wild fish.

These crustaceans are sometimes called "freshwater shrimp" because they resemble their salt water counterparts both in appearance and behavior. Because their system contains "kerotene", they contribute a pink to orange color to the flesh of the trout that consume them.

At rest, scuds assume a "fetal" position; when swimming (backwards or forward), they stretch out almost straight. They are very active crawlers and swimmers, especially toward evening and on cloudy days.

There are many scud patterns; the Ostrich Scud is but one. For example, Ron English used Pettis' Pulsating Caddis effectively on Hot Creek recently to imitate the rather large scuds in that stream. Keep a few of these guys in various sizes and colors in your fly box.

### MATERIALS

<b>Hook</b>	Tiemco 200; Daiichi 1250; Mustad 37160 #12-18
<b>Thread</b>	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
<b>Body</b>	Olive ostrich herl
<b>Rib</b>	Clear monofilament

## Free Casting Clinic

John Hogg is hosting a casting clinic openhouse Sunday, June 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at his pond in Newcastle. The clinic is open and free to all GBF members. The club will have extra rods available.

The clinic starts with a demonstration of the double haul motion and the additional power it can provide to distance casts, casts into the wind, and casts with heavy sinking lines. After that, practice and one-on-one assistance will be offered.

Directions to John's pond are as follows: From Highway 80 eastbound take the Penryn exit. Go right to King Road (3/4 mile), then left on King Road to Auburn-Folsom Road (3 miles). Go left on Auburn-Folsom to Newcastle Road (2 miles). Turn right toward Folsom Lake and proceed to the "Y." Bear left onto Rattlesnake Road. Proceed 1/2 mile and turn left onto Hayes Road. Go 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes Road. Turn right into driveway and park below the pond on the grass.

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## News and Notes

### Perfection Loop

by Rob Ferroggiaro

At a recent fly casting clinic, there was a side discussion about how to tie loops in monofilament. A loop connection is handy in several situations. For example, when connecting a leader to a loop in the end of a fly line or in making leader to tippet connections. The Perfection Loop is a good knot for this purpose since it is strong, easy to tie, and it makes a relatively straight connection. Here are the tying instructions.

1. Make a circle or loop with the monofilament as shown in the diagram, and pinch at the overlap point with thumb and forefinger.
2. Make a second circle in the same direction and in front of the first, then pinch both overlap points together.
3. Bring tag end between the two circles from right to left.
4. Reach through the first circle and pull the second circle through the first, trapping the tag end between them.
5. Moisten and tighten.

Hint: For maximum strength when connecting two loops, make sure they create a "handshake" so the two loop ends stay open. If one loop folds over the other loop, try again.

## Novice Casting Clinic

*Thank You!!!*

by John Hogg

Each year, GBF conducts a casting clinic for novice casters. This year's was four Sunday sessions in March and April. Sixteen students participated. We began with the roll cast, proceeded to the pick-up-lay-down forward cast, then the false cast, and finally shooting line for extra distance. Our objective was to provide the students with fundamental casting and line-handling skills for the current season.

I must say, I was truly impressed with the dedication and effort of all the students and I have worries only for the quarry they will be pursuing in their flyfishing careers.

Much appreciation and gratitude must be given to the coaches who made the clinic possible, including Mike Brune, Walt Dombrowski, Jeanne English, Ron English, Jim Ferguson, Rob Ferroggiaro, Bus Gehring, Beth Jappay, Steve Johnston, Rick Radoff, Bill Tierce, and Sturmer White. And a big "thank you" to Bill and Judy Carnazzo for allowing us the use of their beautiful pond. If I've missed anyone, please forgive me.



## News and Notes

### *Opportunity... continued*

on our **Annual Dinner Committee** and our **Picnic Committee**. If you have an interest in helping out with these events please see Rob Ferroggiaro to see if there is a role that fits for you.

### *Editor Sought*

Also, Gray Allen has recently announced his desire to "retire" as newsletter editor to pursue other interests, including his role on our conservation committee. Thanks to Gray's considerable writing and editing skills we've been able to count on a timely, informative, well-edited newsletter every month for the past several years. If you have an interest in putting together the newsletter, or would like to know more about what's involved, talk to Gray, or give Rob a call.

These are terrific opportunities to work with some great people and apply your creativity to important GBF activities.

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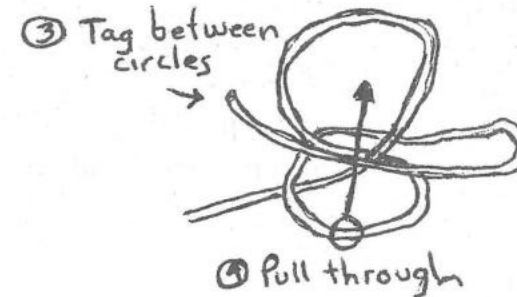
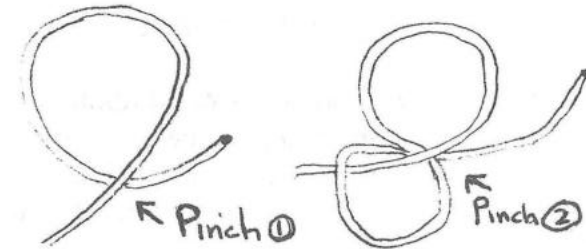
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## Warmwater Fly Fishing: Part 2

by *Pete Peterson*

Originally, I was going to cover equipment this month. However, since we are in the middle of a great bass year, I will work equipment in with future articles. If you have any equipment questions, please phone me at 916/786-9133.

The biggest misconception in bass fishing is "bass don't like bright light." This is absolutely not true. Bass love a nice bright day. What they don't like are the ultraviolet (UV) rays. On a sunny day, the largemouth can hide in the brush or weeds or some other form of structure and can hardly be seen. It is very easy for him to ambush his prey this way. With a combination of overhead cover and the proper depth, the bass can stay quite comfortable out of the UV rays. On a bright sunny day in clear or semi-clear water, one of the main factors in how much of the UV reaches the bass is the humidity level. I think I woke some of you up with that one.

Doug Hannon, a very successful tournament bass fisherman who keeps very complete records, stated that in his career he has caught over 500 bass weighing over 10 pounds. He also states that over 90 percent were caught between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Isn't that the middle of the day when bass are supposed to be hard to catch? One of the reasons for his success is humidity. If you have ever watched any of the bass tournaments on TV, you will notice almost all bass are caught in the middle of the day.

Humidity is the percentage of moisture in the air. A 50 percent humidity rating means that the air is holding 50 percent of what it is capable of holding. This moisture in the air will bend or block much of the UV rays so they will

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## News and Notes

### Coming Events

*Mark your calendars*

#### Annual GBF Club Picnic

- \* September 19th (Sunday) - 1PM
- \* At the club house
- \* Food and games
- \* Free to members and their families

#### Annual NCCFFF Conclave

(Northern Cal. Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers)

- \* October 8, 9, 10 at Kings Beach
- \* Celebrity fly tyers, exhibits, presentations by experts, food, raffle

#### Annual GBF Tackle Swap and Chili Cook-off

- \* December 4th (Saturday) - 10 AM
- \* At the club house

### New Membership List

John Hogg reports that a current membership list will be arriving hot off the press in time for the June meeting.

If you do not want your name on the list, call **John** before **June 7!** His phone number: 916/663-2051.

### Opportunity Knocks

by *Rob Ferroggiaro*

Here's a great chance to get involved in GBF. This is the time of year when we ask for volunteers for two important club activities. We're looking for people to serve

### ***Bass Fishing...***

that moves a lot of water. My favorite fly under these conditions is Dan Blanton's Whistler. This is a saltwater fly, but I have tied it as small as size 6. Muddlers also work well, as do divers and floating bugs. When using any of these flies, keep the fly moving so that it will continue to send out vibrations. It will also help a great deal if the fly is black or some other dark color. The bass will feel the vibrations and react.

This month's bass lake is Lake Amador. This is trophy bass water and has the potential for giving up a world record someday. When the lake was formed in the middle of an area covered with scrub oak and brush, none of this was removed. Therefore expect to get snagged and lose a lot of flies unless you use a weed guard. On the bottom-bouncing flies that I use on this lake, I tie them with a double weed guard. If you do not tie your own, it is still possible to add an effective weed guard with only some monofilament and thread. At the fly tying meeting on June 18th, I will bring the necessary materials to demonstrate the technique to anyone who is interested.

Lake Amador is made to order for float tubes. In addition to their bass population, the people who run the concession raise their own breed of trout. These trout are known for their fighting ability and they can usually be caught in the top 2 to 3 feet of water. This is also the lake you want if you are after Bluegill — 50 - 100 per day are common.

The campground extends around as far as the Carson Arm, which is one of the better spots on the lake. When you arrive at the lake, talk to the people who work there and let them know what you are after. I have always found them very helpful. One warning, Amador is one of the more expensive lakes to fish.

Good fishing!

### ***Bass Fishing...***

not penetrate the water. The higher the humidity rating, the less rays penetrate, the shallower the bass will be. When the rating gets up to 70 percent or more, bass can be found quite shallow. Keep this in mind when fishing in the middle of the day.

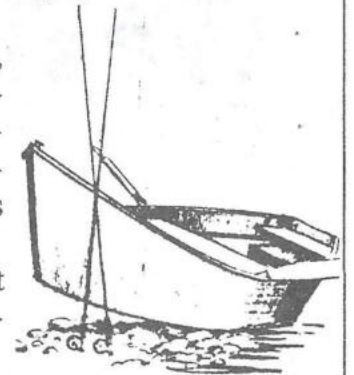
Some simple guidelines would be to fish 10 feet or deeper on days of low humidity in clear or semi-clear water. Low humidity is below 50 percent. If the water is off color, it doesn't matter much as the UV rays are not penetrating anyway. Of course, if you are fishing around boat docks or overhanging trees, the UV will not penetrate these areas and the fish will be shallow. For this reason, try to master the side arm or underhand cast so you can reach under these objects.

Of course there are other factors, such as water temperature. Large-mouth will stay quite active in water up to 75-80 degrees. Small-mouth like it about 5 degrees cooler.

Another misconception is that you cannot catch fish in dirty water. This is also not true.

Of all of the bass's senses, hearing or feeling vibrations in the water are his second strongest sense. The entire lateral line from just behind the gills to the start of the tail is one large sensing device. A bass does not have to see to catch his prey. According to the Indiana University report, a bass can sense the motion of a minnow swimming up to 30 feet away and can tell if the minnow is healthy or injured.

Naturally the way you fish in off-colored water has to be changed to meet these senses. First, you need to use a fly



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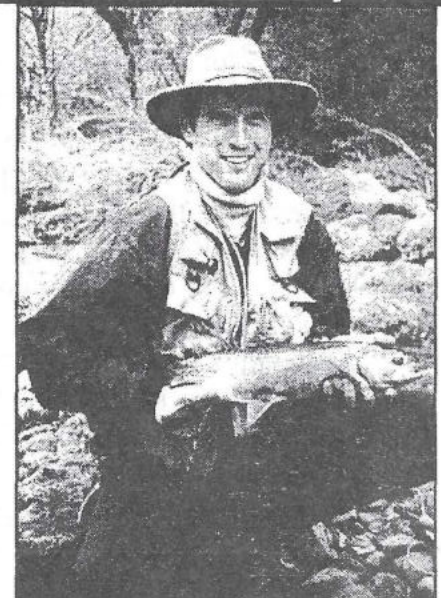
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