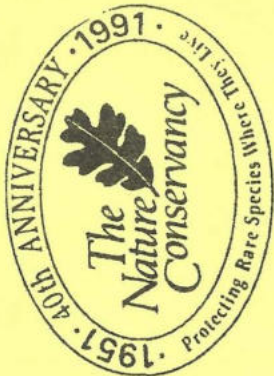


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Club Calendar

May 1999

- 13 **General Meeting** 7:30 p.m.
**Club Night: Everything Your Ever
Wanted to Learn About Fly Fishing**
- 15 **Davis Lake fish out — John Bonatto**
- 18 **Fly Tying - Clubhouse** 7:00 p.m.
- 20 **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

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: to be announced**
- 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: to be announced**
- 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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GBF Meetings

May: Members' Night

Last year, for the first time, GBF featured a "members'" night as a substitute for the regular program. Various information tables hosted by members who are highly skilled or knowledgeable in certain aspects of fly fishing or tying were set up around the clubhouse meeting room. Members circulated among them, watching demonstrations of knot tying and fly tying, and hearing presentations about equipment, places to fish, fishing techniques, and much more. The program was well received and it gave members a chance to socialize and exchange "fish stories." In short, it was a welcome change of pace.

The Board has decided to repeat the Members' Night this year for our May meeting. Subjects to be covered this time will include:

- Bass fishing — Sturmer White
- Rods — John Hogg
- Equipment — Jim Ferguson
- Conservation — Nathan Joyner
- Golden Trout — Jeff Medina
- Website — Rod Leggett
- Entomology — Ron and Jeanne English
- Lower Sac — Rob Ferrogiaro
- Eastern Sierras — Ron English
- Upper McCloud — Bill Carnazzo and Ron Rabun

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

The GBF youth fly tying booth was a busy place at the April 18th Earth Day event in Roseville. This is one of several events during the year at which our club hosts a booth where kids get to tie their own fly. The kids are very creative, and who's to say these flies won't catch fish? Our tying booth is a great way to introduce ourselves to people, but mainly it is a lot of fun working with young people and talking about the outdoors with the kids and their families. For example, several kids were surprised (and maybe relieved) to learn you can catch fish without killing them.

Sugar Pine Nature Day

On Saturday May 22nd, we'll be hosting youth fly tying at the Sugar Pine Nature Day. Sugar Pine Nature Day is a fun event with a lot of outdoor activities, many geared to kids. It will be held at the Forbes Group camp at Sugar Pine Reservoir near Foresthill. If you'd like more information call (530) 367-2224. If you can help out with kids fly tying at Sugar Pine, please sign up at the May general meeting or call Rob Ferroggiaro. You don't have to be a skilled tyer to participate in this rewarding experience!

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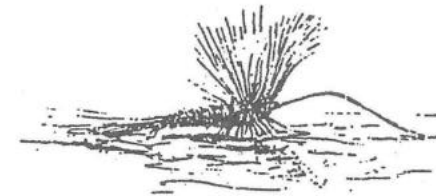
President's Message

reminder that we have several fish outs scheduled in the coming weeks. Planning is underway for the July-September period, so why not sign up to lead a fish out? Just see Ron English.

A Bunch of Optimists

As I write this, a group of GBF members are mobilizing for the annual Eastern Sierras fish out. All the packing and organizing is done while we carry in our minds visions of large, hungry trout firmly attached to a fly. Overall, we fly fishers are a bunch of optimists. We start the day just knowing we're going to catch fish. After a slow morning we'll have lunch, eager for the big afternoon that we're sure lies ahead. And in the darkest of circumstances, an entire day with few fish, we'll wake up the next morning just knowing we're going to have a great day. Who knows why we're like this? Perhaps it's because we're motivated by the experience of fishing as much as the actual catching.

Regardless, I just know this is going to be a great trout season.



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1988 Ford Pickup Ranger Super Cab 4X4, 2.9L V6, 5 sp., XLT, ps, pb, cruise, tilt, a/c, am/fm stereo cassette, sliding rear window, bed liner, custom bumper, extra fuel tank, oversize tires, 110k miles, \$5000/obo (retail \$6255).

1993 Toyota T100 1/2 Long Bed 4X4, 3.0 L V6, 5 sp., ps, pb, cruise, tilt, a/c, am/fm stereo cassette, sliding rear window, bed liner, custom bumper, oversize off-rd tires, custom camper w/ carpet kit, 39k miles, \$15,180/obo.

1995 Nissan Pickup XE King Cab 4X4, 3.0L V6, automatic, ps, pb, abs brakes, cruise, tilt, a/c, am/fm stereo cassette, sliding rear window, bed liner, custom bumper, custom paint, chrome wheels, oversize tires, 35k miles, \$14,500/obo (retail \$16,600) with transferable extended warranty- 7 yrs., 100,000 miles. Joe Bania, 530-677-4263.

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 May Program: "Bill's Simple Spider"

(featured in the April Leader)

Program rules: Don't be reluctant to submit a fly. Ask for a critique if you want help.

* Judging will be during the meeting

* Best tied fly announced just before program, and name of tier featured in the next month's Leader

* Fly must be tied in accordance with instructions from the Leader (right or wrong, and irrespective of whether you find another version of the pattern in a book somewhere), in order to keep the playing field level. The judges need to make a choice based on a single pattern.

* Two categories: beginner and non-beginner; anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the non-beginner category from then on.

This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills, and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport. There will be a gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company, our program sponsor, for the winner in each category: \$25 for non-beginner; \$15 for beginner.

Winners for April: No one won, since there were not enough flies entered.

Folks, enter those flies!!! We have many talented fly tiers in the club. Where are you?? The gift certificates are worth money to you, so there's no excuse for procrastinating.

NOTE: WE WOULD LIKE SOME "NEW BLOOD" IN THIS CONTEST; LET'S GET WITH IT??!!



GBF Activities

Let's Go Fishing!!

May Fish Out: Davis Lake!!!!

Rip Some Lips in Portola

Saturday, May 15

Your host: John Bonatto

Davis Lake has been stocked with several hundred thousand trout over the last 18 months, since the DFG treated the lake to eliminate the non-native northern pike.

The action should be great by mid-May, and, perhaps, spring will have arrived. This is a good accessible lake for fishing from a boat, float tube, or the shore. Davis Lake shoreline starts just about seven miles north of Portola. It's about two-and-a-half hours from Granite Bay via Truckee. Take Highway 89 north to A23 Cutoff, then to Highway 70 west.

I plan to go up Friday the 14th to get hot tips on the best fishing spots. Some lodging options include:

Sleepy Pines Motel, about 3 miles west of Portola — 530/832-4291. Rates: \$45 to \$65.

Feather River Mobile Home and RV Park (showers available) — rates: \$18 RV site with hook-up, \$15 for tents.

The plan is to meet at the "Lightning Tree" boat launch area Saturday morning between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. to start, then to move to other areas if "hot tips" warrant. The Lightning Tree boat launch is on the northeast side of the lake on Grizzly Road, about 9 miles north of Highway 70. This should be a great outing. Come join the group

Questions? Call John at 916/773-1613 (business, leave message) or 916/773-0446 (home). **See map** on next page.

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Let's Go Fishing...

LAKE DAVIS

The Lake Davis Recreation Area is located in the Plumas National Forest. The Lake is at an elevation of 5,775 feet and has a total surface area of 4,026 acres. A concessionaire, under permit from the Forest Service, maintains three nice campgrounds on the eastern shore of the Lake as well as launch ramps around the 32 miles of tree-covered shoreline.

Steady winds make this an ideal Lake for sailing although afternoon winds can be a hazard for small craft. Lake Davis is open to all types of boating but water skiing is not permitted. There is a good warm water fishery along with an abundant population of both native and stocked trout. Relics of Basque sheepherders can be found in this area.



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.

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Flytier’s Corner...continued

4. Tie the blunt end of one of the strips in just forward of the small size dumbbell eye, on one side of the hook (not on top). Now tie the other strip in on the other side. When tied in, the pointed end of the strip should be facing to the rear, and the green leather side should be on the inside. The strips should be around one inch in length.

5. Tie in crystal chenille just behind the small dumbbell eye and let it hang for the moment.

6. Now tie in a pair of medium size dumbbell eyes just behind the eye. Leave enough room in front of the eye to form a small head.

7. Wind the crystal chenille forward to a point just behind the medium eyes and tie it off. If desired, dub some olive fur around the eyes.

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Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

May 1999 Pattern: "Ron's Simple Crayfish"

This simple crayfish pattern was created by Ron Rabun. It is a perfect example of what I consider the two essential criteria for an effective fly: it is simple, both in the tying steps and in the materials selected; and it was created with a "vision"—i.e., conscious thought on the part of a knowledgeable angler as to what the fish (not necessarily the anglers) are actually looking for when the "food" is presented. One of the essential attributes of a crayfish pattern is that it have "arms" which have a tendency to move in an upward direction, with the other end of the body in a slightly downward attitude. If you have watched crayfish in the water, you know what this means.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 9674 or equivalent, #2-4
Thread	Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Body	Olive, bronze or brown crystal chenille
Eyes	Medium "dumbell" lead eyes
Legs/claws	1/8-3/16" brownish orange rabbit strips
Head	Thread

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, tie on a pair of small size dumbell eyes, and secure them with super glue.
3. Prepare the rabbit strips by narrowing one end to a point; use an indelible green marker to dye the leather side of the strip.

Fish Outs.....

June???: Shad Outing

Hostess: Jeanne English

530/677-7169

Sign-up sheet will be at May meeting. Time will be late afternoon and evening on a weekday. Will call all on list when date and place are determined. Will tie shad flies at tying nite in May.

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!!

Northern Trips: REMEMBER, mid-June is the trip to the Kamloops area, and there's another trip planned to Crane Prairie in Oregon the second week of July. Sign-ups and information will be available at the May meeting.

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.

GBF makes it easy with a helpful checklist, and Fishout Chair Ron English stands ready to give advice and encouragement. Call him (530/677-7169) if interested in leading an outing.

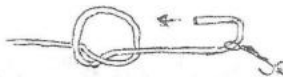
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Non-Slip Mono Loop

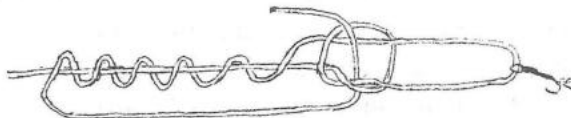
by Rob Ferroggiaro

More and more fly fishers are abandoning the good old clinch knot and using a loop knot to connect nymphs, wet flies, or streamers to their tippet. This enables the fly to move more naturally, since it keeps the fly from being "bossed around" by the leader. The Duncan Loop is a very serviceable knot for this purpose, and it's easy to tie. One of its few draw backs is it closes up when tension is applied. When we want a loop knot that won't close, the Non-slip Mono Loop is a great alternative. Tied properly it is a nearly 100% strength knot. Lefty Kreh extolled the virtues of this knot at our annual dinner day program a few years back. I had forgotten about it until Sturmer White demonstrated it last year on a bass fishing excursion. After some practice, it now seems simple to tie. I had a hard time finding the instructions in print, but here they are.

1. Start by making an overhand knot and then threading the fly onto the tippet



2. Put tag end through the circle, the same way it came out. Wrap around standing section and back through loop the same way it came in - (Lefty says 7 wraps for leaders up to 8#, 5 wraps if over 8#)



3. As with all knots, moisten before tightening. With a little practice you'll be able to adjust to make the loop the size you want.

Conservation ...

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Other Issues

The GBF Conservation Committee met again in March and has been working on several issues. Y2K fishing regulations has been one issue. The Granite Bay Flycasters are working with the Federation of Fly Fishers on the Upper Sacramento River Management plan. In addition Cindy and Rod Leggitt have been leading a movement to improve the Little Truckee River regulations. We have also been tracking the recent Yuba River SWRCB draft decision and plan to send letters supporting it. In addition the GBF Board of Directors have decided to sign onto the Dry Creek Coordinated Resources Management Plan. As members, please feel free to attend a Conservation Committee meeting.

Our next meeting is May 6, 1999, 7:00 pm at Gray Allen's home. Please contact me for further dates and times.

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Conservation...

for their support and work on the American River conservation efforts. In April GBF members sent out at least 120 letters directly to the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior on the amended contract with the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

In addition we sent out about another 100 letters to representatives of the other fly fishing clubs in Northern California. I would like to thank the members of GBF for their support. None of it would be possible without you!

Since our mailings, there have been two meetings on the EBMUD amended contract with the Bureau of Reclamation for American River Water.

GBF Issues

The main issues that Sacramento has with the current amended contract are the same issues that the Granite Bay Flycasters have stated:

1. Currently the amended contract allows for diversion of water at Nimbus. My feeling is that this option deprives the American River Parkway and the fishery of needed water, especially during the summer and dry years. The City is pushing for a downstream diversion site, but currently no one is signing up to pick up the bill for a new diversion.

2. Taking of water in dry years. Minimum instream flows must be insured in dry years for the American River parkway and the fishery. EBMUD pursues this contract to insure that customers have another water supply in dry years. The amended contract should contain Hodge provisions or better for the American in dry years, insuring minimum instream flows.

3. EBMUD must not sell American River water to

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News and Notes

Warmwater Fly Fishing

by *Pete Peterson*

This is the first in a series of articles about fishing warm water, primarily for bass (both smallmouth and largemouth), but I will also cover crappie and bluegill. We will discuss such things as equipment, weather, flies, locations, locating fish, bass habits, and fishing the four seasons.

Each month, I will cover a fishing location close to Sacramento. The foundation for these articles is almost 50 years of fly rodding for bass, over 200 hours underwater observing bass behavior, and some facts will come from a three-year survey of freshwater fishing by the University of Indiana. If you disagree with any of these articles, please call me or corner me at the monthly meetings. I am always willing to talk about bass.

Why Fish for Bass?

Why does anyone fish for bass? There is no one answer to cover everyone, but I think Dave Whitlock said it best: "Fly fishing is the most totally fulfilling of the angling sports, and the bass is our most plentiful and widely distributed top gamefish."

Other fly fishermen have told me that the last part of Dave's statement is one of the top reasons why they fish for bass. Now that we are in daylight savings time, is there a better way to break up the work week than stopping at a lake or pond for a couple of hours? Pack an extra sandwich and take your waders or float tube to work with you. I'm guessing you will enjoy life more and those around

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Conservation Corner

by *Nathan Joyner*

At 7:30 on May 27, 1999, the Granite Bay Flycasters will host a special forum on CALFED at the GBF club house. Granite Bay Flycasters and CALFED Executive Director Lester Snow will give us a special presentation on the CALFED program. CALFED is the joint federal and state effort to improve water quality and reliability in the Bay/Delta, and to restore the ecosystem in the Bay/Delta and its headwaters.

Program

Lester will give a quick overview of the program and focus on ecosystem restoration. He will discuss both what CALFED has funded and CALFED's long range plans. Mr. Snow will bring Terry Mills with him who has been one of the principle architects of the eco strategy and spent 20+ years with Fish and game before coming to CALFED. The presentation will take around 30 minutes and follow with a question and answer session. I invite all Granite Bay Flycasters to come and learn more about CALFED.

My thanks to GBF



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Bass Fishing...

For the tuber or boater, I would recommend at this time most of the north fork of the American River. For the tuber, especially, try Rattlesnake Bar south of the boat ramp. There is a trail along the river heading south with many access points to the river. Directly across the river from this spot is Wild Goose Flats. Tube from the campground south as far as the islands off shore. There is also a trail on this side of the river.

The best map I have ever seen on Folsom is put out by Fish-n-Map Co. I got mine at Fisherman's Warehouse on Folsom Blvd.

Please be careful when wading, the bass are on the spawn. Until next month, when we will cover equipment, go fishing!

Special Offer for New Members

“What Flies Do You Need?”

by Drake Johnson

The Club has arranged for **new members** to get their fly boxes off to a good start. Through the generosity of the American Fly Fishing Company, Fly Fishing Specialties, and Kiene's Fly Shop, new members can get three free flies plus a 20% discount on 12 additional flies from each store. Here's how: Each new member will receive a letter along with a starter list of flies put together by some of the more experienced fly fishers in the club.

The new member takes the letter and list to each fly shop and meets the person named in the letter to assist them in their fly selections. We are very fortunate to have three excellent shops in our area staffed with knowledgeable people who provide support for our club. If you joined this year, see John Hogg to get your letter.

News and Notes

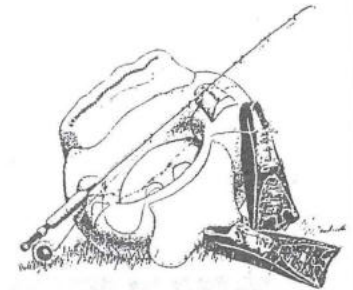
Bass Fishing...

you will enjoy you more. Do not go fishing when you have time. Put fishing on the calendar and live by it. You owe yourself.

Today's bass fishing is an entirely different game than it was as short as 10 to 15 years ago. Tackle manufacturers have designed equipment with special fly lines, bass hooks and leaders that turn large bass bugs over with ease. I have just purchased Scientific Anglers new sinking tip line with the floating part made of their new AST compound. This is a marvelous line that has a fantastic ability for the line to shoot through the guides. I would estimate that I am casting about an extra 10 feet over the older line. Is this line necessary? No!! In next month's article, we will cover equipment, both what is necessary and what's just nice to have.

This month's bass fishing destination is in our own backyard. I'm talking about Folsom Lake. This without a doubt one of the best years ever. The Spotted Bass is slowly becoming the dominant fish but that's great. They will share the same habitat as both the largemouth and smallmouth. Their size ranges about in the middle of bass sizes.

For the shore fisherman, without a doubt the best spot is Beals Point. Other good spots are Dotons Point, the Five Percent area and off the southwestern tip of the Peninsula campground.



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Owner Peter Blackman with an American River shad.



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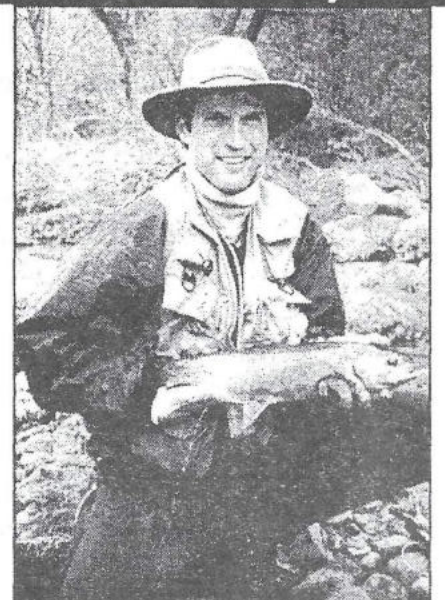
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