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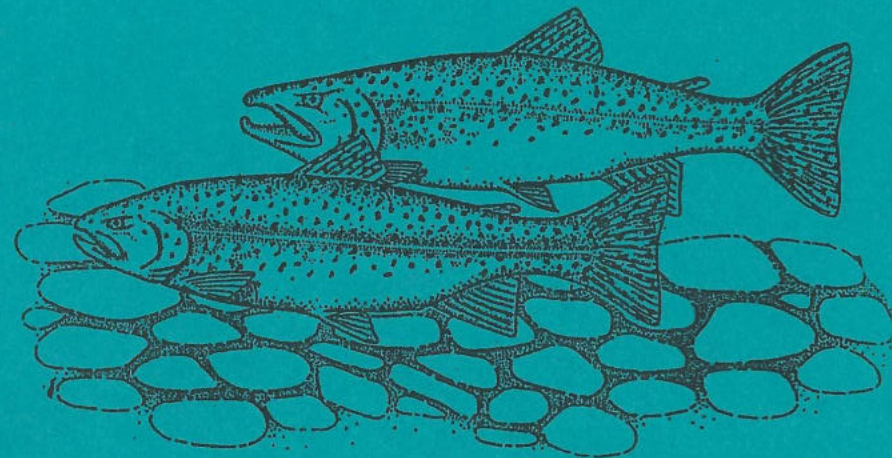
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## The Tail-Out Section

By Chris Ronshausen, Editor

Well, I first want to express thanks to the club for allowing me the chance to edit our venerable newsletter; it sincerely is an honor, and I hope this feeling is reflected in my work. Gray Allen did a tremendous job as editor and I have him to thank also for preparing me for the task as well as leaving me with a high standard with which to compare my work and try to exceed (although the latter will be difficult).

The first thing I did to prepare for this ominous task of editing was comb through several years of back-issues of The Leader. This was rich. I uncovered our first issue, composed back in 1986, by none other than Jim Ferguson. Three pages (letter size); red ink on white paper; succinct and to the point. (By the way, the postage was 22 cents.) The President was a man named Nicolai Laquaglia.

Moving on to July 1988. As the club evolves, so does The Leader. It is created into its current bi-fold format—however, unbound and read sideways—with four pages. The editor: Joe Phelan. Jim Victorine is the President. (Why does that name sound so familiar?)

Five years ahead we see The Leader fully up-right and bound with a similar overall format as today's. It's obvious that our rag has found its voice at this point.

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## September Program

*The meeting is outside this month!*

...Well, so to speak. Actually, there is no *official* meeting on the second Thursday, but we invite everyone to meet at the clubhouse at the Granite Bay Group picnic area on Sept. 19th for what promises to be the best annual picnic ever! No pressure now. But in order to *make it* our best ever, *you must come!* And by the way, bring some food. If you haven't seen the list of items that we request you bring to round out our buffet, here it is again:

A thru G—Bring a salad: potato, macaroni or green with dressing

H thru O—Dessert (whatever floats your fly)

P thru Z—Appetizers: Veggies, chips & dips, caviar, truffles etc.

The main course is provided: hamburgers & hot dogs, drinks etc. There will be games, a raffle and free door prizes for all! And it's **FREE, FREE, FREE!**

Jim Hunter is headin' this shin-dig up, so give him a call and let him know you're coming. 916-652-5057 *See ya' there!*

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## President's Message

Rob Ferroggiaro

Every year I look forward to fishing in the fall. September brings cooler nights and cooler water. By October, we're in the thick of it. If we go North or East a ways, we are often surrounded by the spectacular earth-tones of fall. I always hope for a good early freeze to get things going. It's amazing how many shades there are between the greens of summer and the oranges, reds and purples of fall. Even the water changes colors with light, depth and surroundings--from shades of green to almost black.

Against this backdrop, it seems like the wildlife gets more active before winter sets in. My only close encounters with bears have occurred in the fall. This includes the time I unwittingly shared a nice riffle with a black bear until my partner 100 yards away managed to trigger my not-so-graceful retreat. Insects seem to characterize the frantic activity, headlined by the huge October caddis. These big orange caddis must be like a T-bone steak to a trout. If you've never examined this bug up close, you should. Last year on the McCloud, an October caddis the size of a school bus flew under my glasses and stuck under my eye lid. You don't need to look this close.

When I pack my clothes for fall fishing, I have to bring a little of everything. On more than one fall trip we were sweating bullets climbing out of a Pit River canyon. On the other hand, a couple of years ago during the same time of year, we awoke in the morning to find our waders and boots frozen solid in the car! On other memorable occasions we bunked down inside a musty trailer draped with rain gear and clothes soaking wet from steady rain. All this seems to add to the adventure.

And then there are the fish. With the cooler air and water, the fish are more active. Evening dry fly fishing can be unbelievable! Sometimes even the catching is good. Whether we're in the mood for lakes, streams or the delta, choices abound. This year I'll be starting this season in Oregon. I don't even want to think about

## Tail Out

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Editor Jim Holmes helps it along its evolutionary path with President Bill Carnazzo at the helm. Here we see the pages peppered with advertisements for the various businesses that we have supported (and they, us, of course), some of which I placed again this month.

Other editors of the past who are still with us include Bruce Bartholomew, Wayne Dahl and Bill Carnazzo, among others. They are to be thanked for building up The Leader (and the club) to its current form--well presented, articulate, interesting, informative and quite creative.

When Gray Allen handed me this huge stack of "archives" which included these several years of back-issues, I told him that it felt as if he was passing along the "sacred bundle"--like we know occurred within Native American tribes, from the older to the younger generation--containing precious family possessions and magic, a scene which you may have observed (mis) portrayed in an old John Ford movie. Well, he was; and he did. And I'm glad to carry it on. CR

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## From the Archives

An excerpt from the President's Message: March, 1993  
By Bill Carnazzo

Today, while sitting at my bench "cranking bugs" and intermittently gazing out the window at the steady (and seemingly endless) rain falling on the pond, and feeling somewhat philosophical at the moment, it seemed right to step back for a quiet moment (I don't make much noise when I'm by myself) and "take stock".

Okay. It's your birthday today. You've taken the day off. What is it that has brought you to this point--sitting here in a mess of hooks, feathers, fur and an endless assortment of tools, gadgets and materials, with a silly grin on your face while eye-balling a new creation in the vise? Why take the time to build that #3 nine foot four piece rod? Why save for that sink tip line? Where has the thirty-some years of flinging flies gotten you?

The answer to the last question: right where I want to be!! The answer to the others: flyfishing takes me to the deep and quiet places I love; it allows me to gently handle and release wild things; it gives me a chance to be creative, to solve (or try to) those puzzles and curves thrown by our quarry and their habitat; and it allows me to meet and be challenged by others who love this sport. 'Nuff said??



*The preceding is a random look back into the archives of The Leader. This will be a regular feature (space permitting) and will consist of a variety of voices from the past (some still present, so to speak) which (or who) make up the fabric of our club. Any memorable articles you'd like to see replayed? Let me know. CR*

how many places a person could fish up there. There is so much water, so little time.

While we're on the subject of fall, save Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> for another "almost fall" tradition: the club picnic. Join us for the free fun and food. Jim Hunter will gladly take your reservation. See you there!

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## Hallelujah! We finished it!!

*By Jim Coleman*

The designed restoration project at Bear River has been completed thanks to the hard work of all you dedicated "river rescuers". The weekend crews of Aug. 28-29 put the finishing touches to the many in-river structures that the trout seem to like so much. We will continue to monitor and repair as needed for the next couple of years. Also, some additional planting will be needed at the proper times. I'll keep you informed.

GBF should be very proud of the commitment and hard work that has returned the upper Bear to a good, sustainable trout fishery. Thanks again to all of you who sweated through this long, difficult project.

# Up-Coming Programs/Activities

-- In order of occurrence --

## September 12

### Casting Clinic: The Long Distance Cast With John Hogg

If most trout are caught at 30 feet or less, who cares about casting further? And that's not a bad question if you confine your fishing to small streams. But move to a lake, or a large river, or a saltwater flat and most of us have wished at one time or another for a few extra feet of line across the water.

Distance casting serves another important function. It requires that you perfect your casting form. Without a strong backcast, a tight loop and a strong stop of the rod, the cast is going to come short regardless of the effort by the caster. In fact, the secret to the long distance cast is learning to let the rod make the cast rather than the caster trying to force his energy through the rod and into the line.

To reach my pond, take Hwy 80 going to Auburn. Take the Penryn exit; turn right at the stop and go 3/4 mile to King Road; go left and proceed 3 miles to Auburn-Folsom Road; turn left and go 1 1/2 miles to Newcastle Road; turn right and go 1 mile to the "Y" in the road; bear left, which is Rattlesnake Road and go 1/2 mile. Turn left on Hayes Road and go 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes Road. Call me at 663-2051 if you have any questions. John

p.s. Bring a 5 weight or greater rod, floating line and a heavy leader, OX to 3X from 7 to 9 feet in length.

## September 25

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Clinic on the North Yuba River

We'll be fishing the scenic section of the North Yuba above Downieville, located 2 1/2 hours from Roseville. We'll start the

cut it. This is especially useful when tapering a streamer wing of synthetic or soft material. A single blade of your scissors can be used like a razor blade to cut the thread after whip-finishing with no fear of inadvertently cutting some of the hackle.

### TIP #3

This tip is for new tiers. Fasten the thread to the hook. Now pull on it until it breaks. Do this several times until you have a good feel for how much tension you can put on the thread. Also, pull on it in different directions to see where the break occurs. Repeat this process every time you change thread sizes or brands until you gain a feel for it. In general, you will want to tie at close to maximum tension for best results. There are exceptions to this which I'll discuss in a future article.

### TIP # 4

Magnetize the tips of your tying scissors by rubbing them against a permanent magnet. You can then use them to help pick up small hooks and flies.

*Jim Cramer is a member of The Russian River Flycasters and has been tying for over fifty years. He has graciously allowed us to borrow these tremendous ideas for tying--useful for beginners and advanced--and will be featured for at least the next six months. CR*



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good enough. However, with a little effort in organizing and some technical skills I'll be discussing in the future, not only will your speed increase dramatically but so will quality and uniformity.

Now for some tips. All instructions will assume that you are right handed; if not, reverse hands and we'll save words. I also know that the readers vary from novice to accomplished tiers, so bear with me as I try to include something for everyone. Take what you can use and disregard the rest.

**TIP #1**

Get a hackle sizing gauge and presort your hackles. If you divide them into envelopes as to size, quality and type, wet or dry, you will improve all three aspects of your tying. Small gages that clamp in your vise sell for about \$4.00. After many years of plucking my hackles directly from the neck for use I decided to presort the hackles from several necks. After the sorting, not only did I achieve my objective of more uniform flies, I got a crash course in judging the quality of hackles and necks and a real appreciation of value received for dollars spent. Not all necks and not all feathers are created equal! Other rewards were reduced tying time and reduced storage space, especially important to those who travel with a tying kit. If you don't now gauge and sort your hackles, I urge you to try it once. Even if you decide that you would rather leave the feathers on the skin, sorting a few necks will teach you a lot about judging their quality. (By the way, I don't presort saddle hackles because the feathers are generally much more uniform in size and I can often get several flies from a single feather.)

**Tip #2**

This tip is so simple that it hardly seems worthwhile and many of you may already do it but for those who don't, here it is. First I assume that you already wear your scissors while you tie; if not, learn to do so. Now scissors don't always need to be used as clippers. There are two other ways they can be used to cut. With the blades part way open they can be pushed against a taut material to

morning learning and using nymph fishing tactics. Then after the lunch break we'll get pointers from Ralph on dry fly fishing. There will be plenty of time for fishing.

Ralph Wood, a highly experienced fly fishing guide who spends many days each year on the Yuba, will be our instructor for the day. Experienced GBF "coaches" will be available to provide extra on-stream assistance. There is still space available, but we do limit attendance so everyone can receive personal attention. There will be a \$20 per person fee, payable in advance, to hold a spot. Since there is no September club meeting, please call Rob at (916) 791-0887 to sign up or to get additional information.

**October 8-10**

*Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Festival (Conclave)  
Kings Beach*

Make plans now to attend this exciting fly fishing event. The featured guest this year is Trey Combs. There will be over 60 fly tyers, programs on fly fishing by renowned fly anglers, casting demonstrations and contests, exhibitors and much more. There is also a big dinner on Saturday night. The event is held at the North Tahoe Conference Center in Kings Beach. For more details about the conclave, call Tom Smith at (775) 685-2383. Registration forms will be available at the door or you can call Rob to get a preregistration form.

**October 15-17**

*Northern California Fishout  
With Denny Welch*

Fishing should be prime during these fall dates, fish gorging themselves in preparation for the long winter season. There's a very good chance that the October Caddis will be on, so get tying! Denny's been up there enough to put us on to the scent of some nice fish either on the Upper Sac or the McCloud—or both!, time and energy permitting, of course. Give Denny a call at (530) 878-1931 to reserve a spot and find out more info.

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October 31 (tentative)

**One Fly Contest--Lake Davis  
With Ron English**

How many fish can you catch with one fly? Let's find out! Ron will officiate this contest (as he has in the past) and stands a chance to win too (as he has in the past). Fishers of all skill levels will enjoy this outing. Fishing is in teams chosen by lottery; even the less-able can win thanks to their buddies. Each contestant is allowed one fly all day. **If you break it, you can fix it; if you lose it, you're done.** So choose a sturdy fly you think will catch the most and biggest fish. Teams with the most points based on number and size of fish win. There's a \$10 entry fee that goes into the cash pot. Sign up at the Club Picnic. Call Ron for details at (530) 677-7169

November 5-7

**Eagle Lake Fish Out  
With Mike Brune**

If you signed up for this trip, more information will be available at the October meeting and in the October Leader. **You should be making lodging reservations now.** For questions or information, call Fishmaster Mike Brune at (916) 723-4524.

December 4

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

Mark your calendars and start setting aside that fly fishing or tying stuff you never use. Every year this event proves that one angler's trash is another angler's treasure. Great bargains and a Chili lunch, all free to members! **Plan to join us for the fun and fellowship.** Details to follow in the October Leader.

**Quality, Uniformity and Speed  
By Jim Cramer**

Quality, Uniformity and Speed are the three goals for which all tiers should strive. There may be more but I can't think of them at the moment. The good news is that they go hand in glove with one another.

Quality in a fly is the aggregate of the quality of the materials used, the assembly of the materials (which also controls the durability), neatness and proportion. Skimp on any one of these and the quality of the fly is reduced.

Uniformity is easy to understand. All of your flies should look alike as far as possible. When you can reach into your box for a #16 Adams without even thinking about sorting through for the best looking one, then you have probably achieved this goal. Over time each tier will develop his or her own style and their flies will have a distinctive look, much the same as one's hand writing does. Beware! Your flies can be uniformly bad, out of proportion or all have the same tying flaws. This is not the uniformity for which we are striving.

Speed is something that will come as you gain experience but only to a point. If you don't specifically think about and practice increasing your speed, you will reach a comfort point and stay there. Maybe your comfort speed is half a dozen flies an evening. If you tie for relaxation and want one each of six different flies maybe that is

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black, silver and chartreuse. (Incidentally, if I could only use one color of fly for bass it would be chartreuse, hands down.)

Lefty Kreh is another great tyer of saltwater flies. His Lefty's Deceivers are known worldwide. They are excellent in the original all-white but better with a little yellow and orange layered at the top of the fly. (Always keep the belly of any fly white or very light; this is the color of all bait-fish.) Lefty also has a Marabou Seducer which has a tremendous amount of movement and is best fished very slow so the marabou can pulsate.

Ed Givens has his Barred & Black which is deadly on very large bass. This fly needs at least an 8 wt. rod or a 7 wt. loaded with an 8 or 9 line. (When fishing large flies, remember this technique of overloading by 1 or 2 weights; the line will be much easier to cast and the fly will turn over better.)


Remember that all fly patterns are styles of flies and not hard set rules. Experiment. I will bring samples of all of these to the next meeting for you to check out.

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### Jacket Found!!!

A jacket was left behind after the March general meeting. The jacket has been sitting near Robs flytying bench since then, and Rob tells me that he has been considering using some of the materials of this jacket for his flies. "This jacket's redish-orange quilted lining will provide the perfect color and material for a crayfish pattern that I've been thinking of," says Ferroggiaro. He also mentioned that the blue nylon shell might provide great wing-case material for the larger sizes of his exotic stonefly selection. My thinking is that it will be more useful as a jacket. I bet the owner thinks so too. Give Rob a call before he sits down to tie...which will be soon. CR

## Conservation Corner

By Nathan Joyner

The conservation committee has been working on putting a conservation donation policy on paper. Our donation policy outlines criterion for determining who we donate to, and how. This policy outlines where our money will go and how we apply it. I would like to thank the committee for their diligent work on this policy. By ratifying and publishing our donation policy we can:

- \* effectively communicate our conservation donation goals and strategies.
- \* follow a process to determine how to donate our money.
- \* allow the club to maximize memberships in conservation organizations.
- \* instill confidence in the club process for determining organization donations.

In addition, I would like to thank the members of the club who have contributed to this year's conservation program. Jim Coleman has of course done a great job on the club's Bear River Project. Rick Radoff headed the Salmon and Steelhead egg rearing program and delivered eggs to classrooms with the help of many club members. This program really has an impact on the children involved. I suspect that Jimmy, a third grader who spoke on behalf of the American River at a Sacramento City Council meeting this year, spoke in part due to the influence of this program.

The committee attendance this year has been excellent, and I would like to thank the members of the committee for their work. The committee consists of the following people: Gray Allen, Barbara Bania, Joe Bania, Jim Coleman, Ron Calvert, Rob Ferroggiaro, Cindy Leggett and Frank Stolten. We are happy to include others in the committee who are interested in contributing to the club's conservation program. Contact me for more information.

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## Warmwater Fly Fishing: Part 5

By Pete Peterson



When buying or tying your flies, never overlook the saltwater patterns. Bass like a large fly with a lot of materials, and saltwater flies naturally require more bulk to be seen in saltwater conditions. Many of the saltwater and bass flies that are now on the market have a translucent look to them. However, the main forage for bass are pan-fish. Have you ever seen a translucent pan-fish? No; pan-fish have a very solid body.

Dan Blanton is an expert on tying with a lot of materials and if you check out any of the saltwater fly-tying books, you will notice that he ties a very full fly with *solid* colors. Some of his best bass flies are his Whistler (one that I mentioned in an earlier article) which is one of the best flies for off-color water or at night. This is the best fly for moving water as well; it causes vibrations which bass can pick up thirty feet away! The best colors for this fly are his original recipe and an all black.

An excellent variation on this fly is his Flash Tail Whistler. This is the same pattern only with a very full tail of silver Flashabout extending about 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch beyond the rest of the tail. Dan's Punch is another excellent pattern that imitates bait-fish. I have found this to work best in chartreuse and with his Tropical Punch colors. Dan's Sar-Mul-Mac (which is an abbreviation for sardine, mullet and mackerel) is an imitation that works where Threadfin Shad are one of the primary preys.

About four years ago, Dan showed me how to tie a new pattern called Fatal Attraction. This fly did not impress me at all but for the last few years, it has been the number one fly for Smallmouth Bass. This fly has also picked up a lot of trout and works in green, orange,

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**Conservation**

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The committee has been working on several issues in the last few months, including the Bear River, Y2K regulations and the Yuba River in addition to sorting out our donations and priorities. Recently we have been notified of a salmon passage problem on the Yuba River at Daguerre Dam. In addition, the club is very concerned with the PG&E land divestiture and how it effects the Bear River property that the club has worked to restore. The committee is looking at how to protect this property, but right now we are having a difficult time finding out what to do. If anyone has any information or ideas on how to get this property set aside as a preserve, please let me know. The committee would like this property preserved!

One last thing that I would like to mention is that on August 9th, the Placer County Flood Control District voted against a dam on Miners Ravine.



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## Flytier's Corner

By Bill Carnazzo

### Parachute Cahill Variant

Last month, as part of our effort to keep this column to "basics" for awhile to see how that works in connection with the tying contest, we featured the Parachute Adams. Here we feature another easy pattern--Ron Rabun's hatch imitator, a variant of the traditional "Light Cahill", tied originally in the Catskill form. This variation features a parachute wing and an off-color body, with a suggestive ribbing. This variant will suggest small summer caddis so plentiful around healthy streams, as well as summer evening hatches of light-colored mayflies. In a pinch, it also can imitate the "Little Yellow Sally" we all know and love.



#### Materials

Hook:	Tiemco 100; Mustad 94840; Daiichi 1182; #14-18
Thread	Light yellow 6/0 or 8/0
Tail:	Stiff cream spade hackle fibers
Wing:	Bleached elk hair
Rib:	Pearl crystal hair (1 strand)
Body:	Light pink fine dubbing of choice
Hackle:	Stiff cream neck hackle

#### Instructions

1. Smash barb, cover rear half of shank with thread.
2. Form a tiny ball of fine pink dubbing just above rear of barb. This will serve to "splay" tail fibers.

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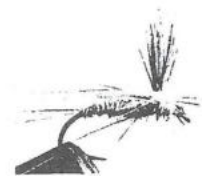
Beginner: \$15.00 Gift Certificate

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**Program rules:**

- \* 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 advanced. Anyone who has won the beginner category twice will have to compete in the advanced category from then on.

3. Cut or strip about a dozen fibers from a cream spade hackle, and measure them to length of shank, for the tail. Tie them on just ahead of the dubbing ball. When secure, wind thread back, forcing the fibers against the ball, causing them to "splay" out. This provides a good silhouette, and stability on the water.
  4. Cover rest of shank with thread. Now cut and clean a small bunch of elk hair. Somewhere around 20-25 hairs will do.
  5. Stack the hair, evening the tips. Measure it to length of shank, and tie it in at a point 1/3 of shank length behind the eye with the tips pointing out over the eye. When secure, trim butts and tie them down securely.
  6. Grab wing by tips and pull rearward, standing it up. Take 3 winds in front of it, and wind around its base while pulling thread to rear and catching it in the remaining elk hair butts, about 4 times. This should stand wing up straight and permanent.
  7. Return thread to base of tail and tie in crystal hair rib. Now dub a sparse, tapered body to base of wing. Rib body with 3 or 4 turns and tie off in front of wing.
  8. Select appropriately sized hackle and tie it in with shiny side up and tip facing away from you. Tie in just behind wing, leaving about 1/8" of stem for first wind around the posted-up wing.
  9. Dub a thorax of the pink dubbing in back and front of wing, leaving thread hanging in front of wing. Remember to keep 1/8" behind eye free of thread or material.
  10. Grab tip of hackle with hackle pliers, and begin winding around the post. Take the first three winds up the post, and the rest down the post, each successive wind beneath the previous one.
  11. Tie off hackle in front of wing. This step is tricky; it will be demonstrated at the October meeting from 7:00-7:30.
  12. Form a nice whip finish with a small head.
- Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!



## Get with the program!

By Jeff Medina

I can't think of a better way to hone your skills in the various disciplines that exist under the fly fishing umbrella, while showing involvement in our club, than to participate in the Golden Trout Program. And what better way is there to gain appreciation of the scope of activity and skills that are offered by the club?

What is the Golden Trout Program, you ask? It is a rigorous twelve month program of skills development with the demand for club participation which culminates with the

completion of seven out of twelve elective categories. It's like being in school—for fly fishing! The cost: an initial ten dollar fee, a little bit of time and a whole lot of dedication. What do you earn? Well, besides a very attractive pin and the addition of your name on the Golden Trout Award plaque in the trophy case, you will have earned the admiration of fellow club-members and a whole lot of knowledge and experience.

The following is a list of electives available within the program. Keep in mind that these electives can and do change periodically and that we're always open to suggestions for new skills and/or activities.

**Literature:** Prepare and submit an article for the leader.

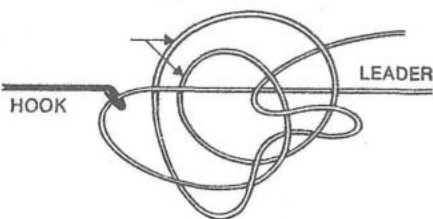
**Conservation:** Attend a meeting of a recognized conservation organization.

**Entomology:** Capture and submit labeled specimens of the three major insects that trout love to eat.

**Club Fishout:** Attend and participate in a GBF club fishout anytime during the year.

**Club Event:** Assist in one major GBF club event (other than a fishout) such as a picnic, annual dinner, Cal Expo club booth etc.

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**Casting:** Demonstrate basic fly-casting techniques such as the roll cast, false cast, double haul, etc.

**Knots:** Demonstrate proficiency in tying a variety of pre-selected knots.

**Fly Tying:** Tie a selection of pre-approved popular flies.

**Rod Building:** Completely build a fly rod from a blank of your choice. (This option counts as two electives.)

**Youth Program:** Participate in one youth fishing activity sponsored by one of many worthy organizations.

**Club Work Day:** Participate in a club work day, such as clubhouse clean-up day, construction, etc.

**Net Building:** Build a wooden handled net from scratch. (This option counts as two electives.)

After completing this year-long program, you will be one step closer to becoming a master of our sport (whatever that means exactly, I don't know). But, more importantly, you will experience a great feeling of accomplishment. For more information contact me at 916-353-1992 and/or pick up a Golden Trout Program Member Handbook. Now, Get with the program!

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