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The doors open between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows the show.

Membership: To become a member of Granite Bay Flycasters, a nominal fee is required: \$35 for a family; \$30 single; and youth (under 18), \$10. There is a \$7 initiation fee for new members. The cost of membership is pro-rated throughout the year. For membership information, call Jim Ferguson at (916) 781-2358.

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My drift was particularly long this time. I mended well and kept in touch with my line as it began to drift across the current. My line stopped suddenly and I instinctively lifted my rod tip with a firm tug. This time it wasn't a snag...fish on!

Well, the fish didn't jump like I'm use to seeing steelhead do, but it tugged hard! The fish took me just into my backing and two pools down before I saw the fish surface. Gold is what I saw. Not the kind of gold that folks have gotten excited about in the last couple of centuries—squawfish gold.

All right, it was only a pike minnow (formally called squawfish), but I'm telling you, that three pound golden shiner gave my 5 wt. quite a tug—"trash fish" or not! And anyway, it provided great practice for the steelhead to come (whenever that might be).

So I get it up to the bank and am faced once again with indecision: what do I do with it--kill it or let it go? I haven't developed an informed opinion on this issue and the arguments I have heard in the past have been vague or incomplete. And where did I get the expression "trash fish"?

A couple of days later I got in touch with a senior fisheries biologist with DFG to help me decide that question in the event that I ever catch a pike minnow again (and chances are good). In brief, he told me that pike minnow and salmonids

April Program

This month's program will feature a slide presentation by Dan McDaniel, President of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF). The motto of FFF is "All fish, all waters". This will be a great opportunity to find out about FFF and it's activities supporting fly fishing and fish conservation. There will also be an update on important issues that are affecting the particular places we fish. The program will conclude early enough to allow time for questions and socializing. **Come to the April General Meeting and find out what the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is doing for you.**

**For you web surfers, the FFF web site contains a lot of information including articles and reports on casting, angling and fly tying. You'll find the site at www.fedflyfishers.org.*

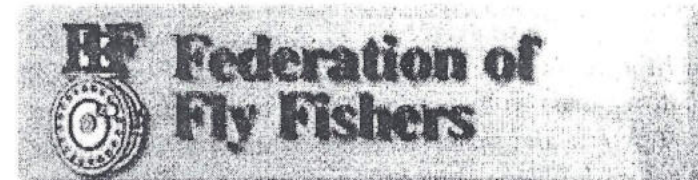


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President's Message

Drake Johnson

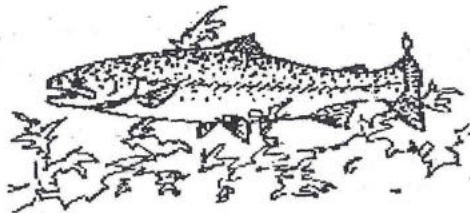
April is the month of highs and lows for fisherman: April 15th taxes are due, and April 29th is opening season. At least it ends on a high note.

I want to thank you all for a successful Annual Dinner. Those of you that attended., I hope you enjoyed it as much as Yvette and I did. Those of you that couldn't make it...well, what can I say. But it was pretty cool, and hopefully you will be able to come next year.

At the April General Meeting, we are going to try a little different format. We will do the usual opening introduction, announcements and general business, but instead of taking a break before our program we will have the Fly Fishing Federation program which will be shorter than our usual program. This will give us a chance to talk with representatives of FFF during our break before we have the raffle. After hearing about the Federation and the work they are doing to preserve our sport, I hope you'll consider joining or renewing your membership. Rob Ferroggiaro will make a short presentation on some of the work he is doing.

We have been asked again to provide a "youth tying" booth at the 5th Annual Sugar Pine Nature Day. This event will be in Forest Hill this year. As usual, we need to have someone to coordinate this and make sure we have people and materials there to show young people how to tie simple flies (Wooly Buggers). The event will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm. See more information on the "Volunteer Board" on page 18.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, or on the water.




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have evolved over thousands of years together and the golden fish began to be perceived a threat only when, in the late 19th century, salmon and steelhead began diminishing due to people's growing interest in these fish for sport and food. Only in certain areas and under certain circumstances are pike minnow viewed as a particular threat today, says this biologist, as for instance in the Eel River where they were introduced. So his judgement, at least for water systems where the pike minnow is native (and other contingencies not mentioned here don't exist): let em' go.

There's a lot more to this issue, though. I have a feeling if I spent some more time researching this, I'd find contradictory views—especially amongst DFG biologists. Interestingly, there is no take limit in the 2000 DFG Regs for pike minnow which suggests one of two things that I can think of. Either it is because the fish is not sought for food or sport, therefore there's no need to regulate it. Or perhaps by not stating a take limit, the Department has an implicit program of catch and kill, suggesting a subtle form of control. I don't know. More on this issue later.

By the way, I let the fish go, but a little reluctantly.

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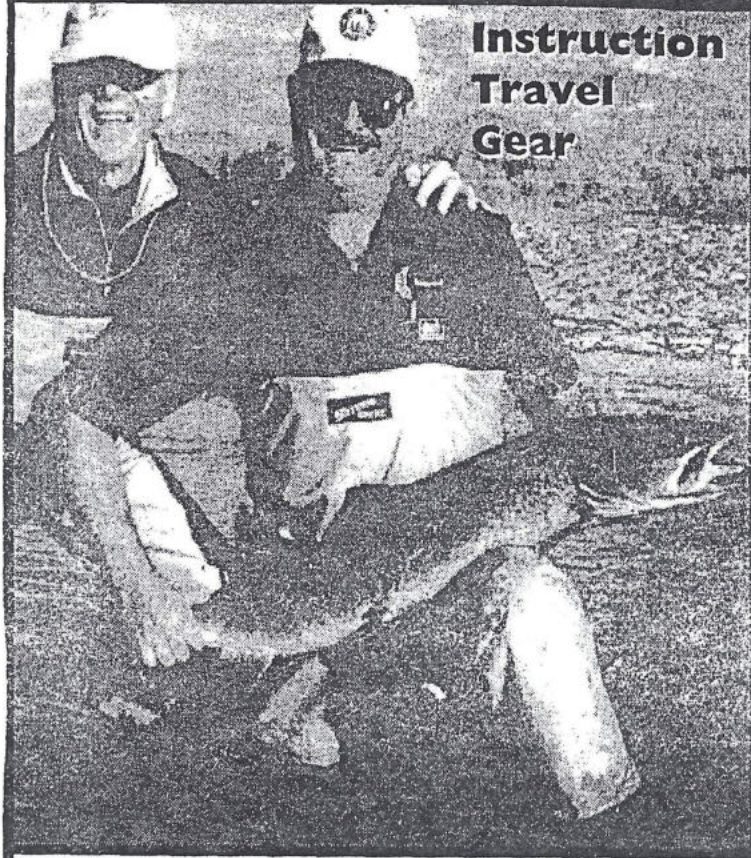
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President's Dinner Notes

By *Drake Johnson*

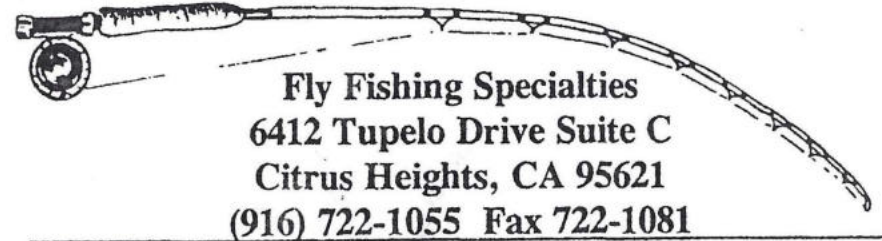
This year's annual dinner was another success due to the hard work of so many members that helped out. The Dinner Committee headed up by **Jeremy Gray** did a fantastic job. The Committee consisted of the following people:

- Jeremy Gray:** Chairman and Master of Ceremonies
- Karen Losee:** Raffle Prize Coordinator
- Kahl Muscott:** Grand Prize Coordinator
- Frank Stolten:** Silent Auction Coordinator
- Chris Ronshausen:** Program Editor

These people spent many hours planning and coordinating hundreds of details like arranging for the facilities to hold the Dinner, arranging catering, mailing out letters requesting raffle prizes (and making follow-up phone calls on these requests), arranging for the Grand Prize, getting tickets printed and distributed, collecting and keeping track of the funds and prizes, making sure there were posters and advertising, and putting together the program at the very last minute so all raffle prizes could be included.

As we got closer to the Dinner, the following volunteered: **Dorothy (Dotti) Hurley** to supervise the last minute arrangements of the day of the dinner; **Rick Radoff** to set up the **Al Kyte Casting Clinic** during the afternoon of the day of the dinner; **Ron and Jeanne English** who picked up the beverages for the bar, delivered them and ran the bar; and **Ike and Nick English** who set up the sound system and helped out as usual wherever needed. And throughout all of this **Jeremy** remained calm and cool. He always had a positive attitude and had time to field my questions of concern about the status of different elements of the dinner.

The Committee and I are also grateful to **Rob Ferroggiaro** who served as a sounding board and advisor since neither the Committee (**Frank Stolten** excepted) nor I had been involved with the details of putting the Dinner together before. And a special thanks to our members and their spouses that helped out the day before and the night of the Dinner, from selling tickets and setting up the raffle prizes to the



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offered on the market so if you want to try them you will have to pluck a duck.

With the good comes a little bad. The feathers are fragile compared with high grade hackle, they are not very large, and many of the stems have a pronounced taper which makes wrapping them in a conventional manner somewhat difficult. (Also, on a per ounce basis they are quite expensive, but an ounce of CDC feathers is one heck of a lot of feathers.) The only thing that all this means is that we might have to vary our technique a bit. The Swiss and the French have been perfecting CDC techniques for a hundred years so we can just borrow from them and add some of our own stuff.

CDC can be used for all parts of our flies: trailing shucks, bodies, wings and hackles. Bodies can be made by dubbing the CDC to the tying thread. The CDC barbs are cut from the stem and dubbed directly on the thread or first put in a blender and chopped before dubbing. Another method is to tie in a single CDC feather by its tip and then twist the stem to make a yarn as you wrap forward. CDC hackle can be wrapped in the conventional manner or the barbs can be stripped and tied in as a bunch which is then flared to give the right effect. One nice thing about CDC is that the barbs can be trimmed to length and still maintain the natural tip look. A very durable hackle can be made with a dubbing loop and the CDC barbs. The most common wings are made using bunches of the barbs but loopwings are possible using whole feathers. The easy way to get enough CDC barbs in a single bunch without losing control is to align three feathers with their stems together and using the thumb and forefinger strip the barbs from one side of all three feathers at once. Then keeping the barbs bunched in your finger and thumb, rotate the feathers to the other side, align the stripped butts with the stems and strip the other side.

Emergers and other patterns that float in the surface film are naturals for the CDC as all you have to do is adjust the amount of CDC to achieve the buoyance and flotation you want.

all-important clean up after dinner.

We are also thankful to the members that provided cash donations for the raffle prizes. These cash donations are most desirable since they allow the Committee to purchase high quality prizes at a discount for the raffle. Once again our local fly shops, **American Fly Fishing Co., Fly Fishing Specialties, Kiene's Fly Shop and the Nevada City Angler** donated most generously. Please patronize these stores for your fly fishing needs.

Finally, we thank those of you and your friends who attended the Dinner and made this annual fund raiser the success it was.

And the Winners Were...

If your were unable to attend, I want to let you know of some special awards that were given at the Dinner. The President's Award was given by our past President **Rob Ferroggiaro** to **Ron and Jeanne English** for all of their contributions to the club. The Wet Fly Award went to **Denny Welch** for his antics last year on the Upper Sac with **Joe Kimsey**. The Jim Coleman Conservation Award was given to **Nathan Joyner** for his work last year increasing the activity in and raising the awareness of our club to conservation issues. The Jim Coleman Award was started this year by the Board to recognize an individual that demonstrates the determination and tenacity to achieve successful outcomes for the Club's conservation program. And the FFF gave a special award to **Cindy and Rod Leggett** for their work on the Little Truckee River regulations.

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High and Dry With CDC

By Jim Cramer

There is a spot on the rear end of a duck about the size of my thumbnail that yields some most interesting feathers for the dry fly tier and fisherman. I'm referring to the Cul de Canard, CDC, feathers which is the name given to the preen feathers that surround the oil gland. These are small fragile feathers that somewhat resemble down but aren't down and shouldn't be confused with it. I just finished plucking CDC feathers from seventeen wild duck butts furnished by a friend. The butts yielded less than 100 feathers per bird with the longest feathers being about 1 1/2 inches long and most of them about 3/4 inch.

CDC feathers are relatively new to the American waters but have been used in Europe for a hundred years or more. The CDC feathers have some unique features not found in other materials which make them especially interesting and useful. Mother nature designed the feathers to act as a wick to transfer oil from the gland to the duck's bill by capillary action. There are not as many barbs coming from the stem as on a high quality hackle but each barb is covered with countless microscopic barbules that hold the natural oil and trap air. This combination of embedded oil and feather structure makes the CDC extremely water resistant and buoyant. A false cast or two and the CDC fly is high and dry again. Don't use paste or other floatant on these flies as it will only degrade the natural flotation.

There are three different types of CDC feathers. Surrounding the oil gland are the stemmed feathers which have either long or short barbs. The long barbs can be almost the length of the feather itself. These stemmed feathers are the most abundant and the ones that you see advertised on the market. The third type of CDC feather is the very small stemless nipple plume. These oily little feathers are recommended for trailing shucks, microcaddis wings, Caenis and Trico spinner wings. Unfortunately I have never seen these feathers

Volunteer Board

Fly Tiers

On May 13, children and parents will come together to celebrate the 5th Annual Sugar Pine Nature Day, an event full of fun and activities designed to encourage kids to learn about and support the environment. GBF participates by providing a tying booth to introduce kids to the fine art of tying flies. Last year our youth fly tying booth was described as "the big attraction". We need a few members to help out at the booth this year. The tying lasts from 10:00am to 3:00pm. You don't have to be an expert tier, and it's a very rewarding way to spend a couple of hours. The club provides all the tools and materials. If you'd like to help out, talk to Drake at the April General Meeting or give him a call (916) 783-0343

Fishmaster

Ron English, who has been the Fishmaster for the last few years, deserves a break. We could use someone new to take up this responsibility. The Fishmaster will work with The Board to establish fish-outs through the year, insuring that a leader is assigned and that everything is in place for that day. It should be made clear that the Fishmaster is not required to lead every fish-out, but that he/she may enjoy leading several. This position requires a general knowledge of California (Northern and Central mainly) fisheries and the time and passion necessary to effectively help prepare for these events. This position is ideal for someone interested in building a career as a guide since it requires a mind for planning a fishing itinerary and knowing where the fish are. For more information about this essential position, call Ron English at (530) 677-7169 or talk to him at the General Meeting.

Kiene's Expo Coordinators

Every year, Bill Kiene has vendors, clubs, fly fishing personalities etc. convene behind his store to learn from each other and display their specialties. GBF shows up each year to join the fray and doing so requires some organization and assembly. Before the expo, club material will have to be brought out and displayed; a table or booth will be set up for this purpose. Someone's got to do this. Is it you? Also, we'll need a few people to hang out and represent the club—pass out literature, talk up the club etc. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March General Meeting. Take a look at it and see if there is a time-slot that suits your schedule. Give Drake Johnson a call at (916) 783-0343 or see him at the next General Meeting for more information.

Up-Coming Programs/Activities

~ In order of occurrence ~

April 22

Kiene's Expo

Bill Kiene fills his parking lot with top name-brand vendors and gear, clubs (like ours), casting demos, etc. in what looks like a miniature San Mateo Show. Inside the store, the renowned Dave Whitlock will be tying up flies and talking to folks while Kiene is throwin' down some deals. Stop by and see for yourself why Kiene's Fly Shop is among the most successful shops in Northern California. And while you're at it, stop by our GBF booth and bond. Don't miss this event!

April 28

Opening Day Party at The Fly Shop

This year The Fly Shop is hosting a special GIVE AWAY opening day party from 7:30am to 9:00pm. They will be giving away maps, service, fishing information and food. There will be scheduled clinics for fishing local waters by their staff who have a wealth of knowledge of the Pit, Upper Sac, McCloud, Hat Creek, Trinity and Fall Rivers. They will also have a tackle tune-up clinic on the latest and greatest fishing equipment you cannot live without. Check out the party and leave with the knowledge, supplies and a belly full of food! For more information about the event, call The Fly Shop at (530) 222-3555.

May 13

5th Annual Nature Day

On May 13, children and parents will come together to celebrate the 5th Annual Sugar Pine Nature Day, an event full of fun and activities designed to encourage kids to learn about and support the environment. It is being held in Foresthill this year at Memorial Park (not at Sugar Pine). Learn more about this event at the April General Meeting; there, a flyer is available which lists specific times of events. See the "Volunteer Board" on page 18 to find out how you can help out at the event.

Classes and Clinics

April 13

Kelsey Lake Bass Fishing Clinic

With Ron Rabun and Bill Carnazzo

Kelsey Lake is a small, private impoundment which contains large bass. Granite Bay Flycasters members are invited to enjoy a clinic and fish the lake with Ron Rabun and Bill Carnazzo on April 13. Club members who participated in this event last year had a great time. The cost for the clinic and fishing is \$35.00 per person. If you have questions, or want to sign up early, call Ron at 1-800-FLYFSHN, or Bill at (916) 663-2604.

April 23

Perfecting the Double Haul with John Hogg

GBF members can tune up their double haul skills with a free casting clinic which will begin at 1:00 pm. No reservations are needed, and members are free to work on all aspects of casting, not just the topic of the day. The clinic will be held at John Hogg's pond. Directions are as follows: From Highway 80 take the Penryn exit. Go right on Penryn to the stop sign. Turn left on King Road and go 3 miles to the stop sign. Go left on Auburn Folsom Road about 1.5 miles then turn right on Newcastle Road. At the Y, go left on Rattlesnake Road for 1/2 mile. Then turn left on Hayes Drive. The address is 10101 Hayes Drive. For further information, call John at 916-663-2051.




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On another note, at our April General Meeting Dan McDaniel, President of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) will be talking to us about the benefits of joining this organization and the important conservation work that the NCCFFF does for our fisheries. In order to continue enjoying our sport, and possibly to improve our enjoyment by improving the health of our streams, we all have a responsibility to support the effort of groups like these. These are people who volunteer their own time, and lots of it, in work that makes it possible for us to fish in the beautiful streams of Northern California. Please pick up an application to join the NCCFFF at the April meeting. Your donation will not only help fund these efforts, but you will receive a newsletter that will help keep you informed on the critical fishery conservation issues that affect all of us.

Finally, one of the most important things that you can do right now to help protect your favorite fisheries is to write to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and object to PG&E's request to auction off all of their hydroelectric projects to the highest bidder. If this request is granted, there is no guarantee that any of us will have the opportunity to continue to fish in many of California's blue ribbon fisheries such as Hat Creek. Many of our favorite streams are currently owned by PG&E. However, due to the recent energy deregulation and hydroelectric facility divestiture, these lands could very likely become off limits as private property, and worse yet, subjected to misuse and development (including our Bear River project). For more background information on this issue, pick up the current issue of California Fly Fisher Magazine; there is an in depth article about it. The CPUC will be making a decision on this (Proceeding A9909053) during the next few months, so there isn't time to procrastinate. Address your letters to Bruce Kaneshiro, California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. He can be contacted at (415)703-1187 and is very willing to talk about our concerns. It is extremely important that the CPUC hear from those interested in watershed/fisheries protection at this time.

Thanks again to all of you for your support in our club's conservation goals. Your annual dinner tickets, drink purchases and silent auction/raffle purchases have raised significant funds this year to support fisheries conservation groups that work hard for our benefit (I know this because my husband is Treasurer and I helped him count the money). Please contact me at (916)791-4710 if you would like to become involved in the conservation committee, or if you would just like to talk about conservation issues or concerns.

Conservation Corner

By Cindy Leggett

I recently attended a Citizen's Bioassessment Training Workshop coordinated by our member, Eva Butler, and sponsored in part by the Dry Creek Conservancy and the State Water Resources Board. Although it was hard to be in a classroom for three days during gorgeous spring weather, I felt very fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn about this innovative technique for measuring water quality and to meet others interested in watershed quality monitoring. I found that although the technique of measuring water quality by assessing the aquatic insect life within a stream is widely used and accepted in other states, it is still new and not entirely embraced in California, a place where water quality (and quantity) is a constant source of contention. A few of our members had the opportunity to attend this workshop last July, so we have a crew of trained individuals now. By learning about this method somewhat from the ground floor, I feel that we have gained an important advantage to enable us in our club's future watershed protection efforts. This can certainly give us some of the tools we need towards gathering scientific data justifying watershed protection. I can envision a citizen's bioassessment at our Bear River project site by GBF members at some future date. Our familiarity with aquatic insects gives us a great leading edge as a citizen's group.

As I mentioned earlier, Greg Bates from the Dry Creek Conservancy has been generous in helping to support Citizen's Bioassessment Training. Greg has an ongoing Citizen's Bioassessment of the Dry Creek Watershed and can use all the help he can get (formal training not needed). Please contact me or the Dry Creek Conservancy for more information. In addition, Greg can use our help during Creek Week (April 7-15). I would like to see as many GBF members as possible help out. This Central Valley stream provides valuable spawning habitat for our state's disappearing salmon and steelhead populations, and our local support makes a huge difference. On Saturday, April 15th your participation is needed in the Royer Park Community Restoration Project, which involves a morning of weed removal, terracing and soil preparation to ready the area for Planting Day on Saturday, April 22. Sunday, April 16 is Creek Clean Up Day. Creek Week T-shirts and refreshments will reward volunteers. Greg needs our physical help in these events more than anything, and although no experience is needed, many of us have quite a bit of experience in stream restoration, or in general tromping around in streams. Please call (916)773-6575 to volunteer and find

May 15th and 22nd

Fly Fishing Basics for the Beginner

Sign up for our annual clinic and learn how you can catch more fish and increase your enjoyment of the sport of fly fishing. This clinic will be a good foundation for our "on the river" clinic tentatively scheduled for June 25th.

When: Two Monday nights, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Where: At the clubhouse

What to bring: If you have questions about your tackle or other gear, bring it along.

Who: GBF members only.

Cost: Just \$15 materials fee, payable in advance

Topics to be covered:

1. How much of that stuff in the catalogues do you really need?
Checklist of essential equipment
2. Choosing the right tackle
3. Rigging your tackle
4. Making sense out of all those fly patterns - choosing the best flies (no Latin required!)
5. Learn from our mistakes - Helpful hints
6. Fly fishing tactics to get you started catching fish
7. Recommended fishing locations and guides
8. Questions and answers

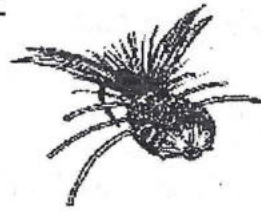
While the main focus of this clinic will be on trout fishing, the instructors will be happy to provide information on other types of fly fishing as time permits. We do not teach casting, so those interested specifically in casting skills are encouraged to attend one of our Sunday clinics.

Sign up at the April General Meeting. If you have questions, or to sign up by phone, call Rob Ferroggiaro (916) 791-0887, Bill Carnazzo (916) 663-2604 or Sturmer White (916) 791-2618.

Fish Outs

April 15

*Cameron Park Lake
with Pete Peterson*



Pete is very familiar with this small lake and is quite willing to share his knowledge of it. "Spring is the best time for bass fishing," says Pete, "and the conditions are perfect now!" Bring a stout rod (6-8wt); the fish get big and the weeds are high. "Sometimes you need a heavier rod to pull a fish out of the weeds." Evidently the fish are hitting the surface in the morning, but for the rest of the day, have your sink-tip ready. Woolly Buggers and other traditional subsurface flies will work fine; the fish aren't too discriminant this time of year. And don't forget to bring a float tube or pram to this catch and release lake! Pete will be at the lake at 8:00am and ready to go at 8:15. Fishers of all levels are encouraged to show up. Give Pete a call at (916) 786-9133 for more information and/or directions or talk to him at the April General Meeting.

May 4-6

*Hot Creek
with the English family*

The English's suggest staying at the Convict Creek Campground where camp sites are plentiful and cabins are available. From there, you can join the club on a fish out at Hot Creek which is not ten minutes away. Ron says there are lots of wild trout in this water and plenty of easy access and casting opportunities. "It's a great place for beginning casters since there's not a whole lot to get hung up on behind you," says Ron English. "And there's lots of fish. Yeah, they get spooked easy but they come back and you'll have a good shot." The English's (and likely others who know the fishery) will be standing by to assist—those who are new to this stretch—with effective methods for hookin' up. "We'll use a modified version of the dead drift that Ron Rabun uses on the Upper Sac," says Ron.

above the back end of the barb.

2. Stack approx. 10 moose body hairs and tie on just ahead of ball, keeping the hair directly on top of shank. The tail should be length of shank. Holding the tips in left hand (opposite if left handed), run thread over hair and up onto ball; release hair and it will splay out, fan-like.
3. Using scissor tips or bodkin, divide hairs in half and pull to sides; figure eight around the two halves once. If done correctly, each side should be at a 45 degree angle from shank.
4. Tie in rib material at base of tail.
5. Move thread forward to 30% point behind eye. Stack a small bunch of medium deer hair, measure to length of shank, and tie in at 30% point, with tips out over eye. Hair must stay on top.
6. Trim butts at an angle; tie butts down firmly.
7. Grasp hair by tips and pull back; place opposite thumbnail at base of wing and push rearward. Let go of tips. This will cause the wing to stand up and fan out 180 degrees across top of shank.
8. Return thread to rear, and dub up finely tapered abdomen.
9. Reverse rib with the gold wire, and tie off in front of wing.
10. Dub thorax slightly larger than body, keeping dubbing around front and back of wing. This will help keep the wing in upright position.
11. Dub a small head in front of thorax, with light or dirty colored yellow dubbing. Rabbit works nicely. Whip finish.

See ya on the creek!!!!

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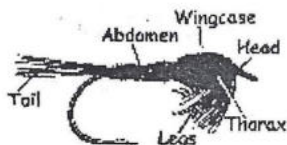
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Flytyer's Corner

By Bill Carnazzo



Bill's Calli-dun

This month's bug is designed to represent the Callibaetis adult—the beginning of the “in between” stage of this wonderful insect's life, sometimes called the subimago, or “dun” stage. This pattern is not really original; rather, it's novelty lies in the manner in which common techniques are drawn upon and combined into an effective, suggestive pattern. For example, there is nothing new or original about the comparadun style wing, or the no-hackle form, both of which are used in this fly.

Fish this pattern on a 4X-6X tippet, depending on conditions. Used in stillwater, it sits perkily on the surface—not off it, as is the case with catskill-style flies. In freestone streams, it should be drifted lazily into and out of pockets; in meadow streams or spring creeks, use a pile cast or similar technique to allow the fly to catch all those conflicting nuances of current. If you encounter a calli-hatch, and if the fish are taking adults (which may not always be the case—watch your riseforms), cast to rising fish, being careful not to “line” the riser.

MATERIALS

Hook	Mustad 94833; Tiemco 900BL, #14-16
Tail	Approx. 10 moose body hair fibers
Abdomen	Light brownish dubbing of choice
Rib	Fine gold wire
Wing	Deer hair, comparadun style, darkish
Thorax	Same as abdomen
Head	Light yellow dubbing
Thread	Brown or tan 8/0

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Apply a layer of thread to rear half of hook. Form a small ball of brown dubbing at the end of the shank (where the bend begins). If we were using a barbed hook, this point would be directly

“But because there are weeds to contend with, we'll pull the fly, if you will, through the channel of weeds and place the fly where the fish are.” For more information about Hot Creek and this fish out, talk to one of the English's at the April General Meeting or give 'em a call at home (530) 677-7169.

June 23-25

Eagle Lake

with Gene Goss and Jim Holmes

This may be quality fishing, not quantity fishing. To land (not hook) 2 or so fish is an average. You will probably hook many more but due to the reeds and size of the fish, actually touching these fish is a challenge. A 19-20" is average size, 25-26" are the ones you land if you are prepared to do battle!

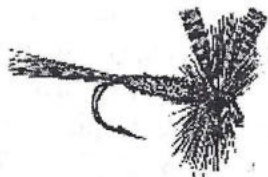
Big water, big wind, big fish and big anchor (5-10 lbs)! *Here is* another chance to bring all of your toys. You can use the following: a float tube to fish the tule channels, a small pram/pontoon boat for fishing outside the tules and covering a lot of water and a motor boat to cover even more water searching for the trout. There is a launch ramp at Stones Landing.

Eagle Lake has miles of great fishing areas; we hopefully will be near some of the hottest. We are selecting this time of the year because traditionally the damsels and dragons are in full swing and you will be sight fishing to very large and aggressive fish. We will probably be fishing with floating lines and using our best damsel/dragon nymph patterns.

We will be either staying at the Stones Landing RV Park, for those of you that are bringing an RV, or at the BLM Campground at the North end of the Lake. This is a NO FRILLS camping spot for \$6.00/night (no reservations) but is very quiet. For more info on Eagle Lake check out the following web site: <http://www.angler.com/web/maps/eaglel.htm> JH

For more information on the Eagle lake fish out, call Jim Holmes (916) 967-6709 and/or Gene Goss (916) 962-7375 or talk to them at the April General Meeting.

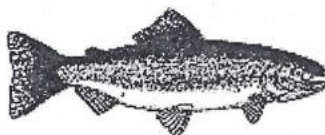
July 5-10
Crane Prairie, Oregon
with Jim Holmes



We will probably be leaving on or about July 4th for this lovely destination. If the bite isn't on, we may decide to fish more at some of the nearby lakes such as Davis. We will also be going to the only lake on the West Coast that has (small) Atlantic salmon and large brookies (ask John Hogg). This is another trip where you can bring *all* of your toys, RV's, etc. You will need at least *some* floating device such as a float tube. This can be great fishing, or a little slow but the scenery more than makes up for it! Sign up at the next meeting or give me a call! Jim Holmes (916) 967-6709

Other Fishouts Down the Road...

May 20
Kerman Lake
with Mike Kaul



July 14-16
Wright's Lake
with Rod and Cindy Leggett

More information on these and other fish outs will be provided at the April General Meeting and in the May issue of The Leader.

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FLYTYING SKILLS PROGRAM

Sponsored by American Fly
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Pattern for April Program : *Scott's Floating Nymph*
(featured in the March Leader)

Note: This is an educational program/contest. Don't be reluctant to submit a fly! And ask for a critique from a more experienced tier; it will ultimately increase your chances at catching fish--and winning certificates to afford it!

For the winner of each category, American Fly Fishing has generously donated the following prizes for each month's contest:

Beginner: \$15.00 Gift Certificate

Advanced: \$25.00 Gift Certificate

This is an educational program for those who wish to advance their tying skills and/or just enjoy this aspect of the sport. The winner in each category will be announced at the meeting and in that month's Leader.

Winner(s) for March:

Beginner: NA

Non-beginner: Steve Johnston

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.