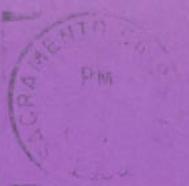


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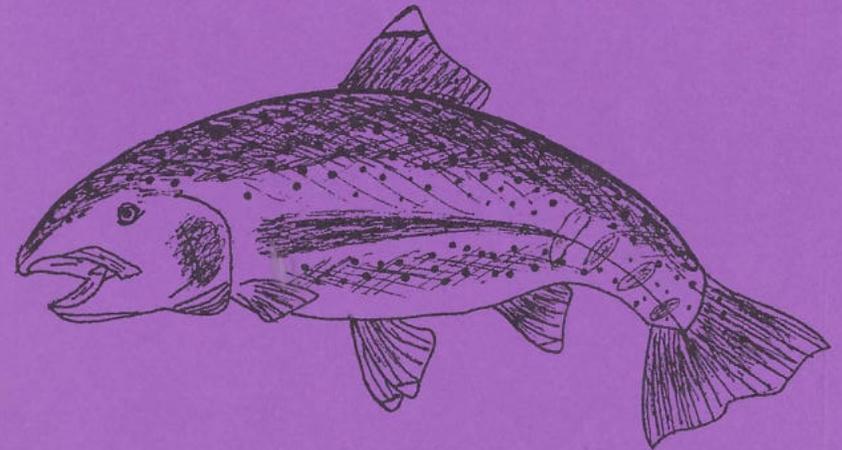
The doors open between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows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

Drake Johnson

There are so many events for you to get involved in with our club in the near future. I can't emphasize enough how important it is for all of us to commit a portion of our time to helping out with club events. We have nearly 200 members now in the club. With this many members, we should have no problem getting members to volunteer to take on some responsibilities. I just want to review a few of these opportunities and discuss the rewards that you'll receive for your participation--both as a volunteer and a spectator of these events.

Next month is the GBF Annual Picnic. As a spectator/participant, this is a great event and a fun day for the whole family. There are a number competitive events like the casting contest, numerous games for the kids, blind fly tying and more! The food is your basic picnic fare--hot dogs and hamburgers, with many extras--and it is free! There is little pressure to *do* anything, and therefore lots of time to get to know other members of the club and their families. Now, as a volunteer, you have the pleasure of helping put this shin-dig together and making it unfold as well as it has in past years. You will be able to flex your creative skills when contributing ideas for games and fun, and/or you can flex your muscles when setting up chairs and helping set up the casting pond. This year's picnic is going to be on September 17th at the clubhouse and will start at 1:00pm. See page 5 for more details on the picnic.

As was discussed at the July meeting, we plan to visit Bear River on September 9th to do a little clean up around the project site and give people an opportunity to see how well the club's restoration project is doing. Give Jim Coleman a call (530) 885-4128 to find out how you can help out at the site. The idea is to make a picnic out of the event. The club will provide cold drinks and you provide the lunch. Jim and others will be there to give tours of the project and explain Phase II that has been postponed because of delayed grant funding. The restoration will continue next year--with your help, of course.

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The Tail-Out Section

By Chris Ronshausen, Editor

When I was young, my Dad took me fishing often in the summer to lakes where planted fish were dominant. We concentrated on catching our limit, and we'd almost kill ourselves with the heat and fatigue that came along with that long-day task. We'd often catch our limit; salmon eggs and rapalas made this a fairly easy task—especially at the inlet.

But one of the reasons that I've enjoyed fly fishing is the greater challenge that there is when attempting to "match the hatch," and a satisfying feeling comes with releasing my quarry—especially when it is a non-planted fish.

Lately, however, I've spent a lot of money on gear and have found myself rationalizing why I should be able to take a fish—especially when it is from a fishery that has been planted. After all, I pay for a license and that money goes to—in part—hatcheries that raise these fish. So why not take a few?

So I'm pumpin' with adrenalin as I coerce a fish to the bank along the Merced River below the Foresta bridge in El Portal. And I'm thinking how nice it would be to put this one on a stringer and sizzle it over an open flame that night with corn meal and butter and herbs—like my Dad used to make it. But as I less-than-gracefully brought the fish to my feet, my hemostats came out, I grasped the trout around the mid-section (under water) and shook the fly loose, letting the plump, fresh rainbow slither back in to its hole.

It occurred to me that I've developed the "habit" of catch and release, so strong that it overrode my initial intent to keep that trout! I know it's a good habit to have, but a guy could go hungry. That trout would've tasted good that night.

August Program @ The Clubhouse Press Powell

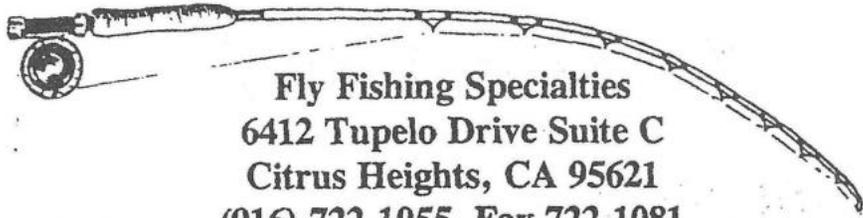
Press Powell is the proprietor of The Chico Fly Shop, and, you guessed it, related to the fine rod company that makes the stick that probably half of you own. Press will talk primarily about fishing conditions on the Lower Sac but will also spend some time talking about the environmental conditions along that famed stretch and that region of Northern California. Press will also discuss something that not even the editor is aware of as of yet; look forward to a surprise!

The business portion of the meeting will be spent as usual, except this time the volunteer clipboards will be numerous and aggressively passed through the crowd to entice members to "pitch in" at an upcoming event.

Besides that, word has it that Mike Wasserman is leaving his long-standing position as Raffle Committee Leader, and Thursday will be his last "call." Be there as Mike displays—one more time—his long-practiced and well cultivated technique of calling numbers. Mike is leaving this position because he's been "called up" to work the Sunrise Bingo Parlor. It seems a bingo scout had been watching him at the General Meetings for quite some time and offered him a package that Mike just could not refuse. Mike will be around to consult with whomever is lucky enough to snag this volunteer position. Do you have what it takes to be a good caller?

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President's Message *continued*

Here's yet another volunteer opportunity. Mike Wasserman has retired from the position of Raffle Committee Chairman effective last meeting. Mike has carried on this responsibility for many many years and is due for a break. Give Mike (or me) a call to see what all is entailed in this position and how you can contribute.

We will be passing around clipboards at the next meeting for you to sign up to help out with upcoming events. Your commitment to help doesn't mean you have to be in charge; it means you're willing to help. It is the activities like the picnic, the tackle swap, raffles at the meeting, fly tying, refreshments and many other services that are provided to Club members that make GBF special. And it's your volunteer contributions that make it happen.

And finally, speaking of volunteer contributions, Dave Baker has been nominated by the Board to serve as Vice President of Conservation, a position filled after Cindy Leggett, out of necessity, had to leave the position in May. We'll vote for (and welcome) Dave to the position at the General Meeting on Thursday. Thanks for stepping up, Dave!

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

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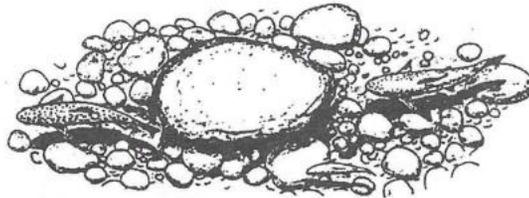
Up-Coming Activities

Free Casting Clinic!

One of the important factors of success in flyfishing is how much drag free drift you can accomplish on a given day, so when the yarn comes off the end of the flyline and is replaced by a hook, distance and accuracy casting becomes secondary to one's ability to present a drifting fly with enough slack in the line to delay that inevitable drag.

We'll cover slack casts in a casting clinic scheduled for Sunday, August 13th at 1 PM. After the demonstration, individual coaching and practice on all aspects of casting will continue. If you need a rod, one can be checked out from the library at the monthly meeting. Other than that, bring a hat, sunscreen, and eye protection.

To get to John's pond, take highway 80 toward Auburn. Exit at Penryn. Go right 1/2 mile at the stop sign to King Road. Go left 3 miles to Auburn/Folsom Road. Go left 1.5 miles to Newcastle Road. Go 1 mile and bear left at the Y on Rattlesnake Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn left on Hayes Drive. Go 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes Drive. For further information call John Hogg at 916-663-2051.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND GO!

Saturday, Sept. 9, 10AM. Bring your family, lunches, fishing gear and cameras to the project site for an all-club outing. We will walk around and show off the project and talk about the next phase. We will show you how to transplant willows, but we will do VERY LITTLE work--mostly party and relax. Fishing is good in the valley, below the meadow, and at Fuller Lake up the road. Cold drinks will be available. See Jim Coleman at the August meeting if you need a map or give him a call at (530) 885-4128.

Volunteer Board

Raffle Coordinator

Mike Wasserman has held this position for quite a while now and needs a break. The job consists of organizing and presenting raffle items at the General Meetings each month. Donated items are directed to the Raffle Coordinator and he/she is responsible for storing them and keeping an accurate inventory. The Coordinator will sell raffle tickets (with the help of other volunteers) before the meeting and during the break and call off the winning numbers after the presentation. Talk to Mike Wasserman at the August General Meeting for more information about this important position, or give him a call at (530) 677-7189.

Picnic Coordinator

Last year's Annual Picnic was fun. We had good weather, good food, games and a pretty fair turnout. How can you top that? If you're asking yourself this question, it's likely that you were fated for this position. Now while you may have no control over the weather, you--as the Annual Picnic Coordinator--certainly will have control over how the day of festivities is developed and, to some degree, how it will turn out. Got a flare for organizing events? Can you envision this event unfolding with exquisite style and taste? Jim and Mac Hunter did a great job putting the picnic together last year, but they invite you--the club invites you--to take this annual event to an even higher level.

September 17 is the day that you--and your staff of volunteers--will witness the day unfold. It's time to get things in order and people in place for this end-of-summer event; who will be the leader this year? Give Drake Johnson a call at (916) 783-0343 to sign up for this important event and for some insights on how to approach this special day.

Annual Dinner Coordinator

The same type of person (as above) is being sought to organize the Annual Dinner which will take place in March of next year. Perhaps it's the same person! Want to be involved in preparing GBF's most dynamic event of the year? It's not too early to lay the groundwork, so get your tools out and let's get building! Talk to Drake Johnson at the August General Meeting, or give him a call at home for more details.

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Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Picnic--September 17

Last year, we were graced with beautiful weather at the Annual Picnic in September. But it wasn't the weather that made the picnic...it was the people. Joe Bania cooked some mean hot dogs and juicy burgers; John Hogg set up and officiated the challenge at the casting pond; Cindy Leggett kept things going at the tying table; and Jeanne English engaged the kids. It was club history in the making.

History continues to write itself this year with the 2000 Granite Bay Flycasters Annual Picnic. GBF invites everyone to meet at the clubhouse at the Granite Bay Group picnic area on September 17th for what promises to be the best picnic ever! Of course, in order to make it spectacular, **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, squirrel tail, turkey giblets 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!**

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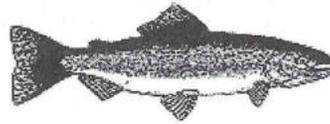
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Fish Outs

August 11-13 Merced River with Arno Dietzler



Arno lived in Yosemite National Park for seven years. While there, he spent many, many hours pursuing trout and bass along the stretch of the Merced River that runs along hwy. 140, the middle of three main access points to the park from the west. Having fished there several times each year since leaving the park, he has kept familiar with the changes that have occurred on that river (especially those which occurred during the flood of 97') and has kept track of where the fish are. The area that he has focussed on particularly (and where *we* will for this trip) is from parkline to Foresta for trout and from Foresta downriver to Briceburg for smallmouth up to two pounds. "You can catch brown trout in the lower section, but smallmouth is my favorite to go after with a fly," says Dietzler.

Common patterns are effective for trout in this stretch. Arno's had particular luck with mayfly nymph patterns (size 12-16), damsel flies dead drifted, Prince Nymphs and big black stonefly nymphs. Mosquitos on top work well at times too. For bass, bring along hoppers, Mudler Minnows and small poppers; Elk wing Caddis work well on top as well.

This will be an intense fishing session but will be peppered with other fun diversions. Yosemite National Park is within a stone's throw for those interested in experiencing its grandeur; great swimming holes can be found along the Merced; and participating in camp laziness is a must. Speaking of camping, there are several campgrounds in the vicinity—some cheap, some not so cheap (price determined by the accommodations they offer, of course). KOA is toward Yosemite on hwy 140 just past Midpines. They have lots of space available (as of July 4th) for this weekend. Cost: \$25-\$35 for hookups, \$40 for cabins. There are three campsites further up past Briceburg (McCabe Flat, Willow Placer and Railroad Flat) that don't require reservations (first come, first serve). They are undeveloped and inexpensive. Call Bureau of Land Management at (916) 985-4474 for more info on these spots. And there is Indian Flat near El Portal. They charge \$5 per person and \$5 per car. Call for reservations at (209) 379-2339. Finally, there's the Cedar Lodge in El Portal. Rooms start at \$80 per night, and the number there is (209) 379-2612. Talk to Arno at the August General Meeting or give him a call for more details. (916) 483-8711

Other points in the plan:

Soda Creek and Castle Creek will be 0 limit, artificials only. Other confluent tributaries will fall under the regulations for their associated river segment.

While a management plan doesn't dictate funding, the revised version of the Upper Sac plan includes a stronger commitment to enforcement. It includes a clarification of the current regulations which prohibits suction dredge mining. As well, DFG commits to pursuing other put-and-take opportunities in the local area on water separated from the Sacramento River and its tributaries. We'll seek clarification on what this means. Meanwhile, in related news, this year's snorkel surveys will be conducted in the next few weeks. Extensive snorkel surveys will be done by both DFG and by an outside consulting firm.

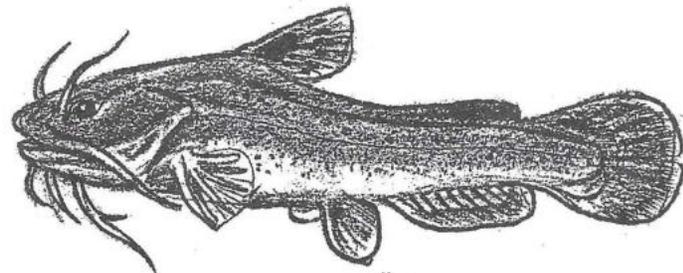
Action pending:

The inclusion of Zones 1 and 3 into the Wild Trout and Catch and Release Programs must be approved by the Fish and Game Commission. In order to "strike while the iron is hot," we recommended that this be brought before the Commission at the earliest possible date. It is currently scheduled to be discussed at the October meeting.. The Council will be sending a letter in support of these designation and urges others to do so as well. Letters should be sent to:

*California State Fish and Game Commission
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Copies of the plan:

I urge anyone with interest in the Upper Sac to acquire a copy of the plan and to do your own personal review. The more eyes the better. It includes the justifications for the conclusions and is more readable than most government agency documents I receive! To get a copy call (530) 225-2062.



NCCFFF Conservation Update

Final Blueprint for Upper Sacramento River Released

The long awaited management plan for the Upper Sac from Box Canyon Dam down to Lake Shasta has just been released. We haven't had a chance to review a print copy in depth, but here's what we know so far.

Management plan recap:

The river will be divided into 3 zones with the following proposed designations:

Zone 1: Box Canyon to Scarlett Way--wild trout and catch and release, artificials only ...0 limit

Zone 2: Scarlett Way to Sweetbriar Bridge--put and take, no gear restrictions...5 fish limit

Zone 3: Sweetbriar Bridge to Lake Shasta--wild trout and catch and release, artificials only...limit 2 fish

There does not appear to be any surprises. As expected, the Department of Fish and Game held to it's proposed plan to expand the put and take area an additional 4 miles down to the Sweetbriar Bridge. While the comments received by DFG ran 3-1 against expansion, there was strong sentiment for expanded stocking from local residents and a few local government bodies. While we would have preferred 0 kill in Zone 3, DFG concluded that the two fish limit was justified by pre-spill experience and recent snorkel data. The two fish limit would go into effect with the year 2002 fishing regulations.

While it's disappointing that the put-and-take expansion was included and the kill of fish will be allowed in Zone 3, there is some good news. As we recommended, the plan was amended to include a commitment to inclusion of Zones 1 and 3 in both the Wild Trout and Catch and Release Programs. This is noteworthy because this would preclude fish stocking in these stretches. Without the Wild Trout designation, stocking policy is up to the DFG's discretion and could change over time. With these designations, approximately 28 miles of the river will be wild trout and catch and release water. Prior to the spill, there were no restrictions except for a 14 mile section which had only the catch and release designation with a 2 fish limit.

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Meeting The Spey Rod

By John Hogg

About all I knew about spey casting was that they used big rods and that casters rotated the rod through some kind of figure eight pattern just before the cast...and, oh yeah, they could throw a fly 100 feet or more without hardly any effort. So when the opportunity came to attend a clinic put on by world renowned Simon Goesworth, I jumped at the chance.

Spey casting incorporates a special rod and several unique techniques and takes its name from the river Spey in Scotland. The large river requires long casts to adequately cover the water, yet high banks, and steep access force the angler to remain close to shore and puts a severe limit on back casting. A strong current calls for a downstream quartering cast, one or two big mends, and then a swing of the fly to straight downstream before retrieval.

Conventionally, the obvious answer when back casting is the roll cast, but results are limited as changes of direction are cumbersome, and for most, the maximum distance, under ideal circumstances, is fifty feet or so. Enter the spey rod: at an average length of 14 feet, the roll cast can now be easily driven to ninety feet! But what about that change of direction from straight down stream? How do you pick up that ninety feet of line and redirect it across the current? This leads to one of the most interesting, and fun casts, (when you do it right): the forward spey cast.

Now, just so you won't appear as a novice, know that this cast is usually called by other names--the jump roll, or most commonly, the switch cast. The switch cast starts almost like a roll cast except as the caster draws the rod up and back it is actually accelerated to a stop so that the line is lifted off the water, is airborne, and comes back low across the water toward the caster. The object is for the tip of the line to hit the water just in front of the caster, and at that instant the cast is made. This technique eliminates most of the surface tension that limits roll casts and at the same time creates a loop that extends behind the caster only a matter of 10 to 15 feet. The results are astounding! Working with 12 feet of leader, a 14 foot rod and a line with 52 feet of taper, a 78 foot cast is achieved without even shooting any line! Most of us from the single handed rod community tend to treat the spey rod the same way. That is, on the

The creek is filled with small to medium sized Rainbows and a good population of Browns. You will need to be mindful of where you are in relationship to the sun, since the water is somewhat thin and gin clear, in order to avoid spooking the trout. Keep in the shadows as much as possible, and use side arm casting techniques to avoid flashing your rod over the heads of fish holding in front of you. Wear neutral colored clothing; white is a no-no. Greens, blues, dark tans and similar earth tones are fine. If you are wading wet, I suggest wearing a pair of long nylon pants over your shorts, since there are mosquitoes and the dreaded blackflies to contend with. Repellant works, but we all know what it does to monofilament and fly lines, and it doesn't feel good when we accidentally rub an eye after slathering on the bug juice.

Upstream of the foot bridge, there are some nice deep slots and a lot of interesting pocket water. If you wander far enough up the creek, you will come to a marvelous waterfall with a cave-like pool. I firmly believe that there is a Loch Ness monster somewhere in this deep, mysterious looking emerald pool, although you'd never know it by the 2 and 3-inches I've taken from it.

Downstream from the bridge there is also some interesting water. Be aware it's not too far down from the foot bridge that the creek begins to fall more steeply into the canyon on its way down to the North Fork of the Middle Fork. Once this begins to happen, there is more white water and fewer pools, and at times the canopy is nearly impenetrable.

As in the case of Long Canyon Creek, the same caveats apply. Incidentally, one very helpful trick to keep cool on the way out is to douse your kerchief in the water before leaving the creek, and then tie it on your head or capture it under your hat (especially good for those who are "follicle-challenged").

Next month we'll explore some of the trails to and tributaries of the North Fork of the American River. So...off the couch and onto the stream!!!

Editor's note: A map of the areas described above was too cumbersome to fit on the page since it covers a fairly large range, so one will be provided at the August General Meeting; look for a copy at the front table.

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Local Fishing continued

If you feel adventuresome enough, there are also a number of other creeks that drain into the Rubicon canyon, access to which is from the Ralston Ridge Road farther up on the ridge, along the way to Hell Hole Reservoir.

In any event, all of the same caveats regarding drinking water, food, snakes, wasps, ticks, poison oak, miners, and water levels, all trumpeted in Part I apply to your hike into and your fishing along Long Canyon Creek. Enjoy, but be mindful of the risks and don't go alone.

El Dorado Creek

This beautiful little gem is located along the Last Chance Trail which begins in the historic town of Michigan Bluff. To get to Michigan Bluff, go to Foresthill (see July, 2000 Leader) but instead of turning into the canyon at Mosquito Ridge Road, continue on Foresthill Road through the town of Foresthill to the Michigan Bluff right hand turnoff located around 2-3 miles out of town. Follow the windy road down to Michigan Bluff, and park near the end of town where you will see historical markers and information. The trailhead is obvious once you are there.

This trail falls rather steeply into the canyon; remember that as you descend the trail, keeping in mind that the trip out is relentlessly uphill all the way back. Leave plenty of time and have plenty of water for this part of the day. Also, you will meet up with runners training for the Western States 100, as this is part of the trail for that run. You will also encounter horses, as they too train for the Tevis Cup race on this trail. Please give the runners and especially the horses plenty of room. If you take a dog, please keep it on a leash to avoid dangerous (to the riders) spooking of horses. After around 3 miles, you will come to a foot bridge crossing El Dorado Creek. The trail actually continues on to where it will cross the North Fork of the Middle Fork, but since you will be fishing El Dorado Creek you can save that for another day.

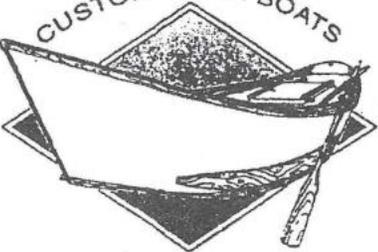
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downstream side, the double spey movement is used so that the line tip lands in the water just downstream of the caster's position.

One final thought, conveyed in the wake of painful experience. When a spey rod is assembled, the ferrule joints should be taped with vinyl electrical tape for reinforcement. Like conventional fly rods, graphite spey rods are being built with fast actions, and the ferrules tend to be the weak point of the rod.

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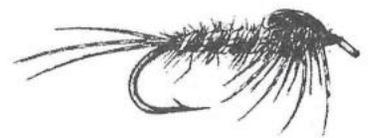
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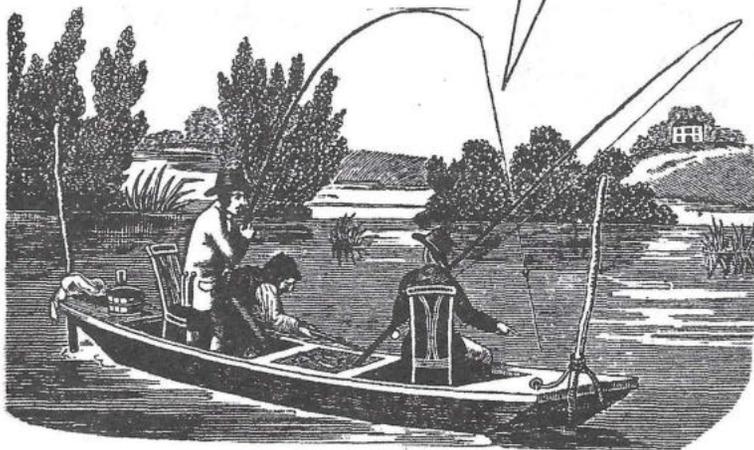
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Local Fishing Opportunities

By Bill Carnazzo

Tributaries of the Middle Fork American River PART II

Last month we featured the main Rubicon River and the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American River, both of which are tributary to the Middle Fork. This month let's explore two smaller streams: El Dorado Creek, which is tributary to the North Fork of the Middle Fork; and Long Canyon Creek, which is tributary to the Rubicon. As was the case for Part I of this series, there will be copies available of the map for these streams at the general meeting in August.

Long Canyon Creek

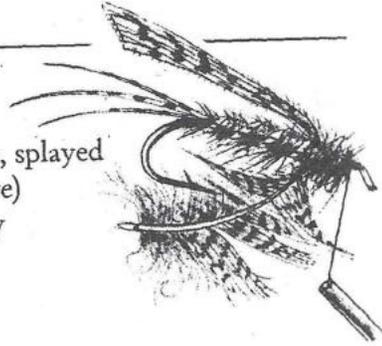
There are two ways to gain access to Long Canyon Creek. The first of these involves fishing or hiking up the Rubicon River itself, beginning at Oxbow Reservoir (see July, 2000 Leader). This is a scenic, but somewhat strenuous trek, with a few tricky areas requiring off-stream overland travel before reaching Long Canyon Creek. The distance is around 2 ½ miles, or maybe a little more. You will know you are there when you find the foot bridge crossing the Rubicon, as that is just downstream from where Long Canyon Creek enters the Rubicon.

The other way to get there is to follow the directions to Oxbow, and continue on past the power house on the Ralston Ridge Road, which pulls steeply upward after leaving Oxbow. Once at the top of the ridge, watch for signs pointing to the trailhead for Long Canyon Creek and/or Nevada Point. The trail is actually an old roadway for part of the way, and a trail for the rest. OHV's often use this trail, so watch for them. The trail is about 3 miles in length to the bottom of the canyon where you will find the creek. At the confluence there is a steep wall and a deep pool, so you will have to work upstream a bit to get on to the creek. Just downstream is a footbridge. This is a good place to "take a dip" after the dusty hike.

All of the trout are wild fish, mostly rainbows with a few browns mixed in. The average fish is small, with an occasional large brute. I have seen some large, scary looking shapes in the deep pools, but have been unable to hook them. I will, though, someday. Use the same patterns as were recommended for the Rubicon, but be observant as to what is going on with the resident bugs. In the deeper pools, adorn your leader with split shot as the larger fish will be hugging the bottom during summer months.

Flytyer's Corner continued

Tail	Olive pheasant tail, 3 fibers, splayed
Abdomen	Stripped peacock quill (olive)
Wingcase	Pearl flashabou over turkey
Legs	Olive pheasant tail
Thorax and collar	Olive superfine dubbing



Instructions

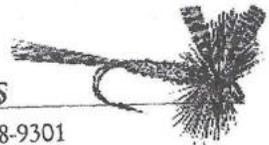
1. Place bead on hook, and cover hook shank with thread. To help hold the bead in place, wind on 3 or 4 wraps of .020 lead, and push it into the bead. The thread will hold all in place.
2. Tail is 3 fibers of olive PT, splayed so that one is in middle, one is out to each side. Tie in just above back end of barb.
3. Take one peacock herl, and using a soft eraser, strip off the herl from the quill. Take an indelible olive marker and "dye" it olive. Tie it in at the same place as the tail, and wind it forward all the way to the bead. Tie it off and bring thread back to about 1/3 of shank behind eye.
4. Here tie in a single piece of pearl flashabou, with the end facing to rear; next tie in a piece of turkey quill about 1/8" in width, also facing backwards.
5. Dub an olive thorax using fine dubbing.
6. Pull the turkey over the top, and tie off behind the bead. Then do the same with the flashabou.
7. Form short legs with a couple of fibers of pheasant tail, just behind bead.
8. Apply an olive dubbing collar, and whip finish.
9. If you feel real fancy, tie up a bunch and then mix up some epoxy and place a drop of it on top of the wingcase. Not necessary and the fish could give a rip, but cute.

See ya on the creek!!!!



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Pattern for August Program: Bird's Nest Nymph (with bead)
(featured in the July 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

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* *The winner of the gift certificate in the non-beginner category will be determined by a drawing between those who have entered that specific contest.*

Winner(s) for July:

Beginner: n/a

Non-beginner: Steve Johnston (and best fly)

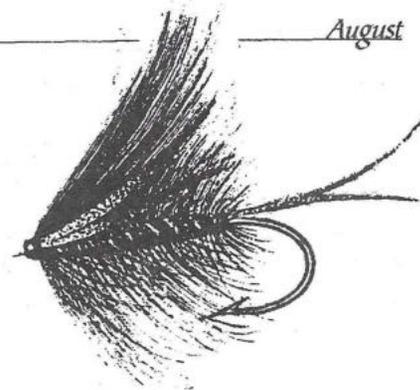
Program rules:

- * 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.

Flytyer's Corner

BY

BILL CARNAZZO



Beadhead Micro Mayfly

There are those times when only tiny flies will trigger strikes. Looking at these tiny imitations, one naturally wonders how in the world a fish can see them; how, even if they can see them, could they believe that it is worth the effort to eat such a small critter; and, even if they do see one and decide to eat your imitation, how can such a hook sink into a larger fish's jaw and then not straighten out when the chips are down in the fight.

I have learned my lessons in this regard. Fish do indeed, at times, respond to tiny flies and yes, you can land larger fish although hooking them takes a bit more patience and finesse in striking once the strike is detected. I have found it helpful to set the hook in a gentle manner, using a pull on the line and a simultaneous downstream movement of the rod tip. Sometimes you can actually feel a small hook scraping across the inside of a fish's mouth—especially larger fish. So, be patient and concentrate on “hitting” the strike with less vigor, and get used to pulling on the line at the same time; your hooking percentage with small bugs should increase with such techniques.

The selected fly is a Mike Mercer creation, according to the literature. Tying small requires a steady hand and slow movements, so here we go.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 3906 or other standard nymph hook, #
Head	Small copper bead
Thread	Chartreuse 6/0 or 8/0

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