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## Granite Bay Flycasters

**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting fly fishing skills and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group Picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Drake Johnson at (916) 783-0343.

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.

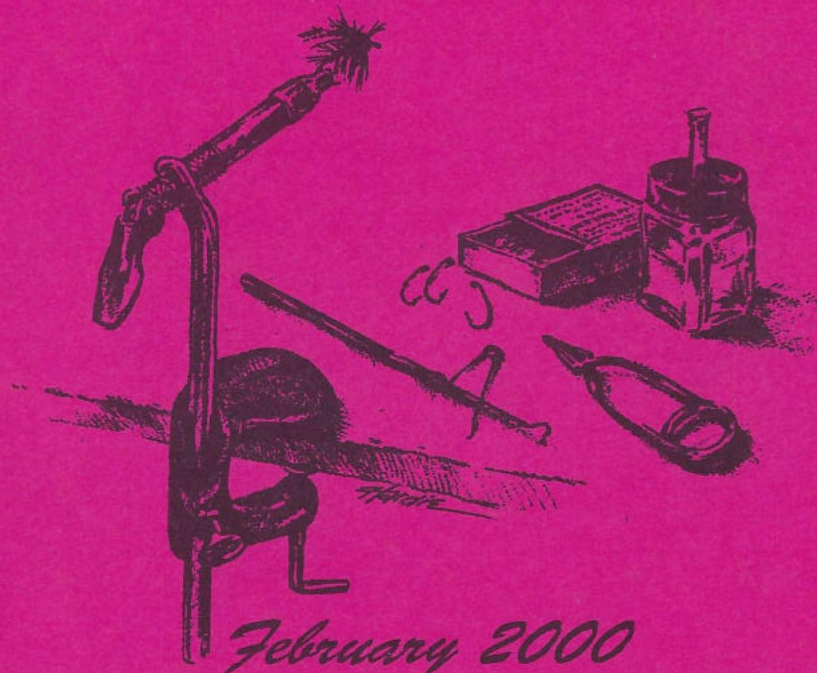
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# The Leader

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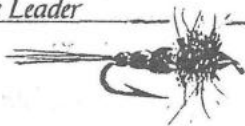
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## The Tail-Out Section

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the way, the young boy wasn't keying into "the hatch" nor was he dredging the bottom with a specific terrestrial; he caught the beast on a nightcrawler two feet below a bobber. Go figure.

I went into a sport shop the other day to get my license, and on the wall was a picture of a young boy holding a 23 pound rainbow that he took from Natomas Lake, of all places. A 23 pound rainbow at Natomas, for gosh sakes!

I have fished that lake from all sides and have caught very little. Casually on walks with a friend or with my wife, intensely on really fishy-looking days when the fish *should* be biting, and a couple times from the tube have I fished this lake, and the most I have caught were a couple 10-12 inch trout! Where's *my* 23 pound hog!?

But then what are the odds of catching such a big fish from Natomas? This is not a rhetorical question I'm asking. I really would like to know if there are big fish in there and how I might go about finding them!

Now I have been told that Natomas runs deep in the middle due to the scouring action of the American River and that the big fish are tucked at the bottom of this rift to where feeder streams from the banks convey food. Maybe I'm not going deep enough? Or perhaps I need to be there when the supposed Hexagenia hatch occurs, spinners littering the surface and bringing the trout up. Then again, maybe I should focus on where the river comes in, below the boundary cable and the prison, perhaps dragging a crayfish pattern? What's the answer?

But this begs the question: Is it worth it? Is Natomas really that hot anyway? Most people I ask this question to aren't very enthusiastic about the place. Why not? If there's anyone with some perspective on this place, let me know; it's driving me crazy! By

## February Program

### An Update on the Cutthroat Community with Dave Lentz

Dave Lentz has been an Associate Fishery Biologist working for the California Department of Fish and Game's Wild Trout Program since 1989. Dave coordinates wild trout management statewide, working with the 7 other DFG wild trout specialists. The Wild Trout Program works with many biologists from state and federal agencies and with volunteers, mostly from the affiliated clubs from the two California Councils of the Federation of Fly Fishers, to conduct a statewide inventory of trout streams and to monitor wild trout waters. The Wild Trout program manages over 1,080 miles of streams and 19 lakes.

Dave will talk about fishing for California's cutthroat trout. We are fortunate to be the home of three subspecies of cutthroats. Unfortunately, two of them are listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. However, there still are many good opportunities for cutthroat fishing in the eastern Sierra and on the north coast.

So pull up a chair and listen as Dave provides us with an update on the status of the Wild Trout Program (and the new companion program—California Heritage Trout) while becoming more familiar with the distribution of the wild cutthroat trout, a voracious eating fish of beauty that is a key part of our California heritage.

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## President's Message Drake Johnson

Greetings! Looks like we are finally getting some winter weather. I was enjoying the long fall but was beginning to worry about our streams and lakes being in good shape this spring. It looks like this shouldn't be a problem for now.

We received many compliments on our Cal Expo Booth. It really looked great! Thank you all who took time to help out tending to our booth, and thanks to those who helped out in the other public service activities like youth fly tying and the FFF booth. If anyone has any suggestions on how to make our booth better for next year please let me know either at a club meeting or by email (johnsods@jps.net).

I hope all of you that haven't bought your Annual Dinner ticket(s) are planning to do so at our next meeting. If you're going to the dinner, why put it off and miss out on the "early bird raffle" by not buying your ticket by March 1<sup>st</sup>? **Jeremy Gray** will have more to say about the dinner and the Al Kyte casting clinic (put on during the day) before the dinner.

The Annual Dinner is our major fundraiser for the year, and as you "ol' timers" know, it is customary for each member to donate a raffle prize for the dinner. The raffle prize item can be something you have that would simply make a good prize like flies you have tied or new equipment that you have that is extra to your needs. Or you can purchase an item to donate, or perhaps donate a gift certificate for an item that is not fly fishing related but would make a good prize for someone that does not fish. If none of this works for you, then please make a cash donation. The money will be used to purchase prizes. We are able to purchase prizes at a significant discount from our local shops. All prize donations should be given to Karen Losee at the club meeting. Enough about the need for raffle prizes.

At the last Board Meeting the Conservation Committee reported on what they are doing to protect the Bear River in the area of our

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you so sure anyway? I mean, it's hard enough for a skeptical old crust like me to swallow this business of former personalities to begin with; as you know, I choke on it."

"Well," ventured Royal, somewhat buoyed by ATC's candor and by his attempts to control his usually-instant dialogue-killing snide remarks and laughter, "it's just that we've had so many, shall we say, encounters with bears, that I've concluded that they seem to seek me out. And why else would they be dogging me unless we have this, you know, bond?"

"You can't be serious," said ATC as Whitefish took a particularly bone-jarring bounce over a deep rut. "That's right, Whitefish," he thought to himself, "I feel the same way."

"Besides," continued ATC, "since I've been with you at most of what you call encounters, have you concluded that I *too* am affected by this supposed kinship?"

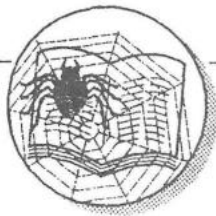
Royal laughed at the typical inescapable logic of his friend's question. "Look, ATC, I haven't thought this through all that far, and I can only speak for myself."

Continuing, Royal countered with the final arrow in his quiver. "Look, ATC, isn't it true that bears are fisherman of sorts?"

"Yes," replied ATC, immediately seeing where Royal was going with this last rationalization, "but so are some birds. So are you telling me that because you love fishing you must have been a bear?"

"It's as clear as that water we just fished," replied Royal, undaunted by ATC's continued skeptical questioning. "Besides, it helps to explain what occurred in at least most of the bear encounters we've had over the years."

"Well, let me ask you this, then. How many bears have you seen release fish? If you were a bear once, keeping everything you caught, how is it that you do the exact opposite now? I've never heard of bears being subject to gentle persuasion—at least I'm not going to try that approach next time we meet up with one." A slight smile appeared at the corners of ATC's mouth as he herded Whitefish down the dusty wagon path of a road, sensing that Royal was going to have a tough time with that one.



## From the Archives

### The Misadventures of Royal B. Pocketwater An installment in a series by Bill Carnazzo: 1992

At the end of the last chapter, we took leave of Royal and ATC as they were bouncing down the dirt road in Whitefish (ATC's truck), as ATC wistfully asked Royal what he planned to be when he grew up.

"I don't know—a preacher, maybe. Don't they only work on Sunday?"

"How would you know, heathen? When was the last time your shadow darkened the threshold, so to speak?" quipped ATC.

"Actually," said Royal, desperately wanting to change the subject, "I was wondering what I used to be."

"Huh?" said ATC, looking dubiously over at Royal to see what he was drinking.

"Look," said Royal, "it may sound weird, but I think I know what I was in my last life. If you'll just resist your usual urge to laugh and belittle me about this, maybe I'll tell you."

"Who's laughing?" said ATC struggling to contain the guffaw building inside. (They had, of course, gotten into this discussion many times, with Royal holding forth seriously and the entirely skeptical ATC all the while poking fun. The inevitable result was that Royal clammed up and refused to discuss it further. Knowing this, ATC decided to restrain himself—at least for the moment.)

"I'm convinced I was a bear," Royal blurted out, disclosing his belief somewhat sheepishly.

The paroxysm of laughter now nearly overcoming ATC; he still managed to spit out a question in an effort to gain some time. "A bear? What kind of bear?"

"Just a @\$%& bear, ATC!" said Royal, somewhat piqued at ATC's questions. "And why is your face so red. You really ought to have those veins sticking out on your neck checked out."

"It's hot in here," replied ATC, lying. "Besides, you seem so definite and final in your conclusion that you were once a bear. What makes

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restoration work. I must say they are a dedicated and hard working group and are making great progress. The Board also took a look at the schedule of activities for the year. Pete Peterson will be doing a series of classes on tying bass flies this year. Plus, we started our beginning fly tying class (Jeff Medina) and we'll start our intermediate (Bill Carnazzo) fly tying class on Feb. 21st. John Hogg will be putting on a casting clinic in the spring. These are just a few of the activities we are organizing for this year.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to see you at the meeting, or on the water.

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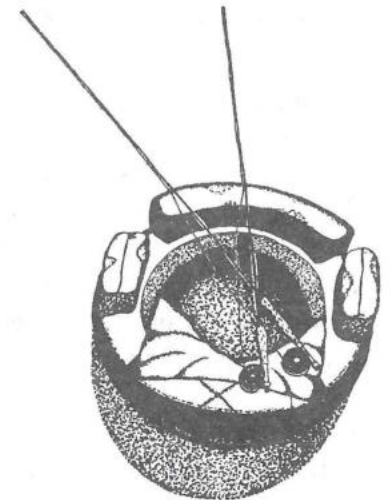


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## Announcements

### Drip, Drip, Drip

Have you fallen in lately? It seems that some of us are naturally attracted to water and fall in it more often than others while fishing. Now on *one level*, this isn't funny. It's quite serious. Such accidents can (and have) lead to injury and/or death. Then why is it that our first childlike reaction upon seeing our fishing partner go "splash" in the water is a quick burst of laughter? Because on *another level*, it is very, very funny to see.

Have you seen your fishing partner dunk recently...again? Does this club member have no grace around water, frequently splashing about below the film in search of a more forgiving gravity? Well, he (you) may be eligible for a grand prize! Yes, the club is looking for someone who fits these webbed shoes and we want to honor him/her at the Annual Dinner with the Wet Fly Award. Don't be shy. Step forward at the next General Meeting and nominate this person (or yourself) for this place of distinction, or talk to **Drake** at the break if you want your nomination to be anonymous. Either way, there must ultimately be proof of the fall(s), i.e. torn clothing, leech suction marks, webbed feet—or more likely, a picture. Meanwhile, stay dry.

### Members Are Stepping Up!

Members are stepping up to the responsibility and the rewarding experience of club participation. The three director positions which were reported vacant in the last issue of The Leader may soon be filled! Thanks to **Denny Welch, Jeremy Gray and Gray Allen** for stepping up for this role; they will make the 2000 Board complete. All of these guys have a lot of irons in the fire, if you will, but will carve out time to join in the essential planning and decision making required to keep our formidable club afloat. Help welcome these gentlemen a'Board at the next General Meeting by voting them in.

And speaking of keeping things afloat, equal thanks goes to those who have responded to the call for volunteers elsewhere in the club. **Jim and Mac Hunter** are our new Librarians. You'll see them at the media table at the back of the clubhouse during the General Meetings. Welcome them in there new position while checking out the wide

### Conservation *continued*

time of the year they were quite hungry for meat. Instead, it was the beginning of a period of self-restriction lasting several days during which ceremonies were held in honor of their source of sustenance. The end result was time for spawning and reproduction before the fish were taken for food. I found this a most impressive example of conservation.

In addition, the author describes the geology of the watershed and speaks of the logging boom that devastated many of the state's riparian corridors and which took a particularly heavy toll on the Mattole. Fortunately the hatchery program that nearly wiped out genetic diversity throughout California rivers did not reach this river.

The success part of the story is in the evolution of the watershed restoration/protection group. By the time I read to the part of the book where the protection group had taken numerous trips to the County Assessors' Office to map parcel numbers and landowners, I realized that our club had just gone through that very same process for the Bear River, and at this point I started paying more attention for hints of funding sources and other guidance. I found it interesting that once funding was obtained, the group chose to invest the money to train nonprofessional locals to do the necessary baseline research and technical data gathering rather than to just hire professionals. An important conservation lesson that I learned from this book was that they knew in the end they would get a better product from their own organization, a group of local residents coming together from diverse backgrounds and interests, with a common goal to bring back the health of the river. Sound familiar?

This book provides something for everyone: good literature, regional interest, history of the salmon fishery in California and great entertainment. I recommend seeking it out at the library table for all of these reasons. However, I think this is an especially important book because it will allow you an opportunity to gain insight into the workings of a local conservation movement and to better realize the chain of events that makes watershed management so important for salvaging our remaining wild fisheries.

**Title:** Totem Salmon - Life Lessons from Another Species

**Author:** Freeman House

Beacon Press, Boston, 1999

## Conservation Corner

By Cindy Leggett

Okay, I admit that this month I'm taking advantage of this space to kill two birds with one stone. I'm getting a conservation message out through a book report, because this nonfiction book is about a successful grassroots conservation project in Northern California and I think we can learn from their experiences.

While I was reading Totem Salmon, by Freeman House, it occurred to me that in many ways this story parallels our club's own investment of time and sweat over the past five years to restore our beloved Bear River and our current efforts to preserve the Bear Valley. After awhile I discovered I was not just reading for recreation and the fine poetic prose offered by this book but for guidelines and direction for some of the things I'm trying to accomplish as your Vice President of Conservation.

One thing that really struck home for me was the power of backyard conservation exemplified in this book, the efforts of a small local group focused on an area close to home and dear to their hearts. The setting is on one of our North Coast Salmon/Steelhead streams, the Mattole River. It is a true story about the efforts of a diverse group of locals who attempt to preserve one of the last genetically pure Pacific Coast salmon runs.

It begins with the author recounting his New Years Eve, 1982, in a trailer parked in a remote area on the Mattole River. He is waiting for a spawning hen to work her way upstream and enter a man-made enclosure. She is one of the last remaining purely native species of her kind and is captured for her eggs, which will be fertilized by the milt of a captured male, transported to an incubator and later delivered to a suitable redd up-river in hopes of increasing the odds for survival. The author, cofounder of the Mattole Watershed Salmon Support Group and the Mattole Restoration Council, vividly describes his lonely streamside watch on this damp and cold coastal evening in a way that only a salmon or steelhead fisherman can easily envision.

The author continues by describing the history of the area's salmon fishery and discusses the early Native American rituals. Although it was noted that the three major tribes didn't particularly get along, they had well worn paths between their camps for the primary purpose of informing each other of the arrival of the first salmon run. This, however was not the signal to run out and kill as many fish as possible, although by this

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assortment of books, magazines and videos available to members. Thanks also to Mike Brune for taking his time to insure that club merchandise is displayed at the General Meetings and that new items are brought to our attention. See Mike at the meeting or give him a call if you are interested in one or our items. (916) 723-4524

Interested in serving the club in a volunteer position? Check out the "Volunteer Board" in each issue of The Leader for new opportunities; there's bound to be a role that excites your interest.

## Cal Expo Booth: A Follow-up

The International Sportsman's Exposition show at Cal-Expo, which occurred January 12-16, was a huge success! Many members signed up for duty at GBF's booth in the fly fishing hall. If you ask them, they'll tell you: this was a great club event, well worth the couple of hours spent in the booth, having fun and meeting people—as well as promoting the club and its activities.


Thanks to all of the smiling volunteers who helped put together the booth and staff it during the show. We gain many new members from this event each year, and we also seek and obtain commitments for raffle prizes for our Annual Dinner from other show participants. Keep this event in mind for next year!

## Dues Are Like Taxes

Have you ever been late with your taxes? Not many of you have, because you *know* what the consequences are. As with taxes, so too are there consequences for being late with club dues. Now don't fret. You'll not be sent fishing at Nimbus basin in November for being late, nor will you be required to follow the Gary Berger color coding system—nothing drastic. **But you may not find The Leader in your mailbox next month.** That's bad. And starting in February, those who aren't "paid up" must, upon entering through the doors at the General Meeting, don a hat that has stenciled on it, "Hi, I've been a guest for over a year and have yet to pay club dues." So step up to the plate; buck up (no pun intended); get it in gear—whatever cliché floats your boat...just pay your dues. (Just joking about the hat.) And by the way, don't forget to do your taxes.

# **!Notice - Attention!**

As you probably know, GBF depends on many organizations and businesses to make contributions to our raffle and silent auction for our annual dinner. On occasion, one of our donors will ask us for a copy of our mailing list. Since these companies are typically outdoor recreation or fishing businesses, providing the list hasn't created any problems, so we provide them with the list. We mention this periodically in The Leader so that our members are aware of this practice. The list we provide does not include any telephone numbers. If you are concerned about your name being on this list, then please contact **Jim Ferguson**, VP of Membership, by February 17, 2000 and let him know so your name will not be included on the list. (916) 781-2358



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# ~ Top Ten List ~

*Indicators that you may be in for a long weekend*

*By Denny Welch*

## **You know you're in for a long weekend when your new fishing partner...**

10. shows up with a metal stringer hanging off his fishing vest.
  9. asks you, "how much do you know about the Amway sales and marketing plan?"
  8. pulls out the latest issue of Playboy and wants to show you the pictures.
  7. keeps picking his nose and you notice some dry shiny stuff on his waders.
  6. claims, "yeah, I always carry a gun when I go fishin'. Never know when you're gonna run into a rattlesnake, rabid dog or someone you just don't like the looks of. Heh, heh."
  5. exhibits his idea of "using the bathroom" in a way that reminds you of the worst day of your life.
  4. talks so fast and so loud that it drives you crazy within an hour and all you want to do is jump out of the car and run.
  3. exclaims excitedly, "hey, what say you and I go out and find us some chicks!"
  2. smashes power bait on to his fly.
- And the number one way in which you'll know it's going to be a long weekend is...***
1. claims after a long day of fishing, "ya know, my shoulder's pretty sore from all that casting today. Do you suppose you could give me a back-rub?"

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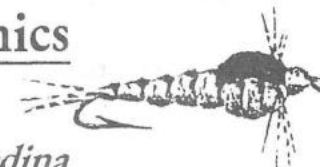
### *Lincoln Arts Gallery: The Art of Fly Fishing*

Ceramics, canvas art, nets and fly boxes, fly tying furniture: these are a sample of the art media that will be on display at the Lincoln Arts Gallery. It's a complimentary blend of hobbies and expression that you won't want to miss! A reception and open house will be held on Saturday, February 12 during which you can meet the artists while enjoying refreshments. Additionally, there will be fly tying demonstrations, cane rod building demonstrations by Dennis Crockett, antique fly fishing equipment on display and a casting pool set up. For more information or directions, call (916) 645-9713.

### Fly Tying Clinics

January 31, February 7 & 14

### *Beginning Fly Tying With Jeff Medina*



Jeff will teach the basics of fly tying during this three week class. This is a good class for those just starting off. Learn how to dub tapered fly bodies, attach wings with precision, wind hackle through a fly body and lots more! The club will provide the materials, Jeff Medina will provide the expertise. A nominal fee of \$15 is required; those coming late can pay a prorated amount. Come learn to tie at the clubhouse! Call Jeff for more information at (916) 353-1992.

February 21, 28 & March 6

### *Intermediate Fly Tying With Bill Carnazzo*

Want to improve your nymph tying skills, create cleaner, more realistic tapered bodies, improve on some crucial dry fly techniques? This and a great deal more can be learned from Bill Carnazzo during

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this three week course. Bill will be teaching this intermediate tying clinic, 7:00 sharp at the clubhouse. Although a number of members have already signed up, there will be a final sign-up sheet at the February General Meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, but are interested in the clinic, call Bill at 663-2604 for details. The fee for this class will be \$15.00, and materials will be provided.

March 13, 20, 27 & April 3

*Intermediate Bass Fly Tying With Pete Peterson*

Pete is a bass fishing maniac who loves to tie innovative bass patterns for a variety of situations. "I will not be teaching the basics," says Peterson, "but I won't be spinning deer hair either." Materials will be provided for this class in which you will learn to tie such classics as the Clouser Minnow and the Danger Baby and create some more obscure, yet as effective, flies such as the Sheep Shad, the Hair Jig and the Whistler. This class costs \$15 and will start at 7:00. For more information, call Pete at (916) 786-9133.

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 either of the following two dates: April 6 or 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. We will have a brochure, more information and a "firm commitment" sign-up sheet at both the February and March GBF meetings. In the meantime, if you have questions, or want to sign up early, call Ron at 1-800-FLYFSHN, or Bill at (916) 663-2604.

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length. Tighten the thread and add a few more turns and you have a perfect beard hackle.

Another way to add hackle legs to a nymph pattern is to take a soft webby feather and spread the fibers by stroking down the feather. Tie in the feather on top of the hook after completing the body and tying in the thorax shell material but before building the thorax. Dub the thorax, Pull the hackle feather down across the top of it so the fibers extend out to both sides and secure at the front. Then bring the thorax shell material over the top of the hackle and secure at the front. The hackle fibers should be sticking out to both sides from under the thorax shell. Until next time!

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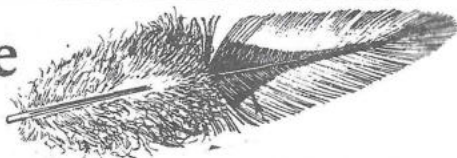
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# More On Hackle

## By Jim Cramer



Not all hackle is applied by wrapping the stem around the hook. Many patterns call for the hackle to be applied in the form of a beard. This simply means that the hackle fibers are cut or stripped from the stem and tied in on the under side of the hook in a bunch. I suspect that this was the first method of putting legs on a fly and only later did some clever fellow come up with the idea of wrapping the neck feather of a cock around the hook. One great advantage of the beard approach is that almost any fur, feather or hair can be used. The original size of the feather or the length of the hair is not important, (unless it is too short) as it can be tied in at the correct length and the butt ends clipped off. The wide variety of materials that can be used with this approach give the creative tier the ability to produce some very realistic, beautiful or unusual flies.

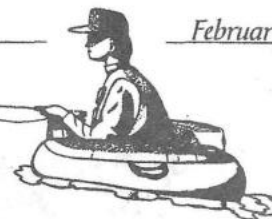
When preparing the material, attempt to even up the tips of the feather fibers before cutting them from the stem. This is much easier than trying to even them up after cutting them loose. The same applies for hair although you can stack it. Start with the tips even but don't worry too much if they slip a bit as this will give a staggered effect which looks realistic. If you can't handle enough material in one bunch for the entire fly, no sweat; tie in additional bunches to get the effect you desire. A beard is generally placed under the hook but a full hackle effect can be accomplished by distributing the material around the hook. I often tie my nymphs with a small short wisp of duck flank feather on each side of the thorax. I believe that it looks much more realistic than just a beard tied underneath.

A neat, easy variation of this tie-in is called the DeFeo method. Take a large webby neck hackle and carefully cut the center stem without cutting the hackle fibers. Take the butt portion of the feather which now has a large "V" in it and loosely tie it in under the hook with two or three turns of thread. Tie it in so that the fibers are much longer than you need. Now carefully pull the stem forward through the loose wraps of thread until the fibers are the correct

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Events continued

## Fish Outs



February 25-27

### McCumber Lake: Bruiser Browns

Rod and Cindy Leggett are going up here early on Friday to secure a campsite on the lake; there are about 10 at this PG&E campground, first come first serve. However, there are several campgrounds within a short distance of the lake. The lake isn't too big, Rod says--about 4-5 hundred acres. There's some big browns in this lake--and some planters too. Callibaetis in the afternoon (Timberline Emerger) and mayfly patterns at night (Parachute Adams). "It's a great place to float around," says Rod. "It's a nice area, and you don't see a lot of people around." Check out [www.theflyshop.com](http://www.theflyshop.com) and click on to "Stream Reports" for more info on this lake, and (or) call the Leggetts for more information at (916) 791-4710.

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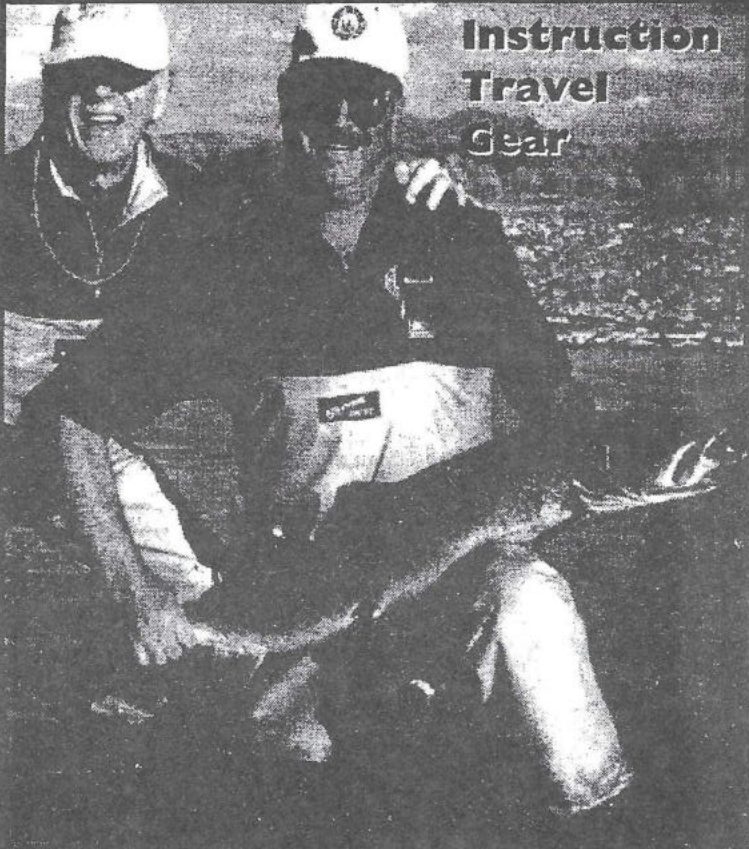
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## FLYTYING SKILLS PROGRAM

*Sponsored by American Fly  
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*Pattern for February Program: Little Winter Stone (dry)  
(featured in the January 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 January:**

**Beginner: Ron Calvert**

**Non-beginner: Ron English**

### **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*

### Mike Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis

This month's fly is designed to imitate the emergent form of the Caddis insect, rising from the bottom. It is an alternative to the LaFontaine Sparkle patterns and should be fished with a rising action. In stillwater, it can be stripped in short, quick strips.

#### Materials

Hook	TMC 2457; #12-16
Thread	Brown 6/0 or 8/0
Back	Turkey tail
Body	Dark olive antron dubbing
Rib	Chartreuse thread 6/0
Wing pads	Ginger Z-lon
Thorax	Peacock herl

#### Instructions

1. After attaching thread, tie in turkey tail just beyond bend of hook. This will become the back. The strip should be about 1/8" wide.
2. Tie in chartreuse thread for rib at the same spot.
3. Dub the body forward to about 1/3 shank length behind eye.
4. Pull turkey strip forward and tie off at forward end of body, forming the back.
5. Rib over body and back, using 6-8 turns of the chartreuse thread.
6. Tie in the Z-lon tufts at an outward angle from each side of the body. They should extend no further than the rear of the body.
7. Tie in three strands of peacock herl, and form a chenille. Now wrap a nice thorax to just behind eye.
8. Form small thread head and whip finish.

Enjoy, and see ya on the creek...!!!

## Volunteer Board

### Fishmaster

Ron English, who has been the Fishmaster for the last few years, deserves a break. We could use someone to look after these duties and help the Board plan regular fish outs. If your interested, talk with Ron to find out what is required. (530) 677-7169

### Advertising

Advertising in The Leader is a great way for businesses to attract new customers for very little money spent. It won't be tough to find folks willing to pay a few dollars (or the equivalent in merchandise) for a spot in our venerable newsletter. The money (or merchandise) we collect for ads goes to the raffle; proceeds from the raffle, in turn, go toward club projects and conservation interests.

What we need is someone to collaborate with the Board to determine an effective system by which to organize and maintain our advertising accounts. Someone with a little time, a little initiative and perhaps some experience/perspective is who we're looking for. Do you know this person? Is it you? For more information about this important role, call Chris Ronshausen at (916) 638-5615.

### Annual Dinner Staff

#### *Ticket Tracker*

Were looking for someone to track ticket sales for the Annual Dinner. This person will visit other club meetings to sell Annual Dinner and Grand Prize tickets. He/She will also be responsible for following up with fly shops that are selling tickets. If interested, call **Karen Losee** our raffle manager for information at (916)315-0708.

#### *Floor Supervisor*

This person will, perhaps with the help of another person, coordinate the day of the dinner. He/She will work with the caterer to make sure we have the right numbers of dinners for people, set up the sound system, get table clothes, coordinate someone at the doors, and organize the clean-up at the end of the night. Those interested who would like more information can call **Jeremy Gray** at hm(916)797-3312(h) or wk(530)478-9301.

## It's Almost Dinner Time!

By Jeremy Gray

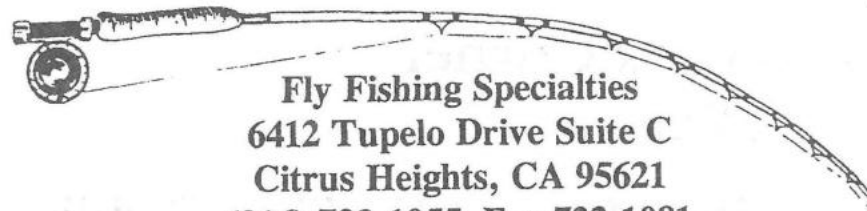
The Granite Bay Flycasters' Annual Dinner is fast approaching. This is our big fund raiser and we need your help to make it successful. This year's dinner, Saturday, March 25th, promises to be another major success! Al Kyte, PhD--author, fly-fishing and casting instructor and member of the Federation of Fly Fishers Board of Governors--will be our special guest for the evening.

Please purchase your tickets for the dinner by February 29, 2000. This early purchase assures your party a place, and it automatically enters you into an "early bird" raffle for a custom rod! Also, pledge to sell at least one ticket to a fellow fishing enthusiast, associate or friend. Tickets will be available at the General Meeting and at the local fly shops. Tickets are \$30. They include dinner and a special casting clinic at 2:00 p.m. the afternoon of the dinner.

We still need raffle prizes (fishing related or not) or discount certificates for products or services. Please solicit those who have the means to contribute. All donations will be specially acknowledged during the dinner. Take note that Granite Bay Flycasters is a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation making your donation tax deductible. The raffle is one of the highlights of the dinner, and the more prizes we get the more tickets we'll sell. Grand prize raffle tickets will also be on sale at the General Meeting. This year the grand prize will be a trip to Hawaii! What an easy selling point for raffle tickets, especially when they're only \$1 a piece! The member who sells the most Grand Prize raffle tickets will be awarded a special prize.

Help us make this year's Annual Dinner a smash by participating in the above-mentioned ways and watch how we grow as a club through our 15th year because of your efforts. Seek me out at the General Meeting, February 10, for more information about this event and for raffle tickets. Or give me a call at home (916) 797-3312 or at work (530) 478-9301. Or call Karen Losee, our enthusiastic Annual Dinner raffle manager for information at (916)315-0708.

~ See page 11 for Annual Dinner volunteer positions. ~



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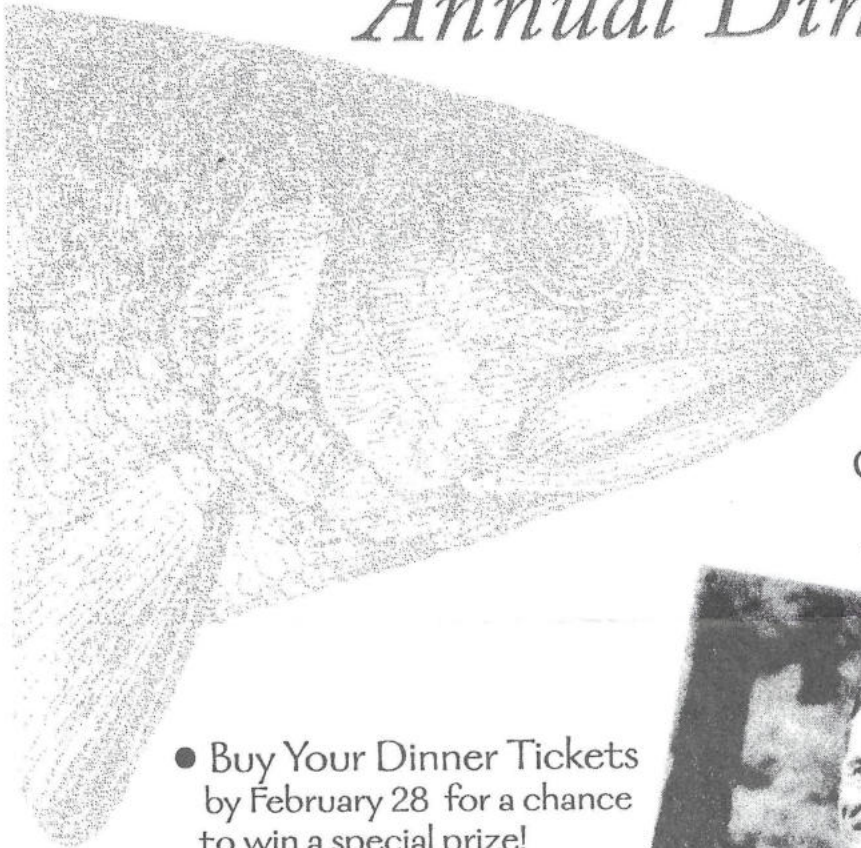
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