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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.

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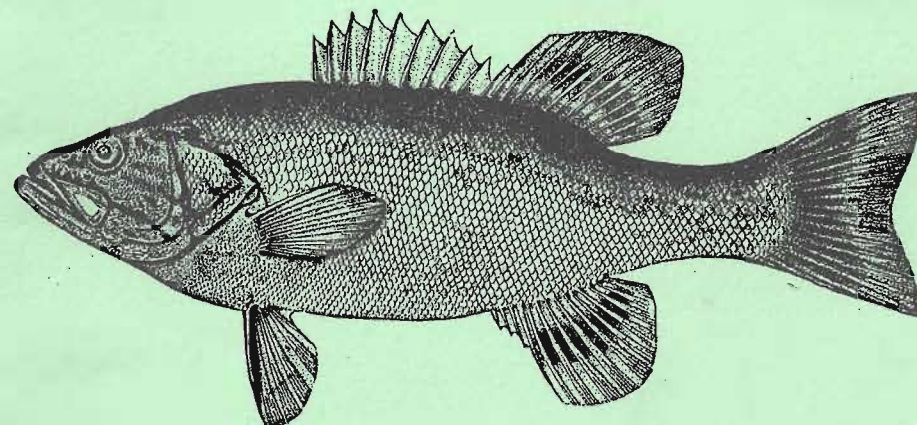
The doors open between 6:30 and 7:00 PM for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamite raffle follows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

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# March at a Glance

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Went steelhead fishing the other day for the first time since all the storms hit; been busy. The water was high on the American, probably at about 7000cfs. Regardless of the high flow, people were along the bank—just above the old red bridge in Fair Oaks—en masse! And there were fish being caught!

Now I haven't done a whole lot of steelhead fishing, so it was instructive for me to just watch people fish and listen to what they knew before I threw out. The following are some principles of fly fishing for steelhead on the American that I learned that day, above what I already knew:

1. A dead drift is essential when using a glo-bug/salmon egg pattern; (I knew it was essential for a natural insect pattern, but...) throwing a mend—upstream and downstream for a long drift—is essential.

2. Larger fish tend to hold above or below whitewater, resting up for their next push up-river; smaller steelhead (or half-pounders) tend to spend more time in faster water.

3. During high flows, fish are pushed toward the bank where the current is slowed down. (Actually I was told this before but didn't entirely believe it until a fish "tailed up" a foot off the bank in front of me and nearly splashed my feet!)

4. You gotta' fill out your steelhead report card regardless of whether you catch fish. (I wonder how many of us do this?) It's a way of tracking where the fish are/aren't as much as it is for recording your take to stay legal.

5. Fly fishers and bait fishers can fish together only with great restraint—and a quick retrieval.

It pays sometimes just to observe and listen. Next time I'm going to learn hands-on...and hopefully fish on!

## March Program

During the bitter cold and rainy months of winter, there's no better way to warm up than through your imagination. Visualize Belize. **Better yet, come to the March program and saturate your imagination with images of Belize brought to you compliments of Bill Kiene.** He and Andy Guibord of Kiene's Fly Shop will be stopping by at the clubhouse to share with us some fantastic fishing opportunities just north of the equator. Through a slide-show presentation, Kiene will take us fishing in the brackish estuaries and shallow saltwater flats of Belize in search of bonefish, permit and tarpon, among other species.

The travel log begins in the southern town of Placentia and weaves north to Belize City, with stops along the way at inland waters, most notably the Monkey River. En route, **Bill** will point out areas of natural interest, introduce us to the native culture and suggest accommodations best suited to the traveling fly fisher.

**Bill Kiene, from what I hear, puts on a mean presentation.** Come by the clubhouse on **Thursday March 9th**, and let him and Andy "heat up" your imagination with images of Belize while stirring up interest in a future trip.

By the way, for those interested in getting a closer look at the flies that are most effective in this region of Central America, come early and see Andy tie up a couple; he'll be set up to tie between 6:30 and 7:00. See ya there!

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## President's Message

### Drake Johnson

Well, we finally got our rain. The streams are now high; the lakes and rivers muddy; the Sierra's deep in snow and the sun is at a premium. A friend's nine year old daughter said, after listening to her father grouse about the recent weather, "Dad, look what a great Fall we had." She's right. So, not to despair, I have managed to get on the water during breaks in the weather—Rancho Seco and Mather Park pond—and even caught a fish or two; these outings are a sort of fix for my need to be on the water. I hope you, too, have found a way to relieve the tension of the winter season as you dream of spring days to come.

One way to relax is to join the club at our Annual Dinner. If you have never attended one of the Dinners, I highly recommend it. The food is very good, and this year's speaker, **Al Kyte**, is expected to be of interest to all. For the raffle, there are what seems like a gazillion prizes. So the more raffle tickets you buy at the dinner, the better chance you have at winning something. And if you buy *a lot* of raffle tickets, you have a better chance of winning *big!* However, whether you win big, win small or don't win at all, the money goes to help the Club, and that is the goal for the Annual Dinner.

For those of you new to the Club, the Annual Dinner is our only fund raising event; the charges for all other events like fishouts, clinics or classes are created to *only* cover the cost associated with the event. The funds collected from the Annual Dinner go to support our conservation programs. Keep in mind that funds and items donated for the raffle are considered tax deductible since the club now has 501C tax status.

Here's yet another reason why it's such a good idea to participate in the Annual Dinner: by going to the dinner, donating prizes or cash to buy prizes for the raffle, participating in the silent auction and selling lots of Grand Prize raffle tickets, you are directly contributing to the club from which you receive the benefits during the remainder of the year. So be sure to get your Annual Dinner ticket(s) and come and enjoy a great evening—and invite or take a

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water temperatures are stressed to the point that they will die. Fishing to bass on their nests means certain death for their fry. And "catch and release" only just begins to consider the broader environmental issues.

The Hippocratic oath, which states the fundamental ethic of medicine, is sometimes summarized as "first, do no harm." Applied to flyfishing, this is good advice and maybe better captures what we are really trying to do. On its own, it doesn't tell us much about how to achieve this end and of course various individuals have their own views of what constitutes harm. The debate on "wise use" versus "improvement" versus "restoration" versus "just leave it alone!" will not soon be resolved.

I like Wetherell's "put, not take." It speaks to many aspects of our lives—family, community, rivers and their environs. They are connected. We are often reminded of the heroic acts of a few individuals. They can be great sources of inspiration; but, in the end, the world changes for better or worse through the cumulative effect of the many seemingly small but important day to day acts of each of us.

Maybe it's "put and take." Put in time, ideas, effort, moral support and money. Tread lightly and thoughtfully while on the river. Wade in with enthusiasm when work is required. Take pleasure, solace and joy.

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Editor's note: Here is an excerpt from W.D. Wetherell's *One River More*, followed by a commentary by Terry Donaghue of the Izaak Walton Flyfishing Club of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. I enjoyed the message, and I hope you do as well. CR

from: *One River More*, The Lyons Press, 1998

... I'd like to suggest the adoption of a new fly fishing motto, one that supplements the familiar "Catch and Release". It is "put, not take"—a slogan, a commandment, that should constantly inform us, and not only when fishing.

Put fish back when you catch them, of course, but don't stop there. Order some willows or alders through your local nursery, plant one whenever you go out to your favorite stream...Put some thought into fishing etiquette whether your presence on the river, your manners there, are causing it harm. Put more effort into forming coalitions with other groups that are similarly motivated to save the natural world, and forget about all the differences that otherwise weaken us—let the birders lie down with the duck hunters, the fly fishers make pals with the bass boys, so united we holler up a storm. Put those new masses to work, so we don't rue fly fishing's popularity but harness it, thinking of all these newcomers as valuable, badly needed reinforcements. Put aside the whole mindset of taking that has infected our sport since its earliest days; start thinking about what we can give back to the river, not just what the river can give to us.

....Me, I'm going to try to find in fly fishing's new millennium what I've always found in the sport—the miraculous current that connects simple pleasure to great joy—and try ten times harder to put my delight back into the river from whence it all springs.

#### A response from Terry Donaghue:

"Catch and Release" has become a credo of flyfishers, concisely capturing both a conservation ethic and a means of implementing it. As W.D. Wetherell points out in this quote, it's a good beginning, but it is not enough. For example, "letting them go" sometimes means "don't catch." Trout caught and released in high


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friend! And don't forget: **Al Kyte** is putting on a casting clinic in the afternoon (2:00PM) of March 25th at the Clubhouse. This clinic is included in the cost of the Dinner ticket, so take advantage of it!

On another note, thanks to **Robert Tamson** for taking on the assignment of assessing our advertising program used in the Leader. Robert will be working with the Board to develop policy and rates for use of advertising space in the Leader.

And a "high five" to the Conservation Committee! They are doing a great job! We filed with the Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Conservation Board (DFG) a Land Acquisition Evaluation form which request the DFG to purchase the land associated with our Bear River Project. This is a major step in our efforts to protect the work we have done.

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

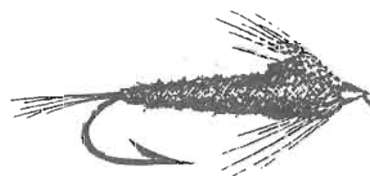


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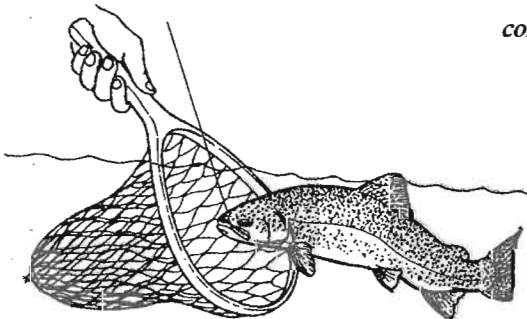
Thanks to those who have sent in their GBF membership dues for 2000. You'll continue to receive The Leader while enjoying another year of learning, resources and fellowship amongst and with other anglers. For those who are new as well as continuing members, don't forget to sign the required liability waiver form. For those of you who did not receive a form, extras will be available at the General Meeting.

### Donations = Deductions

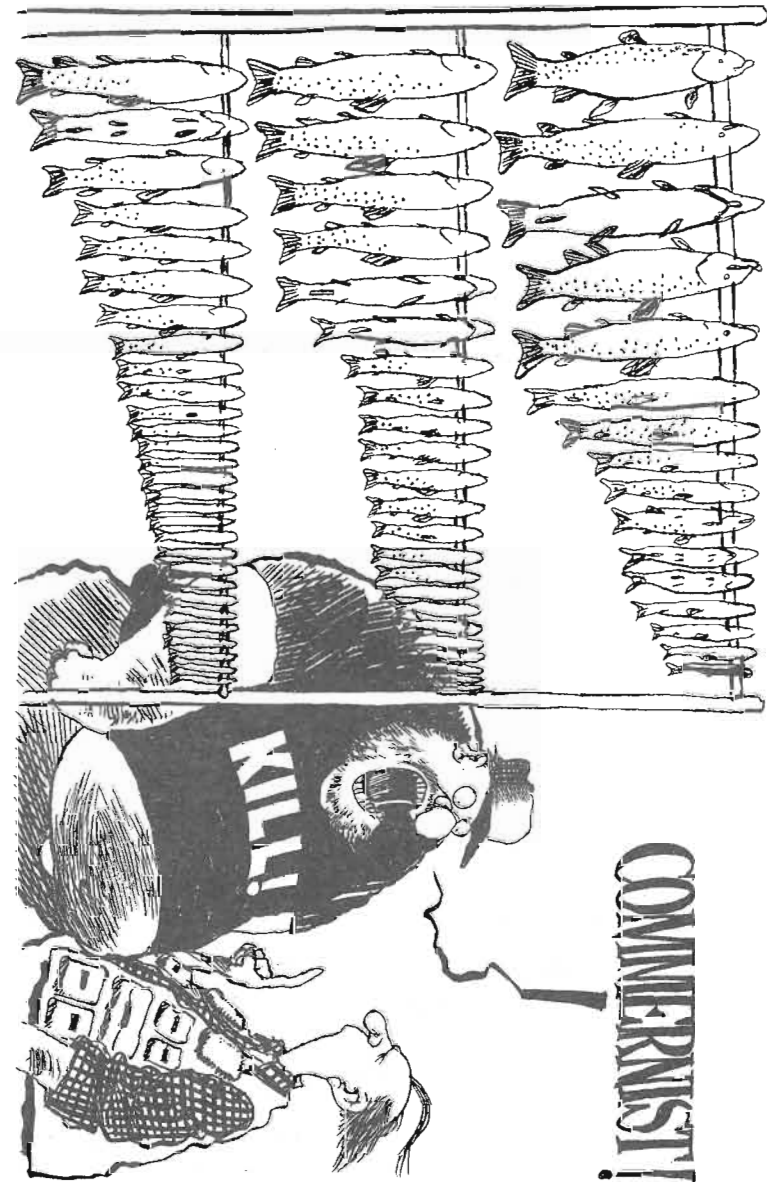
Our Annual Dinner raffle is fast approaching and we need donations of prizes for the raffle. The prizes do not have to be fly fishing related; in fact the non-fly fishing prizes are very popular. You can also make a cash donation that will allow our dinner committee to leverage your donation by using it to buy prizes at way below retail at one of our local flyshops. Please bring your prize or donation to the General Meeting, or you can call Jeremy Gray at (530) 478-9301 to arrange your donation. Remember that your donation is 100% tax deductible. The proceeds from the Dinner, raffle, silent auction and grand prize raffle go directly to fund our conservation efforts.

### 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.



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# Rule of Thumb *continued*

extra fine tippet through it just before dark. Before doing the whip-finish use your thumb and finger nails together to force the thread back off of the rear of the eye of the hook. By pinching them together you can often force the thread back a smidgen and clear the eye. Then on all following flies leave yourself a bit more space at the head and sin no more.

One more application of the ever useful nail comes in the winging procedure for up-right wings. Most books tell you to tie in the butts then pull the tips into the upright position and make a few wraps in front to hold them in position. You can do it this way and it will work, but a better way in my opinion is as follows. After tying in the butts, pull the tips to the upright position then force the thumb or finger nail on your other hand firmly against the wing material at its base, back against wraps you just made over the butt ends. Rock your nail side to side slightly to make sure that all the fibers in the wing get some of this "attitude adjustment". This will put a slight bend or crimp in the wing material and help the wraps to follow to hold it in its final position. This works especially well on calf hair and deer hair wings.

One last use of the thumb nail that comes to mind as I write this is using it to get a more even distribution of material around the hook after you have made the initial tie in wraps. On deer hair collars as an example, just work your nail against the material to smooth out its distribution before you make the final tight wraps.



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## Welcome a'Board Gents'!

The three director positions which were reported vacant in the last issue of The Leader are now filled! Thanks to **Denny Welch, Jeremy Gray and Gray Allen** for stepping up for this role; they have made 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. Welcome these gentlemen a'Board at the next General Meeting.



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## Up-Coming Programs/Activities

~ In order of occurrence ~

**Saturday, March 25**

**FREE CASTING CLINIC**

**with Al Kyte, PhD**



Attend a casting clinic by Al Kyte PhD, noted author, and FFF Casting Certification Board for FREE!!!! Al Kyte is one of the guys who determines if other casting instructors can be certified by the Fly Fishing Federation. He will be conducting a clinic at our clubhouse at 1:00pm on Saturday March 25th. At the clinic, Al will be doing a slide presentation, followed by hands on instruction. Al just had an article in American Angler this month. In the article he shows the similar mechanics present in the very different casting styles of some of the best casters. He can show you those mechanics at our clinic.

Okay, you caught me. The clinic is FREE to anyone who buys a ticket to our Annual Dinner. The dinner tickets cost \$30, but you get food, entertainment and a great presentation by Al Kyte. The dinner is at 6:30pm with a no host bar at 5:30PM on March 25th (yes, the same day as the clinic). This is also the most important fundraising event of the year for GBF so BRING A FRIEND! We can't make this event a success without your support. If you have never attended one of our Annual Dinners, this is the year to start going. Everyone is friendly and there is good food and drink. The raffle is wonderful, with lots of flyfishing and non-flyfishing prizes. The silent auction is an excellent opportunity to get a great deal on some really special trips, equipment and other goodies. Plus there is the Grand Prize Raffle for a trip to HAWAII. Tickets are available at all the flyshops in town or you can send a check payable to Granite Bay Flycasters to Jeremy Gray at 417 Broad Street Nevada City, CA 95959. Or call me at (530) 478-9301. JG

**Saturday, April 1**

**NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame**

Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers presents its annual Fly Fishing Hall of Fame at Fort Mason, Building A in San Francisco. From 9am to 5 pm, over 50 of California's best fly tyers will be there displaying their craft. This event also provides fly fishers a great

## The Rule of Thumb

By Jim Cramer

A couple of months ago when I was tying at the club meeting I realized that there was another tool in my collection that I use all the time and so do most other good tiers but it is seldom recognized or discussed. I'm talking about one's finger and thumb nails. I don't know how I would tie without them and I pity the nervous tier that chews his to the quick. This month I'll discuss some of the many ways that these home-grown tools can be used.

I have mentioned earlier how one can maintain the measured tie-in point on a bunch of tail or wing material while transferring it from one hand to the other by placing the thumb nails together at the measured point. The thumb nail on the off hand (the off hand is the one not doing the wrapping) can be used as a guide to place the thread or the material exactly where you want it. Just pinch at the point you want the thread; then as you wrap, let the thread slide down the nail and off the end at the right point. Use the same technique when wrapping hackle to get the stem right where you want it.

A common fault/ flaw that plagues novice tiers and once in a while the more advanced ones is crowding the eye of the hook, especially on the smaller flies. There are two problems here. Most of us think we leave enough room when we tie in the wings. We leave the thread hanging at the exact tie in point for the wings, but when it comes to the actual lashing down of the wing material we get sloppy, just forget or don't see and add a few too many turns forward. The result is that the base of the wings are too far forward, not where they should be. The solution is either to retie the wings or sometimes we can move the entire wing to the rear. Do this by pinching your thumb and finger nails against the shank in front of the wings and forcing the assembly to the rear. Support the hook at the bend with your left hand while you do this. The second problem is that the thread wraps just seem to creep forward and cover the rear half of the eye. Then we pay for it when we try to run that



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opportunity to learn about this esteemed organization; representatives will be there eager to answer any questions. If you can break away from the tying arena and have walked through the various exhibits, bid in the silent auction and try your luck in the raffle; both opportunities may allow you to walk away with a real gem. At 6PM, a festive evening begins honoring **Ralph and Lisa Cutter** with induction ceremonies including wine and beer, buffet and live auction. (Reservations required for evening event.) Admission is \$30/person which includes beverages, buffet and admission to daytime exhibition. Day admission \$5/person at the door, under 12 free with paid admission. For more information, contact Sheree Kajiwarra at (650) 369-7228 or email [skajiwarra@earthlink.net](mailto:skajiwarra@earthlink.net).

## Classes and Clinics

**March 13, 20, 27 & April 3\* (only 2 spaces left!)**

### ***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 \$20 and will start at 7:00. For more information, call Pete at (916) 786-9133.**

**\* By popular demand, Pete Peterson will be teaching a second class identical to that which is described above. The dates are as follows: April 10, 17, 24 & May 1. Sign up at the March General Meeting! (Class will be limited to 8 members so Pete can provide close attention to each.)**

### **March 19, 26 & April 2 *Flycasting Fundamentals with John Hogg***

GBF's annual fundamentals clinic is scheduled for three consecutive Sunday afternoons from 1 - 4 PM at Bill Carnazzo's pond. (Directions will be available at the clubhouse at the March General Meeting.) The

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clinic's objective is to prepare casters for the upcoming season by teaching line control, the roll cast, the forward cast, false casting and how to shoot line for additional distance.

The club has several rods available to students on a first come first serve basis. For those bringing their own, a 5 or 6 weight, 8' to 9' graphite rod, with a floating line, and a #2, 7 1/2 foot tapered leader is recommended. (Please do not bring a sinking line.) Casters should bring their own drinking water and soft drinks, appropriate clothing for the weather, and eyewear must be worn for protection from errant casts and wandering rods.

Cost of the clinic is \$25, which includes an FFF flycasting instruction booklet. All proceeds go to GBF. Due to size constraints, the clinic is limited to twelve people who must be club members over the age of 16. Registration will be at the March meeting, or call John Hogg at 916-663-2051.

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 the March General Meeting. 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.

## March Fish Outs--at a Glance

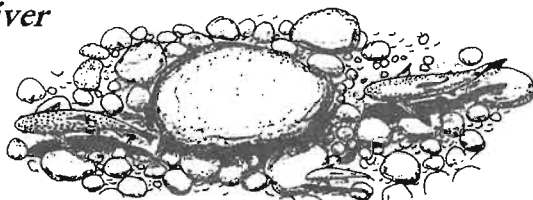
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Saturday, March 18

*The Lower Sacramento River*  
*with Jamie Warren*

Wednesday, March 22

*Cameron Park Lake*  
*with Ron English*



on this when it gets closer to the date, but I'd really like to see strong support from our club in this effort. Please think about setting aside a morning or afternoon in late April to help. This is the kind of thing where you can make a tangible impact and really see the results.

At our April Conservation Committee meeting, we will have **Frank Cirill** from Save the American River Association (SARA) come to talk to us. I have recently spoken with Frank about the situation of the City of Folsom's raw sewage entering Lake Natoma. Granted, it is winter and there aren't too many folks swimming, float tubing or kayaking in the lake right now, but you can bet that this sewage went directly into the Lower American River at a time critically important to the steelhead migration. I hoped it was a one time accident, and I know that the appropriate state agencies are aware of this and monitoring it; however, it has happened again during recent heavy rains. The City needs to take immediate corrective action. SARA wrote to the city's Public Works asking them to account for this error and correct the problem. I am asking for you to do the same. Please mail your letters to **Joe Luchi**, Public Works Director, City of Folsom, 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

One other group that I have to mention is the Northern California Council of the Federation of Flyfishers (NCCFFF). Although NCCFFF covers Northern California and not just our immediate area, they provide strong stewardship for some of the most important rivers that we fish. **Dan McDaniel**, President of NCCFFF will be briefing us with background information about this important fisheries conservation organization at the April general meeting. Our own members, **Rob Ferroggiaro** and **Nathan Joyner**, are officers in the NCCFFF and are working hard on issues with the North Coast Steelhead and the Upper Sacramento River. We will be holding a membership drive in April with prize incentives. More importantly, by becoming an individual member, you will receive a newsletter informing you of current conservation issues.

There are many other ways we can help and many other organizations that provide us with avenues to do this. Please work with the Conservation Committee to help strengthen and support the hard work and dedication of our local watershed stewards. You can do this best by taking a few minutes to write a note during critical times or responding to a call for volunteer help. I am impressed and encouraged by those of you who have come up to me at the meetings with comments, questions and ideas about how we can work to conserve our fisheries. You are a great group and I know that each of you can make a real difference for the fishermen and the fish with just a small amount of effort. Thanks to all.

## Conservation Corner

By Cindy Leggett

Watershed conservation is very broad and its issues can be very complex. Sometimes it's overwhelming to try to digest all that is happening with our State's rivers, let alone try to make an impact. But I have realized since I've become involved with conservation that there is real power in local groups taking care of their own rivers, streams and lakes. The reason it works so well is because people are more knowledgeable about their home waters; this is where they spend the most time fishing, exercising and playing or just gazing and dreaming about the weekend while crossing a bridge during the daily commute. Home is what matters the most.

We are fortunate to live in an area where we don't have to leave town to go fishing, and we can do it year round. If we want a little variety, all we have to do is hop in the car and drive an hour or less. We've all been guilty at some time or another of forgetting the value of what we have right at home and taking it for granted. Luckily, there are organizations that make a point of staying on top of the issues that threaten the health of our local fisheries. The primary ones that come to mind are the Dry Creek Conservancy, Save the American River Association, and the South Yuba River Citizen's League. It's important that we recognize, appreciate and support these groups and others that provide stewardship for our water resources.

Our club's Conservation Committee is inviting representatives from these organizations to our committee meetings to find out how we can best support their efforts. This enables us to make informed decisions about the level of financial support we should give based on the impact it will make towards our conservation goals. Also, more importantly, we are learning how our club members can most effectively donate their time by volunteering to write a letter, attending a local community meeting or spending an afternoon on a stream restoration project. One of my primary goals as your conservation chairperson is to keep you informed on what's happening to our local waters and how you can help support these groups to protect our fisheries.

Last month, **Greg Bates** from the Dry Creek Conservancy spoke to us about some of the projects they are working on. Creek Week, near the end of April, is an annual event this group hosts to promote stewardship of the Dry Creek watershed. This year, they are looking for volunteers to help plant trees along the creek bank. I will give you more information

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## Let's Go Fishing in Belize!

*With John Hogg: May 5-12*

***Sponsored by Kiene's Fly Shop, John Hogg will host an outing to the fishing village of Placentia in Belize, Central America, for 6 days of guided fishing, May 5 through May 12.***

This is prime time for one of saltwater's most elusive quarries, the permit. These 'gray ghosts' weigh in at 25 to 30 pounds, and require good luck, skill, and a top notch guide for a hookup. We also expect to find opportunities for tarpon, and as always, bonefish and jack crevalle are in plentiful supply.

***This is not a lodge trip.*** We will have hotel accommodations in Placentia that are adequate, but not luxurious. Breakfast and lunch are provided by the guide in the boat, and you are literally out fishing from dawn to dusk. Dinner is on your own at local restaurants. There will be two anglers to a guide who operates a 21 foot panga to cruise off shore cays within a 30 mile radius of Placentia. English is the national language of Belize, which was formerly British Honduras, and guides and local people are friendly and hospitable. Belize dollars are two for one American dollar, and local purchases are very inexpensive.

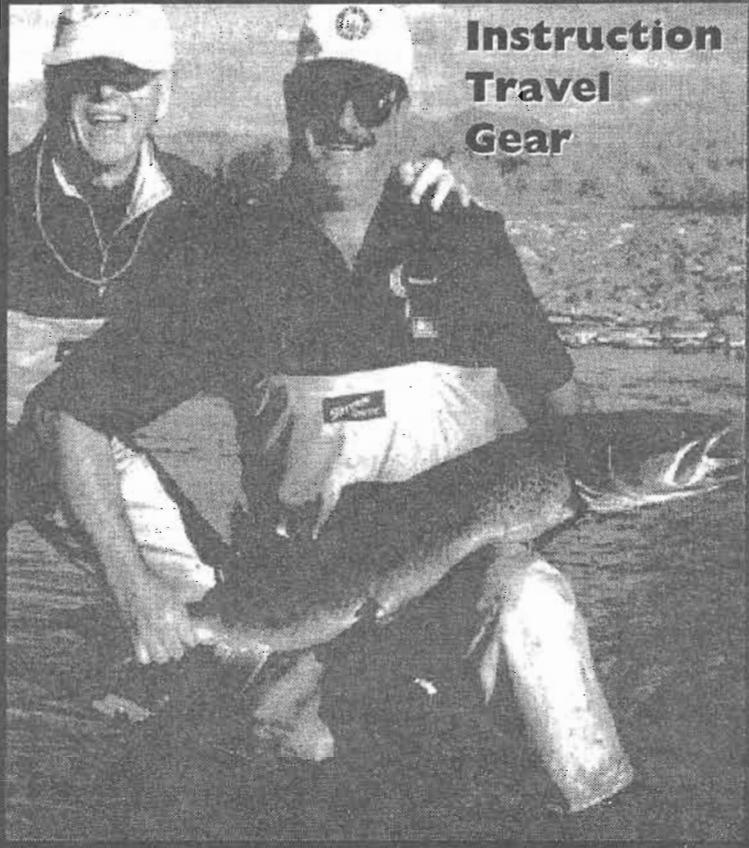
***The cost of the trip is \$1195 (US) which includes the hotel, the guides and breakfast and lunch, and shuttle to and from the Placentia airport. Tips and evening meals are extra. Airfare from Sacramento to Belize City is about \$500 round trip, for advance tickets. The flight from Belize City to Placentia is another \$130.***

For those who sign-up, a series of workshops will prepare the angler with the right techniques, recommended equipment and tackle.

For further information and reservations, call **John Hogg** at (916) 663-2051 or **Bill Kiene** at (916) 486-9958. Registration time and space available are limited, and reservations will not be available after March 15. ***Don't hesitate; sign up now! Let's go fishing in Belize!***

*Editor's note: John Hogg wrote an awesome article ("Saltwater Flyfishing in Belize") in the November 99' issue of The Leader that offers a "slice-of-life" view of a previous fishing trip he took to Belize. If that article doesn't motivate you to jump on this trip, I don't know what will.*

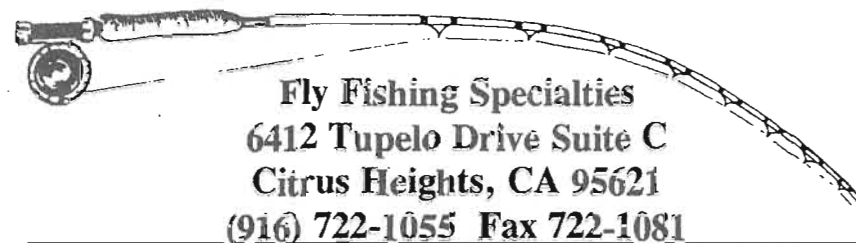
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*Sponsored by American Fly  
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**Pattern for March Program: Mike Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis**  
*(featured in the February Leader)*

**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 February:**

Beginner: **Steve Rickey**

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.

## Volunteer Board

### 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 meeting for more information.

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# Flytyer's Corner

By Bill Carnazzo



## Scott's Floating Nymph

This pattern is an excellent imitation of a mayfly "emerger", a mayfly nymph which has risen to the surface film and is about to emerge into the next-to-final adult mayfly (dun) stage. The concept is to fish the fly just under the surface when fish are engaged in "bulging" rises. When fish are taking emergers, their rise-forms are often mistaken for surface-feeding rises. Surface-feeding rises, however, tend to be splashier, or at times subtle, suck-in takes (especially if the fish is large). Learning to recognise what trout are doing by their rise-forms will increase your success rate.

### Materials

Hook	TMC 200; Mustad 94845: #10-16
Thread	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail	Gray partridge hackle fibers
Abdomen	Stripped Peacock quill from near eye
Wing case	Gray evazote
Thorax	Olive rabbit fur
Legs	Gray partridge hackle



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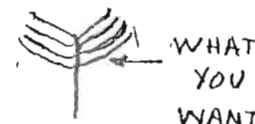
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### Tying Instructions

1. Tie in tail of partridge hackle fibers, just above the rear of the (now smashed) barb.
2. Strip a peacock quill taken from near the quill eye. One easy way to do this is to take an eraser and "scrub" the barbules off, going from tip to butt.
3. Tie the quill in where the tail was tied in, and wind it forward to a point 1/3 shank length behind the eye. Tie off at this point.
4. Take a 1/8" wide strip of gray evazote and tie it in hard against front of quill body, directly on top of the hook.
5. Dub a full thorax of olive rabbit fur, just in front of the tie in point of evazote. Leave one eye length behind eye open.
6. Clip tip section cut of a partridge feather. From remaining feather, strip off all but 5-6 barbules on each side.
7. With remaining piece, tie it on tip of hook, just in front of thorax, with butt out over the eye.



8. Bring evazote over the top and tie it off just behind the eye. Cut excess and tie down evazote butt, forming a nice small head.

See ya on the creek!!!!

