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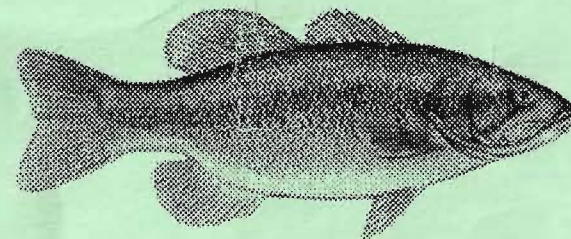
Granite Bay Flycasters

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 Denny Welch at (530) 889-8562.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7 p.m. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. 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 John Bergman at (916) 966-7032.



August 2001

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August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Conservation Committee Mtg 7-9 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General Mtg 7-10:30 p.m.	10	11 Fish-Out Fuller Lake
12 Casting Clinic 1 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Board Mtg 7-9:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21 Fly Tying Jam 6:30-9 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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President's Message

by Denny Welch

Well, it's a done deal. The baton has been passed on to a new slate of officers and directors; we've had our first board meeting and new ideas have been bantered back and forth. The past eighteen months have been fabulous under the presidency of Drake Johnson, and you'll be pleased to know he is still on the board of directors. Christine Johnson, Gray Allen, Rod Leggett, Jim Ferguson, and Rob Ferroggiaro have all done their time and moved on to bigger and better things. Thanks to you all for jobs well done. Linda Shaw, Lester Snow, Tom Simms, and Dick Neuman are all new to the board and I look forward to working with them.

It's also time to say goodbye to Arno Dietzler as fishmaster. That position takes a lot of time and effort and we appreciate everything you put into it. John Hoag has volunteered to be the new fishmaster. When it's not tax season, John's a "fishin' fool." He can drop a fly on the head of a pin and I heard a rumor that he knows most of the hot spots. John will have more to say at the next general meeting.

We've got some outstanding programs coming up. One that I'm really excited about is an evening devoted to safety. What if you fall in the water ... or bury a hook in your arm ... or break a bone? Bad things sometimes happen to good people. Would you know what to do? We also want to follow that meeting up with a Saturday program devoted to CPR training.

GBF has a statewide reputation as a good club. Much of that reputation was earned through our involvement with the community (Salmon Festival, Salmon Egg program, etc.) and through our conservation efforts (Bear River, Little Truckee, etc.) More than anything, I think our reputation was earned because of a solid membership. We have a lot of unsung heroes in the club: English, Peterson, Carnazzo, Radoff, Hunter, Wasserman. There are many others too numerous to mention and we have many others waiting in the wings. Let's all do our part to keep it that way. Get involved.

I look forward to fishing with each one of you. See ya out there.

August and September Fish-Outs

by John Hogg, Fishmaster

Fuller Lake Outing Saturday, August 11

Sturmer White and I will co-host this event. At the club meeting August 9 we will provide information on what flies to bring, the proper equipment, and the best times of day to fish it. Plan on being at the boat ramp no later than 8 a.m. and you should enjoy some good dry fly action up until 10 a.m. Access to this lake is difficult from the shore, so your better fishing will be from a float tube, pontoon boat, or a portable bathtub.

If you are new to stillwater fishing, and/or float tubing, be sure to let us know, and we can have someone fish with you until you get the hang of it.

Fuller Lake is about an hour's drive past Auburn. You continue up Highway 80, and take the Highway 20 turnoff. You will be going back toward Nevada City about 4 miles and will turn right on the turnoff to Fuller Lake. If you get to the Bear River valley and cross the bridge, you've gone too far.

If you can't make the meeting and want additional information, call Sturmer at (916) 791-2618 or John Hogg at (916) 663-2051.

Crowley Lake September 22 and 23.

Crowley Lake is close to Mammoth Lakes on Hwy 395, about 325 miles from Sacramento. This is a famous trout fishery and gets a substantial number of anglers from Southern California. However, bait fishing is usually restricted after August, so September will give everyone plenty of elbowroom. The opportunity to hook a 20-inch rainbow or brown is not uncommon. (If you don't get one, you can cut my fishmaster salary.) You are also close to Hot Creek, the Upper Owens River, and only about a 45-minute drive down to Bishop and the Lower Owens.

Gary Flanigan will host this trip. He will be putting out a flyer at the August meeting. Obviously with the distance involved, this is a weekend trip. Gary will have camping information, and you can also motel it in the city of Mammoth Lakes. Keep in mind, that in late September, the nights there can be cold as you will be at 7000 feet elevation.

For more information, call Gary Flanigan at (916) 223-4240, or John Hogg at (916) 663-2051.

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If you need something, just call and I will gladly deliver your purchases to the Granite Bay Flycasters meetings for your convenience. —Jeremy Gray

Conservation Corner *continued*

Historical modifications to the American River watershed and the physical and operational constraints currently imposed on the river make it increasingly difficult to sustain the river's beneficial uses without a coordinated resource management program. The River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP, currently in draft form) suggests a comprehensive approach to sustain and enhance environmental vitality and recreational uses of the LAR, without compromising efforts to provide reliable flood protection and water supply.

Developed jointly by 18 public agencies, 17 community groups (including SARA and FOR, groups we financially support) and three collaborative partnerships, the draft RCMP proposes a regional long-term management strategy for the LAR that integrates flood-control needs, habitat restoration and recreation. The plan is a series of agreements-in-principle among entities that are committing to a single integrated plan for action; unfortunately the RCMP, even if ratified by all parties, will not be legally binding and therefore subject to political tampering.

Nearly 100 recommended actions are identified in the Draft RCMP with a number of these expected to be implemented within three years. Examples include:

- Updating the American River Parkway Plan
- Strengthening the network of bicycle trails
- Removing invasive exotic plant species and replanting native vegetation
- Improving the reliability of the existing flood-control system along the LAR while sustaining the complexity and structural diversity of riverine habitats
- Restoring and/or enhancing both aquatic and terrestrial habitats
- Implementing a river temperature management plan

For more details on the Draft RCMP, contact Susan Davidson at (916) 264-1999.

Events

Casting Clinic

Tune up your casting at John's pond Sunday, Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. This is a free clinic open to GBF members.

If you don't have a rod, come anyway—we have extras. Be sure to protect yourself against the sun with hat and sunscreen. Eyewear is mandatory while casting. Water and soft drinks are provided.

Directions: Take Highway 80 toward Auburn. Take the Penryn exit; turn right at the stop sign and go 3/4 mile to King Road. Turn left, and go about 3 miles until King Road ends at Auburn-Folsom road. Turn left and go about 1 mile, then turn right on Newcastle Road. (This is also turnoff for Rattlesnake Bar on Folsom lake.) Proceed about 1 mile to a Y in the road. Take the left fork, which is Rattlesnake Bar Road, following the sign to "Auburn." After 3/4 mile, turn left on Hayes Road. Go about 1/2 mile to 10101 Hayes and come up driveway. Park on the grass between the driveway and pond.

For more information call John Hogg at (916) 663-2051.

Annual Picnic

The GBF annual picnic will be held Sunday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the clubhouse. This is always a fun event, so don't miss it. We'll have a barbecue, a casting contest, and lots of time to relax and 'talk fishing.' Bring the entire family and a dish to share at the potluck.

The event will offer fun and games for the kids with crafts for all ages, contests, and subtle river education. We hope this will give parents some free time to enjoy the events and encourage them to bring their kids.

We need volunteers for morning set-up, kids activities, clean-up, and the like, so if you'd like to help, please sign up at the August meeting. Linda Shaw is organizing the event this year, and looks forward to hearing from anyone who wants to get involved or has suggestions for activities.

A Stay at the Pit River Lodge

by Joe Bania

For my birthday in late June, Barb made reservations for us at the Pit River Lodge. What a wonderful time we had in spite of 100-degree weather!

The Pit River Lodge, in northeast Shasta County, is several hundred feet from the Pit River, about four miles from Hat Creek to the west, five miles from Fall River to the east, and near many fishable lakes (Baum and Britton to name a few with large fish). The Pit, Fall River, and Hat Creek all contain wild rainbows and a sprinkling of planters. Lake Britton is home to many small and large mouth bass. It's difficult to find such a great variety of waters in such a limited area. Although I only fished from a boat one evening and one morning on Fall River, I hooked more than 20 fish, including several native rainbows to 22-inches. These natives are fat and sassy with a lot of color; what a pleasure to fish on water with only a couple of other boats. The *hexagenia limbata* (2-inch mayflies) were starting to come off in the evening along with caddis all day long. It is very interesting to watch trout take these huge mayflies off the surface at dusk. The next morning I fished nymphs (zug bugs, prince nymphs, hair ears) drifting them in the deep slots of Fall River. An intermediate slime line is recommended because the water is very clear, along with 8-12 feet of leader ending in 5X or 6X tippet. Prepare yourself for violent grabs as the nymph starts rising at the end of the swing; fish will make lunges and try to pull the 4-6-weight rod out of your hand. Later in the morning a few hexes were rising on the river and the birds were beating the fish to these giant morsels. I began to tie on dries (PMDs) and to fish near the shore for some larger fish that were moving into these areas.

I try to avoid handling the fish by practicing catch and release and using barbless hooks. In many cases all I needed to do was release the line pressure or throw a loop or two to release the fish from the hook. Barb and my guide were frustrated that they didn't get any pictures of the beauties I caught.

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Conservation Corner *continued*

Organizations/Causes for Funding in FY2000

Approved Funds

- California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) \$500
 - Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF) \$500
 - California Trout (Cal Trout) \$500
 - Save the American River Association (SARA) \$250
 - The Nature Conservancy (McCloud/Cosumnes River Preserves) \$150
 - South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL) \$100
 - Casa Grande High School (United Anglers) \$100
 - Friends of the Trinity River (FOTR) \$100
 - Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC) \$100
 - Upper Sacramento River Exchange \$100
 - Friends of the River (FOR) \$100
 - Trout Unlimited (TU) \$100
 - Local GBF Conservation Projects \$1,000
 - Supplemental Donation Reserve \$1,400
 - Scholarship Fund Reserve \$1,000
- Total = \$6,000

River Corridor Management Plan: Besides being close at hand and an excellent fly fishing destination at times, the Lower American River (LAR) provides an important habitat for resident and migratory fish and wildlife species. It also provides a high-quality water source for the local community and the region as a whole, a critical floodway for the Sacramento area, and a spectacular recreational parkway. Because of the parkway's natural beauty, proximity to an urban population, and recreational values, the river has been designated a "recreational river" in both the federal and state wild and scenic river systems, and the Parkway's trail system has been designated a "National Recreational

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Conservation Corner

by David Baker

Conservation Spending Update: The Conservation Committee manages the Granite Bay Flycasters' funds to protect and enhance fisheries. To ensure that only appropriate organizations and/or causes are awarded donations, an explicit process is followed to identify and evaluate candidate organizations. The first step is for the board of directors to approve the annual budget. The committee identifies potential recipients and collects salient information for evaluation purposes; you are encouraged to participate in this on-going process! At the June meeting, I inform GBF members of the current year's spending plan and solicit their input. "Backgrounds" are written or updated on organizations that could possibly receive GBF funding. The Committee submits a proposed spending plan to the Board, and if this is approved, checks are written and a summary article is written for *The Leader*.

Highlights of GBF conservation funding strategy for FY2000:

- Donations are at membership (\$100 baseline set last year) or higher levels
- Membership level requires only that a group's mission and accomplishments are compatible with GBF's published conservation goals
- Going beyond the membership level requires an organization to have an established record of effectiveness in meeting its conservation objectives
- Financial impact that GBF's funds might have on a particular organization is also weighed

After considering the committee's recommendation, the board approved donations totaling \$6,000, which includes authority for supplemental donations and a scholarship reserve; the two UC Davis Students, mentioned in July's *The Leader*, were funded out of last year's budget.

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A Stay at the Pit River Lodge *continued*

The lodge itself was built in 1921 for PG&E and still retains most of its original features. In fact, it is hoped the lodge may be placed on the historic registry because of its early Craftsman-style architecture and preserved for future generations to enjoy in its original splendor. The sleeping accommodations range from private rooms in the lodge to dorm style rooms in the annex. The food was outstanding— the continental breakfast included homemade pastries, and dinner included a variety of gourmet choices accompanied by fresh vegetables and delicious desserts. The staff was gracious and outgoing; they even fixed me a special dessert when they found out it was my birthday. If you wish to cook some of your own meals, you could rent one of the cabins with kitchens and 2-3 bedrooms.

The lodge is a great base camp for other activities as well. If you have not seen PG&E's powerhouse at that same location, plan to see it, as it is a fabulous building. For non-fishers, there are hiking and bicycling on the 44 acres of forested lodge property, golfing 3.5 miles away, and visiting Burney Falls about 10-12 miles away (which President Teddy Roosevelt called the "eighth wonder of the world"). Mount Lassen and Mount Shasta are also within easy driving distance.

Among the lodges we have visited, this is one to which we definitely will return.



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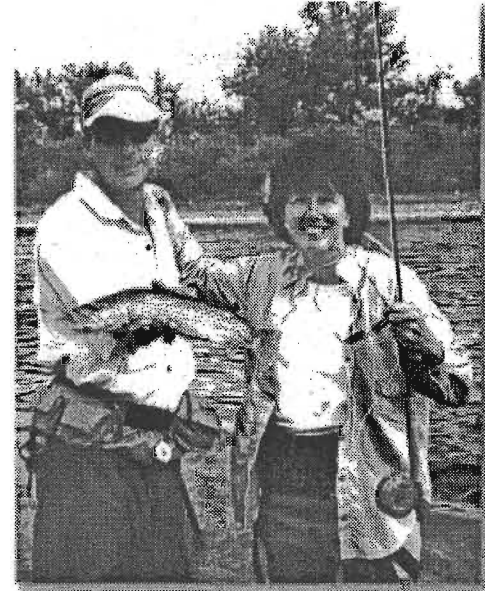
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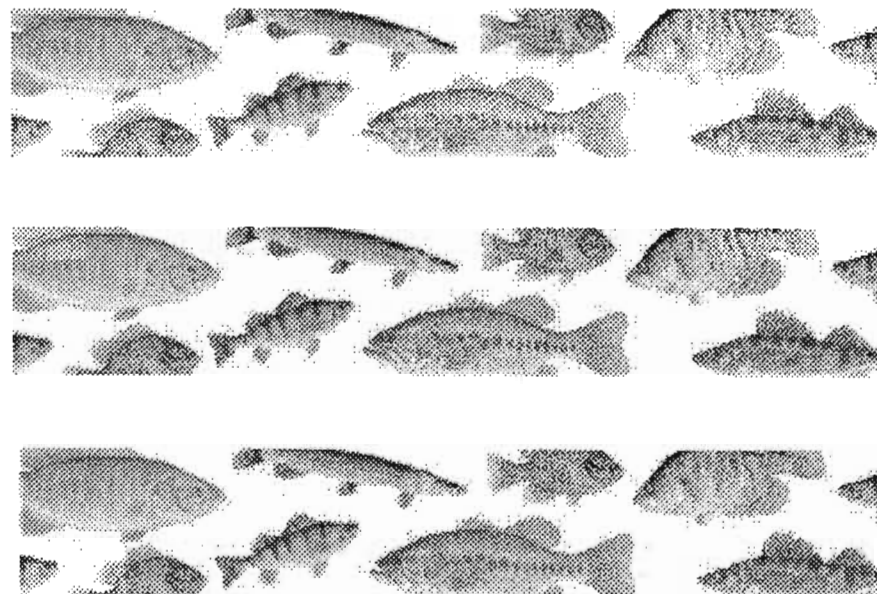
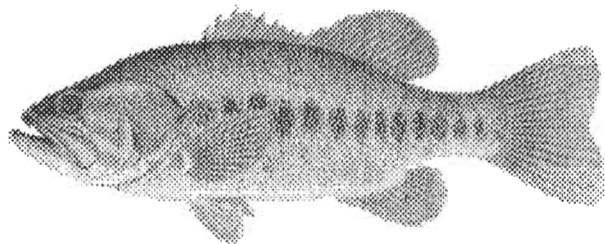
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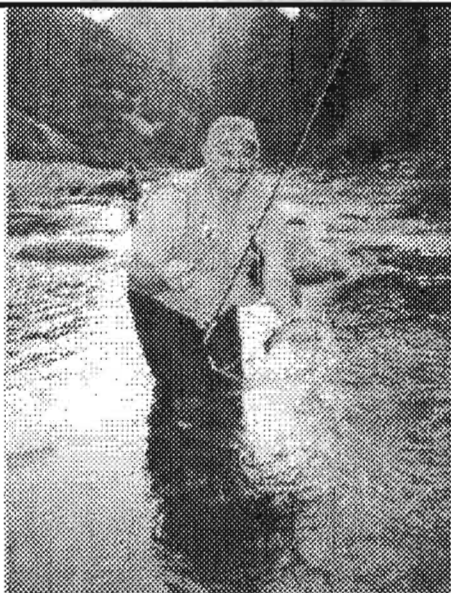


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Beginner: \$15 Gift Certificate

Non-beginner: \$25 Gift Certificate

** 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.*

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.

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

Mike Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis

This month's fly is designed to imitate the emerging Caddis, 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 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.

Note: one option here is to add a copper or gold bead at the front of the hook; it complicates the tying of this little fly, but having a beaded version in your box may rescue you one day.

See ya on the creek!

Conclave "2001" Pre-Registration Form

North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, California
September 28th, 29th, 30th, 2001

Please print **legibly** and fill out all information on this form. The registration fee for Conclave "2001" is \$20.00 per individual and \$35 per family (includes 2 adults and children under 17) for the entire weekend. Registration does not include after hours cocktail or dinner functions, raffles or auction, which are priced separately below. There will be only 150 tickets available for dinner at the Crystal Bay Club on Saturday night, so advanced purchase is advised. All tickets and registration packages will be held for pickup at the Conference Center. Full payment must accompany this form. Daily registration of \$10 will be available at the door. We expect dinner to be sold out prior to September 29, and advise buying dinner tickets in advance.

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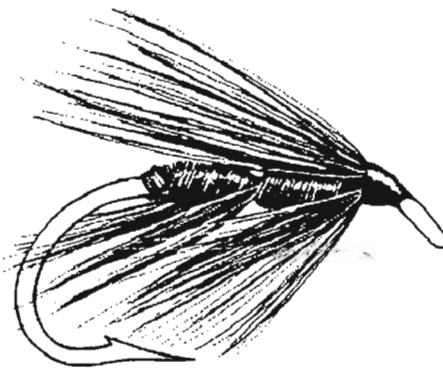


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This is a great opportunity to meet and mix with some of the true greats of fly fishing. There will be legendary fly fishing experts and tyers at the conclave along with those who are destined to be come legends.

Join us for a weekend and learn things you will use for a lifetime.

There will be a Friday night reception. Saturday will feature a great banquet at the Crystal Bay Club along with a live auction and raffle. We will also have raffles and a large silent auction throughout the weekend.

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