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Granite Bay Flycasters

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

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

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

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

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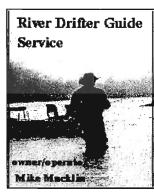
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President's Message by Denny Welch

I love women. I also love family and, for me anyhow, the two really go together. Growing up I had a mother, three sisters, and a grandmother who lived with us. Not one to upset the applecart, I got married and had two daughters, one of which gave me two granddaughters. Over the years I've had about five dogs and a couple cats, all of which were female except for Duke who got run over by a garbage truck. But that's another story. Do you have the picture?

It's been a pretty good life. None of the aforementioned important parts of my life liked to fish much so I pretty much had a free reign to call my own shots when it came to planning fishing trips. They'd do their thing and I was given plenty of leeway to do mine. So what's the problem?

It's my mother-in-law, who normally is the love of my life. She's turning 90 years old in a couple days, and my wife, two daughters, two granddaughters and I are driving to Escondido to spend the week with her in her doublewide mobile home. (My son-in-law can't make it because he "has to work." Ah huh!) I've been told that a number of Mom's lady friends will be stopping by during the week and my presence will be expected 24/7/365 or some such nonsense. In other words, no fishing. It went something like, "Don't even think about it, buddy!" Apparently, the ninety-something crowd likes to ogle middle aged, bald-headed fat guys.

I love women, but this is going to be a long week.

The next time you're in Kiene's make a point to thank Bill for his generous donation of hooks we'll be using at the Salmon Festival. Kudos to Sturmer White for the Fuller Lake fishout. There was a good turnout and some good fish caught. Don't forget the Crowley Lake fish-out in September and the Upper Sac fish-out in October.

I look forward to fishing with each one of you.

Citizen Volunteer Stream Bioassessment Training September 28, 29, and 30 Sierra College, Rocklin

- This course will teach methods of habitat and biological assessment for citizen monitors.
- Water supply, water quality, and habitat protection are increasingly important topics in all our communities.
- Agencies charged with protecting these values must rely on the cooperation and assistance of community residents and local government to monitor the quality of local resources.
- Citizen monitors help their local communities protect aquatic resources while they learn about the ecology of their community.

This 3-day training is funded by a Clean Water Act grant (319h) aimed at involving citizen volunteers in biological assessment of their local streams. Applicants for the class should be:

- · Currently affiliated with a monitoring group or
- Willing to work a total of at least 50 hours during the next year with an existing group or
- Working to organize a monitoring group.

(For professional training for a fee rather than volunteer work see Sustainable Land Stewardship Institute International listings at www.slsii.org.)

The course is taught by Jim Harrington and based on "Measuring Health of California Streams and Rivers," which he authored with Monique Born. The manual is the reference for monitoring efforts throughout the state, and will be available at the class for \$30.

Topics will include stream ecology, aquatic insect sampling and taxonomy, and habitat assessment.

The class will be hosted by Dry Creek Conservancy at Sierra College in Rocklin. There is a \$20 registration fee payable with registration. To be considered for the class, please fill out and return the attached application to Gregg Bates by Sept. 8. Confirmation will be made by Sept. 15.

For more information, contact Greege Bates at dcc@unlimited.net or Dry Creek Conservancy, P.O. Box 1311, Roseville, CA 95678

Take a Romantic Moonlight Paddle

by Linda Shaw

You are invited on an evening of beauty and adventure. I am promoting a moonlight sea kayak trip in San Francisco Bay Friday, October 26. No experience in sea kayaking is needed; stable, two-person kayaks are used.

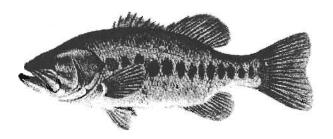
We leave Sausalito and paddle around Richardson Bay where we enjoy a dinner and than a leisure paddle back. The moon will be up and the lights of the city will be turned on for you. Guides are experienced and paddling skills will be demonstrated.

The entire trip, including dinner and equipment is \$85 per person. The evening starts at 4 p.m. and ends around 10:30 p.m.

The trip is a benefit for E.T.C., a group that takes "youth at risk" and folks with disabilities on sea kayaking and river rafting wilderness trips.

The trip expense is tax deductible.

Contact Linda Shaw for more information at (530) 885-3111 or Coolinda@juno.com.



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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

Events

September and October Fishouts

By John Hogg, Fishmaster

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 in the fall, the artificial lure and reduced limits discourage the conventional tackle anglers and bring out the fly anglers. The opportunity to hook into a 20-inch plus brown or rainbow is a real possibility. And the lake is also known for its gigantic Sacramento perch, which commonly weigh a pound or more.

Gary Flanagan is the host of this trip, and there have already been several signups at the August meeting. Camping will be at Convict Lake, and for those who want to motel it, consider the city of Mammoth Lakes, which is only about 10 miles away.

Gary will be arriving Thursday afternoon for those who want to get an early start. He will leave information on the campground bulletin board for arrivals.

If you need any last minute flies or equipment, The Trout Fly shop is located in Mammoth Lakes and is only twenty minutes from camp. Call the shop at (760) 934-2517 for current fishing information.

For more information, call Gary Flanagan at (916) 223-4240, or come to the September meeting.

Driving Directions to Crowley Lake

From our area, you can take a number of routes to Crowley Lake. Head east over the Sierra Nevada to Highway 395 and then south. About the time you see the lake to your left there will be a sign that will take you right to Convict Lake and the campground.

Events continued

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My favorite way is to go is to take Highway 50 east towards South Lake Tahoe. Just prior to south shore at Meyers take Highway 89 to the right. Drive until you come to Highway 88 and take a left toward Minden, Nevada. When you come to Highway 89, turn right and go through Markleeville. After Markleeville take a left over Monitor Pass and get on Highway 395 south to Crowley.

If you go via Monitor Pass you will drive by numerous great trout fishing locations: The West Carson River, Indian Creek Reservoir, Pleasant Valley Creek, the East Carson River, Heenan Lake, the West Walker River, Bridgeport Lake, Twin Lakes, the East Walker River.

Many more lakes, rivers, and streams surround Crowley Lake. I look forward to sharing fishing stories about these great places as we sit around our campfire after a great day of fishing.

Upper Sacramento River at Dunsmuir, October 20 and 21

Our Grand Poobah, Denny Welch, will host this trip, and the river should come alive for the autumn fishing season. Not only do you have access to the beautiful Sacramento River, but also you are in easy distance of the McCloud River and its gigantic October caddis hatch. Denny is going to centralize activities at the Cave Springs motel, which is located at the north end of Dunsmuir. For more information call him at (530) 889-8562.

Eagle Lake at Susanville in November

We don't have dates finalized for this trip, which will be led by Gene Allen. This shallow water lake is known for consistently large rainbows and fishes well in the spring and fall. For more information call Gene at (916) 645-4330.

Would you like to host a trip?

We would like to schedule at least one trip per month as a club outing. More than one is fine! Local day trips are great, and so are overnighters. Being a host is easy, just contact John Hogg at (916) 663-2051.

Grand Canyon Raft Trip continued

There was only one angler, myself, and the scant fishing information I had gathered was conflicting and vague. Try hoppers! Use a sinking line and big wooly buggers! The fly shop at Marble Canyon recommended beadhead micro mayflies in size 18 and 20, although none had been downstream. So I wound up taking a 4-piece pack rod, one type 4 sinking line and one floating line, and a fairly broad selection of flies, dries, nymphs, and streamers.

Fishing from the paddle raft was impossible. In fact my rod had to be stored on the baggage boat because of all the rapids we would be negotiating. And because we covered 22 or so miles a day, my opportunities to fish would be limited to the evenings after we set up camp. Our evening camps seemed almost identical: a beach bordering a giant eddy formed by the tail-out of a large rapid. And these huge eddies—sometimes 200 yards long, were clogged with rainbow trout and cuttbow hybrids. Most cooperated readily when presented a #14 parachute Adams; a beadhead Prince stripped in at virtually any speed or rhythm, also drew a hit on almost every cast. Back-casting room was usually limited due to rocks, bushes, and the camp itself, so roll casts and switch casts were necessary to get the fly out the required 50 to 60 feet.

As we progressed downstream we encountered a new picture postcard vista at each bend of the river. Daily hikes took us up to an Indian ruins, or the remnants of failed mining camp, and even magical waterfalls located way up in side canyons. The rich history of the canyon, its geology, and misadventures of other visitors going back 150 years were the stuff of our guides as we negotiated long quiet stretches of the river.

In the pit of all our stomachs, was the upcoming hike out of the canyon that we faced on the fifth day. The Bright Angel trail from river to rim was 10 miles and climbed a full mile as well. Our guides stressed drinking plenty of water—as much as a liter an hour, eating plenty, taking lots of rests, and wetting head and clothes completely at each water source. Fortunately, we all made it without incident other than a few blisters and sore muscles. And at the top waited the prize we had all been looking forward to over the past several days—a gigantic two-scoop ice cream cone.

Rafting Through the Grand Canyon

by John Hogg

Our put-in was Lee's Ferry, 15 miles below Glen Canyon dam, the same point where most fly anglers get into a jet boat and head upstream for a day of guided fishing. Our outfitter was Outdoors Unlimited, and we were a party of 22, plus six guides and six rafts heading downstream on a five day float trip that would let us off 87 miles downstream at Bright Angel Trail near Phantom Ranch. From there we would hike out to the South Rim exactly where most visitors drive in to visit the Grand Canyon.

There were seven of us in the raft. Six of us were the designated paddlers, gripping our paddles with enough force to choke a chicken (we paid extra for this privilege rather than being rowed down the river in a raft outfitted with oars). The seventh was Tim, our paddle captain. Physically he appeared relaxed, but mentally he faced the challenge of making us at least minimally competent before our first rapid, which was only four miles down the river. And minimal we were when we hit a relatively minor rapid with 10-foot standing waves that almost stood our 16-foot self-bailer on its end. Our skills at this point were pretty much limited to hanging on.

But as the trip progressed so did we as a paddle team. We learned to stroke using a full body motion which was much less tiring than using only the arms. And we gained confidence to lean out over the water, and keep the paddle in the water even in the most violent rapids. This trick worked just like a wading staff, in effect giving you a third leg of support. In major rapids, we hit standing waves as high as the raft was long, negotiated our way around hydraulics and holes that would have flipped us in a second, and withstood waves that inundated us completely as they swept over us. This was not the south fork of the American!

Weather and temperatures varied wildly. On our first day, the thermometer hovered at 113 degrees Fahrenheit, and by the third day we paddling through afternoon thunderstorms and temperatures that in the 80s. Water temperature was 47 degrees—much too cold except for the briefest of dips—although just right for the frequent water fights between boats.

Events continued

Casting Clinic at John's Pond

Tune up your casting at John's pond Sunday, Sept 16 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.

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

Directions: Go east on Highway 80 toward Auburn. Take the Penryn exit, and 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 into Auburn-Folsom road. Turn left and go about 1 mile; then turn right on Newcastle Road. (This is also the 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 grass between driveway and pond.

NCC/FFF Conclave, Saturday September 29 at Kings Beach on Lake Tahoe

We have nothing organized for this trip, although each year quite a few of our members attend. Perhaps by the September club meeting we will have something arranged. Meanwhile keep this date open if you want to attend a really top notch fly fishing convention with great fly tiers, casters, lots of booths, raffle, and auction.



Conservation Update

Nothern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF)

by Rob Ferroggiaro

FISHING REGULATIONS:

The process is underway to update fishing regulations, with the changes to take effect in 2002. In July, I attended a meeting with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and other interested parties to discuss potential regulation changes. NCC/FFF is sponsoring two regulation changes:

- 1. Inclusion of the tributaries of Fall River under the regulations currently in effect for Fall River. This is a limit of 2 fish under 14" and restriction to artificial lures. This is intended to halt over-harvest of large fish in Lava Creek and other tributaries.
- 2. Our Striped Bass Committee has submitted a recommendation to set a maximum 35" size limit on ocean-going stripers. This change has been proposed to protect large spawning females, and for public health reasons since stripers over this size are too toxic for human consumption.

In mid-September we will receive a complete list of the specific changes being proposed by DFG as well as the proposals submitted by the public. At that time we will be able to evaluate all of the proposals and make recommendations to our members so they can submit written opinions to the Fish and Game Commission. The Commission will also accept oral comments at the October 4-5 (San Diego) and November 1-2 (Redding) meetings, and will approve the new regs in December.

It appears that most of the changes being recommended by DFG are intended to protect ESA-listed steelhead and salmon. Ironically, one of the changes proposed by DFG is a reduced take limit on the Calaveras River. We recommended this change two years ago, but DFG opposed the change at that time. Also, DFG has received a lot of feedback from



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Flytier's Corner continued

Instructions

- 1. Place bead on hook (optional); mount thread at eye, and wrap a small head to close hook eye and provide cushion for bead. Tie off, and remount thread behind bead.
- 2. Cover hook with thread, and wrap weight at thorax area; five wraps is sufficient.
- 3. Take 4 or 5 pheasant tail fibers and tie on a tail equal to shank length; don't trim the butts, as they will be wrapped as body.
- 4. Tie on rib material and move it out of the way.
- 5. Take butts of pheasant tail and twist them together a couple of times; now wrap them forward as a body to about 1/3 shank length behind the eye, and tie off.
- 6. Reverse-wrap the rib and tie it off at the same place.
- 7. Take 2 or 3 strands of peacock herl and tie them on where you ended the pheasant tail body; wrap several times to back of bead and tie off.
- 8. Take a small partridge back feather and stroke back the fibers after wetting fingers; this will leave a small tip at the point of the feather. Tie in this small tip just behind the bead, and take one or two wraps of the hackle, "soft hackle" style. Tie off and whip finish. Slick, eh? Scour pocket water with this gem, being sure to get it to the bottom. If you turn over a rock or two, you will see some brown and/or green worms and nymphs. When these insects lose their grip, they are carried along by the current near the bottom; hence, your fly must be in the same vicinity and not higher in the water column.

See ya on the creek!

NCC/FFF Update continued

anglers that the regulation booklet is too complicated. They will be revising the format of the regulation booklet, and will look for other opportunities to simplify the regulations in the future.

PIT RIVER:

PG&E has submitted a draft application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a renewed permit to operate its Pit 3, 4, and 5 hydropower facilities. Alan Ulrey and I have attended some of the meetings regarding this permit. The draft application fails to address a number of concerns critical to this important fishery. In this light, our consultant, Bob Baiocchi, has filed extensive comments with FERC, which document the deficiencies and recommend needed studies. We intend to follow the process closely.

ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING FISH KILLS AND DAM OPERATIONS:

Here are some of the actions taken by consultant Bob Baiocchi on behalf of fly anglers and NCC/FFF since our last update:

- Filed a complaint with FERC regarding the fish kill on the Tuolumne River below Don Pedro Dam
- Filed a letter of concern to DFG and a public information request regarding lack of enforcement of Fish and Game Code Section 5937 following the fish kills on the Scott and Shasta rivers,
- Filed extensive comments on the NEPA and CEQA documents for the Oroville Feather River Project FERC license. This resulted in a request by a DWR attorney for a face-to-face meeting.
- Filed a comment letter with FERC regarding preliminary permits for potential hydropower dams on the Merced River, Martis Creek, and the Middle Yuba River. The preliminary permit is a first step in a long process that must be completed before dams could be built.
- Filed an appeal to the settlement agreement for the operation of hydropower facilities on the North Fork Feather River. The proposed settlement includes planned high weekend flows for boating recreation, which have the potential to negatively affect the health of the river and would likely reduce angling opportunities.
- Filed objections to a water transfer on the Lower Yuba River

FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM

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Pattern for September Program: Mike Mercer's Z-Wing Caddis (featured in the August Leader)

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August Winners:

Experienced: Steve Johnston Beginner: Alex Giannini

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

Flytier's Corner

by Bill Carnazzo

South First Special

The South First Special takes its name from a street in Dunsmuir, Calif., adjacent to the Upper Sacramento River on the eastern side of the tracks. I happen to be fortunate enough to own a home on South First and fish this section of the river regularly. Because the Special has fished so well along South First Street and places downstream, I decided to name it accordingly. Its beauty lies in its simplicity—a critical fly criterion for me. It fishes well as the point fly, or as the dropper fly; sneaky anglers might fish one on the dropper and another of a different size on the point. The fly roughly resembles that old standard, the PT Nymph, but has some additional features that differentiate it.

Materials

Hook Tiemco 100; Mustad 3906B; or similar hook. #12-16

Thread Brown 6/0 or 8/0

Weight 5 wraps lead or substitute, at thorax position

Tail Pheasant tail fibers

Rib Gold or copper wire (fine)

Body Pheasant tail
Thorax Peacock herl
Hackle Partridge

Head Gold or copper solid bead (optional)



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Yuba River Clean-Up Day September 15

The South Yuba River Citizens League is organizing its annual clean-up day for many popular spots on the Yuba and tributaries. We have been contacted by the team working to clean up the Parks Bar area. A lot of GBF members fish the Yuba, so here is a chance to do something for the river. We are being asked to help clean up for a few hours on Saturday morning, Sept. 15.

Here are a few details:

- -Meet at Rood Center (the County Building on Hwy 49) at about 8:30-8:45 a.m. or meet at Parks Bar at about 9:15 a.m.
- -Gloves and bags will be provided, but you might want to bring your own favorite work gloves. Dress appropriately for scrambling around the rocks and banks. Bring lots of water.
- We'll work until noon, picking up trash and generally cleaning things up.
- There are some pretty cool perks to this program; there'll be some free t-shirts, and there's a party afterwards at Memorial Park in Grass Valley with free beer (yee ha!) and some good music. All the crews form all the many sites will be there—maybe a couple hundred people.

Let's show everyone else just how cool the fly-fishing community is, and how we're first in the line when it comes to taking care of our rivers, especially Parks Bar. Donate a day, grab some free beer, do some good, and have a good time while you're at it. Thanks in advance for your help. If you are able to attend, or need more information, please contact Ric Ferrentino at ricferr@pacbell.net or (530) 478-9678.



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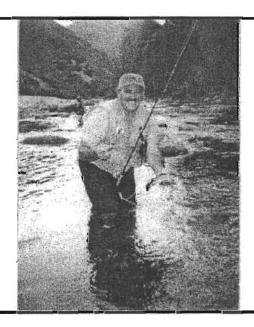
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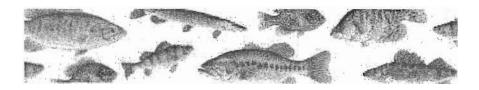
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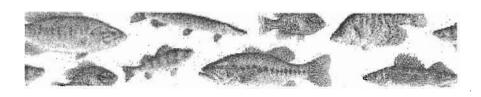
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