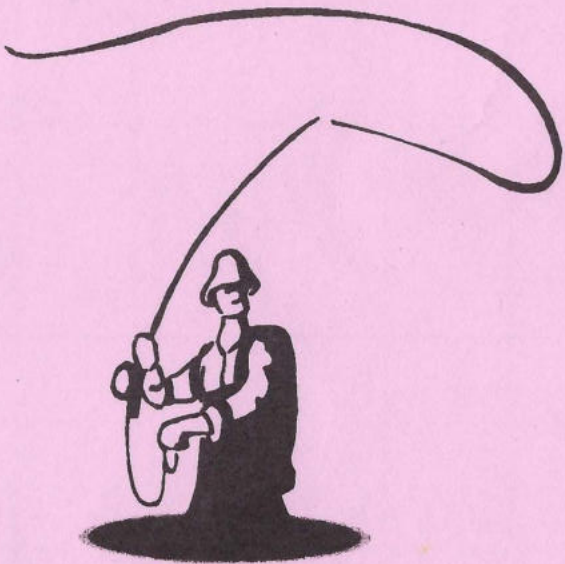


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Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting Fly fishing and good sportsmanship.

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 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamic raffle follows the show.

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President's Message
By Denny Welch

Let's stick out our hand of friendship to each other and to our community. Let's volunteer our time to each other Well, here I go again. I'm in another of those melancholy moods that seem to plague me much more often as I get older. I've been contemplating what words of extreme wisdom I can leave on this page and the only thing that comes to mind is a movie currently playing on HBO called "Pay It Forward". I haven't seen the whole movie and probably won't. I saw the beginning and the end, but not the middle. The end was lousy and now I have no desire to see the middle. Anyhow, the movie revolves around this kid (the same one who played in The Sixth Sense) who, as a homework assignment, comes up with this plan to do something unexpectedly good and kind for three different people without any expectation of receiving something in return. The recipient of that kindness is then supposed to pass on that random act of kindness to three other people and so on and so on. The kid's idea takes off and before you know it the world is a better place to live.

The storyline of the movie is all Hollywood, but to a very large extent Granite Bay Flycasters has been doing this stuff for a lot of years. Ron and Jeanne English have been volunteering their time for as long as I can remember so that we could have a youth program. Bill Carnazzo and Pete Peterson give up several hours a month and teach us how to tie flies. John Hogg opens his home so we have a place to learn to cast. Fishouts don't just happen...someone does all the planning and calling needed to provide a good trip. Our Golden Trout instructors give up their time to teach others what they know. The list goes on and on.

The point I'm trying to make is simple. Get involved. Our membership is growing steadily and I think many of our new members are looking for those things we have to offer...friendship, companionship, fun. Each of us, in our own way, has a lot to offer. Let's do good things for each other and for our community without expecting anything in return. Let's Pay It Forward.

GBF Annual Dinner: April 6

Focus on Alaska!

By Chris Ronshausen

Annual Dinner Coordinator

The Place

Summer is around the corner and Alaska fishing will soon be prime! Whether you're interested in catching big game (salmon —5 species) or smaller quarry (principally dolly varden, rainbow and grayling), it does not matter: there all there!

Anyone who has been to Alaska (or traveled much at all) knows the research generally involved when planning for a trip of such magnitude. Alaska, although one of the "united states," is unique in many ways, but mainly in its topography. It is a land of extreme expanses, mammoth mountains and wide, deep bodies of water. And as you can expect, the fish are particularly wild, big and plentiful.

If you are planning a trip to "the last frontier," or simply are enamored by the "land of the midnight sun," the flora and fauna therein one of the best ways to begin to expose yourself to its environment is through another's experiences and pictures.

Brian O'Keefe will spend a day and evening with our club sharing both.

The Schedule

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While the best of casters on both sides of the double hauling argument can make long, beautiful casts (just as adherents of different casting styles can achieve equal results), those who achieve success with inefficient styles have to work harder.

I realize that this is a philosophical argument where neither side will be convinced by the arguments of the other side. I side with eleven times international fly casting champion, Steve Rajeff, and make a short haul for short casts and "rip the haul" for long casts.

(© Don Coleman of Florida's Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club for the FFF ClubWire Email NewsWire)

THE ANNUAL CASTING CLINIC IS HERE AGAIN

MARCH 17, 24 and APRIL 4

I can't believe it's that time of year again. The annual GBF beginning casting clinic will again prepare ten's of people for the upcoming trout season opening day. The format will be similar to past years. The clinic will again consist of three Sunday afternoons at the Carnazzo pond. Beginning to intermediate casters are eligible as long as they are sixteen years of age or older, sorry, no exceptions can be made due to legal issues. The cost is \$25.00, and all proceeds go to the club coffers. A sign up sheet will be out at the next club meeting. Sign up early as space is limited for this always popular program. Any questions can be directed to Steve Johnston at 530.644.4061

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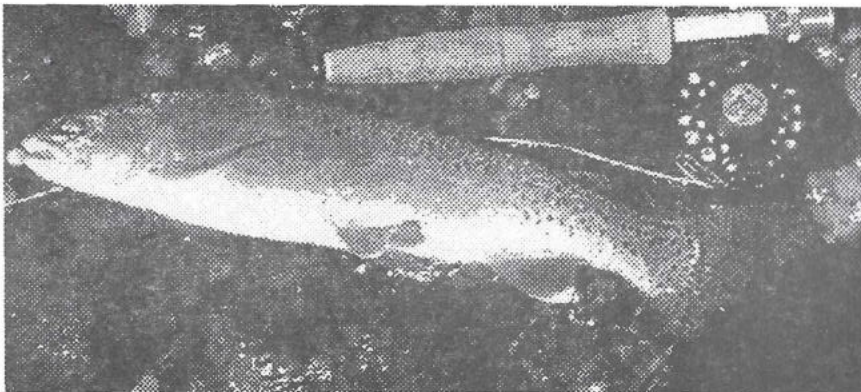
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11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse: Steelhead and Photog aphy

At the day program, **Brian O’Keefe** will talk about steelhead fly fishing opportunities available in Alaska. Be prepared to take notes on the type of equipment and methods required for success. And get ready for some spectacular “eye candy”!

Speaking of which, there will also be a photography component to thi meeting. Brian will not only share his beautiful, oft-published and award-winning photographs with folks via a slideshow. He will also be taking time to explain ho to prepare for such shots, display and describe the preferred equipment to use and walk us through some of his own experiences leading up to the “catch.”

There will be refreshments provided at this event.

5:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church *(See map provided.)*

The bar opens at this hour. Treat yourself to a glass of wine, cold beer, soda or mixed drink before dinner and “shoot the bull” with folks. Like last year, this year we’ll have a large(r) variety of foothill wines (mainly red fruit-bombs) available to sample—of course, for a small donation

Now would be a good time to assess the awesome trips and gear Frank Stolten has provided for the silent auction. Bring your checkbook—and good luck!

And don’t forget to pick up a bundle of raffle tickets and listen for your number(2) later in the evening. This year there will be *many* spectacular prizes! Last year, everyone went home with something!

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., after the opening ceremonies, and will consist of fish (a tasty breaded halibut), rib-eye steak or chicken (your choice), along with all the trimmins’. (Be sure to sample a glass of the stain-your-teeth-purple foothill red wine with your mea ☺)

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7:30 p.m. Center-Stage

Following the awards ceremony (Wet Fly, President's and Conservation awards) will be a spectacular slideshow presentation by **Brian O'Keefe**. He will present an overview of fly fishing opportunities in Alaska. Everyone who I've talked to tells me this guy delivers a wonderful show: He'll have you packing your gear-bags for the northern climes tomorrow!

We'll wind up the evening by calling the raffle and presenting the silent auction results. The rest is history...

So get your tickets now and plan for a memorable night with Granite Bay Flycasters!

Tickets to this event are available by calling Lester Snow at (916) 967-7563.

Get them while they last!

-----**HUMOR**-----

THE BUM

A bum, who obviously has seen more than his share of hard times, approaches a well dressed gentleman on the street. "Hey, Buddy, can you spare two dollars?"

The well-dressed gentleman responds, "You are not going to spend it on liquor are you?" "No, sir, I don't drink," retorts the bum.

"You are not going to throw it away in some crap game, are you?" asks the gentleman. "No way, I don't gamble," answers the bum.

"You wouldn't waste the money at a shop for a fly rod, would you?" asks the man. "Never," says the bum, "I don't fly fish."

The man asks the bum if he would like to come home with him for a home cooked meal. The bum accepts eagerly. While they are heading for the man's house, the bum's curiosity gets the better of him. "Isn't your wife going to be angry when she sees a guy like me at your table?"

"Probably," says the man, "but it will be worth it. I want her to see what happens to a guy who doesn't drink, gamble or fly fish."

THE DOUBLE HAU

You should always double haul ... not just on long casts. Efficient double hauls will generate more line speed on both the back and forward strokes for longer casts. You will be able to pick up more line, carry more line in the air, shoot more line, let your line hand share some of the work, and cast large flies in the wind with less effort. However, there are different opinions on how to make an efficient double haul. One school of thought, spearheaded by Lefty Kreh, believes that a haul should be made at the end of the stroke during the speed-up-and-stop. They believe that short hauls of four to twelve inches will increase line speed as much as longer hauls and that the "slack" developed by longer hauls is difficult to marshal back through the guides.

The other school of thought, practiced by Steve Rajeff and promoted by Mel Krieger (see The Essence of Fly Casting II video), believes that the hauling hand should mirror the rod hand as far as length of stroke, speed, and timing. The haul is started when the stroke is started, accelerates smoothly, and ends when the stroke ends. Hauls will be long for long casts and short for short casts. They believe that feeding the hauled line back through the guides is no more different than shooting line ... which you should also always do on every cast to make a good presentation (slowing the line being shot to a smooth stop will insure a straight line cast and properly turn over the leader).

Throughout a casting stroke, with or without a haul, the fly line moves at the same speed as the rod tip. It can do nothing else because only the rod tip can tell the line what to do. The inertia (reluctance to change in motion) of the line, resisting the movement of the rod tip, causes the rod to bend. When the rod is stopped abruptly at the end of a stroke, the rod unloads (straightens) and the line forms a loop and starts unrolling in the direction the rod tip was traveling when the rod was stopped.

Recent scientific studies published in physics and engineering journals indicate that approximately 80 percent of the line speed is attributable to the casting stroke, and approximately 20 percent is attributable to the unloading (straightening out) of the rod. "The lever is more important than the spring." With a rod held vertical, have your partner pull on the line to form a good bend in the rod then suddenly release the line. The line will not carry far do to spring action alone.

The casting stroke and the haul both contribute to line speed. But because of the 4 to 1 ratio the primary effort should be to accelerate the stroke to speed, not to load and unload the rod.

When a haul is added to a stroke, the inertia of the line causes the tip of the rod to bend further back before starting to increase line speed. A short haul (or a quick wrist action) executed just before the abrupt stop, will increase the bend in the rod more than increase the line speed because the flexibility of the rod and the inertia of the line delays the build up of line speed. Furthermore, a short haul only adds about one foot of haul speed to the line speed.

A long haul, where the line hand mirrors the rod hand in length of haul and speed (where the haul starts when the stroke starts, accelerates throughout the stroke, and ends when the stroke ends) provides enough time for the rod to overcome the line's inertia and build up line speed. A long haul can add as much as four feet of haul speed to the line speed.

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If you went to a flyfishing shop that offers these classes you would have to spend thousands of dollars for this kind of training. Membership in the Golden Trout Program is only \$10.00. Each individual instructor may have a small charge for materials and any money goes back to the club to support future activities.

At the last few meetings, I have noticed that we have taken on a lot of new members. If you are interested in finding out what Granite Bay Flycasters can do for you, give the program a try. This is a great way to find new fishing partners while improving your fishing skills. Ultimately you will be able to give back to Granite Bay Flycasters that thing that is special about you.

Keep an eye on our website at www.gbflycasters.org. The "Golden Trout Handbook" will soon be available online.

If you are interested in joining or have questions you may call me at (916) 791-3528

WET FLY AWARD

The Board of Director will be taking nominations for the Wet Fly Award at the February meeting. The Wet Fly Award is given to an individual that has demonstrated the highest level of "at oneness" with the waters that we fish. In other words, one who with or without grace and finesshas taken unexpected dips in a stream or lake.

We will have nomination forms at the meeting. The nominations will be kept secret until the winner is announced at the annual dinner in April. If you have any nominations, please fill out a nomination form at the club meeting, with the name of the individual, a brief description of the event deserving of the wet fly award, and your name so we may contact you for additional confirming details. If you can't make the February general meeting, then contact a board member with your nomination before then.

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WARMWATER FISHING

This month we will cover the equipment needed for bass fly fishing. Almost everyone has enough equipment suitable to at least start this aspect of flyfishing.

If you have a fly rod of 6 wt. or better you are in business. A 6wt is perfectly adequate for smallmouth or spotted bass. When fishing the Delta or a lake like Amador where the bottom is heavily covered in brush or trees, an 8 wt. is necessary. At times I like to fish for lunkers, When it is either a lunker or nothing, I will move up to a 9 wt. I personally prefer a medium or fast action rod with a length of 9ft.

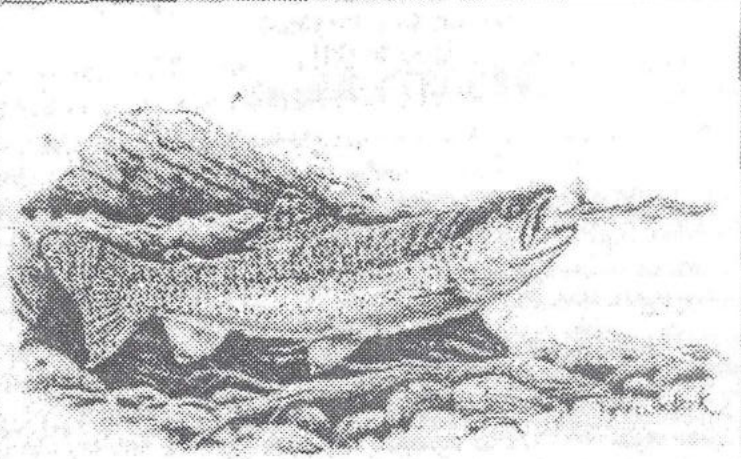
A quick note on reels—forget it. Any reel that you now have will work fine. Bass fishing takes short cast, very seldom over 40 ft. I use a reel that is designed for 7/8 wt. but I have extra spools with 9 and 10 wt. lines on them. I will explain the 10wt. Line when we talk about techniques.

Fly line is another story. Very few trout lines are suitable for bass unless you are casting very small flies. The larger size of bass flies (use up to 5/0) take a weight forward line. Without a doubt, the Bass Bug Taper lines manufactured by most of the fly line companies, is the best way to go. If I could only fish with one line, it would be a Bass Bug Taper with a 10 ft. sinking tip with the highest sink rate made—this is usually a 5 or 6 sink rate, Floating and full sinking lines also have a definite place in bass fishing. We will go into lines in more depth in the techniques column.


Leaders except for floating line are a waste of money. On a floating line, use a special bass leader if possible. These help turn the fly over easier. On all lines that sink, either sink tip or full sinking, I use straight monofilament line of no more than 3-4 ft. in length. I usually do not change the monofilament until it gets to about 2 ft. in length. Bass are very aggressive and are not leader shy.

Next month we will go into flies and different ways to fish them.

Pete Peterson



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Golden Trout Program

Gary Flanagan

For those of you that haven't attended a club meeting lately, you may not be aware of the resurgence of the Golden Trout Program.

All the activities have been organized into an updated handbook, which include specific classes, and the names of our instructors that will help you complete the seven of twelve categories that will allow you to hold the Golden Trout designation within the club.

Instructors are listed in the book and their telephone number and e-mail address is included. These instructors have provided written information in the handbook that describes their clinics or classes. As the year progresses there will be announcements of future classes and clinics.

As of this writing we have seventeen new participants that have enrolled in the program. They are taking classes and are working on various categories. (Take a look in our website at www.gbflycasters.org under activities and events for pictures of the latest net building class.)

Whether you are interested in making your own hardwood laminated net for those trophy fish, building a new fly rod that casts like a dream or learning to tie that special fly that fish can't resist, this program offers the how to of these and many more skills. You may choose to improve your casting abilities with one of our certified casting instructors or you may want to participate in one of our conservation projects. How about learning to tie knots that won't break off when fighting that fish of a lifetime.

Have you ever watched the faces of young students after they have raised Salmon and Steelhead Eggs, (that you have provided), in their classroom and then released the smolts back to the river? Because of your involvement, one of those students may decide on a career in fisheries and be instrumental in saving the extinction of a species in the future.

Every flyfisher should know about the different aquatic insects and how to "match the hatch." With our streamside class on entomology you will know why you need to tie on that size #18 Bead Head Pheasant Tail or a size #10 October Caddis pattern.

FISHOUT AT RANCHO MURIETA MARCH 23

Big thanks to Kunute Anderson for his effort in convincing the folks at Rancho Murieta allowing G.B.F. the use of Lake Clementia for our March Fishout. **Thanks Kunute!** However it's limited to the first 15 members who sign up. Bass should be up in the warmer water ha ha?? More details and directions at the March meeting For more information call **Jim Hunter (916) 652-5057**

MID WEEK FISHOUT

March 13

Rancho Sec

This is a tentative date we hope it works out. This will be before the meeting so there will not be a sign up for information call Jack Ramos (916) 774-9972 or Gary Flanagan at (916)791-3528

BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING CLINICS Bill Carnazzo

I will be teaching both beginning & intermediate tying clinics. The dates for the **beginning** clinic are the following Mondays: March 4, 11 & 18, at 6:30 sharp at the clubhouse. The dates for the **intermediate** clinic are the following Mondays: March 25, and April 1 and 8. In both classes we will be covering trout flies, including nymphs, emergers and dry flies. There will be signup sheets for both clinics at the February general meeting. If you are not able to attend that meeting, but are interested in the clinic, call me at 663-2604 for details. The fee for each class will be \$20.00.

FLY TYING SKILLS PROGRAM

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(featured in the December Leader)

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Beginner: \$15 Gift Certificate

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

February Winners:

Experienced: Bragging Right Ron English
\$25 Gift Certificate Victor Gianinni

Beginner: Drake Johnson

Program rules:

- * judging will be during the meeting
- * best tied fly announced 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.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. De-barb hook. Cover shank with thread and add weight at thorax, if desired.
2. Take small bunch of muskrat fur and tie in a short tail at bend, just above back end of the barb.
3. Tie in gold wire for rib, and dub a slim body up to a point just forward of the halfway point of the shank. Counter-wind the rib forward to this same point, tie it off, and trim the excess.
4. Tie in 4 strands of peacock herl by the tips, at this same point. Strengthen them by wrapping them around the tying thread. Now take the herl and thread together, and wrap a nice thorax forward to a point about 2 eye-lengths behind the eye of the hook.
5. If you opt for mono eyes, tie them in now, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.
6. Just behind the eyes, or at the point where the herl thorax ends, tie in an immature feather from a pheasant back. You will find these feathers behind the main, larger feathers on the back. Before tying it in, trim the feather material from one side of the feather.
7. Take two wraps of the filoplume, stroking it back so it sweeps back over the thorax; tie off and trim. Care must be taken in handling these feathers, as they are quite fragile.
8. Form a nice, small head with the tying thread.

Now go fish your Billywog. Spring is near and if it's warm enough the bass will be in shallower water.

See ya on the creek...!!!

Editors note : this fly will be judged at the march meeting.

Flytier's Corner

BY
BILL CARNAZZ
March, 2002

The Billywog

Trout fishing is a passion (and a job) for me. Bass and panfish fishing is also high on the list—which is why I live where I do, with two bass ponds. This has given me the opportunity to create some new patterns—some (but not all) of which have been successful. The Billywog is one of my successful creations.

Bass love frogs. Polywogs—immature frogs—are plentiful and easy prey. So it's a no-brainer: you need a polywog pattern in your bass fly box. This fly is so simple it will make you laugh. Well then, all the better—because I favor simplicity. Fish it with short strips; if that doesn't work, try variations in stripping speed and length. Visualize the soft filoplume moving suggestively as you strip, with a predatory bass eyeing the passing morsel. Hang on! Here he comes!

P.S.—the Billywog may also suggest a swimming damsel nymph.

MATERIALS:

Hook Tiemco 200R or similar shaped hook, sizes 8-12
Thread Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail Small bunch of muskrat fur, with guard hairs
Abdomen Dubbed muskrat
Rib Fine gold wire
Thorax Peacock herl (wrapped)
Hackle Filoplume or immature pheasant feather
Eyes (Optional) 30# Mono heated to form eye shape
Weight(Optional) Lead or substitute, at thorax area
Head Small thread head

INSTRUCTIONS:

CREEK WEEK

Roseville's Creek Week begins on Saturday, April 6 with a nature walk/bike ride event along Miners Ravine trail from 9 A.M. to noon. Learn about Miners Ravine ecology and how you can help preserve and protect our creeks and natural systems. Hands-on exhibits including native plant identification, geology, flytying, and water quality testing will be stationed at the trail head at the north end of the United Artist Theatre parking lot, 520N Sunrise Avenue.

Creek Week also has features a Creek Week Clean-Up Day on Saturday April 13. Hundreds of residents, students, and scout troops have a fun and productive morning pulling tons of trash from local creeks and open space. Volunteers receive free Creek Week T-shirts. This community event is sponsored by Dry Creek Conservancy, the City of Roseville, and many local businesses.

Remember however that this is the same day as the GBF Annual Dinner day program. We did this last year, GBF plans to provide a team of workers. Call David Baker at 315-0715 to sign for helping with flytying and/or for cleanup.

GATE TIMES

In the winter time we have problem having the gate open past 7pm. We have someone standing there till 7 . After that we are not sure when the ranger will come by and lock the gate. So try to get to the meeting early.

The Leader

PAST DUE BOOKS AND TAPES

A note from are keeper of the library Jim Hunter . Many book and tapes have been check out for over a year. Please return them so that more of are members will be able to receive the benefits of them . If for some reason you do not make to the meetings get in touch .with Jim or one of the board members and make arrangements to

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If there are any Granite Bay Flycaster members that have a rod dryer sitting around collecting dust and they would be willing to let us borrow it for the up-coming Rod Building Class please contact Mike Brune at (916) 723-4524

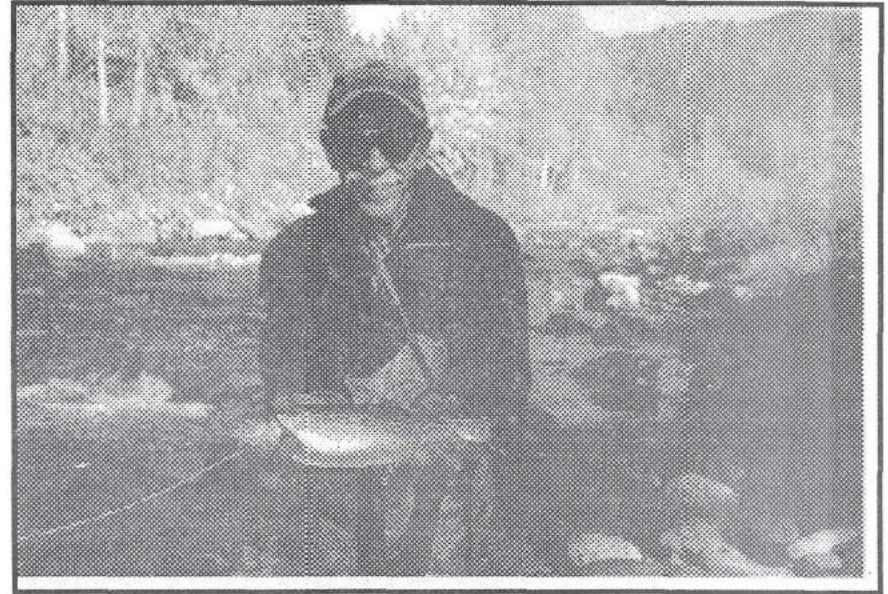
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