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Photo by Ken Davis

Walking Water Beetle nymph (Peltodytes) from the Bear River

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.	2.	3.	4.	5. Conservation Committee meeting	6.	7.
8.	9.	10.	11.	12. General meeting: 7 pm see page 10	13. Indian Creek Reservoir w/CFFU see pg. 11	14.
15. _____	16.	17. Fly Tying Jam 6:30 pm	18.	19. Board meeting 7pm-9	20.	21. Fly Fishing Appreciation Day, Lake Natoma 9am
22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28. Trinity River _____
29. _____ _____	30. _____	31. _____				

President's Message

G a r y F l a n a g a n

What a really nice four days I just spent at the President's Picnic at the PG&E Bear Valley Campground and at Fuller Lake. The lake ended up fuller by the end of the trip than it was at the beginning. PG&E had dropped the level by many feet to work on the dam and they had completed the work by Thursday evening. That evening, Mike Powers and I were at the upper end of the lake where the water was supposed to be entering the lake but it had been turned off like a faucet. I had never seen the huge sandbar island that extended over one hundred yards into the lake. In spite of this, there were trout swimming around in the shallow water. Many of them had green Fish and Game tags protruding from their dorsal fins. I wasn't having much luck but I noticed Mike catching one fish after another. Being a nice guy, Mike was willing to share with me his secret. He was quickly stripping small ant patterns under the surface. Not being one to tell Mike that I had never seen a real live ant scoot at any speed under the water, I chased success and tied on an ant pattern and started stripping. Guess what? I also started catching fish. Go figure hatchery trout. Mike and I caught a bunch of fish until someone at PG&E turned on the water faucet and the creek babbled to life. By the day of the One-fly Contest, Fuller was almost full. Surprisingly, it didn't affect the catching at the contest. Almost everyone got into and landed fish.

On Saturday afternoon I went with a group lead by Bill Hagopian to our Bear River Project that the Club

had restored several years ago. What a beautiful place! I wasn't in the Club during the active portion of the project but everyone that participated

in the restoration should be very proud of what they have accomplished. The grasses in the valley were still green and in places waist high. Actually I would consider this section more of a meadow creek. The Lupine was standing tall and was in full purple bloom. As I approached the creek, I noticed that except for the light foot traffic of our group, the banks were not trampled and the plants along the creek were standing tall. Large stands of willow were hanging over the water affording cover, cooler water temperatures and shade for the hundreds of German Brown Trout I saw darting about in the creek. It sounds funny but I really had no desire to catch those fish. Instead, I sat down on a high bank and enjoyed the surroundings. It was just nice to be there and observe those fish doing what fish do. Watching where they held, where they bolted to when they were frightened and how long it took to forget I was watching them and return to their routine was interesting. I really enjoyed that trip to the Bear River and I thank the Club for making it possible.

So after the field trip to the Bear, we returned to chow down on ribs,

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Kelly Galloup's Zoo Cougar



'Kelly Galloup's Zoo Cougar'

Kelly Galloup is widely known and recognized for his creative, innovative patterns. He's produced a number of good videos on fishing technique as well as fly tying instruction. The Zoo Cougar is interesting because of its dual personality. It is designed as a floating fly, but Kelly fishes it beneath the surface with a sinking line. Here is what he has to say: "The Zoo Cougar has without a doubt been the most productive fly for really big trout I have ever fished. This fly was the first of the floating fly concept and has still been the best of the bunch. A floating fly is a fly designed to be pulled under by the sinking line, as opposed to weighting the fly. This allows the fly to be kicked and pushed by the currents when it's not being stripped, giving the fly a very real and erratic movement." What I intend to do with this fly, which I believe will be mistaken for a scuplin, is to fish it through some deep pockets on the McCloud just before dark. Hopefully, Mr. Big Brown will seize the fly as it swims through the currents near the bottom.

I n s t r u c t i o n s

1. Smash the barb. Cover the hook shank with thread.
2. Tie in a tail of yellow marabou.

It should be somewhat full, but not bulky. The tail should be tied in right above the back of the barb.

3. Tie in the sparkle braid at the same spot, advance the thread to a point about 5/8" behind the eye, and wrap the braid forward. Tie it off where you left the bobbin.

4. Tie in the calf tail at this spot. It should extend to about the tail tie-in point. Keep the material directly on top of the hook, and don't let it spin around to the sides or bottom.

5. At the same point tie in one dyed yellow mallard flank feather with the tips even with the marabou tail. It should be tied in so that the concave (dull) side is down.

6. Stack a nice bunch of deer hair and spin it around the hook at the same forward point, forming a collar with the tips pointed to the

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MATERIALS

Hook:	Tiemco 300, or any 6X long streamer hook, size 6-8
Thread:	Yellow 170 denier flat nylon
Body:	Pearl sparkle braid (or any pearl colored flash)
Tail:	Yellow marabou
Underwing:	White calf tail
Wing:	One mallard flank dyed yellow Collar Yellow deer hair
Head:	Same yellow deer hair cut full and shaped wide

Tying the Kelly Galloup's Zoo Cougar

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rear.

7. Now spin several bunches of hair in front of the collar; pack each bunch rearward before spinning the next bunch.

8. Tie off at the eye and whip finish.

9. Trim the head to a flat, arrow-head shape, so that the fly resembles a sculpin. Place a drop or two of head cement into the deer hair head. Now go fish this fishy-looking critter, and....

See ya on the creek....

President's Message

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chicken and lots of great side dishes. Denny Welch, Tony Hamamoto and several members did an outstanding job on the barbeque. Jim Hunter, Gene Allen, Ken Brown and many others helped Denny and Tony with the cooking. There were so many chefs there that nothing important was forgotten. Great Job Guys and fantastic ribs!

I was assigned clean up, which is what you get when others think you didn't help out enough earlier in the

day. Thank you everyone, especially the ladies, for chipping in and helping me. The hardest job I had was cleaning up my ice chest after Denny and Tony decided it would make a good marinade tub for the ribs. It still smells. You two might want to unroll your sleeping bags and air them out. I have it on good authority that someone slipped dead fish into your bedrolls before you broke camp in the morning.

I am writing this early because eight of us are leaving for Baja for seven days so check your e-mails for updates on outings. I don't know how long I can keep up this grueling pace. I need to get a job so I can slow down a bit. Seriously, for those of you that haven't been on an outing with the Club, **make the time** to do so. You will actually have fun. It doesn't matter what your skill level is. If you are new to flyfishing, we will help you. If you are experienced, you can help us. No matter what, we have fun.

Don't be shy, submit a fly **Fly Tying Skills Program**

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Observe a fly tying master tie this fly at this month's general meeting and bring it to next month's meeting to be eligible for gift certificates donated by American Fly Fishing Company.

Get input and critiques from experienced tiers. This will help you improve your skills and help increase your chances of catching fish.

Rules:

- Judging takes place during the general meeting.
- Winning flies are those that best match the specific pattern recipe published. No other pattern is accepted.
- Non-beginner category certificate winner will be drawn at random from among entries in that category.
- Beginners will be moved to non-beginner category after winning their category twice.

Monthly Fly Tying Winners for June

Beginners:

Jim Bitcon

Non-Beginners:

\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company:

Mike Lang

Best Tie: **Alex Gianinni**

September 10 - 12

Annual Crowley Lake



As long as I have been a Club member, there has been a September Crowley Lake Fishout and 2004 is no exception. Crowley fishes extremely well this time of year. California Fish and Game Regulations have changed the lake to catch-and-release; single barbless hooks and most of the Los Angeles anglers have gone home. This year, the fishout begins the day after our monthly meeting.

Fish in excess of twenty inches are regularly caught and there is always that twenty-pound German Brown lurking around the corner! It is not uncommon to average over ten fish for a morning of fishing!

Once again we will be staying at Convict Lake, which is only a few miles from Crowley. Convict has a great campground and cabins are available at the lodge. For more information check out www.convictlake.com Cabins fill quickly so make your reservation now. Last year we found the campground to be crowded. We were able to accommodate the twenty- seven members that made the trip but just be aware that we may have to spread out a bit

As far as equipment is concerned, you will need a float tube, Pontoon Boat or standard type boat. They do have rentals at the lake marina but it is expensive. Make sure you have an anchoring system. Although not

imperative, it is extremely helpful.

A 5 or 6 weight rod will work just fine. Bring a floating line and sinking lines. I have found success with a Tenny 200 line but and line that will get down to about 10 to fifteen feet will work. Bring 3X, 4X, and 5X tippets.

Chironomid flies will work well as will small perch patterns. Size depends on what is coming off the lake so you might want to wait and stop by The Trout Fly in Mammoth Lakes. Their web site is www.thetroutfly.com for directions.

For more information on fishing Crowley Lake, e-mail me at flanagan@surwest.net



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August Fly Tying Jam; Olive Matuka



This month, in anticipation of the annual Crowley Lake fishout, Jim Hunter will be featuring some of his favorite flies for fishing Crowley Lake. Two of these standbys are the **Chronimid fly** and the **Olive Matuka**.

The Matuka imitates the huge abundance of Sacramento Perch Fry that have been living in the weed beds since being hatched earlier this year. Now that the water level in the lake is dropping the Perch are being forced out in open water and into the mouths of hungry trout that patrol the weed bed edges.

The ever-present midges that develop in shallows of the lake are

also a major source of food for the trout population. Chronimid patterns are some of the simplest patterns to tie and Jim will show you how to tie them quickly. You will be able to tie these flies for a few cents instead of paying the going rate of two bucks apiece at the fly shop in Mammoth.

Matuka Flies are tied using streamer hooks in size 8 to size 12 hooks. The size of the Perch Fry in Crowley this time of year range from ¼ inch to one inch in length and your patterns should be tied accordingly using olive thread, chenille, hen neck feathers, cock neck feathers and gold oval tinsel.

Chronimid patterns for Crowley are tied using small size 16, 18 and 20 hooks and are nothing more than wrapping thread around the hook and finishing with wire ribbing. Thread colors include black, gray, brown or other neutral colors.

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Rod building basics: 101

This is the first article (of what we hope becomes many) of the Rod Building Corner. The purpose of the Rod Building Corner is to help GBF Members in advancing the art of their own rod building and to educate non-building members about what goes into the building of fly rods. We hope you enjoy these articles, and we welcome any thoughts and ideas these Rod Building Corner articles may generate. To share with us, you can contact Bill Avery at 916-632-1275, email: billavery@grant.k12.ca.us or Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, email: larrylee@L3rods.com.

Why Build Your Own Fly Rod?

Such a simple question generates many answers. Some answers

involve logical reasons such as saving money or building the rod that meets your specific performance standard for a specific application. Other answers may revolve around more abstract, philosophical, psychological, or emotional-based reasons such as a psychic flash into a dream of catching a huge fish on a special rod. Whatever your reasons, the satisfaction of constructing of your own rod can be immense and fulfilling. It is probably identical to the feeling one gets by tying one's own flies and catching fish on them. Those new rods, with all of their different looks and feels, can be an extension of your own creative expression, and more importantly, catch fish. It can also be worthwhile passing rod building skills on to others, and watching new rod builders enjoy themselves learning new skills that encourage their own ideas.

When building one's own rod, the builder will have to address many details regarding the type of fly rod to construct. **One rod will NOT** be able to fit all situations because of the huge variety of fishing conditions in which one can find oneself. Rods come in different lengths, number of segments, line weights, rod weights, material stiffness, blank colors, guide sizes (with different colors), reel seat types and colors, handle configurations types, etc. Some basic questions anglers should ask themselves when deciding what type of rod to build are:

- What kind of fish and size do you want to catch (i.e. bass, trout,

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salmon, marlin, dorado, tarpon, etc.)?

- What type of water are you planning on fishing (i.e. small creeks, large rivers, lakes, ocean etc.)?

- What rod break down size for easy transport to the fishing location is needed?

- What types of flies are going to be used (i.e. how big, weighted, dry or wet)?

- How much money and time are you willing to spend on your rod?

The ultimate decision to build your own fly rod is completely yours, but once you've made it, the excitement of building something you can use from scratch, the thrill of catching the first fish, and the envy of your friends and family because they

know what it takes to make one, just can't be compared. If you can't wait to get started building your new fly rod, GBF has scheduled a beginning rod clinic for 10/18/04 and 11/15/04 that will coincide with the club's Third Tuesday fly tying jams at the GBF Clubhouse. Each class runs from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Intermediate classes addressing more in depth rod building techniques are scheduled for 1/17/05 and 2/22/05. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill Avery at 916-632-1275, email: billavery@grant.k12.ca.us or Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, email: larrylee@L3rods.com.

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Fishing our way down the Coppermine River for 500 miles; the Clark & Thelon Rivers, the Big Salmon, The Dease, and the Nation Lake chain, all are places you will visit in this slide show.

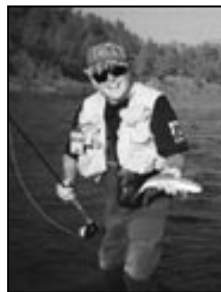
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Jim paddling on Point Lake in the North West Territory of Canada

on a fly rod. Observe Musk Oxen, Caribou, White Wolves. Imagine soaking in a hot springs 100 miles from civilization.

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Jim White



Stan Kabel, DFG fish Bio fishing Silver King creek in Silver King Valley, Alpine Co.

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View photographs of rare pure-strain Cutthroat Trout, Paiute Trout and the beautiful Rainbows of the Silver King Valley. See large Cutthroat Trout taken on a fly from a remote lake in this wilderness area and Golden Trout taken from Desolation Valley.

When: August 12, 7 pm

Where: GBF Clubhouse

August Fishout shedule

Here are the outings that we have scheduled for the month of August. There werer sign-up sheets for these outings at the July general meeting. I was getting very tired landing large Dorado while were sitting in the clubhouse listening to Bill Hagopian conduct the meeting for Gary. So sorry, but someone's got to do it.

Indian Creek Reservoir, Aug. 13-15. This will be a joint fishout with CFFU. There will be a one-fly contest and other fun activities. There is a good camp ground at the lake, but you will need to arrive early to get a good spot. Gary Flanagan is the outing chair. Call him at (916) 223-4240 for details.

Green Creek, Aug. 23-27.

This will be a camping trip. Tony Hamamoto is outing chair. Camping is limited, so you will need to sign up early. The fishing here should be good at that time. Green Creek is in the Eastern Sierras, west of Bridgeport. You can locate it easily using the Northern California Atlas. Tony's phone number is (530) 642-9132

Trinity River, August 28-30. This will be a salmon/half-pounder steelie trip. Karl Wolff is the outing chair. If you haven't fished the Trinity, this is your chance to see what a truly outstanding fishery it can be. Karl's phone number is (916) 941-8584.

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Members have to provide a security deposit of \$30. For more details contact Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, or email: larrylee@L3rods.com.

Sagehen Stream Ecology Workshop

Sept. 17-19

The GBF Conservation Committee is hosting a Stream Ecology Workshop at the U.C. Berkeley Sagehen Creek Field Station on September 17th and 18th (Friday night and Saturday). On Sunday following the workshop, we will be fishing on Webber Lake for anyone interested which is nearby at the headwaters of the Little Truckee River.

Ken W. Davis will be the instructor. Ken will be conducting a Power Point presentation on Friday night and the in-stream workshop on Saturday. Ken is an aquatic biologist/wildlife photojournalist, owner of the Wildlife Survey & Photo Service, and graduate of CSUS. The workshop will feature close-up photographs of invertebrates found in Sagehen Creek, their relationship to stream health, and how they can benefit your fly fishing endeavors. During the next two months, Ken will be conducting a partial photo inventory of the invertebrates in Sagehen Creek to share with the course participants. In January 2004, the editors at American Angler referred to Ken's images



An unusual stonefly that has finger gills rather than the usual bushy gills. *Perlinoes aura*, the long-gill springfly.

as "Amazing New Photographs of Aquatic Nymphs" when they published Ken's article entitled "Macro World." Since that article appeared, Ken has been asked by numerous fly-fishing groups across the nation to present his close-up images and observations on macroinvertebrates behavior.

Bill Carnazzo will be co-teaching with Ken. Bill is a licensed fly-fishing guide in California, and a fly tying master. His portion of the clinic will be to teach students how to select the "right bug" based on our samples from Sage Hen Creek so we can "match the hatch". Bill Carnazzo requests that every student buys, "Hatch Guide for Western Streams" by Jim Schollmeyer. This guide is available at the area fly shops.

One of the unique features of the Sagehen Field Station is a large viewing chamber located under the creek water level that will allow us to see fish and macro invertebrates on the creek bottom. This viewing area was built and donated to Sagehen by the *Golden Gate Casting and Angling Club*.

If you were to take a similar

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Photo by Gary Flanagan

Sifting through rocks and mud is necessary to find the insects in any river

Sagehen Workshop in Sept.

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Entomology clinic through UC Davis, you would pay \$300.00, however, the cost for the GBF workshop is only \$35 for Club Members. (Two nights lodging in cabins at the station and Friday, Saturday night dinners and Saturday, Sunday breakfasts) Mike Howes and Kathy Long will be coordinating the meal preparation. The cabins are "rustic" but comfortable, with bathrooms, showers nearby. You will need to bring your own sleeping bags and be prepared for cool weather. We are limited to 25 people max. and are requesting space for another 5. Be sure to get your name on the signup list, which will be available at the Aug. meeting. More information is available at <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~sagehen/index.html> select the PDF sheet to see photos of the facility and a map. A sign up sheet for

this clinic will be available at the August meeting and will be handled on a first-come basis since room is limited. Please provide your payment at the time of sign-up.

Webber Lake, 9/19

Mike Brune has arranged for us to fish on Webber Lake, a private fishing lake that is spring fed and well stocked with rainbows, browns and brook trout. The fish are nice size, up to 8 lbs. A fishing club owns the lake and normally charges \$75 per day for non-members. Thanks to Mike, GBF members will be able to fish this date at the reduced rate of \$50 per day. Powered water craft (5 mph limit) is allowed, however since the lake is fairly small, float tubes, prams or canoes will work fine. Signup sheet for Webber Lake will be out at the Aug. meeting. It is not necessary to attend the Stream Ecology workshop to participate in the Webber Lake trip.

F i s h O u t

bill carnazzo, co-fishmaster

Sept. Outings; Truckee, Crowley, Sage Hen

For those who like to pre-plan the calendar, for the month of September. There will be sign up sheets for these outings at the August general meeting. I will be getting very tired landing Silver Salmon and large Rainbows in Alaska while you are sitting in the clubhouse listening to Gary conduct the meeting. So sorry, but someone's got to do it.

Truckee River, September 7: This will be a weekday (Tuesday) trout outing. I will be the outing chair for this one. Call me at (916) 663-2604 for details.

Crowley Lake, September 10-12: Gary Flanagan is the outing

chair. This is a traditional GBF outing at this time of year. Be prepared for large fish. Call Gary at (916) 663-2604 for details. See page 6 for more about Crowley.

Sage Hen Creek, September 17-19: A combined educational and fishing outing, to be held at the UC facility at Sage Hen Creek. There are cabins and a nice common building. The educational part will feature a biologist discussing bugs that the participants will have collected from the creek, combined with a corresponding fly slide show and discussion. See related article page 12.

- Bill Carnazzo



Fishing Alger Lake in the morning and evening when hundreds of fish were rising. During the day most of the group fished the lake's outlet made up of clear pools and pocket water.



"On the Trail Again" - - Brian, Trevor, Jeff and Ray headed for Clark Lake on the third day.



On the fifth day we packed up and headed back to the pack station. Shown are (l-r) Jeff, Ray and Fernando on a switchback during the 5-hour descent. Being experienced riders, Ed Fritz and I were relegated to the end of the line resulting in our eating a lot of dust.

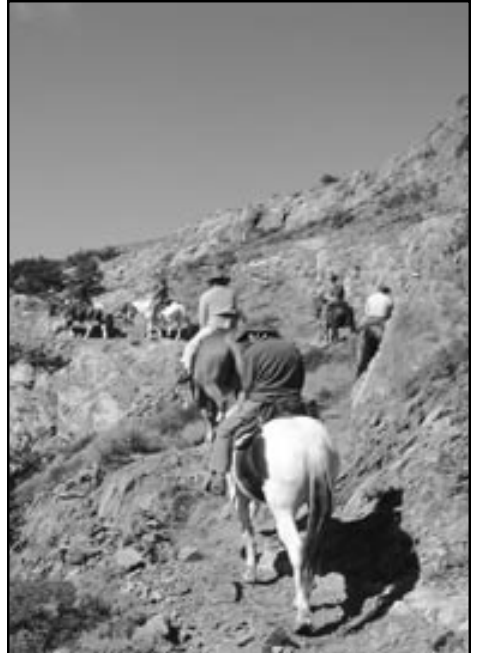
A Golden Trip to the High Sierra

Photos & Story:

By Art Hawkins

Six Flycasters (Ray Nunez, Ed Fritz, Jeff Medina, Brian & Trevor Lawton and yours truly) plus 3 non-members departed for the Ansel Adams Wilderness from the Frontier Pack Station in June Lake on July 2. Ray coordinated this 5-day fishout for Golden and Brook Trout.

The nine of us arrived at 7 am to check in our gear (limit 40 lbs per person) and eat breakfast while the mules were loaded. After breakfast we saddled up and headed for the high country.



We begin the steep ascent from June Lake, elevation 7,600 feet and head for the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area. In the foreground (l-r) are Brian Lawton & Jeff Medina.



Approaching the 10,000 foot level the trail narrows and rounds a corner. Shown on their surefooted horses are (l-r) Alan Paxman, Ray Nunez, Ray's father Fernando and Jesse, the Frontier Pack Train lead wrangler.



The moon rides a crest above Alger Lake as the sun rises at 5:45 am. The first night was a chilly one, the temperature dipping into the 20's. A huge breakfast including French toast, eggs, juice and "cowboy coffee" awaited the Flycasters in the morning. The cook prepared some awesome meals despite the remote setting, including hot hors d'oeuvres served at 4 pm.



Ed Fritz fishing at the Lake of a Thousand Islands. His "big head" look comes from his mosquito hat. Note the thunderclouds building up in the background. On the ride back to camp the Flycasters got caught in another hailstorm accompanied by thunder and lightening.

Clark Lake, elevation 10,000 feet, as the setting sun slips beneath the storm clouds. Moments before the group was catching Brook Trout during a full-blown hail storm. The hail sounded like bullets as the pellets zipped through the lake's surface. We were surprised that the lake boiled with hail yet very few hit us standing on the shore (of course, we kept fishing).



The bugs in the Bear River



Photo by Ken Davis

The Bear Rivers' Walking Water Beetle nymph (Peltodytes).

A recent tour of the GBF Bear River Restoration Area sparked several conversations about fly fishing and the health of a trout fishery. I was bragging about the success of the project that developed habitat which supports a wide variety of aquatic insect species represented in our fly boxes and some animals that will never pique the interest of any tyer. A fly fishing acquaintance

of mine, who we shall call Bernie spoke up. He claimed that Water Pennies and other aquatic insect larvae such as the Slow Walking Water Beetle (on the cover of this issue) are truly God's mistakes. As he sees it, if aquatic invertebrates do not produce major hatch-
es or even minor trout feeding frenzies, they are worthless. Bernie attempted to compare the elegant *Hexagenia* that drives trout to spectacular hits to the Slow Walking Water Beetle (SWWB) that lies around and sucks on algae. Then he ranted about spectacular PMD hatches and asked "What does the Water Penny

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asked "What does the Water Penny do for the fly caster?" His answer was "Nothing."

Now, I will agree that the larvae of the SWWB looks like the worst tied fly on earth or at a minimum one screwed-up bug. However, looks are deceiving. Diversity is the key to produce a truly healthy trout factory. All the bugs count. Granted, trout may not care if the creek supports one, two, or three species of *Epeorus* mayflies (quill gordon) as the difference is determined by the structure of the first gill. Bernie would echo the same, "So what? Trout are not going to examine the gills! What really matters is what's in my fly box."

Unfortunately, the diversity represented in our fly boxes is minimal and does not represent a balanced invertebrate population necessary for a healthy waterway. Thinking outside the box we must strive for a balanced, diverse population of aquatic insects. Producing and maintaining that balance is not easy. Just ask the GBF volunteers who worked on the Bear River Project. On my recent tour of the Bear Valley site, I was impressed with what looked like a very healthy invertebrate habitat. I had to put a net in the creek and catch some bugs. The results were truly impressive and represent one of the most interesting sites I've ever surveyed. I'm going back!

What invertebrate species are living in the Bear Valley Restoration Site? Take a guess. Email your list to me: ken@wildlifefiles.com. We'll post the list of Bear River nymphs in the September Leader and I'll post images on my website.

- Ken W. Davis

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Catching the Big-Ones

Flashback on Bailey Creek Lodge Trip



Rick McComb with a 25" Rainbow caught during the Bailey Creek trip.

Once in awhile luck smiles on us anglers. The moon and stars are in proper alignment, karma is good, and the force is with you. No forgotten rods, reels, fly boxes, waders, vests, wading shoes, or other essentials, to vex and annoy. No "shoulda been here last week" to drown your spirit. No cell phones, fax machines, laptops, or other evil contrivances to distract your attention. Nothing but blue sky, a beautiful stream, and two lovely lakes—all loaded with large and feisty fish—to satisfy your wildest fantasies. Great food, large suites, a pool, and a spa to pamper your essential needs.

Sound like a fairy tale? Well, it's not. Bailey Creek Lodge was, for the six anglers who made the trip, far beyond our expectations. The creek itself holds a large Rainbow

population, including fish as small as two inches and as large as 5 ½ pounds. The lake on the property is deep, and holds bass in the 15 pound range, Rainbows in excess of 30 inches, and very large Browns. Lake Christine, which is a ten minute drive from the lodge, holds a huge population of wild Browns and Rainbows, all eager to taste flies. I've got pictures of John Hogg, Cedric Wong, Frank Cunha, Rick McComb, Amy, and me that will get your juices flowing.

We're all signed up for next year. There are two spots open (the lodge can accommodate eight). I am putting together a slide show using Power Point, and will put on a brief program at the September meeting (I'd do it sooner but I'll miss both the July and August meetings due to—well, you know—being a fish bum).

Shoulda, coulda, woulda...ya'all missed a really great trip.



Amy Carnazzo with 18" Brown

**Photos & Story by:
Bill Carnazzo**

North Yuba Nymphing Clinic recap

Once again GBF's annual North Yuba was a resounding success on June 12. About 20 members participated in the clinic, with the help of some excellent assisting instructors. We met at 7:30 a.m. at the pizza restaurant in Downieville for a briefing, and headed up the road to Mile 26.7 where there is a nice riverside

meadow that serves as our clinic venue.

We commenced with instruction on rigging, equipment and nymphing techniques. By 11am we were on the river demonstrating the 'short line system'. Breaking into groups of three, everyone received plenty of individualized guidance.

Regrouping at 1 pm, answering questions and discussing the program were at hand. Some remained to fish, while others traveled elsewhere. Almost all caught a fish and the river was fishing well.

Thank you to all who helped with the clinic. Because of their valuable expertise and experience, club members were able to increase their ability to catch our wily quarry; **Gary Flanagan, Frank Cunha, Rick McComb, Sturmer White**, and any others whose names escape me at my current senior moment. Denny Welch and Linda Shaw were slated to assist also, but were unable to make it. Of course, there were a number of quips about the reason, but we know what happened....don't we? There were some funny moments during the day.

-Bill Carnazzo

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Doors open between 6:30pm and 7pm for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30pm. The main program gets underway after a short refreshment break and usually involves a guest speaker and slide show or other presentation. Each meeting also has a raffle, and visitors are always welcome.

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