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Photo by Guide Jeff Petersen

27" Brown Trout caught by Nancy Siegler
on the Bow River in Calgary, Canada.

September 2005



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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		Conservation Committee Meeting		General Meeting 7:00 P.M.	Crowley Lake Fishout	Teach a Kid to Cast @ Gibson Ranch	
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18.	19.	20.	21.	22.	23.	24.	30.
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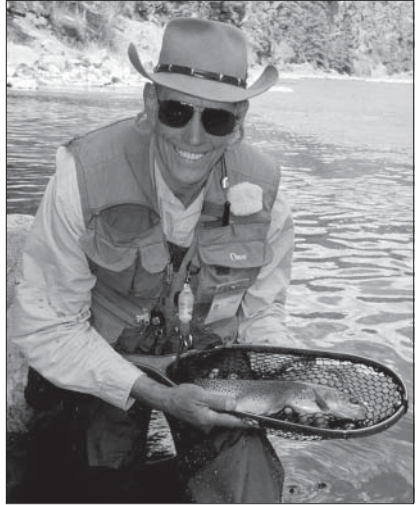
President's Message

I've just returned from my 10th annual trek to Montana for a week's fishing in Big Sky Country. The fishing was awesome, as it usually is this time of year. The weather was hot, in the mid to upper 90's everyday. While this made for some discomfort it definitely brought out the grasshoppers and that made for some outstanding dry fly action. For the most part, 20+ fish days were the norm. Rainbows are few and far between because of whirling disease that has all but wiped out the breed. This has been the case even prior to my first trip to Montana. However, the cutthroats and browns were plentiful with most running in 14" to 18" range and every now and then a really big one. Occasionally we'd come across a run with smaller size fish but overall the Cutthroats and Browns seemed much larger than in years past. Since the river we fished is catch and release only I may have been catching the same fish as last year with another year's growth adding to both girth and length.

While I was gone two other outings occurred, the Indian Creek Reservoir Joint Campout with CFFU and the Casting for Recovery workshop. Unfortunately, I missed both because the cabin reservation for the Montana trip had been booked nearly a year ago. As I understand it there were 12 GBF members and 12 CFFU members that spent the weekend together doing some productive fishing in the reservoir as well as nearby streams. See the article written by Gary Flanagan about this dual club get together in this issue.

The Casting for Recovery workshop was held at the Pit River Lodge. This is a national program

Art Hawkins



and Nancy Siegler, who is a GBF member as well as being the President of the Lady Bugs Fly Fishing Club has headed up the fly fishing activity of this northern California retreat for the past 2 years. The Pit River retreat is limited to 14 ladies, all of whom are battling breast cancer. All the equipment is donated by Orvis; rods, reels, waders, boots, vests, line, leader, tippet and such. Clubs throughout the nation tie flies in the winter and donate them to CFR for their various retreats. On average about 25% of the ladies take up Fly Fishing as a result of this experience. This year Tony Hamamoto, Christine Johnson, Jackie Peppard, John Peterson and Mike Powers were on hand to help these ladies get a few hours of quiet time on the water with an experienced fly fisher. Unfortunately, there were 7 GBF volunteers that

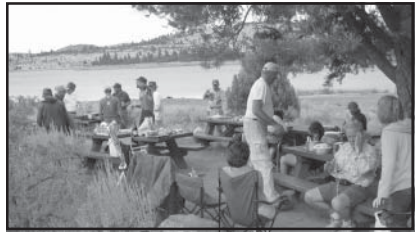
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Fun at Indian Creek Reservoir

Last month's fishout at Indian Creek Reservoir was a lot of fun. Both GBF Members and CFFU members enjoyed each other's company immensely. The Saturday afternoon barbecue was most enjoyable and both clubs thought that we should do things together more often.

The fishing was productive both on the lake and area rivers. Each day we got thundershowers and after enduring weeks of hot valley temperatures the showers and cooler weather were welcome. After it cleared up, the air was fresh and smelled of pine and sage.

Grover Hot Springs were also very relaxing after a hard day of hiking and fishing. The mountain views



from the pools were spectacular.

I thought I would share a few pictures that Joe Aichroth took in hopes it would entice you to participate in future outings.

- Gary Flanagan



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Fly Tying Jam

The monthly Fly Tying Jams are held on the third Tuesday of each month and begin



at 6:30 PM. You can come and just watch, tie any pattern you wish or tie the flies I'm featuring for that month. The next Fly Tying Jam will be on September 20th. The main theme will be still-water flies for late September and early October. They will include Snail and Blood Midge patterns. If you would like to tie these patterns, bring your tools and equipment. The Snail pattern will be tied using scud hooks in size 10-12. The Blood Midge will be tied using a curved hook, such as the Daiichi 1260 in size 16-18. Blood Midges use red materials. If you have any questions, call me at (916) 967-6709 or e-mail me at jwholmesjr@aol.com.

- Jim Holmes

Fish-Out, Sept. 22-25th McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park

We hope to see all you up at this year's Burney Creek fish-out. The meeting place is at the state park. There is a message board on the right as you enter the park. I will post what camp-

ground location I will be in and other information as it comes up throughout the week- end. My cell phone # is 916-606-5558. We are having a pot-luck dinner on Saturday night at 6:00 please bring your family and food to share. If you have any Questions please contact Jim or Mike and if we can't answer it, we will find out.

Please contact Jim Bitcon at jim@haprecycling.com or (916) 417-8772 or Mike Powers at mike@fotopowers.com or (916) 606-5558 if you want to sign up or have any questions.

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President's message

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signed up to fill the needed positions that didn't make it at the last minute. This left the retreat well short of the one-on-one assistance that makes the outing so special for these women that are literally fighting for their lives. Hopefully next year we can provide all the assistance that is needed for this worthwhile cause. I'm sure that if you talk to Tony, Christine, Jackie, John or Mike they will tell you that they got as much of a lift out of this as the ladies did.

All of us have busy schedules and there are going to be times where we sign up to go on a fishout or volunteer to work an event and something comes up that precludes attending. However, it is only fair that if you have signed up and can't attend that you call or email the event coordinator as soon as you know. This will allow someone else on the waiting list to attend if there is a limit on the number of attendees. Or, if there is food being served at an outing this can affect what the coordinator is buying or scheduling attendees to bring. And lastly, if you have volunteered to work an event, the coordinator needs to know you won't be there in order to find a replacement. So please be considerate, if you sign up and can't make it, communicate with the coordinator.

I did receive some great news upon my return. The Club Library will remain open at the monthly meetings. Bob & Carolynn Williams along with Hank Ortman have volunteered to be the Librarians. My goal this year is to have a backup for each volunteer position so that the primary person doesn't feel trapped to the point they can't skip a meeting and go fishing or take a

vacation. Thanks Bob, Carolynn and Hank for volunteering.

Additionally, a big thank you goes to Jim Bitcom who volunteered to be the Logo Merchandise Sales Coordinator at Thursday's general meeting. Moments ago I received a call from Chuck Honeycutt who volunteered to be Jim's assistant and backup. Thanks Chuck for your willingness to take on an active role in the Club. We keep adding members so I'm sure that you two will find many of them are anxious to purchase a GBF shirt or hat to wear at club outings, the Salmon Festival, Fly Fishing Awareness Day, etc.

The Salmon Festival is coming up on October 8th and 9th. Pete Peterson, who has headed up this event for many years, has once again agreed to be the coordinator. Each year we set up tables under a big shade tent and work with youngsters tying a wooly bugger to take home. This is a very simple fly to tie and even if you have never tied one, it only takes about five minutes of instruction and you are an expert. Demonstrations and instructions will be available at the September meeting. Each year we have approximately 600 youngsters tie a fly during the two-day event. It takes lots of volunteers to man the two-hour shifts at the booth but those who volunteer get as much fun out of helping the youngsters as the kids themselves. There are some perks that go along with being a volunteer worker at the Salmon Festival. First you get to park your car in the State Park's parking lot instead of an outlying area and having to be bused in. Secondly, that makes your admission into the event free. So sign up at the September meeting and if you can't make it to the meeting give Pete Peterson a call at 240-1997.

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Last year we added two elements to our presence at the Salmon Festival. First we set up a Club Information Booth that was located adjacent to our fly tying booth located in the grassy area of Lake Natoma behind Nimbus Dam and had Club brochures along with rods and nets made by members on display. This provided an opportunity for non-members to learn about GBF. Secondly, we took our Club rods down and let adults and older teenagers give casting a try after a brief introduction on how to cast. Many adults are fascinated by the art of the cast but have never had a chance to give it a try. These two additions resulted in a lot of interest from both existing fly fishers and those who wanted to learn more about this great sport. So in addition to fly tiers, we need volunteers to work the information booth and the casting demonstrations.

As I sit here and write an article for September and it is mid-August



Michael Gervais and Student
at the Salmon Festival

with temperatures pushing 100 degrees I realize how fast this year is going. About now the Salmon are pushing their way into the American, Sacramento and Feather rivers to spawn. So if you want to tie into a really big one, now is the time. Tight lines. . . - Art Hawkins

Introduction of GBF's New Member Coordina- tor: Joe Aichroth

Having been a new member myself not too long ago, I can empathize with all you new members. Unless you



have a good friend to guide you, or accompany you and answer a multitude of questions, it can be a very frustrating experience. Questions such as: What is the Golden Trout Award? Who can give me some advice about a subject? What happens at and how can I participate in the Annual Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet? How do I use the Club Library? Who are the Officers of the Club? How do I sign up for the classes/clinics? When are they? This is where I come in. I'll try to answer all of your questions.

I try to get to Club meetings early, usually by 7:00 P.M. and can be available also during the break or after the meeting. If there are several new members, we can meet at the round table by the rear door. I generally sit up front on the left by the podium. My phone number is 916-772-4177; email, jaich@surewest.net if you think of something between meetings.

New Members

Family membership:
Robert, Elaine, and Meagan
O'Deegan

Single membership: Carl Ahlberg,
Murphy Dysart, Tim Hanagan,
Raymond Ito

Rod Building 109A: Two-Handed or Spey Fly Rods

Previous rod building articles have primarily discussed single handed casting fly rod advantages and disadvantages of use, how to select blanks and components, and the construction. This will be first of three articles that will discuss the two handed fly rod (also called a Spey rod). These articles will provide a brief history of the two-handed rod, advantages and disadvantages, selection of size, length, action type, guides, handles, and reel seats. A brief discussion of reels and lines will also be included.

A brief history:

The roots of this type of rod can be traced back to the 1850's near the Spey River in Scotland. Originally, these two-handed rods were used on coastal rivers of the British Isles and Scandinavia to fish for Atlantic salmon and trout. Early two handed rods were made of ash, lancewood, and shaved greenheart wood. These rods were constructed with ferrules, and the line tended to flop against the blank when the line passed through poorly designed, unbraced, brass ring guides. Rods also weighed 24 ounces or more, and sometimes spanned 18 to 20 feet in length. At that time, dedicated anglers made their own rods. An angler had to be fairly physically fit to fish with these two handed rods because it took both hands and arms to use them effectively. A fisherman in the 1850's could expect to use the en-

tire length of the rod to just dip the fly in front of the fish or perform an overhead cast. An expert could roll cast 90 to 100 feet. When a fisherman had completed their fishing for the day, he may have had to indulge in some sort of pain remediation by the use of alcohol.

After the invention of fiberglass (1950's) and graphite (mid 1970's), two-handed fly rods made with these materials were much lighter and more responsive than their Scottish ancestors. In short, they provided a superior casting tool for fishing using these new materials. Two types of two-handed rods were developed: a traditional type or a Scandinavian (European) type. The traditional type tended act like the old Scottish wooden rods in terms of action by having a moderate to slow action. The Scandinavian two-handed rods had a much faster action for those that like a faster, quicker rod response.

Why use a double handed rod?

These rods were developed for large rivers and streams with steep banks and/or heavy vegetation. Typical one-handed rods with back casting were not very effective in getting the fly out to the fish in this type of situation. However, using the long two-handed rods and special types of casts that keep the line loops to the side or front, an angler can cast large distances with very little effort. An angler can also cover large sections of sizeable streams, lakes, or salt water with casts of 70 to 140 feet, again with very little effort. In addition, fly lines have been developed for two-

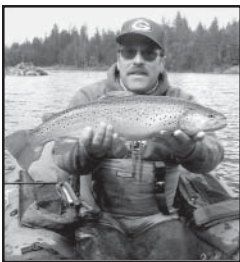
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handed rods that allow the fisherman to fish dry flies with a floating line on the surface, or fish nymphs and streamers with sinking lines of various densities that can reach to various depths.

In the next two articles about two-handed fly rods, we will discuss the selection of size, length, action type, guides, handles, and reel seats. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at larrylee@L3rods.com or telephone (916) 962-0616.

Henderson Springs Ranch Fishout

Henderson Springs is a private fishery located in Big Bend off highway 299 East out of Redding. It is 500-private acres of pure Mother Nature and very fat trout. This remote and very private fishery is one of the leading Stillwater fisheries in the entire United States. Featuring 4-lakes, one pond and a cool spring creek all filled with very large trout. The fishing is extremely good. Everyone should catch at least one fish over 22". Float tubing is the deal and some of the fish are so large that they can actually pull you around the lake. My largest was a 31" very fat Rainbow. We usually have some dry fly action as well as the subsurface action. Having two rods ready to go is your best bet, the Cortland 444 intermediate camo line is



A typical Henderson Brown Trout

the best line for subsurface along with a dry line so you can change quickly as a hatch appears. The old dry dropper can be very effective as well.

Come and experience seeing a large torpedo right on shore moving quickly towards your fly and then Ka....Boom it hits your fly and the action is hot and heavy with a successful landing of a very nice fish.

So if you dare to try this cool place out call; Nancy Siegler (530) 677-6034 and make your reservation. We have room for 6 more folks. Dates are October 14-17. Price is \$280 per person per day and that includes very nice lodging in a beautiful rustic lodge, gourmet meals and all the fly-fishing you can handle.

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Bill has been fly fishing for nearly 50 years. Retired from his "day job" several years ago, Bill guides on the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, Rubicon, and North Yuba rivers. His guiding career began approximately 8 years ago when he bought his first home in Dunsmuir. Bill is also a master fly tyer who ties at many fly fishing shows. He has created many original fly designs that are known as "fish catchers." Bill also works part time at Kienes Fly Shop, and teaches fly fishing and fly tying at Sierra Community College. Bill has authored a number of articles for

Bill Carnazzo

GUIDE ON THE UPPER SACRAMENTO, MC CLOUD, RUBICON AND NORTH YUBA RIVERS

California Fly Fisher magazine on a variety of topics. He was a founding member of Granite Bay Flycasters and has been club president twice. Bill teaches fly tying classes for GBF, as well as clinics on nymphing and pocket water fishing. He presents programs at Northern California fly fishing clubs, and for the Northern California Councils fly fishing conclave, concentrating on pocket water nymphing technique.

Bill will present a program on fly fishing in Labrador for giant Brook Trout on lakes and streams. Labrador and Newfoundland together comprise a province of Canada. Labrador, located on the eastern edge of Quebec, fronts on the Atlantic Ocean. It is, in addition to its fabulous inland Brook Trout fishery, fa-



Another nice one.

mous for its Atlantic Salmon runs. You will enjoy this presentation, which will introduce you to the areas "discovered" and made popular by Lee Wulff many years ago. You will marvel at the scenery and, of course, the fish.

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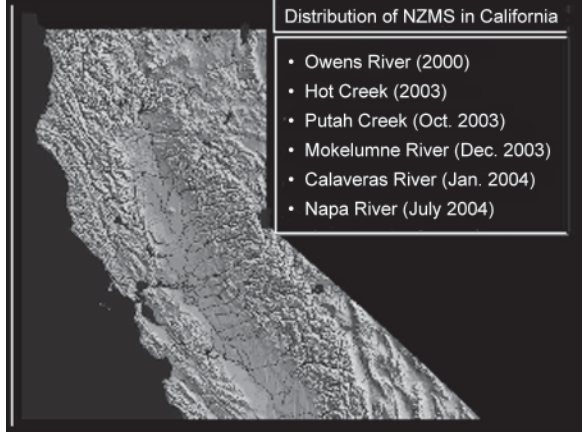


Stop the Spread of New Zealand Mudsnails in California

In North America the New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*, NZMS) was first discovered in the middle Snake River, Idaho in the mid-1980s and has rapidly spread throughout the western U.S. It is a parthenogenetic (clonal) livebearer with a high reproductive potential. There is much concern about the impacts that NZMS may have on native species, fisheries and aquatic ecosystems in the western U.S. Its rapid spread into new systems is considered to be primarily human caused.

In California there are six locations known to be infested with NZMS, although most of California has not been surveyed for NZMS.

Western North American populations of NZMS reach maturity at 1/10 of an inch in shell length, and only grow to 1/4 inch long. Due to this small size they can be easily overlooked in the folds of waders, boot laces, in crevices of gear and other areas even by an attentive observer. In addition, NZMS have a specialized plate-like operculum that allows them to seal their shell and prevent drying out. This operculum allows NZMS to survive for long periods of time out of water (20 days or more), when on damp media similar to wet waders or boots. Their small size and resistance to drying makes it likely that anyone who wades in NZMS in-



festated waters will spread them to new areas, if they do not take adequate precautions.

Since NZMS reproduce asexually it only takes one snail to start a new population when introduced into a wide range of tolerable habitats.

NZMS have never been eradicated from any stream. Remember, if NZMS are introduced to a stream it is likely that they will remain in that stream indefinitely. Don't spread NZMS to your favorite fishing spot.

Several methods have been demonstrated to be effective in removing or killing NZMS on wading gear and boots without damaging the gear.

Don't let your waders spread NZMS to your favorite fishing spot!

There are many ways to avoid spreading NZMS that will not significantly damage wading gear.

1. Avoid sites that are known to contain populations of NZMS.

Surveys have found live NZMS in

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Still Getting Lost in the Woods? Try Orienteering

As promised. I have the most up to date schedule of Orienteering meets for the rest of this year. Remember, Orienteering is a map and compass sport. Your participation can be very competitive, or just a walk in the woods. It's up to you. In either case, you will learn map reading and compass skills. These skills are excellent for everyone to have, whether you're trying to find a great fishing spot on your map, or locate your car in a parking lot.

1. September 17th (Sat), at Orangevale Park. This one is great for all beginners. I'm the Meet Director for this one.

2. October 16th (Sun), at Mississippi Bar.

3. November 5th (Sat), at Rossmoor Bar.

4. December 4th (Sun), at Granite Bay.

Information about each meet is posted on the Gold Country Orienteers web page. (www.goldcountryorienteers.org).

The web page will tell you about the meet, the location, and directions how to get there. I hope to see you there.

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The Bow River Calgary Canada

We all have heard of the garlic festival and the asparagus festival, well I



want to tell you about a well-kept secret. And that is the Brown Trout Festival that happens on the Bow River in mid July through August.

These sneaky and somewhat elusive fish are definitely on the fly in these months. I caught several Browns well over 20" with my largest being just a little over 27" and that was on a large foam dry fly. When she hit she was heading right for the fast current and was into my backing in a flash. The fight was a good one and the landing was even more special as I have never caught a Brown trout of this size on any fly. Oh and when the Browns were not hitting then we just caught rainbows up to 26".

We mainly fished streamers and dries with an occasional nymph dropper under the large dry. There were down times, but when one of these fish hit your fly you quickly forgot about the slow times. There was plenty of action from the boat banging the banks with large streamers, but the most fun was getting out and sight fishing with dries from the bank. Very cool. These big fish would come up and just swallow the fly.

The Bow is a large river and reminds me a bit of the Missouri River out of Helena Montana, except it does not get blistering hot there. The river runs right through Calgary and meanders through the countryside. We also fished from

about 9:00 AM until dark, which happens around 10:30 PM.

This could be a trip of a life time, so if you are thinking you might like to get a piece of this action let us know and maybe the Club could put on a trip to our neighbors to the North.
- Nancy Siegler

Annual Upper Sac Fishout

The October 20 through 23 Upper Sac Fishout is shaping up to be a well attended affair. To make the weekend more informative and enjoyable, we are planning on two events which have always been well received.

There will be a Short-line Nymphing Clinic on Saturday morning at a cost of \$20 for those who want to take advantage of this learning experience. On Saturday evening we are planning a group dining experience at one of Mt. Shasta City's favorite restaurants.



Cave Springs has been the primary place most members have stayed at due to their location and reasonable price. They have motel rooms, cabins and RV hookups. Using Cave Springs keeps the group together and makes communication and linking up with others much easier.

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- Joe Aichroth

Great American River Clean Up

Here's your chance to help our beloved American River Parkway and learn some new fishing spots at the same time!

The Great American River Clean Up is coming Saturday, September 17th, 9am to noon. This is the annual opportunity for river users – and other conscientious citizens – to give a little back to the beautiful Lower American River that traverses our State capitol.

On that date, participants walk the shores of designated stretches of the river to collect litter and other debris in specially-provided bags. The event organizer, the American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF), takes care of the disposal of all collected materials.

The additional opportunity for fly fishers is to pick a stretch of the river you aren't as familiar with, or haven't ever fished, and undertake to learn it as you clean it! Combining the banks for debris provides an intimate way to learn access points, safe wading places, and 'fishy-looking' runs.

In previous years, ARPF has provided cold water bottles, munchies, and a nice t-shirt to early participants. Their website (www.arpf.org) has more information on this event, including detailed, downloadable maps of the river sections designated for clean up.

Come to the September general meeting of Granite Bay Flycasters to learn of any organized Club participation in this rewarding activity. Otherwise, mark your calendars for the time and date – and get ready to help and learn the American River all at the same time!

- Mike Brune

Conservation Corner
Sunrise Isolation Pool Project
The American River water flows are down and we now have a date to help remove the Isolation Pool on the American River. Sign-up will be at the September meeting.

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 August

Beginners:

Dave Harrell
\$15 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company

Non-Beginners:

Bill Aaberg
\$25 gift certificate from American Fly Fishing Company
Best Tie: Jack Ramos

Bill's Simple Parachute Drake

In preparation for my Brook Trout quest this last July to a remote part of Labrador, I poured over my tying books and articles looking for a good drake pattern. My research revealed that my trip could coincide with the massive drake hatches that occur on Labrador lakes and rivers, so I eagerly sought a simple, elegant drake pattern that would float well under windy conditions and in choppy water. No way was I going to show up without the "right" fly to match the highly touted hatch of Hexagenias and green, brown, and grey drakes. I was, to say the least, disappointed in the results of my search, which led me to some fancy, over-tied, and ineffective looking creatures.

Then I remembered that in my research I had stumbled across a couple of articles by Lee Wulff who "discovered" the treasure of fly fishing in Labrador. Lee had created a series of large, beautiful surface flies constructed with materials designed for high flotation. They worked well for the giant Brookies he wrote about so enthusiastically, so I selected a few that looked promising and simple to tie. But after tying a few, I decided I didn't like the standard wing and hackle arrangement, which seemed to result in flies that would roll rather than stand up straight and, because of their large size, could spin during the cast causing kinked tippets.

Why not try using the same materials in a parachute wing style fly? I did, and the resulting flies were both aesthetically pleasing and very functional during subsequent "test runs." They sat low in the surface film and refused to sink; the wing profile was perfect; and there was no rolling on the water or tippet twisting. So I took the plunge and



Bill's Simple Parachute Drake

mass produced parachute drakes in size 4 (when is the last time you tied a #4 dry fly?) and 6; I selected moose body hair for the wing and tail (Lee used it on several of his patterns), sparkly antron dubbing in olive, brown, and grey for the drakes, and cream dubbing for the Hex imitation.

Luckily, the hatch was just beginning when we arrived at the remote lodge in the float plane. Green and grey drakes were hatching profusely, right along with Hexagenias—all huge, elegant, juicy trout meals. For the next nine days the paradrake took many hefty Brook Trout. My largest fish were two seven pound

MATERIALS

- Hook: Standard dry fly hook, sizes 4-14
- Thread: 140 denier thread, color to match body color
- Tail: Moose body hair - shiny and dark
- Wing: Moose body hair - shiny and dark
- Abdomen: Sparkly antron dubbing in selected color
- Thorax: Sparkly antron dubbing in selected color
- Collar: Neck or saddle (for smaller sizes) of dry fly quality

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specimens—and I've got the pictures to prove it! So, I thought I'd share this simple pattern with you. For our normal fishing you won't, of course, need to tie them in #4 sizes—except for upcoming Hex hatches. Tie a few and give them a try.

One final note: this pattern cannot, in any way, be considered new or an "original." Rather, it is a blend taken from existing patterns and constructed using standard techniques for parachute style flies. It's simply the arrangement and selection of materials that are important.

Tying instructions:

1. Smash the hook barb (if there is one). Cover the shank with thread. Wind the thread back to a point just above the back end of the barb.

2. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of moose body hair for the tail. The size of the bunch will vary depending on hook size. Experiment with this and with the wing bunch a bit; the key is to balance form and mass to achieve the "right" proportion. This takes some practice and experience, but it will soon become one of those "I know it when I see it" things.

3. After measuring for length (same as shank length), tie in the stacked hair just above the back end of the now-smashed barb. Hint: before tying the hair to the shank, take one wrap around the hair at the exact point where it will be tied down; this will help keep the hair from rolling around to the far side of the hook. Wrap the butts of the hair down securely and apply a drop of Flexament.

4. Move the thread forward to a point about 1/3 down the shank behind the eye. Cut, clean, and stack another bunch of moose body hair for the wing. Measure it so that it is just slightly longer than the shank, and tie it down at that point with the tips out over the hook eye, tak-

ing care to secure the butts. Apply a drop of Flexament. Lift the hair to the vertical position and take a few wraps around the base. To stand the wing up permanently, take another wrap around the base; when you bring the thread around to the back of the wing, catch the thread in the butts that you earlier trimmed and then wrap around the shank. Repeat this process several times. If this step is done correctly, the wing will not move.

5. Return the thread to the tail tie-in point. Dub a cigar shaped abdomen forward to the rear base of the wing. For the larger sizes, you will need to use a dubbing loop.

6. Select and prepare two suitably sized olive dry fly hackles. I prefer grizzly dyed olive, but plain olive is fine. Tie these feathers in behind the wing with the tips pointing away from you, and the shiny side up.

7. Dub a thorax, covering the wing base area along with the area in front of the wing. Leave enough bare hook to form a nice head.

8. Wrap the first hackle up the wing with 3 wraps, and then down the wing to its base, with each wrap beneath the previous one. I choose to wrap clockwise; others wrap counter-clockwise. It's a matter of what feels right to you. On the final wrap, bring the hackle around the wing base and pull it to the rear with your hackle pliers. Wrap the thread around and over it several times and trim the excess. Repeat this process with the second hackle.

9. Form a nice, small head behind the hook eye and whip finish. Suggestion: when you have tied a bunch of these flies, apply silicone to them before putting them in your fly box. This will allow the silicone to dry thoroughly and they will be ready to fish.

Tie these babies in several different colors and you are ready for those vicious rises when fish are on the drakes.

See ya on the creek....

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damp leaf litter as far as 26 feet from a stream edge. Even hiking near infested waters can spread NZMS. Contact the CDFG for an updated list of infested waterways at (916) 445-3417, or check their website: www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing/html/Administration/MudSnail/MSLocList.asp

2. Dedicate an extra set of gear to any NZMS positive area.

Dedicated gear should only be used in areas with populations of NZMS. If you travel to other areas the dedicated set of gear should be treated with one of the methods below. Be sure to store the dedicated gear away from contact with any other gear used elsewhere.

3. Dry gear in direct sun for as long as possible on a hot, dry day or for a few hours on a very hot day. To eliminate NZMS dry gear at 84-86°F for at least 24 hours or dry gear at 104°F for at least 2 hours. Larger NZMSs generally survive longer than small NZMS. When using this drying method, it is important to thoroughly brush gear with a stiff bristled brush prior to drying in the sun to remove all larger NZMS.

4. Clean gear with brush and Formula 409 Cleaner Degreaser/Disinfectant, diluted 50% with water.

- After leaving water containing NZMS thoroughly brush gear with a stiff bristled brush to remove all snails. Be sure to brush boot treads, laces and other hiding places.

- Mix Formula 409 Cleaner

Degreaser/Disinfectant and equal parts water in a gear dry sack or other large, sturdy plastic container.

- Place wading boots or wading gear in the gear dry sack and shake vigorously, allowing the solution of 409 and water to cover all surfaces that touched the infested water.
- Allow to sit for 5 minutes and rinse with tap water.
- An alternative to this treatment method is #5 below.

5. Clean gear with brush and copper sulfate solution (1 gal. of water to 3/4 tsp. copper sulfate pentahydrate)

- After leaving water containing NZMS thoroughly brush gear with a stiff bristled brush to remove all snails. Be sure to brush boot treads, laces and other hiding places.
- Mix 3/4 teaspoon copper sulfate pentahydrate (such as Triangle Brand Copper Sulfate Instant Powder) to 1 gallon of water and shake vigorously to dissolve.
- Soak gear in the solution, as in treatment #4 OR
- Thoroughly spray all parts of gear that were in contact with the infested waters with the copper solution.
- Allow to sit for 5 minutes and rinse with tap water.

**Only dispose of chemical solutions in a system that will be treated, such as a household drain that is treated by a City's waste water system.*

I am not against golf, since I cannot help but suspect it keeps armies of the unworthy from discovering trout
- Paul O'Neil

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Teach a Kid to Cast

We're looking for a few Club members to provide *very* informal casting instruction at the Granite Bay Lions' Fifth Annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 10th, at Gibson Ranch County Park in Elverta. At last year's event, GBF'ers Larry Goodell, Tony Hamamoto, and Mike Brune had a great time showing basic casting techniques to about a dozen kids – and seeing big smiles on the faces of all the grateful participants!

Casting helpers are needed between 10:30am and noon. We'll use GBF rods and reels – and your general knowledge of fly casting techniques. For more information on this rewarding event - or to sign-up to help - please contact Mike Brune at m.brune@comcast.net. PS... The Lions Club is the other group that shares our 'clubhouse' on Folsom Lake for their monthly meetings – so any support for this event is very much appreciated!

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Mission: The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat, advancement of the art of Fly Fishing, and good sportsmanship.

Meetings: General club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay Activities Center on the shores of Folsom Lake. For directions, check www.gbflycasters.org, or call Art Hawkins at 916-725-3026.

Doors open between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. 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.

Membership: Applications are available on-line at www.gbflycasters.org and at general meetings. Single membership: \$30; Family memberships: \$35; and youth (under 18): \$10. There is also an \$8 name badge charge for all new members. Membership is prorated throughout the year. For membership information, call Paul Meyers at 916-797-1955, or visit the website at www.gbflycasters.org.

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