

The Cast



Russian River Fly Fishers

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Jeff & Andrew on Baum Lake
(2017 RRFF Trout Opener)

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President's Message

Summertime and the fishing is easy...

...or maybe not, depending on the high river flows caused by the melting of last winter's record Sierra snowfalls. An example was the recent cancellation of our traditional shad outing at Verona on the Sacramento River due to high flows. The high waters also put a bit of a crimp on the club Opener, preventing any possibility of fishing some favorite spots such as the Pit River. But as in the saying "It's an ill wind that blows no one some good", the higher flows put a nice drift on Baum Lake, resulting in some entertaining dry fly action. I do believe that everyone caught fish – one measure of angling success. Throw in some delicious dinners served up by John Frenzel and friends, plus some toasty evening camp bonfires and I would have to conclude that this year's Opener was a success in all ways.

June in California is traditionally known for at least two things: an election and the start of barbeque season – and Russian River Fly Fishers are having both this month. Attached to this issue is a ballot for the election of the officers and board members for the coming fiscal year. During the past year, the members of the board have organized our club's meetings, outings and social events, providing opportunities for the fly fishers of this area to improve their skills and gather with like-minded sports men and women. The hours of their personal time that they have contributed to RRFF are

Editor's Note: Because of computer difficulties, this month's newsletter is a little later than normally offered. Please excuse those instances where some events may have already passed...

considerable and they should be commended for their dedication to the club. So take a moment to cast a vote for our continued success by returning your ballot before July 31st.

As in other years, the June RRF General Meeting will be a picnic to be held at the Galvin Park casting pond at noon on Saturday June 10. The club will serving barbecue thanks to chef Don Shaw and others, and you can help by bringing a side dish or desert (check the sign up list on the club website to see what items are needed). We are planning on having some casting games, so don't forget to bring your 6-weight to join in the fun.

See you there,

~ Ed Barich

Join the RRF on Facebook

We currently have **816 members** on our RRF Facebook page. You can keep up with the RRF and our fly fishing and conservation community by joining us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/russianriverflyfishers>

Welcome New Members

The RRF would like to welcome our newest members **Joe Laughner, Bernie Weston, Bob Perry, Ron Hays** and **Steven Levy**. Our website @ www.rrflyfisher.org is your best resource to find our latest club news and a list of our monthly outings and events.

Please contact any board member if you have questions. **Welcome Aboard!**

Newsletter Editor WANTED!!

Are you familiar with MS Word and Desktop Publishing, and do you have editing skills? Will help!

Please contact Steve Tubbs - steve@kresky.com

RRFF Annual June Picnic

On Saturday, June 10th, 40-plus RRF members, their families and guests joined us for our **RRFF Annual Picnic** at the Casting Pond in Dan Galvin Park. This event is also our June General Meeting and, as always, was a great opportunity to socialize and have some fun with our fellow club members.

Much thanks to Don Shaw for organizing the barbecue fare and for cooking it up, with help from Steve Tubbs. This was a group effort, with board members and volunteers showing up early to set up the picnic area and the canopy, and with a number of RRF members bringing pot-luck dishes to share. Doug and Sage Mackay had the pond set up for some Casting Games, which immediately followed lunch and a few words from our president, Ed Barich.

Congratulations to Jeff Cratty, who had the highest score in the Casting Games...deftly executed in swirling winds and difficult conditions.

If you missed this year's picnic, our July General Meeting is also held at the Casting Pond and we will once again fire up the barbecues and enjoy a beautiful summer evening. That will take place on Wednesday, July 12th, and will begin at 6:00 pm. Check next month's CAST for more details...

RRFF Outing - Trout Opener

Cassel PG&E Campground, Cassel, CA
May 4th - 7th, 2017



John Frenzel and Steve Tubbs grilling fajitas...

On May 4th - 7th, **35 RRF members** celebrated the **RRFF Trout Opener** at our old stomping grounds - the Cassel PG&E Campground on the bluff overlooking Baum Lake. The weather pretty much ran the gamut - offering warm days, cold days, plenty of wind at times, but just managing to hold off on the rain. We were thankful! This year's outing was held the weekend after the actual Opening Day, and although water levels were high, the fishing was quite productive. Baum Lake offered good dry fly action in the afternoon and there were some big trout dredged up by Kelly Ames and Tim Grogan near the Crystal Lake outflow. For a delightful change, it was a good fishing weekend!



Ken Magoon and Don Shaw - battling the wind...



Steve Tubbs fishing dries on Baum Lake...

Hosts John Frenzel, Heather Hamm, Kelly Ames, Tim Grogan and Steve Tubbs continued the fine dining tradition of our RRF Openers, with assistance from Rick Bowlds and Charlie and Kay Tubbs. A favorite dessert was the Banana S'mores, baked to perfection over the grill.

From chicken fajitas with bottomless margaritas (on Cinco de Mayo), to grilled steaks with potatoes (and more bottomless margaritas), capped off Sunday morning with bacon, eggs and potatoes (we threw out the rest of the margaritas), our club meals and bonfires offered ample opportunity for our RRF members to swap stories and enjoy each other's company. This year, everyone had fish stories.

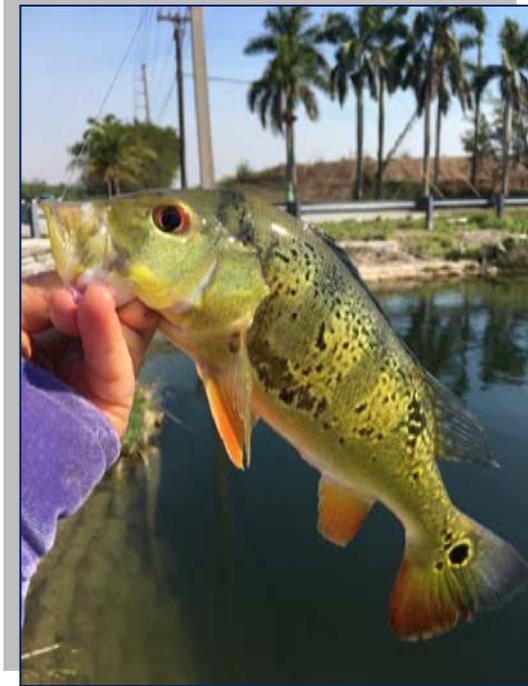
Special thanks to Ken Magoon and Tom Magliulo for helping secure the campsites...that was a zoo!



Florida Snoop

All Dressed Up!

My favorite moment on our recent fishing/friend visitation trip to Florida was when I caught a Peacock Bass wearing my dinner dress. It was all about being spontaneous and adventurous.



Lee Soares, as usual was all eyes on the water looking for any possible signs of fish. This is the 24/7 activity of a truly OCD fisherman.....never miss a moment to hunt, pursue, sight or snoop for fish.

So we are having dinner next to a canal--is there any restaurant in Florida that is Not near water?--and Lee spent the entire time scanning the surfaces for any slight movement on the meniscus.

"Hey, you know that canal we passed on the way to the Marina restaurant? Maybe we should stop and see if there are any Peacocks there...."

Yeah, yeah....OK.

Our young driver agreed to stop so Lee could snoop around only if we made it quick so she could get home to feed puppies (as she has a dog sitting business).....yep, we'll make it quick.

It took less than a minute for Lee to spot the Peacocks. Then I, too saw them. Lots of them.

Believe it or not, Lee started to tremble--do you know that feeling when a fish you have yearned to catch - one that is on your Bucket List - is staring at you in a school and you have not retrieved the rod? As it turns out, I am not so particular about what size line or type of leader is on my line OR what I am wearing when opportunity strikes. I just "fake it until I make it". So I grabbed the fanny pack of gear, snapped it around my waist/dress and with a black cone-head wooly bugger started swinging.

We spooked all the Peacocks around the edges driving them into the middle and across the canal.

Lee continued to shake and fiddle, perfecting the right gear for nesting Peacocks, while I just cast away with last Sunday's old and worn Crappie leader. Meanwhile our hosts were huddled, fearful that our casting would knock out a hairdo (if not an eye) and watched slack-jawed in total awe. They did not know our passion and Lee's obsession until that moment. Fly Fishing--what's that?

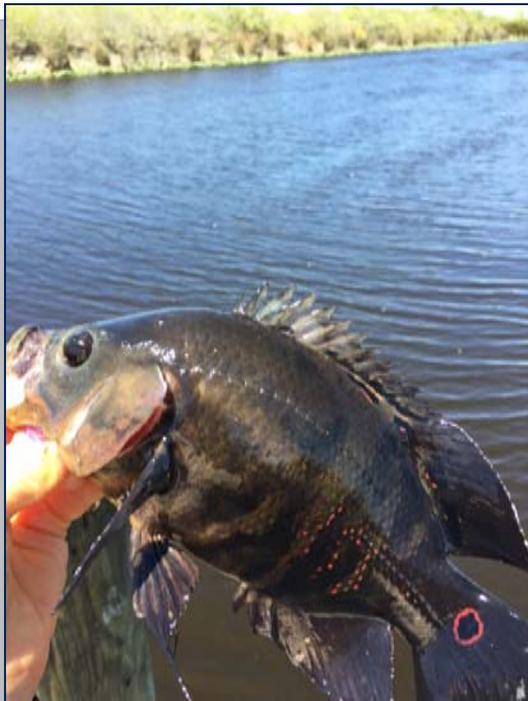
The driver kept complaining: "I gotta go home and feed dogs..." Lee trembled, fussing with gear no less, and even more as I hauled in a beautiful Peacock - my first.

"Ok, now we can go home so I can feed dogs?" Well the end of the story is Lee did not get a hit and we had to return the next morning bright and early so Lee could get his fill. And he did.





The other destinations of our Florida trip included stopping at canals on Hwy 27 and catching Oscars, Blue Gill, Pinfish, Cichlids, and Small Mouth. Lee enjoyed feeding Oscars to the alligator! You can literally stop and catch fish anywhere and see alligators, too..



In downtown DisneyMania there is a park full of Blue-gill where we saw tourists with new Wal-Mart Eagle Claw spinning rods happily hauling in Blue-gill. Lee took a kayak tour on the Indian River at Mosquito Lagoon at Titusville and caught Ladyfish and Redfish. I stood on pier watching manatees and dolphins playing with pelicans.

What we love about Florida fishing is that you really can catch a variety of species in one day. FUN? You bet!

~ Susan Bostwick

**Check out the Russian River Fly Fishers
on the Internet at**

www.rrflyfisher.org

**for outings information, RRF events,
member news, photos and more!**

***Donate your extra fly fishing gear to our
RRFF Bargain Table (at every General
Meeting). A fellow member could use it!***

New RRF Club Outings

Here are a few ways that **you** can participate:

- 1.) Offer to lead and organize a trip to a lake or river that you are familiar with. This could be a day or weekend outing (...like Lee Soares' shad outing at Verona on Memorial Day weekend.)
- 2.) Volunteer to assist on a club outing. This could involve setting up food arrangements and meals, providing directions, or just sharing your fishing knowledge with others during the outing.
- 3.) Suggest an outing to a local (or distant) fishing location that you think other club members would enjoy...and help organize it!

*If you would like to offer your help, please contact **Ken Magoon** (magoon5295@aol.com) or one of our other Board members.*

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Calendar of Events

RRFF Thursday Evening Fly Casting Clinics
from 4:30 until 7:00 pm
every Thursday (weather permitting) at the
RRFF Casting Pond in Dan Galvin Park, Santa Rosa.

June

- 10 **RRFF Annual Club Picnic** - Casting Pond in Dan Galvin Park. This is the June General Meeting.
- 14 RRFF Board Meeting
- 17 **Casting Pond Cleaning - 8:00 am**
- 23 **Lake Almanor Hex Hatch** with Lance Gray (hosted by Ed Barich)

July

- 12 **RRFF General Meeting** at the Casting Pond in Dan Galvin Park. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm.
- 21 **NO RRFF BOARD MEETING IN JULY!**
- 23 **Lake Almanor Hex Hatch** with Lance Gray (hosted by Ed Barich)

NO RRFF GENERAL MEETING IN AUGUST!!!

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Russian River Fly Fishers



2017 Ballot

Officers & Board of Directors

The following candidates have been nominated by the RRFF Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017. You may choose to elect the candidate slate as presented or you may write-in other RRFF members in the spaces provided. There were no nominations received from the general membership for this ballot.

RRFF Officers

President

- 1.) Ed Barich
- 2.) _____

Vice-President

- 1.) Doug Mackay
- 2.) _____



Board Members - (Elected for a 2-year Term)

- 1.) Joe Banovich
- 2.) Steve Tubbs
- 3.) Mike Kast
- 4.) Derek Campbell
- 5.) Gregg Wisley

I choose to elect the Candidate Slate as presented above.
(Check box to accept ballot as presented.)

Returning Board Members (beginning second year of 2-year term)

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| 1.) Ken Magoon | 7.) Ed Barich |
| 2.) Don Shaw | 8.) Chris Castellucci |
| 3.) Mike Spurlock | |
| 4.) Paul Matzen | |
| 5.) Ken Young | |
| 6.) Doug Mackay | |

Please return all ballots by July 31, 2017

Ballots may be mailed to: **Russian River Fly Fishers**, P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.
You may also turn in your ballot personally at the RRFF General Meeting on Wednesday, July 12th.

Russian River Fly Fishers
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Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

I acknowledge in this agreement, and fully understand, that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action or to assert a claim against Russian River Fly Fishers (RRFF) for its negligence. Any member who invites a non-member (including member's spouse and family) agrees that such guest is bound by the same conditions and agrees to so advise the guest. I have read this statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers. This agreement is valid for all RRFF sanctioned events, (fishing outings, picnics, meetings).

Name _____ Date _____ Referred by _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _ _____ Work Phone _ _____ E-mail Address* _____

How Can You Help the RRFF? _____

Occupation _____ Signature _ _____

* Required for e-mail newsletter

Please mark one of the following categories:

I apply as a new member: **Single membership** – \$50 annual dues **Gold membership** - \$1,000.00 (one-time)

Family membership – \$55 annual dues [JOIN ONLINE @ www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)

Junior membership – \$25 annual dues

Existing membership renewal: **Single membership** – \$50 annual dues **Gold membership** - \$1,000.00 (one-time)

Family membership – \$55 annual dues [RENEW ONLINE @ www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)

Junior membership – \$25 annual dues

Dues paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 30th of any year will cover the balance of that year and also the membership dues for the following fiscal year. The RRFF fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th

Please mail this application and your check payable to: **Russian River Fly Fishers**
c/o **Mike Spurlock, 20 San Domingo Way, Novato, CA 94945**