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RRFF Annual Dinner - February 14, 2004

The turnout was smaller than usual this year but that was good and bad. Most everyone who attended appreciated the extra room at the tables but since the club was planning and hoping for a larger group, the expenses were more than expected. However, we who were there had a great time and we missed the rest of you. I would like to know if there is still interest in having this dinner annually. Of those I talked to about why they were not coming this year, it seems that the conflict with Valentine's Day and a three-day weekend was the number one reason. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for the future.

Many thanks go to the crew that made this year's dinner a success. Lee Smith was in

charge of the kitchen with his helpers Terry Farris, Dave Franzman, Nick Morello and Steve Tubbs. These guys spent most of Saturday chopping, peeling, stirring and all the other things that go into making those gigantic trays of cioppino. And thanks to Nick Tubbs for helping me set up the tables and for helping his dad set up the raffle. A big thank you to Joe Banovich for providing us with yet another great speaker, Arnie Gidlow who gave us lots of information, including underwater photos, about how trout feed. And thanks also to Tim Reuling for procuring the fish and Becky and Alan for their beautiful presentation of the Saltery Lodge, Alaska. Congratulation to Dave and Bob, hope you have a great trip. Also congratulations to all the raffle winners - I'm

sure you will all find good uses for the prizes. In addition to the prizes purchased by the club, several items were donated by members of the club. Thanks to the Tabors, the Gibbards, the Keys, Don Price, Donna Campbell, Paul Major, and anyone else I forgot or did not get their names.

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10th Membership Meeting

17th Board Meeting

24th Fly Tying Meeting

Suns Casting Clinic

APRIL

14th Membership Meeting

21th Board Meeting

28th Fly Tying Meeting

Suns Casting Clinic

MAY

12th Membership Meeting

19th Board Meeting

26th Fly Tying Meeting

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The Editor**Pyramid Lake Outing**

After a good turn out last year I'm making reservations again for a RRFF outing to Pyramid Lake near Reno, NV. The dates are tentatively the weekend of March 26 to 28. We will stay at Crosby's Lodge in Suttcliff, which is right on the lake. The rates are about \$40 per day plus \$7 per day fishing fees.

Pyramid Lake features 16 inch plus Cutthroat trout with some going to 10 pounds. The techniques are simple, wading and casting shooting tapers or using a float tube. The flies are wooley buggers and beetle patterns ("Popcorn beetles").

We usually fish in a group, sharing information and good camaraderie. I will supply more details in the next Cast. To sign-up, contact me at 527-8376 or on e-mail: magoon5294@aol.com. Ken Magoon

March 10, 2004**RRFF General Meeting****Speaker: Billy Gianquinto**

1. Has a local radio show (KSRO-1350) 4:30pm Friday afternoons. It is called the "Empire Outdoorsman"
2. Has a TV show called "Billy and Buck" on the Outdoor Network about Duck Hunting with a black lab named Buck.
3. He also has another TV show called "PULL" which is about shooting clays. They do celebrity shoots in Las Vegas. His partner is Reba McEntire.
4. Billy has an extensive background in fishing for 30 years from perch from the seashore, rock cod with flyrods from ocean boats, and shad fishing on the Russian River, Sacramento River, Feather River and the American River.
5. Billy has been a main speaker for the last 15 years at the Ed Rice sports shows in San Mateo, Sacramento and Pleasanton.
6. Billy is also a basketball referee for the Pac 10 (USC, UCLA, Stanford, etc). He also was a national college championship quarterback.

Hope to see you there,
Joe Banovich

SEASON OPENER

It's that time again guys! And gals! Opening day of trout season is Saturday, April 24th and we'll be doing our annual Opening Day Outing at Hat Creek.

As usual, some of the crew will be going up on Wednesday to secure our camping spaces at the PG&E campground at Cassel and to fish Baum Lake on Thursday and

Friday prior to the general trout opener on Saturday.

For those of you who haven't been to the Opener before, the PG&E campground is in the town of Cassel, just east of Burney which is reached by taking highway 299 east from Redding. The campground is adjacent to Baum Lake which can fish very well at that time of year.

We're going to change our format somewhat from recent openers. This year the club will be providing dinner for all on Saturday only, and you'll be on your own for all other meals. Frankly, feeding everybody for three days became just too much work for the five or six people who end up doing most

of the cooking and cleanup.

This year the price of admission will be \$20 per person and that gets you dinner on Saturday and includes your camp space Thursday thru Saturday. As always, for beginners and/or those who have not been to the area before, experienced club members will be available to show you the accesses to Hat Creek and provide instruction on how to fish the water.

Those who wish to fish Baum Lake should bring float tubes or whatever personal water craft you prefer. There is a good boat launch for prams, canoes, or whatever although no outboard motors are allowed.

We would appreciate it if you would let us know if you plan to be there so we will be able to reserve enough campsites and plan for Saturday night dinner. It is particularly important for those who will be bringing trailers or RVs to let us know. There will be a sign up sheet at the March club meeting or you can call Paul or Marji Major at 539-5437.

Finally, come prepared for any kind of weather. April can bring anything from bluebird days to snow, sometimes both or anything in between on consecutive days. Hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

Hope to see you there!
Paul Major, coordinator

ROD BUILDING... **. AND MORE!**

As scheduled, day 1 of the advanced rod building class took place on February 21. The second was scheduled 2 weeks later, March 6, because Charlie Schillinski's talents as a Master Fly Tier were requested at the San



Rafael Show February 27 - 29.

All in all it was a huge success for the 11 attendees. Covered advanced techniques including: two color and split color guide wraps, feather overlay/inlay decorative techniques,

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JOE'S SHRIMP

HOOK: Daiichi 2441,
Mustad 36890, Orvis 1645,
Tiemco 7999 Sizes
6-1.

THREAD: Orange 6/0 or
Nylon 0.005.

TAG: Large Oval Gold tinsel.

TAIL: Orange Bucktail,
orange Krystal flash,
red hackle feather

TIP: Orange Mohair

EYES: Large mono eyes.

REAR FEATHER: Red
guinea plumage.

BODY: Orange mohair.



FRONT FEATHER: Red
guinea plumage.

WING: Red Feather

INSTRUCTIONS**STEP 1:**

Insert hook in vise and start thread behind the return of the hook eye on a 36890 Mustad hook and wrap to bend of hook.

STEP 2:

Tie in the large oval gold tinsel at hook bend, wrap down the back of the hook bend, five turns and back up past the bend 1/4 inch.

STEP 3:

Tie in the mono eyes 1/4 inch forward of bend of the hook. Lock down with figure eight cross wraps.

STEP 4:

Tie a sparse stacked bunch of orange bucktail 1-1/2 times the hook shank length, 10 strands of Krystal flash and a short (about 1/3rd tail length) red hackle feather at bend of hook.

STEP 5:

Twist a dubbing loop of orange mohair of sufficient length to cover above and below and between the mono eyes. Secure the tying thread in front of the eyes.

STEP 6:

Tie in the orange guinea hackle feather, shiny side, up in front of the eyes. In front of guinea hackle tie in the red hackle feather by the base and wrap around hook two times and tie off.

STEP 7:

Form another dubbing loop of sufficient length to cover to the return eye of the hook, of orange mohair. Wrap over the ends of the guinea hackle and red hackle feathers, around and up the hook, stopping the dubbing on the top of the hook about 3/8ths of an inch ahead of the orange guinea and red hackle. Tie off the dubbing and cut excess.

STEP 8:

Tie in a guinea hackle. In front of the guinea hackle tie in by the base, a red hackle feather and wrap around hook shank two times, tie off, form a nice head, cut thread. Place a drop of cement on wraps. This is a variation of the General Practitioner

For information on tying dates, contact Terry Faris, (707)539-4354

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ROD BUILDING . . . AND MORE!

burl and spacers in grip composites, chevron and decorative wraps in the butt sections, etc. Lee Soares, fortunately, was also on hand with his expertise to help those just starting the rod building process and added much to the learning curve of all present. The entire day was taken up first in demonstration, then the practice, and finally the implementation of the techniques.

Tom and Donna Campbell opened their home, work areas and shops to the group. Their usual valued and wonderful hospitality also included pastries, lunch, beverages and a place to exchange (always vital and necessary!) thoughts, stories and experiences. As for Charlie's jokes . . . well, that's another story.

Another beginning class has been requested and will be scheduled late Spring or early Summer.


Thanks see you soon
Don Price

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Dues paid by a new member joining the RRF after March 30th will cover the balance of the current fiscal year and also the following fiscal year's dues.

Dues run from July 1st to June 30th

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