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Art Carney's First Steelhead Trinity River October 25, 2015

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Headwaters...

As I write, the first rain of the season splashes my roof...a welcome sound on this dark, early evening in November. With space in these pages once again at a premium, we have had to bump some material to next month's issue. A successful October RRFF outing on the Trinity River, and Lee and Susan's photo essay from Alaska, have both provided generous eye-candy for our viewing pleasure.

We have 8 members signed up for our new Beginning Fly Fishing Class, and I will be contacting them via email to set-up our class schedule. We will require that all participants be current RRFF members and at this point we visualize three or four three-hour sessions that will focus on the fly fishing basics, with plenty of time for questions and answers. Hopefully, we will be able to spend time on moving water in later sessions to practice

techniques in real-time situations. As this is a brand new program, we will be developing it as we go and make adjustments as necessary.

Your Board of Directors is working hard to enhance your Russian River Fly Fisher's experience. In recent month's you may have noticed our new website, our new Conservation Corner (omitted this month for space), continued experimentation with the raffle and the increased emphasis on our monthly outings. You can sign-up for outings online, pay your membership dues (or make donations) online and access an expanding list of interactive items at www.rflyfisher.org. Our Facebook page now has 620 followers and you can watch for the introduction of a new RRFF Message Board that is currently in the works.

I would also like to take a moment to welcome our newest RRFF members - Lynn & Bo Bennett, Tom & Susan Greer, Sandra Van Voorhis & Family and Art &

Linda Wilder. Please join us at the Casting Pond and for our monthly meetings and outings.

We are now on the RRF Winter Fly Casting Schedule. Clinics will begin at noon in Dan Galvin Park on the first and third Saturday of each month (weather permitting) until Daylight Savings Time resumes next March. We do not practice fly casting in the rain.

Tight Loops,

~ Steve Tubbs

~ Lewiston Lake ~ Our Excellent October Adventure

October's RRF outing was planned to be at Davis Lake, but due to low water conditions we opted for a trip to Lewiston Lake on the Trinity River. Lewiston is a tailwater below the Trinity Reservoir, and as such gets a fairly steady flow of 50 degree water this time of the year – perfect conditions for the lake's planted rainbow trout. Our crew comprised of Ken Magoon, Don Shaw, Chris Castellucci, Doug MacKay, Art Carney and Ed Barich stayed October 22-25 in a cabin at the Lakeview Terrace Resort on the west shore. After a summer of camping outings, it was a nice change to have a kitchen, dining table, comfortable beds, and a shower available. Our dinner menus included Art and Doug's chili with cornbread, Ken and Ed's steaks with potatoes and salad, and Chris and Don's hamburgers with fries and apple pie. For three consecutive nights we ate like kings. Unusual for October in Northern California, the drought conditions served us up some spectacular Indian summer weather. On several evenings we sat outside the cabin in shirtsleeves viewing wispy clouds and the glowing moon over the lake.



Steak dinner at the cabin

OK you say, but how was the *fishing*?

In a word: excellent.

We hit the water on Thursday afternoon and shortly afterward Chris located a school of trout. Soon we had all four of our boats surrounding the jumping fish in a shallow cove. The most productive rig was a size 16 to 12 black zebra midge under an indicator, but stripping small nymphs and streamers was also



Art nets one for Doug

effective. By the end of the first day, confidence in our techniques and in Lewiston Lake was high.

On Friday we spread out over the lake to test more spots. I had fun chasing down schools of fish in my kayak, sight-casting dry flies to the rises on the flats. It was not as productive as indicator fishing, but hunting down roving quarry can be addictive. While most of us had plenty of action on the lower parts of the lake, Ken and Don moved up stream to the narrow canyon below the Trinity Reservoir dam. We knew they were onto something when that evening Don claimed he had his "best day fishing ever".

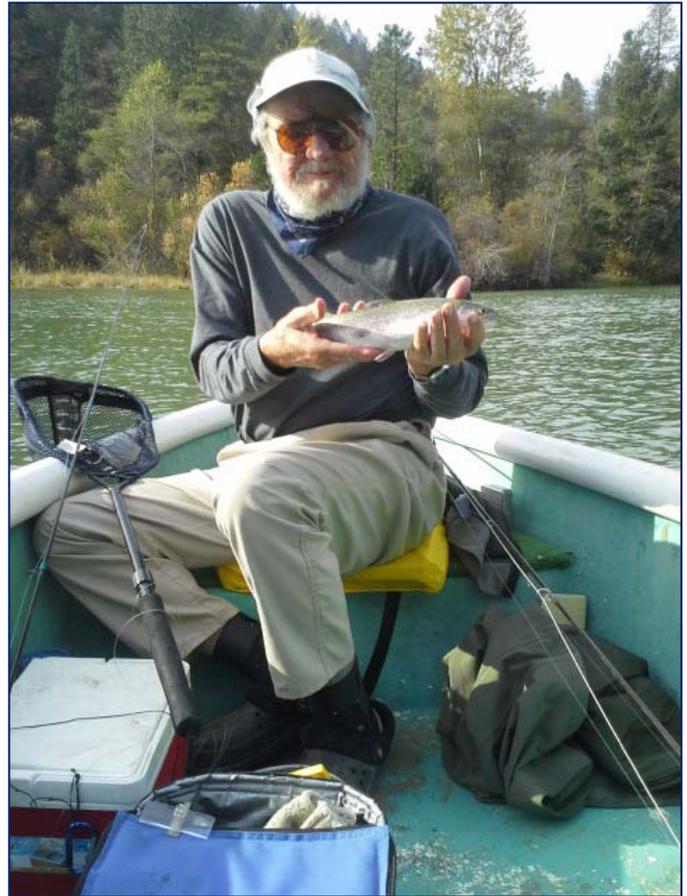


Doug and Art casting dries



Don and Ken reeling them in...

On Saturday our whole flotilla motored and paddled up to the canyon. It was opening day of duck season, so we left after the crack-of-dawn fusillade fired from the blinds on the lake's tulle-choked shores died down. The narrowness of the canyon amplified the flow, giving us perfect conditions for swinging wooly buggers and wiggle-tail streamers on intermediate lines below our anchored boats. "Copious" numbers of fish were landed and several of us experienced personal bests for number of trout caught in a day with a fly rod. As the sun began to set, we floated back down the lake with smiles on our faces.



One of Ken's many fish...

thousand casts steelhead (see cover photo). It doesn't get much better than that, does it?

~ Ed Barich

ADDENDUM 2:

After our great club outing to Lewiston Lake, Greg Jacobs and I went with guide Jason Cockrum for two days on the Trinity River. We landed 30 nice steelhead, ten on Tuesday and twenty on Wednesday. Most of them were 3 to 5 pounds and Jason estimated that my last one (photo) was around eight pounds. It was our life time best steelhead fishing days, so far.

~ Ken Magoon



Doug with a nice Lewiston rainbow

ADDENDUM 1:

After we said our goodbye's on Sunday morning, Ken, Don and Art took off for the Trinity River below Lewiston to wade for steelhead. Adding icing to the cake, Art hooked and landed his first-ever fish of a

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"Fishing The 4 Seasons On The Lower American River"



~ Andrew Guibord ~

Andrew was born July 18, 1960 in Detroit, Michigan. It was on Lake Pontiac, where his aunt and uncle lived, that he fell in love with fishing worms and a jitter bug.

At age 18 and two months out of high school he moved to Browns Valley, California to live with another aunt and uncle while attending Yuba Community College in 1979 and graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He did not take up fly fishing until he finished four more years of college. Andrew went on to California State University Sacramento to graduate with a Master of Arts degree and currently lives in Sacramento.

Andrew has been working over 22 years at Kiene's fly shop, now called Kiene's American River Fly Shop. During his working years there he has had the privilege of hosting trips to New Zealand, Belize, the

Yucatan, Mexico, Christmas Island, British Columbia and the Amazon. He loves to dry fly fish, swing, and especially cast for striped bass. He teaches single hand as well as spey casting and also guides on the American River.

Andrew loves photography and recalls it was while attending a black and white photography class at Yuba College that photography's spark lit his creative fires. He has been lucky enough to have his fishing photos grace the covers of North West Fly Fishing and Cal Fly Fisher magazine.

Please join me in welcoming Andrew Guibord for his presentation in which he will share over 20 years of techniques and tackle knowledge for successfully fishing a wonderful river flowing through the heart of Sacramento, the lower American River, home to runs of strippers, steelhead, shad and salmon.

See you at the **Wednesday, November 11 General Meeting.**

~ Joe Banovich
RRFF Program and Speaker Chairman

Swing a Crazy Charlie On An Intermediate Shooting Head at Bolinas Lagoon and Look What You Get!



When the tide moves in or out at Bolinas, there is a channel about 15 feet deep between the mud flats. The leopard sharks come through on their way to and from their nurseries. Alan has caught them as big as 5 feet long.

~ Editor

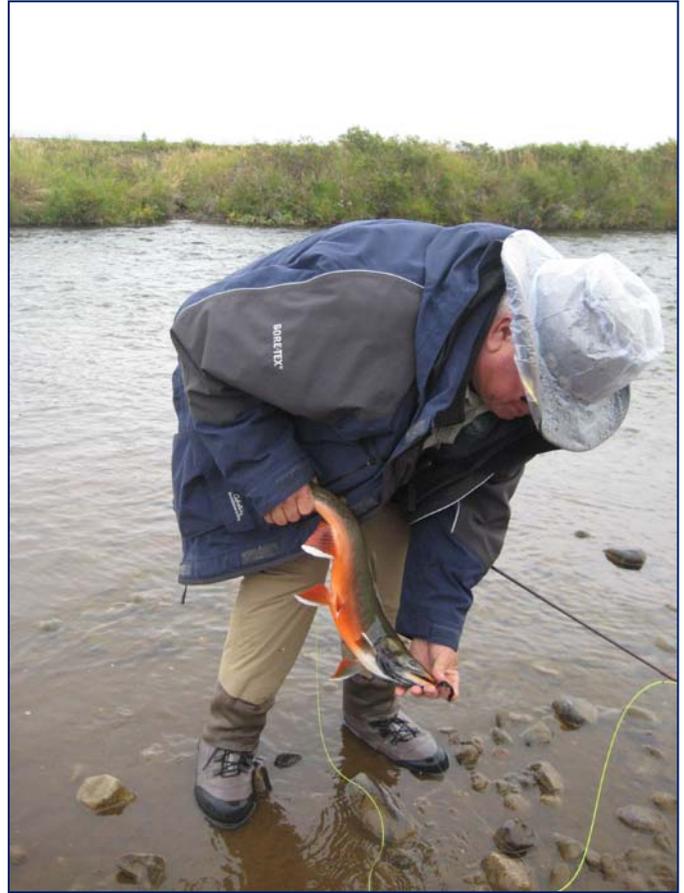
Anchorage to Iliamna, Alaska *-Photo Essay-*



Looking out the window going from Anchorage to Iliamna. Grand country w too many people!



We drifted the Kaktuli River and pestered many Grayling in the upper reaches.



Downstream a bit, we ran across Sockeye and many of these brightly colored Dolly Varden.



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





Silvers were quite abundant further downstream.



This Chum salmon, the only one, made Susan the "high-liner" for the trip with six species. And that is only one river, not one state.



WILD, native, gorgeously spotted and colored rainbows were very co-operative.



That's all folks! Sunset over the Koptuli.

The fishing was GRAND. The company better. And no one lost weight from eating.

....Lee and Susan

The Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes

Two dates - Saturday, January 16, 2016 and Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Nine RRF fishermen each day at a cost of \$125.00 per angler. For more information contact:

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Calendar of Events

Winter Fly Casting Clinics – Begin November 7 at 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm (weather permitting). Afterward, Clinics are held the first and third Saturday of each month.

November

- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends. Winter Casting Clinics begin November 7.
- 7 **Winter Fly Casting Clinics** – Begin November 7th, at 12:00 noon until 2:30 PM
Thereafter, clinics are held the first and third Saturday of each month (weather permitting).
- 11 General Meeting - Vets Building 6:30 PM
- 12 - 15 **RRFF Outing to Trinity River Steelhead** (B. Laurie) **or Pyramid Lake** (Ken Magoon)
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM

December

- 5 Russian River Steelhead Clinic (K. Magoon)
- 9 General Meeting - Vets Building 6:30 PM
- 10 - 13 **RRFF Steelhead Outing to American River** (B. Laurie)
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM

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January

- 13 General Meeting – Vets Building 6:30 PM
- 14 – 18 **Outing TBA**
- 16 **Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes** (J. Vallerga)
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM

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 _____

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How Can You Help the RRFF? _____

Occupation _____ Signature _ _____

* Required for e-mail newsletter

Please mark one of the following categories:

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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

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