

Merry Christmas



The Cast

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CALIFORNIA 95405

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NO. 1

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: January 11, 1979 7:30 P. M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Mike and Sherilee Lawson will entertain and enlighten us with their film which won acclaim at the last FFF conclave. Plan on attending because this program is really worth seeing.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: January 4, 1979 7:30 P. M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: February 21, 1979 7:30 P. M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

President's Message:

I would like to thank everyone who came to the dinner with Dave Whitlock last Wednesday evening. His presentation was outstanding and very appropriate for our local fishing. Dave's fly tying demonstration was something to behold. We all learned some shortcuts as well as new techniques. The dinner at Santa Rosa Country Club was excellent.

Next month's meeting at Slater Junior High with Mike and Sherilee Lawson promises to be very interesting.

Tight lines,

Bob



C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

CALIFORNIA TROUT



KEEPER OF THE STREAMS

PRODUCT REVIEW

Ever fumble through your vest pockets in the wee light of sunset looking for the right spool of tippet material to repair your leader with? What normally happens is that you end up with a half dozen spools in your hands fumbling them every which way while the trout feed on and you with your line out of the water.

Or you place extra tippet material behind the already tied leaders in your leader wallet, space which could be taken by another leader or two.

Dennison Leader Dispenser

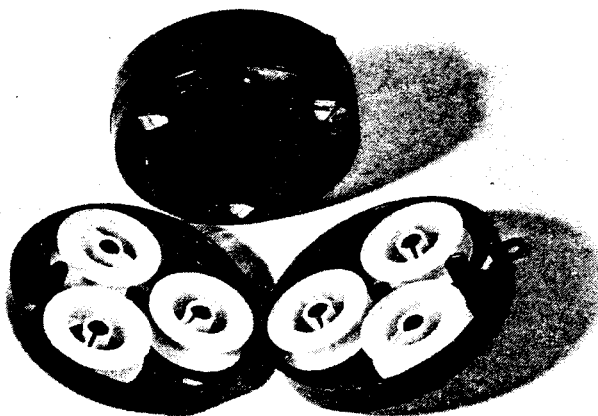
Dennison has a solution for you. You can now store six different sizes of tippet material in a 6½ x 2 inch round space, small enough to fit into the smallest of vest pockets. Each spool is small yet mighty enough to hold a full 27 yard reel of Maxima mono, (which is somewhat larger in diameter than other leader mono.) Each spool has it's own exit hole and the dispenser has an attached ring on it for tying it to your vest. It's really a great way to solve an old problem while using a small amount of space, which makes you able to carry more of the nick-nacks we are so fond of. I have two myself, one which I've filled for Steelhead and Salmon, and one which is ready for trout.

DISADVANTAGES: The spools being so small, I've noticed that the mono likes to form tiny tight curls, which have to be straightened out by passing it through a straightener at least twice.

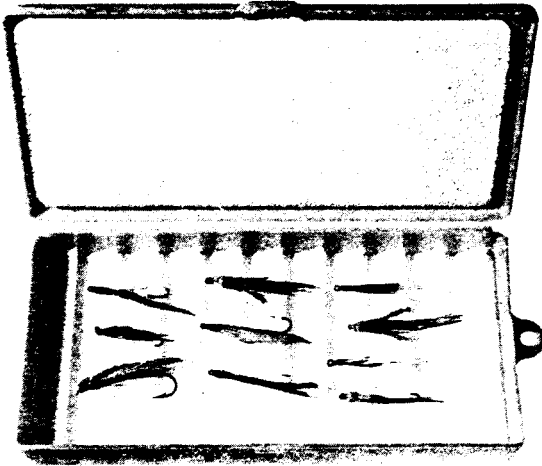
The spools are hard to fill, only in getting the material to start threading itself on them. I've heard some say to start them by taping the end of the mono on and then wind them up. I prefer to drill a small hole in each spool at the base and start my material by first treading it into the hole I've made.

You can't see the spools with the unit closed and thus, if your like me, don't find out that your running low on material until your on the stream and pull out your last ten inches of 4X. I could open it up occasionally and check but that seems to make too much sense.

You can obtain a Dennisons Leader Disp. either through the mail or at most of your local fishing shops. They sell from \$4.95 to \$5.95 depending on where you get them and to me their well worth it. Choose for yourself.



NOTE: Product Review is a new by-line of the editor. If you have encountered a product which you feel warrents praise or slander, let me know of it, its faults and advantages, price, where to,(or not to), purchase, and anything pertaining to it. Others in our group, especially new fly fishermen are always asking about these things and this is a great way to keep all of us informed. Hope to hear from you soon.



Ripple Foam Fly Box

O.K. here's another goodie to look at. It's advertised to be able to hold flies up to size 12 and not crush the hackles. That it does very well. This has always been a problem to us fly fishermen, where to put our dry flies and not have the hackles look like they've been through the blender. In compartment boxes the flies tend to rest down after a while and have to be steamed back into shape. Storing flies in boxes equipped with clips is a good way to totally ruin them. The Scientific Anglers Fly File is a good product only the bottom of the hackles on a dry fly tend to go into an inverted V shape after a while, also it is sometimes hard to place a small, (size 18 down), into the container.

The Ripple Foam Fly Box, made by Fly-Rite, solves these misgivings in that the hook of the fly is imbedded into foam and the hackles and tail of the fly are left free and suspended. The box is made of plastic, (which means if you drop it on the stream, it floats), and has a ring on the side to tie it to you if you've got the shakes.

It sells for \$5.95 and also is available through the mail or at your local fishing shops.

DISADVANTAGES: The insert which performs this magic is made of foam, as advertised, and thus with usage will tend to break off in little pieces as you insert and withdraw flies. This will tend to diminish the carrying capacity of the product. Replacement pads are now being sold when the original is so badly ruined as to warrant changing. I personally like to carry my dry flies in one container and my wets in another. I feel that this product could be improved by making the lid a little deeper and placing the ripple foam on both sides, top and bottom. As it is set up now, the top of the box has a flat foam pad in it for placing wets, nymphs, etc. Untill that is done I'll have to contend to filling the bottom of the box.

Dave Whitlock Dinner

As most of you were aware of Dave Whitlock came into town last Dec 6th and gave us a beautiful evening. He tied flies, answered questions, autographed books, and presented us with a splendid slide show. It was truly an evening to remember.

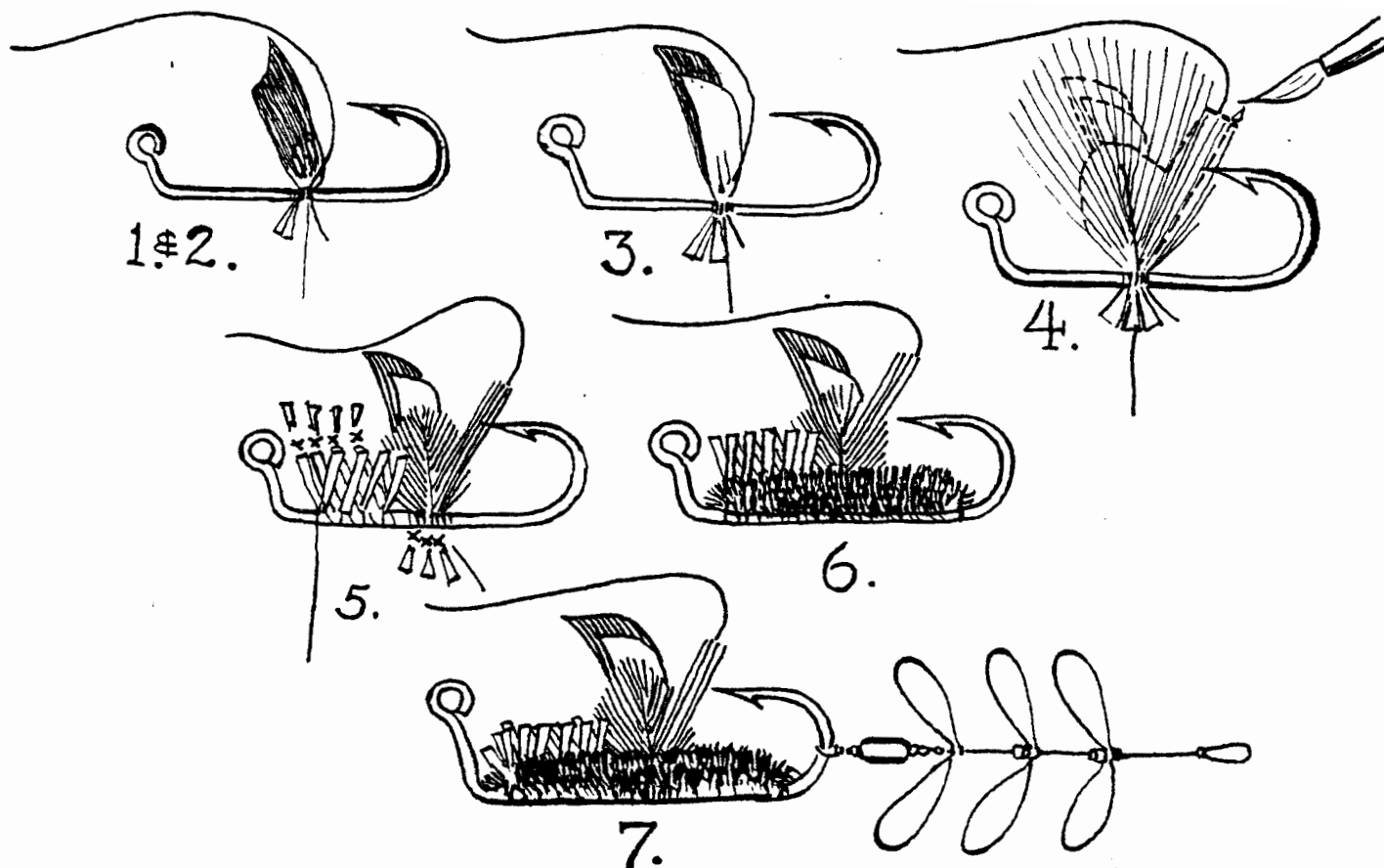
After a really well prepared meal of Cornish Game Hen, Russ Quistgard showed us how he can shine on doing a raffle. There were prizes to be envied after, and lusted for, and Russ's humor to top it all off. Again I didn't win anything but there's always next time.

I had fun and I know that everyone there did also and if you weren't there, in the words of Bob Wray, "You're out of it!"

See you all at the next meeting, till then, keep your lines wet.

FOR SALE

Model 70 Winchester, Super Grade - .0257 Roberts
Sell or trade. Call Dale, 546-6599



FLY OF THE MONTH "THE ST. NICHOLAS"

A special pattern for small fry; very effective around Dec. 25.

1 & 2. A keel or jig hook, any size, preferably large.

Tie in a segment of red goose wing feather in line with the bend of the hook as shown. Tie in a long single hair of horse tail or moose mane.

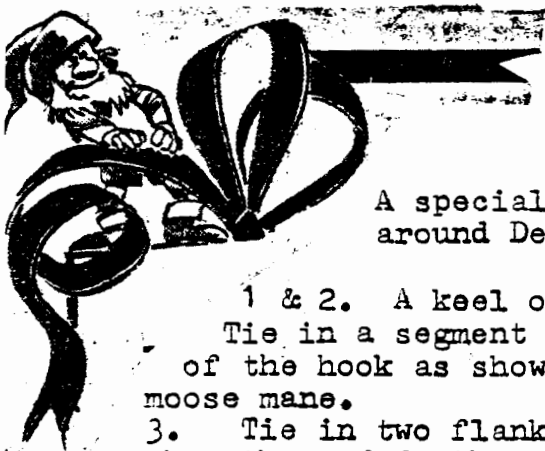
3. Tie in two flanking white segments of goose wing somewhat shorter than the red feather

4. Tie in 2 large red goose or turkey breast feathers to flank the white feathers and trim as shown on the dotted line. Join the two projecting tips to the horse hair and add a spot of lacquer to hold them together.

5. Tie in a number of single filaments of various colored wing feathers matuka style spaced along the hook shank and clip to even length. Clip butts of wing feathers.

6. Tie in a length of black chenille on each side of the hook shank.

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7. Tie a three-spinner, (airplane prop. type), on the bend of the hook for traction.

This is not only a highly visible pattern, it meets the requirements of the humane society.

(editors note)

If your having trouble identifying our pattern this month, I suggest you first try by squinting at the finished fly. If your still befuddled, the answer is at the bottom of the page.

FISHING REPORT

The Eel river is still producing some good fishing although now you will have to look a little harder to find the fish. Certainly it isn't like last month when the fish were everywhere. Some runs of salmon are still coming in and there are more and more steelhead mixed in with them. I'd say wait untill the first part of January for the steelheading to get hot there and if it's anything like the salmon runs have been, look for some great fishing there.

The mouths of the Russian and the Gualala have been closed for over a week. The Russian was open before Christmas and fish were in the river, likewise the Gualala. Keep your eyes on what the river does. If we get enough rain to keep the mouths open for awhile, there will be fish in the rivers.

Paper Mill Creek has reported some activity. I talked to someone the other day who told me they had taken one fish and had seen at least a dozen taken there.

Sturgeon are in the bay. I talked to someone who goes after them with a fly rood. No kidding, he doesn't use any fly line, just mono with dacron backing and sits and bait fishes. He does however use a fly rod and fly reel. He says that some large ones have been landed that way, sounds like grabbing a tigers tail and hanging on for the ride. What a ride!

TIPS AND TIDBITS

Ever have to clear an eye of head cement on the river, or try to unsnarl a leader with fingers which feel like thumbs from the cold. Take a safty pin and stick it on your vest. It's the best thing for those jobs.

Want your dry flys to float a little longer? When your done tying them or when you buy them, scotch guard them. This along with your regular floatant will give you a longer float.

Common soap, either liquid or solid will cause your leader to sink when you apply it. Don't fall into the river though or you will bubble away.

As this is the start of a new year I want to say that I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays as much as I did and that we all get to spend more time on the water this year than we did last. Happy New Year.



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Feb. 1979

NO. 2

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1979

WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive
Santa Rosa, Calif

PROGRAM: Ernest Schwiebert is coming to grace us again with both himself and his program. All of us know who Ernest is, and what he represents so I don't have to fill you in. His program is on Trout Fishing in Patagonia,

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: March 1, 1979 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: March 21, 1979 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After much waiting we have now received our exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service as well as the State of California.

Our Streamside Patrol is now a reality. For the benefit of anyone, who is not with familiar with this project: we are patrolling the tributaries of the Russian River for poachers. This program was the idea of Supervisor Brian Kahn, and we are working closely with the Department of Fish and Game. We are simply observing, recording information, and notifying D.F.G.. We avoid confrontation and simply try to be extra eyes for the wardens. The Press Democrat has promised support in publishing the names of offenders, and a statewide press release from the Department of Fish and Game is forthcoming.

I wish to take this time to sincerely thank those, who are contributing their valuable time to this project. Your unselfish time will reap the benefits of better angling for all.

Tight lines,

Bob Wray

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Stream patrol is of vital importance

LAST FRIDAY a young man called our photography department and proudly announced he had just caught a 32-inch steelhead in Santa Rosa Creek and would like to have his photo taken with the fish.

Regretfully, for a couple of reasons, we had to refuse him. First, catching steelhead in Santa Rosa Creek at this time of the year is against the law. Second, we are sorry the young man did not realize this, and know why the law is on the books.

STEELHEAD ARE RAIN-BOW TROUT which are born in the creeks of the Redwood Empire. They spend their early life in the creeks and rivers and then migrate to the Pacific Ocean. They return a few years later, large, silvery fish, and swim to their native creeks to spawn. The California Fish and Game Code sets aside certain streams as spawning areas for salmon and steelhead. Santa Rosa Creek is one such stream.

Catching a steelhead in its spawning stream is very much like shooting a bird on its nest. Unfortunately, the sight of a

large steelhead in a creek often is an extreme temptation to boys and young men. Reports of boys fishing in Santa Rosa Creek have been received by us for the past two weeks.

THE DEPARTMENT of Fish and Game's warden force in Sonoma County simply is not large enough to guard all of the spawning fish this time of the year.

But help is on the way. A group of sportsmen volunteered to form the Sonoma County Stream Patrol, and members of that group will be patrolling our creeks, including Santa Rosa Creek, during the next few weeks to protect the spawning fish. They will not arrest law violators, but will alert the wardens when a violation is taking place.

SUPERVISOR BRIAN KAHN has been active in the formation of the stream patrol, and we think Kahn and the volunteers making up the patrol should be complimented for efforts on behalf of our dwindling steelhead fishery.

The article on the left appeared in the Sunday edition of the Press Democrat. (Jan. 28, 1979)

Walt Christensen in his column in the same paper has also made reference to our endeavor.

I know that there are some of you who may not be able to join us in this project but who still can be of help to us. What you can do is if you're in the area of streams, (Mark West, Santa Rosa, Dutch Bell, and Austin), and if you find yourself with some time on your hands, drive along them for awhile. Look and see if you notice anyone down in them with a pole, net, pitchfork, or whatever. If you don't, what the heck, you've had a nice ride, but if you do, get to a phone and call, the numbers are listed below. Above all else, do not establish contact with the individuals in the stream, go to a phone, make your call, and then leave. The proper authorities will handle the job from there.

Also if you do take the drive and don't see anything, let us know of it at the earliest opportunity. We're keeping a list of man

hours spent on this and we'd like to hear if you've contributed any.

Use the following chain-of-command for calling authorities:

First try:	Dan Hoggard (Sonoma) 938-0374
	Don Jacobs (Guerneville) 869-0224
Next try:	Walt Choate (Healdsburg) 433-5151
Next try:	California Highway Patrol 584-9000 * (this may change)
Next try:	Sonoma County Sheriff 527-2650
Then try:	Yountville DFG Office 944-2443

You may not always be able to contact a warden. DO NOT become discouraged. The input they receive from us helps them establish patterns of criminal activity, narrows down the areas they have to patrol; and, in general aids them in doing a more effective job.

STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO 95814
(916) 445-3952

2165 SAN DIEGO AVENUE
SAN DIEGO 92110
(714) 237-7139

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LIABILITY

BOB WILSON

SENATOR
THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT

January 9, 1979

Dear Friend:

I plan to introduce a bill in the near future which will be of great interest to your members. This bill calls for the Fish and Game Commission each year, for a period of ten years, to set aside twenty-five miles of trout stream and at least fifty acres of lakes as zero-limit, catch and release trout fisheries. (see enclosed)

It is my feeling that this approach is one of the best ways to preserve and enhance trout fishing in California. Other states such as New York and Pennsylvania have adopted the zero-limit approach for certain streams with great success. The Yellowstone Park policy of setting aside a majority of its streams as zero-limit has succeeded in restoring the fishery to its previous greatness.

It is time for California anglers to ask that we establish an experimental program to determine the viability of zero-limit, catch and release programs for our state. It is not too much to ask that among the more than 20,000 miles of trout stream and approximately 5,000 lakes supporting trout in California that 250 miles of stream and a few small lakes be set aside for anglers who want to have the opportunity for quality trout fishing. Streams and lakes could be removed from the program by the Department of Fish and Game if they determined that other regulations would be more appropriate. These would be replaced by a comparable mileage of streams and lakes by the department.

I am also introducing legislation that calls for the Department of Fish and Game to establish management plans for all trout and steelhead streams and lakes in California designed to maximize their potential as fisheries. In all waters to be managed for wild trout, the department would have to establish regulations designed to maintain the fishery by natural reproduction. This legislation also calls for the department to set up an experimental program to determine the viability of various take restrictions and length limits for trout such as zero-limit, two trout limit, or a ten inch minimum size limit. This program would offer guidelines for the management plans of streams and lakes where catch and release regulations are necessary to bring back the quality of the fishery. (see enclosed)

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I would like to stress how important it is for you and your members to write letters of support to us, the Director of the Department of Fish and Game, or Resources Secretary Huey Johnson. (see addresses below) This legislation cannot be passed without your help as we expect considerable opposition. I would particularly appreciate any suggestions regarding which streams and lakes should be brought into each program. I would also like to request that I be put on your club mailing list so that I can know your local concerns better.

Sincerely,



Bob Wilson, Chairman
Senate Select Committee on
Fish and Game Wildlife

Enclosures

Write letters of support to:

E. C. Fullerton, Director
Department of Fish and Game
1416 - 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Huey D. Johnson, Secretary
Resources Agency
1416 - 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

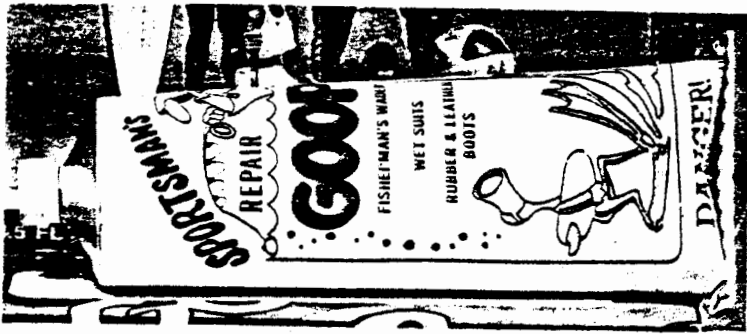
✓ Senator Bob Wilson
State Capitol, Room 2065
Sacramento, CA 95814

The above letter was recieved and was met with the unanimous support of the Board. We decided to include it in The Cast to let you, the membership act upon it likewise. We are drafting a letter to send to Bob Wilson now and incourage you to do likewise. There is one thing which we felt should be stressed though. The regulation of these areas should be funded into this and not dependent upon existing funds. The DFG Wardens are short sighted enough in the area of adaquite funding, lets not place more burden upon them. Include this in your letters of support.

NEWS !

It was moved and seconded at the October Board Meeting to make Dave Whitlock an Honorary Member of the Russian River Fly Fishers. I'm sure that all of us feel that the program he gave us and the information he imparted upon us more that justify this membership. Congradulations Dave!

PRODUCT REVIEW



GOOP

O.K. here we are, out on our favorite steelhead river, the fish are responsive but not to the point where we'd be spoiled.

And We Have A Leak In The Crotch Of Our Waders!!!

What do we do? It's Friday night, we still have Saturday and Sunday to fish. Run into town and try to find a gas station to patch them? Be lucky enough to carry

a patch kit with us? Say the hell with it and either put up with the discomfort or go home. YUCHH!!!

Goop is great! Fly Fisherman Magazine tried it and they couldn't say enough about it, and neither can I. They, (FF Mag.) patched first a leak and it worked. They then said, "Let's try a tear." So they tried a tear and it worked, they then torn off a whole leg and patched it right back on. It held, it worked, and it didn't leak, at all!

I've come off a river, took off my waders, dried them, put on Goop, waited a hour and gone right back fishing with no more leaks. It's good stuff.

It sells for \$2.95 almost everywhere and it's something I always carry with me.

P.S. In a bind you can also use it to replace felt soles although I would then let them dry overnight before using them.

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED

Our Cardinal Newman project is in the doldrums at the moment. It was both the fault of ourselves and them. Right now we're trying to put together a complete program for their fall quarter but in one area we're stumped. The problem is that all of us, the members of the Board, have 9 - 5, 7 - 3:30, whatever, type of jobs. What we need is for someone to come forth and act as a cohesive element in the group. Someone who can be there once a week, every week during the quarter. The class will run from 3 to 5 in the afternoon once a week. Getting help for you will present no problem because all of us can get an afternoon off occasionally, but that doesn't help if there isn't someone there always. The chances are that there won't be a single class where you will be called upon to solo it on your own. But it is important that one person, the same person always be there. I think you can understand this.

Now come on, who out there can help us out? I know that there is someone who's reading this who can both fit this in and would probably enjoy it as well, isn't there? Well don't sit there on your duff! Call Bob Wray at 526-4968 or Greg Dunlap at 795-0788. We'll get together and talk about what is required and all. Help us out please. this is really a worthwhile thing.

What's Happening

The Russian River Fly Fishers newsletter is expanding it's coverage. No I don't mean that we're going to glossy covers and color photographs. What we are doing is getting the addresses of all the other clubs in California who, like us, support the FFF and California Trout. When this information arrives we intend to initiate a newsletter/idea exchange with them. We hope that by opening up these lines of communication we will be able to draw upon their experience and knowledge as well as they will be able to ours. It should prove to be well worth the effort.

There's one thing though. The newsletter will be mailed out at 3rd class rates when this happens. Not only to these other clubs but to all of us. We're going to try to time the release so that all the information you deserve will reach you in time for the next meeting but, if you experience any trouble, anything, let us know so we can make adjustments., I'm going to mail the newsletter at least two weeks before the meetings and I can't see where it would take it any more than a week at most to reach all of the club members.

Remember though, when this happens, and if you have any trouble in receiving your newsletter, let us know, we'll act accordingly. Thank you.

Congratulations

One of our members recently had an article of his printed in The Flyfisher, (Publication of the FFF), Vol XII/No. 1, 1979,

Our hardest congratulations to you FRANK BERTAINIA, may you embellish their pages more often. Now when can I talk you into doing one for The Cast?

\$100 to go to the State Secret Witness Fund

Recently this area lost a Game Warden. Mr. Gunderson was severely beaten and left on a lonely road by some deer poachers. Mr. Gunderson's condition is that he is still in the hospital unable to answer any questions about his attackers.

Your Board in their last meeting unanimously voted to donate \$100.00 of club funds to the State of California Secret Witness Fund in the hope that his attackers will be brought finally to justice.

Board Meetings

The meetings of your Board are open to the general membership. The day and time are listed in the front page of the Cast. If there's something you would like to comment upon, something which grabs your ire, or if your just interested in how your Board operates, come to the meetings. Your opinions will be solicited and appreciated plus who knows, you may think of running for the Board some day.

Allah does not subtract from man's allotted time, those hours spent in fishing.

Old Arab Proverb

THE MEETINGS

This upcoming meeting is going to be just dynamic! Ernest Schwiebert, author, lecturer, fisherman-at-large, a man who has had the good fortune to have gone everywhere and fished for everything; and returned to tell about it in a style few can even begin to approach, is coming to Santa Rosa again to appear at our Dinner Meeting. His topic is on Trout Fishing in Patagonia.

This time however, Ernest isn't just going to give us a lecture. Before the meeting, during the happy hour, say 6 to 7, Ernest is going to be available to answer all the questions we can field to him. How to read the hatch, should I cast left-handed, whatever. So put on the old thinking cap and come prepared to have your questions answered.

Next meeting, March 21, Dave Inks of the Mill Pond is again coming up to give us another program. This one is really something all of us will get something out of. It's called "Fishing the High Country", or "10 Years of Fishing Above 10,000 Feet." It basically takes place in the Sierra's and includes such items as how to pack your gear, what to basically bring, what to do, and what not to do. It should prove to be extremely informative.

FISHING REPORT

The Russian River was clearing and a few fish were reportedly taken. The storm at the first of the month should stir things up a little but let's hope not much.

Was up on the Gualala Sun the 28, there were fish in the river but they weren't biting. This last storm should have muddied their water up enough to put them on the take.

The upper Eel was showing lots of action the last of Jan, I would imagine that the whole river is filled with fish right about now. It's still not too late to get into the stripers and strugeon which are in the bay and delta.



SIL Sisson
3607 GREEN HILL DRIVE
SANTA ROSA, CA

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RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS, INC. PROUDLY PRESENT:



ERNEST SCHWIEBERT— "TRAVELS THRU PATAGONIA"

Tuesday, February 20, 1979

6:30 p.m. ---Cocktails

7:00 p.m. ---Dinner

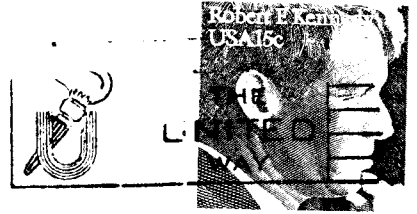
Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive
Santa Rosa, California
(West, off Hall Road)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—
CALL 545-6840 (BY 2-17.)

\$ 9.50 Admission includes Dinner:

Tossed Green Salad
French Bread
Baked Beef Roulade
Noodles
Fresh Cooked Vegetables
Chocolate Sundae
Coffee or Tea

Tax and Tip included

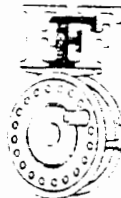


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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: March 21, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Dave Inks of the Mill Pond! Dave has spent a lot of time packing his way around to the fishing holes and he's titled this program, "Ten Years Above 10,000 Feet." It is something we're all sure to enjoy.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: March 29, 1979
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: April 10, 1979
WHERE: Slater Junior High School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we resign ourselves to the end of another miserable steelhead season, and prepare for trout season once again, it would do well for all of us to realize our own effect on the fish population.

In years past when fish numbers were practically innumerable, one could say with some "certainty" that it didn't matter if he or she kept a limit every time out. However, today with numbers dwindling, the effects of any given angler's take is practically measurable. It is of the utmost importance that we all make a commitment to catch-and-release techniques, and encourage our friends to do likewise, if our "non-renewable" resource is to be saved.

Tight lines,

Bob

C.O.R.C.

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Obituaries

Walt Christensen

ROD
&
GUN

Not the best of seasons...

THIS HASN'T been a very pleasant winter for anglers and others who are concerned with the welfare of fish in waterways of the area.

It was bad enough last fall when there were problems of illegal fishing in the Klamath River which may have started a rapid decline in the runs of king salmon and steelhead that will be very difficult to stop.

But the bad news from the waterways didn't stop there. In the months since then there have been stories of illegal nets in the rivers and bays which were taking a big toll of striped bass, sturgeon, salmon and other fishes. One net alone, which was found abandoned had at least 200 big fish decaying in it. It was a sad sight when we saw it.

Then there were reports of sturgeon snagging in San Francisco bays for profit. And the news didn't improve as time went on.

At the Eel River hundreds of big salmon were trapped in the pools by low water and some died without a chance to spawn while others fell prey to snaggers who couldn't stand the sight of fish that wouldn't hit their lures.

The scene brightened when there was a rise in the water levels of the streams and some of the salmon and steelhead got a chance to complete the mission of spawning for which they had returned from the sea.

But the period when all seemed well for the fishes was not to last. Once again the water level dropped and the snaggers went to work. This time, we were told, on a small school of big steelies in the lower section of the Navarro River. They took a toll in between visits of the local game warden would like others has far more miles to patrol than he should have.

THERE WERE times when it seemed that some people were just plain mad at the fish and were doing their worst to wipe them out. There were reports of persons shooting steelies on the spawning riffles of the Gualala River. And of others who used a pitchfork to land their steelies.

Sandwiched in between all of these reports was news that the runs of silver salmon all along the Pacific Coast were far down. There were few, if any, in many streams. It was as if they had just vanished while at sea. Were they too, the victims of illegal operations?

During the past 10 days we heard words of enthusiasm here and there. The anglers were legally catching a fish now and then. We thought that at long last things were going along as they should. Sure, there was a mention or two of some infraction of fishing regulations. This is customary.

Once again it seemed all was under control. But it wasn't. Last Wednesday night Game Warden Don Jacobs of Guerneville added the worst bad news when he reported that 17 female steelhead had been found dead in two tributaries of the Russian River. Seven in one stream and 10 in the other had been slit open, their eggs removed and bodies thrown back in the water, a total waste. Needless to say, the patrol will be intensified.

Yes, as we said in the beginning, this hasn't been a very pleasant winter for anglers and others who are concerned with the welfare of fishes in the waterways of the areas. Please report any illegal activity you see to the fish and game wardens. And good luck to the volunteer streamside patrol along the tributaries of the Russian River which are all closed to winter steelhead fishing.

The article on the opposite page appeared in the Sunday, Feb. 18, 1979, edition of the Press Democrat. Although it was originally published on the Sport Page I feel that the Obituary column would suit it better.

For those of you who wonder if the Streamside Patrol is worth your effort. For those of you who have been waiting for something concrete to come out of the Patrol before you volunteered to help. For those of you who are too damn selfish with your time to donate any of it to us, read the column again and ask yourself if maybe, just maybe we might have been of help to stop this loss of 17 fish. Perhaps not this 17, but how about the certain 17 or more that weren't found?

Ask yourself this and then ask yourself why you haven't volunteered to help the Streamside patrol.

\$100 added to reward

Russian River Fly Fishers have added \$100 to the reward seeking information on three men who attacked a 48-year-old fish and game warden who allegedly found them "spotlighting" deer on King Ridge Road northwest of Cazadero.

Elvin G. "Gundy" Gunderson has been unable to return to his duties as a game warden because of his injuries and may be forced to retire on disability.

Dixon Browder, secretary of the Fly Fishers, which is affiliated with California Trout, Federation of Fly Fishermen and Clean Our River Coalition, said his organization voted unanimously to add \$100 to the amount already offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three suspects.

The Bodega Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association has put up \$3,195 and Sonoma County Secret Witness has offered \$1,000.

On a different note the article on the left also appeared in the local paper. One of the things which your organization is trying to do is to establish itself in the community. The plan we have been following for this is; The lobbying for the closure of Dry Creek to fishing when the hatchery is in swing (this one you know to be fact), The Cardinal Newman Project, The Streamside Patrol, and now the addition of \$100 to the State Secret Witness Fund.

Something else we're thinking of pursuing is to approach Scout Troops and offer to them a program on fishing. This wouldn't be as extensive as the Cardinal Newman plan but would give them a strong base to work from.

Now here's where you can help. Do any of you out there who are now reading this have a son or daughter in Scouting who you feel their troop we could help? If so, contact the Scout Master and let him know our basic aims, (knots, water identification, flies, casting, etc.) and let us know of their interest. We'll contact them and set up with them a presentation to help his or her troop enjoy further what we probable take for granted.

THANK YOU JIM VERSIP

Recently Jim Versip donated his whole fly tying collection of tools and materials to the RREF to aid us in instructing. This was a very unselfish thing for Jim to do and all of us owe him our warmest thanks for being so generous. Thank you Jim, this will help us bring fly fishing and tying to many.

PRODUCT REVIEW



Orvis Lens Lite



Flex Lite

Why is it that invariably some of the best dry fly fishing for trout occurs while it is too dark to see to tread a size 10 adams on a 6X tippet? I've read of techniques involving using your tongue, or a special way to hold the fly, or clamping a penlight between your teeth etc, etc, etc.

Fly Fishing science and gadgetry has an answer for us. It comes in the form of two flashlights designed just for us fisherpersons to use.

The Orvis Lens Light is designed to be worn around the neck, by use of a supplied strap, and to hang down in the middle of your chest. It casts a soft glow, enough to see by if the batteries are up, and has an attached/detachable magnifier to help you see what you are doing. Mighty handy in the wee hours.

The Flex Lite clamps to your vest and by means of a goose necked rubberized swivel directs a beam of light where you want it. Also handy when it's getting dark.

O.K. which is the better product?

The Orvis bounces around your chest, catches your line, with the magnifier attached, and I've heard of losing the magnifier, and is made of lucite.

The Flex Lite clamps to your vest, throws out more light, is made of metal, but doesn't have a magnifier.

If your night vision is good, then the Flex Lite is right for you. If your like me however, and can't see a darn thing at night, then the Magnifier is a blessing.

I once had another Lite, like the Orvis, only the magnifier would hinge up, activating the light, and close back down turning it off. also it would pin to the vest and thus stay put. I loved it, to me it was the perfect thing, better than sliced bread or chunky peanut butter. Alas I broke it one outing and havn't been able to find a replacement.

The facts of each are above, the choice is up to you. The Orvis sells for \$7.95, the Flex Lite for \$8.75. Both are available either at your local shops or through the mail. Both are good products, one having faults and advantages over the other. Why not buy both and you can go down the stream at night glowing like Saint Elmo's Fire? But if anyone happens to find a replacement for my lost dream light, buy me two, I'm still looking myself.

RAFFLE AT \$15.00

The current prize for the attendance raffle is now at \$15. As stated before, there is nothing to buy but you do have to be present to win. If you are seated at 7:30PM when the meeting starts, and if you are wearing your name tag, and if the number called is yours, then the prize is yours also. Will we have a winner this meeting or will the prize go to \$20???

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the last Board and General meetings are available for you to read at the General Meetings. These minutes are located on the table which also has the name tags. If you don't see them ask one of the Directors and they will get you a copy.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The March 29th Board Meeting will be a budget meeting to discuss next years budget. If you want your committee to be included in this, then you will have to both be present and to have a prepared budget to submit. Remember, March 29th, Warrick Hospital Board Room, 7:30 PM.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR HAT CREEK, HOT CREEK, AND MARTIS LAKE

The following article is adapted from the Cal Trout Streamkeepers Log, January, 1979.

California's wild trout devotees were handed a glorious Christmas present by the Fish and Game Commission in December when it adopted new 1979 fishing regulations designed to improve and sustain high-quality angling on three key wild trout waters.

The new rules on Hat Creek and Hot Creek were sought to reverse a slide in angling quality noted by CalTrout officials during the 1978 season. The Martis Lake regulation resulted from a management scheme for rare Lahontan cutthroat trout sponsored jointly by CalTrout and the DFG. Martis was closed to fishing for all of 1978.

HAT CREEK

Bag Limit: 2 trout
Size Limit: 18' minimum
Method: Only artificial flies and lures with single barbless hooks. (Barbs may be bent down flush.)

HOT CREEK

Bag Limit: 2 trout
Size Limit: 14' minimum
Method: Flies only, single barbless hooks. (Barbs may be bent down flush.)

MARTIS LAKE

Bag Limit: Zero trout
Method: Only artificial flies and lures with single barbless hooks. (Barbs may be bent down flush.)

SIR CEDRIC LIMPHACKLE



We have a new character adorning the pages of the CAST. Dee Marsden has agreed to present us with installments of Sir Cedric Limphackle for our amusement. I'm sure that all of us will come to see that Sir Cedric has a lot of the traits which make up our own personalities.

Thanks Dee, I look forward to the further adventures of Sir Cedric Limphackle as being as humorous as this first one was.

APRIL 21, BASS FISHING OUTING AND DINNER

On April 21 we're having an outing to the Mountain Home Ranch. For those of you who don't know where this is, it's off of Calistoga Road, about 20 minutes from Santa Rosa, (map to be included in the next issue of the CAST) We'll start in the day and fish the bass pond with prizes to be awarded to respective persons. You will have to bring a sack lunch if you get up there early. After we're done fishing and all, there will be a dinner following, you will have a choice between 1/2 chicken or Mahi-Mahi, (I don't know what that is but Bob Wray said it was good), relish, soup and salad with dinner for only \$7.00 each! RSVP's will be required but there will be more information on this in a mailing you will receive later. So mark that day on your calendars, this sounds like fun.

NEW MEMBERS

The following were admitted to the membership of the RRFF

Clayton M. Rogers; Comes from Santa Rosa, likes to fish everywhere and would like to learn more about salt water fly rodding.

Phillip J. Maddux; Also from Santa Rosa, likes to fish everywhere and anything but would like some help on his Steelheading.

Charles Lovell; Lives in Kenwood, considers himself basically a Shad Fishermen but would like to learn more about fishing for trout in lakes and streams.

All of us in the RRFF extend to you new members a hearty welcome Aboard and extend to you a helping hand in your endeavors to become mystical with a fly rod, (to discover the hidden pattern which will bring excessive numbers of fish to your line to play and enjoy)

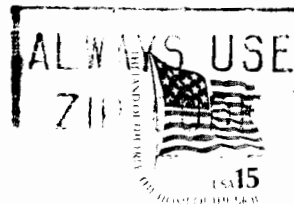
THE APRIL MEETING

As you read on the front page Dave Inks is coming up to give us one of his excellent talks. One of the things I would like to see happening at some, if not all, of our meetings is for some of you to start bringing your kids to enjoy these speakers. Think of how they will feel, or you for that matter when later in life you catch them remarking that, " Yea, I remember E. Schwiebert, or Doug Swisher, or Dave Inks, my dad took me to hear him talk once at his club's meeting." You will be helping these young ones on the way to fly fishing by giving them the stimulus from the best that our sport offers. So at this April meeting bring the kids, and at all meetings bring the kids, they will appreciate it later in their lives and you will be rewarded by it.

CONGRATULATIONS DALE CHELI

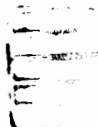
Heard recently that our very own Dale Cheli was elected to the Scientific Anglers Hall of Fame. Now he joins the illustrious ranks of Hal Jensen, Lefty Kreh, and other notables. Congratulations Dale, may your casts never falter, your patterns never fail, your line forever mend, and your reel forever backlash. Really Dale, Congratulations.

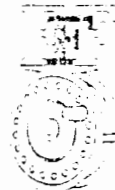
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: April 18, 1979
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Brad Jackson of "The Fly Shop" in Redding will be down, his program is on the Entomology of California Waters. See Meeting Programs Review in this issue.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: April 25, 1979
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: May 23, 1979 (Note, this is the 4th Wed. of May)
WHERE: Slater Junior High School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As another fishing season approaches I would like to encourage all members to help make the Russian River Fly Fishers a family-oriented club. More wives and children should be involved in our club activities.

This club really has something for everyone: dinner meetings, interesting speakers, fly tying and soon-to-be-had rod-building lessons, outings, conservation projects, and other public service projects.

Our next outing at Mountain Home Ranch in Calistoga on April 21st would be a great time to bring the entire family for some good fishing and fellowship. See you there...

Tight lines,

C.O.R.C.

Bob

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Realistic regulations

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT finally has moved to prevent the destruction of the Redwood Empire's most important salmon fishery — the annual spawning run by Chinook salmon up the Klamath River.

As of April 1, commercial salmon fishing by members of the Hoopa Indian tribe on the Klamath and Trinity rivers will be prohibited. Fishing will be allowed by members of the tribe only for subsistence or ceremonial uses.

The new regulations also will prohibit the use of drift nets.

Indians used these nets near the mouth of the Klamath River during the past two years and almost wiped out the salmon run. Fishermen, including Indians living upstream from the mouth, were deprived of their share of the salmon. Use of the drift nets enriched a few individuals at the expense of the majority.

WE COMPLIMENT the U.S. Department of Interior for establishing these realistic salmon fishing regulations on the Klamath River.

EXTRA! EXTRA!!

This could be even more important than the recent peace treaty in the Middle East. The U.S. Department of the Interior has finally shown some foresight in dealing with a fishery. As we know, due to a certain judge's decision in regard to Indian fishing rights on salmon rivers, the rivers in the northwest part of the country have been RAPED of their anadromous fish. Apparently this is not to be the case in

California. Let us only hope that those involved in reversing the Boldt decision in Oregon and Washington will be able to benefit by applying this precedent which has been set in California. Also let us wish them good luck and Godspeed in their efforts to restore these vital fisheries for the benefit of all instead of a few.

INFORMATION

For those of you who haven't noticed, we've started to mail "The Cast" as bulk mail. Another example of trying to save money and cut costs. If anyone feels that the arrival of their copy wasn't timely enough, give me a call or tell me at the meeting; I'll do my best to rectify the situation. As this is the first time we've tried this, we anticipate that some problems may arise and we will endeavor to work them out. If you haven't received your copy, then you're not reading this and I know that I'll really catch H****!!!

WELCOME

This mailing of the newsletter initiates a state-wide mailing. We are trying to contact all clubs in the FFF and invite them to place us on their mailing list as well. Also, most newspapers and sporting goods dealers in our area are receiving a copy of "The Cast" and I hope that they will use it appropriately.

To the fellow FFF clubs, we feel that this will open up a communication line between us to keep us all informed. As we can all testify, in this era of "put and take" fishery management, we can offer a better front if united and informed. We urge you to also establish communication with your fellow clubs for the betterment of all fisheries.

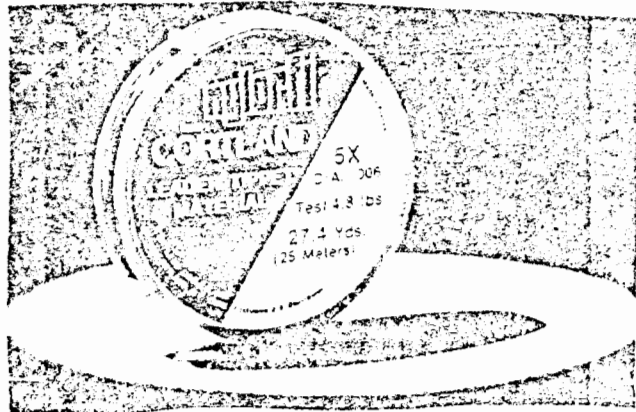
MEETING PROGRAMS PREVIEW

This April 18 we are going to be fortunate to have Brad Jackson from the "Fly Shop" in Redding come down and tell us about the Entomology of our California Trout Streams. Brad is very knowledgeable about this and will be able to help us all out in our problems to match the hatch. Also, he will be able to provide us with a few hints on what to look for and how to improve our patterns. If you want to really improve your success on the trout stream, plan on attending this meeting.

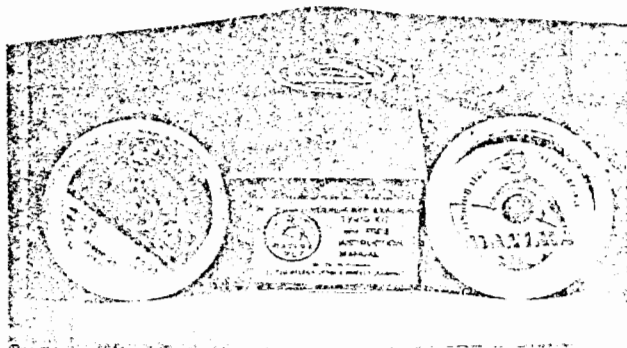
On May 23, the fourth Wednesday of the month, not the third as usual, Mel Krieger will present us with a program on fly casting. Mel is both an outstanding caster and instructor, as well as speaker. Mel Krieger is the person who taught Steve Rajeff, to name one of many, how to cast; and I'm sure that he will be able to help out all of us also.

In July, at our Annual Dinner Meeting at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, we will be honored by Mike and Chris Fong. I'm sure that these two outstanding fly fishers need no introduction to you and that you are now awaiting that meeting with as much excitement as I am.

PRODUCT REVIEW



Cortland's Nylorfi Tippet Material



Maxima Leader

How important is your leader? That's like saying how much do you like your left hand, or how many flies do you take with you on an outing. As far as I'm concerned there are only two leader materials, and they are Maxima and Nylorfi.

Maxima comes from Germany, is available in 27 yard spools or in bulk amounts. It's tough, strong, and workable. Also, it happens to be rather large in diameter; this counts if you're fishing midges or are really concerned about leader visibility. It's available from 7X, .0035 Dia., through 40 lb. test, .028 Dia. Spools cost from \$1.25 to \$1.35 each.

Nylorfi is made by Cortland, is available in 27 yard spools also, but not in bulk. It also is

tough, strong and very workable. It possesses a smaller diameter than Maxima, something to think about. Where Maxima is .0035 in 7X, 1 lb., Nylorfi is .004, but 1.7 lbs. Also, Maxima is .010 in 1X, 8 lb., where Nylorfi is .010, but 9.4 lb. test. So one would say that Nylorfi offers a greater breaking strength-to-size ratio than Maxima. It's available in 27.4 yard spools for \$1.00 each. Now the question is which one of the two is the better leader material for you. For the sake of simplicity I'm going to say that we are just concerned with tippet material.

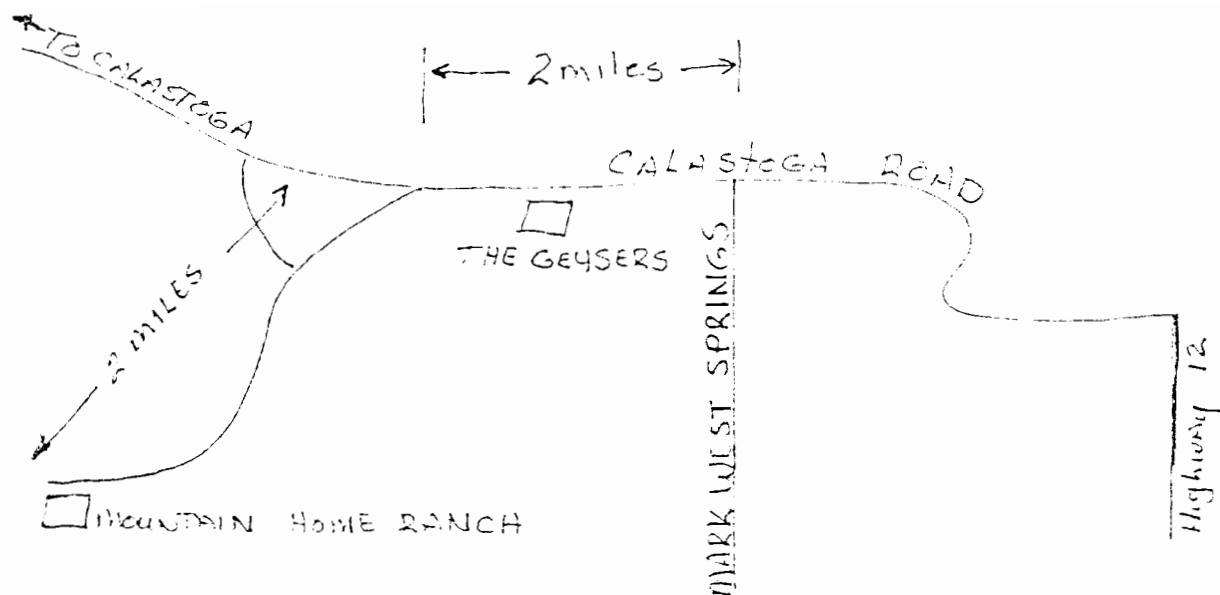
If you're going after trout and you're a halfway decent caster, then the limp Nylorfi is something for you to consider. It carries the flow of the line to the fly nicely and will delicately present a 16 or 18 Adams to even the most suspicious Brown. The consistency of Nylorfi in the hand is something akin to boiled spaghetti. But, when you get a wind knot (nice thing to blame bad casting on), then it's almost impossible to untie.

Maxima is stiff stuff. It may be larger in diameter than Nylorfi, but it is also somewhat more forgiving on poor casting. Also it is great when you are dealing with larger flies such as those for bass or steelhead. When you get a wind knot it is easier to untie, and being stiffer, it allows the flow of the line to transmit nicely to the fly. But if you are going after skittery trout then you will have to go to smaller tests to keep them from becoming leader-shy.

Both products are good but the final determination depends upon your own prowess with a fly rod. If you're having trouble with the material you're using, then give one or the other a try. If this doesn't help your situation, then cut off the guides, tie a line on your rod tip and attach a night crawler. You may not receive the action you are accustomed to, but you will cure your wind knot problem.

If you manufacture your own leaders then take my advice; when using the 60-20-20 theory, make the first 60-20 out of Maxima and then use the appropriate material for just the tippet only. I am a terrible caster (Bob Wray will testify to that) and I use Maxima only. You are probably much better and will appreciate Cortland's Nylorfi much more than I could. If we ever have a casting knot championship, then the rest of you better drop out if I'm entered; I'll easily put you all to shame. Even an editor has to have something to brag about.

P.S. Just before press time I learned that some people have experienced trouble in marrying Nylorfi to other leader materials. I understand that the thinner Nylorfi tends to cut into the other material and cause a breakage at the area of the knot. The schools of thought on this is to either use an all-Nylorfi leader, or to use a double surgeon's loop knot on both the end of your present leader and the start of the Nylorfi tippet. This way you can loop to loop your tippets and save time on getting your fly back into the water.



APRIL CUTTING

As you read in the last issue of "The Cast" we are having an outing in April. This will be at the Mountain Home Ranch (see map) and promises to be a fun-filled day. Save this issue if you plan to come because I don't know if the flier you will receive will contain a map. In general there will be the opportunity for us to fish the Bass Pond all day, and it has been reserved for our use only, and a catered dinner to follow. Bring a sack lunch if you get there early and plan on staying late. Also, this is planned as a family outing, so bring the family. It doesn't matter to us if you fish with a fly rod and the rest of your family uses lures, bait, or whatever; only bring everyone and plan on a good time to be had by all!

NEW MEMBERS

The following were admitted to the membership of the RREF;

John Delio; Comes from Santa Rosa, classifies himself as a beginner to fly fishing. Likes to fish anything anywhere, in other words, where he's fishing, he's happy. Says he likes the people he has met at the meetings and expects to make a lot of friends. (from the rowdy group at the meetings?)

Ron Sauve!; Comes also from Santa Rosa, is only 16, a junior member, calls himself a beginner but is eager to learn.

All of us in the RREF welcome you to membership and hope that we can offer to you the help you desire. Welcome Aboard John and Ron.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

As I was writing up the current installment of the Product Review, I noticed something. No one has yet asked me to review a dud. Come on now, I know that there must be something one of you has bought which has proved to be absolutely worthless. Let me know what it is so we can warn others, "Hey, don't buy a three pronged knot tier cuz it's the pits!" or whatever; let me know also if you would like to see a product reviewed. I need the input to keep this going.

FISHING REPORT

Steelhead fishing right now is very questionable. Prior to the storm which struck the last of last month, there were reported to be fresh fish on the South Fork of the Tel River. Some fish were also being taken on the Mattole but they were downstreamers. The perch are in Tomales Bay and they have been landing some of very good size. Stripers are in the Bay; look for them in the San Pablo Flats but the water hasn't been too clean lately. Pan fish and bass fishing has just started to pick up; when the weather clears and warms up the action should again pick up. Salmon and Crystal Lake fishing has been productive using nymph and leech patterns.

Next Month:

Should be prime for pan fish. Shad should show up in the Russian River by the end of April - first of May. A lot of the prospects for the opening day of trout season (April 28) depend upon the rain and the amount of runoff between now and then. Lower Hot Creek is not affected by these rains and runoff conditions because of controlled water flow; look for many people. Blue backs are due to come in the Mattole River but remember, it is only legal to fish from Petrolia Bridge to the mouth; upstream from that it's illegal.

John Christlieb - The Western Angler

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Well, at last month's meeting we didn't have an attendance raffle, so the prize will be \$20.00 at the April meeting. It seems that the president, Bob Wray himself, was late and had forgotten the numbers at home for the drawing. Well, as the old joke goes, "That's one Bob!"

PATCHES AND NAMETAGS

Extra patches or name tags are available to members who so desire them. The cost is \$1.00 for patches and \$2.25 for name tags, see Mike Tatro at the meetings if you want any.

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To all Fly Fishing Clubs:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage a newsletter exchange for the purposes of: (1) familiarization with other clubs and their functions, (2) helping us all keep better abreast of local, regional, and state problems that affect our fishing, and (3) in general, to make us more aware of tackle and techniques, and fishing in areas other than our own.

The Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit corporation formed approximately 2 years ago. Our membership has grown from 17 to about 150. The majority of our members live in the Sonoma County area. In our short existence we have had the following guest speakers: Dave Whitlock, Ernest Schweibert, Doug Swisher, Hal Janssen, Ron Cordes, Bob Nauheim, Frank Bertaina, Mike and Chris Fong, Dave Inks, Andre Puyans, and many others. We, together with Department of Fish and Game, and County Supervisor Brian Kahn ran a Streamside Patrol on the tributaries of the Russian River to help alleviate the poaching problem. We have a class we offer at Cardinal Newman High School on Fly Fishing, and generally speaking the club is public service oriented.

Please accept a copy of our newsletter the Cast, and if it so moves you begin a newsletter exchange with us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Wray

Robert D. Wray, President

ROD BUILDING CLASS

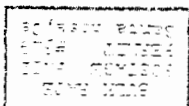
Fellow member John Christlieb has offered to us to host a rod building class. The tuition is free, you can either buy components to actually build a rod, or bring that old rod kit you've been keeping in the closet for a rainy day, or bring a broom stick and some wire for guides and learn how to build a fishing rod.

John will take you through the stages of determining the spine, guide placement, attaching the handle and reel seat, shaping the handle, and wrapping the guides. It will prove to be a very comprehensive class to anyone who has ever wished to build a fishing rod. When the class is over you should be able to build anything from a size 3 fly rod up to a Marlin stick.

The class will consist of three sessions, 3 hours a night, for three weeks. The classes are on a Thursday night starting May 24 and running through June 7 from 7 to 9:30 P.M. Anyone interested may call for reservations or further information at 542-4132.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: May 23, 1979 (Note, this is the 4th wed. of May)
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: Mel Krieger, the sensational caster, speaker, and teacher will be here to help us in our own casting problems. Mel has taught several notables, among them current champion Steve Rajeff how to cast and I'm sure he can help us also.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: May 30, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: June 20, 1979
WHERE: Slater Junior High School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our spirits brighten with the improving Spring weather, I would like to encourage all members to make this 1979 fishing season the year for trying something new. Our fishing expertise never improves, unless we extend ourselves beyond the place where we're at right now. We have many fine fishermen (and women) in the Club, who doubtless would be happy to share their knowledge with you.

Another fine source of information is our monthly speakers. We have many fine speakers at our non-dinner meetings, and the member who comes only to dinner meetings, is missing out on a great deal of information and enjoyment. For instance, our last speaker, Brad Jackson from the Fly Shop in Redding, did a wonderful job of putting a rather complicated subject, entomology, into terms that we all could understand.

Plan to take the time and try something new this year; get involved, and you will be glad you did.

Tight lines,

Bob

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

STREAMSIDE PATROL REPORT

The streamside patrol was formed in late November of 1978. The patrol was the result of concern over poaching in tributaries in our area.

Supervisor Brian Kahn set up a meeting between wardens of the area and concerned members of the Russian River Fly Fishers. The meeting resulted in good vibes, and the patrol was born.

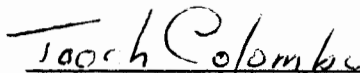
We selected five creeks in the area to watch over: Austin, Salmon, Dutch Bell, Santa Rosa, and Mark West.

We dispatched over 40 patrols in this, our first year. Although we didn't get any direct arrests, we would like to think we did indirectly cut down on poaching. We received good press for our actions. In fact, some of our patrols were the result of a landowner calling us directly. The two wardens in our area, Dan Hoggard and Don Jacobs, were excellent people to work with, and when called, their response was great!

Although impossible to calculate, we applied somewhere between 300 and 400 man-hours on patrols.

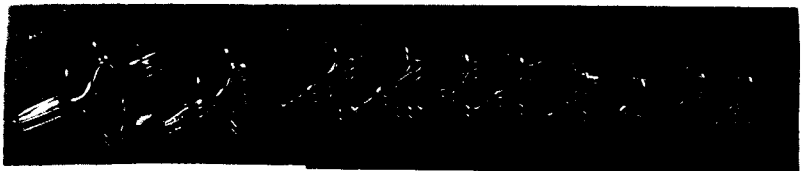
To all who patrolled, and those who helped in other ways, I thank you. You did a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

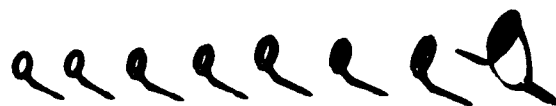

Tooch Colombo
Assistant Co-ordinator

CASTING CLASS

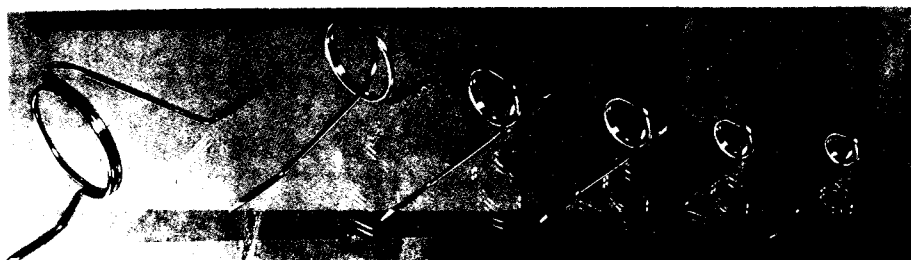
Maggie Merriman, one of our members, and just an outstanding person, is offering a fly casting class designed for just the ladies. The time, date, cost, etc. will be announced later in a special mailing. If you've ever wanted to really involve your better half in what you do, get them interested in this class. Who knows, they may come out of it even better than you! Wouldn't that hit the old vanity?



Fly Rod Guide Sets



Fuji Single Foot Fly Rod Guide Set



**Aetna Foulproof
Guide Sets**

PRODUCT REVIEW

DAMNIT! Have you seen what inflation has done to the price of fly rods? But we're going to show them, aren't we? Though we wouldn't have to be going through this right now if we hadn't slammed the car door on the rod we are now going to replace, but damnit we had a reason; no fish, couldn't cast far enough to get quite into the pocket, the wraps were getting worn anyway, and I've been good, I deserve a new rod!!! Besides, I know that I can make a better rod than I can buy, and I will save some money also. Maybe spend the extra on a few quality capes.

So off to the catalog or down to the store we march. We pick out a blank, some cork, wrapping thread, reel seat (one of the quality wood ones, that'll knock their eyes out on the next outing), and all of a sudden we're blown away. Do you see how many different types of guides we have to choose from? Which one is the type we want? Don't despair, read on.

Let's start with the snake guides. These are the ones most often seen on fly rods and are the easiest to identify. They are made of stainless steel, chromed over, and come in a large variety of sizes. Snake guides offer the least amount of friction to the line and make it easier to get out that last 10 feet when you have to. They are easily mounted and are ideal for trout or panfish. Also their light weight makes them nice for casting all day long. They also happen to be the least expensive to buy, another point in their favor.

I've seen rods wrapped with the Aetna Foulproof guides and I would say to stay away from them. They are inexpensive like the snake guides, fairly easy to mount, and are made of the same material. The proponents of this type of guide claim that the lighter wire they are made of is ideal for a light fly rod because their natural give and take won't hamper the action of the rod. I still say beware! That natural give and take will only anger you in the end. They bend too easily, and once bent, they foul everything up. Casting, looks, the whole shooting match.

Now let's move up to heavier tackle, the ceramics! It is perfectly acceptable to place a ceramic for a stripper and maybe even have the first two guides from the reel seat be ceramic. It also makes good sense because these guides will receive a little more action when the fish is running line off of your reel. Further, it will in no way alter the cosmetic quality of the rod you are making. I say use them and save yourself the trouble of replacing a snake guide later. The ceramics are made of chromed stainless steel, with an aluminum oxide mounting ring for the ceramic insert. They weigh a little more than snake guides but not much, so don't worry about it. For small rods use the single foot guides; they're the lightest and even though they only have a single foot, if wrapped on tight (which any guide should be anyway), they won't come off or work loose. The only drawback to them is cosmetic, because there will only be one wrap instead of two. Some people can't get accustomed to this and will use the normal two footed guides instead; to each his own.

For heavy rods I recommend using all ceramic guides. They will increase the rod weight and maybe even cause you to have to use a heavier line but when you're shooting big guns, who cares? For large fish you are concerned about the friction in the guides as the line races through them and the ceramic is ideal for this, much better than wire. Where, with age, wire tends to develop burrs which can cut into a mono running line and cause you to lose that "big one," ceramic isn't likely to do this. They're tough and will take a lot of punishment without giving a damn inch. The only disadvantage is that they offer a lot of surface area to the line and make it hard to really reach out when you have to without a little bit of grunting on your part, but who doesn't grunt when they're tossing a size 12 up line to some crusing leviathan? For most normal fishing the single foot guides will be ideal. Their light weight and design help out in both casting and keeping that 11 weight blank an 11 weight. If you're one of the crazies who stalk movie lots looking for something out of a recent killer amphibian movie then wrap on the double footed ones (preferably with Manilla Hemp), and go for it. They are heavier and do affect the rod action but they do last and take any type of fishing punishment you can give them.

Any of the above-mentioned guide sets are one of the cheapest components you will buy for the rod you make. They start at around \$5.00 for the whole set and only go to \$12.00 to \$15.00 at the most. They are all available either locally or through the mail, but the final selection is, after all, up to your own needs and tastes. All I can do is try to explain the use.

NEWS RELEASE

The fabulous Buccaneer Lodge on the island of Marathon in Florida will this year play host to the FLORIDA KEYES INVITATIONAL FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT. The tournament, sponsored by Santa Rosa based FISHING INTERNATIONAL, will take place April 29 through May 3, 1979. As was the last F.I. tournament in Costa Rica, the Keyes tournament will be a no-kill contest.

Tournament Director, Robert S. Kirkland, had this to say about Florida Keyes fishing: "The Florida flats have more historical significance to the salt water fly fisherman than any other waters in the world. Names such as Islamorada, Key West, Big Pine Key, Marquesas Islands, Boca Grande Key, and Marathon stir the very souls of anglers who have prowled these vast, clear water flats. Here one experiences the electrifying challenge of stalking great moving schools of bonefish, permit, and tarpon. The FLORIDA KEYES INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT will be conducted on a non-kill basis, the first in Florida history. It is the hope of the tournament directors that this policy will serve as an example to set a standard of conservation that will perpetuate this magnificent fishery for years to come."

Teams will be made up of fly fishing greats from all over the United States and will include such names as Bill Levy, the man who broke all records on permit, and Leon Martuch, former owner of Scientific Anglers and a salt water fly fisherman of the highest caliber.

Team members from Santa Rosa include Tooch Colombo, Dr. Freeman Born, Kerney Towery, Fred Farquar, Frank Bertaina, and Bob Nauheim.

Bob Nauheim, Fishing International

ROD BUILDING CLASS

As announced in the last newsletter, there are still positions available in the rod building class John Christlieb is offering (see "The Cast," April 1979, last page). Anyone interested may call John at 542-4432.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In my attempt to get information for you, the members, I, the editor, have initiated a new column to the newsletter. The way it works is that I will think of a question or use one submitted by one of you. This question will be asked to various members at the meeting and reported back to you in this column. The answering parties will only be identified in the newsletter by their initials so if you get cornered by me at a meeting, don't be shy, speak up and let us all know how you feel about whatever it is I ask you.

Q. If you were limited on only one line to use for trout fishing, what line would it be and briefly why?

D.C. Cortland DT6F. Can use a long leader to fish nymphs, or shorten it up for dries. Also feel that it is the best dry fly line.

B.A. Cortland DT6F. Same reasons as D.C. above.

J.C. Cortland DT6F. Same reasons as D.C. above.

D.M. Cortland DT6F. Tried Masterline and it didn't last or float long enough. Tried Cortland and have been happy with it.

M.T. Cortland Wf6F. Can do anything with it. Use long leaders for wets or nymphs or a shorter one for dries. Also with the weight forward I've got the punch to throw out the larger flies.

F.B. Cortland, S.A., or Sunset WF5F. (one's as good as another). The same feelings as M.T. above but also added that with a weight forward one could get more backing on the reel than with a DT.

B.W. S.A. 5ST. Only fish nymphs and who else makes a sink tip?

So there's the first installment. If any of you can come up with a better question for the next month's issue, give me a call and I'll use it. Hope to be hearing from you.

Greg Dunlap, Editor 795-0788

CLUB OUTING

Mountain Home Ranch near Calistoga was the site for the Club's family outing on April 21. A warm spring day set the scene. Fishing (for small bass and fair-sized bluegill--both about a pound apiece) was good; everyone got fish, while fishing from shore, or casting from float tubes or prams. Evening brought a good dinner and pleasant conversation. Those attending the outing included: Buzz Busby, Charlie Schelter, and the Jack Ghilardi's, Dan Seymour's, Jerry Raasch's, Joe Banovich's, Dale Cheli's, Jim Mangle's, John Christleib's, Kent Calkins', and the Bob Wray's.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

For the last three months the Board of Directors has spent a great deal of time reviewing and streamlining the club's by-laws. A number of changes have been made to reflect the way the group has been functioning over the past two years, including the following items.

- 1) Officially defining the Family and Non-Resident classes of membership.
- 2) Clarifying and simplifying the definition of and procedure for selecting honorary and lifetime members.
- 3) Defining the last regular meeting of the fiscal year (the June meeting) as the nomination and election meeting.
- 4) Eliminating the provision for mailed ballots for election of officers and directors.

While the by-laws allow the Board of Directors to make changes such as the ones above, they require general membership approval of changes to other sections. These generally relate to the number and terms of Directors, the recall of Directors, the conduct of Board meetings, and the voting rights of members. In order to follow through with the review begun by the Board, we propose that at the May 23 meeting the following changes be adopted by the members.

1) Situation: The present by-laws require that the entire Board be elected each year, with the immediate past president automatically a member of the following year's Board (to provide continuity). We believe the interests of the group would be better served with Board members serving for terms of two years, with five terms expiring each year. In this way there would always be a "carry-over" of five Board members for continuity, but five new Board members would be elected each year to assure "new blood" coming into the Board.

Proposal: Modify Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, deleting immediate past president as a Board member and providing for overlapping two-year terms for Directors. Modify Article VI to provide for election of Directors to overlapping two-year terms.

2) Situation: The procedure for recall of Board members can only be changed by vote of the members. To make this section consistent with the other changes, we propose to delete the requirement for mailed ballots.

Proposal: Modify Article V, Section 2, deleting provision for mailed ballots and adding provision for election at a meeting of the members.

These proposals will be reviewed at the May 23 meeting. If any member has any questions call Dixon Browder at 527-8002.

FISHING REPORT

This Month

Trout Fishing - Hat Creek, excellent conditions, should be super in about two weeks. Many salmon flies starting to show. Rivers Sacramento, Pit, Fall, and McCloud are in good shape.

Sierra streams will remain good condition until the weather warms up and the runoff muddies them.

Putah Creek very slow, water silty, hatches not coming off as they should, fishing slow except for stockers with salmon eggs (yuch!)

Shad Fishing - Hot at mouths of Feather and American Rivers. Feather River fish up to Shangai Bend, fish out of prams to really get into them. Russian has been producing some excellent counts.

Striped Bass - showing from below Colusa to the town of Princeton on the Sacramento. Starting to show in the Bay but not in any quantity.

Bass and Panfish - Bass depending on the weather and elevation of lakes are on the way to the spawning beds which should make for excellent popping on a fly rod. Spring Lake has been showing some nice fish.

Next Month

Trout should be smoothing out; look for excellent fishing around the end of June.

Stripers should be in the bay in increasing numbers.

Shad fishing in the Sacramento River and its tributaries will be in full swing.

Bass and panfishing will still be producing well. Look for small mouth bass on the Russian.

John Christlieb, Western Angler

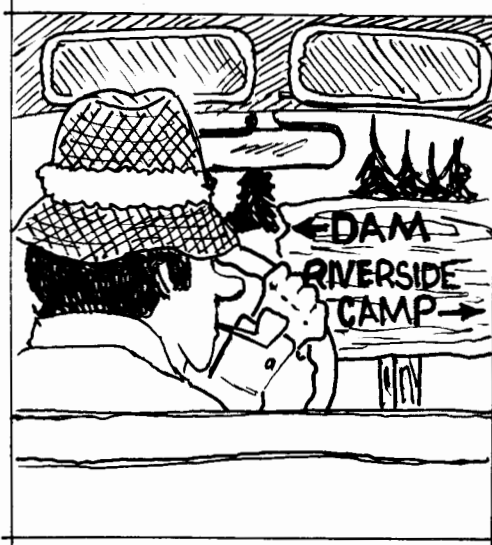
P.S.: Hook an 18 Humpy to a ST13 H.D. and get some trout.

FOR SALE

Scott Graphites . . . 9' - 3 line, 9' - 6 line, 9½' - 9 line
Hardy Lightweight w/spare spool, Hardy Princess w/spare spool,
Hardy St. Aiden w/spare spool, all with new lines. Will sell as
a package or individually. Misc. fly rods, reels, and equipment.
Teardrop Camp Trailer.

Dale 546-6599

SIR CEDRIC LIMPHACKLE

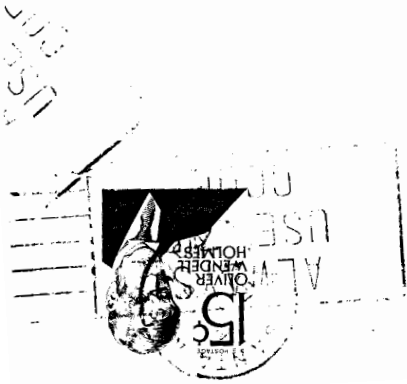


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Dee told me that this months installment of our Sir Cedric is from an actual happening. It seems that a few hours before dawn on opening day there was a large release from Lake Pillsbury which just muddied the heck of the Eel. What Dee didn't tell me was if he may have been stranded long waiting for the water to recede. where were you opening day Dee? ? ?

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: June 20, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School, 3500 Sonoma Ave.
Cafeteria, remember \$30.00 attendance prize
this meeting.

PROGRAM: This month will be the people you know. 7 of our
own club members have put together a program called
"My Favorite Place to Fish." Their going to show
you where they're going to go in N-Calif. and fish.
They'll show you where, when, and what to bring so
if you don't know where your going to go, come.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: June 27, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: July 17, 1979, note, this is a tuesday.

WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

Mike and Chris Fong

President's Message:

For me, this June newsletter marks my last opportunity to
speak to you all in writing about our goals and accomplishments.

In our first 27 months of existence we have accomplished many
things; the most important of these (to me) are: we have had
many of the most renowned and informative speakers available
in our field; we have become a tax-exempt corporation; and we have
worked together at providing a public service through a Streamside
Patrol project.

The measure of a good club is the degree to which all its members
become involved. A club can be run by a few people, but it will
be much stronger, and the members will derive more satisfaction
if they are all deeply involved.

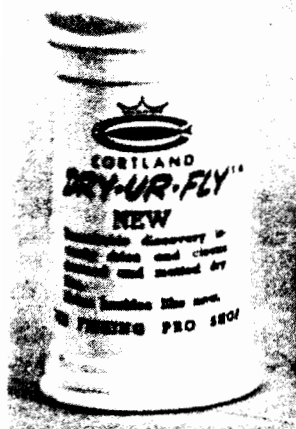
I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve you, and to see this
club get off to a fine start. I have had a lot of support from
people, and wish to thank them for it. Please continue to give
this support to your new officers and directors. Above all,
get involved! It will make the difference between somewhere you
go once a month, and an organization, of which you are proud to
be a part.

Tight lines,

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Bob

PROJECT REVIEW**Dry-Ur-Fly by
Cortland**

Have you ever tried to fish with a fly which was so waterlogged you couldn't get it to float no matter how much dressing you put on it? Or so matted and covered with slime that the life was just out of it? What do you do? You do what everyone else does, you clip it off your tippet and replace it with a fresh one, the same pattern only a new fly. The old warrior is then retired to your box to dry out and perhaps a bit of steaming when you get off the stream.

This has happened to all of us who like to go after trout with a dry fly. There used to be little else one could do until now. Cortland has recognized this problem and is marketing a product called DRY*UR*FLY. You know how a size 18 Adams looks after being played with by three trout? Kind of blaa isn't it? I've taken this fly and placed it in the container of DRY*UR*FLY, covered the top with the palm of my hand, shaken, and presto, almost just-off-the-vice quality restored. Like the label says, DRY*UR*FLY and believe me it will. The hackles even spring back. What this means is that in the long run you

spend more time with your line in the water than out of it and that's the whole idea is it not?

DRY*UR*FLY comes in a container small enough to fit into any spare spot in your vest yet is large enough to easily last at least one trout season. The edges of the container are rounded off so as to not damage your tippet when used. Something both I and the label would suggest is that after using this product, reapply whatever floatant you normally use. This stuff even dries that out of the fly, but what the heck, you'd have to apply floatant to a new fly anyway.

Cortland's DRY*UR*FLY is available at either your local shops or through the mail for around \$2.00. It's worth it.

NEW COLORADO REGULATIONS

If you are one of the lucky ones who have planned on a Colorado fishing vacation this year listen up. Because of the problem Colorado is having with Brook Trout, they have opened up on them. You are now allowed to take 10 Brook Trout, 8 inches or under in addition to the regular trout limit. Apparently they've become too prolific in Colorado waters and this is their way to thin them out. So if your headed East, stop in at the Mile High State and help them alleviate their Brookie problem.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Well not too long ago Bob forgot to bring the numbers so we didn't have a raffle. This month M. T. forgot to show up with the name tags so there again was no raffle. Next month's prize will be \$30.00. Lets all show up and make them pay up.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ! !

Kind of makes your mouth water doesn't it? This guy must have gotten the ride of his life when this thing struck and drug his float tube all over Flaming Gorge Res.

Called around and tried to find out what the hell a zonker fly was but nobody I called knew.

If one of you know what it is, let me know and I'll tie up 4 dozen of them and give them a try in Spring Lake.

LUST LUST

SLOBBLER



-UPI

Fly fisherman Del Canty of Leadville, Colo., still clad in his waders, displays a 26-pound, 2-ounce rainbow trout he caught at Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Dutch John, Utah recently. The 38-inch monster is a new Utah state record. Canty was floating in an inner-tube fishing with a zonker fly when the big one hit.

NEWS WE NEED

Read in the Friday, May 18th issue of the Press Democrat, Gaye LeBaron's column, a watercolor by Santa Rosa artist and fellow RREF member Ben Cummings was one of 53 works of art selected from the 1,000 and more donated to the KQED auction for exhibit at Crown Zellerbach Plaza in a special auction preview. Congratulations on this Ben. We have always enjoyed your work in "The Cast" and are happy to see you distinguished so. F.S. The special drawings at the bottom of these and future pages of "The Cast" are all the work of Ben Cummings. It is nice for us to be able to enjoy his work as such.



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CONSERVATION ALERT

ENCLOSED IS A LETTER OF URGENT NEED AND ACTION
 BY CALIFORNIA TROUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED DFG
 BUDGET CUTS. IN A EARLIER ACTION, THE COUNCIL,
 CALIFORNIA TROUT AND OTHER CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS
 UNITED TOGETHER AND HAVE BEEN WORKING IN SACRAMENTO
 TO REDUCE THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AND REINSTATE
 NEEDED PROGRAMS. THIS WORK HAS BEEN SPEARED BY ^{HEADED}
 DICK MAY OF CALIFORNIA TROUT. HE NOW NEEDS THE
 SUPPORT OF THE INDIVIDUAL FLY FISHERMEN AND THE
 MEMBER CLUBS OF THE COUNCIL.

IT HAS BEEN INDICATED BY A PRESENT STATE BUREAUCRAT
 (HUEY JOHNSON) THAT FLY FISHERMEN DO NOT HAVE THE
 NECESSARY CLOUT TO CHANGE POLITICAL DECISIONS IN
 SACRAMENTO. UNFORTUNATELY HUEY WAS NOT AROUND WHEN
 WE DEFEATED THE RECREATION DAM IN THE FEATHER RIVER
 ON THE FLOORS OF THE STATE CAPITOL. WELL FELLOW
 FLY FISHERMEN, LETS SHOW A BUREAUCRAT HOW MUCH CLOUT
 WE HAVE.....GET THOSE LETTERS IN NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PLEASE REMEMEBER, THOSE ARE YOUR FISHERY RESOURCES
 OUT THERE AND THEY ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DECLINE
 UNLESS YOU START RAISING HELL.



CALIFORNIA TROUT

ACTION ALERT

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BROWN BUDGET WOULD GUT VITAL DFG PROGRAMS Here's What You Can Do To Block It

In January, Governor Jerry Brown announced his post-Prop 13 austerity budget. It included a \$3.2 million slashing of operating funds for the Department of Fish and Game. Curiously, it flies in the face of legislation enacted last year (and signed by Brown!) which for the first time placed DFG on firm financial footing. The Department now enjoys a growing surplus.

The effect of Brown's proposals would severely weaken or eliminate programs of direct interest to CalTrout and to you as an angler. Therefore, since January, CalTrout officials have been working closely with the legislature to develop a strategy to correct the sad result of the Governor's mistaken impressions that DFG budget cuts will save tax dollars and is something the people desire. Neither is so. DFG is funded by our license fees, not tax dollars. License dollars not spent can not and will not be refunded to taxpayers or to license buyers. Nor has anyone asked that they be.

Consequently, vital DFG programs are scheduled to be trashed, effective this July, to nobody's benefit. It is a senseless and harmful political exercise. But you can do something about it if you will act now.

For three months, CalTrout has consulted with the staffs of four committees of the state legislature. A strategic plan to augment the Governor's DFG budget has evolved in two forms. It is a coordinated two-pronged attack.

1. A bill, AB 981, has been co-authored by Assemblyman Larry Kapiloff and Senator John Nejedly to reinstate \$2.6 million of the proposed cuts for wild trout, hatchery trout, black bass, environmental monitoring, wardens, and research programs.
2. The legislature's budget committees are being asked to enact a budget which contains the exact same \$2.6 million augmentation.

It is vital to our success that both efforts reach the Governor's desk. But the legislators are somewhat reluctant to buck the governor unless there is a massive public outpouring asking them to. It will take hundreds of letters to convince.

That's where you come in. If you want to win you must **RIGHT NOW** send letters to both of the following legislators who are key men in the budget process. Write in your own words, but conclude precisely that you. . .

"... vigorously support AB 981 by Kapiloff and Nejedly as amended in April, 1979, and ask that the legislature enact a 1979-80 Budget which contains exactly the same provisions as AB 981."

Write to: Senator Jerry Smith **
Senate Finance Committee
Sacramento 95814

Assemblyman Terry Goggin
Ways & Means Committee
Sacramento 95814

This is a very high stakes poker game. If we all play our cards right, we can win the pot.

**Most Important

Richard H. May
Richard H. May, President
April 25, 1979

INTERNATIONAL FISHING REPORT

June is a transitional month for the International Angler. The tropical fishing is beginning to wind down and the north country is beginning to open up so that it is easy to be indecisive as to the right move.

THE TROPICS

If warm nights, palm trees, and white sands becom, June sees some prime bonefish and permit fishing along Mexico's Caribbean coast. The great Boca Piale lagoon in the Quintana Roo is usually glassy calm with hoards of small to medium size bones. Expect occasional rain. June is also an exciting month in the Bahamas for the same species. Towards month's end some of the finest permit fishing in the world can be found here. We hope to show motion pictures in an upcoming meeting on this great fishing. Last month I fished Deep Water Cay for three days with writers A. J. McClane and Jerry Gibbs, and though the weather worked against us and fishing was tough, I don't remember ever seeing as many large bonefish or so many marvelous flats. We all wished we had postponed our trip for a month when weather improves. The Baja offers some excellent billfishing in June especially in the East Cape, Bahia de las Palmas area. Loreta, 100 miles north of the Cape begins to produce exciting dolphin fishing about mid-month growing hotter into July. The Loreto fishing is of particular interest to the flyman. Here one works the long weed lines with floating line and popper and is often into heavy action. May and June and early July are prime months for fly fishermen interested in tarpon to head for the flats off the Florida Keyes. June seems to have the most reliable weather of all, because clear skies and gentle winds are a must in this sport. One must see the fish before the cast is made.

THE NORTH COUNTRY

Things start happening in Alaska this month. An angler can find giant rainbow, many in the double figure catagorie, in the streams which feed Lake Iliamna. Lower Talarik, for example, produced an incredible 20 pounder last season. You must hit this fishing on the nose, however, as it can be a feast or famine situation. June is the month of the King salmon in Alaska. Some great rivers are the Karluk on Kodiak Island, the Nushagak which runs into Bristol Bay, and the Unalakleet in the Norton Sound area. These big, bright, beautiful critters, some running as large as 70 pounds, are a challenge indeed to the man with the flyrod.

Late June is a good time to be in Canada. The British Columbia lakes begin producing well with Kamloop trout and Dolly Varden going on the bite after a long winter's fast. In Northwest Territories, Great Slave Lake, especially in the area where the hugh Mackenzie River leaves the lake, produces oversized northern pike as large as 35 pounds near month's end. Big lakers are also eager at this time. In the east, June marks the beginning of the Atlantic salmon runs. The prime runs are yet to come in July and August except in those few rivers where runs remain extant, in Spain and France in the southern part of their range, June is best.

Sun at midnight, the shrill call of the artic Tern, and the whisper of a flyline in the air are the stuff the north country in June is made of.

Bob Nauheim FISHING INTERNATIONAL

JULY MEETING

As you read on the cover, Mike and Chris Fong are going to be with us for our July meeting at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. Ted Olsen tells me that their talk for the evening is going to concentrate around Photography for the Angler. All of us have had the pleasure of enjoying the numerous articles these two excellent anglers have written and illustrated. If you have ever wanted to make the photographs you bring back with you from your fishing adventures a little bit better, be sure to plan on being with us at this meeting.

JUNE MEETING

One of the most important things happening at the June Meeting is that it also happens to be the meeting where we elect a new President, Vice-President and Board or Directors for ourselves.

One of the obligations of the Board of Directors is to nominate new replacements for itself each year. If you were at the last meeting then you know that we changed the by-laws. The Board of Directors now are on a 2 year term, with half coming up for replacement/re-election each year. This is to insure that we are able to maintain continuity in the Board. Bob Wray, who has served us faithfully for these, the first two years of our existence, is stepping down as president. Bob, you've done an incredibly job, one which we've been proud of and mystified by. Good luck to you in the future and I know we'll miss you.

The Board of Directors, at it's last meeting has come up with a new list of people to replace itself with. Half of these are new individuals who we felt were necessary to bring in to have a supply of fresh ideas. Be at the June meeting. Nominate people you feel we have missed. Vote on how you want your club to go. See you there.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

SHAD: The American, Feather, and Yuba rivers have shad in them! No great reports yet but things will improve. The Feather River is so far the best bet, fish with prams all the way to the Orville area.

TROUT: The upper Sacramento, Fall river, and Hat Creek are in good shape and trout fishing is good. Trinity had a good opening weekend. The Trinity has good water conditions but the fishing is spotty. The Truckee needs till the end of June to get really good.

NEXT MONTH

Trout fishing should improve and shad will still be in the Sacramento river and it's tributaries through June and start to taper out during July. Strippers are starting to show up and should be coming on strong later, look for super striper fishing in July.

John Christleib THE WESTERN ANGLER

SIR CEDRIC LIMPHACKLE



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question; If you were going to buy a new set of waders tomorrow, and they were going to be the only waders you would use, what would they be?

H.V. Royal Featherweights, they offer less water resistance, have a built in floatation belt.

T.C. Marathons, because they last forever.

A.H. Seal Drys. their light, strong, can take a beating. Get them a size large and you can put thermals under them when it is cold.

G.T. Gray Lights, they hold up well but their expensive.

B.M. Seal Drys, Their flexible, lightweight and "comfy" to walk in.

B.H. Royal Featherweights, their tough and lightweight.

NEW MEMBERS

Would like to welcome into the club two new members;

Jerry Stemach, comes from Novato, claims to be a beginner and would like to learn more about trout and stream fishing;

Martin Bauman, comes from Santa Rosa, says he's an intermediate fly fisherman, would like to learn more about steelhead and salt water fishing.

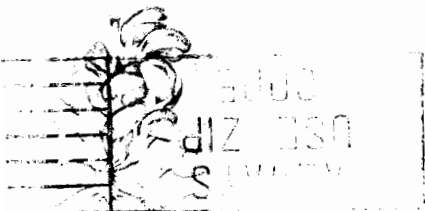
SHAD OUTING

A club outing for shad is being planned. It should take place during the weekend of June 23 - 24. Details to be worked out at the June general meeting.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, July 17, 1979

WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive
Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Mike and Chris Fong See inside for details
Wet Line hour 6:30 P.M.
Dry Lines (meeting) 7:30 P.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: July 25, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: August 15, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School
3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

It seems hard to believe that the Russian River Fly Fishers is already over 2½ years old. It is even more unbelievable that we have accomplished so much and grown so fast in these 2½ years. I am sure that all of you will agree that the leadership and tireless effort of Bob Wray as our president through these embryo years, along with dedicated effort from your board of directors, are the reasons for our success. All of us who enjoy our association with the Russian River Fly Fishers owe Bob Wray a debt of gratitude and I hope all of you will express your gratitude to Bob by attending our July banquet.

During the coming year, I hope to continue the good work started by Bob Wray and with the help of the able board of directors and officers that you have recently elected, we will continue to provide you with the best

possible monthly programs, and continue to involve ourselves in conservation activities in the most efficient and constructive ways possible.

I will always be interested in any comments any member may have to improve our organization and I solicit your participation and support in accomplishing our goals and objectives.

Enjoy and Release,

Russ Quistgard

ELECTION RESULTS

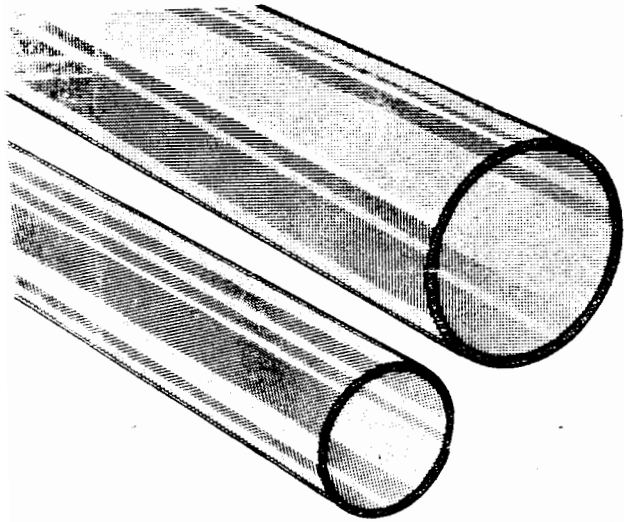
At the June meeting we held our annual election of officers. Listed below is the newly elected Board of Directors of the Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. (Those names followed by a * are members who have been re-elected to the Board).

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	RUSS QUISTGARD *
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	TOOCH COLUMBO
Two Year Terms	CHUCK PERRY PHIL MADSEN LIZ WRAY
One Year Terms	JIM MENGLE DIXON BROWDER * DICK YEAGER * MIKE TATRO * DALE CHELI *

To these members we offer hearty congratulations. To those members who have served on the previous Board of Directors and are now stepping down, namely Bob Wray, Bob Sisson, Armin Herald, Ted Olson, and Greg Dunlap, we offer our thanks for serving us so. I'm not sure of the legality of this but I think that someone at the July meeting should move that both the retiring members and the incoming members should share a round furnished by the club. The retiring members deserve it and the new members will need it. As for me, even though I've stepped down from being a Director, I've still offered to keep editing "The Cast." So all of you out there haven't heard the last of me by a long shot.

JUNE RAFFLE

The raffle this month was for \$30.00. Everybody was in their seats, champing at the bit, Bob drew the magic number and guess what? That's right, there were no takers. Next month's raffle is going to be \$35.00. Seeing as how we always have a good turnout for the dinner meeting, I imagine that one of you will be enriched in the pocketbook that night. So everybody show up, let's make them pay up.

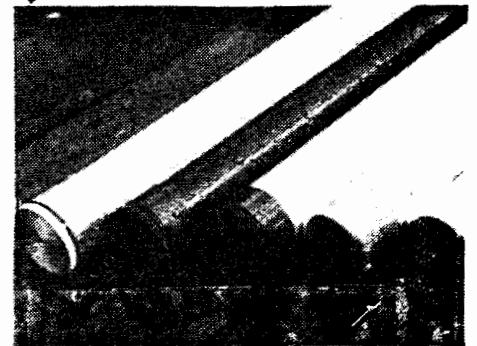


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PRODUCT REVIEW

g w ! S l o & ! ! ! Went fishing the other day. Took my favoritest fly rod, put it safely in the trunk like I always do, put in the cooler with enough joy juice to see me through the day, put in my vest, waders, and other sundry gear and took off. Getting to my spot has never been easy and this year was no exception. The last few miles were on dirt road and the ruts and bumps were huge this time. Got there, opened the trunk and #S!c&w! ! ! The S.c&w! ! ! cooler had shifted or something on one of the bumps and come down on my rod,

my bestest, favoritest, goodest rod. The rod I had saved for, the rod which would lay out line like vestal virgins were willing it to obey the commands I gave it. \$%&\$%&!!! Why didn't I get one of those rod cases to put in in while they were on sale?

Ever have this happen? I hope not, but the possibility of it is all too apparent. How many of you pack your rods around sans case? Those of you who do, and I'd bet there's quite a few of you, better listen up. Rod cases aren't just cheap, they're damn good insurance. No matter what rod you have, there is a case made to fit it. You can either go top-of-the-line with one of the aluminum cases, or step down to one of the plastics; the plastics, by the way, come in a larger variety of sizes, from fitting single to multiple rods. Or if you're a real do-it-yourselfer, you can pick up some PVC plumbing pipe and make your own case.

Aluminum cases retail from \$12.00 up to \$25.00; plastics vary, depending on where you purchase them. But they're not expensive, and the do-it-yourself PVC normally is around \$6.00

Whichever way you decide to go, admit it, you're just courting disaster by running around with your rod not in a case. Don't let the above story happen to you.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

You know all the junk you and I carry around with us whenever we go fishing? If you really get down to it, only about 25% of it ever gets used while we're fishing. The other 75% lies around, either in our vest or fishing bag and maybe, once in a blue moon if we're lucky, we actually haul it out and use it. Well, with this in mind I set out with this month's question.

I questioned members at the June meeting and after telling them the above, I asked them, "Of all this stuff, what item do you always check to be sure it will be ready for use?"

D.D. Hemostats

C.R. Clippers and Hemostats

M.T. Mosquito Repellent

J.G. Mosquito Repellent

C.P. Sunglasses

B.W. Munchies

And for this time, myself,

G.D. Johnny Walker Black Label (sometimes used more than once in a blue moon)



JULY MEETING

This meeting there will be a lot of things happening. First of all, it is the installment meeting of the new Board of Directors. They will be introduced, a large applause sign will be held up and they will sit down. Then there will be awards, some specials this year. And then, Mike and Chris Fong! This year their topic is Photography for the Angler. I know that all of you know or have an idea who Mike and Chris are so I won't go into that. One thing for certain, both Mike and Chris Fong are very accomplished photographers. What they're going to do is try to let us share in their knowledge of taking pictures. We are going to see some fantastic camera work and some quite apparent boo-boo's. But also we will see what could have made those turkey pictures something quite distinct. I'm a photographer and believe me, there is so little between an excellent picture and a passable picture that you would be amazed. Sometimes it is only just the matter of moving a few feet and shooting a little lower. So if your last fishing adventure is only shown up in your picture as yuch, or if you know your way around a camera but would enjoy having a little coaching, come to the July meeting. I am sure that you will feel that it was worthwhile.

P.S.: This month you will be contacted by phone on whether or not you will be attending the July Dinner Meeting. We have to have a fairly accurate count in order to make the reservations. If you can't come, for whatever reason, don't say you'll be there in order to shut us up and get us off the line. There is no high pressure! We have to pay for the people who don't show and this comes out of the dues money you pay each year. If you're coming, say yes (and by the way, guests are welcome), how many members are in your party; if not, then say so. It will save our time and yours.

If you haven't received a call from us by July 9th, and you plan on attending, then call Dr. Ted Olsen at his office. The number is 528-0565, any time Monday--Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tell the person who answers that you want to make reservations for the July dinner, who you are and how many will be in your party. Remember that guests are welcome so come one, come all, and have a ball.

P.S.S.: Due to a number of requests, this year we are going to have designated smoking and non-smoking sections at the dinner meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

Would like to take this opportunity to welcome into the ranks Andrew Kufadakes of Santa Rosa. Andrew says he is a beginner to fly fishing and is eager to learn more, especially about trout and Black Bass fishing. Welcome, Andrew!

INTERNATIONAL FISHING REPORT

There is a secret that a few men know. It is to vest a certain portion of their productivity into improving the quality of life. By this I don't mean the cars they drive or the houses they live in, because these things really don't mean very much in the long push. The quality they search for is experience. They know that the streams of New Zealand's South Island, as an example, are remembered long after the home has been bulldozed into a super-market parking lot and the car smashed flat in a junk yard. Here's what some of these men will be doing this month.

The seas off Isla Carman near the tiny hamlet of Loreto on the Baja are alive with dolphin fish, as we predicted last month they would be. Fly rodders are scoring very well working the sargasso weed beds. Grouper, cabrillo, sails, and a few yellowtail have been taken as well. Look for this fishing to continue hot and heavy until the chubasco winds blow up the sea about mid-August. Action at the Bay of Palms on Baja's East Cape is winding down with most of the resorts closing for the season.

The king salmon and sockeye runs are well underway in Alaska. Kodiak Island's great Karluk River was still producing superbly at this writing, with fly fishermen averaging as high as 40 fish landed per day. We have the feeling that the Karluk may turn out to be the best salmon/steelhead river in the world if the results of its first full season of fishing by sportsfishermen is any example of this river's potential. The Illiamna drainage produced big rainbows earlier in the month, many in the 10 to 12 pound class. July 4th will see the arrival of the giant schools of sockeye to this system and the Bristol Bay watershed. Bright sockeye are a marvelous flyrod fish.

July is a fine month to be fishing in British Columbia. King salmon should be running well in both the Dean and Bella Coola Rivers and there should be a few steelhead around as well, though this fishing really doesn't get underway until August, especially in the Dean. Dolly Varden can be found massed around the mouths of tributary streams in lakes which hold this species. July is the spawning month for Dollies and they can be easy target for big streamers. Kamloop trout should be eager as well. The B.C. ocean salmon trolling is also underway, and if one is content with dragging around a herring with a frontal lobotomy, good sport can be found in the Strait of Georgia off Vancouver Island, as well as Fitz Hugh Sound and Rivers Inlet near Namu.

The Icelandic Atlantic salmon fishing is getting into full swing. Most rivers will be prime by month's end. Atlantic salmon fishing grows more expensive each season, but even if an angler has to go in debt to do it, he should experience this splendid fishing at least once in his lifetime. Iceland is the safest bet. The Haffjardara River, by coincidence, fished more Santa Rosans two seasons ago than any other. Henry Trione and Jim

Keegan fished it first, followed two weeks later by Kerney Towery, Charley Carniglia, and your truly. Everyone did well; however, it was Kerney who took the largest fish of the season, a 21 pounder which now graces his office wall. The Atlantic salmon is a strong and magnificent fish on the flyrod.

Quality in life is worth reaching for.

Bob Nauheim, Fishing International

SIR CEDRIC LIMPHACKLE



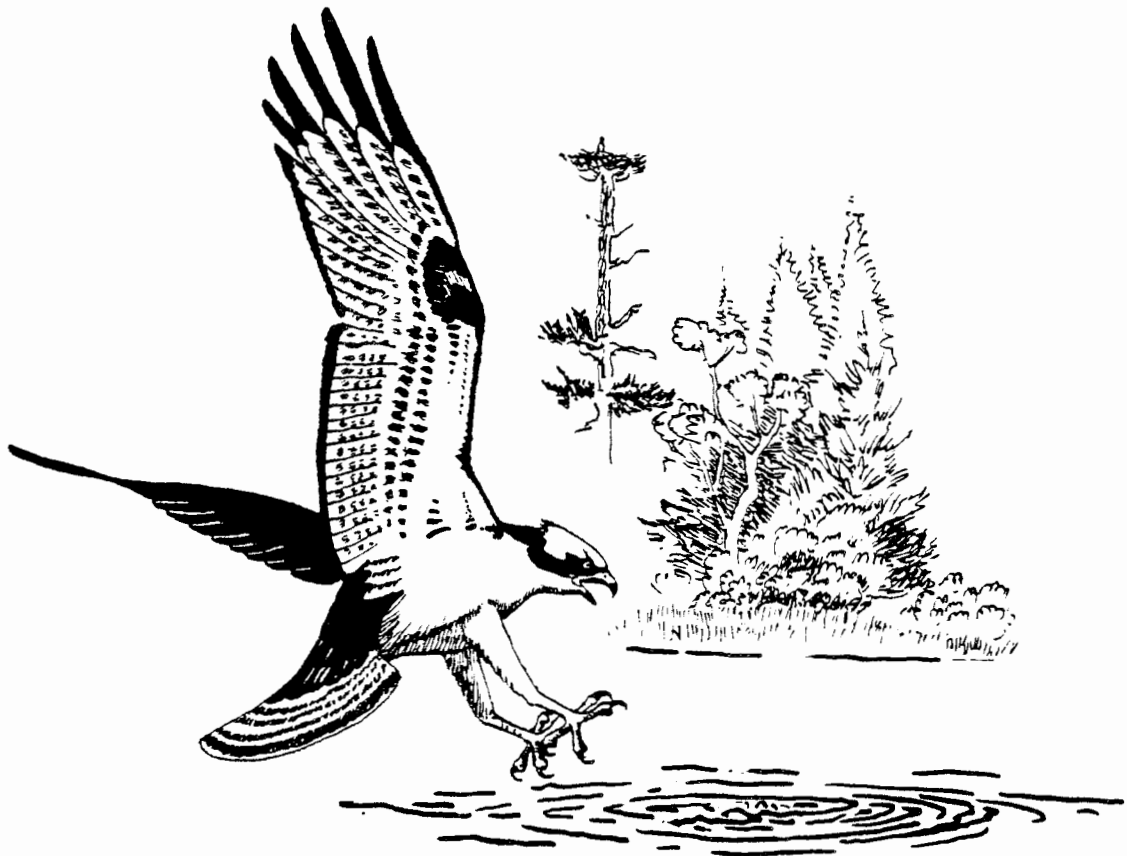
NORTHERN AREA FISHING REPORT

If you're looking for shad, the upper Sacramento River is the place to be right now. Fish it below the diversion dam at Red Bluff. It has been productive, especially at sunrise. If trout fishing is your bag, then it's wide open. The especially good areas have been above Copco Lake on the Klamath; further south there is the Trinity and Hat Creek. Hat Creek in the fly-fishing-only section has been great lately. Still further south, and east for all that matters, there is the central Sierra, especially the Truckee and Yuba River drainages.

Next Month

Shad will have left the scene by August, but there will be a small run to expect on the lower Eel. Trout will improve as the waters start to get lower but remember, it will take a bit more to fool them. On the Klamath the half-pounders will start coming in by the end of August. Stripers are in the bay now, but the take will improve toward then.

John Christlieb, The Western Angler



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The registration fee is \$15.00 per individual or \$25.00 for family registration packages. (includes two adults plus children). Registration does not include meals during the Conclave. Where meals are involved it will be necessary to purchase meal tickets at the entrance or at the FFF registration desk.

Important Note: To attend any official FFF Conclave function, exhibit, or seminar, you must be registered and wearing your official registration badge.

Please register now!

- ☐ I enclose a check for \$15.00 for myself.
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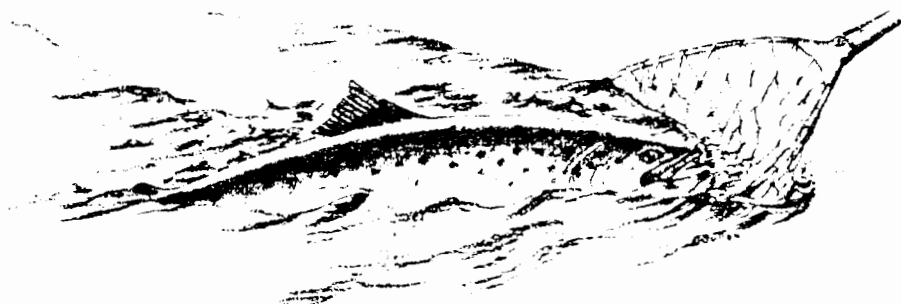
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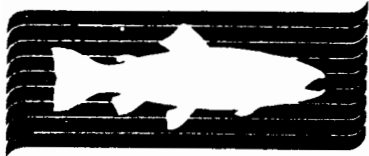
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All membership in the RRF, Inc., is up for renewal during the month of July. This year you will receive in the mail a statement declaring your intention to renew your membership. There will also be enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope to put this in, along with your check, and mail it back to us. Please act promptly on this so we can keep our membership list in order.

If you do not receive your renewal statement by the end of July, drop us a post card to the above address and we will double-haul one out to you; or see us at the July dinner meeting and we will get you one.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: SEPT. 19, 1979 Wednesday

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave. NOTE : NO AUGUST MEETING

PROGRAM: As of yet, no information available

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Aug. 15, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Oct. 17, 1979

WHERE: Slater Junior High School
3500 Sonoma Ave.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Went around at the dinner meeting last July and asked people the following: When your out fishing for steelhead or salmon, what knot do you use to attach the fly to the leader?

J.G. Improved Clinch
 D.M. Improved Clinch
 B.H. Improved Clinch
 C.J. Improved Clinch
 A.S. Improved Clinch
 B.K. Improved Clinch
 D.M. Clinch Knot, double looped
 C.R. Double Improved Clinch
 D.S. Turle Knot

It would seem that if this were a poll, the Clinch Knot or a form of it would have won hands down.

JULY DINNER MEETING

We had quite a turnout for the Installation Dinner in July. For those of you who couldn't attend, you missed a great program by Mike and Chris Fong.

The reins of the RREF, inc. were officially passed from Bob Wray to Russ Quistgard and Bob was presented with a plaque from us in appreciation for his job as our charter president. Other awards which were given that evening were; Wiff Achor, Life Membership. Thanks to Wiff and his firm we recieved both our incorporated status and tax-exempt qualification. Dee Marsden, The Sir Cedric Limphackle Award. Dee is the originator of the Sir Cedric series we enjoy in the newsletter and as such, this year the award went to him. Next year though, watch out!

All in all it was a very enjoyable gathering and all had a good time.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

The summer doldrums have hit! I reported in the July edition of the newsletter that we were going to have a meeting this month. Went to the dinner and found out that I was wrong. There is no meeting on August 15 as stated in the July "Cast". The next meeting is on Sept. 19. The attendance prize for the Sept meeting is \$40.00. Some of you have been taking your nametags home after the meeting. I was asked to remind you that they are supposed to be replaced on the board when you leave. If you want a duplicate nametag to put on your vest or wherever it is you do with the ones you take home, see Mike Tatro. Also Mike still has a number of RREF patches for sale. I have not been able to get ahold of Russ Quistgard for a President's Message and if one doesn't appear in this issue, it's not my fault. What I should do is to get a picture of a turkey and run it in his place. I'll bet that it would be the last time he let an issue slide then.

ADVERTISING FOR "THE CAST"

It was decided at the last board of directors meeting to allow "The Cast" to accept advertising to offset the cost of production. Business ads are to be institutional in nature and no larger than 1/6 of a page in size. Rates for advertising are: 1 year, 11 issues, \$70.00. Short term rates are \$7.50 per issue. Individual members may still advertise any items they may have for sale for a charge of \$1.00 per line used per issue.

Anyone wanting to place an ad can contact me at 795-0788, or submit their copy to Greg Dunlap, 836 Lunar Court, Rohnert Park, Ca., 94928.

NEW MEMBERS

Would like to take this opportunity to welcome into the RRRP two new people.

Donn Halverson of Sebastopol and Frank Widerost of Santa Rosa. Welcome aboard!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

TROUT : Generally excellent in all the Sierra areas with Martis Lake reporting cutthroat up to 5 lbs.

EARLY STEELHEAD : Fish up to 12 lbs. have been taken on the Klamath, also it is rumored that some steelhead are showing in the Eel.

STRIPERS : Starting to show in numbers in the bay.

NEXT MONTH

TROUT : Should remain good with the water levels dropping.

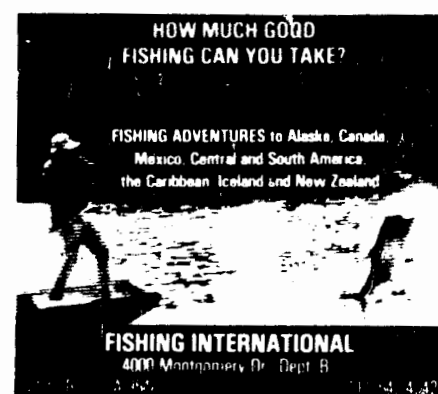
STEELHEAD : Will be found further up the Klamath, also look for some 1/2 pounders showing in the Eel.

STRIPERS : Will remain hot in the bay, also look for them in the lower Russian.

Good Fishing and Tight Lines

JOHN CHRISTLIEB

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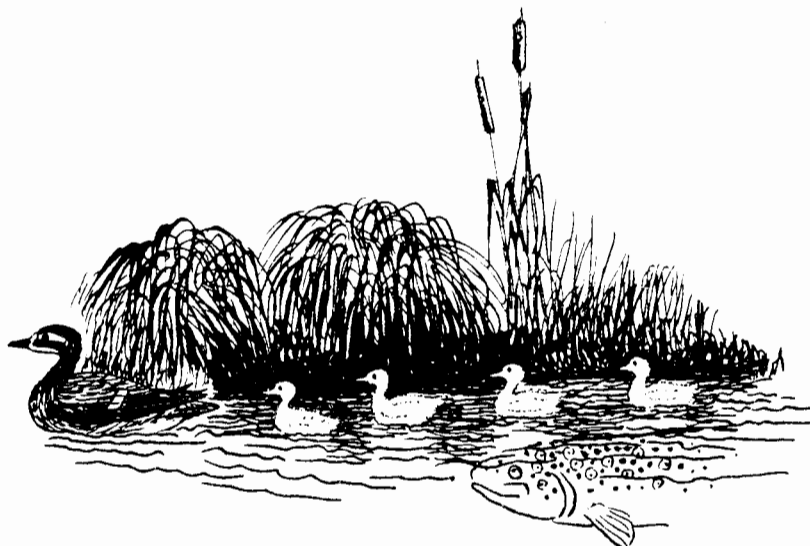
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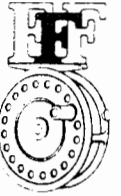
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Sept 19, 1979 7:00P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Hal Janssen (See article in newsletter)

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Oct. 24, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Oct. 18, 1979 Note; this is the 3rd thursday of Oct.
WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you have forced yourself to do some fishing this summer. The weather has been ideal in most areas and I am hearing great success stories from some of our members. Should be some good fish stories at our September meeting.

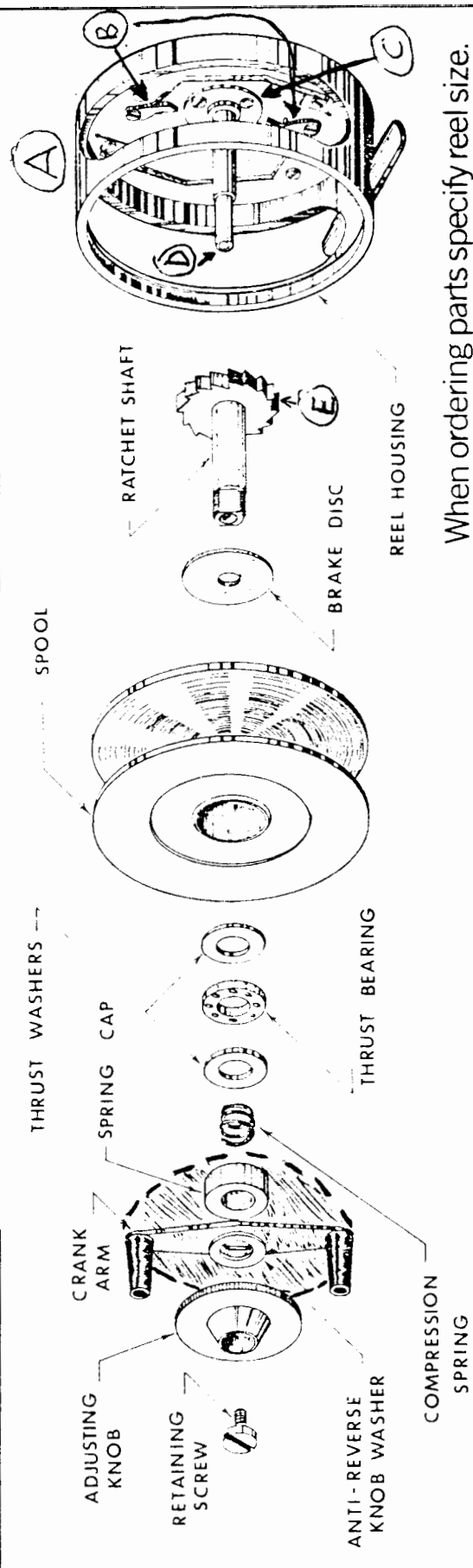
I know Grant King had a good time in Steamboat Springs, Colorado where he represented our club at the Federation of Fly Fishermen Conclave. I only hope he can remember how good a time he had so that he can tell us about it.

If you have not already done so, send in your membership dues now. Time is up and we certainly need your support. We have many outstanding programs coming up in future months which you will not want to miss.

Watch the Press Democrat for information on the 1st Annual Northern California Fishing Clinic to be held September 15th, at the Santa Rosa Parks & Recreation Center on Steele Lane, from 9:30-5:00 p.m. We have been asked to participate and we are working on a presentation for the clinic. If any of you are interested

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in helping out with fly casting demonstrations, coaching attendees on their fly casting, fly tying demonstrations, etc., please contact me shortly.

Hope to see all of you at the September 19th meeting with nice tans and ready to concentrate on steelhead and salmon.

Enjoy and Release,

Russ
Russ Quistgard

PRODUCT REVIEW

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SEAMASTER

Scientific Angler System 11, Pflueger Medalist 1498, Hardy Husky, or Zenith, all stand aside; here we are not dealing with what could be considered barges when faced with these two dreadnoughts of the fly reel industry. Consider them; their armament is impressive. Internal and external parts closely machined to close tolerances and then polished and anodized. The result of this is both smooth performance and lifetime protection for the use they were designed for. Large line capacity, 200 yards dacron backing, 100 feet mono running, plus weight 9 up shooting heads. Drag systems "macho" enough to give a charging rhino tremors clear down his old spino. All this plus anti-reverse and spools which rotate and not handles, saving fingers which seem to always get nailed by a handle on those cold days.

I was fortunate to be in one of our local shops the day that Bill Archuleta, one of our club members and a machinist by trade, was tearing these two reels apart and comparing them. His comments make up the bulk of this product review and to him I am grateful. I was not able to obtain a picture of the Seamaster or a diagram of its components (the one used is the Fin-Nor) but I will try to make myself clear with just the one illustration and my additions.

When first disassembled, both of these reels look similar enough to be equal in quality of construction and durability. Now let's get really fussy.

Where the Seamaster's basic frame (A) is comprised of two plates held together by pillars and screws (like a Pflueger), the Fin-Nor is machined of one piece of aluminum. Bill pointed out that all those screws on the Seamaster were potential weak points, in that they could either give out with age; and indeed in the one we were looking at, the screws were showing signs of both corrosion and electrolysis of the stainless steel screws against the aluminum. Also they could become loose with the potential of the whole reel falling apart during use. Couldn't you see yourself on the Eel, with a 40 plus pound salmon on, and holding the parts of your Seamaster while the fish ran downstream with nothing to stop him. No fun, I say. The Fin-Nor is one piece, and it is solid! You might bend it out of alignment by using it to drive nails but if you give it the same care you do your other reels, it will stay right where it's supposed to.

Moving outward we come to the ratchet shaft, ratchets (B) and mounting (C). The Seamaster has one ratchet, mounted next to the rim with a coiled spring between it and the rim to provide pressure against the shaft. This spring is the weak point in that if it fails, you will lose all control of the anti-reverse and thus the reel. The Fin-Nor has two ratchets, mounted half way down the radius of the reel with each having its own tempered steel bar spring; thus even if one fails the other will continue to work with no loss of control. A built in backup system! Bill pointed out that the life of these tempered steel bars was longer than the coiled spring of the Seamaster in that the fatigue factor was less.

The mount (C) for the ratchet shaft on the Fin-Nor is completely internal, leaving a solid aluminum back on the outside totally unbroken. The Seamaster mount is different. On the back of a Seamaster you notice a brass plate set into the aluminum; this is held in place by screws on the inside and the axle (D) is screwed to it. More screws, more weak points.

The axles differ on the two reels. They both start out the same size until you come to the tapered part 1/3 of the way to the end. The Seamaster's is tapered even more than the Fin-Nor's, leaving a smaller shaft at the end. The Fin-Nor's is thicker and thus stronger.

The ratchet wheels (E) of the two reels are quite different. The Fin-Nor uses a one piece machined bronze shaft and wheel while the Seamaster uses a bronze shaft with a fitted aluminum wheel attached to it. This aluminum wheel is thinner than the Fin-Nor's and the teeth on it are smaller and greater in number. These smaller teeth have a tendency to wear greater than the teeth on the Fin-Nor which are both thicker and larger in comparison. Moving further outward we see a thrust bearing mounted on the drag assembly of the Fin-Nor; the Seamaster has no ball bearings in the reel.

The compression spring of the Fin-Nor is smaller than the Seamaster's; in fact, the Seamaster's looks like a cut-down valve spring from a Mac truck. It is big and heavy and will never break down or grow soft no matter how long you use it.

The Fin-Nor uses a crank arm assembly with two knobs on it to retrieve line with. This I feel is better than the Seamaster's plate (see dotted lines with shaded-in area) with only one knob. The reason I feel this is better is because this plate covers the Seamaster's spool while the Fin-Nor's spool is left accessible if you want to apply just a little more drag to it with your hands instead of tightening down the whole drag system. You can actually "palm" a Fin-Nor while to achieve the same effect on a Seamaster you would have to stick your fingers inside the spool against the line.

As you can see by now, this is one product review that I've really been able to sink my teeth into but I feel that it's been worth it. As stated earlier I owe all of this information to Bill Archuleta who pointed it all out. The reason I felt it was worthwhile to pass on is because a lot of us either are planning on one day owning one of these reels or do own one now. With the type of fishing available to us in the winter months, one of these would be a boon when we hook into a sizeable salmon or steelhead. That plus the fact that both of these reels are in the \$230.00 to \$250.00 range means you owe it to yourself to treat yourself to the better of the two.

O.K., so much for the machinist point of view. I then went out and talked to some people who have fished with these two reels and got quite another point of looking at them. The first thing I learned was that all the Florida/Bahama guides like to use the Seamster. One big thing the Seamaster has going for it is that it offers a larger drag area than the Fin-Nor and that the drag is smoother, especially when you are dealing with fish in the 100 lb. and up class. When the fish get that big the Fin-Nor's drag operates a little jerkily, and that could mean the difference when you are dealing with light tippets. You can smooth the Fin-Nor's drag out, however, by packing it with pumice (or toothpaste), and giving it a 600 to 800 yard run by tying it to a car bumper. This works well, I'm told.

The one weakness of the Fin-Nor is the compression spring; they have been known to break. So either pick up a replacement to carry with you or go to a valve shop and replace it with another one of a heavier quality.

Finally, the knobs on the crank arm of the Seamaster are larger than on the Fin-Nor and I understand some people like this feature.

I personally happen to like the Fin-Nor over the Seamaster and if I owned one what I would do is first, get a better compression spring; and second, get the knobs replaced with larger ones. Both of these reels are available locally or through the mail. Whichever one you happen to choose, I'm sure that it will give you quite satisfactory service.

Tight Lines

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Last month we sent out membership renewal envelopes; the response we've gotten back has been terrific! Still, there are some of you who we still haven't heard from yet. Please don't fall delinquent in your dues; this results in your having to repay the initiation fee. Get those envelopes back in to us as soon as possible.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month Hal Janssen will be with us. Hal's articles have appeared in many of the fishing publications and his talk with us is entitled "Fly Fishing Still Waters." Those people I talked with who have heard this talk say it is excellent and quite comprehensive. Due to the length of this presentation, two hours, the meeting will start at 7 p.m. this month instead of the usual 7:30. So don't forget to show up at 7 p.m. to see if maybe this time we can get a winner in our attendance raffle.

INTERNATIONAL FISHING REPORT

Fall is in the air. In British Columbia and in southern Alaska the cottonwoods in the mountain draws and along the river bottoms will turn golden soon, shining with their own magical brilliance as if each individual leaf had its own tiny light source. It's a wonderful time to fish this country!

In Alaska, the silver salmon runs will be in full swing by September 1. All the rivers which support this species should have good numbers of these fine flyrod fish. Look for heavy runs in the Godnews and Togiak Rivers in the Wood River-Tik Chik area. Alaska's finest silver salmon river, the Karluk on Kodiak Island, should produce silvers in record numbers as it did last season. About mid month, steelhead will also begin entering this marvelous river system in good numbers. The Karluk is the major steelhead stream in Alaska. For many years, the Karluk Indians took 3,000 to 5,000 steelhead annually for subsistence.

Alaskan rainbows also go heavily on the bite during September. Upper and lower Talarik Creeks on the Illiamna Lake area have produced some giant specimens late in the month. The Brooks River in Katmai Park is another excellent 'bow river. The Brooks Lodge closes at the end of first week of the month so one must camp out in order to fish it. There are plenty of large furry critters in these parts so clean camps and tree-top caches are the order of the day.

In British Columbia, the Skeena drainage rivers come into their prime from mid month on. Famous steelhead streams such as the Babine, Kispiox, and Sustut all support runs of truly giant fish during this period and throughout October. Fly fishermen do best through the first week of October. After that time, cooling

water temperatures cause the fish to move to the fly with less gusto. These Skeena fish often run to 30 pounds (33 pounds the fly rod record from the Kispiox taken by Karl Mauser) with many 20 pound fish around. It's not water where fast fishing is the rule, nor is it usually water for the amateur, but knowledgeable anglers consistently take giant steelhead from these rivers.

If big northern pike turn you on, the headwaters of the mighty MacKenzie River where it leaves Great Slave Lake in Northwest Territories is outstanding in September. Here one fishes the backwaters with big striped bass-like streamers and sinking lines. Fish to 35 pounds are not unusual. This writer has literally hooked a pike on every cast of the fly during one frantic late evening session on the MacKenzie.

The tropics begin to stir interest once again this month. In Costa Rica one can find action in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. On the Pacific side, the Gulf of Papagayo is of prime interest especially in the Islas Murcielagos (Bat Islands) area. Here one can expect to tease up 10 to 20 sailfish a day. Casting to these great game fish with a large flyrod popper is heady stuff, not for the faint of heart. On the Atlantic side of Costa Rica (the Caribbean), tarpon fishing in ocean waters just outside the mouth of the Rio Colorado is often spectacular. It is also the time when giant snook can be taken in the surf via plug casting.

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NORTHERN FISHING REPORT

THIS MONTH:

TROUT: Should be excellent all throughout the Sierras. Look for some action in the upper Sacramento around Dunsmire. Watch your hatches.

STEELHEAD: Should be producing well in the Klamath with primarily half-pounders showing with some fish up to 9 lbs. Half pounders starting to show in the Eel with possibly a few salmon. The American River should start to produce any day now.

BASS: Smallmouth conditions in the Russian River in and below the Alexander Valley are excellent. Stripers are in San Pablo Bay.

NEXT MONTH:

TROUT: Should continue the same but lowering water and cooling weather could change hatches.

STEELHEAD - SALMON: Salmon should be in the Smith, Eel, and Chetco. Look for fish throughout the Klamath.

John Christlieb

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BOARD MEETING

As you read in the President's Message, we have been invited to participate in the upcoming fishing clinic. This has been already featured in the Press Democrat and several posters are appearing around town. Those of you who would like to help us out with a little of your time can either contact Russ at 544-5523 or me at 795-0788. What we are going to do is to present ourselves to the community for what we are, the only fly fishing organization between San Rafael/Napa, and further north. People will be attending this to get information about fishing and I know that we could fill that bill. We'll need you there to help us swap yarns with other sportsmen, answer questions about ourselves, tie up those "buggy looking critters" we like to throw at trout, and things of the like. So if you haven't planned on anything for Saturday the 14th, how about helping us out and having a great time in the process?

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NEWS OF NOTE

Awhile back I ran a picture of a gentleman holding a 26 lb, 2 oz. rainbow he had caught at Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Utah. As you recall the article stated he had caught this monster on a zonker fly and I couldn't find anyone who knew what this pattern was. Well I got an answer but have been neglecting to tell you about it. Ron Thomas, president of the Arizona Flycasters Club, in Phoenix, Arizona wrote and told me that angler Del Canty really caught this fish on a large wooly worm, (black with brown hackle palmered). Ron also added that it was caught on a 6 pound tippet !! Ron thanks for clearing this up for us and for those of you who are curious Ron P'd his letter at the end by saying that they do have trout in the desert.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Oct. 18, 1979 Note; this is a thursday night.

WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Bob Nauheim; Bob's talk is entitled "Fishing for
Salmon/Steelhead in the Northwestern Rivers. See
the article in the newsletter for further info.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Oct. 24, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Nov. 21, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you did not attend September's meeting, you missed an excellent program by Hal Janssen, of Sunset Lines. Hal is one of the best fly fishermen in our area and particularly, still water and nymph fishing. Hal's slide presentation, commentary, and fly tying demonstration delighted us with a rare opportunity to gain some trade secrets from an acknowledged expert.

Our meeting in October, which is a dinner meeting at the Santa Rosa Country Club, should be an equally exciting program. Bob Nauhier of Fishing International will present a program on salmon and steelhead fishing on our North Coast streams. Those of you who know Bob and perhaps have fished with him know him to be not only an expert fly fisherman, but has an extra-ordinary knowledge of where and when to fish these streams. Don't miss it!

The first annual fishing clinic held September 15 at the Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Facility, was a great success. Over 150 people paid a \$5.00 admission to attend the various sessions, browse through the various booths, set up by manufacturers and distributors, and

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witness a fly casting demonstration by the Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. Our club played an important part in the clinic in demonstrating fly casting (myself and Jerry Raasch), and two of our illustrious members, Grant King and Bob Nauheim presented talks to the guests. A board is being formed to commence planning the second annual fishing clinic to be held at the Sonoma County Fair Grounds next September and our club has been asked to appoint a representative to this board and, of course, our club will participate in putting on next year's fishing clinic, the likes of which have not existed north of San Mateo, California.

Now remember to get those dues paid if you have not already done so, and remember that the club could use your advertisement in "The Cast" to help defray its production costs. Contact Greg Dunlap for further information.

Puss

WHAT'S GOING ON ??? OR, WHO SHRUNK MY NEWSLETTER ???

As you can see by now we've gone to a new format of producing the newsletter. This is to help us keep the cost of putting this out as low as we can get it and still deliver to you the same quality you expect and deserve. I'll be at the next dinner meeting and would appreciate your comments on this.

In regards to the dinner meeting, I'm afraid that inflation has struck here also. We have been trying to keep the costs of the dinners down but with things so way out of sight like they are now, I'm sorry but we are going to have to ask for a \$10.00 bill for the dinner. We've shopped around and believe me, for the meal which we receive, and they have all been excellent, this is the cheapest we can find. You will be contacted by phone again on whether you will be attending and how many there are in your party. The past few times we had a dinner meeting we have had people say that they are going to be there but then not show up. We have to pay for any dinners which fall outside of the percentage figure the restaurant gives us. This is determined by the number of reservations we give them. Well the past few times we have had to pay for a few meals which were due to no-shows. Don't say you'll be there if you know you won't, and if something comes up where you can't attend and you said that you would, give one of us a call. We're human, we understand, but I've been told to pass on to you that the Board of Directors is considering charging people who don't show up when we end up paying for their meals anyway.

O.K. on to happier items. The schedule for the meeting is, wet lines at 6:30 P.M., dry lines at 7:30 P.M. sinking tips all night long.

NEWS OF NOTE

Ben Cummings at the Sept. meeting recieved a belated President's Award from last years president Bob Wray. Ben was out of town for the meeting and Bob wanted to give it to him in person. Ben's art work has graced our pages frequently and will continue to do so in the future. Ben as you know, was the first editor of "The Cast" and his work on this, our newsletter, then, and still, has richly deserved him this honor. Congratulations Ben!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

It was suggested that I print a list of our committee chairpersons with their designations and phone numbers so that if any of you are interested in helping, would know whom to contact. Help doesn't have to be active, in fact it can be very passive like, you know of where to get refreshments conveniently, or have an idea for an outing, or would like to have something in the way of a program. Give the person a call. They'd like to hear from you and you can be of a great help to us in your involvement.

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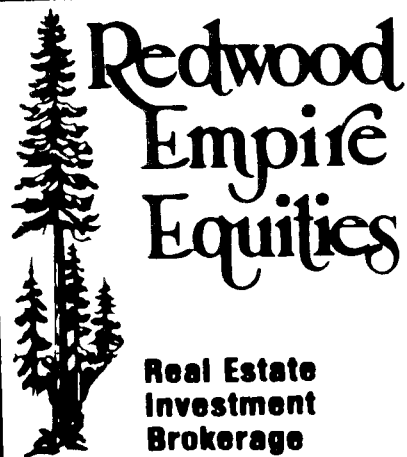
SUBJECT:

"COHO SALMON EXPERIMENTS IN LAKE ONTARIO"

The "Coho not being a native of the Lake Ontario waters, has experienced difficulty in surviving. The female, when going up the lake feeder streams, has been losing her roe on the rocky bottoms, and when she got far enough upstream in the small pools and inlets, had great difficulty getting back into the mainstream over the sandbars, etc. . . . In fact, as high as 90% were dying in the upper reaches

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of the Lake Ontario tributaries, which caused a pollution and odor problem.

Province of Ontario Ministry of Lands and Forests has decided to cross-breed the "Coho" with the native "Walleye" for two reasons: (1) The "Walleye" had the strength and knowledge to get through the lake tributaries and (2) is not prone to lose the roe while going upstream. This new species was named "CoWal". However, in cross-breeding the fight that the "Coho" was noted for was lost to the more sluggish tendencies of the "Walleye".

To combat this sluggishness the experiment went further. They bred the "CoWal" with the greatest fresh water fighter in North America, the "Muskie". This created a hybrid, double crossbreed and introduced a Top Canadian Game Fish. They named this hybrid the Co-Wal-Ski and they now have the teach the dumb Son-of-a-Bitch how to swim.

Sincerely Yours

B. A. Bigot
Ministry of Lands and Forests

A friend of mine at work slipped this under my nose the other day, after I got done laughing I thought it would be great to share it with you. So this takes the place of my regular "Product Review" this issue.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Guess what? Noone won again so at the dinner meeting the prize will be \$45.00. Just think, that will buy the Hoffman Grizzle neck you want. Come to the meeting, maby your number will be pulled.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The question at the September meeting was, "Describe the perfect combination to use for fishing Salmon/Steelhead."

G.C.	9 Foot For a 9 weight rod from the "Western Angler", SA 9 reel
G.P.	10' for a 9 Fenwick Graphite with a Hardy Perfect.
J.M.	Cortland 9' for a 9, Garcia spinning reel.
J.J.	Hardy Bamboo for a 9, Hardy Perfect.
J.M.	9' for a 9 Fisher Blank, Hardy Perfect or SA 9.
L.R.	9'5" for a 9 or 10 Russ Peak, SA 10

It is with deep regret that I write about the death of one of this club's founding members, Norm Sutcliffe.

Through his efforts the Russian River Fly Fishers progressed from a dream to a reality. Norm had long hoped to have a fly fishing club in the Santa Rosa area. With such a large draw, and with so many interested sportsmen he knew it would be a success. Norm organized the first formation meeting at the Cattleman's Restaurant in April of 1977, and saw his dream dawn into reality.

Norm served on the first Board of Directors. Despite his busy schedule he supported the Club and sent us many new members.

In July of 1978 he was awarded the Club's first Life Membership for his service.

After a brief illness Norm succumbed to cancer in August of this year. He will be missed

Bob Wiley

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

TROUT: You will find people moving elsewhere this time of the year so this is a good time to hit your favorite trout stream. The upper Sacramento is a good spot right now with the other areas doing nicely also the little pressure on them.

STEELHEAD: Will continue to produce in the Klamath, have been producing in the Feather, American, Yuba, and Sacramento around the area from Hamilton City to Redding.

SALMON: Anything you can get will be in the Eel and Smith. Keep a sharp eye upon weather conditions.

WAX WING: Move over

TROUT: Trout season will close down in the north with the exception of a few lakes and streams due to the close of the season. However, here in our own area we have Putah Creek. This is the best time of the year to fish it. For one thing it is closed to Fly Fishing only. This plus the fact that there will be low clouds and that it is only a short trip from Santa Rosa make it an ideal stream to fish.

STEELHEAD: Although they won't be in full swing yet, look for them to show up in most of the coastal streams.

SALMON: What can I say? November is the month to fish Salmon. Look for them in the Eel, Smith, Chetco, anywhere!!!

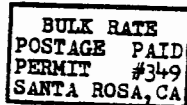
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: November 21, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Slater Junior High School
3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Fly Tying- see inside newsletter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Nov 28, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: December 12, 1979 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club
5110 Oak Meadow Drive, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With low water in some streams, muddy water in others, some of our "hardcore" steelhead and salmon fishermen should be here for our November meeting and provide some good fishing reports.

Judging from the many comments I received after our October banquet (97 attended), you all had a good time and really enjoyed Bob Nauheim's program. I would have Bob do his thing each month - but I don't think we can expect him to drink that much that often at his age.

Hopefully all of you have December 12 marked on your calendar for our Christmas banquet. Greg Lilly of West Yellowstone should provide us with an extraordinary program and excellent slides of the Yellowstone area. Don't miss it.

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Russ

Royal Flyweight Stocking Foot Wader

PRODUCT REVIEW

Got an opportunity to combine business with pleasure a while back. It seems that I was in "The Western Angler" talking with John about the upcoming fishing trip I was planning. John happened to remark that he had purchased a pair of the new Red Ball Stocking Foot Waders and wanted to know if I would like to take them along to try out for a Product Review. Did I? Damn right I do! Well, he then fished out this small package and tossed it at me. "They can't be in here!" I remarked, but closer examination proved me wrong.

The package they come in is small, about the size of 6 packs of smokes, plus it weighs next to nothing, only 12 ounces. I unzipped the container and inside, neatly folded, were the waders. "Let's see if someone can get these things back into this package after they've been taken out," I said, remembering numerous occasions

with map cases and such. So we removed them, shook them out and looked them over. After looking at and prodding them we laid them out, folded them up and they slipped right back into their case with room to spare! Needless to say, I was impressed.

The construction is of polyurethane nylon with heat sealed seams. They are very neat in construction with no loose hanging ends of nylon around the seams. They are only one layer thick but appeared to be very durable. Since they are a relatively new product on the market, only time can determine their ability to stand up for a reasonable period of time under actual use.

On the day I tried them out conditions were too severe for them. The temperature was in the 50's in the morning and 60's through the day, water temperature around 57°. After about an hour and a half in the water I had to get out! I was so cold that I couldn't do anything but stand there and shake; and this is with thermals on! They're not a wader to use in those or even worse weather conditions. After warming back up and fortifying myself with my Jack Daniels anti-freeze I went back in, but could only stay in this time for about an hour. Fortunately for me, the fishing had died off so I went back to camp, used some more anti-freeze and took a nap. I must confess that when I went back into the water later in the afternoon I had switched to my insulated waders and managed to stay comfortable for the rest of the day; perhaps it was the anti-freeze?

Available in the following sizes:

Size to Order	Fits Body Size	Fits Shoe Size	Fits Inseam	Fits Outseam
S	5'1"-5'4"	6-10	27"-29 3/4"	to 51 1/4"
M	5'5"-5'10"	6-10	27"-29 3/4"	to 51 1/4"
L	5'11"-6'4"	11-13	28 1/2"-29 3/4"	to 53 3/4"
ML	5'5"-5'10"	7-11	30 1/2"-33 1/4"	to 55 1/4"
XL	6'0"-6'5"	12-15	32"-34 3/4"	to 58 1/4"

As for sizing, see chart; John's waders didn't fit me properly, and the only size they offer which would be the XL which is too big in the foot, inseam and out seam. They are comfortable though; when you're walking around you don't notice them and with a proper fit, one

barely has the sensation of wearing waders.

The inflatable collar at the top I didn't try out because I didn't feel like going into the water and seeing how much buoyancy it would give me; that water was cold, anti-freeze or not. I personally don't put much store into going around with this collar inflated, since it may cause a loss of traction while wading and one could find himself in a situation of floating merrily down the stream. To put faith in it would hinder your wading, so using it is up to the individual. Personally, if I'm going to be wading in a dangerous place I take along a wading staff and use it religiously. Better floatation devices are on the market in the form of inflatable wading belts or even Mae Wests worn under your vests. These are CO₂ operated and stay out of the way until they're called upon.

In summary, the Red Ball is a good wader but the conditions in which I would use it are limited. If you do a lot of warm water fishing (or warmer weather), then they are ideal. Their small size and weight make them a boon for traveling or packing in. They're comfortable to wear and appear tough enough to take a little punishment.

They're available in your local shops or through the mail for \$60 to \$65.

NEW LOGO



The emblem you see above and reproduced in the newsletter is the new logo sponsored by Cal Trout to promote catch-and-release thinking in the public mind. The late Charles Ritz once said, "Remember that a trout is far too important of a fish to be only caught once." I think Charles said a lot there and that we should apply this thinking not only to trout but to all salmonoid species which we now find being depleted. Remember catch-and-release and promote it.

NOVEMBER MEETING

DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting this November is to be an informal get-together in which Bob Wray and John Christlieb, among others, are going to be tying flies and, knowing them, telling lies. For those of you who want to improve your fly tying skills or are curious about getting into fly tying, this is the meeting for you. Also, anyone who would like to bring their vise and set up to do some tying, come on along! You're more than welcome and you can give us a hand helping out those members who want to learn.
P.S.: If we get enough response from this meeting then we will try to offer a little fly tying before all or most of our meetings. Also in November we will have all the information anyone may want regarding the Streamside Patrol we have volunteered to do again this year.

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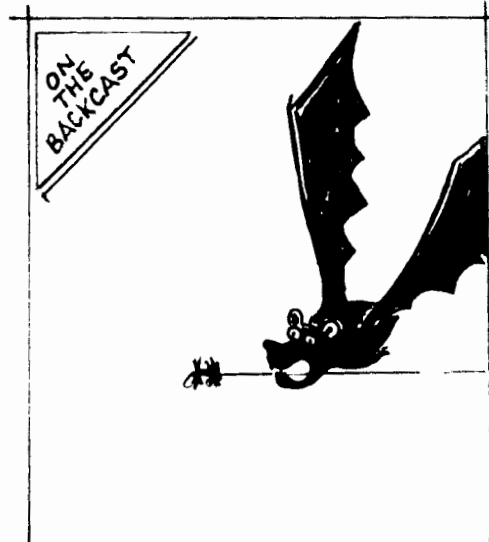
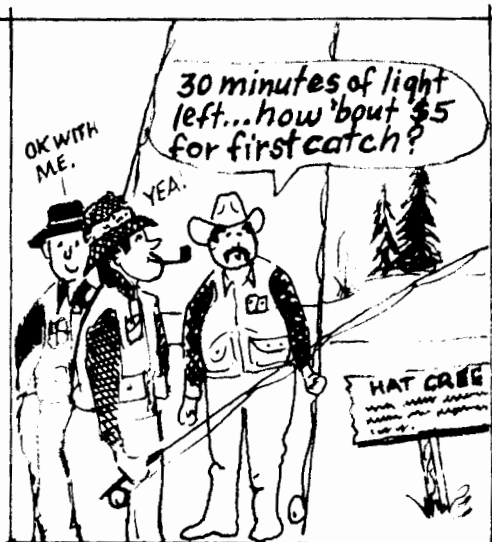
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SALMON. Showing primarily in the Mattole, Eel, Smith and Chetco, but check on water and weather conditions.

NEXT MONTH

Conditions will remain the same as this month. If the weather and water is right, go fishing; if it isn't, stay home and tie flies.

JOHN CHRISTLEIB

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NEWSLETTER NEWS

Once again we get around to the end of the year and put to sleep 1979's issues of the newsletter. Due to my job in the Post Office there is no December issue of "The Cast." The next issue after this one will be in January, 1980. So until then, everyone have a merry and happy holiday season, get some fishing in, and I'll see you again at the first of the year.

Greg Dunlap

Greg Dunlap
Editor, "The Cast"

On December 12 we are having a dinner meeting at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. The guest for the evening is Greg Lilly. Greg comes to us from the Yellowstone area and is quite well known and regarded. Greg's program is called "The Yellowstone Country, a Total Angling Experience." This is one program which places emphasis on the old saying that there's more to fishing than just catching fish. Greg has incorporated into his program all the scenic beauty of the area, the wildlife, the flora, everything which appeals to our senses whenever we do go fishing. Don't get me wrong; there is plenty of fish and information to this talk but there are also trees, mountains, bears, everything. Greg's talk takes place in the Montana/Yellowstone area but we can really picture it being anywhere. Come to the December meeting and experience this for yourself. It's something everyone in your family will enjoy.
P.S.: The itinerary for the meeting is wet lines at 6:30, dry lines at 7:30, shooting heads and wind knots all night long.

STREAMSIDE PATROL

It is that time of the year again. Once more our steelhead and salmon are extremely vulnerable as they travel up the tributaries to spawn. We are once more forming our streamside patrol. For those of you who worked with us on this program last year, we welcome you back. If there are any members that would like to volunteer to assist, or if you want to find out what we do, please call me at 544-8138 or Bob Wray at 526-4968.

Tooch Colombo

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Streamside Patrol Coordinator

LOST

At our last dinner meeting Bob Naughtien missed his book on Salmon Flies. If anyone has seen it, or if you borrowed it and Bob was three sheets to the wind, "Shure, yu c-c-cnnnn use it!", call him and let him know, he's tearing his office apart trying to find it and everyone says that he's getting impossible to live with.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

TROUT. All major streams in the north closed this month; Putah Creek, however, goes to fly-fishing-only status. This is the best time to fish this creek as the pressure it normally receives during the year is now absent and the bigger fish will show up more readily. Many of your Sierra lakes remain open to trout fishing plus a lot of the streams down south such as Kings and portions of the Owens and all of the L.A. river (catch has-been tires and drunks, though).

STEELHEAD. Steelhead were being caught in the Russian prior to the series of storms which muddied the waters. These fish are in all the rivers which support them. Check as to weather and water conditions before going after them.

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