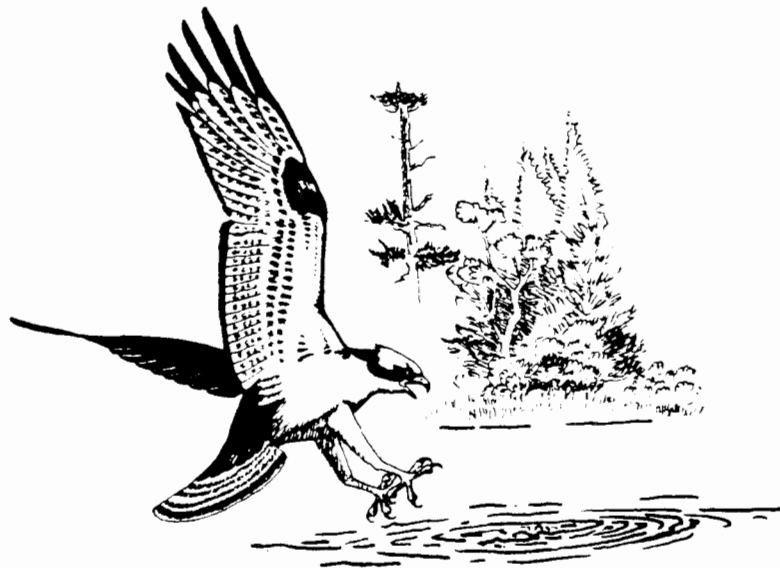


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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: January 16, 1980, 7:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: Brad Jackson from the Fly Shop in Redding is going to be with us again. Brad's topic for the evening is entitled, "The Life History of Steelhead in Northern California." Those of us who have heard Brad's talks agree that they are excellent. Plan on being with us that evening.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: January 23, 1980, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: February 20, 1980, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While wishing all of you a Happy New Year and a happy new decade - I would also like to extend my appreciation to each of you for the support you have shown our organization. Our latest banquet meeting in December was thoroughly enjoyed by 96 of you and the presentation by Greg Lilly of West Yellowstone, Montana, was superb, and we are most thankful to Ted Olson for providing us with another excellent speaker.

Our organization has accomplished much in the last two years thanks to considerable time and effort by many of you. Much more needs to be accomplished in our community by our organization, particularly in the area of conservation, and I surely hope that each of you will make a new year's resolution to contribute some time, effort and ideas to our organization, so that we might continue to build our image in our community in the field of fish and wildlife conservation.

C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

Fernando Tabor, our program director, has arranged an excellent program for January 16, as Brad Jackson has agreed to visit us again with a new presentation which I'm sure you will all enjoy.

Enjoy and release,



MERRY MAGGIE

We wish to inform all of you that Maggie Merriman was involved in a rather serious automobile accident just prior to Christmas which left her in the hospital through the holidays. Thanks to the help and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nauheim, where Maggie recuperated for a week, following her release from the hospital, Maggie is recovering well and has been seen practicing her fly casting in a wheel chair on Sonoma Avenue. Maggie has contributed much to our club and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

BASIC FLY TYING CLASS:

Beginning on Wednesday January 30th I will teach a seven session fly tying class at Warrack Hospital Conference Room from 7:00PM to 10:00PM. During this introductory meeting the remainder of the class and the needed materials will be explained. One each of the following Wednesday nights will be spent on the following subjects: wet flies, streamers, Salmon and Steelhead flies, nymphs, deer-hair flies (Muddlers and bass bugs), and dry flies and special problems. The cost of the class is \$30.00 (payable to Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. at the first meeting). The class will be limited to 12 students, so please call for reservations: evenings (707) 526-4963.

If enough interest is generated this class will be followed by an Intermediate Fly Tying Class.

*Bob Wray*



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October 31, 1979

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to announce that my Senate Bill 192, which will result in as much as 500 miles of California trout and steelhead waters being designated as catch and release fisheries by the year 2000, was signed into law by Governor Brown in September.

The bill requires our Department of Fish & Game to prepare a list every year of at least 25 miles of trout and steelhead stream and at least one trout lake that it determines are suitable to become catch and release fisheries. The Department will make recommendations for these waters to be regulated as zero-limit, one-trout-limit, and two-trout-limit, combined with minimum or maximum size restrictions. Highest priority will be given toward designation of waters as zero-limit fisheries.

This list is to be submitted to the California Fish & Game Commission for consideration at its annual public hearings on fishery regulations. The Commission has authority to accept or reject the Department's catch and release recommendations and can remove or change regulations for any stream or lake in the program. To ensure that the program is fully carried out, the bill requires the Commission to state reasons why any stream or lake listed by the Department as suitable for consideration as a catch and release fishery was or was not included in the program in an annual report to the State Legislature.

Senate Bill 192 also requires the Department of Fish & Game to do complete biological studies and prepare fishery management recommendations for every trout or steelhead stream and lake in the state. As this is a monumental task, the bill directs the Department to give priority in its management planning effort to waters that are heavily fished, threatened with adverse environmental impacts, have the potential for producing large trout, or which contain rare species.



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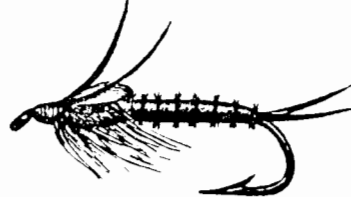
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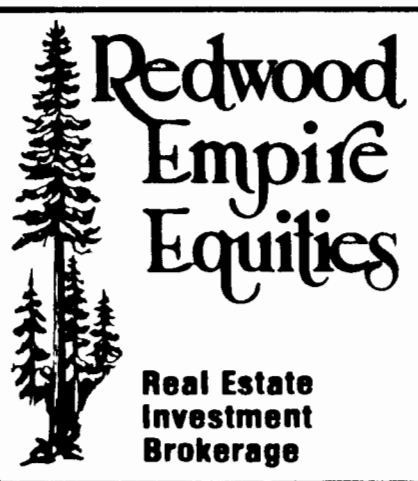
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These management plans will provide a systematic approach for the restoration of trout fisheries by compiling necessary scientific information on the potential of the fishery and determining the most suitable angling regulation for each stream or lake, including reductions in the trout limit where necessary to bring each water to its full capacity as a fishery. The Department must also determine whether each water should be managed as a wild trout or steelhead fishery or if planting of fish would be allowed.

Senate Bill 192 specifically provides that the Department establish an ongoing program to determine the viability of various forms of catch and release regulations by scientific means. This scientific information is crucial to both the catch and release program and any changes in trout limit occurring on streams and lakes covered by management plans. It is my hope that this information will eventually result in changes in the general trout limit throughout the state.

I would like to thank the many clubs and individuals who have written me in support of this legislation. I would also like to thank Cal Trout, Federation of Fly Fishermen, Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs, Trout Unlimited, American League of Anglers, California Wildlife Federation, and other organizations, whose support was instrumental in the passage of Senate Bill 192.

Sincerely,

BOB WILSON

BW:pdm

#### NEW MEMBER

I am pleased to introduce John Gantner as the newest member of the RRRF. John says that he likes to fish for anything, anywhere and is also involved in duck hunting and playing golf. John, welcome aboard!

For those of you who would like to enter John's name to your membership list, his address is 2030 Parrish Drive, Santa Rosa, phone 526-5593.

#### PRODUCT REVIEW

Without a doubt, one of the most worthless items I have ever seen. If ever there was anything designed to catch fisherman instead of helping to catch fish, then this is surely that item.

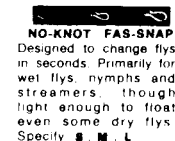
The idea behind this gimmick is that you now no longer have to tie knots from the leader to the fly, just one knot to this goodie and you can nearly snap, snap, flies onto your leader, change flies, all that good garbage.

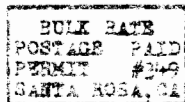
So you say to yourself, "Hey that sounds great, no more loss of leader from changing flies, why my tipset will stay just at the right length!" So fools that we are, we buy it and try it and cry foul!

The only time this thing works right is right at first, after you have arrived, assembled the rod and snap the first fly on. POP, gee that worked great you think, this is really something! Of course the fact that your hands are still warm and dry doesn't enter into your mind at all. The real fun begins with the first cast. Now unless your a picture perfect caster, and I'll admit I'm not, the flange on this thing is going to snag your leader and cause something even worse looking than the average wind knot at least half the time. If that wasn't bad enough, wait until you go to change flies, then the adrenalin will really start to flow. You grab your fly and first find out that there is practically no way you can grab the snap to provide the leverage to remove it (the Fly). So you reach for the pliers you carry and gain a purchase, you then move your hand to the fly, damned if your fingers aren't wet and maybe even a little cold and numb. You know what you end up looking like? foolish to say the least. Everyone else who have experienced one of these things just looks on and if your lucky, silently laughs to themselves. Watch the fun now really begins. You take out a new fly, and remember your hands are wet and cold and if your lucky you will maneuver the new fly on without 1) impaling yourself, hopefully not up to the bart, or 2) dropping the fly into the drink.

If you actually get through a day of fishing with this thing on your in a whole lot better shape than I was. I almost threw the whole rod and reel away uttering filthy words. Frustration was the name of that game.

DO NOT, repeat, DO NOT, unless you are a masochist in the extreme, get fooled into trying one of these things.





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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: February 27, 4th wed of the month, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria  
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Quite a thriller lined up this month, see the  
inside of "The Cast" for details.

WEEK BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: March 5, 1980 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Merrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: March 19, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School  
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

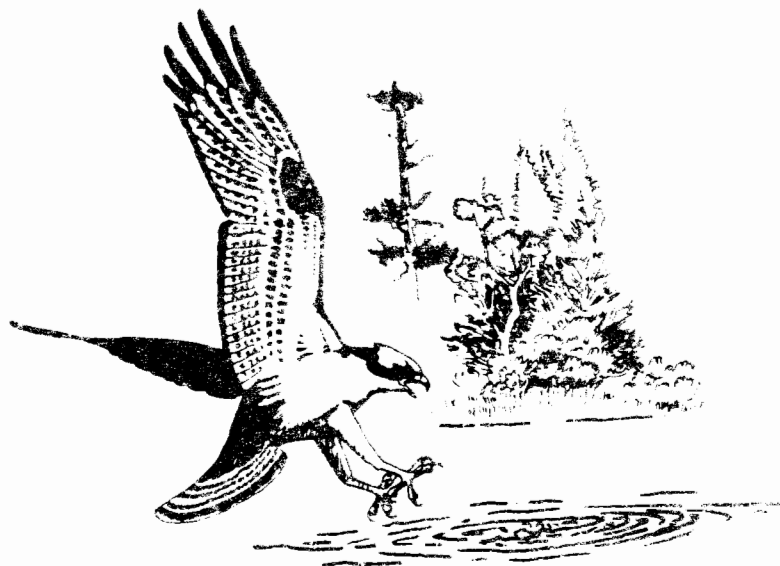
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of you and the presentation by Greg Lilly of West Yellowstone,  
Montana was superb and we are looking forward to the banquet we  
are planning to hold in April.

Our January speaker was Mr. John A. Smith, Jr. of  
the U.S. Forest Service. He will be speaking on the  
subject of "The Future of the Russian River".  
I hope you will all enjoy this program.

C.O.R.C.

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BOY, WAS IT BOTCHED !

Last months issue of "The Cast" was not very timely. To those of you who would have enjoyed attending the meeting but were not notified I offer my apologies. The blame lays with both us in not keeping up on when our permit expires with the Post Office and them, the Post Office, on not notifying us earlier of it's appending expiration. With both of those factors working against us, the issue got out late. Again I am sorry and will see to it that this does not repeat itself again.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Hang on to your hats cuz this may just knock them off ! !

First of all the meeting has been changed to the fourth wed. of the month to accomidate our speaker who will be at the Anglers Expo. at the normally scheduled meeting time. So mark on your calendars the 27th of Feb. for one of the fishing meetings of the year.

Ready for it ? Well here it comes!

In February our meeting will be:

**TROUT FISHING IN TASMANIA**

By

Grey Hulton

Minister of Tourism - Tasmania

Alan Turner

Assistant to the Minister

Tasmania is an island the size of Northern California off the Southern Coast of Australia, in the same latitude as South Island of New Zealand. The presentation will include a video tape presentation of some of the most extraordinary trout fishing in the world.

If that isn't enough to start most of you drooling over thoughts of fantastic fishing then sell your fly rods and take up turkey plucking out at Willie Bird Farms.

P.S. The Anglers Expo will be at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds from February 20 to the 24th. Liz Wray has a number of raffle tickets for the Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs. The drawing will be at the Expo and you do not have to be present to win. Call Liz if your interested, the tickets are six for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Liz's number is 626-4968, the prizes are great.





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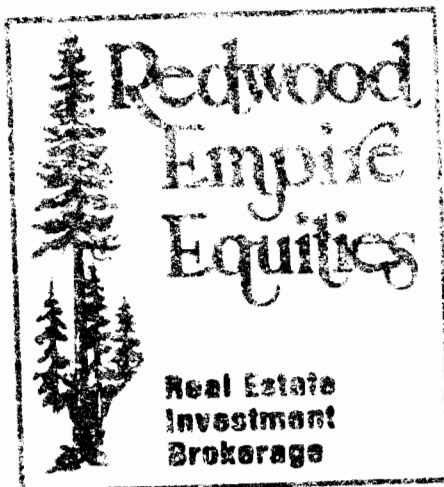
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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thought I had lost this. At the December meeting I went along and asked some of you the following, "Which hand do you use for casting and which hand do you use for retrieving?"

J.H. Right handed, Left hand wind.  
B.A. Right handed, Left hand wind.  
M.T. Right handed, Right hand wind.  
J.A. Right handed, Left hand wind.  
G.K. Right handed, Left hand wind.  
F.N. Left handed, I use mostly automatics but the one conventional reel I have is Right handed wind.

## DECALS

We have had some people ask us when we are going to get decals of our logo. At the February meeting we will take a survey of those members present on whether or not to invest in these. If your willing and proud enough of our organization to display a decal, and they may cost you a buck or two each, come to the meeting and let us know. If you want them, we'll go get them.

## NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are four new members of the RRP, (Add them to your membership lists), we welcome into the club:

Harry Smith	Philip Morphew	F. Russell Lockner
115 King Road.	702 Liana Dr.	2610 Fir Park Way
Petaluma, Ca., 94952	Santa Rosa 95401	Santa Rosa 95404
762-1979	526-2854	544-1593

Chuck Cadman, 947 Baird Rd. Santa Rosa, 95405, 539-2676

Welcome aboard! !

## STREAMSIDE PATROL

Tooch Colombo is again agreed to head the Streamside Patrol Committee and has sent me the following report on the activities of the patrol. Tooch phoned this in to me and all though is it just sketchy, Tooch will give us a more complete report at the end of the patrol season.

The purpose of the patrol is to augment the Department of Fish and Game in controlling the streams of the Russian River to help curb the number of violators fishing these areas. Anyone interested in helping on these patrols give Tooch a call at 544-8139.

In December patrols were made in the following places; Santa Rosa Creek, Willowside Road area, Stoneypoint road, and Helita Road. Mark West Creek, Laughlin Road and Blusser Road areas.  
In January patrols were made, Santa Rosa Creek; Farmers Lane and Holiday





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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: March 19, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School  
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Bob Rawson, Fisheries Management Supervisor, region 3  
Dept. of Fish and Game. Bob will be with us to give  
us an update on the Dept.'s views on the Russian  
River and Dry Creek. A question and answer period  
will follow his talk.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: March 26, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

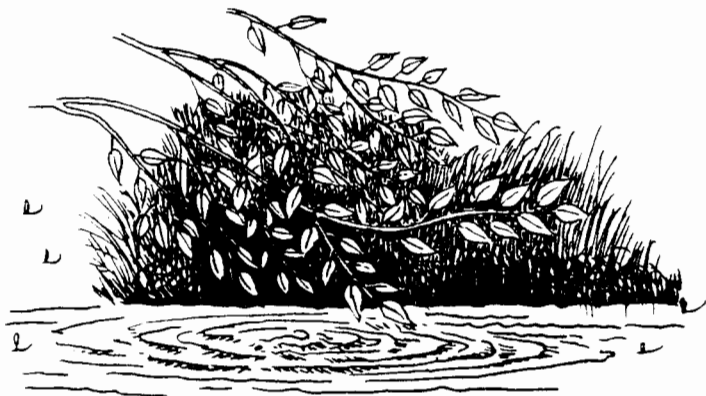
NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: April 16, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know, I know, steelhead fishing was pretty poor this year, you're sick of the rain, the weather is turning pleasant, your hand is suffering from the "nymph twitch", and you have been day dreaming about overweight trout - Weel - put all that aside and think about something almost as important - the election of new officers and directors of your Fly Fishing Club. Consider serving your Club or perhaps who you would like to see serve as it is time to consider nominations. Take an interest, visit our next board meeting (3-26-80), Warrick Hospital Board Room, and/or talk to your fishing partner about being an officer or director.

DO NOT MISS our March meeting. We are most fortunate in getting



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Bob Rawson, Fisheries Management Supervisor, Region 3, State Department of Fish & Game, to spend an evening with us discussing the management of the Russian River, Dry Creek and other items of considerable interest to all of us. This should be a great opportunity to ask some of those nagging questions we all have and to get updated on exactly what is happening on Dry Creek and other areas of concern.

Enjoy & Release,

Russ

#### A HOME FOR THE LIBRARY

Some of you may not be aware of it but the RREF does have a small library for your use. John Christleib of the "Western Angler" has donated space in his store for the purpose of making this library available to our members. There are a few hardbound books plus a complete collection of both Fly Fishermen and Fly Fishing the west. So next time your in John's check out the library.

#### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

You may feel that it is a little early to be concerned about elections in June but believe me it isn't. According to our constitution the Board of Directors serves as a nominating committee and sounds out members who have expressed a desire to serve on the board. After making their choice these names are presented to the membership at the May meeting. Also, at the May meeting, further nominations for board membership are given from the membership at large. If anyone is interested in serving on the board of directors, they should appear and make this desire known at the March meeting of the board of directors. The tentative date for this is March 26, Warrick Hospital Board Room, at 7:30 P.M. Check with the April edition of "The Cast" for the exact date. Also, this will be talked about at this month's regular meeting on the 19.

#### THREAT TO CALIFORNIA FISHERIES

It is inconcievable to me that the Governor could be contimplating to reduce services to the anglers in this state even more so than has already been done but it's true. The letter on the next page shows just how far the state is planning on going in further cutting services and programs. If this keeps up fishing in this state will become next to non-existent. When the letter was read at the board meeting all present members signed the petition, this petition will be available for all members to sign at the march regular meeting. If you cannot make the meeting then send a letter to Sacramento telling Governor Brown how you feel.



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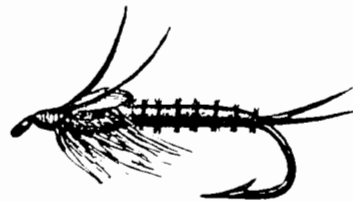
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

THIS MONTH

Steelhead; Some of the coastal streams closed the first of this month so be sure to check the regulations before you go fish them. There will still be some fish showing and with patience and luck you may be able to find them.

Trout; The two best places I would recommend for this time of the year would be Pyramid and Baum Lakes.

NEXT MONTH

Steelhead; although reports will still be heard of sightings of fresh fish these will be far and few between, I'd say that the steelheading season is over for another year.

Trout; Nothing different from last month.

Bass; Large mouths should improve especially in the ponds. Start tying your bugs now.

JOHN CHRISTLIEB

THE WESTERN ANGLER

WADER TREATMENT

want to know the nicest thing you can do to your waders at the end of a fishing day? Well besides hanging them up, after you've taken them off, give them a generous dusting on the inside with talcom powder. Besides helping to chase the smell of your funky feet it will draw off any moisture which happens to be inside; plus it will make it easier for you to slip the waders on the next time you go to use them.

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ATTENTION COUNCIL CLUBS AND MEMBERS

We have been advised that the Department of Fish and Game is proposing to conduct massive budgets cuts of 30% for the proposed 1980-81 budget, in the event Jarvis II (Jaws II) is passed by the voters. This proposed reduction, should Jarvis II pass, in conjunction with last year's cuts(10%), will have a serious and long lasting impact on the Department's ability in carrying out the on-going programs.

If you are concerned, and are a tax payer and/or a hunting or fishing license buyer, please sign the enclosed petition. We also feel the time has come for all concerned sportsmen to rise up and tell the Governor that, his actions in freezing the Department's money, will have a massive impact on the Department, and the state's fish and wildlife resources.

The following is a short list of proposed cuts and/or reductions.

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|---|---|
| 1. Terminate the Wild Trout Study         | 2. Terminate Management of Reservoirs   |
| 3. Close the American River Hatchery      | 4. Close the Crystal Lake Hatchery      |
| 5. Close the Mojane River Hatchery        | 6. Close the Moccasin Creek Hatchery    |
| 7. Close the Kern River Planting Base     | 8. Reduce the Hot Creek Hatchery by 66% |
| 9. Reduce the Mt. Whitney Hatchery by 50% |   |
| 10. Reduce 85 Permanent Postions          | 11. Reduce 26 Temporary Postions        |
| AND MANY, MANY MORE.....                  |   |

LET'S US NOT WAIT UNTIL JUNE FOR OUR RESPONSE.....RESPOND NOW BY SIGNING THE ENCLOSED PETITION. WITH YOUR HELP WE MAY BE ABLE TO TERMINATE GOVERNOR BROWN'S DECISION REGARDING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE BUDGET CUTS.

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DINNER MEETING:

(Note location  
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PREVIEW: May meeting:

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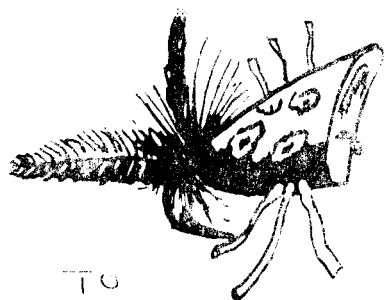
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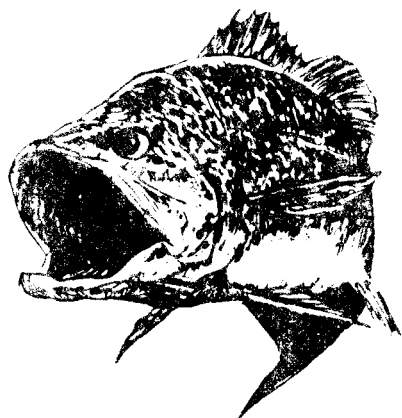
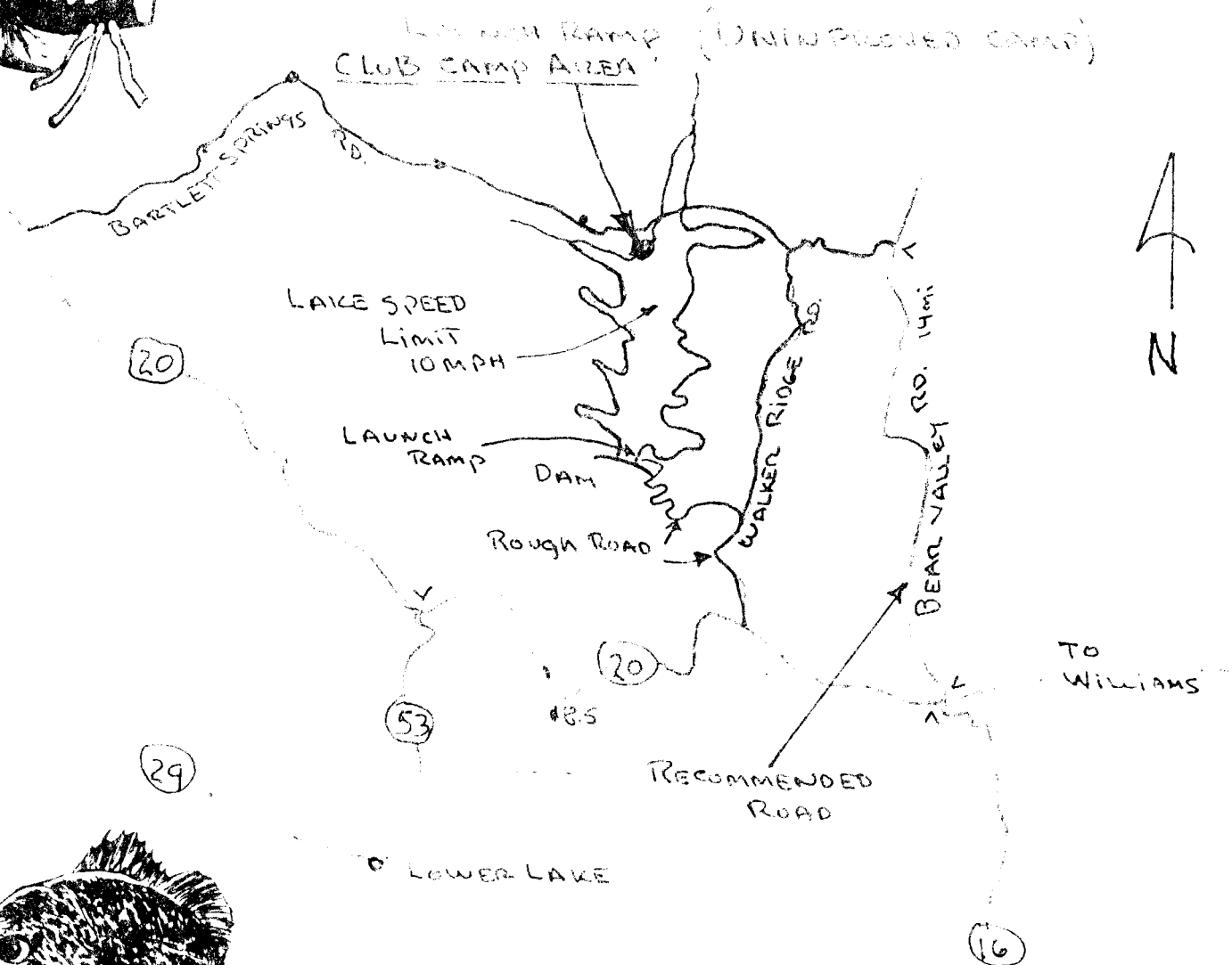
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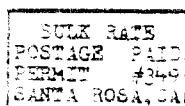
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#### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: whenever one member gets a 6-pack and another finds out.

WHERE: Who cares?

Program: Same as always, how to get past the goodie-goodies  
and rangers.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: whenever one of the board buys the beer.

WHERE: Who cares?

#### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: If you buy, we'll come.

WHERE: If it was in your nose, you'd know.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

(Editor's note) If Rusty didn't owe me \$20 buck for that trot  
line this wouldn't be here cuz I wouldn't have seen him.  
(Ruttin River Jail, March 20th, 1980) "Rusty, you owe me \$20 bucks!"  
'Yea, I know. Listen you got to get a newsletter out to the club."  
'Oh hell Rusty, their a pain. What for anyway?"  
'Look, if everyone chips in \$5 bucks I can bail myself out!"  
'Yea what about my \$20?"  
'Look when I get the \$5.00 bucks from everyone I'll have enough left over  
for your \$20.00 bucks."  
'\$5 now if you want a newsletter."  
'O.K. \$25 it is, only get the thing out quick. You should see what their  
feeding me here."  
'What are you in for?"  
'I turned in a few hatchery tags on the opening day of salmon season."  
'Yea, how many?"  
'249, but I snag--- er--- caught them fair!"  
'Where'd you get them?"  
'Down at Aus---, never you mind, only get that letter out if you want your  
money! I!"  
'O.K. but if this doesn't work you still owe me \$25 bucks."  
'Agreed!"  
(Editor's note) Get him his money so he can not only get out but pay me  
off.

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Dog Fishing Days

My cast had been made well ahead of a cruising prospect which I had spotted amongst some foliage. The rod had responded nicely and my line had shot out depositing my fly softly next to some bushes. We crouched low, hoping not to be spotted, and watched until my prey had spotted the fly. Quickly I started to strip line, trying to imitate a frantic dash on the part of my fly, and I was rewarded with one of the most vicious strikes I had ever in my life encountered. I stepped back, set the hood, and when the steel bit home all hell broke loose! At first there was a vibrating tug, such as a giant salmon would give, only much more; my prey, having established that it was not going to be able to dislodge my hood easily, took off on what was to become many runs. Directions were changed, leaps like anything anyone has ever seen; spectacular fishing!!!! After a while Bob Naugahide, our guide, leaned over my shoulder and asked how things were going. "Fine," I told him. "I still can't believe this is really happening!" Here I was in the back of a pickup truck, parked just off of Mendocino Avenue, near downtown Santa Rosa, with an 85 lb. Doberman on the end of my line which had just struck my number 12/0 Royal Wuff Mailman! But let me tell you how I happened to get here before I let you know the outcome of this fight.

One night at home, I was quietly tying flies when "Tooth" Columbus burst in on me. "I've just had one of the most incredible fishing adventures of my life!" he screamed. Now "Tooth" is normally quiet and reserved, so when I saw the state of excitement he was in the first thing I did was wonder if maybe he had hit his head with his backcast once too often. "You can't believe it!" he continued to rave, "Native fisheries, tremendous quarry, totally untouched." On and on he went raving; my theory was gaining substance in my head. "Listen," he finally said, "tomorrow I've arranged for both you and I to go out."

"Go out where?" I asked. "You still haven't filled me in on either where we'll be going or what it is we are going after."

"Don't worry, everything is all lined up for us. You just be ready, early, say 4:30 A.M.!"

Thinking myself nuts but curious enough to be standing there waiting; Tooth roared up at 4:30 just as promised. In the truck with him was Bob Naugahide and the bed of the truck was piled with about a dozen rods. When I looked in I could see that the array of tackle was quite comprehensive. Just by dawn's light I could make out a few delicate midge rods and alongside of them appeared to be telephone poles with guides tied on. There were boxes of flies and some other things which I couldn't even imagine what the purpose would be. After I had climbed in between Tooth and Bob (and they had me trapped), I found out what was in store for me that day.

"Craig," Bob said, "Today will mark the start of a new area in fishing for you. This is something which came upon me the other day while I was guiding clients among the pools of the Wet Creek Hatchery. There's got to be an easier way to

make a living, I thought, instead of guiding these peons over fences, through barbed wire and trying to avoid searchlights. What is it that is plentiful and abundant, cheap for me to get to, and yet can offer just enough excitement for snooks to pay me to enjoy? As the idiots I had in tow with me were jerking fish out of the brood ponds I pondered this and suddenly it came to me!!! A stray wandered by, gave us a woof and continued on his way. Dogs, I said to myself, dogs have destroyed many a fishing trip for me, wish the damn things were all eliminated to put an end to their constant betrayal of my excursions. Put an end to them, eliminate the dogs, THAT'S IT!!!! That's the way to kill two birds with one stone. I'm going to guide people to fish for dogs!! Think of it, you can brag of catching a Doberman on 5 lb. tippet and a 4 weight rod; or hell, even St. Bernards on 11 weight. Who cares as long as the dum-dums pay me for their trips!!!!!"

"Wait a minute!!" I yelled. "Do you mean that you and Tooth are going to be taking me Dog Fishing?"

"That's right," Bob said, "Think of it, I've spent the past month tying up special flies, rigging up tackle; I've even got my brother-in-law to have the mayor lean on the animal control to leave us alone long enough to see if we can cut the costs for them rounding up the stray critters. Everything is O.K., ready and waiting for us!!! Now you're probably wondering what I'm going to charge you for coming out with us today and here's the good part for you--not a damn thing."

I couldn't believe it. Bob and Tooth don't do anything unless they figure out how it can turn them a buck, so I skeptically asked, "Ah fellows, are you sure that this isn't going to either 1) get me thrown in jail with Rusty (the damn dogger member was going to be slow in coming), or 2) cost me anything?"

"Yes," Bob said, "the cost to you, although you could write a story for me to use in helping us get this thing off the ground."

Bob and Tooth led me down to downtown and then halfway up Mendocino Avenue, where they both stopped and I got out.

Bob and Tooth, always starting to get excited by the prospect,

Bob and Tooth, I liked this area because of the number of grocery and hardware stores and because I figured that their garbage cans would attract a lot of dogs and prospects, so should we call them sewerers?"

Bob and Tooth, as we drove and there I got a firsthand look at the tackle. Bob had a few rods like I had never seen before. There were big #10 fly rods, heavy #10 rods, 11/0 deer's hair dog biscuits, and the one which was made especially for me--some #12/0, treble hook Royal Wuff Mailman, plus Bob and Tooth had really gone to a lot of trouble for this. When I asked him what they were for, he told me that what we were going to do was to sit there all day, for all the possibilities we may encounter, crouch behind the wells of the pickup bed, and then wait to see what came along. When we saw what it was we would be trying for, then we could pick a rod, make our cast,



and hope for luck to be with us. Once that was done we settled down to some nice hot coffee and brandy but our wait wasn't destined to be long. A nice fat (about 10 lbs.) mongrel was sniffing the bushes and working his way toward us. Tooth had drawn first try so we waited for his move. Being in a sporting mood, and also trying to get my attention, Tooth drew a No. 3 weight rod with a 2½ lb. tippet. Quickly tying on a #4 parachute soup bone, Tooth cast delicately 10 yards out in front of his quarry. We crouched, tensed, and waited. The mongrel meanwhile was taking his time, marking each bush and eyeing the cat across the street. For a while it looked like he might even start to chase the cat but then, after a few minutes of just barking at it, he came to the bait. Bob meanwhile was explaining that this lure was an attractor and that Tooth would have to let it lie there and hope the dog noticed it. HE DID!!! The mongrel came up to the fly, sniffed it (Bob soaks these in bacon drippings), and gently reached up and took it!! Tooth quickly jumped up and set the hook! POW, the fight was on! I can't describe it. Bob and I were there yelling at the top of our lungs, Tooth was yelling, even some early-morning passersby had got into the act and they were yelling too. It was great! Tooth quickly subdued his catch and brought it alongside where Bob dispatched it with the .22 he carried strapped to his waist. "Lot of these foreign culture people eat these things," Bob said as the mongrel went into the bag. Now it was my turn, which brings us to the start of our story. Bob told me after I made my cast to wait until the Doberman noticed it, and then to start retrieving line like the mailman was running from the dog.

It was starting to look as if my catch would never tire; Bob and Tooth kept offering advice but still the fight was on. After about 20 minutes I had worked it to within 35 feet of the truck and I yelled to Bob, "Shoot the damn thing and I'll drag it the rest of the way!" Hell, I was tired.

Bob said, "No. You hooked it and until you get it right alongside, you haven't caught it!"

That's all I needed. The Doberman didn't even show any sign of tiring. I know I was showing signs of it, though. Just then it made a desperate run, right for the early traffic.

"OH, NO!" Bob and Tooth both yelled, "If it gets out there a passing car may cut the line." I set the drag tighter, pulled back on the rod and for a minute it looked like I might turn it. PING! The line came sailing back at me with force. The loss of counter-balance threw me backward right into Tooth's lap, spilling his brandy. I reeled in and discovered the line had parted.

"Hell, that was 15 lb. test tippet," I said. "Are you sure that you're using good leader material?" I was really hooked now and disappointed at losing my catch.

The rest of the day was pure bliss. Bob and Tooth amused themselves by landing almost all that they managed to hook and I finally got the hang of things and my big moment came with a 65 lb. German Shepherd on a 6 weight rod, 12 lb. tippet, and #1/0 hare's ear kitten. Bob and Tooth passed out a lot of business cards for Fishing Anything, Anywhere, Anytime, for a Price, FAAAAP, their new business, and even started fantasizing about wolf fishing in the Yukon for exotic minded

customers (carry a .44 magnum instead of a .22). If any of you out there are interested in sharing this unique approach to fishing, give them a call. It's worth it!

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#### The Ultimate Trophy

I thought it was the sun shining through the camper window that woke me. Gradually I realized it was just the dome light I had left on that had punctured the last remnant of my previous night's stupor.

Earlier than I had planned I rolled off the cot, fell out the back of the Land Rover, and prepared for the trip down off the ridge to the river.

Never had I planned a trip with such secrecy, such attention to detail. Special equipment had been gathered, its use honed to a peak of efficiency. I had shunned my fly fishing cronies for the past several months as vacation time neared, so that old companions would have no opportunity to suggest new ventures for my vacation.

Holding a penlite in my mouth I picked up the equipment assembled so carefully the previous night before my shame drove me to do battle with the quart of Korbels.

I clanked down to the river, stumbling only twice over ruts and roots, cursing and grunting at the effort required to move me and my equipment. Arriving at the river's edge, I waded through darkness reminiscent of the inky blackness a spelunker knows best. Only the gurgling of the current guided me to the island that was my final destination.

Carefully I baited up! I would have only one opportunity at the quarry I was so determined to have as my trophy.

Silently I returned to the water, waiting, waiting for the almost imperceptible signal that would tell me of the arrival of my prey. The effect of last night's Korbels, the early hour, and the exertion of getting down to this hellish hole took its toll and I dozed standing ankle deep in the river.

The clank of metal on metal, accompanied by a snarling growling barking jerked me awake. Lurching out of the water, elation overwhelmed me. Success made the blood pound at my temples.

I looked down--there was my prize!

I will never forget the sight of my Havahart Varmint Trap filled with the first DEVIL'S HOLE PUP FISH ever captured!

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Charles Percy

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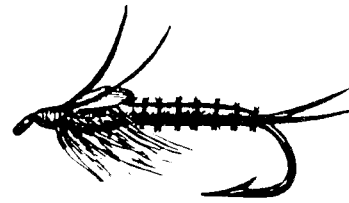
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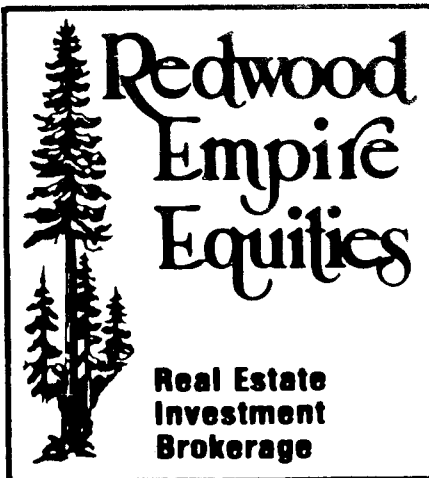
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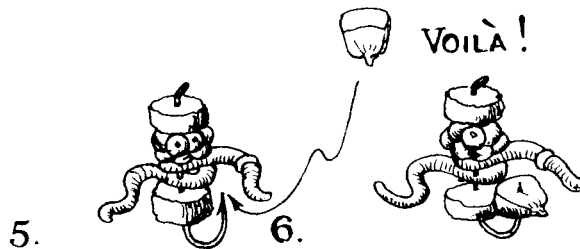
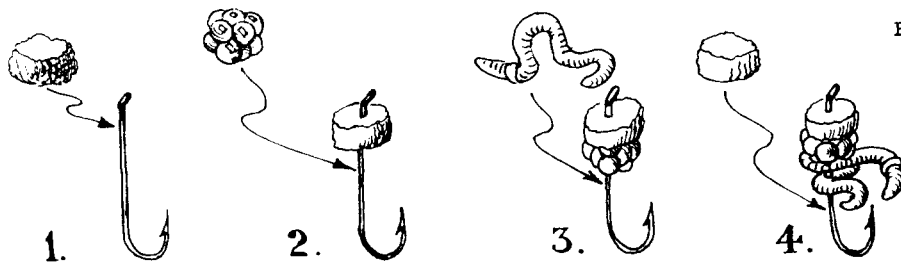
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Fly of the Mouth

Dagwood Bumstead's Bouillabaisse

Where trout are subject to heavy fishing pressure they tend to become bored with the delicate presentation of tiny nymphs, jassids, no-hackles, midges, etc. and long for a good meal occasionally.

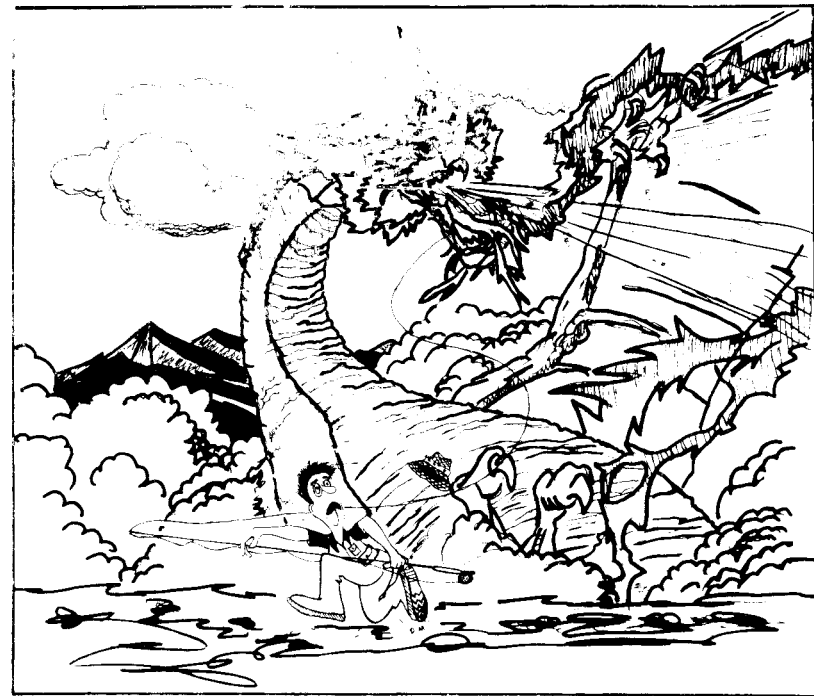
Taking a tip from a well known personality in the press, we offer for your consideration a pattern that in our opinion has much to be said for it. This pattern, which was evidently inspired by an ice box raid sometime after midnight, should be most effective after sunset since it does not lend itself to a delicate presentation.

Materials

- Hook - size 2. Length: 4 extra long
- 1 - marshmallow, pink color
- 1 - glob salmon eggs
- 1 - earthworm (lively)
- 1 - marshmallow, white
- 1 - grain cooked corn

Assembly

1. Push the hook point through the middle of the pink marshmallow and run the hook to the hook shank to the eye.
2. Follow the same procedure successively with the salmon eggs, earthworm, white marshmallow, and finally finish by tipping the hook point with a kernel of cooked corn.
3. The flavor can be enhanced with a drop of anise oil or fish oil from a can of sardines.



Exclusive RFFP News Photo

STRANGE HAPPININGS AT WORMVILLE

As you can see by the photograph above, taken at considerable risk by yours truly, our own intrepid angler Dean Faraden has managed to hook one of the giant Dragonflies which have been appearing below this nice community on the Ruttin River. When I heard of their appearance I went to talk with community leaders Gran Tee Kwing and Weng Wray. What I learned was discouraging.

"Craig," Gran Tee said, "This proves our theory that the full and complete co-operation of our community with P.O.R.K., (Pollute Our River, Kreeep), is showing results."

"You mean that this is a result of you activities and that- - - YES, YES YES" Gran Tee interrupted, "All this is due to our efforts to fight clean water, and I'll bet a good deal of credit will go to our letting the Nuclear Power Plant locate here and have free reign; what do you think?"

"Gosh golly gee" was all I could say.

As I was leaving, to get my rod, Gran Tee Kwing's helper Weng Wray yelled at me, "If you think this is something, wait till you see the size of some of the carp we've been getting." Get into them !!!

## Dick Chowder

Both a Super Raffle and Auction await you at our April dinner meeting. Many fantastic prizes will be awarded, including--  
RAFFLE: Fly Rod donated by John Christlieb; Mountain Trailers  
 Belly Boat; and many other goodies. AUCTION prospects include:  
 a new Ben Hurston sail dingy; an Invis-A-Tron fishing rod with  
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 and a 1964 Ford Mustang.

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This March we are enjoying a "fish & deer" weekend at Black Horse Camp, corner of Highway 18 and Webster Road, under pines of Grandview. In the Walnut Creek will be the guest speaker. All of us have heard of Andre and know how well his programs are. I'm told he will cater on Trout and Bass. You'll hear from the phone committee, 6:30 wet lines, 7:30 dry lines, see you there!!!

We up to now have recieved help on the newsletter from someone who has gone unheralded. Every month I take this pile of wrinkled, booze stained paper down to the printers and he turns out the crisp clear copy your reading now. Jim Cruitt moved here a few years ago and established A J Printing and Graphics at 1032 Fourth St., Santa Rosa. Jim has done one hell of a job on the newsletter and I want to call your attention to it. Jim's shop is capable of anything, he can reduce, enlarge, do invitations, business cards, instant and commercial printing. He does great work, as you can see, and here's the best part for us. After a while Jim and I had established a rapport and when he found out what we were all about, he started to give us a discount on the work we brought him. Let me tell you, this discount is as good as a paid advertisement anytime as far as I'm concerned. So if anyone reading this has any printing or copy work to be done, give Jim a try. You'll be satisfied and tell him we sent you.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: May 21, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School  
3500 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Chuck Stranahan from the Hat Creek Anglers is down  
and has put together a tremendous program for us  
entitled "A Day on Hat Creek".

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: May 20, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: June 18, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PREZ SEZ:

Many thanks to all 96 of you that attended our April Banquet  
and supported our Club through the Raffle & Auction. The dinner  
was excellent and I am sure you will agree Andre Puyon's  
presentation was most enjoyable. Hopefully, our July Banquet  
will be back at the Country Club with more elbow room.

We are pleased so many of you are going on our next Club  
fishing trip to Indian Valley Reservoir May 2nd & 3rd. I have  
inside skinny that the bass are very cooperative and trout  
fishing should be excellent.

Remember,.....nomination of officers and board at our May  
meeting. Be there and take a hand in the direction of your Club.

Enjoy & Release,

Russ

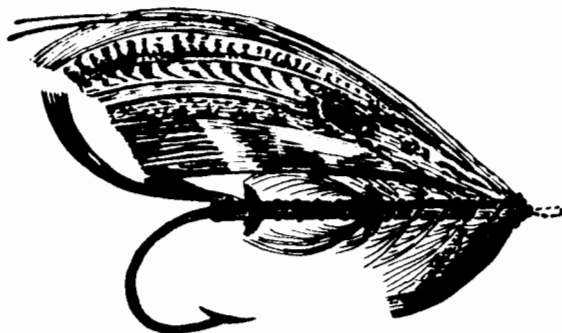
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### THINGS TO BE AWARE OF

As you may be aware of, your club tries to take a stand resembling an apolitical nature in most things; however there are three issues coming up which we feel that we should throw in our own two cents about.

**PROPOSITION #1:** On June 3ed this will be on the ballot. We recommend giving it your immediate attention. Prop. #1 will place millions of dollars, both state and federal, into restoring salmon and steelhead. The goal is to bring these species back to two-thirds of their historical levels, currently they are surviving at one-third of their historical level.

**PROPOSITION 9 or JAWS II/JARVIS II:** If your anything like me, right now the last thing you want to hear is anything else about Prop. 9. Your mind is probably made up and will everyone stop pounding their drums so you can get some peace. Right? I know just bear with me for a little. First, the DFG will only suffer a cut of 2 - 3%, not a lot but with 15 to 10% inflation this adds up. OK who's going to really feel the pressure? Richard May, president of CalTrout, lists the Department of Forestry, Water Resources Control Board, Regional Water Quality Boards, and Department of Water Resources and agencies targeted for serious budget and program reductions if the measure passes. He also believes DFG's Environmental Services Branch would be virtually crushed. What this means is that these agencies which try to maintain unpolluted, unsilted waterways, and we know how important to fisheries this is, would be severely reduced in force.

This is interesting in that if both Props. 1 and 9 pass they rule each other out in that the funding lost by Prop. #9 would be generated by Prop. #1, in a sense, and we end up no better off. But, if Prop. #9 doesn't pass and Prop. #1 does, then we are a whole lot better off as far as the fisheries are concerned, something to think about.

### HR 4223 or WILD AND SCENIC LEGISLATION FOR THE UPPER STANISLAUS RIVER CANYON

The Stanislaus River Canyon in the central Sierra Nevada of California is in imminent danger of being destroyed. Many concerned organizations including CalTrout, and individuals have worked together since 1974 to save this unique river canyon from being totally inundated by New Melones Reservoir. The Stanislaus River Canyon is visited by over 100,000 hikers, boaters, anglers, and cavers every year. It is the second most used river area in the nation. Because of its easy access, the Stanislaus is used by more disabled people than any other wilderness area in California. Friends of the River, a California based organization has led in the forefront to save the upper Stanislaus, above Parrott's Ferry, from being buried by the waters of the New Melones Reservoir. This is four miles of prime white water which is enjoyed every year by white water enthusiasts, anglers, and all natural river lovers. It's more than worth your interest and involvement.

A group out of Angles Camp called Environmental Traveling Companions uses both the river and the surrounding area for trips to blind and disabled people. If you have ever worked with these handicapped people and seen the joy come on their faces when they realize that they are able to perform the functions we take for granted, then you will see why I say, SAVE THE STANISLAUS ! ! ! !

Right now, today, sit down and write to Don Clausen, ( House Office Bldg., Washington D.C., 20515 ), Tell him to cast his vote in favor of saving this wild resorse for all of us to enjoy. Some of you may think, Hell I don't raft, why should I worry? Well I'll tell you this, if we don't try to save this river, who's going to care when we try to save another river. Write Don Clausen now, I'm going to and I hope I can count on you to do likewise.

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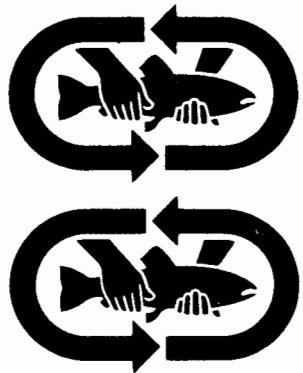
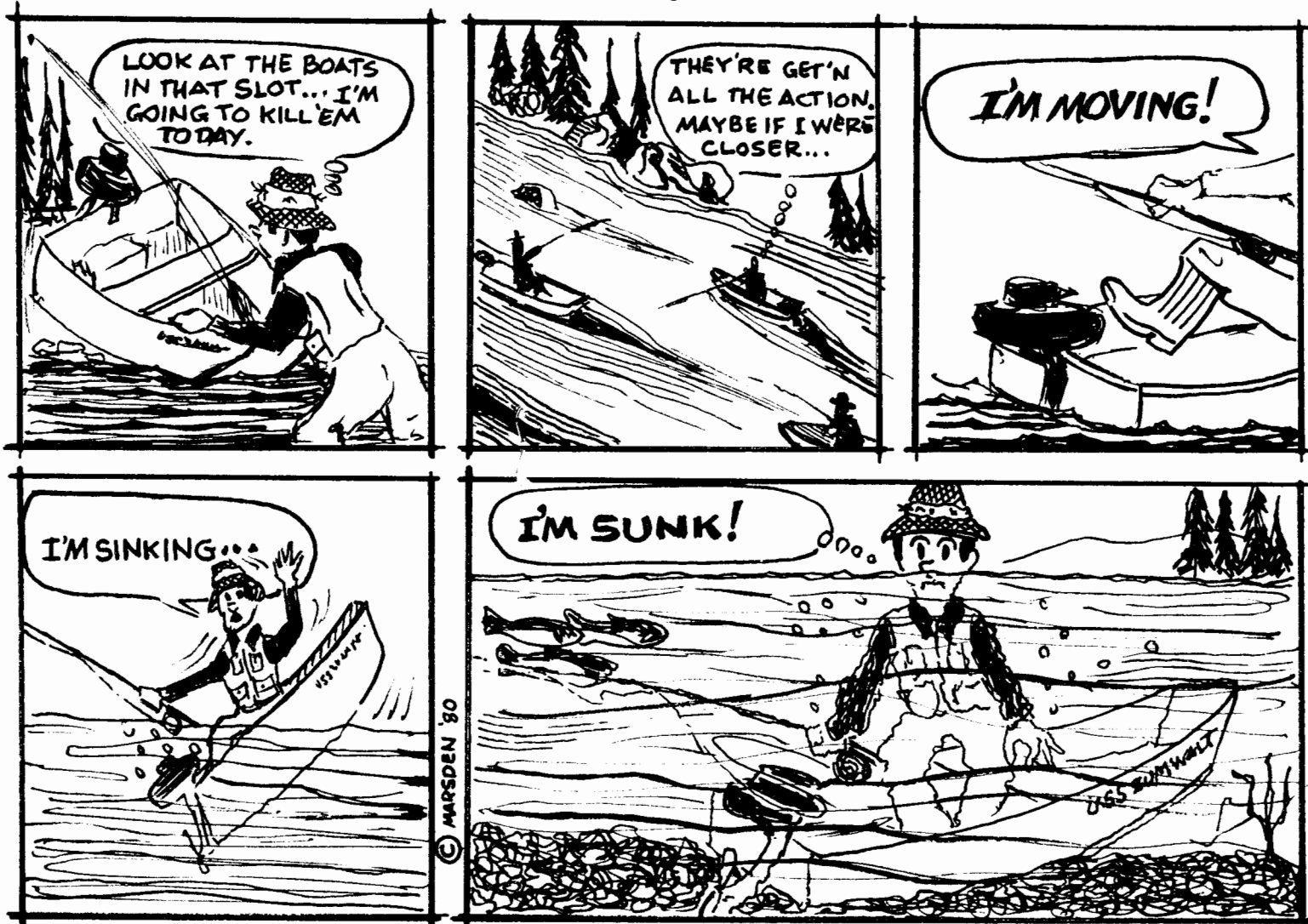
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## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FISHING REPORT

**TROUT** The spring creeks, ( Hat Creek, Fall River, Rising River), are in good shape because they aren't affected by snow melts. The Salmon Flies are showing so it's time to get out your sofa pillows and have some fun. Check ahead on any other streams or places you may want to fish because the heavy snow fall and warm weather may have made a mess out of your favorite stream for this time of year.  
**SHAD** Their reported to already be in the Sacramento and snowing in spots to fair amounts. Also there have been reports of them snowing in the Feather an river so by the end of the month they should be also in the Sacramento, Feather, and Yuba Rivers.  
**STRIPERS** I've heard that they are in the Sacramento all the way to Colusa.  
**BASS AND PANFISH** With gasoline so expensive and it taking so much time to get anywhere this is the time to go after these fish. There are a number of local lakes and farm ponds for us to use and if you fail to take advantage of these scrappy devils then it's your own fault for being lazy. They are a lot of fun and quite tasty.

## NEXT MONTH

Trout fishing should improve all over the state next month due to diminishing runoff from the snow pack. As for all other fishing it should remain about the same as I've stated above.

JOHN CHRIESTLIEB

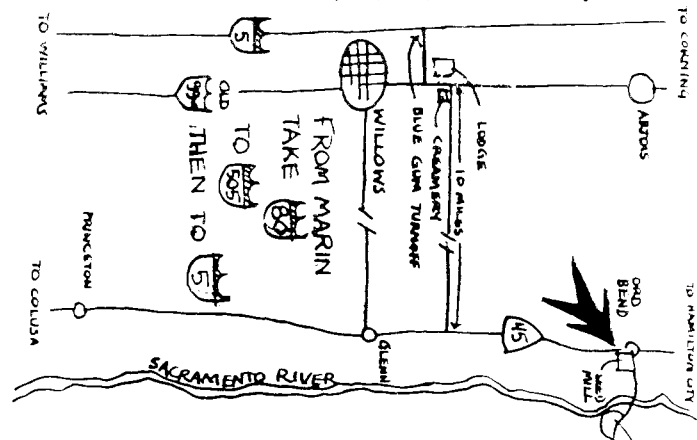
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## WE'RE INVITED TO A SHAD OUTING

Memorial Day weekend, May 24, 25, and 26, the Chico Fly Fishers host their inter-club shad outing. The place is the Ord Riffle on the Sacramento River, (see Map). Their campground will again be Dick Brown's walnut orchard, which will accommodate trailers, mobile homes, campers, tents and cots; chemical toilets will be provided as well as potable water from a nearby farm house.

The main highlight will be the chicken bar-b-que hosted by Chico, they will also provide pots of beans and tossed green salads; also Saturday night we're invited to a pot luck cocktail party around President Joe's campsite. The pot luck is BYOB. The price for the bar-b-que is \$5.00 per person, the pot luck is \$3.00 to \$5.00 whatever's suitable.

The gathering should number approximately 100 to 120 shad fishermen and their family members. It's going to be a lot of fun! If you would like to attend, then contact John Agnew, 544-6461 before May 18 and let him know.



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Remember, election at our June meeting. Please attend and vote for your next years officers and Board.

Enjoy & Release,

*Russ*  
Russ

### ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

The first topic to be attended to at this month's meeting is the election of club officers for the upcoming year. The Board of Directors, acting as a nominating committee, have presented the following people for the board for next year;

President:	Tooch Colombo
Vice-President;	Liz Wray
Board Members;	Bill Archuleta
	Jim Hackel
	Jim Mengle
	Dale Cheli
	Dixon Browder

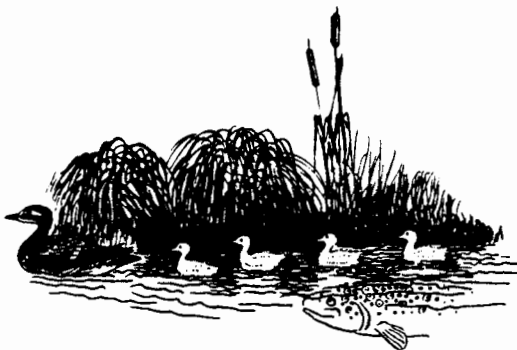
If anyone is interested on serving on the Board for the upcoming year, this June meeting is the last one you can attend and make your intentions known. Have your buddy nominate you and your name will be placed on the slate; however, remember, nominations will be open at the start of the meeting only, if no nominations are recieved then we will direct that they be closed and that the above members are elected by a white ballot.

### MAGGIE'S PROGRAM

When Bob Nauhiem asked Maggie what she was going to talk about this month she told him, "Horses, of course!" Stop, Look, and Listen is a slide show centering on hot tips on trout fishing, what to do when one goes to new or old fishing streams. Should be great.

On the Saturday following the program, that's June 21st, Maggie is going to be giving a clinic. Topics to be covered will include casting, knots, fly pattern, how to put one's equipment together, entomology, etc. This should work out great as either a beginners clinic or a re-view lesson.

The size of the class is limited to 6 - 8 people but if more show interest then a second session will be scheduled. There is a \$20.00 fee, the location is yet to be determined, should be announced at the June meeting or give Russ a call at 544-5523 if you cannot make the meeting and are interested in the Saturday clinic.



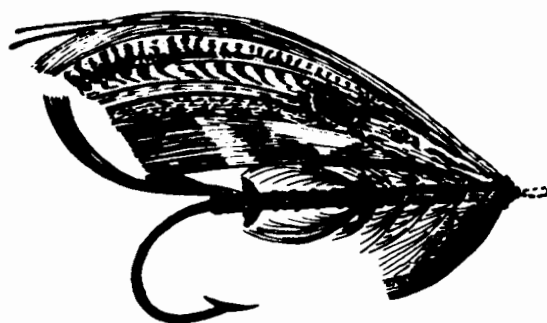
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THE FRONT PAGE

Ever notice the front page of this newsletter? Look at it now, yes right now. What did you see? Nothing right, just the same stuff you already read. WRONG Ever year we, you and me through our dues pay supporting memberships to the organizations we list affiliation with. C.O.R.C., because they directly affect that which we life so closely with, the Russian River. California Trout because they fight, and that's what it is, a fight, for the waterways we enjoy in our state. And the FFF, because they, on a national basis, look after our interests. Support these organizations, if not with your dollars, with you support, your letters and voice, because if they wern't there, then the only fishing you and I would be enjoying would be of others in our readings.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

At the last dinner meeting I went around and asked various members the following question, "When your out fishing, what is it that you really enjoy apart from the fishing?"

J.M. The companionship and comradary among fly fishermen.

B.W. Being where I'm at.

B.A. Staying in the water and enjoying the country around me.

C.C. Being outdoors and enjoying the environment.

T.C. The company of a select few.

J.S. Getting into the environment.

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: June 18, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria  
3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Maggie Merriman has consented to come up and do another of her interesting programs. The title of this one is, "Stop, Look, and Listen."  
See inside this issue for more information.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: June 25, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: July 16, 1980 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bass are spawning, trout rising and shad starting to gang up in the Sacto Valley Rivers - how can we stand it?

The Club outing to Indian Valley Reservoir was outstanding with excellent fishing. Don't miss the next one - stripers - on the Bay.

Chuch Stranahan of Hot Creek Anglers gave an excellent program for our May meeting - hope you didn't miss it.

Maggi Merriman will present our program for June and it promises to be excellent. This next meeting is an excellent one to take your wife or family to, as Maggi gives a program that really helps turn them on to fly fishing.

THE FLY TYERS QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

The Fly Tyer Quarterly has offered us a deal! The normal subscription rate of this publication is \$10 per year, \$11 on the newsstand. However if you would like to receive this magazine and save some money to boot then bring us a check for just \$8.00 and we'll get it for you. No fooling, you make the check out to the RRFF, give us your name and address and we'll take care of the rest. If you have ever seen this magazine you'll know that it's worth it's weight in gold because of the patterns and innovations they cover with each issue. So if you want to receive it then bring us your check for \$8.00.

NEW MEMBERS

Would like to take this opportunity to welcome into the club the following four new members:

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Santa Rosa, Ca  
538-1976

Raymond C. Wheeler  
3971 Santa Rosa Ave  
Santa Rosa, Ca  
795-7479

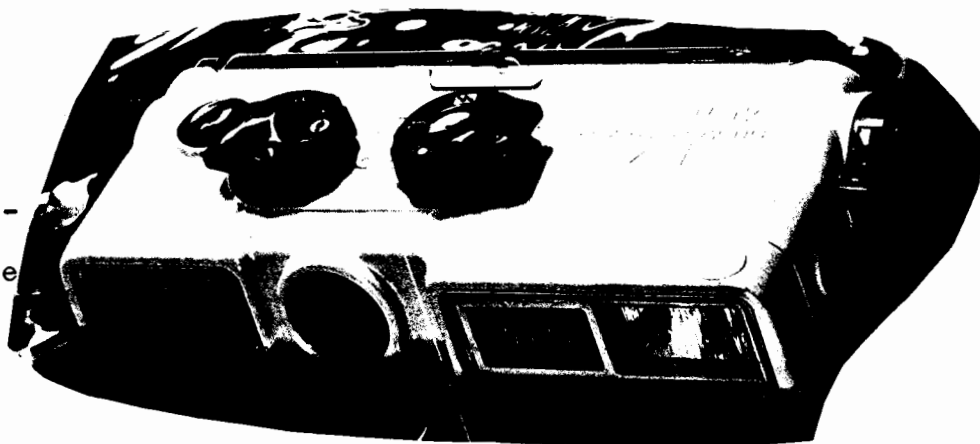
John Wheeler  
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584-5920

Dale Knester  
1334 St Francis Road  
Santa Rose, Ca  
539-0279

Welcome Aboard!

PRODUCT REVIEW

Damn, just look at that photography, look he got that brown just at the top of his jump. Hey you know what? This picture looks just like the fight that steelhead gave me last year on the Gualalla. Damn I wish that I got a picture like that. How many times have you said this to yourself? I know that



I've said it quite a few times when I look at someone else's pictures and see some of the fishing action I have had in them. But let's face it, unless you're fortunate enough to have your own personal photographer follow you around on your fishing trips, the only pictures you end up with are those taken after the fish has been subdued; perhaps if you're lucky you may get someone to take one of you releasing your catch but all the memories of the fight remain just that, memories.



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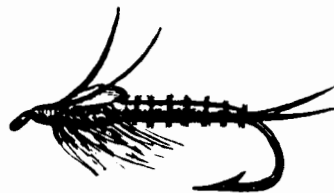
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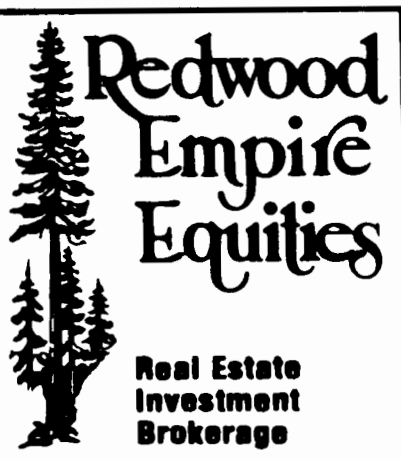
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And why is this? It boils down to a simple fact. Cameras and water just don't mix. With any camera, except a \$350.00 job put out by Nikon, a little water and you end up with high priced, soggy, optical junk. Minolta has come up with something to solve this d&lemma, it's called the Minolta Weathermatic-A. Here's a camera, in an affordable price range, which can function just as well on the stream or at your little girl's birthday party. It comes e quipped with a glass (kodak's are plastic) lens, shock-resistant case, built in flash, 5-position focusing dial (from 9 inches to infinity, and exposure dial for the three main light conditions. The film format is 110 and four types of film are available for it. Two color print, ASA 100 and 400, color slide, ASA 64, and black and white, ASA 125. Power comes from one 1.5v AA battery and the weight with camera, film and batter is around 14 ounces. It's heavy for a 110 but that's because this camera is built to take it. You can throw it in a bag and go. No cuddling this baby. Here's the good part. Your on the stream stalking that one rising fish and down you go, over your head into the hole you didn's see or head over heels on that submerged log, don't worry about your camera; it is designed to be able to be submerged, you can take it down up, or should we say down, to 15 feet with no problems and lets face it, if we're on the stream and happen to go down more than that 15 feet, chances are that we won't be worried about our pictures anyway. So now when we're on the stream we can have this hanging around our neck with us, ready to catch that trout taking your dry, or leaping in the air. Your very own fish action photographes. There's one further thing, if you happen to drop this into the drink, it even floats! The Minolta Weathermatic-A sells right now for \$119.95.

#### NORTHERN CALIFOPNIA FISHING REPORT

TROUT We are having a late spring this year and it is raising hell with the streams. Except for the spring creeks all the rivers and streams are full and flowing. Hopefully by the end of the month the runoff will diminish and fishing should improve.

SHAD Shad are showing in the Yuba, Feather, and Sacramento in good numbers in various places, you'll have to seek them out because they move around. There are some shad in the Russian River now but in no great or really mentionable numbers.

BASS AND PANFISH These fish are really in their own right now. I talked with someone yesterday and they caught quite a few smallmouths right above the Healdsburg dam, up to 2½ pounds. If you have access to some of the many farm ponds in the area, pack up your rods and go, you'll have a great time.

#### NEXT MONTH

TROUT If, the damnable weather goes back to normal, trout fishing should improve, look for a possibility of steelhead showing in the lower Klamath at the end of July.

SHAD Should remain good in the first part of the month, diminishing toward the end of the month, maby they'll even show in the Russian.

BASS AND PANFISH Gone, the hotter weather will put them down, Kien de la Caca.

JOHN CHFIESTLIEB

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THE INDIAN VALLEY OUTING

JIM HAKEL

The Russian River Flyfishers kicked off the month of May with a club outing at Indian Valley Reservoir on May third and fourth. Approximately 12 club members and 11 guests participated and a tremendous amount of fun was had by all.

I arrived on Saturday the third and was greeted by Jim Mengle and Dale Cheli who had arrived the previous evening. Their reports on the Bass and crappie fishing were enough to excite anyone, (20 to 25 fish each on Friday night). I immediately headed for the water.

I had never been to the reservoir and I was impressed by its captivating scenery especially considering the fact that it is so close to home, (about 25 miles east of Nice, Calif. on Bartlett Springs road). The finger of water that was chosen for a campsite looked like something out of the everglades with half-submerged logs, oak trees, manzanita and brush. The habitat was ideal for bass and panfish and the waters were loaded with both.

Although the fishing wasn't as hot as Friday there were plenty of bass taken in the 1 to 1½ pound bracket with an occasional 2½ pounder. Top water bugs, cork and deer hair, worked well in the evening and early morning and sub-surface attractors and baitfish imitations worked moderately well during the afternoon. If crappie interest you they could be taken virtually every other cast with almost anything tied on the leader. As usual, the fishermen that fished the hardest and longest experienced the most success.

The campsites are unimproved therefore bring all essentials including fresh water. As I mentioned everyone had a great time fishing, socializing, and enjoying the surroundings. Many of us are going back in the near future. I am taking my family next time. It is an ideal place for a youngster to learn because of the abundance of fish and it certainly presents a challenge to the expert who wants to catch lunkers that are in all bass waters. Jim Mengle, who arranged this excursion should be congratulated for his efforts. It certainly was an enjoyable and comfortable trip. We hope more members, their family and guests will participate in our next outing. Hope to see you there.

Note; You should bring some form of floatation whether it be a tube, pram, canoe or boat.

SHAD FLY TYING SESSION

As you are aware of the Shad are starting to come into the rivers around our part of the state. We are offering a shad fly tying session before the June meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. This will also be continued during the break. So come a little early and see how these flies are constructed.





HAT CREEK AND FALL RIVER REPORT

At our June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chuck Cadman reported on a recent trip to Hat Creek. He and his son Greg had made reservations to be guided by Chuck Stranahan of the Hat Creek Anglers. Apparently the rain, hail and generally wild weather of early June did nothing to dampen the trip.

Chuck Stranahan took Chuck and Greg to Hat Creek, Fall River and a beautiful spring fed section of the Pit River. The original itinerary also included the McCloud, however, weather conditions caused that trip to be scratched. Fishing was good everywhere but it was outstanding on the Fall River. Fishing from one of the Hat Creek Anglers boats, Chuck and Greg were into fish consistently. They reported that a #14 olive green caddis worm was the best producer.

Chuck and Greg's primary goal was to learn as much about the water and fly fishing as possible. Accordingly, they wrote out a "lesson plan" for their guide describing what information they hoped to cover. They were very pleased to see Stranahan structure the trip exactly around their desires. They were also pleased that he and the other guides don't "come to fish". It is a rule of the establishment that the guide is there to take care of the client(s). The full day guide service includes a picnic lunch and there was even pizza and beer waiting for the weary Cadmans when they returned to the shop late that night.

I have also heard several other very complimentary reports from club members who have dealt with Hat Creek Anglers. Chuck Stranahan is located in Johnson Park (just east of Burney). The phone number is (916) 335-3165.

JULY OUTING

Get out your prams, canoes and rafts and plan now to be on hand for the July 20th outing; a float trip on the Russian River for small-mouth bass. Here is an outing close enough for everyone, no long drives. We will launch in the river at Alexander Valley and float and fish until we reach the Healdsburg area. The trip will begin at 7:30 A.M. (We have to get on the river early to beat the aluminum hatch) and end??????? Plan to pack a lunch.

All members will receive a mailer and map of the launch area with further details prior to the outing date. **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS CLUB FUNCTION.**

Jim Mengle 584-7527

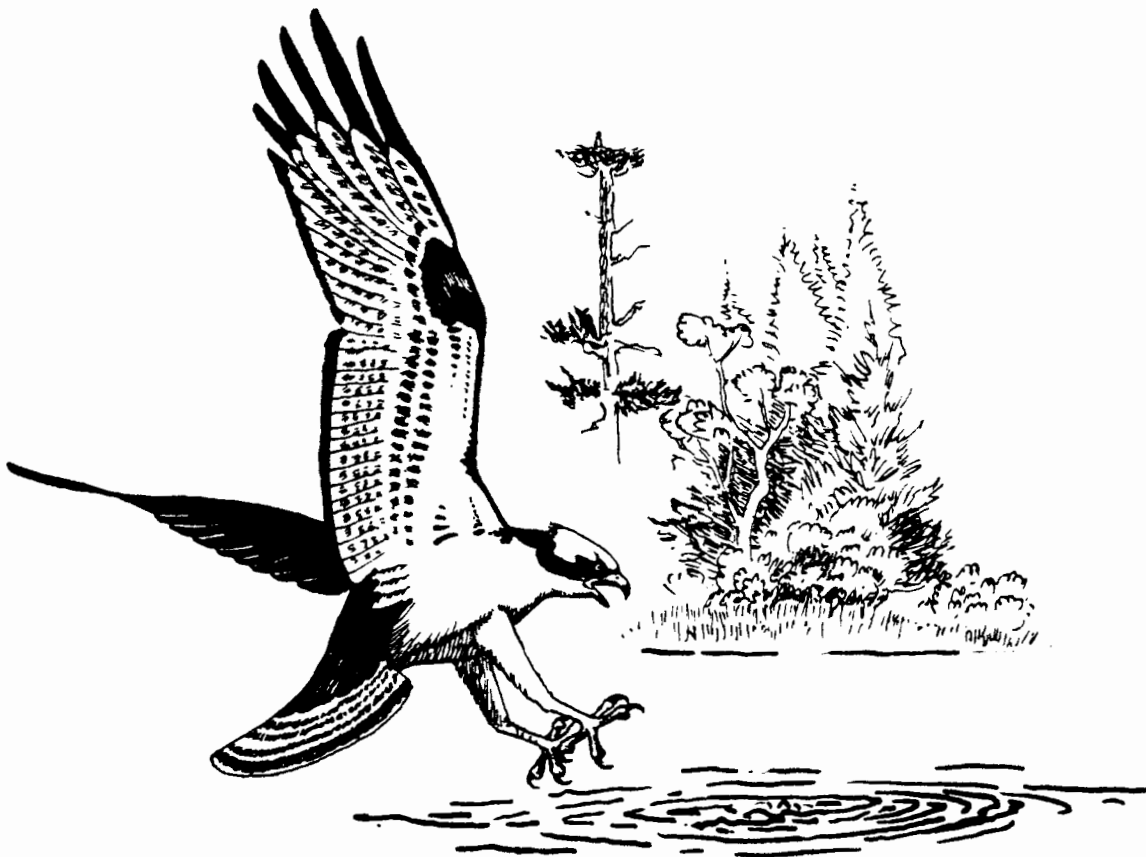


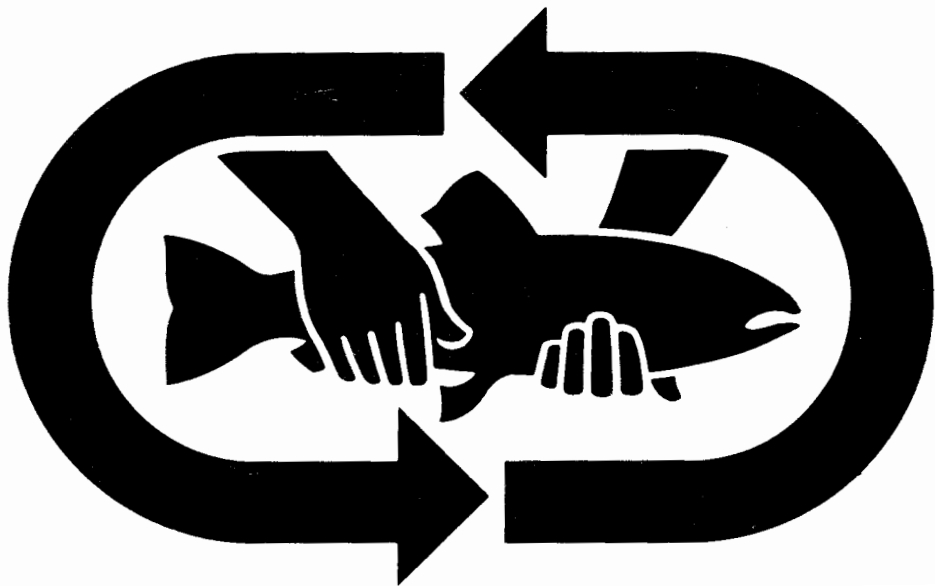
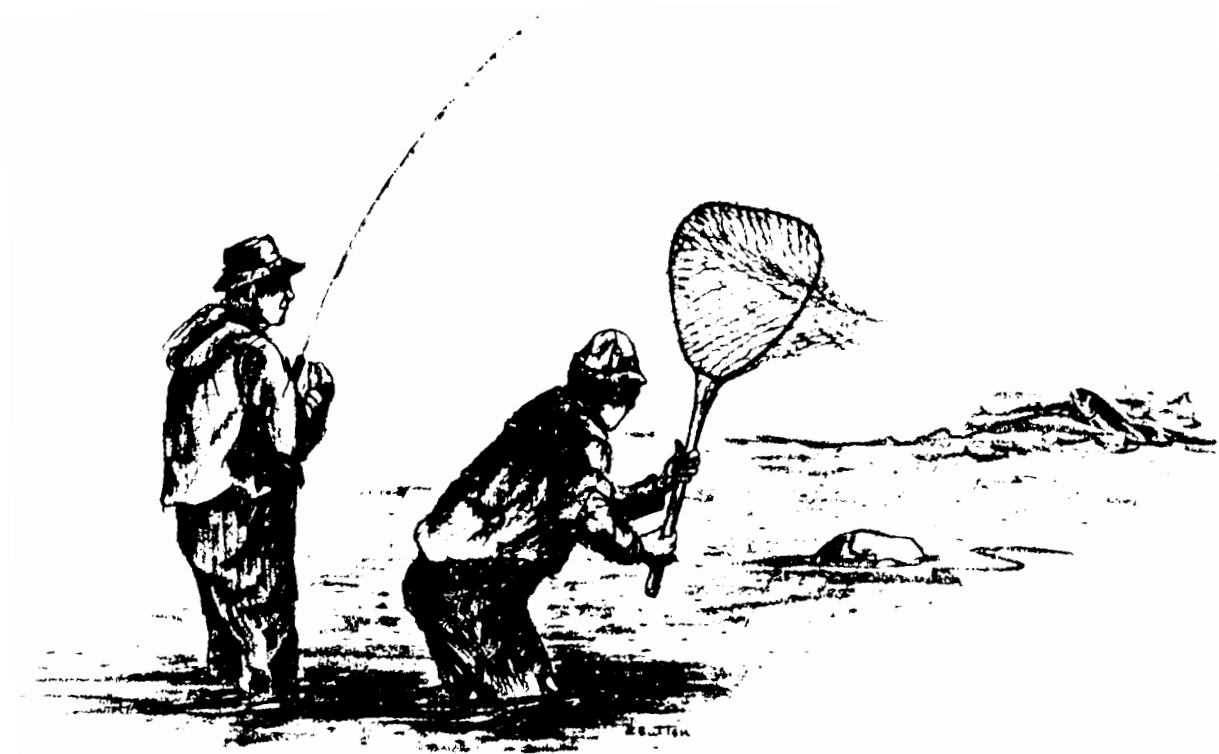
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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: July 17, 1980 This is a Thursday night!!!

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

PROGRAM: Dan Blanton: Dan is our guest speaker this month.  
His talk will be on Striped Bass. See inside of  
Cast for further details.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: July 23, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: August 20, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president, I feel fortunate to be associated with a club that has good attendance at meetings and good participation at club outings.

We have had outstanding speakers at our meetings in the past and we will continue to do so in the future. We have a lot of other exciting things on the agenda this year as well, one of which is a casting pond.

As we start another year, I urge each of you to become more involved in your club. Remember, we are only as strong as you, the member, make us.

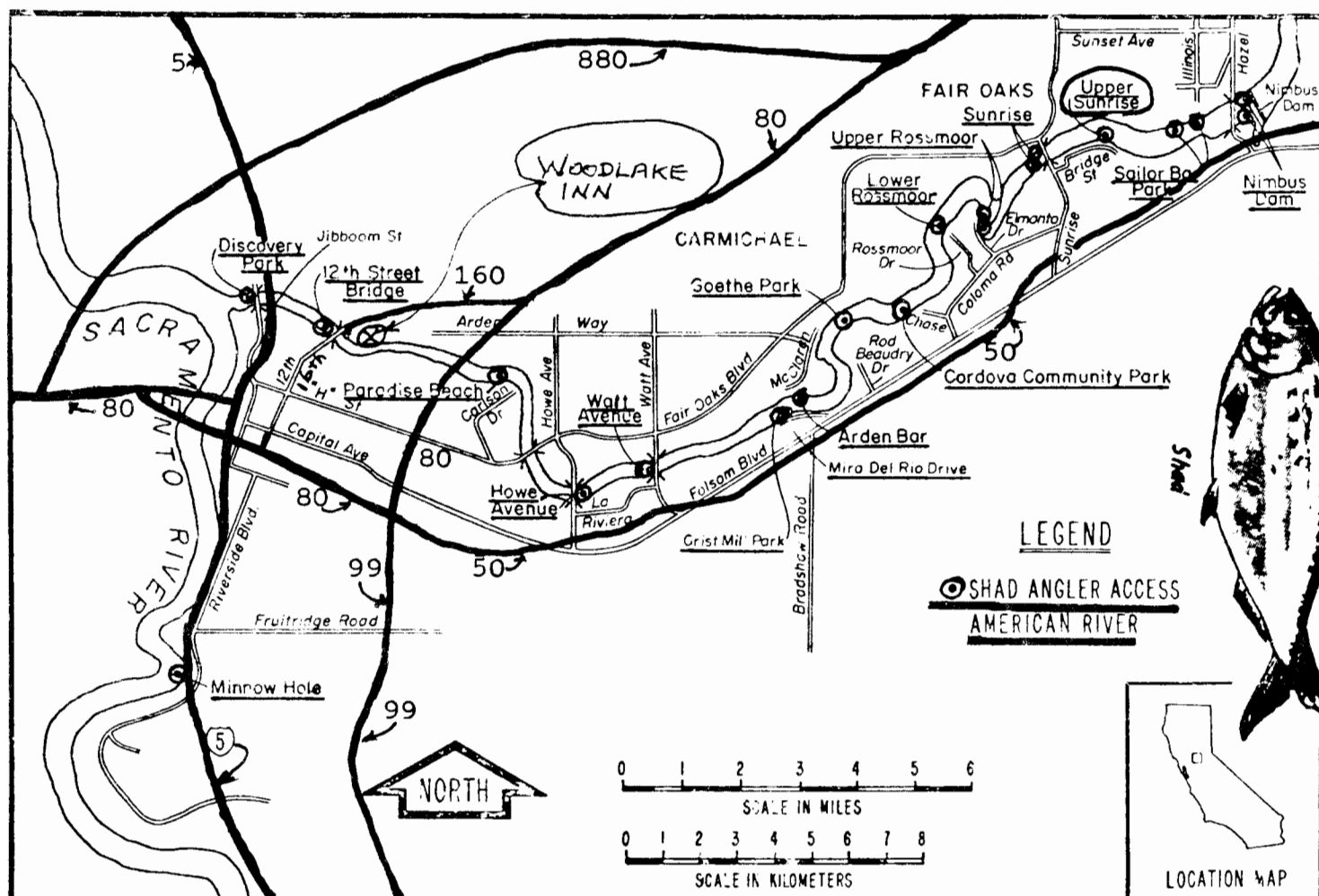
In closing, thanks again to you, the membership, for present and future support in making the Russian River Fly Fishers an outstanding club.

Joach Colombo  
President

JULY PROGRAM cont'd.- Dan comes to us from the Bay area. He is one of the foremost authorities on striper fishing on the West Coast. Dan is an associate editor of both Fly Fisherman and Angler magazines. If you have ever wanted to know how to go after the stripers Dan is the man to ask. Come hear and enjoy his talk. It will be worthwhile. Also at this meeting will be the installation of Tooch Columbo as our new President and the installation of the new Board members. Of course the Sir Limp Hackle Award will be given by the editor to the most deserving member of our club.

The dinner is prime rib. The cost is \$15 each. Wet lines 6:30 and dry lines 7:30. Hope to see all of you there.

SHAD FISHING ACCESS Below is a map donated by the Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs showing access points for fishing the American River. Take this with you on your next visit to that area.



Shad angler access to the American and Sacramento Rivers within the Sacramento metropolitan area.

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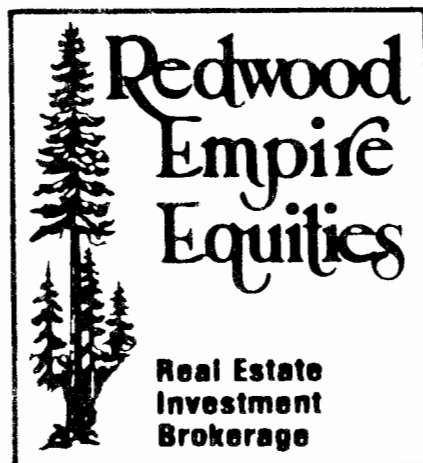
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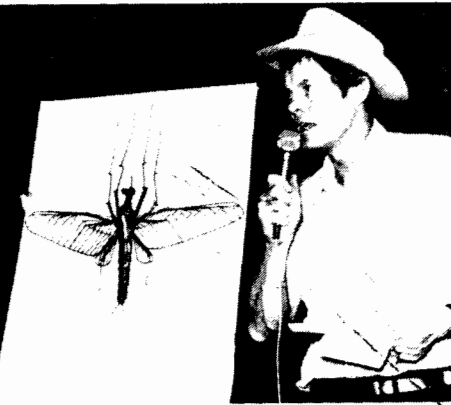
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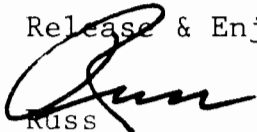
PAST PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Lord love a duck - how time flys when we are having a good time. This is my last message to you as President of this excellent organization - and it is with mixed emotions that I write these last few paragraphs. It has been a most enjoyable experience serving as President and working with an excellent Board for the past year. I feel we have accomplished much, have become financially solvent, had a good time and brought some excellent programs for all to enjoy.

Your new officers and Board are committed to keeping this organization active and fun and I hope you will support them as you have supported us this past year. Please make sure you attend our July 17th banquet and help inaugurate our new officers and Board.

Many thanks to our current Board, to Tooch Colombo, our incoming President, to Liz Wray who makes our raffles fun (fixed or not), and much appreciation to Ted Olson for his continued efforts in providing the best slate of programs any fly fish organization has ever seen.

Release & Enjoy,



Russ

FISHING REPORT

JOHN CHRIESTLIEB THE WESTERN  
ANGLER

TROUT As higher waters begin to recede expect trout fishing to improve. There have been good reports from the Hat Creek, Baum Lake and Crystal Lake.

SHAD The local run was very poor and all areas the runs will be diminishing. So the "die hards" should be out there getting in their last licks.

BASS & PANFISH The panfish are good and bass will be moving into deeper water during the afternoons. Don't overlook Spring Lake. There is usually good action in the evening especially on week nights.

STEELHEAD Toward the end of July the "summer run steelies" will be heading up the Klamath. Tie up your favorite patterns and don't forget the brindle bug and the silver hilton.

STRIPERS We can expect to see stripers arriving in the bay late in July. Dan Blanton, our guest speaker this month, will be discussing striped bass and will be able to give us an up to the minute account of the local situation.

Special If you happen to be fishing in the Feather River for shad and happen to hook on to something which looks like a salmon and fights like a salmon then guess what? You have hooked into the salmon which are into the river now. They are part of the summer run which is happening now: reports are that they are running 12 pounds at most, look for them between Marysville and the Orville diversion dam.

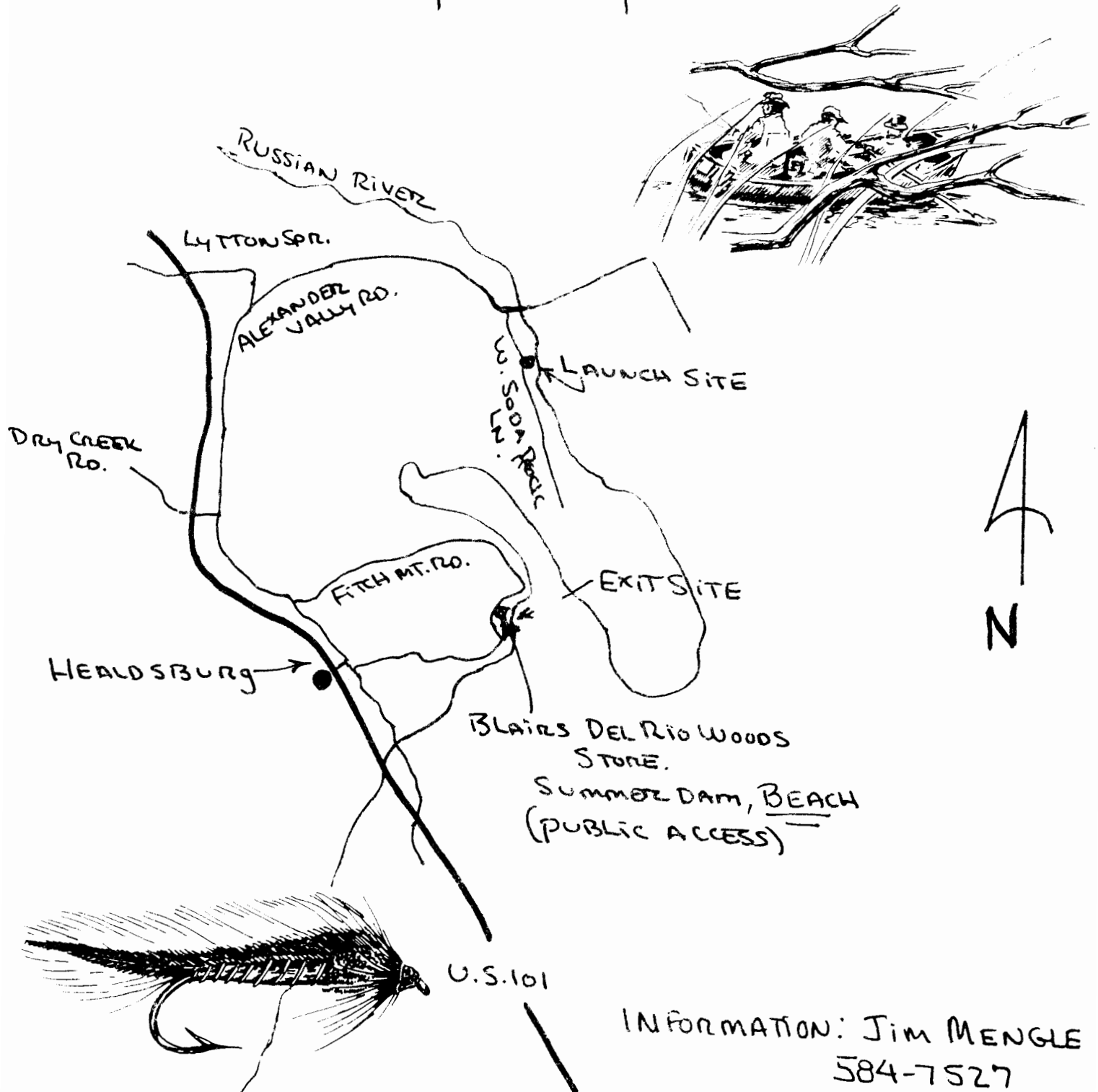


# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS OUTING - SUNDAY JULY 20TH FLOAT TRIP, RUSSIAN RIVER

→ SMALLMOUTH BASS →

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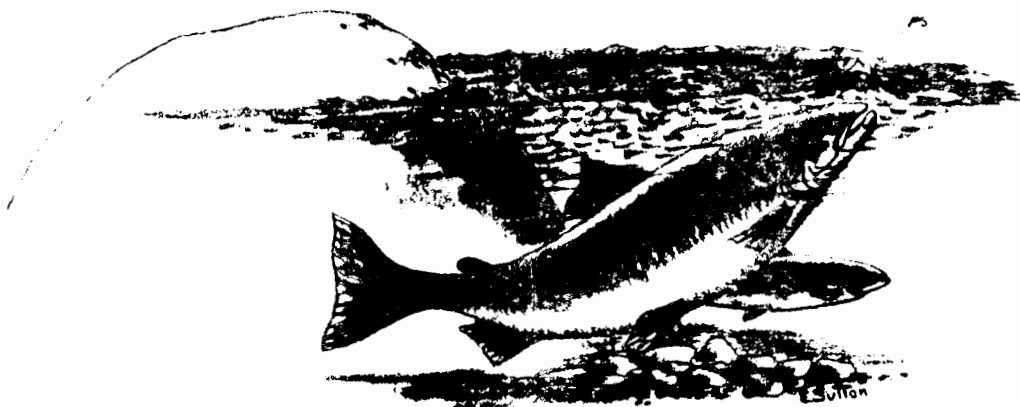
PROGRAM Cont'd.

Our guest speaker this month is Mr. Lani Waller a resident of the Marin County area and owner of North Country Fly and Tackle. As West Coast Editor for Fly Fisherman magazine Lani keeps up to date on all pertinent fly fishing information. His particular forte is trout and salmon and his talk will focus on these fisheries in Alaska. Lani conducts guided fishing expeditions in Alaska every year. This should prove to be a very informative and interesting slide presentation. Don't miss it.

SEPTEMBER CLUB OUTING

Plan now to participate in our September club outing----A STRIPED BASS DERBY !!!!! This two day affair will be held on September 13 and 14 in the South San Francisco Bay. The launch area will be announced in the future but it will probably be near the S.F. Airport. Prizes will be awarded for the three largest fish. Guests are welcome however only club members will be eligible for prizes. A "Purcaster" fiberglass fly rod and rod case will be awarded for first prize. This is a \$100.00 value!! All members will receive a mailer in August with details of the launch site, rules, etc. So now is the time to start gearing up, tying flies and planning to participate in your club outing. For further information call Jim Mengle at 584-7527.

(Editor's note: Prior to our next regular club meeting Jim Mengle will be tying Striped Bass flies for anyone interested in learning. Jim will begin tying at 6:30 p.m. one hour prior to the meeting.)



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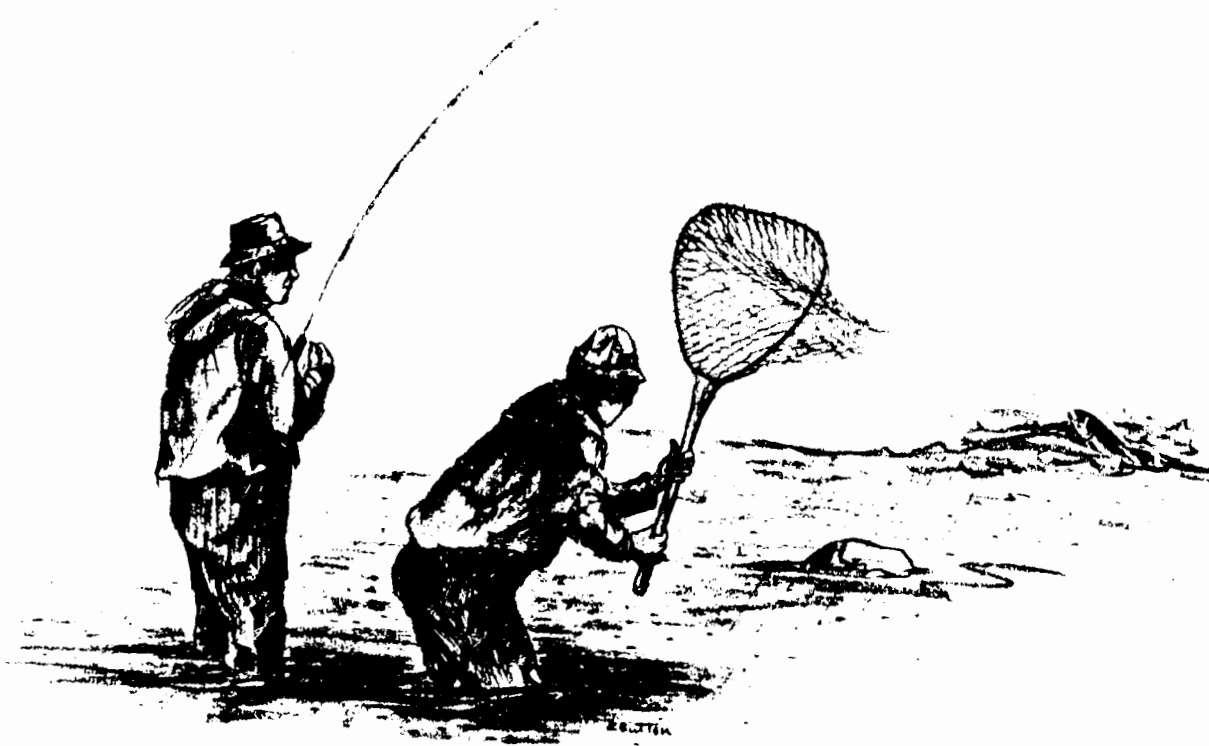
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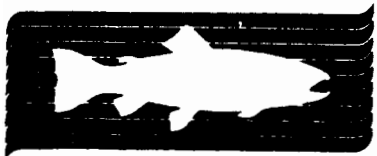


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## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: August 20, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

## PROGRAM:

Lani Waller: Lani Waller is our guest speaker this month. His presentation will be entitled "Fly fishing in Alaska". See inside of Cast for further details.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: August 27, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: September 17, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing we are in the process of acquiring access to a pond in our area. This pond, which shall remain nameless for now, is host to a large number of bass and panfish. We are approaching the owners with the idea of a catch and release, barbless hooks program. If we can't get access for free in return for keeping the area clean, then we will offer to lease it.

Your board felt that five to ten dollars per person per year would be a small price to pay for this facility. This pond could be utilized for fishing, practice casting or just plain fun.

If you have any feelings one way or another please voice your opinion at our August meeting.

TOOCH COLOMBO  
President

# C.O.R.C.

CLEAN OUR RIVER COALITION

SECRET FLY REVEALED ( cont'd. )

NOTES: After exhaustive testing I have found that you do not carry the nymph pattern in your fly vest on a hot day as the peanut butter melts. However, if you are hungry and out of food you may eat all your flies after carefully removing the hooks. If you don't like the inconvenience of removing the hooks you will be happy to know that a privately contracted research and development firm is on the verge of marketing a barbless hook that self destructs in the human stomach.

Happy Fishing,

*Jim M. Reynolds*  
Jim M. Reynolds

Associate to the Associate

GUEST SPEAKERS

If you would like to hear a particular speaker or deal with a certain subject at our monthly meetings please call Liz Wray, our program chairman, at 526-4968. She would be happy to receive as much input as possible so as to best serve all members.

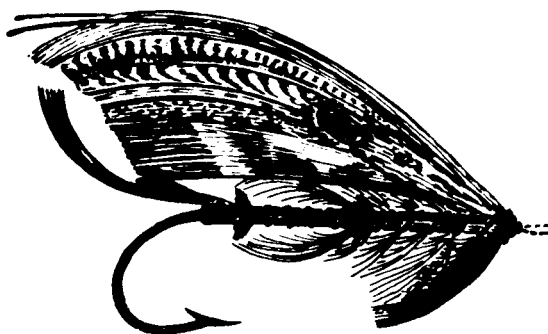
FISHING REPORT BY JOHN CHRISTLIEB---The Western Angler

**Trout** In many areas the fishing has been slowed by the recent heat wave. The fish are deep. However, look for good action in the high Sierras. As the snow melts the lakes appear especially enticing.

**Steelhead** Look for action in the lower Klamath around Blue Creek and Klamath Glen. As the month wears on follow the Klamath upstream.

**Stripers** These bass will be moving from their spawning areas and appearing in the S.F. Bay. Fishing should increase throughout the month.

**Bass and Panfish** This fishing is always good but start going deep.



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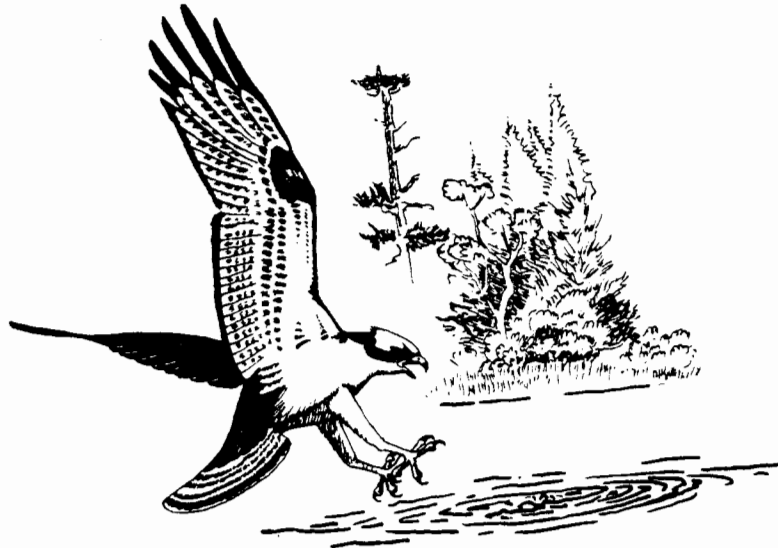
Prior to all dinner meetings, the telephone committee, makes an effort to call every club member and secure dinner reservations. We arrange for dinners based upon the amount of verbal reservations that have been obtained. The club must pay for these dinners regardless of whether that particular member actually attends the function. Consequently, the club can lose money. This was the case last month when approximately 20 reservations didn't show and didn't pay. Therefore, in the future, we ask that any reservations be paid for whether or not you attend. This is completely necessary in order to keep the club financially solvent. So please help your club by attending the dinners.

We would also request that any members who made reservations for July's dinner and didn't attend please contact the Treasurer, Bill Archuleta, and pay for your dinner ticket. Phone 545-3339.

Editor's note: The officers and board members are currently considering alternate facilities for dinners that will raise the quality and quantity of the food and lower the prices.

NEWS OF NOTE

About two weeks ago there was an article in the local paper, The Press Democrat, that told about a group of concerned sportsmen who had set up rearing ponds in the upper Eel and Gualala for steelhead. The Board checked this out and found out that indeed this was a genuine concerned group trying to improve the quality of the fishery. The main hope expressed by this group is that they need help in feeding these fish. At the last meeting of the Board Of Directors it was decided to donate \$60.00 of club funds to buy two sacks of fish food, one for each river, if any of you reading this wish to augment this donation, send your contribution to G.R.S.P., P.O. Box 266, Gualala, California, 95445.





RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS "POUND" THE RUSSIAN RIVER

This is a follow up report on our July outing at the Russian River. Everyone participating agreed that it was only fitting that the Russian River Fly Fishers fish the Russian River. Furthermore, everyone agreed that it was a tremendous amount of fun and we should go back for more. The day was absolutely perfect, the scenery surprisingly beautiful and the smallmouths were biting.

We launched at approximately 7:30 A.M. near Alexander Valley Road. The "armada" consisted of prams, a boat, 2 canoes and a rubber raft, about 10 launches total. The pace was leisurely and we fished all likely looking areas over the 11 mile route which ended at Del Rio 13 hours later. It took this long mainly because most of us were unfamiliar with the water and didn't know how to pace ourselves. A return trip could be completed easily in 8 or 9 hours.

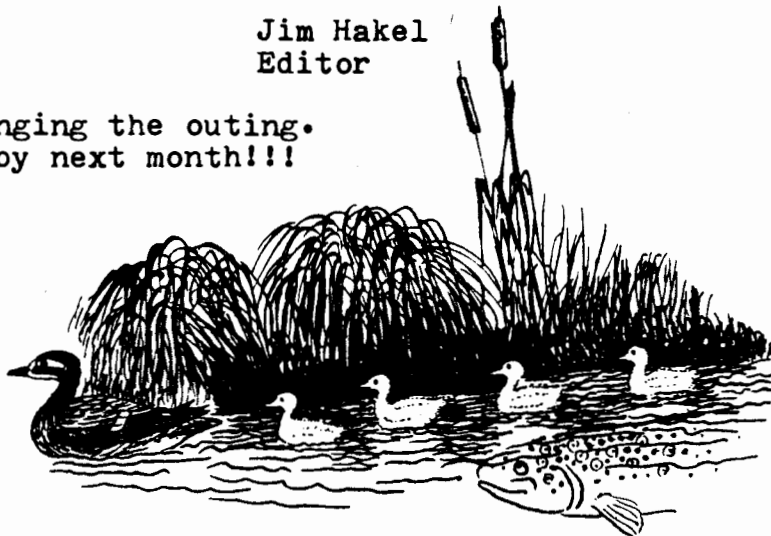
The fishing was excellent and numerous smallmouths were taken on a variety of patterns especially black marabou leeches. Jim Mengle was using a pattern that resembled a Carey Special and was quite successful. The squaw fish loved it. ( Just kidding ) Actually Jim's pattern worked very well on the bass. Everyone was into fish. If very many people were aware of the proliferation of smallmouths and how well they fought on light tackle I am sure the source would be depleted rapidly. One fact in favor of the fish is the need to float the river in order to be successful. This deters the majority of fishermen.

Along the way we regrouped, ate lunch and rested. It was very entertaining to watch the "aluminum hatch" ( the Bob Trowbridge canoes ) assault the riffles. I personally witnessed 3 canoes log jam and tip over spewing occupants and contents in three feet of water. I guess that I should mention that my canoe almost tipped on several occasions. Amazingly, the fish, given a brief rest, weren't spooked by all the crunching aluminum.

The trip was a tremendous amount of fun and also very inexpensive. I hope that this particular outing becomes an annual event and more members join in on the excitement!!!!!!

Jim Hake  
Editor

P.S. Thank you Jim Mengle for arranging the outing.  
P.S.S. Don't miss the Striper Derby next month!!!



SECRET FLY REVEALED!!!!

President Jimmy Carter's recent flyfishing outing to Alaska has created a great deal of interest and discussion among the fly fishing fraternity. It is pleasing to have another fly fishing President; the first since Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Rumor is circulating that the Oval Office in the White House has been converted into a fly tying room and President Carter spends many hours tying his secret fly ( used in Alaska to take 24 grayling in 2 hours). I have learned that Pres. Carter has innovated a new deadly fly, nymph and dry, which has been kept a closely guarded secret by the White House and Secret Service.

At a recent social event in Washington D.C. I managed to corner a secret service agent and after five martinis I was given the fly patterns of Jimmy Carter. I was told that you do not deviate from the original pattern dressing as the flies will definitely lose their effectiveness.

## The Patterns:

Nymph: Peanut Caddis

Hook: 3906B, size 10

Thread: Nymo; brown

Body: Crushed peanut shells

Hackle: Brown; sparse

Tying instructions: Wrap the shank of the hook with #3 amp lead wire. Tie in tail,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch past the bend of hook. Now here is the tricky part. Grind up a peanut shell ( remove peanuts first ) in a dubbing blender. Coat thread with peanut butter ( used instead of wax ). NOTE: Don't use crunchy style peanut butter. Dub crushed peanut shells onto thread. Wrap shank of hook with dubbing to a full taper. Two turns of brown hackle and whip finish but don't use head cement because it mixes poorly with peanut butter.

Dry Fly: No Hackle Peanut

Hook: 94840, size 8

Thread: Light brown 8/0

Tail: Moose body hair; light brown

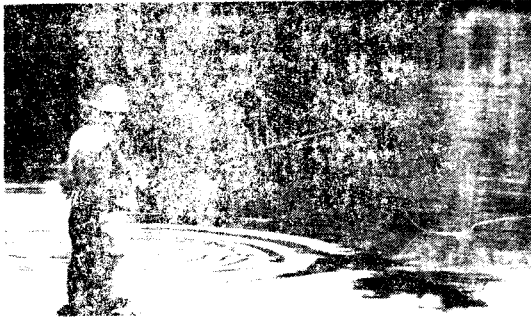
Body and Wing: Peanut shell ( double peanut )

Hackle: None

Tying instructions: Tie in tail  $\frac{1}{4}$  length of hook shank. Take one double peanut and carefully split the shell at the seams and remove the peanuts. Now glue the shell back together forming a bouyant hollow shell. Using super glue you now give the hook shank a liberal dowse and secure the peanut shell perpendicular to the hook. There you have it; a high floating dry fly.



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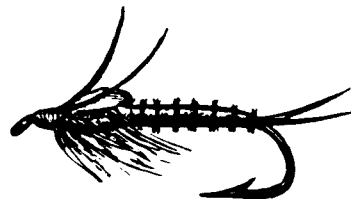
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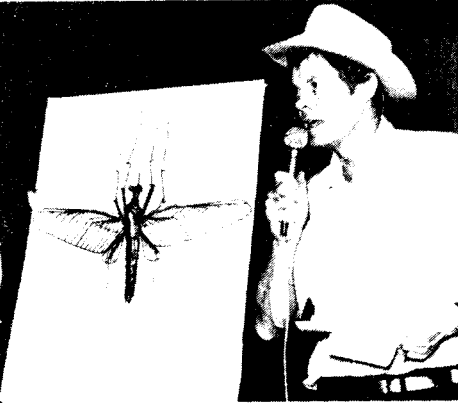
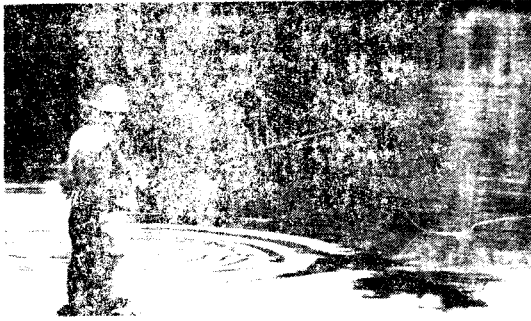
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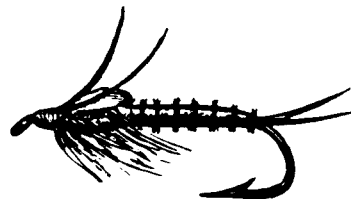
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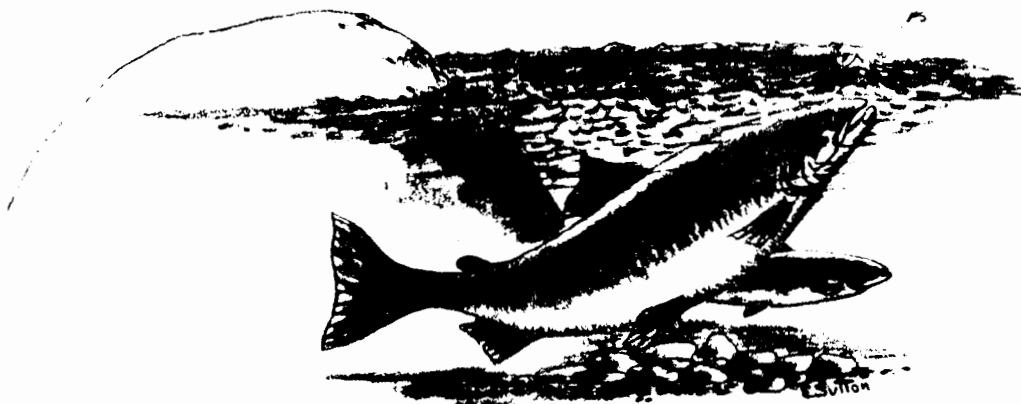
PROGRAM Cont'd.

Our guest speaker this month is Mr. Lani Waller a resident of the Marin County area and owner of North Country Fly and Tackle. As West Coast Editor for Fly Fisherman magazine Lani keeps up to date on all pertinent fly fishing information. His particular forte is trout and salmon and his talk will focus on these fisheries in Alaska. Lani conducts guided fishing expeditions in Alaska every year. This should prove to be a very informative and interesting slide presentation. Don't miss it.

SEPTEMBER CLUB OUTING

Plan now to participate in our September club outing----A STRIPED BASS DERRY !!!!!!! This two day affair will be held on September 13 and 14 in the South San Francisco Bay. The launch area will be announced in the future but it will probably be near the S.F. Airport. Prizes will be awarded for the three largest fish. Guests are welcome however only club members will be eligible for prizes. A "Purmaster" fiberglass fly rod and rod case will be awarded for first prize. This is a \$100.00 value!! All members will receive a mailer in August with details of the launch site, rules, etc. So now is the time to start gearing up, tying flies and planning to participate in your club outing. For further information call Jim Mengle at 584-7527.

(Editor's note: Prior to our next regular club meeting Jim Mengle will be tying Striped Bass flies for anyone interested in learning. Jim will begin tying at 6:30 p.m. one hour prior to the meeting.)



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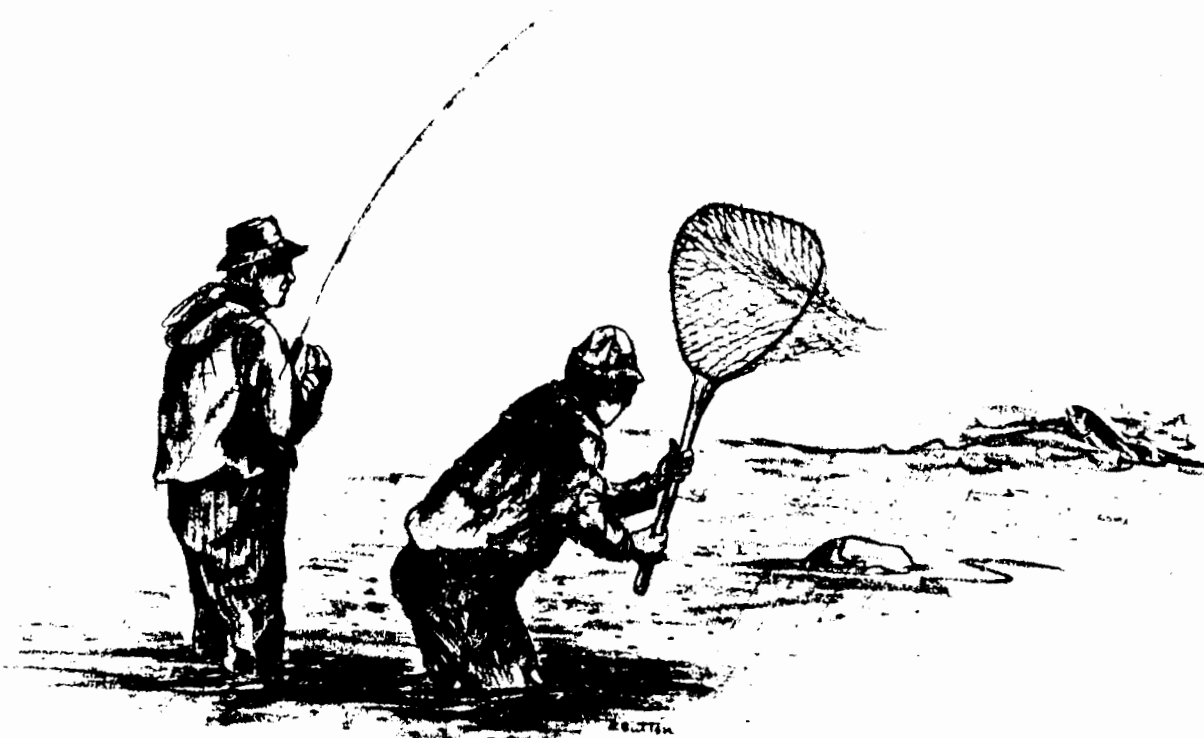
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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: August 20, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

### PROGRAM:

Lani Waller: Lani Waller is our guest speaker this month. His presentation will be entitled "Fly fishing in Alaska". See inside of Cast for further details.

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: August 27, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: September 17, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As of this writing we are in the process of acquiring access to a pond in our area. This pond, which shall remain nameless for now, is host to a large number of bass and panfish. We are approaching the owners with the idea of a catch and release, barbless hooks program. If we can't get access for free in return for keeping the area clean, then we will offer to lease it.

Your board felt that five to ten dollars per person per year would be a small price to pay for this facility. This pond could be utilized for fishing, practice casting or just plain fun.

If you have any feelings one way or another please voice your opinion at our August meeting.

TOOCH COLOMBO  
President

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SECRET FLY REVEALED ( cont'd. )

NOTES: After exhaustive testing I have found that you do not carry the nymph pattern in your fly vest on a hot day as the peanut butter melts. However, if you are hungry and out of food you may eat all your flies after carefully removing the hooks. If you don't like the inconvenience of removing the hooks you will be happy to know that a privately contracted research and development firm is on the verge of marketing a barbless hook that self destructs in the human stomach.

Happy Fishing,

*Jim M Reynolds*  
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GUEST SPEAKERS

If you would like to hear a particular speaker or deal with a certain subject at our monthly meetings please call Liz Wray, our program chairman, at 526-4968. She would be happy to receive as much input as possible so as to best serve all members.

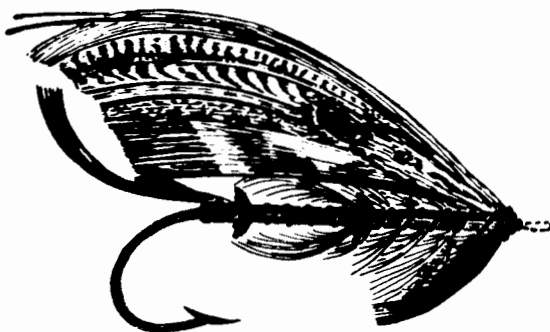
FISHING REPORT BY JOHN CHRISTLIEB---The Western Angler

**Trout** In many areas the fishing has been slowed by the recent heat wave. The fish are deep. However, look for good action in the high Sierras. As the snow melts the lakes appear especially enticing.

**Steelhead** Look for action in the lower Klamath around Blue Creek and Klamath Glen. As the month wears on follow the Klamath upstream.

**Stripers** These bass will be moving from their spawning areas and appearing in the S.F. Bay. Fishing should increase throughout the month.

**Bass and Panfish** This fishing is always good but start going deep.



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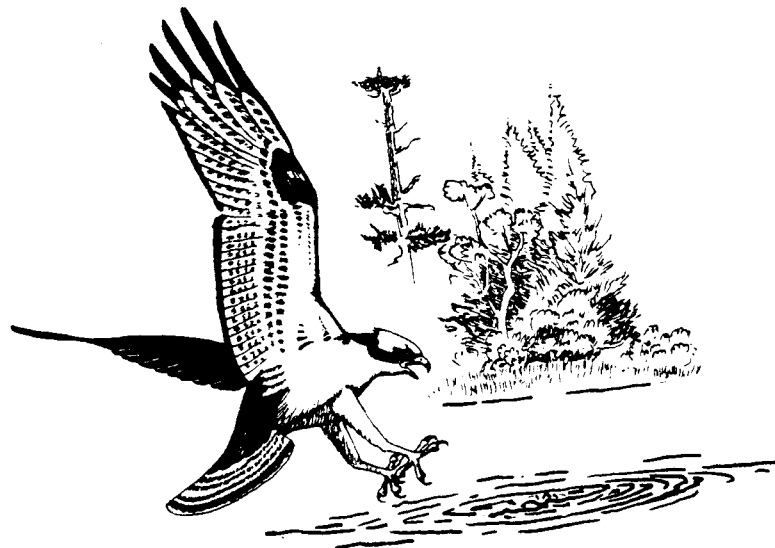
Prior to all dinner meetings, the telephone committee, makes an effort to call every club member and secure dinner reservations. We arrange for dinners based upon the amount of verbal reservations that have been obtained. The club must pay for these dinners regardless of whether that particular member actually attends the function. Consequently, the club can lose money. This was the case last month when approximately 20 reservations didn't show and didn't pay. Therefore, in the future, we ask that any reservations be paid for whether or not you attend. This is completely necessary in order to keep the club financially solvent. So please help your club by attending the dinners.

We would also request that any members who made reservations for July's dinner and didn't attend please contact the Treasurer, Bill Archuleta, and pay for your dinner ticket. Phone 545-3339.

Editor's note: The officers and board members are currently considering alternate facilities for dinners that will raise the quality and quantity of the food and lower the prices.

### NEWS OF NOTE

About two weeks ago there was an article in the local paper, The Press Democrat, that told about a group of concerned sportsmen who had set up rearing ponds in the upper Eel and Gualala for steelhead. The Board checked this out and found out that indeed this was a genuine concerned group trying to improve the quality of the fishery. The main hope expressed by this group is that they need help in feeding these fish. At the last meeting of the Board Of Directors it was decided to donate \$60.00 of club funds to buy two sacks of fish food, one for each river, if any of you reading this wish to augment this donation, send your contribution to G.R.S.P., P.O. Box 266, Gualala, California, 95445.



RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS "POUND" THE RUSSIAN RIVER

This is a follow up report on our July outing at the Russian River. Everyone participating agreed that it was only fitting that the Russian River Fly Fishers fish the Russian River. Furthermore, everyone agreed that it was a tremendous amount of fun and we should go back for more. The day was absolutely perfect, the scenery surprisingly beautiful and the smallmouths were biting.

We launched at approximately 7:30 A.M. near Alexander Valley Road. The "armada" consisted of prams, a boat, 2 canoes and a rubber raft, about 10 launches total. The pace was leisurely and we fished all likely looking areas over the 11 mile route which ended at Del Rio 13 hours later. It took this long mainly because most of us were unfamiliar with the water and didn't know how to pace ourselves. A return trip could be completed easily in 8 or 9 hours.

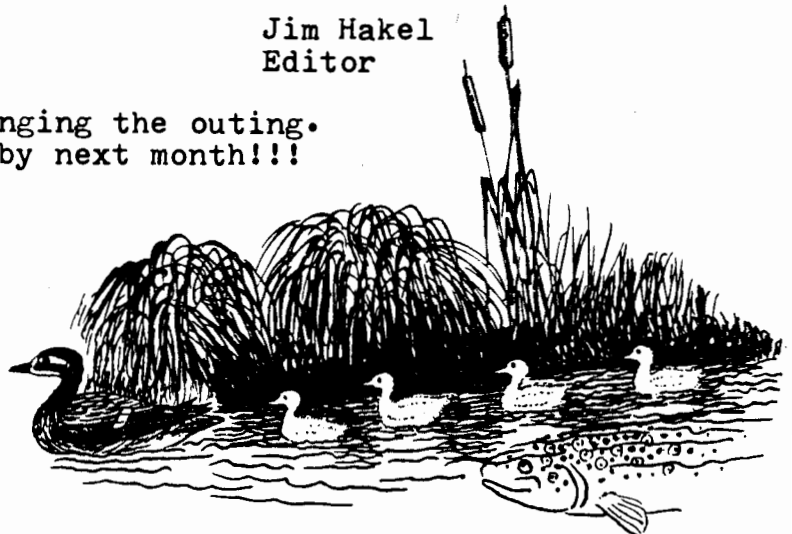
The fishing was excellent and numerous smallmouths were taken on a variety of patterns especially black marabou leeches. Jim Mengle was using a pattern that resembled a Carey Special and was quite successful. The squaw fish loved it. ( Just kidding ) Actually Jim's pattern worked very well on the bass. Everyone was into fish. If very many people were aware of the proliferation of smallmouths and how well they fought on light tackle I am sure the source would be depleted rapidly. One fact in favor of the fish is the need to float the river in order to be successful. This deters the majority of fishermen.

Along the way we regrouped, ate lunch and rested. It was very entertaining to watch the "aluminum hatch" ( the Bob Trowbridge canoes ) assault the riffles. I personally witnessed 3 canoes log jam and tip over spewing occupants and contents in three feet of water. I guess that I should mention that my canoe almost tipped on several occasions. Amazingly, the fish, given a brief rest, weren't spooked by all the crunching aluminum.

The trip was a tremendous amount of fun and also very inexpensive. I hope that this particular outing becomes an annual event and more members join in on the excitement!!!!!!

Jim Hake  
Editor

P.S. Thank you Jim Mengle for arranging the outing.  
P.S.S. Don't miss the Striper Derby next month!!!



SECRET FLY REVEALED!!!!

President Jimmy Carter's recent flyfishing outing to Alaska has created a great deal of interest and discussion among the fly fishing fraternity. It is pleasing to have another fly fishing President; the first since Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Rumor is circulating that the Oval Office in the White House has been converted into a fly tying room and President Carter spends many hours tying his secret fly ( used in Alaska to take 24 grayling in 2 hours). I have learned that Pres. Carter has innovated a new deadly fly, nymph and dry, which has been kept a closely guarded secret by the White House and Secret Service.

At a recent social event in Washington D.C. I managed to corner a secret service agent and after five martinis I was given the fly patterns of Jimmy Carter. I was told that you do not deviate from the original pattern dressing as the flies will definitely lose their effectiveness.

## The Patterns:

Nymph: Peanut Caddis

Hook: 3906B, size 10

Thread: Nymo; brown

Body: Crushed peanut shells

Hackle: Brown; sparse

Tying instructions: Wrap the shank of the hook with #3 amp lead wire. Tie in tail,  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch past the bend of hook. Now here is the tricky part. Grind up a peanut shell ( remove peanuts first ) in a dubbing blender. Coat thread with peanut butter ( used instead of wax ). NOTE: Don't use crunchy style peanut butter. Dub crushed peanut shells onto thread. Wrap shank of hook with dubbing to a full taper. Two turns of brown hackle and whip finish but don't use head cement because it mixes poorly with peanut butter.

Dry Fly: No Hackle Peanut

Hook: 94840, size 8

Thread: Light brown 8/0

Tail: Moose body hair; light brown

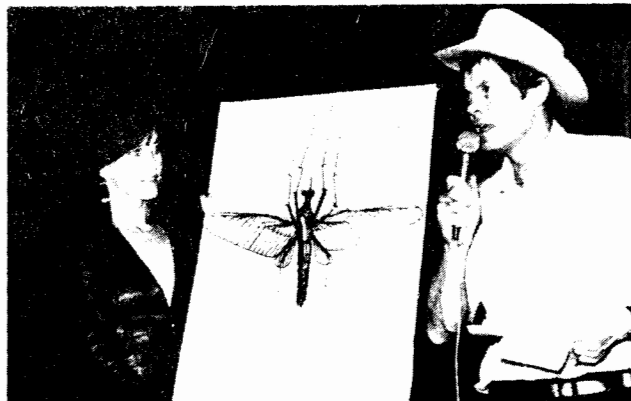
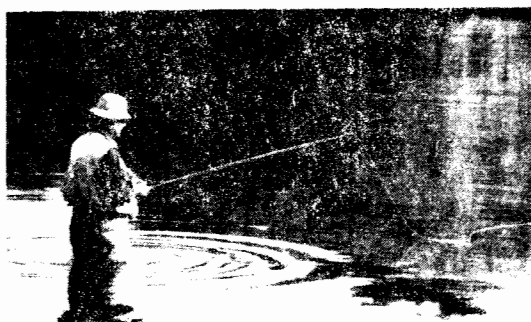
Body and Wing: Peanut shell ( double peanut )

Hackle: None

Tying instructions: Tie in tail  $\frac{1}{4}$  length of hook shank. Take one double peanut and carefully split the shell at the seams and remove the peanuts. Now glue the shell back together forming a bouyant hollow shell. Using super glue you now give the hook shank a liberal dowse and secure the peanut shell perpendicular to the hook. There you have it; a high floating dry fly.



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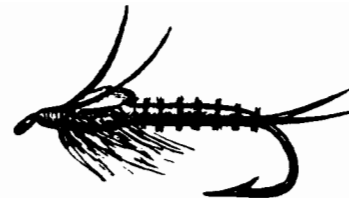
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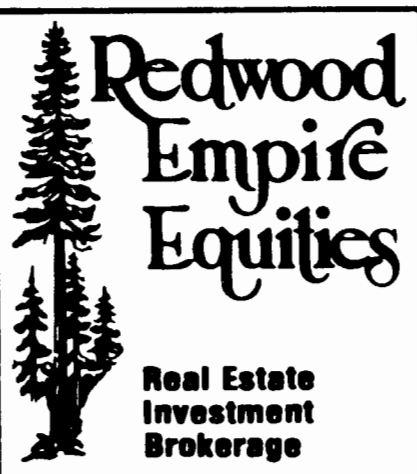
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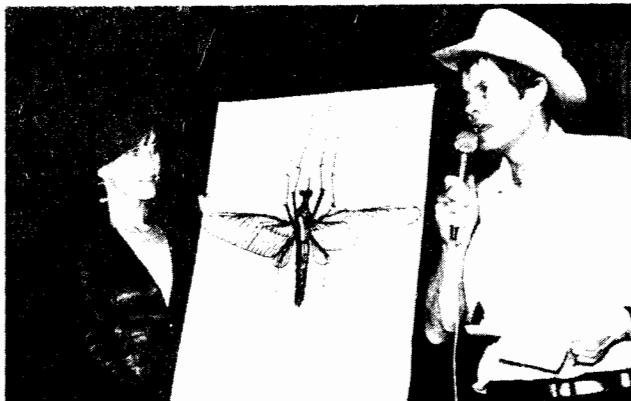
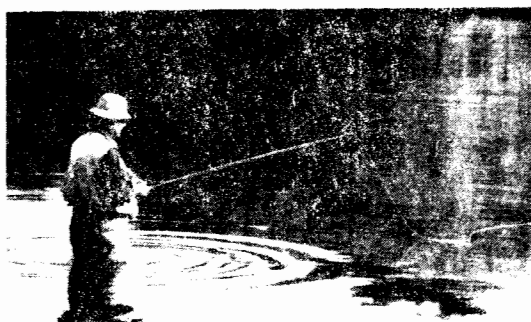
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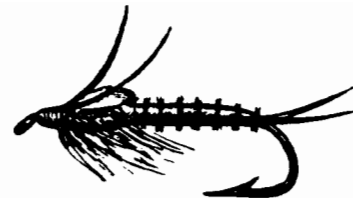
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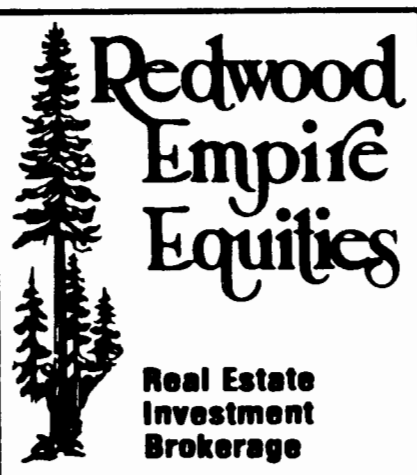
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Program (cont'd). When you are ill you consult a doctor. So, when your fishing needs improvement you should consult an expert and Hal Janssen is that expert. This meeting is designed to deal with any questions that club members may have about any and every phase of fly fishing. If you have any questions about strategies, techniques, fly patterns, stillwater fishing, trout, bass, stripers etc. etc. Hal can answer them all. So come prepared for an informative and enjoyable evening with Hal Janssen.

Releasing Fish The following information is supplied by Cal Trout.

#### RELEASING FISH

By following a few simple rules you can be certain that released fish will live to be caught again. Remember that a fish that appears unharmed when released may not survive if not carefully handled.

[1] **Time** is of the essence. Play and release fish as rapidly as possible. A fish out of water cannot live for more than three or four minutes because of brain damage due to loss of oxygen. A fish played gently for too long may be too exhausted to recover.

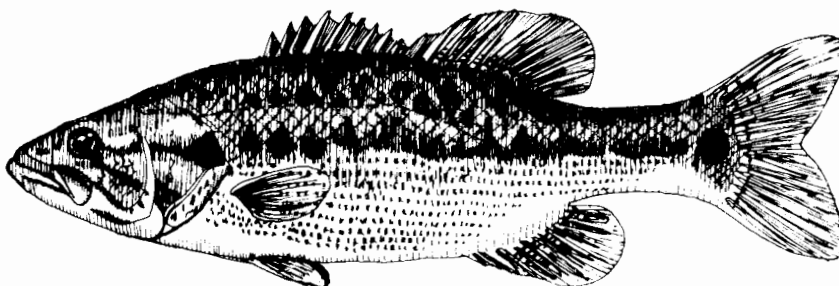
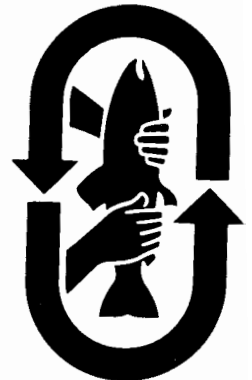
[2] **Keep the fish in the water** as much as possible. A fish out of water is suffocating and, in addition, is many times heavier. He may pound himself fatally if allowed to flop on beach or rocks. Even a few inches of water under a thrashing fish acts as a protective cushion.

[3] **Gentleness** in handling is essential. Keep your fingers out of the gills. Do not squeeze small fish — they can be lifted and held easily holding them by the lower lip.

Nets are helpful provided the mesh does not become entangled in the gills. Hooks and lines catching in nets may delay releasing, so keep net in water.

[4] **Unhooking:** Remove the hook as rapidly as possible with longnosed pliers **UNLESS FISH IS DEEPLY HOOKED.** If deeply hooked, cut the leader and leave the hook in. Do not tear out hooks roughly. Be gentle and quick. Small fish, especially, may die from shock from tearing out a hook. A freely bleeding fish should be killed and kept for the pan, if regulations allow.

[5] **Reviving:** Some fish, especially after a long struggle, may lose consciousness and float belly-up. Always hold the fish in the water upright, heading upstream. Move the fish forward and backward so that water runs through the gills. This is artificial respiration and may take a few minutes, especially in lakes. When it revives, begins to struggle and can swim normally, then release it to survive and challenge another fisherman. You have done your job well.



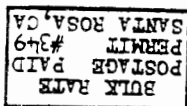
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Fishing Report by John Christlieb-----The Western Angler

The month of September

Trout- This is the best time of the year for the dry fly fisherman because the streams are low and in good condition. Also, most people are back in school or have returned from vacation and are back at work. This means more room on the streams so you can pick your spot.

Steelhead- The fish began to show in the mouth of the river on 9/4/80. They are in good numbers but they are holding in isolated pockets as far up as Somes Bar.

Stripers- They are starting to show in the Bay. The months of Sept. and Oct. are the best for the fly rodder so don't forget our club Striper Derby on Sept. 13 and 14. For further info call Jim Mengle at 584-7527.

Next month

Trout- The same as Sept. but look for changing weather conditions, specifically cooling trends. These conditions will change local fishing conditions daily.

Steelhead- They will be running on the Klamath further upstream but keep your eye peeled for early runners in the Russian River!!!

Salmon- Watch for salmon in the Eel, Smith and Oregon's Chetko Rivers. They usually show in the Eel first but should be in all rivers by the months end. Hopefully the weather will be good.

This is a list of some of the experts who will be attending the conclave!!!

- \* CHRIS KORICH - 1979 A.C.A. All Round Casting Champion, Internationally famous for his casting prowess.
  - \* RON ANDERSON - professional photographer, graduate of Brooks Institute of Photography, avid fly fisherman.
  - \* WALTON POWELL - son of E.C. Powell, founder of the Powell Rod Company, Chico, California.
  - \* ART FREY - professional rod builder and collector of fly fishing memorabilia.
  - \* MIKE MONROE - of THE FLY HUTCH, entomologist and well-travelled fly fisherman from trout to tarpon.
  - \* ANDY PUYANS - owner of CREATIVE SPORTS, writer, frequent Conclave participant, another collector.
  - \* JOE SHIRSHAC - the resident expert on Pyramid Lake and the American, Yuba and Feather Rivers.
  - \* PERK PERKINS - of the ORVIS Company, a name synonymous with fly fishing in the United States.
  - \* MAGGIE MERRIMAN - professional fly fishing instructor, a rarity in a sport dominated by men.
  - \* MARTY SELDON - an ever-active Executive Vice-president, Resources Development, FFF.
  - \* CHAS. FULLERTON - Director, California Department of Fish and Game.
  - \* HAL JANSSEN - float tube expert and well-versed in fishing the still waters of the west.
  - \* ED GIVENS - member, Salinas Valley Fly Fishermen, historical displays.
  - \* CHUCK STRANAHAN - of HAT CREEK ANGLERS, sponsor of his own fly fishing school.
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- \* J. RAY ARNETT - dedicated fly fisherman, former Director, Department of Fish and Game.
  - \* LAWRENCE SUMMERS - a pioneer, with Bob Edgley, in fly fishing for sharks.
  - \* PRESS POWELL - the third generation of Powell family rod makers, Chico Fly Fishermen.
  - \* STEVE RAJEFF - a six-time World Fly Casting Champion, a sensational tournament competitor.
  - \* JOE KNAPP - dealer in LITTLE DRIFTER drift boats and an expert in their use.
  - \* DOUG SWISHER - an energetic and innovative fly tyer, still working on new techniques and ideas.
  - \* NEIL BOHANNON - of the FLY HUTCH in Santa Clara, whose many patterns have appeared in fly fishing magazines.
  - \* JIM VICTORINE - of the SIERRA FOOTHILL FLY & ROD SHOP, member of the Conclave Planning Committee.
- ERIC GERSTUNG - California Department of Fish & Game, expert on trout - endangered species.

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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: September 17, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: Hal Janssen- Hal will be entertaining us with a question and answer session. See inside Cast for further details.

SPECIAL- prior to the meeting Hal will be tying a stone fly. He will start tying at 7:00 P.M.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: September 24, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: October 15, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the past, we have had some excellent slide shows presented by some great people. However, when they were over, and it was time for the question and answer session, the hour was late and we were all tired.

This month, we are doing something different. We are going to have a real question and answer session. Hal Janssen will be our speaker for this program. We are fortunate to have Hal for this type of program, as he is without a doubt one of the best-educated, most intricate trout fisherman around today. Hal has graciously agreed to tie a stone fly for us prior to the meeting. As it takes some time to tie this particular fly, we will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Remember, if you're out of it, here's your chance to find out why.

Tooch Colombo  
President



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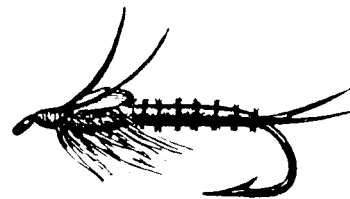
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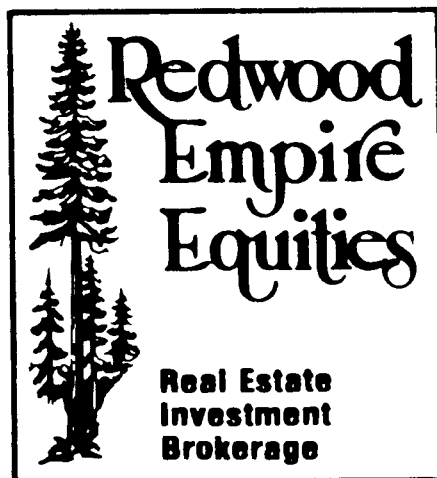
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Conclave '80 presented by the Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs. If you wish to attend clip out the registration forms and mail them as soon as possible. This conclave promises to be very exciting and informative. Make plans to attend!!! The program includes films, displays, workshops, table clinics, special events for the ladies, fly tying, demonstrations, exhibits, and a huge raffle and auction. The conclave will be held at the Woodlake Inn, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, Calif. 95815 on October 3, 4, 5, 1980.



## NCCFFC CONCLAVE '80

October 3, 4, & 5, 1980

### INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete both sides of the registration form and return with total remittance as computed below:

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

### COMPUTATION OF FEES

Registration . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tours . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "NCCFFC CONCLAVE '80" and mail to:

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P.O. Box 525  
Davis, CA. 95616

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Single: # \_\_\_\_\_ persons at \$10.00/\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Youths under 16 admitted free

### MEALS

#### SATURDAY—WESTERN BUFFET DINNER

FEATURES: Baron of Beef, Glazed Ham, BBQ Chicken and assorted Vegetables and Salads

# \_\_\_\_\_ Buffet Dinners at \$15.00/\$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIDAY—BUFFET BRUNCH

FEATURES: Eggs, Ham, Beef Stroganoff, Crepe Loraine, Chopped Beef, Assorted Salads and Hash Browns

# \_\_\_\_\_ Buffet Brunches at \$10.00/\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LODGING

Lodging reservations can be made either with your NCCFFC Conclave Registration or directly with the Woodlake Inn. Complete the enclosed WOODLAKE INN RESERVATION FORM with your deposit (please make separate check payable to Woodlake Inn) and forward with your NCCFFC Conclave registration or directly to Woodlake Inn.

The special NCCFFC group rates are:

Single . . . . . \$29.00 per night

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(exclusive of applicable taxes)

You may call the Woodlake Inn at 800-852-7666 (Sacramento, 916-922-6251)

Please answer:

(Yes/No) Do You Plan to Stay at Woodlake Inn? \_\_\_\_\_

### SACRAMENTO TOUR

A 5-hour tour of Historical Sacramento has been arranged for interested persons. The tour will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. originating at the Woodlake Inn. The cost of the Sacramento Tour is \$10.50 per person.

# \_\_\_\_\_ Persons for the tour at \$10.50 per person/\$ \_\_\_\_\_

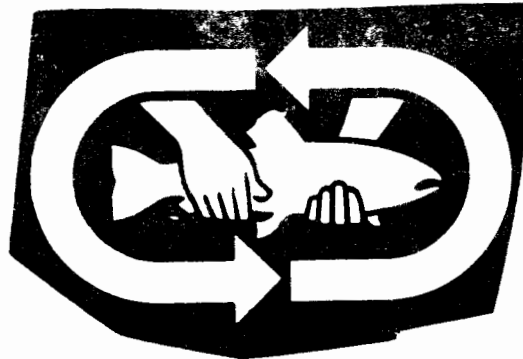


### A NOTE FROM THE RAFFLE CHAIRMAN

If you examined the 1980-81 budget ( which was attached to the minutes of the 8/28/80 Board of Directors meeting ), you are aware that the evil effects of inflation have not spared us simply because we're such a neat group--devoted to such a marvelous sport. In fact, our budget shows a deficit of \$543. In concert with other moves to increase income and reduce expenditures, we need your help to make raffles and auctions as profitable as possible. We need donations of items which can be used as prizes, e.g., flies, used equipment, books, etc. Something you're willing to part with might make some other club member " go to his/her wallet" for a chance to win it.

Can you help--at least once a year? Don't be surprised if I call you. Better yet, call me at 539-2676 and volunteer to supply a prize.

THANKS,  
Chuck Cadman



### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Our November meeting is a dinner meeting and it promises to be excellent. Lefty Kren is flying in from back East to be with us on FRIDAY November 21, 1980. We haven't as yet decided upon the location but it will be announced in the next issue of the Cast and by telephone. Lefty's program is entitled " A Fisherman's World " and is aimed at pleasing all persuasions from the technical to the general listener. Lefty is dynamite!!! There will be a large audience. Therefore as with all dinner meetings reservations are a must. At this meeting we will also have a huge raffle and of course our ever popular auction. Plan to attend.

### NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

This is the last chance to pay your yearly dues without paying a reinstatement fee. Dues must be received no later than November 1, 1980 to avoid this penalty. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# FLY OF THE YEAR

Emerging caddis; (Attributable to Hal Janssen)

Good all season on the Williamson, and during March and April on Baur Lake. On Hat Creek it is good mid day, but body should be more olive color with no orange. In any case, the body color should match the color of the weed or stream bottom whence the pupa emerges.

Materials: Hook: 9671 or 7957EX, sizes 10-14

Weighting: 6-8 turns buss fuse wire 1 amp.

Thread: Olive Nymo

Body: Mixed fur (For the Williamson River)

5% bright orange

10% olive

85% cream

plus fine

copper wire

Hackle: Very short purplish brown, single turn, trimmed on top.

Thorax: Peacock herl

Procedure: Flatten tip of fuse wire and tie into hook shank about 1/8 inch behind head. Take 6 - 8 turns of wire along the hook shank toward the bend, and lock down with criss cross turns of tying thread. Break off the wire at the end of the last turn. Seal the wire wraps with clear finger nail polish and set aside to dry.

Step 2. Tie in the single hackle feather together with a single flue of peacock herl just ahead of the wire wrap.

Step 3. Carry the tying thread back over the wire wrap to a point where the bend of the hook begins, and tie in a short length of fine copper wire.

Step 4. Spin body fur dubbing mix onto tying thread and wrap forward over hook body and tie in just ahead of wire. Follow with 6 - 8 turns of copper wire and tie in.

Step 5. Take one full turn of hackle around the shank with fibres slanted toward the rear of the hook and tie in. Trim off the hackle fibres from the top side.

Step 6. Make a thorax about 1/6 the length of the hook with 3 or 4 turns of herl. Tie off and finish the head in the usual manner.





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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: October 15, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

PROGRAM: Mike Foster - Owner of Mike's Fly Shoppe in Miranda.  
Mike's presentation will be on Salmon and Steelhead  
in our coastal streams. Don't miss it because these  
fish are coming in soon.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: October 22, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: November 21, 1980 This is a FRIDAY NIGHT!!!

WHERE: The location will be announced in the next Cast and  
by telephone. This is a dinner meeting and Lefty Kreh  
is our guest speaker. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ah, Fall, the magic time of the year! As the leaves turn golden  
and slowly find their way to earth, this is the season many of  
us have secretly waited for.

A glimmer comes to your eye as you realize that soon, the giant  
kings will be entering our rivers. You think back to last year  
when you had one of these magnificent fish on, only to lose it  
after a ten minute battle. Odd, how a man can remember why he  
lost a fish, but he is never really sure why he landed one.

Well, very soon you will get another one.

Wade Colombo

### NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES

Beginning November 1, 1980 membership rates will be raised in order to meet rising costs. The new rates are as follows:

Regular membership-	15.00 per year
Family	- 20.00 per year
Junior	- 5.00 per year
Non resident	- 7.50 per year

### FISHING REPORT by HAL JANSSEN

This month's report is courtesy of Hal Janssen. John Christlieb, who normally provides this information is on a fishing trip.

Hat Creek- The fishing is excellent in the morning on caddis and may-fly nymphs. During the afternoon the fish are rising to spinners and hoppers.

Baum Lake- Browns and rainbows to 4 lbs. are rising all day to midges. You should be using floating lines and long leaders a la Hal Janssen.

Rising river and the Fall River- The action here is good. Use black leeches in the Rising River all day long. Fish are rising to blue winged olives in the Fall River. Action here is best in the evening.

Salmon- There is considerable chub action in the lower Eel. Use a small silver body black hackle fly.

Klamath- There are numerous half pounder steelhead. Use small trout size nymphs for the best action.

Spring Lake- The fishing for bluegill and bass on top water poppers is fantastic. The poppers should be all black or frog colored.

This month's hot tip- Lake Berryessa is the place to be on these cool mornings. The rainbows rise to the spawning thread fin shad. These are good size fish. Use a small shad imitation (Hal's looks like the real thing) and fish the coves from a belly boat. A pram frightens the fish.

Editor's note: Recently it is rumored that Hal hooked a brown in excess of 15 lbs. in Hat Creek and almost landed it. Knowing Hal I can believe it!!!

### STREAM REPORT

This is the first of what we propose to be a series of reports on various trout streams that members have visited during the year.

We solicit from our membership reports approximately 250 to 300 words describing the following features: Name of the stream, location, flow conditions during the seasons, fish populations, fishing regulations, accessibility, and personal observations.

We will start off with our recent experience as an example of what we have in mind.

BOISIE RIVER (south fork in Idaho)- This is the south fork of the river between Arrow Rock dam and Anderson Ranch dam. The release from the upstream Anderson Ranch dam is fairly constant at about 1000 cubic feet per second during the summer and cannot be crossed by wading at that time of year due to swift current and lack of shallow bars. About September 1, the flow is reduced to perhaps 600 c.f.s. and the river is wadable in places. The stream flows through a deep canyon and contains many fine pools and rapids with large boulders in the bed, providing good oxygen and holding places for fish. From casual observation the fish population consists mainly of suckers and wild rainbow trout in good numbers. There is a good distribution of size in the trout population with a fair number of fish in the 4-6 lb. class. The wild trout population is maintained by a size minimum of 12 inches, single barbless hooks, (no bait, flies or lures only) and a 3 bag limit. Year round fishing is permitted. There is no stocking of trout in this river.

The river is accessible by road from Anderson Ranch dam downstream for a distance of about 12 miles. Below that the river is roadless for about 20 miles, but is accessible by boat all the way to Arrow Rock reservoir.

We fished the river in early August with high water and found the fish taking grasshoppers because a hopper infestation was prevailing in the area.

We fished the river again in mid September with low water and had fine sport with No. 14 light Cahill fished dry. A heavy emergence of what appeared to be little yellow stone flies seemed to be preferred by trout of all sizes despite a surplus of grasshoppers.

Ben Cummings



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EDITOR'S NOTE- This is a letter that our club received from Cal Trout. The RFFF Board would like it known that they stand in favor of placing our northcoast rivers under the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and urge all its members to write to Secretary Andrus asking him to do so. Please consider this request.

Russian River Fly Fishers  
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September 19, 1980

In 1972 you and we together won a great victory when Governor Reagan signed SB 107, the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Reagan received thousands of letters urging him to do it. A great many of those letters were generated at angling club meeting when club members were provided paper, pens, and envelopes to dash off a few lines right then and there at the meeting. It was a very successful technique.

In the closing months of 1980 we face a similar challenge, an even bigger opportunity. The recent passage of legislation authorizing the Peripheral Canal poses a huge new threat to our protected northcoast rivers. The protective provisions of the state Wild Rivers Act will prove fatally frail once the peripheral plumbing is in place.

Recognizing this, Governor Brown has asked Secretary Andrus to place the rivers under federal protection by adding them to the National wild rivers system. Approval by Andrus (which he can do without referral to Congress) would prohibit federal dams on those streams. Because of the Peripheral Canal legislation, federal dams are an increased threat, in fact the only remaining real threat.

Brown's request is controversial and Andrus is under heavy pressure to deny. We believe Andrus wants to approve but he will need massive evidence of public support to neutralize the hard-working water lobbyists and their congressional pawns.

So the time is now, like never before, to take up pen and paper and send Secretary Andrus a simple one-liner: "I urge you to approve Governor Brown's request to protect California's northcoast rivers by adding those rivers to the national Wild and Scenic Rivers System."

I will try to contact you to discuss arrangements for getting these letters out at your next regular club meeting, although I'm certain you know what to do and how to do it. I can't over-stress how important this is. The campaign in 1972 for SB 107 truly was important, but the 1980 campaign is crucial. A great and final victory is within our reach if we will only grasp it.

Letters to:

Cecil Andrus, Secretary  
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Washington, D. C. 20240

Sincerely yours,

*Richard H May*  
Richard H. May, President





# The Cast

of

## The Russian River Fly Fishers inc.

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CALIFORNIA 95405

VOL. 4

November 1980

NO. 11

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: November 21, 1980 This is a FRIDAY night!!!

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

PROGRAM: An evening with Lefty Kreh entitled "A Fisherman's world". This program is focused for the general audience and as everyone knows Lefty is a very exciting speaker. Make reservations now.  
6:30 wet lines & 7:30 Dinner

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: November 26, 1980 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: December 17, 1980 7:30 P.M.

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

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Russian River Fly Fishers, since their formation, have been fortunate to host a tremendous number of outstanding, well-known speakers. November 21, 1980 again brings you the opportunity to meet and enjoy another world famous fly fishing personality. Lefty Kreh is an expert master and salt water fly fisherman who has held numerous world records. He is also much in demand, being a knowledgeable writer, a superb teacher and photographer and a highly entertaining speaker. Prepare to learn, enjoy and laugh!!!

In addition to Lefty Kreh, other treats await you this month. Being our holiday dinner meeting, this meeting will include our usual superb dinner raffle and an auction of outstanding art and fly fishing tackle. Bring your checkbooks and plan to take home some of the good-ies you really want to get for Christmas.

Please remember that due to limited space and the widespread interest in Lefty Kreh, reservations and pre-payment of the dinner fee are a must. (See the enclosed coupon.) See you November 21.

## DINNER MEETING

Our program chairman, through some sort of magic has enticed Lefty Kreh to be our speaker for the evening. Because of the popularity of Lefty's programs we expect a big attendance. Therefore, to avoid disappointment we recommend early reservations.

For the dinner, the main encore will be boneless breast of capon in brandy sauce; the price, \$11.00 per person. To make your reservations, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, please fill out the enclosed coupon, attach your check and mail to the Russian River Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 2673, S.R. 95405.

Beside our dinner meeting, there is an added bonus in prospect: A fly casting clinc by Lefty Kreh at Spring Lake, at 8:30 A.M. Saturday morning Nov. 22. This is free to members and \$3.00 to non-members. Bring your own tackle.

RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS INC.  
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NAME'S OF GUESTS

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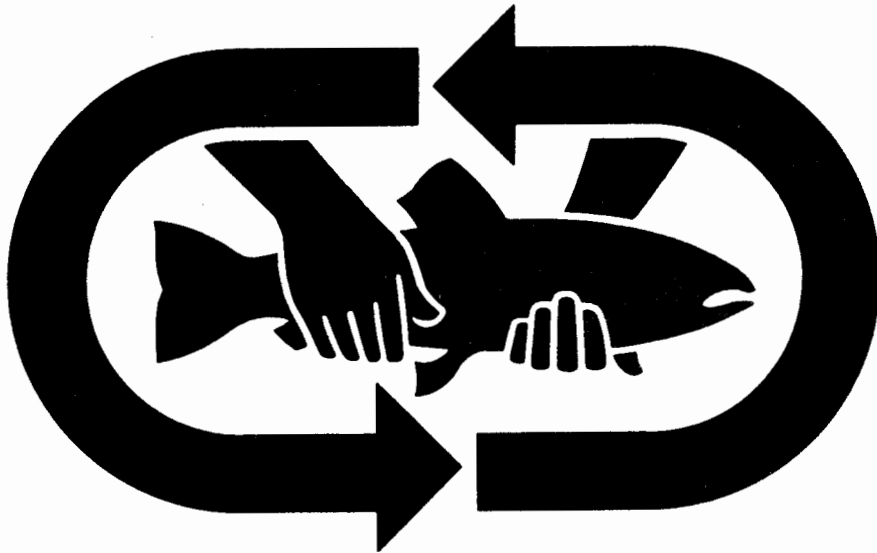


Fishing Report by John Christlieb----The Western Angler

Trout- The season closes on November 16, 1980 so make plans to go now. Watch the weather reports very carefully because conditions can change daily. Many lakes are open all year round and can be very productive. A few streams such as Putah Creek, King's River, and the Trinity River are open all year round. Locally watch Lake Berryessa( it can exceed all expectations).

Steelhead- So far it has been too early for many streams and we need rain to open the mouths of the rivers. The Klamath has been very good this year all the way up to Happy Camp. As the next few days pass by keep your eyes on the Russian River.

Salmon- As of this writing there has not been much action. The Eel has been the best but if we don't have rain the river will be closed to fishing. Once again the situation changes daily so for the latest information call the Western Angler at 542-4432.



Beginning on November 19th for seven Wednesday nights I will teach Basic Fly Tying to members of the Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. The fee will be \$40.00 payable the first night to the R.R.F.F., Inc. For reservations call Bob Wray (707) 526-4968 evenings, or (707) 523-1295 during the day. Class enrollment limited to 10 students.

The location will be Warrack Hospital conference room: 4700 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa. The first session will consist of a course description and explanation of the required materials.



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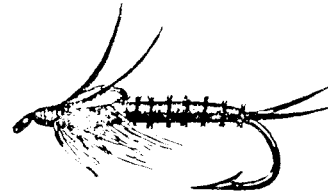
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## FLY OF THE MONTH- TIDEWATER SHRIMP

Now that the Kings, the Silvers and the Steelhead are on the move, it is timely to consider a fly for these splendid fish. Bob Wray's tide-water shrimp is such a fly and with his kind permission we offer it for your collection.

### MATERIALS:

Hook.....Mustad 7957 BX or 3406 (ring eye) Sizes 6 thru 10  
Thread.....Nymo 1523 Medium brown  
Body.....Silver Polyglitter  
Hackle.....Orange, palmered over front half of body  
Shellback & Tail.Brown bucktail from top of bucktail

### PROCEDURE:

1. Weight the body with 10-15 turns of 2 amp fuse wire and anchor with tying thread. Wind the tying thread forward of the butt about 1/8 of an inch. At that point tie in a 10 inch length of polyglitter. Also tie in an 8 inch loop of tying thread at that point before continuing forward to the midpoint of the hook shank.
2. Wrap the polyglitter forward toward the middle of the hook, building an even taper in the process. Tie off the polyglitter at the midpoint but leave the standing end uncut.
3. Wrap the tying thread forward toward the head of the hook and tie to within 1/8 inch of the eye of the hook and tie in the tip of an orange hackle clipped short on one side and stroked back toward the butt to flare the fibres.
4. Wrap the hackles back toward the butt with four or five turns evenly spaced to the midpoint. Wrap the tying thread back to the midpoint to tie down the hackle and then forward to the head wrap the polyglitter forward between the hackle turns and tie off at the head. Clip the hackle fibres from the top of the hook.
5. Tie in a clump of brown bucktail hair butt first just behind the eye of the hook. Shear the hair butts on an even taper to the eye of the hook. Seal with lacquer and whip finish the head.
6. Clip one thread at the butt of the thread loop, and use the extended thread to tie the deer hair down to the butt of the body forming the shellback and tail. Finish the tie with several half hitches before cutting the thread.

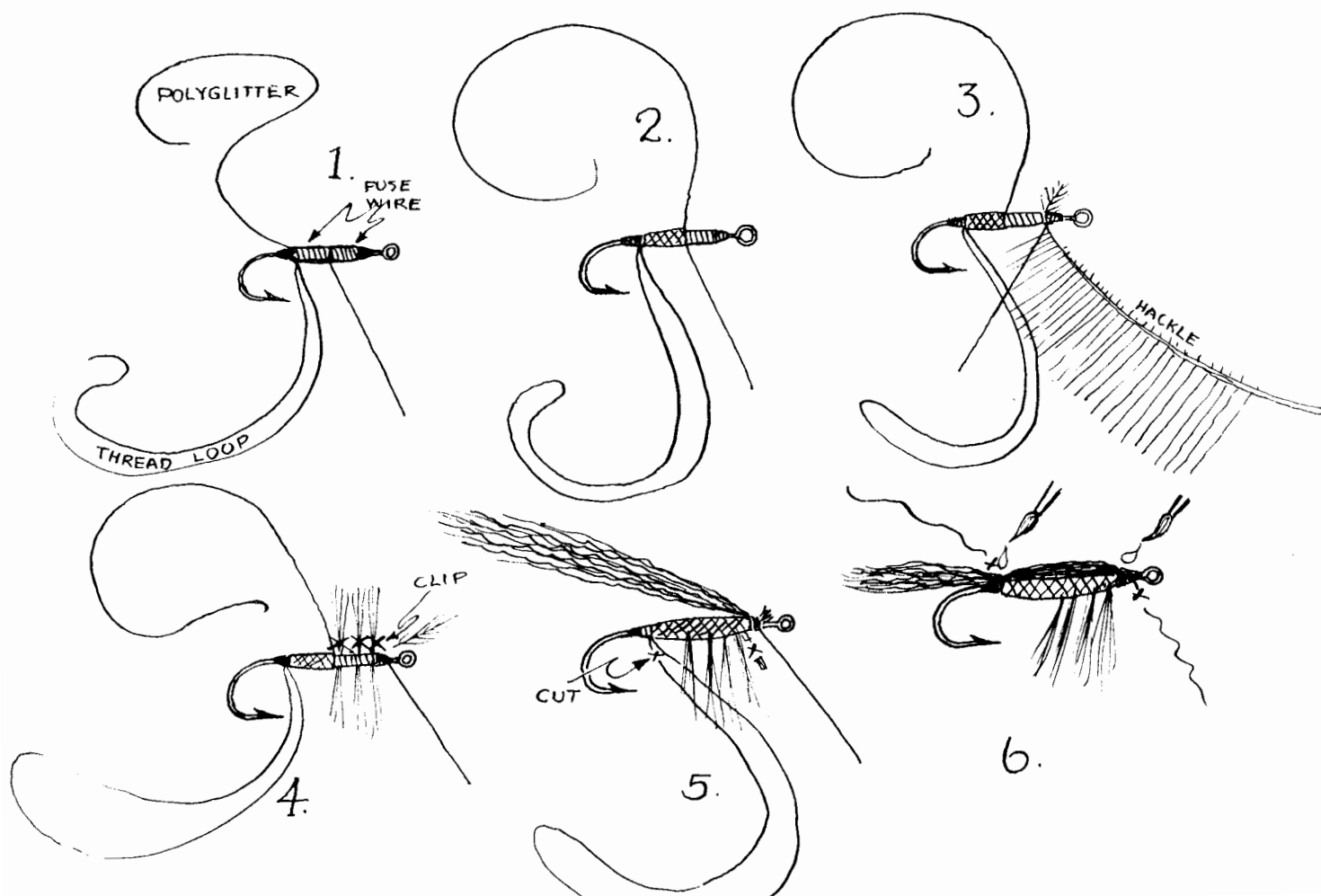
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EDITOR'S CORRECTION:

Contrary to the November "Cast", there will be NO meeting in the month of December.

THANK YOU:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for supporting our November dinner meeting with Lefty Kreh. It was a tremendous success. It provided us with enough funds to ensure future programs of the same caliber. The general response was overwhelming. The RRF general treasury netted about \$1,500.00. We hope to bring you many more delightful events in the future. THANK YOU.

BLOOD BANK:

As you all know, the Russian River Flyfishers have started a blood bank donor fund. This blood bank ensures all members that they will have blood in an emergency. Please help us to establish this fund with your blood donation. The blood bank is located at 1428 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. Telephone 542-1222.

WILD RIVERS:

Gov. Jerry Brown has requested that California place many north coast wild rivers in the federal rivers system. This would prevent the construction of federal dams on these waters which include the Smith, Klamath, Trinity, Eel and the lower American rivers. We urge our membership to write a short one sentence letter to:

Secretary of Interior  
Cecil Andrus  
Dept. of Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

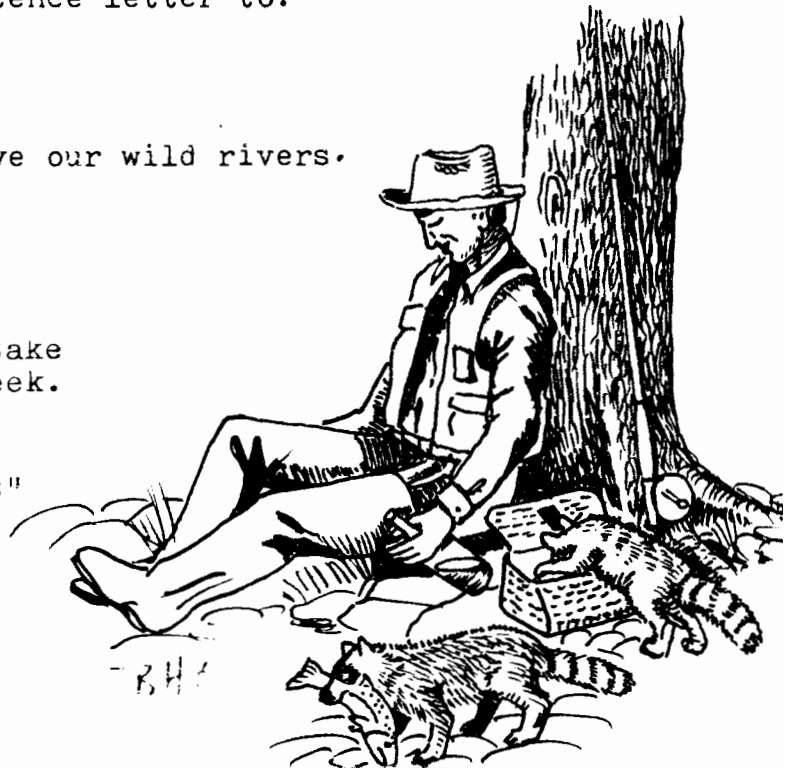
and support Gov. Jerry Brown and save our wild rivers.

JANUARY OUTING

Our next club outing is going to take place in late January at Putah Creek. Jim Mengle is currently putting the details together. Look for complete plans in the January "Cast"

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## REDWOOD EMPIRE FISHING AS OF DECEMBER 9, 1980

The rivers of the Empire are clearing after the rains of the end of November, and if the weather holds most should be fishable by the time this CAST reaches you.

Starting with the north end of our region, the report on the Smith is that it is now excellent for Salmon and Steelhead.

The Klamath is improving and the Trinity is clear above the South Fork. The Klamath is producing larger than usual Steelhead this year with many in the 8 to 10 pound size.

The Eel is clearing and should be good by the 15th of December if the weather holds. All tributaries on the lower Eel are open to fishing. Both Salmon and Steelhead are showing in the South Fork. Some of the Salmon are fresh from the ocean.

The Gualala is clear but not many fish are showing yet.

We have no report on either the Navarro or the Garcia.

The Russian is still too muddy for fly fishing and we have no reports of fish taken.

Don't forget Berryessa. Jim Hakel had good sport on a Hal Janssen threadfin imitation at Markley Cove the day after Thanksgiving. Berryessa is a sometime lake.

When the threadfin minnows are schooling on the surface it's great. But that doesn't happen every day, even in the late fall when the trout come up to the surface.

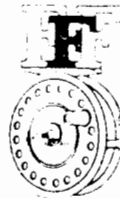
If you get skunked at Berryessa don't forget to try Putah Creek below the dam. It is fly fishing only there.

Although Putah creek fishing took a beating with the weed eradication program, it has been restocked and some of the trout are of a decent size now.

Winter fishing is so affected by the weather that it can be predicted only by watching your satellite pictures on the T V news reports.

It's a good idea to call ahead for local information before risking the cost of a distant trip.

The "Fish Line" in Eureka, 442-8552 will get you up-to-date advice on the northern streams.



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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: January 21, 1981 (THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER)  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria  
3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Frank Bertaina of Fishing International will conduct a program entitled "Trout Fishing in New Zealand". January and February are the months to be in N. Zealand. This is a great program!!! Plan to attend. Starts at 7:30 P.M.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: January 28, 1981 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: February 18, 1981 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria  
3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you walk through the redwoods that are dripping from the heavy mist, you reflect for a moment on what it is about a steelhead that almost possesses you.

Is it the frozen gravel bar or perhaps the lush green ferns that line the river banks? Maybe it's the strike. Many times you have had ice in the guides, and had a fish rip three feet of running line through your frozen fingers before you could set the hook. Your mind slips back to last year when, after a fifteen minute battle, you beach a brand-new 12 pound female. She is so gorgeous lying there, all silver, with six sea lice on her anal fin. Quickly, you reach down and remove the fly. Gently, you grab her tail and slide her into the stream. As you move her back and forth in the water, you feel her strength returning until suddenly she slips from your grasp, and is gone.

Yes, you're not quite sure what it is about steelhead that fascinates you; all you know is that you'll be here every time you get a chance!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Bob Wray's GREEN SHELLBACK COMET

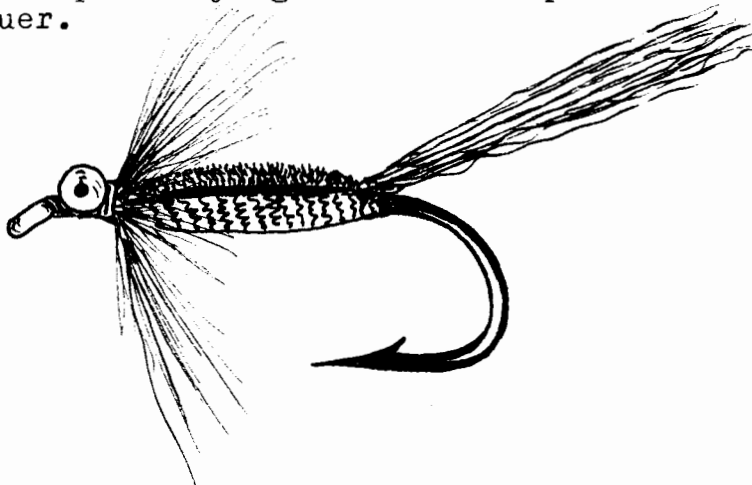
The big rain of early December has opened the rivers to the waiting steelhead, and if the ensuing fair weather holds, the streams should be fishable to flies by the time this issue reaches our readers, if not before. The Green Shellback Comet might be worth a try.

MATERIALS

HOOK: Mustad 7957 BX or 3406 (ringeye) sizes 6-8.  
THREAD: 4234 Dark green Nymo  
TAIL: Chartreuse green bucktail  
BODY: Gold Polyglitter  
SHELLBACK: Small dark green chenille  
HACKLE: Chartreuse color  
EYES: Gold bead chain  
WEIGHTING: 2 amp. fuse wire

PROCEDURE

1. Tie in 10-15 turns of 2 amp fuse wire in the middle section of the hook shank. Secure with crossing wraps of tying thread and lacquer.
2. The tail of the comet is tied long and high and is tied onto the shank of the weighted hook, followed by the gold polyglitter and the dark green chenille.
3. The polyglitter is first wrapped under the tail to cause it to set at a high angle above the shank of the hook, then the tapered body is formed with the polyglitter, leaving room forward for the hackle and the bead eyes.
4. The green shellback is pulled over the body and tied down in front. The chartreuse hackle is tied in, shiny side forward, wrapped 4 turns and tied off.
5. The bead eyes are tied in as follows:
  - a. With tying thread, build a lump on the hook shank directly behind the eye.
  - b. Place the pair of bead eyes on top of the hook against the rear of the thread hump and secure with several figure 8 loops of tying thread. Whip finish the head and lacquer.



There is something in our psyche that prompts us to keep feeding quarters into the one-arm bandit, climbing horrendous mountains, going to the moon, or keep on casting when we haven't had a strike all day. Optimism? Curiosity? Whatever.

Perhaps it can be expressed by the following excerpts from McElligot's Pool by Dr. Seuss.

...Young man laughed the farmer

You're sort of a fool

You'll never catch fish

In McElligot's Pool

"Hmm!..answered Marco

"It may be you're right

I've been here three hours

Without one single bite

There might be no fish---

---But again,

well, there might!."

"Cause you never can tell

What goes on down below!

This pool might be bigger

Than you or I know!."

This might be a river

Now mightn't it be

Connecting McElligot's Pool with the Sea?

Then maybe some fish might be swimming toward me!

Some very smart fellow might point out the way

To the place where I'm fishing, and That's why I say

If I wait long enough; if I'm patient and cool

Who knows what I'll catch in McElligot's pool.

There's lots more, but the point is made, so hang in there and keep your lines wet!.



## FISHING PLACES

In accordance with our policy of informing our readers of current conditions of waters that are less well known and therefore less crowded we offer a report on some lakes and streams in northern Yosemite Park by Bill Archuleta.

In referring to reports of the fishing on ponds and lakes it should be remembered that conditions change from year to year. Sometimes a severe winter will kill all fish in small or shallow lakes. In some cases introduction of eastern brook trout will overwhelm the food supply and result in a population of undersized fish. This has been a problem in many Sierra lakes and streams.

Herewith is Bill's report:

"On August 30, Mark Kammerling and I headed for Kennedy Meadow pack station on the Stanislaus River just west of Sonora Pass. There we rented a pack burro at \$18.00 per day (and well worth the price!) and were instructed in the intricacies of burro management.

Mark was equipped with a 5 piece ultra light spin outfit, while I was attempting my first all-fly fishing trip.

The first day out we camped at Lunch Meadow on Summit Creek about 10 miles above Kennedy Meadows. The creek yielded plenty of pan size rainbows on any dark pattern, sizes 16-18 fished dry.

The following day we puffed our way over Emigrant Pass at 9600 feet and on through Bond Pass at 9800 feet and into Yosemite Park where we made camp on the shore of Dorothy Lake. Here Mark caught a few rainbows up to 10 inches on small spinners and wobblers. Flies, fished dry, were more successful. Anything black worked. I caught rainbows up to 18" until my arm hurt.

During the next four days we fished around among the nearby lakes including Lakes Bonnie, Stella, Harriett, Ruth and Helen. Those girls really get around! At Ruth Lake, 9600 feet, I had the pleasure of catching my first golden trout. Unforgettable beauty. The clarity of these lakes is breathtaking! Some are very deep, but the bottom is often visible.

The streams draining these lakes form the headwaters of the West Walker River that drains into Bridgeport Reservoir on the East side of the Sierra. Dorothy Lake drains into Fall Creek that flows west through Jack Main Canyon and into the Tuolumne at Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. All of these streams are filled with pan size trout.

During our stay we kept enough eighteen inchers for one meal, and the rest were released. The trout readily took Black Ant, Musquito and Adams patterns in sizes 10 through 16.

I would recommend going right after Labor Day. The fishing is better and the campsites and trails are less busy. This is wilderness area and wilderness access requires permits obtainable at trailhead. Special regulations apply and are designed for your safety. Observe them and enjoy your visit."



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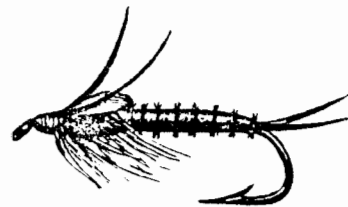
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July, 1981

Dear Supporter of this National Committee:

As you know by now, we had a wild, shouting and drum thumping senate public hearing in Seattle a couple of weeks ago. The Indian fishermen from all over the Northwest came to disrupt and play havoc with this hearing, and they were quite successful.

The hearing auditorium in the Federal Building was jammed with screaming Indians in typical tribal dress.... headbands, jeans and disco shirts. They brought their drums into the auditorium and pounded out their chants and hatred for the sportsmen.

This was the radical element....these were not the Indians we know. We've worked on too many fishing programs with the Indian tribes and, believe me, these screaming Indians were simply not the same Indians.

The sportsmen were there in mass. However, our guys 'hung in there' and didn't allow the Indian radicals to force them into a fight. Even when some Indians were carrying knives on their belts, threatening some of our supporters.

It wasn't that we were afraid to tangle with this crazy bunch but, we would have received the negative publicity and headlines reading, "Sportsmen terrorize native Americans at public hearing." We're just too smart to be sucked into that trap. And as a consequence, the legislators thanked us for our patience and understanding. It was obvious to all that we were on our best behavior under a great deal of pressure.

This public hearing did nothing for us, really. Sure, we testified for the "Steelhead Trout Protection Act" and our testimony was great. Even though the Indians yelled and shouted all through our presentations. But this wasn't the place where our bill will live or die. That's in Washington, D.C.

The legislators are going home for their August recess. However, when they get back to the Capitol after Labor Day, our bill will have a special two day hearing. And there, my friends, the full committee will ask questions, make comments and form opinions. At that point, we must present all of our facts in objective summation because that hearing will determine whether our bill moves forward or simply dies.

Please understand that trying to pass National legislation in the Congress of the United States is 'hard ball' politics. There simply is no chance for "sport fishing club, do-it-yourself politics."

We are using professional help all the way. And frankly, it cost's a lot of money. Trout Unlimited found that out when they hired a professional to help the lobbying effort. It's costing them \$150 per hour. That's right....per hour!

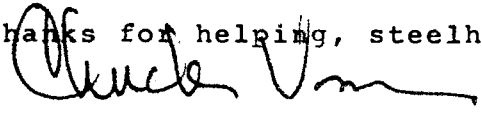
We need to raise a lot of money for our continuing lobbying effort. The easiest way, we think, is to have a good raffle. And that's what we're doing. The raffle tickets you have received with this letter is our life blood. This is the way we're going to be able to pay for professional help.

So please, buy a book of tickets for ten dollars. Or, sell your book to someone else. But steelheader, please help us out. We have built the biggest lobbying effort the steelheaders in this country have ever put together, and it would be tragic to see it fall apart because we couldn't raise enough money from sport fishermen to accomplish our common goal....to decommercialize steelhead trout once and for all.

The Indians have one of the largest lobbying establishment in the United States, right there in Washington, D.C. And, if we are to take them on in the Halls of Congress, we need to build a war chest of at least \$50,000. If we can sell these raffle tickets it will help pay for our lobbying effort and campaign right through the fall season. And that, my fellow anglers, is a must.

After many months of pushing and shoving, our National Steelhead Trout Committee is finally on the field ready to play professional 'hard ball.' I hope you will stay with us and support us, because we can't win this one without you.

Thanks for helping, steelheaders.

  
Chuck Voss, Chairman  
National Steelhead Trout Committee

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