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NO.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN:

January 21, 1981

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!!!

Starts at 7:30 P·M·

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: WHERE: January 28, 1981 7:30 P.M. 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

What a great time of the year this is! We have steelhead in most of the coastal streams and occasionally they even go on the grab. Small bugs in black, orange or a comet pattern have been working well for the fly fisherman who have fished hard.

Frank Bertana is putting on this month's program and it looks like a good one. So, if your monthly rhetoric intake is getting low, come to the meeting and get a refill.

P.S. Ask Frank how he helped a bait fisherman release one on the Navarro River.

Tooch Colombo President

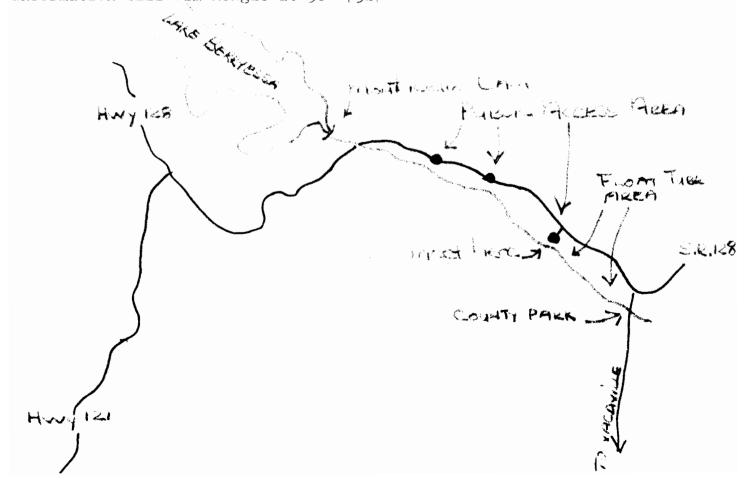
JANUARY CLUB OUTING

Brown trout in January you ask? Yes!! Dust off your trout gear. Our January outing will be at Putah Creek on Saturday. Jan. 31. We will meet on Saturday morning at the last public access parking area off of Hwy. 128 below the Monticello Dam. Look for the R.R.F.F. signs. Highway 128 may be reached by taking Highway 121 out of Napa or Highway 128 out of Calistoga.

Float tubes or prams can be used in the lower section of the creek above the diversion dam near the county park. The creek may be wadable in the area below the dam but caution should be used as deep holes and sudden drop offs do exist.

Brown and rainbow trout fishing has been improving the last two years. Weed beds exist on the lower section of the creek which is home for numerous mayfly, caddis and midge nymphs. Look for callibactis and chironomidae activity as the sun warms the surface. The A.P. series olive in size 18 has produced in the past. The red midge pupa in 20's is also a good fly. Note: Hal Janssen has a fine article in the current "Fly Fisherman" magazine on fishing the chironomidae. Small flies are in order on the lower river. Watch for mayfly hatches after 11:00 A.M.

Putah creek is restricted to fly fishing only this time of year: Limit 3 trout; minimum size 10 inches. See you on Saturday the 31st. Information call Jim Mengle at 584-7527.



STREAM REPORT - THE UPPER DEAD

Stories of the great steelhead fishing on the lower reaches of the Dear River near Klinsquit in oritish Columnia have pretty well permeated the thoughts of all steelheaders.

Not so well known, however is the great raintow trout fishing on the Upper Dean, where it flows into Anahim lake. In addition to the fishing the stream narrors many mailends in September. The duck season opens in early September in this area.

The Upper Dean is wholly different from the turbulent lower river. Above Anahim it flows through a relatively level valley and consists of long, deep pools condered by willows and spruce trees. Some of the pools support various weeds and pend little (c) - like (s) water than rainbow rout habitat.

Nevertheless, the stream is loaded with rainbow thout averable 12 inches with some going to 2- inches.

Anahim Lake is just one of several ponds that the river runs through. It is loaded with rainlows and is a popular source of food for bald eagles that nest around the area.

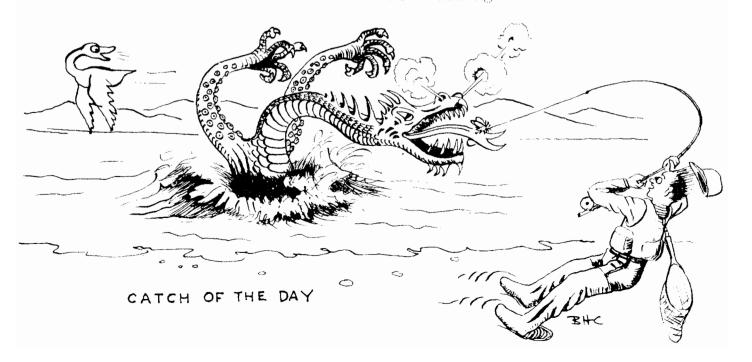
The eagles have favorite trees where they feed on their daton. The perching limbs are stripped of tark and polished by the eagles talons. The ground below is littered with a heap of fish bones.

There are several cabins for rent at Anahim, plus a small procery store-post office. The cabins are equipped with wood stoves and a rowcoat comes with the catin rental.

Ananim Lake is reached by a graveled road goin; west from Williams lake on the Upper Fraser River.

If you are in this area it is definitely worth investigating. The trout fishing is very rewarding.

den Cummings



BLOOD BANK:

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FISHING REPORT----JANUARY 1, 1981

Gualala River- As many as 300 steelhead are schooling in the lower sections of the river. However, the water is very high because the mouth is closed. Consequently the fishing is slow but should be great when the river opens. Use small patterns and longer leaders for all the coastal streams in the Redwood Empire area.

Navarro River- The water is low and clear but fish are coming in randomly. The lower sections of water can and have been productive for the fly fisherman.

Spring Lake, Indian Valley Reservoir, Local Ponds etc.This is the time to get black bass with sinking
lines and black leeches etc. The weed growth has
diminished so you can go deep without getting snagged.

Berryessa- The trout fishing is hit and miss but if feeder streams are clear fish at the inlets with sinking lines.

Baum LakeThis is an excellent bet but it is very cold in Burney.
Leeches should be fished in early morning and late
evening and chironomids during the day. Fish from 12
inches to 12 pounds can be taken. This month's "Fly
Fisherman" has an extensive article on fishing chirononmids by Hal Janssen. It is entitled "Chironomidae:
A Moveable Feast for Stillwater Trout." This is must
reading for those going to Baum Lake.

Putah Creek- The area below the dam can be fished effectively with chironomids morning and evening and caddis in the late evening. Fish from 8 to 18 inches are being taken.

Lower Eel- (from the Van Duzen down) The steelhead should be moved ing in good numbers and size. The Boss in sizes 6 to 10 and the Flaming Boss in the same sizes are favorites.

HAPPY FISHING!!!

INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF R.R.F.F.

We sincerely urge our membership to attend this meeting if at all possible. We have all witnessed the degeneration of our steelhead fisheries but what are we actively doing to rectify this situation. This meeting will tell us what to do and how to go about it. Let's start helping by attending this meeting.



CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

November 7, 1980

Mr. Mell Zell c/o CPAB #1 California St. (Rm. 1115) San Francisco, CA. 94111

Dear Mell:

This is to confirm our conversation of today.

We, the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited, request the use of the Club House of the Marin Rod & Gun Club on Wednesday, January 14, 1981 at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Chuck Voss of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders whose topic will be "Let's Get the Steelhead Out of the Butchershops."

We wish to invite all of your members. We also shall invite the Russian River Flyfishers and the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club.

As to approximate attendance, I have no idea. We shall invite the public through the local newspapers if they'll cooperate. Hopefully, at least 100 will attend.

My business number is 982-0166 and my home phone 461-1675.

Sincerely.

Gordon M. Ehrman Secretary-Treasurer 148 Bret Harte Road San Rafael, CA. 94901

FLY CA THE ACNTH-Joe Madder's Keel flook "Green Fron"

When our club held their summer outling last year at the upper end of Indian Valley Reservoir in Lake County we found a lot of pass feed-ing among the tops of partly submerged busnes. A weedless popper was almost a necessity. The real hook "Green Prog" looks as if it might be useful in similar pituations. So, here it is.

Tying the "Green Roop" --

Waterial: mook: heel mook, Freshwater #2 or #4

Phread: Yellow Mymo

fail: Two treen and two yellow saddle hackles(length

of the hook)

dody: Ureen feer hair Hackle: Ureen sudule hankle

Wing; slack bein from a green dyod bucksail

Head; Ireas and Yellow dyed deer body hair, tied

mussiler style

Tying procedures --

1. Place hook in vise, hook down. Tie on thread just ahead of bend. Cement.

2. Tie in tail feathers. Two yellow and two green saddle nackles about the length of the hook.

3. Tie on a bulky deer hair oody, and don't forget the tuft at the tail for flotation.

4. Secure deer hair to shank with criss cross wraps front to back of hook bringing tying thread to rest at the down-ward bend of hook. Trim.

5. Hackles are for the legs. The hackles move as the fly is twitched and look like the legs of a swimming creature. Place hook up in the vise.

6. The in deer hair wings. The wings extend back toward the hook point to hide and protect it. The forward part forms the beginning of the head. The bunches of great and yellow deer hair for a large striped muddler-type head.

7. Clip top and bottom of the head, including acttom of hackle.





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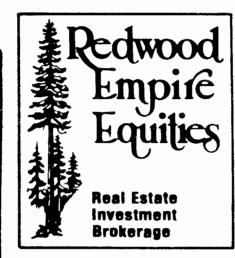
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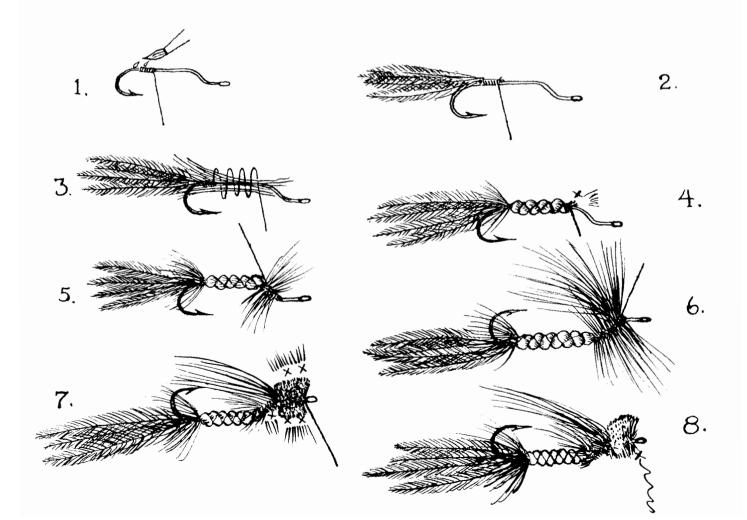


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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN:

February 17, 1981 7:30 P·M·

WHERE:

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Our guest speaker will be Mike Lawson from Henry's Fork Anglers in Last Chance, Idaho. Mike's topic will deal with catching trophy size trout in Idaho. Mike contributed the fly tying instructions in Fred Arbona's book "Mayflies the Angler and the Trout."
Remember this is a Tuesday evening!!!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN:

February 25, 1981 7:30 P.M.

WHERE:

Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR

WHEN:

March 18,1981 7:30 P·M·

WHERE:

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their attendance at our meetings. As I read other club newsletters many began with " the trouble with this club is the lack of participation etc. etc."

Well we happen to have a great bunch of people in our club. At our last dinner meeting we had 170 people and at our last regular meeting we had 60 in attendance. For these figures, I thank you.

Don't forget the San Mateo show runs Feb. 18 thru Feb. 21. If you've never made this show you're really out of it. This is without a doubt the primo show for the fisherman.

> Tooch Colombo President

Club Outing- "A winter day on Futah Creek"

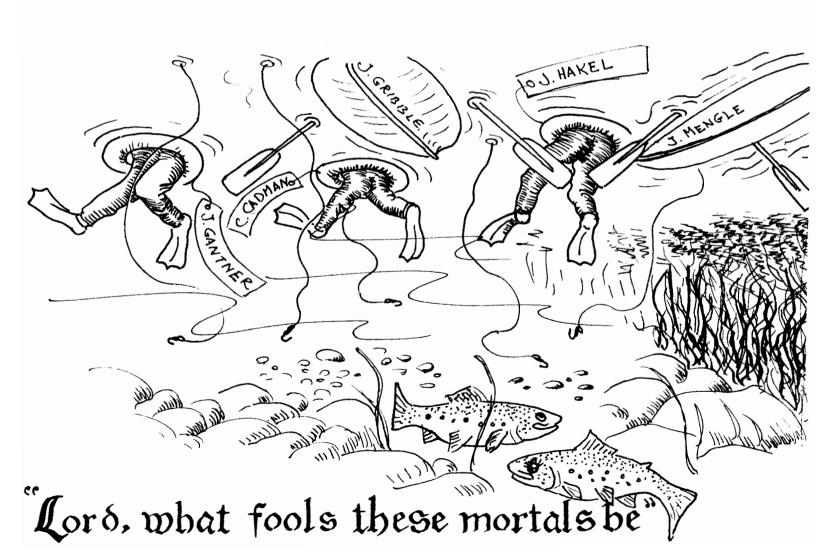
There was frost on the grass, ice on the windshields and a cold north wind was blowing down the valley when we arrived at the meeting place on Putah Creek on Saturday, Jan. 31.

John Gantner and Jim Mengle were there in John's big motor home, dispensing hot coffee to all comers. Lew Solomon, with his tiny kayak was already there when we arrived. John had fished Friday evening and had seen some rising trout but hadn't located any takers.

We went down to the creek, looking for a boat launching site downstream from the last riffles and found a place about 150 yards below the parking area. As we were getting the boats into the water some more members arrived including Chuck and Greg Cadman, Jim Hakel, Jim Gribble and Dixon Browder and family. All the action however was human because the fish were in hiding; not a dimple anywhere.

This situation prevailed throughout the day. As the day wore on the weather became balmy but there were no hatches of any consequence. However, there were some splendid demonstrations of casting and finally, just to prove there really were trout in the stream, Jim Mengle raised and released a 10 inch "factory" rainbow.

The rest of us had a splendid day on the water!!!



Fishing Report - Courtesy Hal Janssen

Coastal streams are still too roily for flies. Allow another week at least, barring new rains.

Some big steelhead are hanging in the American river below Nimbus, but must have lockjaw at present.

The upper Kalmath is clear, high and cold, but holds some steelhead that are taking bait and hardware currently; flies next week perhaps?

A few steelhead are being taken in the San Lorenzo river and in Pascadero creek.

The Trinity at Lewiston is clear and holds some steelhead. Also, the stream section between Clair Engle Lake and Lewiston reservoir is yielding some nice rainbows in the 1-2 pound sizes. This is the time to try for smallmouth bass off the points in Clair Engle Lake with leeches.

If you like fishing in the snow, Baum Lake is good on Janssen's chironomid pupae and size 16 caddis pupae in pale colors. You won't find it crowded with fishermen.

Pyramid Lake is at its best this time of year; the worse the weather the better the fishing.

If the price of gasoline bugs you, try popping bugs on Spring Lake.

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MEETING REPORT Trout Unlimited----North Bay Chapter January 14, 1981

The decline of our anadromous fish isof concern to all fishermen, and should be of concern to all people. A number of organizations have been formed to attempt to reverse the decline, but there are factors that oppose their efforts; namely, increased interest in hydroelectric development to cope with the energy demand, and irrigation development to supply food for an ever expanding human population.

Up to now the fishermen's groups have been small and widely divergent in their proposals. It would appear that an effort at the National level is needed to focus the attention of the public at large on this problem.

Mr. Chuck Voss, who is chairman of the West Coast Anadromous Fisheries Committee, and the fishermen's representative on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Salmon Committee, spoke to this program at the monthly meeting of Trout Unlimited.

The title of his presentation: "Let's Get the Steelhead out of the Butcher Shop" suggests that he may have something of interest for all to consider.

We will continue to follow his activities and report developments.

A Place to Fish-Macumber Lake

Macumber Lake, northwest of Viola, 42 miles east of Redding on Highway 44. Turn north to the Macumber road about 2 miles west of Viola.

Macumber Lake is a small PG&E impoundment on the north fork of Battle Creek. PG&E maintains 7 camp units and 5 picnic units on the lake shore and it is usually crowded on weekends. The creek flowing into the lake provides good spawning water for the browns and rainbows that share the lake waters thus the fishery is maintained to some extent by wild fish. The lake itself is only about 10 acres in extent and is rather shallow. Nevertheless it produces a fair number of large trout. During severe droughts it has gone dry with the consequent loss of its fishery. However, it should by now have recovered productivity fairly well since the last drought.

It is good water for tube fishing as well as boating. Motors, including trolling motors are prohibited.

Ben Cummings

Russian River Report

Fly fishing for steelhead can be a humbling thing. Take my problems, for instance, at my favorite spots on the Russian River. I had been to a very interesting seminar, by a local fishing guru, in which he advocated many exciting and thought provoking ideas- extra long leaders, very light tippets, vanilla as an odor killer and the releasing of fish.

In the past 2 years I have often used tippets as light as 6 pound test and landed steelhead to $12\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. Now, impressed with this new and very skilled bit of knowledge, I tied on a 4 pound tippet and ventured forth to Austin Creek. I made perhaps 20 casts and was fast into a ten pounder extremely bright. I had him on for one tremendous leap, another and the tippet parted—oh well.....

Two days later I returned with my wife and had no luck. The following day I was up at daybreak just below Johnson's beach at Guerneville. I had a savage strike, a couple of head shakes and that was the end of the battle. I moved up river with little luck until I reached the long riffle above the last summer bridge. Very soon I hooked a large and bright fish of about ten pounds on a Boss pattern. After a long run and a lot of surface thrashing another lost fish.

All of this leads me to think that what is a good leader tippet for the Gualala with its low and clear water is not the best choice for the Russian with its green murky conditions.

> Dick Maddax Your Faithful Correspondent



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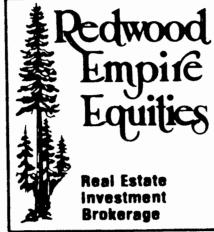
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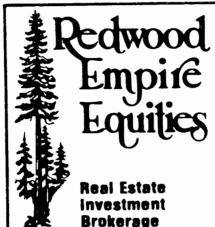
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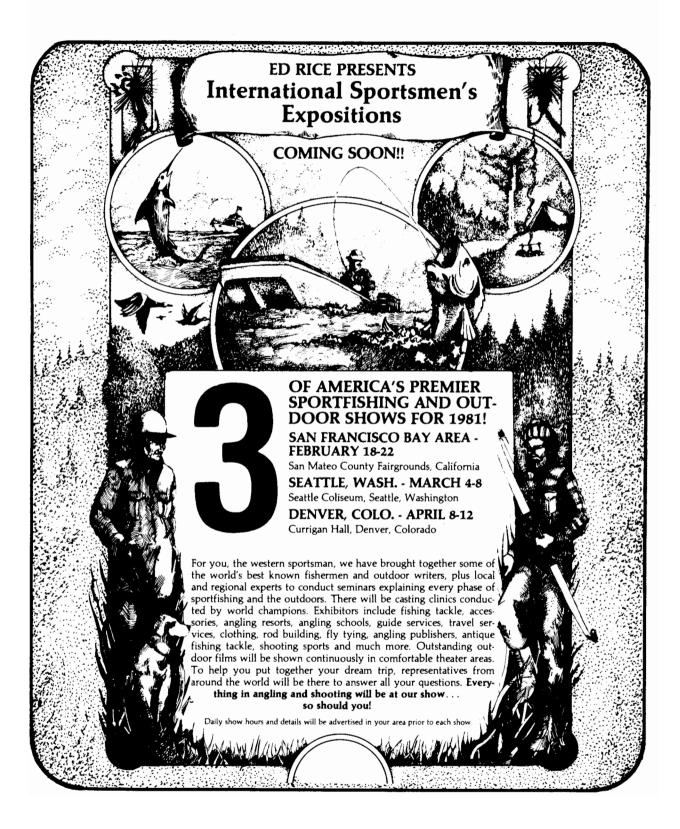


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A hearty welcome to new members:

Neil Silverman and family Pat Stoll James S. Mitchell

Address changes:

If you haven't been getting your "Cast" perhaps it's because you've moved and haven't given us your new address. Let's keep current!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Herb Troebner's --"Troebner Nymph"

Materials: Hook: #9672 Sizes 6 - 8 - 10

Tail: Guinea Hen

Body: Dark Brown Darning Wool

Wing Case: Turkey Wing Quill - Dyed Gold

Hackle: Dark Par tridge

Head: Tan

Tying Procedures:

1. Tie thread on hook at midpoint of shank.

2. Tie on tail material. Trim off butt end of tail material. Wrap thread back, tying on tail material to the bend of the hook; this is in line with the barb of the hook. Secure with a half hitch.

3. Wrap thread forward in an open spiral to the tie-on point. Tie on body material. Tie a half hitch. Cement back half of hook.

4. Wind body material towards bend of hook halfway between bend and tie-on point and return. Wind back body material to tail and return to tie-on point completing the body, forming a smooth tapered body toward the bend of the hook. Half hitch. Flatten body. Apply cement to front half of hook. Wrap body material halfway toward the eye of hook and back to tie-on point.

5. Tie on wind-case material. Trim butt end of wing-case. Wrap tying thread to about 1/8 th inch from eye. Half hitch. Complete forward part of body, winding body material in front and back of wing-case, making a smooth cigar-shaped body. Tie and trim.

6. Complete wing-case by laying the material on the top of the body and tying it in at the eye-end of the body. Trim and half hitch.

7. Tie hackle on to hook by the tip with the glossy or convex surface facing upward. Trim off tip and half hitch.

8. With hackle pliers, wind hackle compactly just ahead of the body. The hackle fibers should flair back toward the hook of the fly. Form a wet fly (arrow shaped) head (). Cement.



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6:30 p·m· wet lines/ 7:30 p·m· dinner .

PROGRAM: We will be showing (for the first time on the West

Coast a new film on Tarpon Ply Fishing. This is a great film. We will also have a SUPER RAFFLE. See inside CAST for details. If you have trouble making reservations on time call Bill Archuleta at

545-3339.

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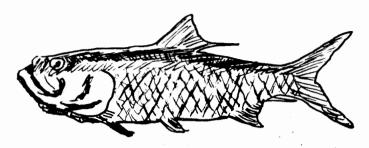
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Come and get a taste of Tarpon Fly Fishing at this month's meeting. Frank Bertaina & Fishing International are presenting a dynamic new film on the subject. The film making was personally funded by a French Count by the name of Guy Valdine at a cost of \$300,000. If you have never been tarpon fishing you will be purchasing airline tickets after you see this one!! We are also going to have a large raffle with some great prizes. Make reservations early and I will see you at the dinner.

Please try to support our efforts to establish a blood bank. See inside the Cast for details.

THANK YOU,

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THE HAL JANSSEN FISHING REPORT

As you all know, the small coastal streams closed on February 28, 1981. However, there is still some steelhead fishing to be done on the Russian, the Eel, the Trinity and the Klamath.

During late March in the Russian we have a good run of bluebacks and there should be some good action from "downstreamers." Because the water levels have remained fairly high this year many steelhead have been able to get up stream easily without injuring themselves. Therefore they are relatively fresh and should provide good sport on their way back out to the ocean. All the "downstreamers" should be released because their eating quality is bad. Let them go and come back another year.

Of course, this time of year can always be good on the Trinity and Klamath.

Black bass are deep and will remain so until there is a change to warmer weather. But there is a method of taking them deep. One should use a weighted line with an unweighted fly such as a leech in black, green, and purple. The line will get the fly down but it will remain active without the weight on the hook shank. If you can't fish from a pram, boat etc. then fish from rocky points that jut out from shore. These areas are good for both bass and trout in lake situations.

Putah Creek always has the potential for being good and there are some trophy size fish to be had. I just heard of a 24 inch five pound rainbow being taken just below the dam. If you are in the faster more turbulent water put a lead sleeve about 12"-18" above your caddis imitation and get it down. These fish like to hug the bottom this time of year.

Trout fishing has been very good in lakes surrounding the Burney area. If you can make it to Baum Lake you can bet on good fishing. Bring a pram if you have one.

Striper fishing is picking up in San Luis Reservoir. Use lead core lines with 3"-4" yellow and white streamers. This is boat country.

If you would like to finely hone your abilities for the opening of trout season then you might enjoy fly fishing for sharks. Now is the time and just about any local bay (in blue water) you can find action. You should have an 18'-20' boat and plenty of cut up chum. Proceed to blue water (at the mouth of the Russian River is good) and rig up your 10 weight rod or larger. The tip section of your leader should be 12 inches of black 301b. wire. Your imitations can look like anything. The sharks will come to the surface for the chum. Throw your line in and watch out!

ENJOY, Hal Janssen



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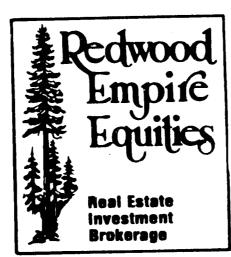
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Assembly tackles fish glut

Press Democrat Bureau

SACRAMENTO — State officials took the first step Wednesday toward a solution to what could be an unprecedented problem: A stream with too many salmon.

Assemblyman Douglas Bosco, D-Occidental, told an Assembly committee the glut is expected from an unusual spring run of king salmon on the Ten-Mile River in Mendocino County

The Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee then unanimously approved Bosco's bill authorizing the state Fish and Game Commission to declare a spring sports-fishing season on the river, located north of Fort Bragg.

An over-abundance of anadromous fish can interfere with the reproductive cycle because spawning beds are limited, according Fish and Game Department lobbyist Jim Messersmith.

The experience of the salmon restoration program on the Ten Mile River in Mendocino County shows what can be done in restoring a fishery if we give as much effort to helping them as we do to harvesting them.

Although we would like to see Dry Creek become a year round scream with completion of the Warm Springs Dam, we are hopeful that the hatchery operations can continue despite the possible delay in completion schedules.



Messersmith said the unusual spring migration is the result of a three-year-old release of salmon fry from a community rearing pond. Salmon normally spawn on Ten-Mile River in the fall.

The Bosco bill is endorsed by major commercial, ocean-fishing groups — the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen and the Salmon Trollers Marketing Association of

Fort Bragg — and by the Department of Fish and Game.

Messersmith said the heavy run was predicted on the basis of a large migration of jacks, or young male salmon, a year ago.

If there is an over-population of fish, reproduction declines as salmon seeking places to plant their roe dig up recently planted roe, state experts said.

Warm Springs could be delayed 2 years or more

By BOB KLOSE

Funding cuts proposed by the Reagan administration would delay completion of Warm Springs Dam more than two years and possibly longer.

However, Reagan apparently plans to provide full funding for the \$274 million Sonoma County project.

Aides to Rep. Don Clausen, R-Crescent City, today confirmed the president is proposing a \$3.6 million funding cut for the dam during fiscal year 1982.

Jim Boyle, press aide in Clausen's Washington office, said the Public Works and Transportation Committee staff confirmed reports that Reagan will ask Congress to trim the Warm Springs allocation from \$24.4 million to \$20.8 million.

Former President Carter had proposed the \$24.4 million. Ideally, the Corps wanted \$36 million next fiscal year.

In San Francisco, Corps of Engineers Capt. Scott Moseley said Reagan's Warm Springs allocation proposal calls for extending the completion date of the peoject to 1987 and possibly later.

The project, including recreation facilities and operations, was scheduled to be finished in 1985.

Here are the budget proposals by Carter and the cuts Reagan will ask Congress to approve:

1982 — Carter, \$24.4 million; Reagan, \$20.8 million.

1983 — Carter, \$20.8 million; Reagan, \$11.2 million.

1984 — Carter, \$17.1 million; Reagan, \$4 million.

1985 — Carter, \$10.2 million; Reagan, \$9.45 million.

1986 — Carter, none; Reagan, \$17.2 million.

Moseley said Reagan proposes allocating the final \$10 million to finish the project in 1987 and possibly later.

Moseley said he doubts the cuts in 1982 would delay completion of the dam embankment, now scheduled to be completed by November 1982.

However, he said the cuts could mean problems for road relocation work the Corps must complete before the Dry Creek and Warm Springs Creek valleys are flooded.

Other jobs at the project could be delayed, he said, including vegetation and erosion management, construction of recreation facilities and bank stabilization work on Dry Creek below the dam.

The \$3.6 million cut proposed for 1982 was first reported Tuesday by Sonoma County Water Agency chief Robert Beach who was granted permission by the Board of Supervisors to attend Congressional budget hearings later this month.

BLOOD BANK

Our efforts to establish a blood bank donor fund for the Massian River fly Fishers is not going very well. We need your donation if this is to be a success. This fund would provide members with blood in an emergency. Please help us and help yourselves. The blood bank is located at 142d Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. Telephone 542-1222.

FLOAT TUBE SEMINAR

Bob Wray will be conducting a FREE float tube seminar at the Lake Raphine Boat House on Saturday March 28 at 8:30 A·M· He will discuss the types of tubes, safety, equipment, casting etc. If you have never experienced the freedom a tube offers you should definately look in to this class. They are a tremendous amount of fun and a very effective fishing device.

UPCOMING CLUB OUTING

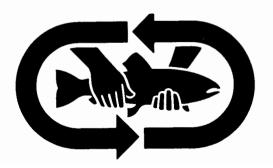
The next club outing will be sometime in May at Indian Valley Reservoir. Last year's event was FUN!! I am not going to miss it. Plan on this event. The bass and panfish are quite numerous.

EDITOR'S NOTE--WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Every month we would like to include articles written by our members. We want to hear about your fishing experiences and so do the other club members. It doesn't have to be typed, fancy, dramatic etc. Just write down whatever grabs you or your line and mail it to us. Or you can give it to Jim Hakel or Ben Cummings at our club meetings.

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A PLACE TO FISH

With all the stuff in the Spring issue of the Fly Fisherman about the Yellowstone, the writer missed a nice little stream that isn't fished very much-- the Hell Roaring Creek.

It's been many years since we last visited that stream, but our memory is still vivid of a bright, sparkling, freestone brook tumbling out of a canyon between Hellroaring mountain and the Buffalo Plateau.

The stream was loaded with rainbows, cutthroats and a few browns to 18"; and we had the stream all to ourselves on a beautiful day in July.

Perhaps the reason for the lack of fishing pressure stems from the streams location; it's on the far side of the Yellowstone river...and the Lamar River. However, there is a foot bridge across the Lamar on the trail to the Hellroaring Ranger Station. Before starting for Hellroaring Creek, have with you a topographic map of Yellowstone Park. Then get directions at the Tower Falls Ranger station.

There used to be a service road from Tower Falls Ranger station along the bank of the Yellowstone River around Garnet Hill. A suspension foot bridge across the Yellowstone River near where Little Buffalc Creek comes into the gorge gives access to Hellroaring Creek. The bridge is NOT shown on the Yellowstone Park topo map. Ask the ranger how to find it. It will save a 5 mile walk.

The far side of the river is seldom visited and one may find buffalo on the rolling, grassy hills on the way to Hellroaring. There may also be some bears in that area. Keep your eyes open and don't blunder into a grizzly! Good fishing.

Ben Cummings

Since our last issue we received the sad news that one of our good fishing friends is no longer with us.

Dr. Russell Johnston passed away in his sleep in New Zealand after having enjoyed three weeks of fishing New Zealand s fabulous trout waters.

We regret his passing but take comfort in the knowledge that he had lived his life in the best way one can to our way of thinking. RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS, INC.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 15, 1981 7:30 P.M. WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave. Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Phil Ryan of Napa, Calif. will talk to us about Hat

Creek. If you enjoy fishing for those trophy fish

don't miss this one.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wed

Wednesday, April 22, 1981 7:

7:30 P. N.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHERE: Slate

Wednesday, May 20,1981 7:30 P.M.

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why wait until opening day to go trout fishing? Right now is the time to be on these small lakes tucked away here and there. On weekends, you may see a few locals fishing; however, if you go during the week, you will virtually be assured of having the place to yourself. So give some of these little lakes a chance. Who knows, you might even catch a 3-4 pounder. These lakes are in abundance in the Redding-Burney area.

Tooch Colombo President

P.S. There should be some shad in the lower Russian right about now.



The Hal Hanssen Fishing Report

The steelhead are still in the Russian River in some numbers in the Ukiah area. Some of these fish are fresh! The fishing conditions depend upon the water release from Lake Mendocino and as of this writing the water is slightly off color. Keep your eyes open and remember that the Russian River is open year round.

The smallmouth fishing in the Russian also varies with the water release from Lake Mendocino. If water is being released from the top portion of the dam where it is warm the fish will begin to feed and move. However, if the water is coming from the bottom of the lake as is the case at the moment then temperatures are too brisk and activity is sluggish. The weather conditions have been very favorable with this warming trend and I expect good fishing very soon.

The good fishing has already arrived at Spring Lake and the bass and bluegill are taking surface plugs and poppers voraciously. As long as the weather stays good and you fish mid-week you can't miss.

Trout season offically opens April 25th. Expect streams to be on the high side. I would recommend heavily weighted soneflies, caddis and streamers. If there is any top water activity it will be callibaetis, blue wing olives or the pale yellow stone.

You can find good bass action at Lake Berryessa at the north end of the lake. Around the Putah Creek and Pope Creek areas there is good black bass and in the northeast section the smallmouths are active.

The upper areas of the Eel below Van Arysdale and Scott Dams are running dirty and the fly fishing action seems to be finsihed for the year. Many bait fisherman have been taking rainbows from 12-15 inches in these areas.

Don't forget Baum Lake.

Hal Janssen

Editor's Note- Baum Lake

On March 25-27 Jim Mengle and I drove to Baum Lake to try and catch some of those big fish you always hear about and never see. For two days we fished in rain, wind, thunder, lightning and hail with some success. The water was high and hatches were virtually non-existent so we fished weighted scuds. On the last day Friday March 27 the wind was blowing briskly and one could only manage to roll cast, let the line sink and then strip slowly; very slowly. Well, to make a long story short I hooked and landed a beautiful 41b. rainbow and 30 minutes later hooked and landed an 81b. rainbow; the two largest rainbows of my fly fishing tenure. I was using a 3 wt. rod and 6x tippet. I am now a believer, and when the wind comes up on Hat Creek look for me on Baum Lake.

Jim Hakel

Indian Valley Feeer Voice -- Club Caping

Our club outing will so held on Nay 2-3 (Saturday & Suncey) at Indian Valley Reservoir. Camp will be located at the north end of the lake near last year's site. Lake water levels will not be as high this year, making boat access to last year's camp area difficult. I would recommend taking Wilbur Springs Road off Highway 20 to the north end of the lake this year rather than Bartlett Springs Road. Wilcor Springs Road is a much better road and an easier drive. Unless your vehicle is a mule don't attempt Walker Ridge Road. Bring everything you need to camp; no stores in the area. Up date details on the camp area and water conditions will be available at the April club meeting.

Last year's outing was a great success; many bass were caught. Black bass is the primary target, featuring great top water action on bass bugs and poppers. Top water action is test in the morning and evening when shadows are on the water. Look for areas in shallow water with brush and overhangs. Bass may be taken during the day with a sinking line. Crappie are numerous and are found in most any brushy area. A display of bass bugs and fly's will be set up at the April club meeting along with maps and photos of last year's outing.

I hope you can attend this year's outling; information & questions phone 584-7527.

Outing Chairman Jim Mengle

Lefty Kreh!!!!!

Get Ready. Lefty is going to be with us again this year on Sunday, December 6, 1981. Anyone who knows Lefty or has seen his presentations know that this dinner meeting is a must. So place it on your calender now.

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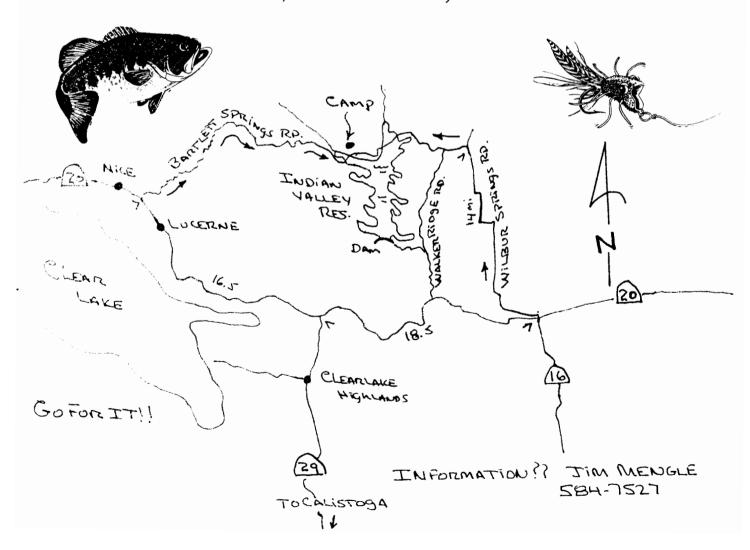
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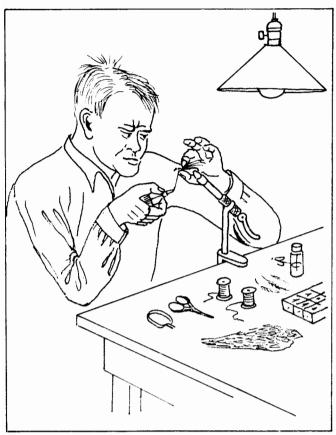
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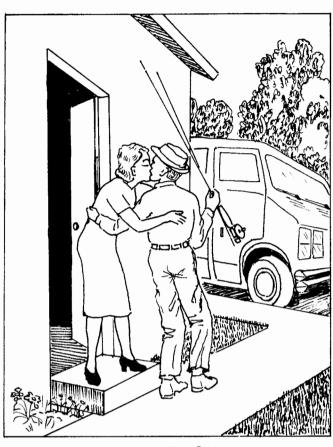
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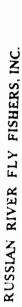
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 20, 1981 7:30 P.M. WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria 3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Al Perryman, director of Orvis Fly Fishing School, will present a program on shad and striper fishing. He is very knowledgeable about local areas and conditions. We will also have a casting clinic prior to the meeting on the school track area. This will begin at 7:00 P.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, May 13, 1981 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR

WHEN: Wednesday, June 17, 1981 7:30 P.M. WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the sun rose on Indian Valley Reservoir a week or so ago, there were poised along the bushes at shoreline, 23 members and 15 guests of the Russian River Fly Fishers Club. The bass took one look at the armada of prams, bass boats and float tubes and immediately set out hitchhiking to lake Mead, Nevada. Though catching fish was a bit slim, everybody limited out on fellowship and camaraderie.

On the serious side for a second, a small lake like this one can take only so much pressure, and although we returned our fish, not everybody feels the way our members do.

That is why your board wrote a letter to the California Department of Fish & Game asking for a 12-inch minimum on Largemouth Bass in Indian Valley, as there is on other lakes in our area.

This little jewel of a lake must be preserved for future generations and hopefully, we can be part of it.

Tooch Colombo President

Welcome !!!!!

We would like to welcome the following new members:
Robert Moratto
Fred Farquar
Ron Lindgren
Stan Diamond
Frank Seghesio
Charles Newkirk
Carl Peters
Darryl Ellingson
Brian Randolph

Membership Notes

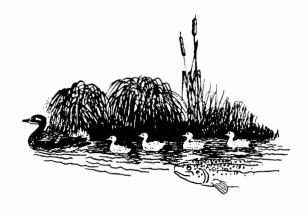
July 1, 1981 marks the renewal date for membership. Remember that there is a \$10.00 delinquent fee if your check is not received on or before the aforementioned date.

Casting Clinic

There will be a practice casting clinic conducted by one of our members prior to this month's club meeting. The date is May 20, 1981 at 7:00 P.M. Everyone should bring their own rod, reel, and line of their choice and meet on the inside of the track and field track at Slater Jr. High School.

Advertising

Anyone interested in running an advertisement in the CAST should contact Ben Cummings at 542-4276. We are going to be starting a new advertising year effective July 1, 1981. The cost for a 1/6 page ad is \$75.00 per year.



Indian Valley Pollow-Up Report

As the president's message indicated, the fishing at Indian Valley was slow due to the cold water conditions. Dixon Browder reported the water temperature was 57 degrees on Sunday morning. This is far too cold for bass activity on the surface. Things should be just perfect about mid May. There are some exceptions to every rule and John Cantner was that anomaly. On Friday evening he took six bass with a dynamite creation of his own. I don't give all the credit to the pattern, but also to the technique with which it is fished. John gave me one of these secret flies and I never saw a fish. Fishing does have its humbling moments.

John's pattern was similar to a floating spuddler with a small deer hair head and long saddle hackles for a tail. This bug made no noise in the water and looked more frog-like than most imitations I have ever seen.

Well, at any rate, a few nice fish were taken but the social interaction superseded all else. We had a ball; all 38 of us. On Saturday night a big pamp fire drew the crowd and the laughter was non stop. Times such as this bring out the true spirit and friendship of all our club members. I only wish that it was possible for every member to be there. Well, maybe that will happen next year. This outing is becoming very popular.

I would like to thank Jim Mengle on behalf of us all for his fine organization and hard work which made this outling so successful. I hope to see you all at the next event.

Jim Hakel

We Want To Hear From You!!!

Anyone who has any kind of a fishing report, commentary etc. write it down in any form and mail it to me:

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Blood Bank

Our efforts to establish a blood bank donor fund are moving slowly and we need your help and BLOOD! This source of emergency blood will benefit any member and his family. The blood bank is located at 1428 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. Telephone 542-1222. Please support this worthy cause.

Having just returned from a very pleasant, but virtually fishless outing at Indian Valley, I am convinced that the usual fly-rod lures leave something to be desired when the bass are dormant.

When one encounters a cool rebuff from a big congregation of large mouth cass it's time to experiment. As a first approach to experimentation it would seem advisable to consult the literature applicable to the problem.

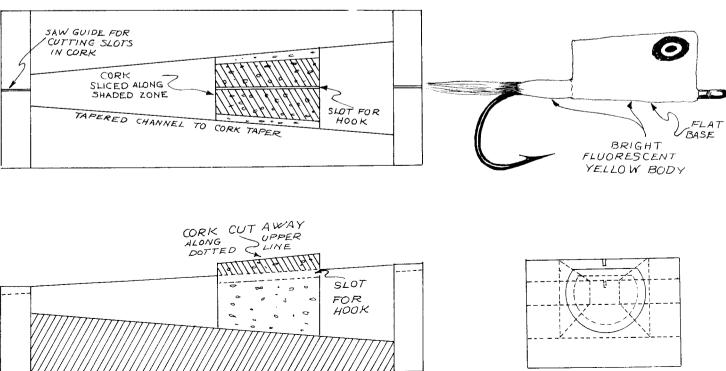
One of the well-known authorities on fly rodding for bass is Lefty Kreh. His article in the Lovember 1980 issue of The Fly Tyer suggests an interesting departure from the usual bass bug design, and we present it here for your consideration.

Lefty's criteria for a good popping bug include the following--

- 1. Proportions are important so that the bug casts and fishes correctly.
- 2. Tails should be short and stiff so they won't twist around the hook. Squirrel tail is preferred.
- 3. The position of the hook in the cork body should be parallel to the flat base and close to the bottom surface of the cork so that it will hang at an angle in the water.
- The hook should be on the center line of the cork so that the cork doesn't cant sidewise but lies in line with the leader, thereby giving more accurate casts and uniform pops.
- 5. Lefty recommends the color be either yellow or orange fluorescent.

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Halting sale of steelhead

Legislation has been introduced in Washington D.C. by Senator Slade Gorton and Congressman Don Bonker of Washington to halt the sale of steelhead in all states.

The measure, titled "Steelhead Trout Protection Act" has the full backing of the newly organized National Steelhead Trout Committee with headquarters in Woodland, Washington.

Headed by Chuck Voss, who has been a leader in the fight to remove steelhead from the commercial market, the committee now includes members from all sections of the nation. Tooch Colombo, president of the Russian River Flyfishers in Santa Rosa is the local member. Gordon Ehrman of San Rafael, Joe Rychetnick of San Francisco and Otto Teller of Glen Ellen are other California members.

In announcing the introduction of the legislation Chuck Voss said, "Steelheaders, it is designed to take the Indians off the steelhead and turn the management of these trout over to the state. It will include steelhead in the Black Bass Act... making it a gamefish. And it will put the question of compensation in the Court of Claims.

"So, now that step one has been completed, the next move is up to all of us.

"It is imperative at this time that each one of us immediately write our federal congressman. If you don't know his or her address, I'm sure your local library will tell you. If you have a Federal Building in your city call them, they can give you the information.

"You'll need to know your congressman's local address and his address in Washington D.C. Also, you should do the same with the United State Senators representing your state.

"Remember steelheaders, we can make this bill go if we demand a Steelhead Protection Act. It will not get off the ground without a very loud voice from steelhead fishermen here at home.

"So please, tell your United States Congressman and Senators that you want action on this new bill, now! And be sure your fishing partners send a letter or mailer a, too. Sincerely, Chuck Voss."

In a previous message Voss said the committee is extremely concerned with the expansion of the commercial Indian steelhead fishery, because they sold more than one million dollars worth of steelhead last year, legally.

He said, "We all have one thing in common . . . and that is to decommercialize steelhead trout so that it cannot be sold to butcher shops and restaurants; so that it cannot be sold to the giant Japanese market, or to Europe under the guise of "Summer Salmon."

"Fellow steelheaders, you can help this session by becoming an important part of this Committee. We're not asking you to join a club, or to pay dues, or attend club meetings. This is not a pitch to have you join a sport fishing organization.

"Our sole purpose is to pass National legislation to eliminate the commercial sale of steelhead trout . . . and nothing else. That's why members of so many different sport fishing organization all over the country are coming together to help in this single mission. In fact, many of our supporters are not members of any club. They simply want to help pass this extremely important federal legislation.

"How can you help? Well, the first thing you can do is to promise yourself that you will write to your congressman. And, of course, if you send us a contribution of three dollars, or more, to help pay for our lobbying effort, we will send you a terrific looking patch for your fishing vest. Mail it to: National Steelhead Trout Committee, P.O. Box Q, Woodland, WA 98647."

If you'd like more information on the Committee you can contact Tooch Colombo at P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Or the other members we mentioned.

All steelheaders should remember that it is not legal to sell steelhead caught in California, but as long as it is legal in other states there is a possibility of our fish finding its way into that market.

"I've got kids and I want them to experience what I have. But right now it looks like there will be a day when I will show them the Bay and say, 'The striped bass used to live here.""

> Cliff Anfinson Charter-boat skipper of the Bass-Tub

Walt Christensen G

Catch-and-release —widespread practice

THE THOUGHT of catch-and-release fishing is usually associated with trout in a clear mountain stream or lake. But it really shouldn't be because today it is practiced to a certain extent with several species of fish.

While perhaps, the release of a black bass, striper, sturgeon, salmon, lingcod or halibut under the legal size limit is not in a true sense catch-and-release fishing, the end result is a dead fish just as with trout if care is not taken when the fish is being returned to the water.

We were reminded of this last week when we received a message from the Mercury outboard people which said, "There's more to catch-and-release fishing than just removing the hook and tossing it back. The idea is to release it in good condition so that it can be caught by another angler in the future. It does little good to release a fish if it won't live."

This, of course, is basic. The sole purpose of releasing a fish is to comply with the law or provide a future catch. Or both.

Through the years many articles have been written on the correct way to release fish so we won't go into that subject again. However, we might suggest that the next time you release a fish that you hold your breath from the time the fish is taken out of water until it is back in again, because it isn't breathing regularly either. The

chances are that if you haven't turned blue by the time the fish is on its way, both of you will survive.

Seriously, we have thought about this quite a few times when on the tube we watch some fishing expert holding up in the air a black bass by its lower jaw while the camera grinds away and comment flows. Finally, the fish is released.

We couldn't help but wonder at the time what would have happened if a pair of unseen hands had choked the fishermen during the filming of the entire sequence. We have a hunch the scene would be shorter and the fish in better shape when returned to the water. Think about it the next time you see someone taking a picture of a fish about to be released.

SPEAKING OF the fish being in good shape, we note that the Mercury people also have some words to say on that subject. They report that fish is the most difficult meat to keep fresh, yet freshness is the key to pleasant taste.

The experts there said, "One of the villains contributing to bad fish flavor is the common metal stringer. An angler strings a freshly-caught fish and forgets about it, assuming that it will be alive when he returns to the dock. What usually happens is that the fish dies from a combination of too much sunlight, too much warm water, too

little oxygen, and extreme stress. When this occurs there's no way the meat can be prepared for the table and expected to taste good.

"From experience, the Mercury experts recommend either keeping freshly-caught fish alive and out of stress situations, or cleaning them and placing them on ice. Live holding methods include the round, wire basket many crappie and panfish anglers use, and the built-in live well found in most new fishing boats. If used properly, both are successful.

"The wire basket must be sunk in water deep enough to keep fish cool and shaded from sunlight. Don't put too many fish in the basket or overcrowding will cause stress and result in bruising and general deterioration.

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"Some boats aren't suitable for live well installation, but if you have one it works best when water is pumped in and out continually. Also avoid crowding the fish in the well, as this causes stress and bruising.

"The best way to retain fish flavor is to clean the fish immediately after it is caught. Remove the gills, intestines and all blood, and cover the fish with cubed or flaked ice. Remember to protect the chest from the sun."

Now, if we only knew how to got the book out of a teachy have the poor

STREAM REFORT

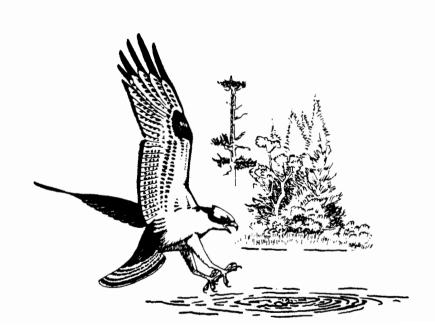
We don't have much at this writing because everyone who can give us information is out fishing.

There are a lot of downstream steelhead being reported and many are being taken <u>unfortunately</u>. (See Walt Christensen's item from the F.D. in this issue.)

A few shad are in the River but they are mostly below the Wohler intake and they are scattered, no big run.

Some bass are being taken in the lower River, from Guerneville on down. The water is a little warmer down there.

With the light snowfall this year, expect the Sierra streams to be fishable about a month earlier than last year. Unfortunately the escalated price of gold has resulted in a lot of suction dredges in the streams in the gold country with consequent heavy loss of nymphs and other trout food. Expect rather skimpy fly hatches later on. What trout survive should be hungry.



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We will be staying in deluxe rooms overlooking crystal clear spring fed creeks and dining on freshly prepared gourmet meals. Fishing will be conducted on the private spring creeks as well as the famous Wood and Williamson rivers.

School package includes lodging, meals, and instructions for \$175 per person. Limited to 10 students.

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

Wednesday, June 17, 1981 7:30 P.M. Slater Junior High School Cafeteria WHERE:

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa Practice casting on lawn at 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM:

Bob Wray will review some of his experiences in fishing some of the spring creeks in the western United States. Some of the finest waters are tributary to the Yellowstone River, just south of Livingston, Montana. Bob's program will show something of the beautiful scenery and the exciting fishing on Armstrong's, Nelson's and DePuy's spring creeks. What's more, he will discuss how effectively to fish spring creeks such as these. If you're planning a trip to the Yellowstone area this summer, don't miss a visit to one or all of these creeks.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 1981 Warrick Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

 $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{HEN}$: Wednesday, July 15, 1981 7:30 P.M. To be Announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Prior to last month's meeting a group of us met on the lawn at Slater Junior High for some practice casting. It was nice to see some boys and girls out there shaking a fly rod. I had several requests by members to make these casting sessions a regular occurrence on the evenings we meet at the school during the summer. So, bring your rod to the next meeting. Teach a little and learn a little. See you at 7:00 P.M. on June 17, 1981.

Tooch Colombo

C.O.R.C.

Important Election

Our next club meeting is on June 17, 1981 at Slater Junior High. One subject of business will be our annual elections for officers and some board positions. In past years we have only had one person run for the office of president. This year however, Liz Wray is challenging the incumbent Tooch Colombo. The only way to decide the outcome is to vote and the only way to vote is to be present at the meeting. Therefore, I hope that you will all make a special effort to attend this meeting. Listed below are platform statements by both Liz and Tooch. Candidates for other positions will be listed on the black board at the meeting. See you there.

The Editor

Statement by Tooch Colombo

During the last year, while serving as your president, I have had the privilege of watching our membership grow, our treasury increase, and more people become enthusiastically involved in our outings. While not being able to claim credit for all this, I would like to think that I had part in it. Therefore, I would like to remain as your president for another year and I ask for your consideration in the election at our June meeting.

THANK YOU, TOOCH COLOMBO

Statement by Liz Wray

I'm running for the Job of President because I feel I can provide certain things this club needs:

- --a smooth, efficient, and businesslike approach to the operation of the club and club meetings;
- --organized leadership of the Board of Directors as the management of the Club.
- -- continued excellent programs, in conjunction with the new Program Chairman, through my contacts with the leaders in the sport;
- -- responsiveness to the ideas of the majority of members;
- -- new ideas about the way this club can grow bymeeting the needs of its members.

I feel the President has the responsibility of being organized and of leading the Club members and Directors in an efficient manner toward mutually agreed-upon goals. In order for this club to move on, it needs someone who will take this responsibility seriously.

Thank You, Liz Wray

Steelhead Trout Protection Act

This act was introduced April 2, 1981. It is designed to take the Indians out of the steelhead business and turn management over to the states. Currently, it is illegal to sell steelhead that are caught in California, however it is not illegal in other states. This bill would make the steelhead a game fish. The bill was introduced by Slade Gorton and Congressman Don Bonker. Please show your support for this bill.

Support AB 1600 and Kill SB720

At our last club meeting, Gail Lucas presented us with a brief program on these 2 bills which are before the California State Legislator. These bills deal with timber practices in this State. The evidence that she presented in the form of a slide presentation confirmed that many logging firms are destroying our forests and streams. Currently, the maximum fine for any offense is \$500. Big deal!!!! What firm cares about a paltry \$500. In brief, AB 1600 would impose harsher fines and allow the Forest Service to issue stop work orders on the spot. At present, they have their hands tied because they must operate through the judical system in order to SB 720, on the obtain an injunction to stop work. This takes weeks. other hand is a pro timber bill with a budget of \$400,000. It would do away with all regulations on the timber interests. It is easy to see that the timber industry doesn't like having any regulations. Gail Lucas is a concerned environmentalist who is operationg without any formal budget and relies strictly on donations. The timber industry has 7 full time lobbyists and a \$400,000 budget. If AB 1600 is to pass and if SB 720 is to be defeated we are going to have to do it. I wish everyone could have seen the slides Gail showed at the meeting. Please write to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee Chairman John Vasconcellos in support of AB 1600 and to the Senate Finance Committee Chairman Alfred Alquist opposed to SB 720 as well as to your local legislators. If you have any questions call Gail at (707) 937-0403 or write to her at:

30001 Navarro Ridge Road Albion, CA. 95410

Reagan Administration Budget Cuts

The following budget cuts have been proposed by President Reagan:

From \$5,500,000 to zero for Connecticut and Merrimack River Atlantic Salmon restoration and anadromous fish work in Great Lakes and West Coast Steelhead projects (ANADROMOUS FISH CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM)

From \$707,000 to zero for preservation of summer run chinook and steelhead in lower Snake River (LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN)

From \$4,915,000 to zero for funds to support 26 existing Co-operative fishery research units (COOPERATIVE RESEARCH UNITS)

From \$52,819,000 to \$36,137,000 for habitat preservation by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (HABITAT PRESERVATION)

I think it is fairly obvious that our new Federal Administration doesn't think it is very important to protect our environment. If you feel as strongly as the board members do on this subject, please write your legislators!!!!

Tips For Writing To Congress

- 1. Be brief...One page is best...Stick to one subject.
- 2. Include the number of the bill and/or subject matter of the legislation.
- 3. Include your name and address on both envelope and letter.
- 4. State your purpose at the outset...then expand with facts and your views in a brief, positive manner.
- 5. Send an original letter or postcard; it means more than several form letters.
- 6. Write legislator's address properly:

Honorable (name of representative)
House Office Building
Washington. D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ms. or Mrs. (name)

Honorable (<u>name of senator</u>) Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator (name)

SB 392 has been proposed to delete the Eel River from the Federal Wild and Scenic River Program!!!

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May 5, 1981

Mr. Tooch Colombo, President Russian River Fly Fishers P. O. Box 2673 Santa Rosa, California 95405

Dear Mr. Colombo:

Thank you for your letter regarding the many threats to the steelhead fishery on the north coast.

My concern about the declining steelhead population has led me to introduce two bills that you may be interested in. Assembly Bill 951 would allocate \$905,000 for stream restoration and clearance. These funds would supplement money that was allocated in a bill I authored last year that put the California Conservation Corps to work on north coast rivers. The second bill that I have introduced would affect the steelhead population is AB 827, which would ban commercial gill-netting on the Klamath River.

These bills are the latest in a series of proposals I have put before the legislature to stave off the ruination of the salmon and steelhead fisheries. Be assured that I will continue my efforts to ensure that salmon and steelhead continue to run the north coast rivers in respectable numbers.

Sincerely,

DHB: 1n

The Hal Janssen Fishing Report

Russian River- The shad are EVERYWHERE! Today I landed at least 30 shad from Mirabel to the rubber dam below Wohler Bridge. By the time this report reaches you they will be all the way up to the Healdsburg Dam. They are grabbing both green and white patterns.

Spring Lake- This place is UNBELIEVABLE!! The other night I took a bass over four pounds from the shore on my fifth cast. Give this place a try on week nights. Use nymphs for bluegill and popping bugs for bass.

Indian Valley Reservoir— This area is too windy to suit me. I have the best results in January and February when the winds cease. Most people think that the bass fishing is over by this time but it is just the opposite.

Trinity River-It is good with stonefly patterns. The fish range from 2 to 5 lbs.

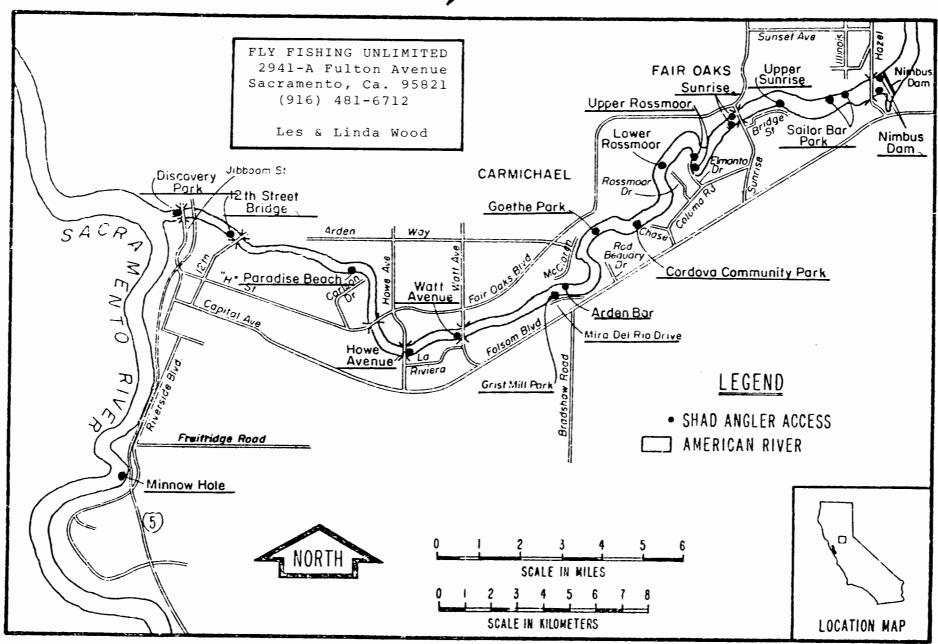
Lewiston and Trinity Lakes- All these areas are good when fishing with leeches and nymphs.

Baum Lake- Never pass this one up. It is red hot when fishing with a medium sink line and leeches, any color in a size eight.

Hat Creek- This has been steady. The hatches are regular with blue winged olives, #16 caddis and #16 yellow stone flies. While guiding last weekend, I caught three rainbows over 22 inches.

Fall River- This area is also steady with regular hatches but when they aren't hatching put on that leech. You will be surprised.





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

American River (cont)

Paradise Beach (Hall Park): An area occasionally used early in the season by fly and spin casters, however, it has become a popular swimming area. Access is from the end of Carlson Drive.

Howe Avenue:

An area occasionally used early in the season by fly and spin casters. Access is off La Riviera Drive at the Howe Avenue Bridge.

Watt Avenue:

An occasional early season fishery used by fly and spin casters. Also, late in the season, fly casters have been known to take a few shad on dry flies. Access is off La Riviera Drive at the Watt Avenue Bridge.

Arden Bar:

Popular with fly and spin casters throughout most of the season. North side access is through the water treatment plant near McClaren Drive. South side access is through Grist Mill Park off Miro Del Rio Drive.

Goethe Park:

Popular with fly and spin casters throughout most of the season. Access is from Rod Beaudry Drive off Folsom Boulevard.

Cordova Community Park:

Popular with spin casters throughout most of the season. Access is from Chase Drive off Coloma Road.

Lower Rossmoor:

Usually a spin casting area but fly fishing is good when water flows are low. Access is from Rossmoor Drive off Coloma Road.

Upper Rossmoor:

A popular fly fishing area throughout the season, often called 30-second hole - that is, if you don't catch a shad in 30 seconds....something's wrong. Access is from Elmanto Way off Coloma Road.

Sunrise:

A once-popular fly and spin casting region; however, rafters and swimmers have taken over. Access to either side of river is possible from Sunrise Boulevard.

Upper Sunrise:

Popular throughout season with both fly and spin casters. Located opposite the lower end of Sailor Bar Park, access is off Bridge Street; travel 1.3 miles upstream and turn left on gravel road.

Sailor Bar Park:

Popular throughout season with both fly and spin casters. Fly casting from boats is also popular. Access is from Illinois Avenue off Winding Way.

Nimbus Dam:

The most productive area, Nimbus is popular throughout the season with spin casters. Access to either side of river is possible from Hazel Avenue,

+ JUNE CLUB OUTING -

FLOAT TUBE HIKE-IN

WHERE: LAKE ILSANJO, ALLUADEL STATE PARK.

A WILDERLIESS EXPERIENCE MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA!! LAKE IS ZL ACRES IN AREA LOCATED IN THE EASTERN EDGE OF SANTA ROSA. HIVE-IN TO LAKE IS A LEASURE 30 TO 45 MINUTE WALK FROM TRAIL HEAD. SEE MAP BELLOW.

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH. MEET ATTRAIL-HEAD AT 2:00 P.M. FOR HIVE LUTO LAKE. PREMIUM FISHIUL IS FROM 5:30 TILL DARK.

GEAR: FLOAT TUBES OR SMALL RUBBER RAFTS, FLOAT
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, July 15 Dinner Meeting

WHERE: Oakmont Inn

7025 Oakmont Dr.

6:30 Cocktails 7:30 Dinner

PROGRAM: California Trout presented by Michael & Christine

Fong. We will also have the installation of new officers and awards. More details inside cast. Paid reservations are a must!!! They are due by

July 8.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: July 8 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR

WHEN: Wednesday, August 19 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave. Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In reviewing our Club's progress over the past year, the highlight is the extraordinary cooperation of our members in getting things done.

We are singularly fortunate in having a membership that is both enthusiastic and capable. As a result our meetings and activities have been well attended throughout the year. Evidently we are doing something right,

I believe our success has come largely from the efforts of some very dedicated and talented people who have given unstintingly of

their time in serving with me on your Board of Directors.

Liz Wray's programs have brought to our meetings, speakers of international fame in the angling world. Jim Mengle's outings have been we'l planned, and a lot of fun, plus a great way to get to know each other. Chuck Cadman's raffles have been most profitable to the Club, thanks to his efforts and to the generosity of our members. Bill Archuleta has kept our credit rating A-1, while Jim Hakel and Ben Cummings keep us informed of Club activities via The Cast. With such help, how can we fail? Space prevents mention of the many others who continue to help, but I thank you all.

Election Results

At last month's meeting we held an election for the office of president, vice president, and four board positions. The results are:

Liz Wray- president Jim Mengle- vice president Charles Newkirk- director Spencer Bader- director Frank Norman- director Charles Schelter- director

Congratulations to the new officers and thank you to the out going directors. We would especially like to thank our out going president, Tooch Colombo, for all his hard work and devotion. Tooch has spent many hours at the helm to ensure a smooth running operation and this was certainly reflected in all the fine dinner meetings, programs, environmental work etc. PHANK YOU TOOCH !!!!

WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

In our experience, The California Department of Fish and Game seems to be dominated more by political considerations than is the case with some of the other western states. This may be partly due to the density of population in California as compared to, for example, Idaho, Wyoming, or Montana.

The Department has to do a balancing act between popular demand for sport opportunities for all license purchasers versus quality of sport for the more selective.

The Department has many very capable biologists who are well qualified to recommend management programs that will provide any kind of wildlife population desired, compatible with a given habitat.

Unfortunately, all too often their recommendations are modified by the pressure of special interests in the body politic.

This being the case, and our Club comprising a special interest, it is important that we continue to support and advocate policies and programs that appear to promote our interests, thereby providing a counterpoise to policies that seem detrimental to our interests.

It has been well said that " a public official is kept in an upright position by pressure from all sides"



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Post Office Box 47 Yountville, California 94599 (707) 944-4460



May 27, 1981

Mr. Dixon Browder, Secretary Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc. P.O. Box 2673 Santa Rosa, California 95405

Dear Mr. Browder:

Thank you for your letter indicating your interest and concerns for the fisheries at Indian Valley Reservoir.

We concur with your views that Indian Valley Reservoir is gaining in popularity and is providing an excellent quality of fishing experience. However, we have no evidence that a 12-inch minimum size limit on black bass is warranted at this time.

We have an ongoing program to monitor the age and growth of this population of bass. Should these data suggest a less than acceptable growth rate or an undesirable shift in size class composition, please be assured that we will implement whatever management options, including minimum size limits, that are necessary to preserve the quality of this fishery.

I should point out that a major research objective of ours at this time is the development and testing of minimum size regulations in a variety of California waters, and the imposition of minimum size limits is presently being made on the merits of each individual water.

Thank you for your interest in Indian Valley Reservoir. If you have any specific questions regarding the fishery there, you may contact Mr. John Ellison of this office.

Sincerely,

Brian Hunter Regional Manager

Region 3

Drag Free Leaders

Do you believe it? Dexter Shaw, one of our members, says it's true. Dexter read an article by Geo. W. Harvey in the Spring Special Issue of Fly Fisherman magazine and put this new knowledge to the practical test. He tied up several leaders and tested them under different conditions. He informed me at the last meeting that they are a tremendous success. Dexter was gracious enough to send me a copy of a portion of that article which we have reprinted on the following page.

Dexter included a letter with this article. He says that he uses Maxima for the thicker butt sections and Nylorfi for the soft tip sections. However, on his #6 & #7 weight forward lines he uses a 5 ft. section of 20 lb. flat cobra mono for his butt section. This of couse is permanently tied to the line. When using this type of butt section Dexter eliminates the 10" butt that Geo. Harvey calls for in this article.

(Because of the reprint length we have only included the most pertinent portion.)

Send us Information

Anyone wishing to contribute to the "Cast" about anything please just drop it in the mail in any shape or form. I will take it from there. This type of participation is deeply appreciated by me and the rest of the membership. Let's hear from you. Thank You.

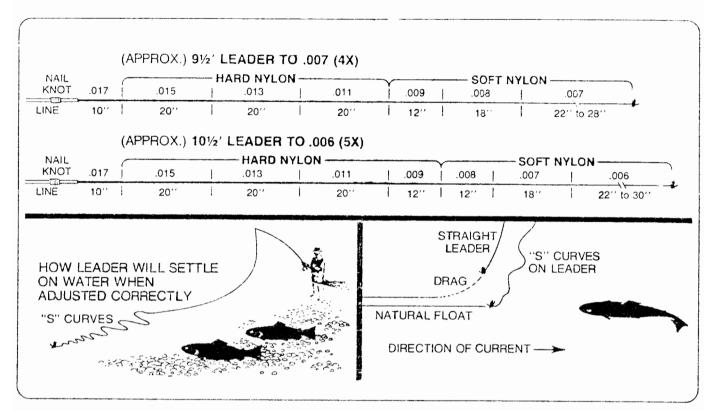
Jim Hakel 2187 Ames Ct. S.R. 95401

Club Outings

By the time this issue reaches you the club outing at Lake Ilsanjo will be history. But we would like to thank John Christlieb for his gracious donation of a graphite rod for the largest bass over 5 lbs.

Jim Mengle wanted me to remind the membership that we are planning a family outing and BBQ at Spring Lake. This will probably be in August. The club will furnish all the soft drinks, beer and charcoal and you bring your own meat, chicken etc. I believe we will also be furnishing the salad but Jim Mengle will clarify the details in the future.

The next outing is at the Russian River. It was a ball last year. Don't miss it. (Next outing after Lake Ilsanjo)



necessary to adjust the soft-nylon tippet to accommodate the fly. You cannot build or purchase a leader that will work with all sizes of dry flies without making adjustments. If all dry flies were tied with the same amount of hackle and had the same air resistance, you could simply build one leader for each size of fly; but this is not the case. For example, a heavy-hackled #16 fly will react differently when cast than a sparsely tied #16. The same is true of all sizes of dry flies; and this is why leaders should be checked every time you change a fly.

If you change flies often, the tippet will become short and must be replaced and readjusted. When you add the soft nylon as described, it is wise to leave the tippet longer than you think is necessary; because if it's too long, it can be shortened until it is the correct length. When you check the leader to see if it is giving you the gradually increasing S-curves, this is the procedure to follow.

Apply a little more power than you normally need to make a straight cast. Aim the cast about four feet above the water, and as your forward cast straightens out, stop it abruptly. Then lower the rod and allow the fly to settle on the water. If your tippet is too long, the leader will pile up; if it's too short, it will be relatively straight. When it lands with a series of S-curves, it is adjusted correctly.

To tie this leader I start with about ten inches of hard nylon tied to the fly line with a nail knot. The rest of the leader is tied with 20-inch sections of hard nylon in the following sizes. .015, .013, .011 and .009. I always carry a good supply of these basic leaders. Later, I adjust them with soft nylon as dictated by the size of the fly I am using.

The following lengths of soft nylon are approximations, because actual length is determined by the air resistance and size of the fly being used.

When I taper to .007 (4X), I cut off the .009 hard nylon and add soft nylon in the following lengths: 12 to 15 inches of .009 (2X), 18 inches of .008 (3X) and 22 to 28 inches of .007 (4X). This creates a leader of approximately 9½ feet.

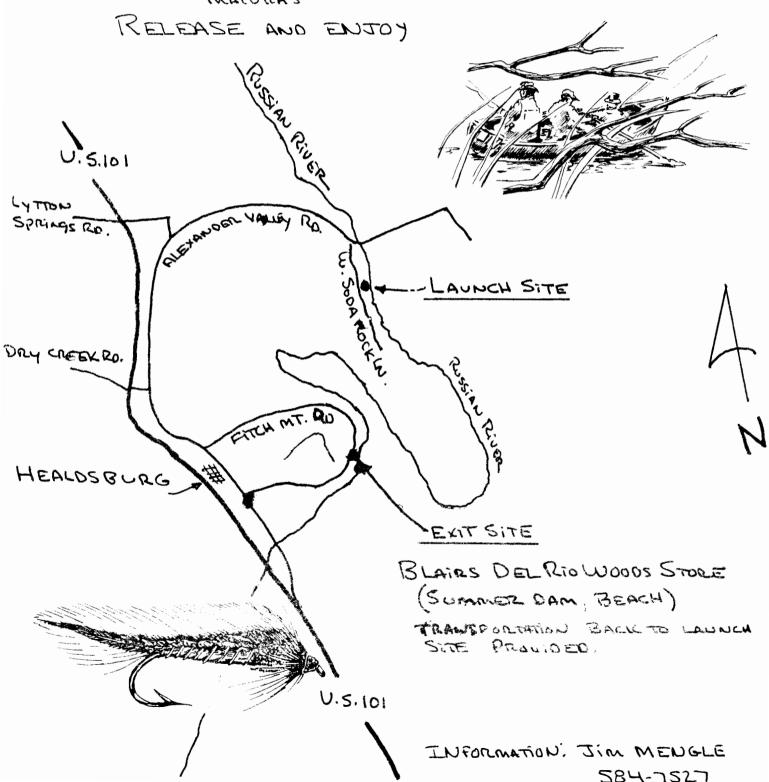
When I go to .006 (5X), I cut off half of the .009 (2X) hard nylon and add 12 to 15 inches of .008 (3X), 18 inches of .007 (4X) and 22 to 30 inches of .006 (5X). This leader is approximately 10½ feet long. If you want to shorten the leader, take several inches off the basic leader of hard nylon. I have been using this leader formula for over thirty years, and I rarely use tippets smaller than .006 (5X); and most of the time I can take trout on leaders tapered to .008 (3X) or .007 (4X).

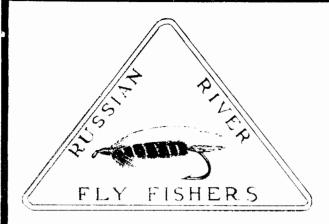
Many dry fly fishermen are concerned with having the leader sink and believe this is important, especially when fishing smooth glides or quiet, slow-moving pools. In fact there are quite a few products on the market today to rub on leaders to sink them. Before using this new design I must admit I used the leader sink myself. Now I never give it a thought and don't care whether the leader sinks or floats as long as I get a drag-free float.

I have been asked why I do not use heavy butt sections. My answer is this: I want the S-curves in the leader to grow progressively longer from the fly to the line. Heavy butt sections will not give you this progression. Some anglers contend that a heavy butt section is necessary on windy days, but I assure you this leader will work in all weather conditions. If you enjoy catching fish rather than casting, this leader is for you.

RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS CLUB OUTING, SATURDAY, JULY 18 TH

FLOAT TRIP DOWN RUSSIAN RIVER FOR SMALL MONTH BASE: MEET AT LAUNCH SITE AT 7:00 A.M., PACK A LINCH. CANOES PRAMS RAFTS. FLIES: BLOCK LEECH, CAREY SPECIAL HE WTO, MUDDLER MIDDOW, MATURIA'S





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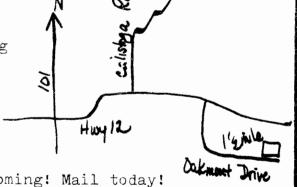
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Wednesday, July 15
6:30 p.m. cocktails/
7:30 p.m. dinner

OAKMONT INN
7025 Oakmont Drive
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Also: installation of new officers, and awards

Please join us for an evening of socializing, honoring our out-going and in-coming officers, and enjoying a slide program by a famous angler-photographer couple. This program will be uniquely tailored for us.

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JULY 8.



Help us plan ahead---let us know if you're coming! Mail today!

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PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION BY JULY 8. YOUR COOPERATION MAKES IT MUCH EASIER TO PLAN A DINNER MEETING. THANKS!!!

SCHOOLDAYS ON THE WILLIAMSON

Having watched others catch big trout on Oregon's Williamson River, while I came away without even a tug on my flies, I realized that this river was something else, and that I could use some instruction.

Accordingly, when Hal Janssen's Fly Fishing School at the Take-it-Easy Ranch was announced, I jumped at the chance to get a bit of his knowledge of The Williamson, which flows nearby. The result was everything that I had hoped for.

Success on the Williamson involves not only the use of proper flies for the period involved, but proper times of the day to fish, depending upon weather, phase of the moon, time of the year, and above all uopn an intimate knowledge of the river bed, which is largely invisible.

The Williamson flows over a bed of lava rock which is greatly contorted, but is so hard and durable that its contour never changes. Thus, once its contour is known and understood, the preferred holding places become apparent, and the fishing method for that part of the River suggests itself.

Such knowledge usually comes only after long observation, which is avaliable only to local anglers. For an occasional visitor the bestanswer is to take advantage of the knowledge of someone who has spent enough time on the River to accumulate this knowledge.

Hence the Janssen School.

The great feature of his school is that one can be with him on the River where he demonstrates his knowledge so effectively that one can put it to use immediately to catch a few of those whopper rainbows that many fly fishermen only see in pictures.

FLY - OF - THE - MONTH: THE LEECH

Dry fly purists may leave the room! This critter is the antithesis of old school tie fly fisning! It represents an animal to be seen in nightmares, but the trout love it! It exists in various sizes and hues, and oozes and undulates among the weeds, changing shape as it goes. It is the leech. Trout seek it in ponds and slow moving streams.

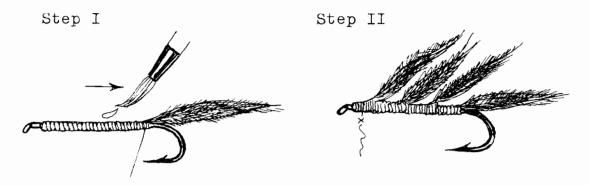
Its appearance is imitated by using marabou, tied matuka style.

On the following page we show a basic pattern from which one may create a variety of analogous patterns.

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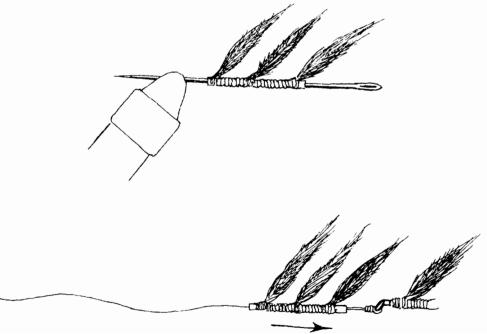
Hook: Mustad #9672 size 8 2XL (do not weight)
Thread Color to match featners
Tail and wing: Marabou in colors black, brown, olive

Tying the Leech



Note: Tie in the marabou clumps rather sparse so that they are free to undulate in the current to imitate the undulations of the natural animal.

If a larger pattern is desired, an extension may be made by tying the marabou, matuka style on a piece of small diameter plastic tubing, obtainable from electronics suppliers. In tying, this tubing may be supported on a needle held in the fly vise. The extension is placed ahead of the hook by inserting the leader tippet through the tube before tying to the hook.



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Our Sixth Prize is for a steelheader who wants the ultimate in steelhead fishing. Ray Baker, 'the guides guide,' is the best darn steelhead guide you could possibly have on the big Deschutes River. He works his buns off making sure that everyone gets into fish. And speaking of buns, Ray Baker is probably the best camp cook you'll ever run into. This is a big four day steelhead fishing trip.

And then we have ten gentlemen who have volunteered to take you to their favored river for steelhead fishing this winter. If your number is drawn on one of these ten anglers, you'll have a great day of steelheading. Your hosts' are: Jim Conway, Jim Teeny, Buzz Ramsey, Frank Amato, Bill Luch, Chuck Voss, Steve Posey, Jerry Kester, Herb Good and Chad Carroll.

PLUS: One Hundred lucky winners will receive merchandize donated to us from our friends in the tackle business. We have rods and reels, lures and fly's, all to be given to the 100 lucky winners.

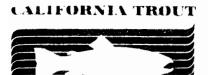


Pentax, makers of outstanding cameras and lenses, have given us two tremendous gifts to be used as bonus prizes for our raffle. So here's what we're going to do. For those of you who mail your sold ticket stubs, with donations, back to us no later than August 28, 1981, we will put you in our special bonus drawing for these two outstanding gifts from Pentax. An Auto 110 System containing camera body w/strap; standard, wideangle and telephoto lenses, case, automatic winder, AF-130p flash unit, and flash case. This is one of the most beautiful complete camera systems you'll ever see. It's absolutely perfect for outdoor action shots, especially with the electric automatic winder and three interchangeable lenses.

In addition, Pentax has also given us a terrific pair of Roof Prism Binoculars, 9x21 DCF. These are "super-multi-coated" binoculars which are perfect for the outdoorsman. **PENTAX***

So, my steelheading friend, you can win one of these Bonus Prizes, or one of the overall raffle trips, or fishing gear, just be sure to get your ticket stubs into us no later than August 28, if you possibly can.

Good luck and good fishing.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

August 19, 1981 7:00 P.M. Casting 8:00 P.M. Meeting WHEN:

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria WHERE:

The practice casting will take place on the field be-

hind the cafeteria. Bring your rod and reel. PROGRAM: This month's program will be slide presentations by

several of our own club members. They will show and tell us about their favorite fishing spots. We did this same type of program a couple of years ago and it

was very entertaining. See you there!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

August 12, 1981 7:30 P.M. WHEN: Warrack Hospital Board Room WHERE:

NEXT REGULAR

September 16, 1981 WHEN:

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria WHERE:

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why do people join fly-fishing clubs like this? Probably the first answer is for social reasons. We like to be with poeple who enjoy the things we do, and believe in doing them a certain way. We want to share good times; we want to be entertained.

People also join a club like this to learn. We hope the more knowledgeable members will share their particular expertise, and that some of the knowledge will rub off. Whether it's casting, fly-tying, or just plain fishing "how-to", there's something that most of us hope to get from being in this club.

Perhaps a third reason people join clubs like this is to do something positive for angling in general and the sport of fly-fishing in particular.

President's message continued

This points out 3 ways I feel our club can grow this year: by increasing cameraderie; providing more opportunities for teaching and learning; and by taking some steps to enhance our name and the sport of fly-fishing in our area.

The Board of Directors is currently planning for this year. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank you for electing us to serve you. However, what we plan will be successful only if it parallels the majority's needs and wishes. We need to know where you want to see the club go. Our names and numbers are listed in the Cast. Let us hear from you!

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In the news

Salmon fishing bill advances

Press Democrat Bureau

SACRAMENTO — A measure to allow an expanded salmon season on Ten-Mile River in Mendocino County was ratified by the Assembly Tuesday and sent to the governor.

The bill by Assemblyman Douglas Bosco, D-Occidental, authorizes the state Fish and Game Commission to allow additional sportsfishing where there is an over-abundance of fish.

The measure is a response to conditions on Ten-Mile River where a community rearing pond produced a chinook salmon migration exceeding stream capacity.

When there is an over-population of anadromous fish, state Fish and Game experts said, reproduction declines.

Bill to boost salmon passes

Press Democrat Bureau

SACRAMENTO — With no dissenting votes, the Assembly Tuesday approved legislation calling for a \$925,000 study of ways to improve salmon reproduction on North Coast rivers.

Money for the program, proposed by Assemblyman Douglas Bosco, D-Occidental, already is earmarked in the 1981-82 state budget.

WANTED

A Casting Pond and perhaps a Clubhouse

Who, among us does not remember those occasions when, if we could have put the right fly just where we wanted it, we could have taken that feeding lunker in that impossible lie?

That happy result could come closer to realization for all of us if we had a place where we could practice more casting, tinker with equipment, test it in action, and exchange experiences and ideas with our fellow members.

Early in our Club's history there was some thought toward developing a place for practice casting, fly tying etc., but our efforts were not very well coordinated and nothing came of it.

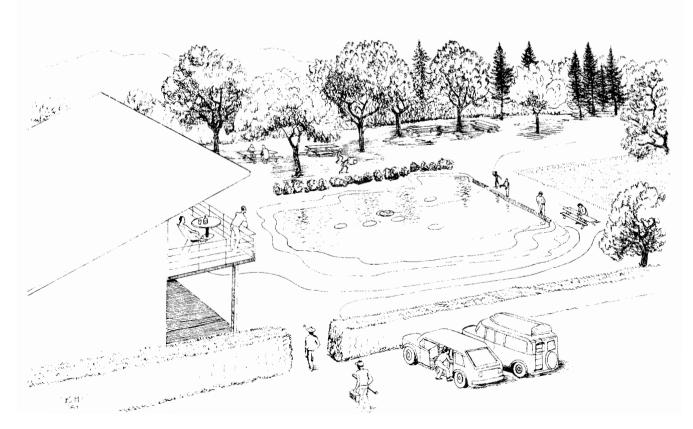
We believe that the project is still worthwhile, and that abetter organized effort might lead to success.

Essentially, we would need a piece of land large enough to hold a pond about 200 feet long, with equal room for backcast space. Also, we would need off-street parking for about 100 vehicles, plus space for perhaps an eventual 5000 sq. ft. building where we could have meetings, fly tying, rod building sessions etc.

There can be many routes to achieving such a goal and we are counting on your ideas and suggestions.

Please phone your suggestions in to any of the Board members listed in this issue. They will investigate with you the feasibility of your ideas and present the more promising alternatives to the membership for consideration toward implementation.

LET'S DO IT! We could get a lot more value from our membership.



soard of Directors

We are always trying to serve our members as best as possible. If we receive input from you on any topic we are better able to accomplish our goals. Disted below are our names and numbers. Please give us a call and let us know what is on your fishing mind.

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Welcome to our New Member

Milt Allen P.O. Box 1156

Raffle Prizes

As most of you well know, the monies received from raffles is our financial backbone. One reason this holds true is because of the generous donations we receive from our members. If you would like to donate anything please call Chuck Cadman at the above number. This is one sure way every member can help his club. Thank you!

Russian River Float Trip

On Saturday, July 18, about 16 members of our club met at the Alexander Valley Bridge for our annual smallmouth bass tourney. It was a beautiful sunny day and the fishing was very good.

We launched our prams, canoes, rafts etc at about 9:00 A·M· and proceeded down stream. Our ultimate destination was Del Rio about 11 miles away. This year we paced ourselves better than last year and we were all at Del Rio by 5:30 P·M·

The Russian River has a sizeable smallmouth population and they seem to feed all day and into the evening. The average fish is 8" to 12" and they are very aggressive. Pound for pound they are tougher than most trout. I know this will raise some eyebrows but just ask anyone who was on the trip. Ask Jim Mengle about his 17" three pound smallmouth. That is heavy duty excitement.

This years "golden squawfish" award should go to either Chuck Cadman or Dixon Browder. Chuck was bragging bout being the first one to catch some bass. I believe he had landed three by 10 A.M. He was off to a torrid start. Well as we have all experienced, sometimes the pace fizzles. Chuck's final bass count for the day was the same three. Sorry I had to squeal on you Chuck but the devil made me do it.

Now Dixon was quite another story. I was fishing near Dixon when he started yelling something about a salmon. His rod was doubled and I could see his knees shaking. Funny thing though, when I ran over there to see this salmon I only saw a 10 lb. carp. Believe it or not Dixon has this fish fair hooked on a big black leech pattern. Well enough for the joking but that's what kind of a trip you can expect anytime we get together on this river. It is FUN!!!

The best patterns that I used were the Carey Special, the Leech and a white Marabou Streamer. These were all on about a size 6 hook and weighted. I also used a sink tip versus a floating line for the first time on the Russian and it worked well expecially in those deep pools that hallmark the river. All you have to do is fish the rocky and shady spots and hold on. These fish hit hard. See you at the next meeting.

Jim Hakel

P.S. Go light on Dixon and Chuck

Attend Conclave '81 August 19-22

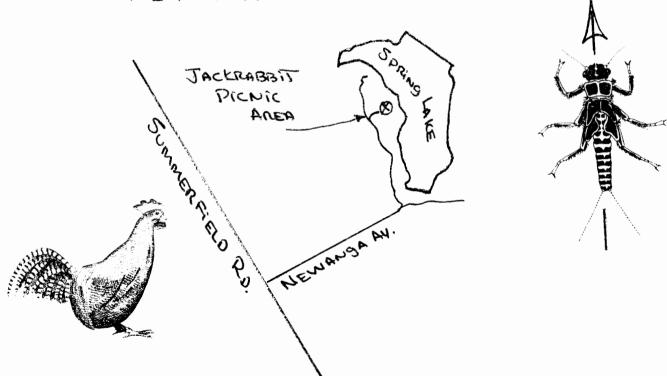
AUGUST CLUB OUTING

FAMILY PICNIC AND BBQ SUNDAY AUGUST 23 RD, 2:00P.M TILL?? SPRING LAKE, JACKRABBIT DICNIC AREA

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- BRING YOUR CHOTLE OF MEAT, PLATE, LITINSELS.
- -BRING ONE SIDE DISH: POTATOE SALAD,
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RAFFLE PRIZES AFTER B.B.W.

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS.



BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

From Dick Maddax comes the following report:

Title: Vacation with Trout - Or 30 Miles on the Rocks

My best fishing partner (spelled WIFE) and I left for a week's pursuing the perfect place to fish.

Having had good luck in the Bowman Lake area of the High Sierra, we decided to try it again. We left the sweltering heat of the Valley and headed for the cooler area above Auburn, and Bear Valley to Lindsay Lakes and Carr Lake, and at last via a very bad dirt and rock road, to Lake Mc Murray (above Lake Bowman) and a lovely campsite.

Fishing was only fair at Mc Murray for planted rainbows, so we turned our efforts to Lake Weaver 1½ miles up above Mc Murray, via a steep and rough road. It is one of the loveliest lakes in the Sierra, and has really good brown trout fishing.

While paddling out from shore in our float tubes we could see the fish rising to dragon and damsel flies. One 17 i nch I caught was so stuffed with dragon flies he looked pregnant.

Running out of ice, and more importantly, beer, we left for Truckee and then made the 25 mile drive to Independence Lake. The first 20 miles were fine, but the last 5 were really more suited for a four wheel drive vehicle. The wind blew very hard the two days we were there, so we decided to leave, although I think it was one of the most scenic lakes we have ever seen, and the very interesting wild life included a beaver and osprey and lots of large deer.

So, wishing to try the action at Martis Lake and its wild trout, we went back down the mountain and camped at Silver Creek on the Truckee River (Martis Creek campground was full every time we drove through it). Next morning was cool and cloudy when we fished Martis Lake. Although the scenery was a little bleak, the fishing was something to dream of. Around 10 A.M. the big cutthroats started to rise to nymphs just below the surface. Aswe watched from our float tubes, huge backs began to break the surface wherever we looked.

I tried a size 20 emerger without a take, so switched to a 22 brown nymph, fished on a greased leader. Had a take from a 5 pounder, which I landed and released after a 20 minute fight.

Shortly the fish started to take flies at the surface, and my wife had a take on a size 18 blue dun. I was, of course, giving her my best advice on how to get the large cutthroat to the float tube. As she got 20 inches of lovely trout to hand, one of the knots I had tied in her leader broke, and all I was left with were apologies which she icily dismissed. Oh, well, no one said being married to a trout fisherperson would be easy.

We fished the Truckee for small browns - about 10 - 12 inches, and so back to the 100° heat in Santa Rosa.

P.S. Back roads in the Sierra were at best, very bad wherever we went, but worth it.



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CURB TAKES A POWDER ON PERIPHERAL CANAL

Lt. Governor Mike Curb, posturing for a run at the governorship next year, said last month he has changed sides on the Peripheral Canal issue. He had been a strong backer of the project since taking office in 1979, but now opposes the SB200 canal legislation which goes to the voters for approval next year.

The Lt. Gov. told a meeting of Mendocino County supervisors the project would be a costly (\$1 billion) conveyance system and "there are questions as to where the water will come from" to justify its construction.

He assured the supervisors he thought it "unlikely that the water will come from North Coast rivers," taking note of new federal wild river status for those streams. Mendocino opposes the canal because it fears it will become the "plumbing" for diverting and exporting Eel River water to desert farms in the south.

But Curb has been an outspoken opponent of protection for the wild rivers. Addressing a San Joaquin Valley group in Porterville a couple of years ago he seemed to have a precise idea where the water should come from, stating, "Dam some of the (northern) rivers! We can't feed a few fish at the expense of the agriculture industry."

CalTrout president Richard May believes Curb is "suckering people and hoping to huckster some hayseeds" with his new line. May noted that opponents of the canal fall into two groups; 1) those who fear the canal will be operated to the detriment of the northstate, and 2) those who feel SB200 (and the recently passed Proposition 8, by linkage) is too protective of the wild rivers and S.F. Bay estuary, and consequently will not bring much of a water windfall to southern farmers as had been their hope the canal would do.

Curb. the former Hollywood record producer, is known to be the darling of the farm group and therefore is suspected of seeking a systematic dismantling of SB200, Proposition 8, the state Wild Rivers Act, and federal river protection. Farm groups are backing all those things. Then with decks cleared, the Eel River can be dammed at Dos Rios (\$1 billion), Shasta Dam enlarged (\$1.2 billion), and then the canal can be built to tap it all effeciently. Meanwhile, farm groups are hankering to pump more and more water through existing Bay-Delta channels, causing fish and game populations to plummet further.

It is a vision sure to chill the hearts even of us dumb hayseed fishermen. If we buy it, we deserve it.

REED BLASTS WATT

Interior Secretary James Watt's policies are "lamebrained" and his actions make him a "traitor to Republican principles," according to Nathanial P. Reed, former Assistant Secretary of Interior under Nixon and Ford, and Watt's boss when Watt was director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Reed characterized Watt as "an environmental disaster for the Reagan Administration," and said he could no longer sit idly by while Watt attempted to turn the clock back to the time when American's believed the nation's natural resources were inexhaustible

Watt, a religious fundamentalist, testified before a Congressional committee considering his nomination early this year that he saw no value in preserving natural resources for future generations because the End of the World is imminent.

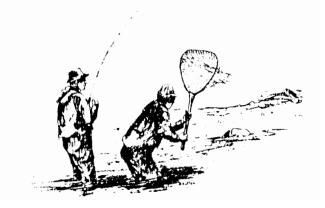
The committee voted to confirm him. Nat Reed obviously is appalled.

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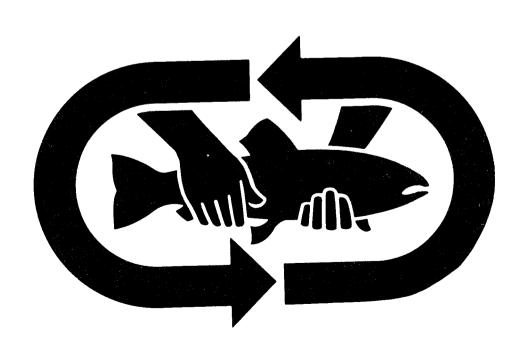
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING: WHEN: September 16,1981

September 16,1981 7:00 P.M. Casting 8:00 P.M. Meeting

WHERE: Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

The practice casting will take place on the field behind

the cafeteria. Bring your rod and reel.

PROGRAM: John Gantner, a member and talented author and fisher-

man will be our guest speaker. John's knowledge of fly fishing and the quality of his photography are both excellent. Come prepared to enjoy and ask questions. If you have any questions regarding any of John's forty

some odd publications ask those also.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Septem

September 2, 1981 7:30 Wednesday

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN:

October 21, 1981 7:30 P.M.

WHERE:

Slater Junior High School Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've been noticing recently that with our Club, it's not only the people, but what they do together and for each other that counts. This Club is people like Emil Lewis and Dale Cheli, taking some newcomers aside before the last meeting and helping them with their casting. It's all the people who came to the picnic. It's Mike and Brian and Ben and Jim showing us places they love and giving us a chance to see what they have to share. It's Jim Hakel's niece Mindy, who upon winning a fly rod at the picnic, didn't know what you did with it; but after an hour's help at the boat dock, deciding that she also needed to learn how to tie flies.

Our Club is maturing---members are getting involved; they're sharing with each other. We are working to develop a place where we can get together easily; that we can use anytime we want. In the meantime, though, we're all going to get out of this what we put into it. So let's put a lot in!

liz Wray

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

It is so nice to introduce new members. Thank you for joining our club:

Steve Christensen & Family Robert "Bobby "Senften & Family Robert D. Osborne Gorden Guthrie Emil Lewis

AUCTIONS AND RAFFLES

As most of you already know, auctions and raffles are the financial backbone of our club. We receive more—income from this source than any other by a large margin. One reason that we do so well is that many of the items auctioned or raffled are donated by members. This is one way you can really help us help ourselves. If you have anything you wish to donate please call Chuck Cadman at 539-2676. Thank you for your help!!!!!

COPIES OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

Copies of This year's budget will be available at our next three meetings for anyone who is interested. If you have any questions or suggestions about how the money is being spent attend the board meetings. Everyone is invited.

INPUT FROM MEMBERS

If you attended our last club meeting you saw four of our 120 plus members sharing their slides and experiences. This was one of the most entertaining evenings I have had at a meeting and I would like to thank Mike Tatro, Brian Kahn, Ben Cummings and Jim Mengle for their fine presentations. After the program I heard many people talking about how pleased they were with the program and how professional and knowledgeable the participants were. Well, I whole heartedly agree and I want to solicit that information for you all. Other club members would like to read about your experiences in the "CAST"!!! Please write them down in any form and send them to me so we can get them in print. I want to hear from you!!!!

Jim Hakel 2187 Ames Ct., Santa Rosa, 95401 526-0976

P.S. Or give me the info at our club meeting. Thanks

It's criminal . . .

Every seven minutes on the average, 24 hours a day, day in and day out, another deer falls to a poacher in California. The toll comes to 75,000 deer annually, twice the legal kill, and the cost to Californians in money alone is conservatively estimated at \$7.5 million. In terms of aesthetics, recreational value, damage to the resource and what have you, however, the cost is incalculable.

And deer is only one of a dozen or more species preyed on by poachers. There are bear, antelope, salmon, steelhead trout, striped bass, sturgeon, prairie falcons, Harris' hawks, eagles, bighorn sheep and tule elk.

It's a crime, too, that out there are people who could identify these poachers, who either witnessed the act or heard about it. But they remain silent, tongue-tied, fearful of retaliation. They don't want to become involved. They expect somebody else to do it; only there is no one else.

Now there is a way for a person with information on fish and wildlife poaching in California to report the incident anonymously — and to collect a sizeable reward if the information results in an arrest. And Californians interested in preserving their wildlife heritage can help with their donations to the program. No public money is used to pay rewards, and all funds must come from contributions.

Department of Fish and Game wardens are doing all they can to stop the poacher. But they cannot do it alone; they need your help, and they need it now.

Repeatedly over the years, wardens have been added to DFG law enforcement ranks, not only to meet the demands of more people and greater pressure on fish and wildlife resources but to deal specifically with poachers. Conservation aides were enrolled to help, and reserve wardens were deputized to strengthen patrol forces. Aircraft have been brought in to better arm the war against deer spotlighters. In northeastern California, where deer are in trouble, the number of wardens working on deer season patrol was increased three hundred percent. Hunters were issued information cards on

which to report violations. Deer poaching was simulated in full view of witnesses and went unreported. Wardens still are able to learn about only two percent of the deer poaching cases. Public involvement in the vital work of reporting poaching has been virtually nil.

Does anybody know about the problems? Does anybody care? For well over a century, the conservation ethic has been preached by Fish and Game, first by commissioners and staff members, later by wardens and most recently through organized professional public information programs. More than 25 years ago, with the inauguration of California's hunter safety training program, volunteer instructors began emphasizing in classes the meaning of fish and wildlife conservation and with it the need for respecting laws and regulations in the field, the forest, along the stream, in the ocean. In excess of one million Californians — adults and children — have successfully completed hunter safety training and orientation in wildlife conservation and management, but poaching continues.

There ought to be a law. Isn't there? Poaching continues despite a history of increasingly restrictive laws and regulations to, among other things, limit night hunting, prohibit the discharge of firearms in many areas, proscribe the possession of certain weapons in the field without proper tags, and sharply increase penalties for convicted poachers. Only recently, for example, legislation was passed to increase penalties for netting salmon, striped bass and steelhead trout to a maximum fine of \$5,000 and as much as one year in jail.

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Now is the time to act. Poaching has reached a peak at a time when many fish and wildlife populations are in jeopardy or when recovery of these populations is only just under way. For example:

- Uncounted tons of salmon are poached from North Coast streams while runs have declined markedly in recent years, and the full effects of the 1976 77 drought have not as yet been felt.
- California's deer recovery program is barely under way yet thousands of bucks are illegally taken each year in the northeast where herds are most vulnerable.
- While well organized commercial poachers are netting striped bass in San Francisco Bay and in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, survival of young striped bass there continues to lag historic levels.



A program that works . . .

A person witnessing a poaching incident or who has any information about a poaching case can dial CalTIP at 1 (800) 952-5400 toll free weekdays during normal working hours. The warden answering the call takes down the information and assigns the caller a code number. No names or other means of identification of the caller are used. The code number becomes the only way the caller can claim his reward in the event the report results in an arrest.

Information from the call is relayed to the Fish and Game region where the offense occurred and an investigation is undertaken locally. If the witness' information leads to an ariest — a conviction is not necessary — the caller immediately becomes eligible for a cash reward. The relief has done his part, now it is up to the prosecution and the court- to do theirs.

Next the case goes of the Citizens Review Board. The five volunteer members of the Board evaluate the case for its impact on fish and wildlife conservation and determine the amount of the reward on that basis. Once one reward has been authorized, the information, along with the caller's code number, is published in the print and broadcast media, and the witness using the assigned code number, calls to claim his or her reward. After identifying himself or herself, the caller specifies how and where the reward should be paid.

Reward funds come from public contributions. The Citizens Review Board, not the Department of Fish and Game, receives the contributions and administers the fund. Only the Citizens Review Board is authorized to expend moneys from the fund.

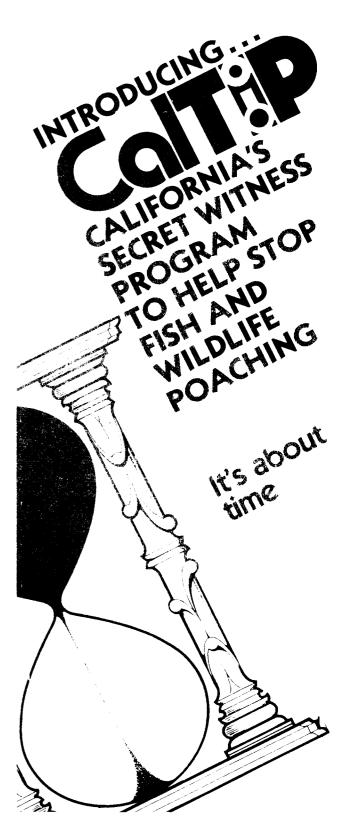
If you want to help . . .

No public funds are used for the reward program. To help out — to help end poaching in California — simply write out a check to CalTIP and mail it to P.O. Box 1678, Sacramento, 95814.

To report a poacher . . .

If you have witnessed a poaching incident or any fish and wildlife violation or have information about such a violation, simply dial the toll free De partment of Fish and Game number 1 (800) 952 5400 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (In an emergency, call the nearest Fish and Game office or the local game yearden whose number is in your local directory.) Be prepared to give the fullest possible account of the incident including the name, address, age and description of the suspect, vehicle description and license number, type of violation, when and where it occurred. Be assured your identity will be protected. You need not give your name and you won t be required to testify. You will be assigned a code number and that will be your only means of identify and yourself if and when the information leads to an arrest and you claim your reward

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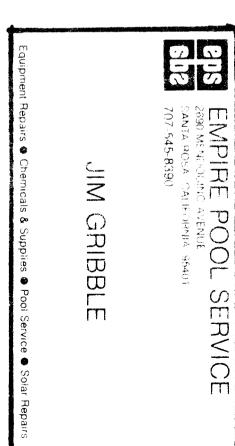
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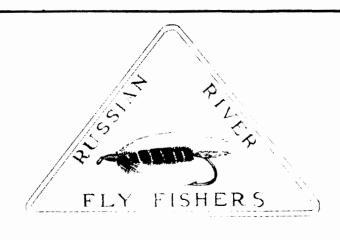
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Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetins, and mingle with the flock, Or do you stay at home, and criticize and knock? Do you take an active part, to help the work along, Or are you satisfied to be, the kind that "Just belong"? Do you push the cause along, and make things sort of click, Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique? There's quite a program scheduled, that you must have heard about, And we'll appreciate if you, will come and help us cut. Some come to meetings often, and help with hand and heart. Don't just be a member, but take an active part. Think this over carefully, do you know the right from wrong, Are you an active member, or do you "just belong"?



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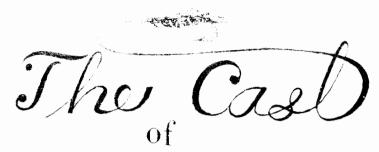
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday October 21, 1981

WHERE: Oakmont Inn

7025 Oakmont Drive

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PROGRAM: CHARLES E. BROOKS on the MADISON RIVER !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Details inside the CAST!

Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:30

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday October 14, 1981
WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN:

Sunday December 6, 1981

WHERE:

Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club

Left Kreh!!!!!!!!!!!!! Huge raffle and auction!!!!!!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I had the pleasure of spending last Sunday morning with Charlie Brooks. The purpose of the visit was a photography session but I was more than a little curious—and apprehensive—to see what Charlie Brooks was really like. I'd read the books and heard people's opinions, and I almost expected him to eat visitors for breakfast.

What I found was a very pleasant man--comfortable and friendly; an articulate writer; and a master fly fisherman and teacher. He was generous with his time and knowledge and I found myself looking forward to meeting him again.

Charlie Brooks is one of a kind: he is opinionated and he has changed fly fishing (in the area that he loves probably more than anyone else. But he is a fine man who's worth listening to and someone you won't forget meeting. He's definately part of a vanishing breed-someone to make an effort to see. Please join us October 21, 1981.

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"I've got kids and I want them to experience what I have. But right now it looks like there will be a day when I will show them the Bay and say, 'The striped bass used to live here.""

> Cliff Anfinson Charter-boat skipper of the Bass-Tub



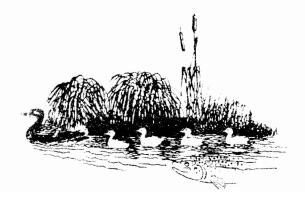
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Anyone wishing to contribute to the "Cast" about anything please just drop it in the mail in any shape or form. I will take it from there. This type of participation is deeply appreciated by me and the rest of the membership. Let's hear from you. Thank You.

Jim Hakel 2187 Ames Ct. S.R. 95401

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Millions of fish killed each year by 2 power plants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two Contra Costa County power plants kill millions of young fish each year, according to a report which also says the plants probably aren't responsible for declining fish populations nearby.

More than 500 million young tish each year are sucked through debris screens into cooling pipes at Pacific Gas & Electric Co. plants in Pittsburg and Antioch, and most of those fish are killed, according to the report prepared for PG&E.

State records show that the population of striped bass has declined by 79 percent and that of entropy has the percent of the percent of the first percent of the percent of

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But the PG&E report says that tecline probably con't be tied to the power plants

"The chance of one of those fish growing to an adult is one in a million," said PG&E spokesman Harry Arnott said. "No evidence has been available that the number of striped bass available to sport fishermen would increase if the power plant intake losses were reduced," he said.

"PG&E must think that the average sportsman is an idiot if they

expect people to believe that the striper fishery would not be affected by the loss of more than 300 million baby bass," said Ken Fraser, president of United Anglers of California.

"If I were to kill that many fish I'd be in jail," said Daly City conservationist Ralph Astengo. "But PG&E has a license to kill. They're playing God."

If a state board finds that the plants are ravaging the fish population, PG&E could be forced to make modifications, termed by arnott "very difficult and expensive."

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"We are skeptical of PG&E's canciusions" on how the plants affect in fish population, said Peterhadwick of Fish and Game.

We certainly are not going to base TGME's analysis at face value." he said, but he added, "We also are not in a position to take a cursory look and say that they're wrong."

The Pittsburg plant, built in 1952 and expanded several times since, is responsible for killing about 468 million fish a year and the Antioch plant for 80 million, according to the report. The two plants are by far the largest in the delta region.

IN THE NEWS

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Sen. Kennedy calls for Watt to resign

BOSTON (AP) — Saying the Reagan administration's environmental policies have betrayed the public Sen Edward M. Keuledy has called the public englisher of laterior Secretary James Wall the time for the an embarassment to the

In Agreet, to a Steer's Club audience Schorter Free Hossochusetts Unautral also criticized terresponsible nominations" to the Department of Unergy, U.S. Forest Service, Environmental Protection Agents, Bureau of Land Management and Office of Strip Mining "His ingrained bias against the environment is inconsistent with the responsibilities of his position," Kennedy said of Watt "He is a hability to the Reagan administration, an embarassment to the nation and an enemy of the environment."

Kennedy said he believes the nation's priceless natural treasures are in greater danger than at any moment in our lifetime.

He said there have always been exploiters, "But in the past year these apostles of exploitation have ensconced themselves in the most sensitive positions of the federal government."

baby fish

By KAY SMITH

Steve Phelps, park ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, waded waist-deep among thousands of dead fish.

"It's a mess, a real mess," he said.

"A year's work has gone down the drain, and the (rearing) program has been set back a year," he said sadly, shaking his head.

A power failure in northern Sonoma County Thursday night killed an estimated 200,000 baby steelhead and silver and king salmon at the Warm Springs Dam hatchery. This was to have been the first crop of salmon produced by the \$8.5 million hatchery.

Fishermen looking forward to the Warm Springs salmon bounty will now have to wait at least three years before salmon will be ready for

Phelps was wading through the baby fish in a rearing pond at the nearly year old, highly automated hatchery.

Most of the steelhead and silver and king salmon suffocated within an hour of the brownout at the hatchery that lasted from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Power is needed to circulate the water in the rearing ponds, bringing the fish sufficient air.

The loss was estimated at \$140,000

Ironically, the fact the power didn't go out completely may have been a major reason why the fish couldn't be saved.

"It would have been better if the power nad gone out completely immediately, because that would have kicked on our emergency generators," Phelps said. "Because there was still power in the lines the generators didn't go on to operate pumps that keep water circulating in the rearing ponds, and they can't be turned on manually."

A Fish and Game Department employee, Jim Monical, answered an emergency bell that sounded in his home at the dam site and rushed to the hatchery to throw a circuit breaker that's supposed to turn off all power and kick on the emergency system.

It didn't work.

A Fish and Game official said Monical told him that when he arrived at the hatchery the area of the circuit breaking equipment smelled like electrial equipment burning.

Why the circuit breaker didn't work is being investigated by engineers from the Corps of Engi-

neers and the hatchery contractor.

By acting quickly, Phelps estimated hatchery personnel were able to save about 5,000 silver and king salmon yearlings. They were released Friday to the Russian River because the pumps to circulate water burned out during the brownout

PG&E said the brownout was caused by a wire down on Canyon Road off Dry Creek Road. Full power was restored to most of 600 customers in the area by 10.39 p.m.

Phelps said approximately 120,000 silver and 10,000 baby king salmon died. They were destined to be released this winter in an ambitum, exception.

Fish

and its tributaries. The saiman ail the decap peared in the the river and soon creeks Dry 446 Warm Springs in the early 1970s, according to Phelps.

The king salmon stock was in five inside hatchery ponds, and the silvers and steelhead in three outside ponds. Between 80,000 and 90,000 near yearling size steelhead died.

Phelps said all stock can be replenished dur-

ing the spawning season that starts about mid-November depending on amount of rainfall, but because of the year rearing setback the first adult silvers and kings aren't expected to return until three years.

Adult steelhead from stock spawned this fall are not expected to return for two or three years.

However, 400,000 steelhead reared at the hatchery last winter were released in the spring

and some are expected to return to the area as half pounders this winter.

Phelps said out of 10,000 fish released, only 3 to 3 precent live to return to rivers and streams to spawn.

Fish and Game Department officials said getting new stock won't be a problem, but lamented a year lost in the program, along with the efforts to raise the fish and the cost involved.



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of terrants blin on. First colorist, which was the temperent sounds to our did recording the rest sation of map bely an Oreek in Thousands. At our last regular meeting his, chowed his members brides of the creek and discussed the problems that currently exist.

cill presented us with two basic problems:

- 1. A waterfall about six feet high has formed due to rock slides and the pool below this fall is only two feet deep. This pool is not deep enough for a jumping pool and the steelhead are not able to pass this point. This condition has existed for a few years now and unless it is corrected the steelhead runs will be in jeopardy.
- 2. As a direct result of the aforementioned situation all the steelhead 'stack up' in this small pool and many people illegaly fish here and are decimating the population.

As we all know the DFG is seriously under-manned and they need our help. We can be of a service in several areas. First, we can actively join bill Cox and help construct a dam of rocks, rebar and concrete below the pool. This would raise the water level of the pool and consequently lower the height of the falls enabling the fish to pass. At the last meeting Liz circulated a sheet of paper asking for volunteers. If you were not present and would like to help call Liz Wray at 526-4968. We need all the help we can muster.

Secondly, we can help stop the posching. A person witnessing a posching incident or who has any information about a posching case can dial CaiflP at 1 (800) 952-5400 toll free weekdays during normal working hours. You don't even have to identify yourself and you will be assigne a code number as your means of identification. If your call and information leads to an arrest, not a conviction but merely an arrest, then you will become eligible for a cash reward. The reward funds come from public contributions.

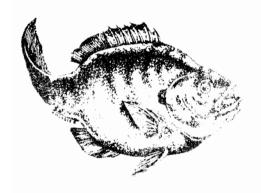
So, here are two ways that we can really help an already burdened Depart ment of Fish and Game as well as helping ourselves . We always talk about how 'screwed up' our society and environment are but do we ever act in a constructive manner to rectify the situation. Well here is our chance. Let's work together as a club!!!!!!!!

Thank you for your support,
Jim Hakel

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING WITH CHARLES E. BROOKS

Our guest speaker for the October dinner meeting is Charles E. Brooks from West Yellowstone, Montana.

Mr. Brooks, a retired Air Force major, is a long time fly fisherman who now resides in West Yellowstone, Montana. Mr. Brooks became a fly tier at the age of nine and a fly fisherman at ten. He has been an instructor in advanced fly fishing methods for trout and has published articles in Fly Fisherman magazine, The Flyfisher, The Flytyer and elsewhere. He is the author of Larger Trout for the Western Fly Fisherman, Nymph Fishing for Larger Trout and The Living River. Mr. Brooks is currently serving on the board of directors for the Foundation for Montana Trout. He is noted for his nymph fishing techniques (the Brooks method) with weighted flies for large trout. The subject of his program will be the fabled Madison River. His slide program will cover the river from head to foot. Don't miss this outstanding speaker and his program. Get your reservations in early. Also a Flytyer's Showcase of nymphs tied by Mr. Brooks will be auctioned at this meeting plus we will incorporate a super raffle. See you on October 21 at the Oakmot Inn.







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CHARLES E. BROOKS

"Madison River"

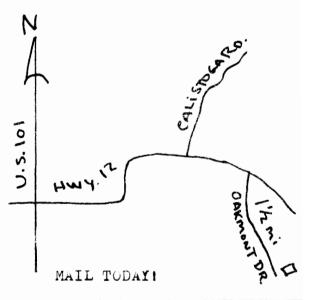
Dinner Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21st 6:30 p.m. cocktails 7:30 p.m. dinner Menu: London Broil

Also: Raffle and Auction!!!

Please join us for this outstanding speaker from West Yellowstone, Montana. Mr. Brooks is noted for his books on nymph fhishing oriented toward larger trout and emphasize the use of the underwater fly. Mr Brooks program will cover the Madison River from head to foot including the Gibbon and Firehole rivers. Dont miss this one!!!.

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ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER? (Lifted from the newsletter of C.F.F.U., who lifted it from som else)

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, Or are you just contented, that your name is on the list? Do you attend the meetins, and mingle with the flock, Or do you stay at home, and criticize and knock? Do you take an active part, to help the work along, Or are you satisfied to be, the kind that "Just belong"? Do you push the cause along, and make things sort of click, Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique? There's quite a program scheduled, that you must have heard about, And we'll appreciate if you, will come and help us out. Some come to meetings often, and help with hand and heart. Don't just be a member, but take an active part. Think this over carefully, do you know the right from wrong, Are you an active member, or do you "just belong"?

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

Sunday, December 6 6:30 Cocktails 7:30 Dinner WHEN:

Santa Rosa Country Club WHERE:

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year you won't miss this year. Get your reservations in early. We will have a huge auction and raffle. The dinner is cornish game hen all for

\$12.50 per person.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, December 2 7:30 P.M. WHEN:

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

NEXT REGULAR

Wednesday, January 20, 1982 WHEN:

WHERE: Herbert Slater Junior High Cafeteria

3500 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the uninitiated, a look at both our most recent and upcoming programs would be certain evidence that the RRFF parties with the fly-fishing world's most famous and interesting people every month. Only part of that is true --- we have been fortunate to host the cream of the crop -- but over a 5 year period. It just happened to work out that we have Charlie Brooks and Lefty Kreh in rapid succession.

Many of you will remember Lefty from last year. He is known as an incredibly effective casting instructor, photographer, writer, and angler. But what I imagine most of you remember is Lefty as an entertainer and humorist. I promise you a totally new program from him; but I also promise you will have as much fun as you did last year. So don't miss out --- make sure your reservations are there. Join us for this most festive of dinner meetings!

See you December 6th!

IN THE NEWS

Small Hydros-(This information was taken from N. Calif. Council of Fly Fishing Clubs minutes dated June 12, 1981)

There are currently 2 bills which would change the licensing procedure for small hydros, allowing for no real environmental considerations. AB2280 by Norman Waters and Ray Johnson would give free rein to any 1500 megawatt of less hydro. There would be no U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Water Resource, of DFG input. On the Federal level, bill 1299 by James McClure (R-Idaho) would create similar problems as the state bill. One of the major difficulties with the current method of licensing small hydros is the large work load involved in processing the applications.

Putah Creek-(This information taken from same source as above)

Sarge Reynolds reported that there is a move to change regulations on Putah Creek. There would no longer be any fly fishing only. He asks that we write to the DFG requesting a permanent flies/artificial lures only regulation with catch and release on a portion of the river.

Upper Sacramento- (Same information source)

Roy Haile reported that the Upper Sacramento River Study produced excellent data. The area involved is 12 miles of river from Shotgun Creek to Lake Shasta. This area has good hatches and good fish. It is proposed to make this section of the river a Wild Trout Section with the following regulations. Limit of 2 fish, 12" or over; fly or single hook lure only(no bait). Roy will send a letter to the Fish and Game Commission requesting these regulations.



JAMES HAKEL

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON MODEL STEELHEAD PROJECT

CalTrout's two year-long quest to design and launch a Model Steelhead Demonstration Project in cooperation with state and federal agencies became reality August 17 in San Francisco when representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Game, and California Trout signed a project charter to restore and improve the productive capacity of the South Fork Trinity River for native steelhead trout.

The project will span the next three decades and will involve millions of dollars of state, federal, and private fands. The project partners expect some improvement in the number of returning adult fish within ten years as a result of restoration and enhancement work in the river's tributaries, which will begin in 1982 with collection of basic data and inventory information. But notable improvement in angling quality may take somewhat longer because of the many existing watershed problems which must be corrected in connection with the program.

"The project will utilize and demonstrate the best management practices and technology in fishery and resource management," Regional Forester Zane Grey Smith amounced at the signing ceremony. DFG director Charlie Fullerton underscored this objective of the project, saying it would demonstrate that production of fishery values and timber harvest values can occur concurrently as long as both renewable resources are managed properly.

CalTrout president Richard May lauded both agencies for their cooperation and participation. CalTrout's successful model projects on Hat Creek and Martis Lake in partnership with DFG have won national attention, May said, "... but the South Fork Trinity will be the champion of them all." He especially thanked the Forest Service for embracing the project concept with great enthusiasm in the early stages of discussion in 1979.

Steelhead Project OBJECTIVES

- 1. To improve the productive capacity of the South Fork Trinity River for native steelhead trout.
- To utilize and demonstate the best available practice and technology in fishery and resource management.
- 3. To demonstrate the protection and enhancement of fishery habitat while managing for multiple resource outputs.
- 4. To attract broad local and statewide public support and understanding for this demonstration project, and for the principles underlying the project.

The South Fork Trinity was selected as a result of a laborious screening process, led by the Forest Service, utilizing criteria agreed upon by the three parties. About two dozen streams were considered. The South Fork was the premier nominee of CalTrout Region I co-manager George Matousek, who knows the stream and its potential for restoration. In the end, all parties concurred. Matousek, who lives near Burney, will be chief project representative for CalTrout. Details of the project and implementation will be contained in a Management Plan currently being developed and scheduled for adoption by next spring.

CalTrout officials point out that since mainstream Trinity River was severed by Trinity Dam, the South Fork represents the majority of Trinity headwater areas where native steelhead still can propogate. "The South Fork and its tributaries are the Trinity headwaters now."

REAGANITES DRAW FIRE

Almost weekly someone calls for the dumping of James Watt, President Reagan's controversial Secretary of Interior. Latest to line up are the National Wildlife Federation and the senior Senator from California, Alan Cranston.

NWF, America's largest and perhaps most conservative conservation group, took a wait-and-see attitude when Watt was appointed. What they subsequently saw, they abhorred. Cranston, one of the few senators who voted against Watt's confirmation, said his absolute worst fears had been realized. He called for Watt's dismissal on the Senate floor.

Polls in California show voters unhappy with Watt 2 - 1, but the President's popularity remains high. Until Watt becomes a political liability, he will likely stay.

But perhaps more insidious than Watt is the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, John Crowell. Crowell oversees the U.S. Forest Service, which manages lands bearing much of our trout, steelhead and salmon. He is a former attorney for giant Louisiana-Pacific, the nation's largest purchaser of National Forest timber. L-P has not been a friend of National Forest reforms bloodily fought for and won by conservationists in recent years. Crowell's top priority is to increase timber harvest levels, and this will likely mean dismantling of safeguards to protect other forest values. There is already some scary evidence this is happening and CalTrout is scouting for the most feasible battlefield now. Local USFS officials, many of them our friends, could be caught in a demoralizing crossfire.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

/t our next meeting we will be voting on a proposed change in our ty-laws. The change is as follows:

Article II, Section 10, paragraph c.

Present wording:

c. Family Membership: Regular members may specify their membership as a "family membership" upon paying annual family membership dues. Family membership includes spouse and dependents under 16. Family members other than the regular member shall have the same rights and privileges as junior members.

Proposed wording:

c. Family Nembership: Regular members may specify their membership as a "family membership" upon paying annual family membership dues. Family membership includes spouse and dependents under 16. Regular member and spouse shall have have the same rights and privileges as regular members, including one voting right each. Dependents under 16 shall have the same rights and privileges as junior members.

FEATHER RIVER

Fish poisoning program begins

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Despite local protests, state and federal officials will treat 20 miles of the Feather River with poison to kill non-game fish that prey on trout and compete with the game fish for food.

Poisoning began Saturday, and ultimately will cover the river between Belden and four miles below Lake Almanor in Plumas County, about 160 miles north of Sacramento, officials said Workers have been removing trout from the river using nets, portable water tanks and electric battery backpacks to shock the fish.

They will be kept in the tanks returned to the stream after poisoning is completed.

The Plumas County Board of Supervisors has indicated approval for the project, which the state Department of Fish and Game has described as "routine," but some local residents opposed the poisoning.

The poisoning will require 63 gallons of rotenone to kill the fish, and 256 pounds of potassium permanganate, used to neutralize the poison and to keep it confined to a specific area.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co., which maintains reservoirs and power plants on the Feather River, will pay \$15,000 of the cost of the project as part of its licensing requirements.

REAGAN ADMINISTRATION BACKS WILD RIVERS

To the happy surprise of CalTrout, state officials, and conservation groups, attorneys for the U.S. Department of Justice entered court on June 16 and conducted a vigorous defense against a lawsuit by loggers and water developers aimed at overturning the federal wild river status of five California rivers.

Speculation had been that the Reagan Administration likely would not defend the action of its predecessor, which enrolled the rivers into the national system under the authority of then Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus. In preparation for the expected "tank job", several groups, including CalTrout, and the state, petitioned and won approval from the court to "intervene" - to become codefendants.

In arguments before U.S. District Judge William Ingram, Justice Department attorneys backed by state and private lawyers insisted the former administration had conformed to each and every law and regulation in reaching its decision, and that the court should keep hands off. The judge has had the dispute under submission for many weeks now and could render his judgment momentarily. Appeals can be expected whichever way it goes.

Meanwhile, hats off to President Reagan's team. CalTrout has so written to the White House and is urging others to do likewise.

POACHERS BEWARE: CALTIP PROGRAM LAUNCHED

A new program developed by DFG to put poachers in the pokey will be welcome news to trout anglers frustrated by these lawbreakers for years.

A "secret witness" program dubbed CalTIP (Californians Turn In Poachers), the new venture simulates programs originated and successfully tested in other states. Citizens who witness an incident or have information about a poaching case can dial 1-800-952-5400 toll free weekdays during normal working hours.

The warden answering the call takes down the information and asigns the caller a code number. If an arrest ultimately is made, a reward may be authorized and the caller may claim it by using the code number. At no time is any other means of identification used, and the witness will not be asked to testify in court. It's completely anonymous. Announcements of rewards, along with the code number, will be published in print and broadcast media. A person seeing his code number merely calls the CalTIP number and specifies how and where the reward should be paid.

The reward monies come from private donors, not state funds. CalTrout will consider a contribution at its September meeting.

Lawbreaking which diminishes our natural heritage has gotten out of hand and must stop. Whether it is a tractor operator ripping apart a steelhead nursery, or simply a greedy soul with an overlimit of trout, they are thieves and

should be turned in. It is hoped CalTIP will encourage citizens to be the eyes and ears of our beleaguered warden force

CalTrout sees another advantage to the program. By regular review of the CalTIP calls, DFG law enforcement chiefs will be able to identify poaching hot spots and areas of apparently ineffective patrol. Corrections and adjustments can be made.

Too bad the CalTIP number is not operative on weekends. Much of the poaching, and observation thereof, occurs then. Angered citizens frequently decide to "forget it" by Monday. It's human nature, and the program should provide for it. Why don't you call the number and suggest it?



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ANOTHER RIVER TO CONSIDER

For more years than I like to think of, my wife Maggie and I spend one week in the spring, and another in the fall at many lovely fishing lakes and rivers in the Sierras.

This year, we spent our spring vacation in the Sierras but decided to try something different this fall.

I have always had a desire to fish the Smith River on the Oregon border for salmon, but I hated to use that much time driving when I could be fishing. However, we left early on October 12 to fish the Eel river in the Fernbridge area. We took a quick look at both the Eel and the Van Duzen, both of which were muddy and just kept on driving. (Both of us having outgrown the bait slinging stage a good many years ago.)

I must say the drive north on Highway 101 along the north coast to Jedidiah Smith State Park made us wish we could stay a week at each of the lovely places we passed. We climbed stiffly out of the truck and prepared to fish the beautiful Smith. As many of you know, it is the one major river that has never been logged heavily in its watershed, and so the clarity of the water and rapidity of clearing after a heavy storm and the beauty of the area are in my view, unsurpassed on the West coast.

I wish I could say the fishing is easy-but you earn your fish there as elsewhere. Chuk malmon to 6 or 7 pounds were eager to take lures or anchovies-but not so eager for flies. Huge salmon were in evidence by their noisy and startling rolling in the large pools-but as they really require a boat to properly fly fish, and we prefer to wade, we stuck to smally salmon and half pounders.

This was all new to us-and we were perhaps 3 weeks too early for large steelhead, but as there were a fair number of grisle present we considered the trip a winner. The chub salmon were delicious barbequed.

If you want a place to go in the fall that is not crowded, and the scenery is lovely and green and the fly fishing very good, may we suggest a trip such as ours under the full harvest moon.

DICK MADDOX

P.S. We found the local fly fishermen very helpful with information on good places to fish.

Congratulations to Don Sampson who caught and landed his first king salmon on a fly; a beautiful 30 lb. on the Chetco River on Dec. 7.

"LEFTY" KREH

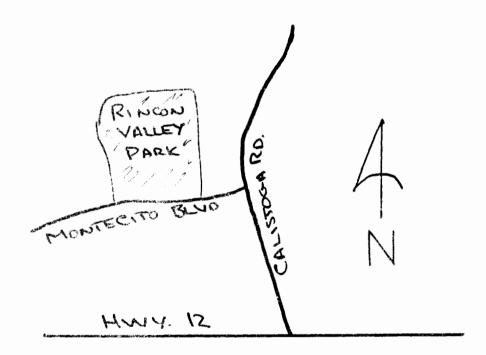
DINNER MEETING and CASTING DEMONSTRATION

Plan now to attend the Dec. 6th dinner meeting at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club and enjoy an evening with one of Americas premier fly fisherman and speaker.

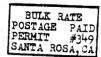
Reservations are a must and are due by Nov. 30th. Menu: Cornish Game Hen. 6:30 p.m. wet lines 7:30 P.M. dinner. Plus annual auction.... Orvis fly rod and reel... Oil painting by Ben Cummings.... Fly Tyers Showcase of flystied by Lefty Kreh and more.

CASTING DEMONSRATION

A pasting demonstration and clinic will be conducted by Lefty Aren on Sunday, Dec. 6th, 1:30 p.m. at the Rincon Valley Park (see map below). Bring your fly rod outfit for instructions by Lefty Kreh.



Membership meeting: Jan. 20th. Slater Jr. Hi... Lawrence J. Summers will be our speaker and will present a slide program on fly fishing for Blue sharks.



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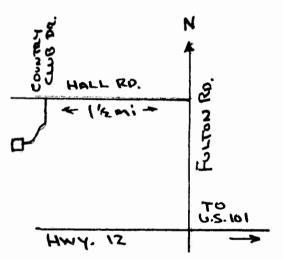
Also: Annual Auction and Raffle!!!!

Bernard "Lefty" Kreh is a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame, is on the Advisory Board of the Federation of Fly Fishermen and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Salt Water Fly Rodders of America. Lefty, who has written for every major fishing magazine, is the holder of six world records for fish taken on a fly.

Don't miss this one!!!!!!

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