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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday; Jan. 19, 1983

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Parks & Recreation Building

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: CAM PARRY, a new member of R.R.F.F. and an experienced

steelhead fisherman will give an introductory overview

of fishing for this great game fish.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, January 11, 1983

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

4700 Hoen Ave. Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, February 16, 1983

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Parks & Recreation Building

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January is always a time for looking ahead as well as looking back. We, as a club can remember our good times this past year, our achievements and successes.....as well as things we wish had gone better. As we look at 1983 there's much to anticipate.

As a result of lots of hard work from many members we expect to build the casting pool this summer.

Although we have had an encouraging beginning toward financing the project, much more money will be needed. To this end we are planning a special fund raising event for April or May.

We have a new meeting place in the Parks and Recreation Building at 415 Steele Lane in Santa Rosa, and our initial program there will feature Cam Parry, an experienced instructor on steelhead fishing.

Our Program Chairmen have provided consistently excellent speakers and we look forward to a continuance of good programs, as well as to a new fishing season with a promise of new waters and a finer quarry.

Here's to an excellent 1983!



-liz

CASTING POOL PROGRESS

We are happy to report strong progress toward our \$50,000 goal. Cash contributions total over \$5,000, which will be matched by a \$5,000 donation secured by Grant King from the Exchange Bank. A number of pledges have also been made by members and friends. We are grateful to the contributors to date:

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Further planning for fundraising includes a special auction/dinner in April or May; mailed raffle tickets with some <u>super prizes</u>; corporate contacts for donations; and personal contacts for donations.

The following chairmen have volunteered to serve in the fundraising efforts:

Dinner-- Bob Moratto

Auction--

Raffle-- Eric Elliott Corporate contacts--Pat Stoll Personal contacts Jack O'Neel Publicity--

These people, along with the rest of the Casting Pool Committee, are going to need a lot of help, and are going to be asking some of you to join them in their respective efforts. If you have some good ideas to share with them, give them a call. If you believe in this project, talk to your friends. Ask them to make a donation, too.

In support of this project, we list the following advantages:

It will provide a place:

To test new tackle

To improve casting skills

To meet other fishermen and exchange fishing information

To prepare our young people to become successful fishers and good protectors of the sport.

The experience of older clubs has demonstrated that a casting pool and eventually a clubhouse provides a point of common interest that contributes greatly to the pleasure of club membership.

In effect, this is one project where we will get more out of it than we put into it, so let set on the stick and really make this thing go!

STEELHEAD SEMINAR

Now's the time! Don't know everything you'd like to? Here's a solution.

Come to the regular monthly meeting January 19, where Cam Parry, a new member who's taught a number of steelhead classes before, will give us an introduction and an overview of his class. Then join us Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. (Location to be announced at the January 19 meeting). During the all-day class, Cam will discuss tackle, techniques, reading the water, flies, tactics that work, and casting. He'll also work with you and make sure you get a chance to practice exactly what he taught you. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Dick Yeager at 539-2385 or Liz Wray at 526-0394.



MEETING PLACE CHANGES

We have been fortunate to have used Slater Jr. High for regular monthly meetings, mostly through the kindness of Chuck Perry, who was always there to open the doors, solve problems, and close things up. In consideration of the never-complaining Chuck, as well as to find some real chairs, we have made new arrangements. The January meeting, as well as the following ones, will be held at the Parks and Recreation Building, 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa. Most of the meetings will be held in the DeMeo Room. Please note, we must be out of there by 10:00 p.m., so being on time so we can start promptly at 7:30 is necessary. Also, there's no smoking inside--outside is fine.

HOW TO FISH THE BIGHORN RIVER BELOW THE YELLOWTAIL DAM

GETTING THERE

From Billings, Montana take U.S. Hwy 212 & 87 to Hardin, Montana. From Hardin, head south on state route 313 past St. Xavier toward Old Fort Smith, which lies at the foot of Yellowtail Dam.

A bout 5 miles before reaching Fort Smith, there is a Fishing Access point on the Bighorn River where a beat launching and take out point has been provided by the Montana Fish and Game Department.

Boats are launched from the north bank of the river at the foot of the dam. The river can be fished from shore provided one stays below the high water line.

REMEMBER the stream banks are the private property of the Crow Indians and they are still angry that a Federal Court case permits the public access to the River which runs through tribal lands. They are alert to prosecute any trespass. Watch your scalp!

The water emerging from the base of the dam is clear and cold, and flow rates are controlled by irrigation requirements. At low flow rates, fishing from shore is quite rewarding according to reports.

At high flow rates, a boat is the only practical way to fish the river for any distance because take river runs deep against high banks in some sections.

Tubing might be feasible for experienced people but does not seem too attractive because of the rapid flow of the river in the section from the dam to the first take out.

At high water levels the most effective tackle appeared to be a spinning rig with two large, brightly colored streamer flies with a couple of large split shot about 18" above the flies. This rig seemed to be effective on the large brown trout that evidently hug the river bottom. The browns observed during July were quite thin, whereas the one large rainbow (18") was very heavy.

In summary, the Bighorn, like all large rivers, takes some getting used to if it is to be fished with success. For a start, a good fishing guide would be well worth his price.

JANUARY OUTING

On Sunday, January 30 meet at the Cassini Ranch on the Russian River across from Duncan's Mills. (See the November Cast for directions).

There are good parking and picnic tables at Cassini's and an excellent beach with access to Brown's pool and the Austin Creek riffle.

Just possibly the river will be in a fishable condition and packed with agressive steelhead.

Come as early as you can, the bite is usually best at daybreak.

For further information call CharlieSchelter at 544-1010 or 539-0200.



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A THOUGHT ON FISHERY ENHANCEMENT PROCRAMS

Mecent editorial comment regarding improvement of the Gualala fishery via a catch and release policy has shown a wide divergence of viewpoint among those how fish that stream.

The only point on which there is general agreement is that it would be nice if there were more fish.

the fish populations:

1. More and more people fishing, both from the stream and from the ocean.

2. Habitat deterioration from

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3. Pollution

On the face of it none of these factors is likely to diminish in scope or intensity--so, what's to be done?

Some fishery management programs limit the harvest by means of a punch ethic works well for fly fishers, but they effect only a very small fraction of the total take on steelhead and salmon.

Limiting certain critical sections of a stream to fly fishing only works on trout streams, but would encounter fierce political opposition from steelhead and salmon fishers.

An alternative that is being sought more frequently is artificial proportion. However, to be successful, such a program requires an assured supply of pure water of the proper temperature year-round.

Our coastal streams are supported almost entirely by seasonal rainfall. They have almost no year-round springs whereby an assured supply of water of the necessary quality can be provided. The situation of the hatchery at warm Springs dam is characteristic of the heavy costs and operational risks entailed in hatchery programs on our coastal streams.

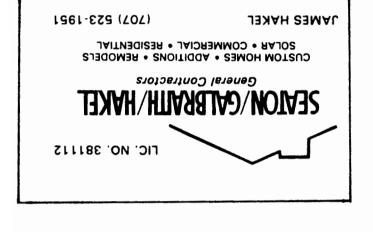
Fishery enhancement programs in Oregon and Washington have an advantage in that many of their rivers are fed by large springs of pure, cold water. Hence capital outlay and operating costs are substantially less for their programs.

In summary, our best chance for improving the steelhead fishery for such streams as the Gualala would appear to rely first on improving the riparian habitat by allowing and enhancing re-growth of tall shade trees along the tributary streams and limiting duration of the fishing season to ensure adequate escapement of spawning fish.



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WHERE: Dohn Room, Recreation & Parks Building

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM:

Christmas in February--Sounds strange, not to worry!

Bob Nauheim of Fishing International will take us bone
fishing into new territory, Christmas Island in the
Republic of Kiribati. Still lost? Look about 1200 miles
South of Hawaii in the Gilbert archipelago, on the Equator.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, February 8, 1983

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

4700 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR Meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, March 16, 1983 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Recreation and Parks Building'

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm excited and encouraged to see member participation in activities and projects really flourishing. We're most grateful for Cam Parry's presentations, both entertaining and informative -- in January.

More and more members are volunteering (or agreeing to help out) in making our Casting Pool Project Fundraising Dinner a big success.

This cooperation and doing together is why we have a club in the first place--it's fun and it gets things done when we could never do them by ourselves.

As we acquire more new members, we want to continue to include them and encourage them to join in activities. If you are a new member--having joined in the last few months--please make sure I know who you are at the next meeting you attend. We want you to feel welcome and to get to know you, too.

-liz



CASTING POOL PROGRESS REPORT

Getting together the initial funding (\$50,000) for the Casting Pool in Dan Galvin Park is going to need the best efforts of all of us.

The next <u>fund raising</u> project will be the <u>Big Dinner</u> on April 23 at the Luther Burbank Cultural Center.

We are very pleased to report that a strong dinner Committee has been organized, as follows:

Chairman: Bob Moratto 546 9315
Corporate Contacts: Pat Stoll 823 5317
Personal Contacts: Jack O'Neill 545 6790
Auction: Craig Johnston and 5283866
Ted Olson 528 0565
Raffle: Eric Elliott 523 0680
Publicity: Cam Parry and 823 7845
Joe Pisarro 869 0107

It is of prime importance that this dinner meeting is a financial success. The fate of the Casting Pool and our reputation as an organization that can do worthwhile things depends upon it. So, if you feel that you can help out, like selling tickets or can donate to the raffle or auction, get in touch with the appropriate Committee member and lend a hand.

WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM CHAIRMAN!

Sometimes we get lucky! After some feverish scanning of our membership list with not too much success, possibly the best choice we could ever hope for came forward.

Bob Nauheim of Fishing International, has volunteered to serve as PROCRAM CHAIRMAN.

We couldn't ask for anyone with better contacts, so let's all look forward to some great programs.

NEXT BIG SPORTMEN'S SHOW

The International Sportsmen's Exposition at Moscone Center in San Francisco Feb. 16-22, 1983 will have a great collection of exhibits of the newest things in sporting equipment of all kinds, as well as the latest information on places to go, plus demonstrations, films, etc.

Charlie Schelter, our Outing Chairman, is setting up a car pool at the Veteran's Memorial Parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 for those who would like to see the show. This date was chosen because the crowds won't be so heavy then.

Call Charlie either at his office 544 1010 or at his home 539 0200 if you want to join the group.

Also: <u>Help is needed</u> to man the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers booth at the Expo. Call Liz Wray at 526 0394



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Hi.

I am writing for some help.

I will be conducting a weekend fly fishing seminar near you and will be in need of some qualified fly casting instructors as we maintain a 4 to 1 student to instructor ratio in our casting sessions. If there is anyone in your club who is interested please have them send their name, address and telephone number along with a brief description of their experience. We pay all expenses, a modest salary and have a helluva good time!

We are also offering a \$20 bribe for every person who registers through your club. This could be used as a membership promotion (ie. offer a membership in your club with participation in the school) or as a way of promoting a conservation issue or "whatever."

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The recent spate of storms having knocked all the local streams out of shape, we won't be doing much fishing for a while.

Charlie Schelter is hoping for a break in the weather by Sunday, February 20 when he is scheduling a steelheading outing for the Gualala River. Check your January issue of the CAST for directions to the river.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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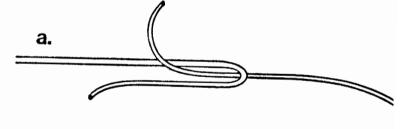


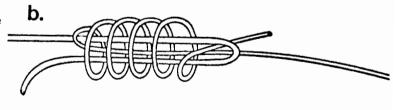
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A CONSERVATION NOTE

Bill Cox, Fisheries Unit Biologist for the D.F.G. asks members to keep him advised of any obstructions in our streams that might interfere with the passage of fish, e.g. log jams, washouts below culverts, etc.

Our salmon and steelhead need all the help that they can get to survive, and Bill would like to have this information so that these problems can be dealt with now, or if not now, so that they can be included in future planning. Call Bill at 823-1001.

CABIN FEVER

This is a bad time of the year for me. Steelhead fishing is over, all the rivers and lakes are an unhealthy brown color and no relief is in sight until these showers let up. So, rather than blaming my wife for the state of the weather, I cast my memory over a half century of fishing high lights.

As a boy I spent some years near Sonora. We lived fifteen miles out of town on a 1,000 acre ranch. A lovely little creek ran through the ranch into Phoenix Lake. One spring morning I drifted a night crawler under an undercut bank and caught a $4\frac{1}{2}$ pound rainbow which had run up the stream to spawn. The second I had him on the bank, still struggling, I ran half a mile up the creek to show my prize.

Oh the wonderful places to fish then, mostly wild trout, very few fishermen, and no-tresspassing signs were a thing of the future.

Waders, fishing vests, and other paraphernalia which the modern angler takes for granted, all unheard of. I fished in jeans and tennis shoes--leaping from boulder to boulder, and crawling on hands and knees under brush, along ledges, putting my hands places only rattlesnakes could go--but I lived and grew older and now I look like a tackle store ad. When I fish now, I gingerly protect my old bones with wading staff and felt sole waders.

After fishing most of the great rivers of the Sierras, came our move to Santa Rosa. Now I fish the Russian River the year around, except for the accursed rainy periods. But you know if you get the occasional dry year and the steelhead pile up in their old holding places and you can put your fly rod to work--I would not change places with anyone. To catch a 10 or 12 pound steelhead on a light tipet is a memory to get me by many a housebound month.

DICK MADDOX



WHAT KIND OF FISH HAVE I CAUGHT?

Even some of our more experienced fishermen have difficulty at times identifying the fish that they have just taken out of the water.

With the ever increasing complexity of our fishing regulations it behooves us to be able at least to identify the various salmonids in order to keep on the right side of the law.

There are four major species of salmonids that use our coastal streams for spawning:

King Salmon Silver Salmon Steelhead trout Coast cut-throat

First separate the trout from the salmon by counting the bones (spines or support ing rays) in the tail fin.

Trout have 9 to 12 such spines or rays Salmon have usually 13 or more

King Salmon: The inside of the mouth is dark and there are usually large rectangular spots on the back, and spots on both upper and lower lobes of the tail.

Silver Salmon: The crown of the gums where the teeth project on the lower jaw is whitish--the rest of the mouth lining is darker. There are usually dark spots on the back and upper lobe of the tail, but none on the lower lobe.

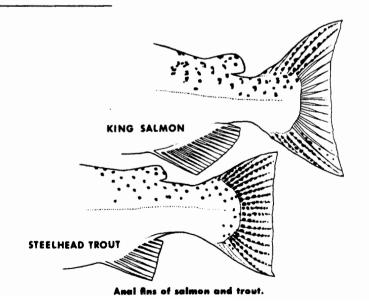
Steelhead Trout: The inside of the mouth is whitish.

There are teeth on the tip of the tongue but not on the back of the tongue. The tail is spotted evenly over its whole surface.

Cut-throat Trout: The inside of the mouth is white.

There are teeth on the tip and back of the tongue. There is a dash of red under each side of the lower jaw.





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PROGRAM:

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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 1983 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room 4700 Hoen Avenue, Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Saturday, April 23rd 1983 5:30 - 10:00
WHERE: Luther Burbank Art Center, 50 Mark West Springs Road

See further information on following page.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I enjoy taking every opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the Casting Pool Committee for their continuing diligence in their appointed duties. Our fundraising efforts and plans for the special fundraising dinner April 23 are moving along successfully. To date, our contributions and pledges amount to nearly \$15,000. Our dinner/auction, featuring Ed Zern as guest speaker, should be most enjoyable as well as profitable for the project.

I have had the pleasure of addressing several local service clubs recently, regarding the Project. These contacts will hopefully be beneficial to the project both in a tangible, financial way, and also as a means of publicizing the Project, our Club, and flyfishing to community members. If you are a member of another service club which might be sympathetic to the Project, please let me know.

And finally, there's lots of work left to be done. If you're feeling left out, a word or a quick phone call will take care of that!

To success!



The April meeting will be the Granddaddy of them all at the Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts, just off U.S. 101 about three miles north of Santa Rosa's city limits on 50 Mark West Springs Road.

When: Saturday, April 23rd.

Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with exhibitions of fly tying, fly casting, displays of raffle and auction prizes, and a major exhibition of art from nationally recognized artists in the field of outdoor recreation, courtesy of Wild Wings Gallery.

Before and after the dinner there will be drawings for raffle prizes and an auction of some very valuable items contributed to the Casting Pool Project Fund.

Our dinner speaker will be ED ZERN, whom most of us know as longtime author of EXIT LAUGHING in Field and Stream magazine. We guarantee he'll have you in stitches.

This event is the big fund raiser for the Casting Pool Project that we've been working on for over a year, and this is a chance for all of us to dig in and help put this over as well as have a great good time.

Tickets, along with descriptive brochures, are in preparation now, and we expect a big turn out because there will be some really fine prizes for the raffle, and some very valuable one-of-a-kind items offered for auction.

About Ed Zern:

To get a speaker of the caliber of Ed Zern takes some doing, Many nationally prominent individuals interested in trout fishing were considered and some of them have been featured in past dinner meetings. Our Casting Pool Committee was of the opinion that it would be to our best interests to have someone whom we hadn't had before. Thanks to the joint efforts of President Liz and Member Joe Pisarro, who knows Ed Zern personally, we were able to get Mr. Zern all the way from his home in Scarsdale, New York.

Ed Zern caught his first trout at the age of 5, in a small creek in West Virginia where he was born. Since then, he has fished in nearly every part of the world where trout swim. In 1945, his first book, To Hell With Fishing, created somewhat of a sensation in the angling world. He was the first fishing writer to bring humor to a sport (particularly flyfishing) that was taken very seriously, almost solemnly. He has written 7 books, the latest being A Fine Kettle of Fish Stories.

Zern is the long-time author of "Exit Laughing" in <u>Field and Stream</u> magazine and is that magazine's fishing editor as well. An ardent conservationist, Zern has directed the American Motors Conservation Award since its inception and is presently program director of the Gulf Oil Conservation Award. He was the founding president of Theodore Gordon Fly Fishers and one of the founders of both Trout Unlimited and the FFF.

A former New York advertising executive, Zern has won many advertising awards and is noted for having introduced humor into advertising. His famous "Nash" ads were the first to be signed by a copywriter. When he is at home, which is not very often, Zern lives in Scarsdale, New York. He is considered an authority on wines and is looking forward to visiting Sonoma and Napa wineries.

WHAT DO GYPSY MOTHS HAVE TO DO WITH TROUT FISHING?

While this writer was living in New York, from 1948 to 1963, the streams in the Catskills were fished on an average of 5 times a season. All the favorite spots were visited and much scarce pelf was squandered and huge lies were told in Jim Deven's Angler's Roost in the basement of Grand Central Station.

While this was going on, New York City was having a water shortage, which prompted construction of new dams on the Neversink River and on the East Branch of the Delaware to divert ever more water into New York City.

These projects had the effect of creating trout fisheries below the dams, where formerly there had been only warm water fisheries.

The Neversink, even before the dam was built had some cold tributaries that supported wild trout. These served to stock the main stream after the cold releases from the bottom of the dam made the main stream habitable. By 1956 it was possible to find excellent fishing all the way down the river from the dam to Port Jervis where the Neversink joins the Delaware.

Then came the Gypsy moth and with it aerial spraying of D.D.T.! all through the Catskill watershed. The logic involved in that procedure was never revealed, but the effect on the fishing was disastrous. A visit to the Neversink four months after the spraying disclosed no living fish but plenty of trout carcases rotting in the crevices among the rocks in the stream.

The gypsy moth was checked temporarily but came back in a few years. The trout didn't fare as well. The Catskill streams by 1963 when we left had recovered only to about 20% of their former trout population.

We mention this at this time because the gypsy moth has appeared in California and efforts to eradicate it may lead to applications of pesticides deleterious to our fisheries. A similar hazard confronts our streams in the attempts of forest managers to eradicate certain types of broad leaved species of trees from newly planted conifer plantations by the use of defoliants such as 2-4-D. These types of chemicals are also toxic to various aquatic species, and unless their application is carefully controlled, they can lead to severe losses of our aquatic species, particularly in tributary streams that are the nursery waters for our anadromous fish.

Aerial spraying is particularly to be avoided since wind drift renders it virtually uncontrollable. Hand spraying is more costly in terms of labor, but it could provide employment for a lot of people who are now jobless from a slump in housing construction.

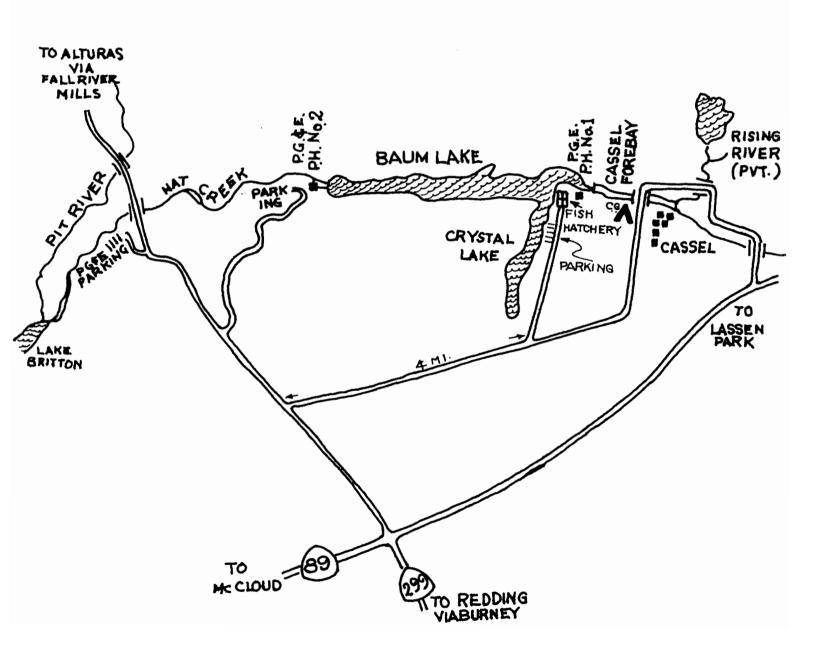


A PLACE TO FISH

With the coastal rivers so out-of- shape as to be virtually useless, the only places where trout may be fished with any hope of success would be lakes or spring fed streams.

Such a place is Baum Lake, east of Redding off Highway 299, six miles beyond the town of Burney. Baum Lake is open to year-round fishing and is an artificial impoundment in Hat Creek which provides water for P.G.&E. power house No. 2.

Baum may be fished from shore, motorless boat or float tube. Fly patterns that produce, depending on conditions; are: midges (#16-20), paraduns, light and dark (#16), hare's ear (#16), Matuka streamers (#10) and leeches (#10).



IT'S TACKLE TIME

Even though the steelhead season has been a bust and the rain keeps us indoors, all is not lost.

Have you checked over your gear since you stuffed it into the hall closet last September? These rainy weekends are perfect for tinkering with tackle and getting it in shape for the coming season.

FLIES: Wings all matted down? Take the hock in tweezers and hold the feathers in a steam jet from your tea kettle till they straighten themselves out.

Hone the hook points till they catch when dragged over a fingernail.

Touch up the tying thread at the head of the fly with a bit of head cement of the right color.

<u>LEADERS</u>: Repackage them according to length, tippet size after checking for wind knots, kinks and frayed surfaces. Also give each one a pull at the last 2 feet to check for weak spots. Clean bits of spiderweb and algae from all knots.

RODS: Inspect each guide from tip to butt, for frayed wrappings. Where needed, apply a coat of 5 minute epoxy. To give an even coating, it will be necessary to rotate the coated rod section about \(\frac{1}{4} \) turn every 30 seconds until the epoxy has set enough to prevent sags and lumps. The setting time will be accelerated if you do this in a warm place.

Also inspect the guides for notches caused by line wear. These notches eventually will cut the line. They also cause more friction and reduce distance in shooting the line on long casts. Notched guides are best replaced with new ones rather than trying to smooth them in place.

Clean the ferrule joints with a good detergent on paper toweling to remove grit and old ferrule lubricant. The female ferrule can be cleaned with detergent on paper wrapped around a wood dowel of of the proper size. Re-lubricate with paraffin.

LINES: We hope that you haven't left your lines on the reels* since you last used them, but if you have, take them off and clean them well with Ivory soap on a cloth pad, rinse well in clean water and hang in loose coils to dry.

Examine the forward 30 feet for cracks in the coating. Too many cracks in floating lines impair buoyance and suggest replacement. *Air Cel Ultra lines have a coating that tolerates reel storage.

REELS: Examine reels for bent frames, unually caused by dropping them on rocks. Restore the frames by forcing them back to true roundness so that clearance between the frame and the spool is the same all the way around.

Take the reel apart and rinse all parts in mineral spirit (paint thinner) If the reel has been used for salt water, rinse with fresh water after the mineral spirit rinse and use silver polish to remove salt corrosion residues. Relubricate ratchet gears and pawls and the spool shaft with a good reel lubricant or any

standard cup grease.

LANDING NETS: Check the mesh for gaps in the webbing and the binding cord that holds the net to the frame and replace if frayed or broken.

WADERS: Check for cracks in rubber or vinyl waders caused by sunlight and oxidation. Such cracks usually show up first on folds that bulge outward. Many areas of surface cracking usually means an epidemic of leaks. Better buy a new set of waders!

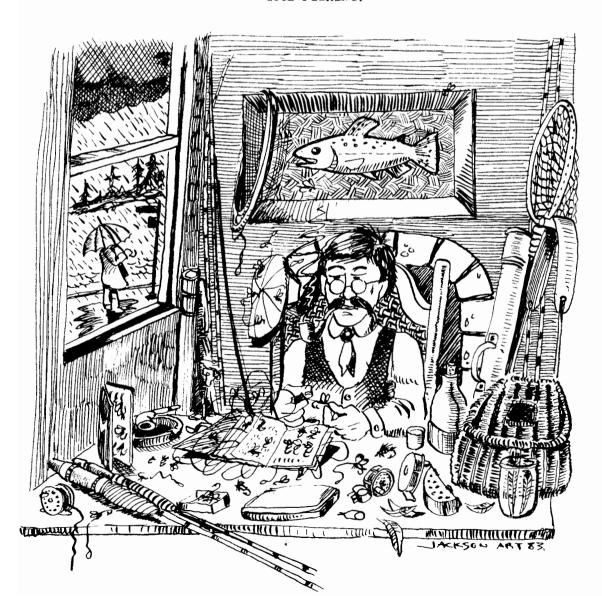
Pinholes caused by walking through briars can be detected by filling the waders with water.

Suspenders should be checked to be sure the tabs are in good condition. The elastic sections of the suspenders are subject to deterioration and should be checked for stretch and return.

Button attachments on the waders should be checked for good anchorage. If they show signs of giving way under stress they can be replaced by a larger backing button supported by an iron-on patch inside the waist band.

If you can find time and inclination to do all this by opening day you'll be better equipped than most of us.

GOOD FISHING!



TYING TIPS

In the unlikely event that your fishing gear is in first class order and ready for the stream, you might want to add to your already enormous collection of flies and perhaps replace some of those magic patterns that you left in the lip of that granddaddy brown last year.

Taking liberties with a pubication of Creative Sports Enterprises of 2333 Boulevard Circle in Walnut Creek we offer their chart of proportions recommended for various hook sizes and dressings, which over years of experience appear to have given the best performance.

November's "Top Knot"

PALOMAR KNOT

8 known to hold terminal tackle.

2. Let hook hang loose and tie overhand knot in Easier to tie right, and consistently the strongest knot doubled line. Avoid twisting the lines and don't tighten knot.

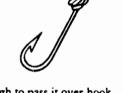


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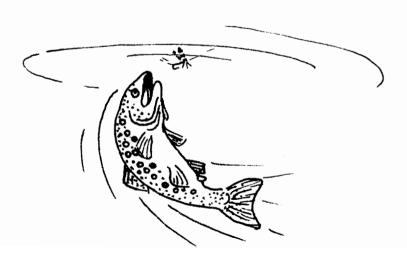
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3. Pull loop of line far enough to pass it over hook, swivel or lure. Make sure loop passes completely over this attachment.

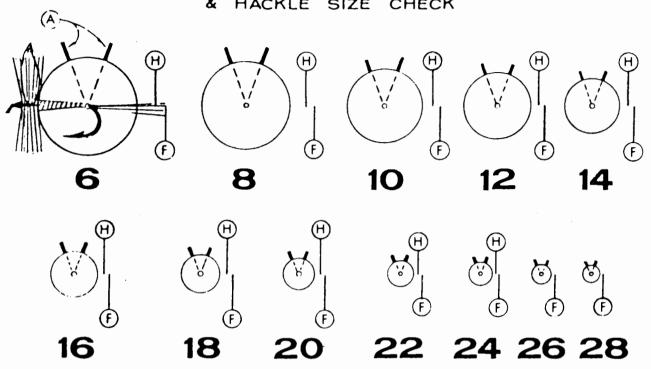
4. Pull both tag end and standing line to tighten. Clip about 1/8" from knot.

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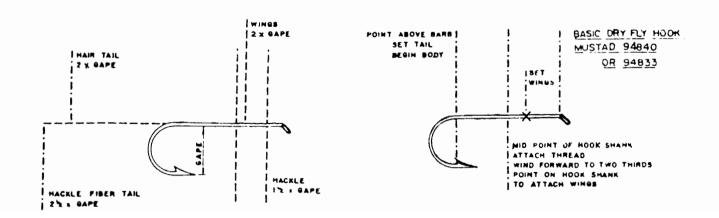
& HACKLE SIZE CHECK



Hairwing Tail Length Featherwing Tail Length - Measure from top of hook bend. A Wing Angle. To check Hackle size, Wing length and angle, place the eye of the hook on the center circle. Center can be punched out so the hook eye can be inserted.

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HE CAUGHT A KEEPER!

For the last few weeks we/ve noted a sort of pre-occupied, far-away attitude on the part of our raffle chairman, Terry McNally.

There would be an unexplained absence or two from Board meetings. What's with this guy? Did he get spooled?

Well, now we know. On February 17th his lovely wife Michelle, landed a 9 lb. 7 oz. addition to his family, named Douglas Edward Mc. Nally.

Now, Terry, Perhaps we'll see more of you.

OUTINGS, HA!

We all know what happened to Charlie Schelter's end-of-February outing on the Gualala. You couldn't even get there from here.

But don't give up, Charlie keeps trying.

Next outing will be a clam dig at Dillon's Beach.

DATE: Saturday, March 26th. There will be a good low tide at 3:30 p.m.

Gather at Lawson's Landing on Tomales Bay about 1:00 p.m. with shovels and spades and buckets to go clamming. It's fun, and they are good to eat at this time of the year.

Be sure to be there early because you'll have lots of company and some competition for space on the barge to the clambeds.



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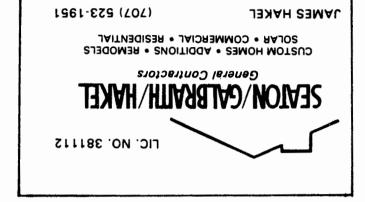
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 13, 1983 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Recreation and Parks Building

415 Steele Lane, Ganta Rosa, California

PROGRAM: Mike Mercer of the Fly Shop in Redding will discuss

fishing opportunities in the Northern California

waters around Redding.

*Note: Our last issue incorrectly listed our next regular meeting date as April 23rd. That is our date for our Big Casting Pool Fund raiser.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, April 5, 1983 7:30 p.m.

Warrack Hospital Board Room WHERE: 4700 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: May 18, 1983 7:30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

WHERE: DeMeo Room, Recreation & Parks Bldg.

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Club Member, Les Eichorn

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Three special and inter-related events concern us this month:

One----Mike Mercer: April 13

Two----Ed Zern: April 23

Three--Trout season opener: April 30.

Mike Mercer, one of the excellent Fly Shop guides, will present a "Northern California" program April 13 to whet your appetites for trout season and remind you of the great fishing opportunities we have not too far from here.

The Casting Pool Benefit Dinner April 23 is the biggest and most special event we've hosted in our 6-year history. Presenting Ed Zern is a real coup. We expect great demand for tickets, so mail your reservations early. Invite your friends to attend and participate in the super-est auction and raffle Santa Rosa has seen. Most of all, remember, you're getting in on a most worthwhile (and fun) event.

And have faith! The rain will stop. Trout season will open. Your favorite spots are still waiting for you.

Here's to all the fish you can release!



ABOUT THE CASTING POOL DINNER

To give our members an idea of what's in store for you we reporduce in full an outline of the program for the evening of April 23rd at the Luther Burbank Center off Highway 101.

In addition we enclose six raffle tickets, priced at \$10.00 for the six, or \$2.00 each to make sure that our members have a chance at the great prizes.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

CASTING POOL DINNER TABLE RESERVATIONS

Many members have indicated an interest in arranging for entire tables at the Casting Pool Dinner in order to have their friends and guests sit together. We are most happy to accomodate you with the following guidelines:

- 1. Payment must be made before a table will be reserved.
- 2. Reservations are on a first-come basis.
- 3. Should you wish your guests to be included in the early riser drawing, please include their names by April 15.
- 4. We must know the names of your guests by April 22.
- 5. To reserve a particular table location, contact Liz Wray (526-0394).





PLACE TO FISH - PYRAMID LAKE

If there is a bright spot for fishers in all this wet weather, it might be what the huge wet snow pack in the Sierra portends for Pyramid Lake.

Ever since the time of the Newlands diversion of the waters of the Truckee River by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the waters of Pyramid have been getting more saline-alkaline, with consequent deterioration of the habitat of the Lahontan Cutthroat trout.

Pyramid is estimated to need 385,000 acre feet of yearly flow to maintain its present level. It's only getting 285,000, a deficit of 100,000.

It is estimated that if certain wasteful practices in the handling of the diverted water were corrected, this deficit could be eliminated.

Unless something is done to correct this deficit the end of one of the nation's best big trout fisheries is in sight. Fortunately, in 1982 and 1983, Mother Nature has given the lake an e_x tension of life.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature is fickle and we can't depend upon her bounty forever. The first and most obvious measure would be to stop loss from the diversion canal due to seepage. This measure alone is estimated to make up the bulk of the 100,000 acre foot deficit.

Pyramid Lake has a few good friends who are trying to get action from the Bu-Rec. Among them are: The Federation of Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 1088

West Yellowstone, Montana, 59758, and Friends of Pyramid Lake, P. O. Box 5963, Reno, Nevada, 89513

Membership in the latter organization starts with \$10.00/year regular and \$5.00/year senior/student, plus as far up as you feel like paying.

To appreciate the value of Pyramid as a place to fish when local streams are unfishable it might be worthwhile to try for one of those 5-30 lb. Lahontan cutthroat that inhabit the lake.

To introduce newcomers to the Pyramid Lake fishing, the Truckee River Fly Fishers, 6459 So. Virginia, Reno, Nevada 89509 (702 area code 851-0151) are organizing a Pyramid Lake Fishout for April 16 & 17. Unfortunately this event may be held too soon for us to arrange to attend.

Fly fishing in Pyramid Lake is good during the cold months of the year when the inshore waters are cold enough to attract trout.

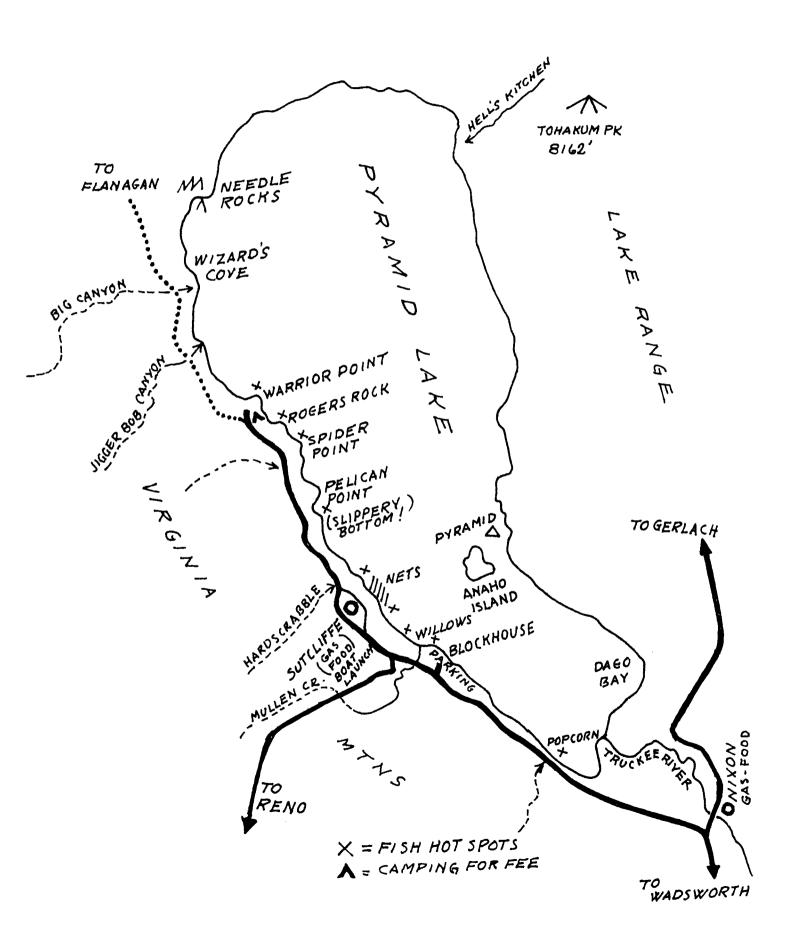
EQUIPMENT

 $8\frac{1}{2}$ --9' + 10wt shooting head. Insulated waders and warm clothing. Milk crate or small 3' kitchen ladder with float attached. Wooly worms of various sizes and colors--Black-White-Yellow-Flourescent green.

8'-9' leader with dropper 3'-4' from shooting head.

TECHNIQUE

Wade out as far as possible then allow milk crate or ladder to sink and climb on. Cast and allow flies to sink to bottom. Use slow to medium fast 6"-8" strips. Lake bottom consists of ledges or shelves and fly should be stopped briefly after crossing these. Continue retrieve until approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ of shooting head is inside of guides. Pause approx. 5 count and then raise rod until dropper fly is almost clear of water. Pause for another 5 count. If no strikes, recast and repeat procedure. Remember, 75% of the shore caught fish are hooked when the



BEGINNER'S CORNER --- KNOTS

When making up a leader from sections of monofilament, it is sometimes desirable to have a loop on the butt end of the leader, similar to the ones we buy. Also, we may wish to have a loop somewhere at the midpoint of our leader for the attachment of a dropper fly.

The perfection loop is one of the best knots designed for this purpose. A certain "Willie B", of the Livermore Fly Fishers has described the method of forming this loop about as well as we have ever seen, and we offer his description as he gave it with our Thanks.

Perfection Loop

This knot is aptly named--simple to tie; almost 100% knot strength; a small compact knot; and besides all that, it looks very professional. I use the knot primarily for loops in leader material. It is also excellent as a method of making a free swinging hook installation for many saltwater live bait rigs.

Start with the butt of the leader in your left hand. Pinch the leader between your thumb and index finger about 8 inches from the end. The rest of the leader is held under the other three fingers to keep it out of the way.

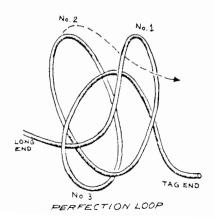
With your right hand, take the 8" tag end and make a small loop (#1) over your left index finger. Make this loop 5/8" in diameter for starters. Pinch the loop between the thumb and forefinger to hold it in place. Now make a second loop (#2), also over your forefinger, but behind, i.e. closer to your knuckle, and a bit smaller than the first loop. Pinch this loop along with the first. (Have faith, once you learn this knot, you would have had a dozen tied by this time)

Now make a third loop (#3); this loop goes between #1 and #2 and is pulled snug between them. Now, reach through loop #1, grab loop #2, and pull it through. Snug up on the loop and main leader, clip the tag end, and you are done!

To get that free swinging hook for live-lining anchovies, you pre-thread the hook on the 8" butt end before making the first loop and have the hook be on the second loop. Pull the hook through the first loop andyou have it made.

This is a super simple knot to tie, but like all things, if you know a few simple tricks, it makes things easier. For example, if you roll the leader clockwise between your right thumb and forefinger as you make the loops, the leader just seems to want to automatically jumb into a loop. Second, at night, or when your hands are frozen, you can make much larger loops, then just before snugging the knot tight, adjust the size of the loop by pulling on the tag end. Do not pull on the tag end when snugging the knot or you will collapse it.

Editor's note--Mountain climbers use this on their climbing ropes to put around the waist of a climber in the middle of the rope; they call it the butterfly knot.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER

bу

John R. Gantner

Most people consider California's water use plans as consisting of collecting northern runoff in sterile concrete canals andmoving it to the southern desert to flush toilets in Bakersfield and supply L.A. car washes. But California was blessed with thousands of miles of wondrous waterways. Some of these have withstood the worst man could wish them and are now feeling the first effects of society's change of heart. The Upper Sacramento River is just such a stead-fast stream.

Potentially one of our country's premier trout streams, the Upper Sacramento River currently provides some of the finest year-around trout fishing in the state. I have enjoyed my best fishing on the river in the fall. The setting of the river canyon creates an aura of wilderness even though, for most of its length, it runs beside a very busy freeway and a major railroad; but despite this proximity to man and his travels, it endures remarkably well. Beginning at Box Canyon Dam, below Lake Siskiyou, and flowing south along Interstate 5, through the town of Dunsmuir, to Shasta Lake, this steep gradient stream cuts a colorful canyon through rock-bedded dogwoods and pines, presenting a forty-mile progression of whitewater riffles and classic pocket water. An abundance of aquatic insect life in the river and its tributaries, and lush streambank vegetation, repel the perils of progress to provide necessary sustenance and habitat to wild and planted trout alike. Mayflies, caddisflies, and stoneflies abound, making the Sacramento into a flyfisherman's dream stream.

Banked with ferns and firs, evergreens and elephant ears, the river persists in spite of its annual fishing pressure, proving itself to be fantastic holding water and breeding grounds for wild rainbow and brown trout. The Upper Sacramento River, laced with fishable feeder creeks, has more than 20 access roads which allow the angler entrance to either the river or the feeders. Supplies and campgrounds are available near many of these access roads and a few unmarked open camping sites are also available along the river. In the rustic old railtoad town of Dunsmuir, the central urban area on the upper river, most of the roads lead down to the river which ribbons in and out of town. Because of heavy in-town fishing pressure I suggest leaving this area to the locals. North of Dunsmuir, the Mott/Azalea Road leads to Mott Campground and the river, and ties into the Canterra Loop Road, the northernmost access to the river below Box Canyon Dam. This area provides excellent fishing and the fall flyfishing here is really spectacular. The State WildlifeConservation Board has purchased 105 acres of streamside property for public use of the river.

A medium length and weight flyrod is most popular on the Sacramento, light-weight spinning tackle is also well suited for this stream. Wading is essential to properly fish this rough and tumble pocket water as casts above, below and between the myriad in-stream boulders cannot be properly made from shore.

I have had consistent success using a Paradun fly to imitate the mayfly hatches and an Elk Hair Caddis for the evening caddis flights. The Upper Sacramento also has a fishable concentration of stoneflies which tend to hatch in May. The stonefly nymph fly is an all-year winner. Fish them deep, fish them often, and enjoy this excellent trout stream.



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PROGRAM: Club Member, Les Eichorn, representative for Sage Rods will give a slide show entitled "Fly rod construction through the last 35 years" No one should miss this one because it will explain how bamboo rod building was surpassed by fibre-glass, how the glass rod business grew and how these rods were made, the advent of carbon fibres and graphite, how these rods are built, and all about the new boron rods.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 1983 7:30 p.m. WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room 4700 Hoen Avenue, Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, June 15, 1983 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. WHERE: Dohn Room, Recreation and Parks Bldg.,

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIME FOR A NEW HATCH

As many of you anticipate the various hatches you will fish during the upcoming season, some of us are anticipating the new hatch of club leaders who will replace those of us with spent wings. of us has enjoyed the opportunity to serve you and the Club, but we are looking forward to a change. Bringing in new leaders is what will continue to keep this Club growing and changing for the better, while maintaining the general goals and commitments we have made as a group.

Elections will be held in June, following nominations from the nominating committee, as well as nominations from the floor at the June meeting. The Board would like to know of your interest in serving as a Board member or officer, and if we have not approached you, please approach us.



Casting Pool Progresses On Schedule

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to all of you! I am so pleased with the outstanding success of our Casting Pool fundraising dinner April 23. I thank each one of you that participated in any way, and I would like to specially thank the hard-working members of the committee who put it all together. Tremendous support from both members and friends was demonstrated by the generous support of the auction and raffle. final accounting is pending---we will give that to you at the May 18 meeting --- but we are well on our way to our goal. So congratulations are in order to all of you for your support and the support of so many in the community.

The Executive Committee has targeted September, 1983 for construction of the pool---and if the support continues, a clubhouse/community This should give us something tangible to shoot for! building.

We have much work ahead of us in order to meet our goals. like to see us raise another \$30,000, which we can do with continuing personal and corporate contributions. It is important that you talk to your friends; tell them how much support we have had, and ask for their contributions. This means both your neighbor and your business associates. In contributing, they'll be in good company. Also, please consider your place of business. Is it a company that would respond to a community project like ours? If so, the fundraising committee would be happy to formally approach management. Corporate contributions are going to be especially important in raising the balance of the money we need. Additionally, now that we are also focusing on construction, this is the time to suggest potential donors of labor and materials for the pool and the clubhouse.

So as you can see, we are really moving along, but we need the help of each one of you to make the project a success. Please join us at the May 18 meeting to go over the plans further.





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LOOKING BACKWARD TO OUR BEGINNINGS

With deep appreciation of the work of a great editorial artist, we offer a rather timely reproduction of one of H.T.Webster's delightful commentaries on fishing.

To those of us who were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to meet Ed Zern when he was here for the Casting Pool Dinner, we are reminded that Ed's and Corey Ford's book, "To Hell With Fishing", was illustrated with Webster's droll cartoons. There hasn't been one like him since.

THE THRILL THAT COMES ONCE IN A LIFETIME



FLY OF THE MONTH

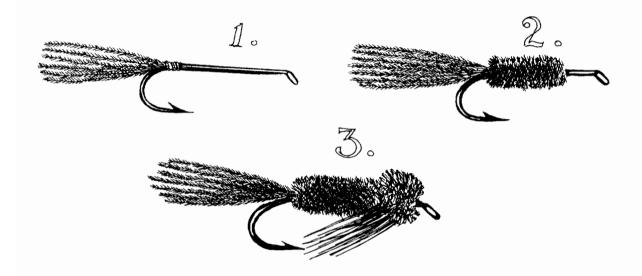
This one from Pat Micek of Fly Fishers For Conservation of Fresno, is reputed to work on bass. It is easy to tie, and if it is as good as reported, it might go along with your next outing.

Hook: # 7948A Size 2

Tail: 8 - 10 supple peacock herls, extending a hook length beyond the bend.

Body: Large black chenille 2/3 the distance along the hook shank to form the rear 2/3 of the body.

Thorax: On the forward 1/3 of the hook shank tie in separately two bunches of black deer hair with the fine tips pointing toward the rear of the fly. Trim the hair off, leaving the beard to reach the hook point.



The fly works when retrieved along the edge of weed beds, or near rocky points. It can be fished with a sinking, or floating line. It can be weighted but seems to work better on a sinking line. Vary the retrieve between quick jerks and slow stripping.



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NEWS ITEMS

One of the values accruing to membership in a fishing club is the trading of fishing gossip with other clubs.

For example we read from the December 1982 issue of the Stanislaus Fly Fishermen that conversations with John Dienstadt, manager of the Wild Trout Program, suggest that proliferation of sunfish and suckers in Martis Creek Lake has contributed to the decline of the trout fishery to the point that the lake is to be "treated" (poisoned) in August to remove undesirable species. Presumably the lake will be re-stocked with Lahontan cutthroat trout after toxicity has subsided to suitable levels.

Nearer to home the Napa Valley Fly Fishermen have given an extensive report on the summer steelhead of the Middle Fork of the EEl RIVER. This is a fishery close enough to our area to be of considerable interest.

Speaking from personal experience, your editor can attest that prior to the construction of the logging road into the upper reaches of the Middle Fork, the summer steelhead fishing was spectacular, possibly as good as for any place on earth.

We reprint the Napa Valley Fly Fishermen\$ report in its entirety because of its interest to those of us who haven't had much success on steelhead in local waters due to the heavy rains this last winter.

No Kill Fishery on Middle Fork Eel River

California anglers will be privileged to enjoy, be (privileged to enjoy) beginning this spring, a top quality experimental fishery for rare and magnificent spring-run "Summer Steelhead" in a section of the Eel River watershed long held off limits to fishing. Cal Trout proposed it, D.F.G. eventually concurred, the Fish and Game Commission approved. The fishery will test fish and fishermen.

Whether the fishery will remain open to angling depends in large measure on how we fishermen treat this valuable, fragile treasure. Abuse it and we lose it.

When the Middle Fork Eel strain of this great ocean-going trout dwindled to just a few hundred survivors in the late 1960's, the state prohibited fishing in its main spawning areas and main migration routes. Emergency measures were taken by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service to avert extinction. Extensive studies of the fish were conducted, and in 1980 the agencies adopted a joint Management Plan designed to preserve, restore, and protect the remnant runs of Summer Steelhead in the Middle Fork Eel. Cal Trout influenced the plan.

By 1981, the run was 1,600 adult fish... not many, but vastly improved over the few hundred surviv rs of only ten years earlier. Despite these sparse numbers it has been estimated the Middle Fork Eel is home for 80% of all the trophy-sized "Summers" remaining in the whole state of California.

Truly, it is a precious resource.

In order to implement the widely heralded Management Plan and to provide Californians a rare sportfishing experience, California Trout Inc. proposed and won approval for a special three-month (March-May) "no-kill" catch-and-release season beginning in 1982. The intent is to provide for sportfishing enjoyment of the fish while not impairing their recovery from near extinction. Only the lower section of the middle Eel is open to angling. The holding, spawning and nursery area remains closed, and no doubt always will be a strictly protected sanctuary for these fish.

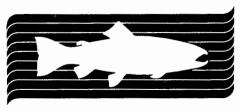
THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Summer Steelhead — a Special Fish

Summer steelhead differ from their more numerous winter-run cousins. Both are anadromous rainbow trout, but California's spring run "Summers" are special for six reasons:

- 1. Summer steelhead enter the Middle Hel from the Main Hel mostly between March and June, and remain, often in land-locked pools, until the following spring, when they spawn and begin their return trip to the ocean. Their fall/winter run relatives migrate in late fall and winter and do not summer over. These latter fish enter streams, spawn, and get out relatively fast.. usually over the course of a few weeks, sometimes mere days.
- 2. Summer steelhead require special holdover habitat: deep, clear, cool pools generally in remote headwater streams free from man and animal predators. This habitat is strictly limited, extremely fragile, and has been designated a Sanctuary. Angling cannot be permitted in these sanctuary areas of the Middle Eel (above Bar Creek); they are closed to fishing all year and heavily patrolled.
- 3. Summer steelhead also have strict habitat requirements for spawning and rearing. Few streams meet this combination of holdover, spawning and rearing requirements, and much in California has been destroyed by natural events and man's activities. While much of these habitat needs are held in common with winter run fish, it is recognized that clean gravel and clear, cool streamflows are essential to the preservation of both runs.
- 4. Within the Mendocino National Forest portion of the Middle Fork Fel River drainage, all land management decisions are influenced by newly adopted policies directing that summer steelhead and their habitat be maintained at a level where the fish will not be endangered. Outside the Forest, future threats include construction of roads, opening access into the Sanctuary for poachers, and logging which causes siltation and removes canopy on tributary streams, causing lethal heating of summertime water. Natural disasters such as the devastating winter storm of 1964 will continue to pose a future threat to the resource throughout the entire drainage.
- 5. Remnant populations of summer steelhead are found only in a few California streams. California's largest population is in the Middle Fork Eel River.

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6. Populations of summer steelhead fluctuate widely from year to year, particularly in the Middle Eel. Because of their scarcity, vulnerability and widespread loss of habitat they have been declared a "sensitive" species in California by the U.S. Forest service, the agency responsible for land management of most of the areas through which summer steelhead streams flow. Recently the Eel River was included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, due, in part to this unique fishery.

MIDDLE EEL....

Angling Rules — Law Enforcement

Special Season..... March 1 through May 31 (but see Special Notice below)

Area Open....Main stem Middle Fork Eel River from its mouth at Dos Rios upstream to its confluence with Bar Creek.

Bag Limit....Zero (0) Trout or Salmon.

Methods of Take ... For all species of fish, only artificial lures with a single barbless hook may be used. (Barbs may be pinched down $\underline{\text{flat}}$)

The use of bait is prohibited solely because fish frequently swallow baits and become deeply hooked. This can cause internal bleeding, makes unhooking and quick release difficult, and can cause a high percentage of accidentally killed fish. For the same reason artificial eggs or roe (or marshmallow or cheese ball baits) should not be used.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In order to assure this special experimental fishery will not impair survival of these rare fish, the California Department of Fish and Game has been given the unusual authority to close the river to angling with no advance notice. Before embarking on a trip, call D.F.G. at (707)944-4460 to avoid disappointment

You can assist enforcement of rules and help aasue continuation of this special season by observing other anglers and reporting suspected violations to:

D.F.G. Regional H.Q.

(707) 944-4460 or

Local D.F.G. Warden

(707) 983-6956 or:

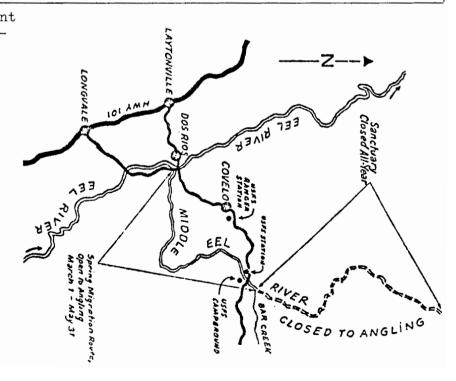
U.S.F.S. Ranger Station

(707)983-6118 or:

Mendocino Sheriff'S Office

(can radio warden)

(707)549-4642



The predictably heavy spring run-off from this year's huge snowpack promises to delay top water fishing in most waters for possibly two months beyond usual opening dates.

For those who fish the east side of the Sierra, the Arcularius Ranch at the head of the Owens River might be a good bet thisyear.. IF it is not already booked for the season.



A FLY FISHERMAN'S PARADISE ON THE HEADWATERS OF THE OWENS RIVER

Arcularius Ranch goes flyfishing only

MAMMOTH LAKES - One of the few fish in the 3-pound range. finest sections of trout water in the West, the Arcularius Ranch on the upper Owens River, will be flyfishing only for 1983, according to John Arcularius.

The entire eight miles of ranch water, which is open to fishing for guests staying at the cabins, will have a two-fish limit, flies-only regulation.

"We're going to lose a lot of good customers who've been coming here for a long, long time," said Arcular-

"But there's a lot more future in flyfishing and preserving the river."

The ranch has a cult of followers who talk of the place in whispers. The best trout caught here last year was a 415-pounder and there were quite a Lakes, CA 93546.

Rainbows and browns in the 15 to 18-inch class are quite common, and 30 to 50 fish days are certainly not unusual. Yet there are many anglers who have never heard of the place.

"A few have tried to hoard it a little bit - they wouldn't even tell their best buddy about it. And we have never advertised," said Arcularius. Even so, booking at the ranch

were often filled a year in advance especially weekends. And there is a long waitigg list for the opening week of trout season.

For more information about the ranch and a rate card for the housekeeping cabins write: Arcularius Ranch, Route 1, Box 230, Mammoth

On the western slope of the Sierra many rivers are impounded and the flows emerging from the dams are regulated. A state publication No.21863-4617-81 10MCAMOSP available from the Department of Boating and Waterways, lists phone numbers for current stream flow data on 50 California rivers.



AKNOTHER KNOT

This one, the EUGENE BEND, developed by Ken Eugene, is recommended for tying your fly to light tippets.

- Step 1 Thread the tippet through the eye of the hook and form a loop with the section that went through the eye of the hook.
- Step 2 Wrap this loop around the tippet three or four turns, then run the end of the tippet through the loop.
- Step 3 Pull on both the tippet end and the tippet together away from the hook.

 Release the tippet end and pull on the tippet. The knot will then
 slide down to the eye of the hook. Pull firmly on the tippet until
 you feel the knot pop. The pop you will feel is the knot locking
 down on itself. If the pop is not felt, then the knot has not been
 tied properly.



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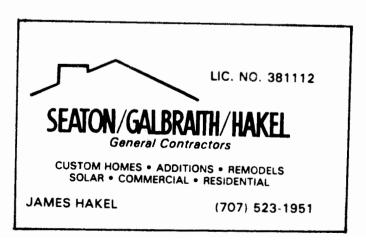
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday; June 15, 1983 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE: Dohn Room, Recreation and Parks Bldg.

415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

PROGRAM: Pete Wolley--Representative of the Orvis Company of San Fran-

cisco store and a fishing guide on the Fall River in Northeastern California, will give an illustrated talk on fishing in the

Klamath and Fall Rivers.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, June 7, 1963 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Warrack Hospital Board Room

42 00 Hoen Avenue, Santa Rosa

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

WHEN: July 20, 1983 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: To be announced.

PROGRAM: Dinnermeeting. For details see announcement in a special

notice to be mailed later.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The hatch which I promised you last month -- new club leadership -- will be coming off soon. I am happy to see it. Change keeps things exciting, and new viewpoints help make the same structure work well and in a fresh, new way.

There will be a great deal of change for the Board of Directors as of July 1. For private reasons, three of our existing Board members have asked to be relieved of their duties. Following the Bylaws, the Board has appointed replacements for them. I personally wish to thank Dick Yeager, Terry McNally, and Jonah Freedman for their time, assistance, support, and hard work this past year. Please welcome Richard Hambright, Bob Nauheim, and Joe Pisarro as they fill out their remaining year of service. I know they will be strong and valuable additions to the Board.

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President's message continues:

The Nominating Committee has also selected a slate of officers to be listed in this newsletter and presented to the general membership June 15. Many members were approached by letter and personal contact by the Committee. I was happy to see the large group of men and women who are interested in managing the future of the club. I am pleased with the proposed slate of officers and am confident that these nominees will form a most active and effective Board. Please give the election your thought; please give your elected leaders your full support.

Finally, for me there comes the spinner-fall, and a certain ambivalence about being part of it. I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to serve all of you as President for two years. I believe you were the first general fly-fishing club in the country to elect a woman President and I thank you for that honor. This job has given me opportunities to learn and grow; to meet and work with people I'd otherwise have missed. Naturally I'm looking forward to some form of rest, but I will continue to serve you and the new club President in the Casting Pool Committee leadership.

The July President's message will come from the pen of your President-elect. Please give him as much support as you've given me. It really helps! For all of you I wish --

Heavy hatches, easy wading, and all the fish you can release!

liz Wray

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time again! Hopefully you have recovered from April 15th trauma and are ready to give your Club a necessary transfusion of cash.

Sometime during the next two weeks you will receive a mailing envelope from Spencer Bader. If you do not get a notice from him, perhaps he missed you, so call him (evenings 527-5878).

It is your membership dues that keep those great programs coming our way, and it keeps the newsletter coming to you to tell you what's going on. Without your renewals all these goodies come to an end, so let's have those checks when Spencer's letters get to you.



ELECTION TIME

The June meeting is traditionally the time for our Club to elect new officers.

In accordance with By-laws procedures, a list of candidates has been nominated by the Board of Directors acting as a nominating committee to fill the various offices of the Club.

This list is submitted herewith for your consideration:

NOMINEES

For President: For Vice President: Ken Wilson

Eric Elliott Charlie Schelter

For Directors: Chuck Baker

Yancey Forest-Knolls

Karla Laszlo

In addition to the above nominees, three members have been appointed to fill the remaining terms of office of Dick Yeager. Terry McNally and Jonah Freedman, who were unable to continue to serve their full terms of office.

These new appointees are:

Bob Nauheim

Richard Hambright

Joe Pisarro

We welcome you aboard, with our sincere thanks.

Continuing Board Members are:

Bill Archuleta Eric Elliott

(term: to June 1984)

At the June meeting there will be an opportunity for the members to offer additional nominations from the floor,

This is a very important part of our election procedure because it is a time and place where some very competent persons who may have been overlooked by the Directors can be brought to the attention of the electorate.

Please give some consideration to this option before the meeting.

CASTING POOL PROGRESS

Our fund raising dinner at the Luther Burbank Center was a resounding success! But we are not home yet.

After all bills are paid, the Casting Pool Fund will stand somewhere around \$35,000.

Meanwhile we are in the process of getting land surveys, working drawings, etc., etc., through the Santa Rosa Building and Design Review Agencies in order to get some firm cost figures.

In any event it looks as if we will need something over \$50,000 in hand before we can safely start construction.

So....we still have some work ahead to develop the necessary fund.

OUTINGS

June 25th Picnic at Jackrabbit picnic place, Spring Lake, Santa Rosa July 24th Float on the Russian River. Watch for Charlie Schelter's mailers for details.

STREAM TACTICS

An old rhyme goes something like this:

Mother-o-Mother may I go out to swim? Yes my darling daughter, Hang your clothes on a hickory limb But don't go near the water!

Father-o-Father may I go out to hunt? Yes my dearest son, But leave the powder horn at home And don't go near the gun!

But now:

Warden-o-Warden, may I go out to fish? Yes o-nimrod green But return all trout unharmed And don't drink from the stream!

This last stanza has been appended because we humans, in our wanderings have left behind a little pest, Giardia Lamblia, a protozoan that now inhabits just about all of our surface waters and causes severe and prolonged diarrhea, fever, weightloss and general debility.

Before drinking any surface water nowadays either boil it for a minimum of 20 minutes, or treat it for a minimum of 30 minutes at a rate of 5 halazone tablets or 2 periodate tablets per quart. A third method uses 10 drops of tincture of Iodine per quart.

You have been warned!



THE (LARGELY FISHLESS) May 13-14-15 OUTING TO INDIAN VALLEY RESERVOIR

We had heard exciting reports of 5 pound bass among limits being taken out of Indian Valley Reservoir a week before our scheduled Club Outing for May---

From our experience it would seem that "we should been here last week". We had lovely bluebird weather, the flowers were carpeting the fields with blue and gold, the birds were filling the air with song but where were the bass.... or the trout?

It was Friday the 13th!

Despite the poor fishing there was a large club attendance and we had more time to visit and to get to know each other better, and that was the best part.

We had heard rumors that trout fishing below the dam on opening day had been very good, but evidently the catch had been all too successful.

We checked out a short section of the stream below the dam and found no evidence of trout in that part of the stream. The large carp population formerly prevailing in the stream was drastically reduced. We noted about 20 spawning squawfish in the stream near the dam that we had not seen before.

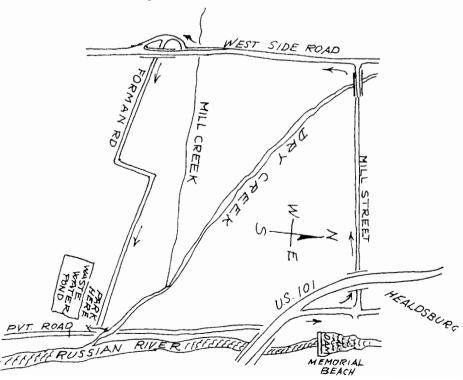
There was evidence of construction of a hydroelectric plant at the base of the dam which was new.

A chat with the storekeeper near the dam informed us that during the winter rains the stream flow had been up to 11,000 cubic feet per second. This event may have led to the removal of a large portion of the carp population as well as other resident aquatic species.

A PLACE TO FISH-

With the oncoming development of a year round anadromous fishery resulting from operation of the hatchery at Warm Springs Dam, it can be anticipated that the confluence of Dry Creek and the Russian River will be a hot spot for fishing.

For those of us who are not too familiar with local roads we offer a route map for access to the mouth of Dry Creek.



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HOW TO BEST LAND AND RELEASE FISH

Try to land fish in a reasonable amount of time. The longer some fish are played the more lactic acid builds up in the blood stream and the more difficult it becomes to revive such fish. Most fatal damage occurs to fish through improper handling, not during the actual hooking and playing of fish. It is best not to handle or remove fish from the water. When a fish is removed from the water it begins to suffocate immediately and the risk is great that fish will flop about on the bank, slip from your grasp, or that you may unknowingly squeeze them to death. If you MUST handle fish, be certain your hands are wet, for wet hands will not destroy the protective mucous film on fish, especially trout.

To remove the hook, gently grip the fish by the tail or jaw with one hand, removing the hook with the other. If you are wading, both hands can be freed by slipping the rod into your waders. If a fish is hooked really deep the hook can often be removed with the aid of a long nose pliers or forcepts. If not, it is best to cut the leader, leaving the fly in the fish. Nature supplies a built in mechanism which will disolve the hook in a matter of days. Often times a friend can lend a hand in unhooking and reviving tired fish.

A barbless hook will help insure safe handling and facilitate a quick release. You seldom have to touch the fish as such hooks can usually be backed out very quickly using only one hand. For more information about barbless hooks refer to "About Barbless Hooks" in the fly section.

Under specific conditions, a net, if used properly, can be a tremendous advantage allowing you to quickly land and release fish. A net can alleviate fish flopping and thrashing over rocks in shallow water and can greatly aid you in landing a fish when you are waist deep in water. Be careful fish do not become entangled in the net.

NEVER TOSS fish through the air back into the water. Fish handled in this manner can easily lapse into shock and die. Fish intended for release should ABSOLUTELY NEVER BE HELD BY THE GILLS or SQUEEZED. Squeezing fish damages their vital organs and holding them by the gills is

like puncturing a lung.

Do not release a tired fish until it has COMPLETELY recovered. Firmly hold a played-out fish by the tail in an upright position in fairly slack water. By moving a fish back and forth in this position the gills will begin pumping life giving oxygen into its system, while at the same time allowing the fish to rest and regain strength lost during the battle. Fish being revived in this manner will often attempt to escape before they are completely recovered. A good rule of thumb is not to let the fish swim away the first time it attempts to. When fish are released prematurely they will often swim out of sight, loose their equalibrium, turn onto their side and die. Revive the fish a bit longer. This process usually takes a minute or two, but fish that are extremely tired can require several minutes. This is especially true preceeding, during and after spawning periods. When you do release a fish, do so in calm water, allowing the fish to swim into the current at its leisure. If you wish to photograph fish, "cradle" them gently in your arms or grip their tail and slide your other hand under the front medsection of the fish. Do not put undo strain on fish by lifting them high or by holding them in an unnatural position.

It is also best to lift fish over water, for if they should slip out of your hand they are less likely to be injured falling back upon the water. Fish may also be laid onto wet grass alongside a rod. Fish will seldom struggle when handled gently, but be quick when filming. A harmless, quick way to measure fish is to mark off measurements on your rod. Simply slide your rod alongside the fish in the water and you get an accurate measurement.

Spring scales are deadly on fish and should not be used. It is very easy to estimate the weight of a fish by its length and condition. The important consideration is whether the fish is released unharmed, not what it weighs. A fish which has lost a great deal of blood or one which will not stop bleeding will probably not survive. Such fish should be kept for the pan.

THE WOOLLY BUGGER

Due to the current snowpack in our mountains and the amount of water that is already filling our streams, it appears that the early part of our trout season might well be spent fishing some of the fine mountain lakes we have available to us. The Woolly Bugger is an excellent choice for an easy to tie fly that will catch fish in these environs. (Don't limit your use of this fly only to lakes though, as this fly also works well in slow moving water such as spring creeks and collection ditches.)

MATERIALS

HOOK: Mustad 9672 or 3906B, sizes #2 - #14

TAIL: Long marabou herls (green, brown, or black; match with body color)

BODY: Chenille or Dubbing (to match tail color)

RIB: Fine or Medium wire

HACKLE: To match (or contrast) with body color; green, brown, black, or grizzly

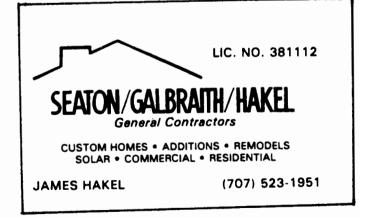
THREAD: 6/0 or monocord(on larger sizes)

The procedure for tying this fly is identical to that used for tying a wolly worm with the exception of the marabou tail. The tail should be aproximately the length of the body of the fly and the marabou should be "pinched off" at this point with your fingers. Do not cut with scissors as this gives the marabou an unnatural look.

This fly is also an excellent producer for bass and panfish. You can add yellow, red and purple to your color selection for these species.

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President's Message

Tom Hesseldenz of the McCloud River Preserve did an outstanding job of presenting a longer than usual slide snow. He kept all of us fascinated by the magnificence of the Nature Conservancy which is almost in our backyard. His discussion brought back many memories of natural research before I began sitting behind a desk. I think his presentation, more than any I

August Meeting Wed. August 20

Recreation & Parks Bldg. 415 Steele Lane 7:30 PM.

Program: Float fishing
Montana's Big Hole and
Smith Rivers. Craig
Johnston and Bob Moratto
with the help of a
splendid slide show,
will guide us on exciting
float trips on those
famed Blue Ribbon streams
in search of monster brown
trout. Did they catch any?
Come and find out!



RRFF fleet prepares to launch at Alexander Valley jump off point on Russian River. Members make last minute adjustments on tackle before setting off on 9-hour/ll-mile float in search of smallmouthed bass. About a dozen members turned out for the annual event. Next fishouting is school stripers on the Napa River on Aug. 28. Details elsewhere in this issue.

can remember, made me feel the kinship with nature I feel when I am actually in the great outdoors. I hope you all had as much fun as I had listening to our speaker and making our presentation to Liz Wray for the wonderful work she did as president of our club.

I am sorry I have to miss the next regular meeting. I particularly like programs by our own membership. We help them remember their good times and each trip our membership shares with us increases our unity in exposure to the wide, wide world of fishing. Craig Johnston, Bob Moratto, and Ken Wilson are some of our finest storytellers. We can always count on them to be entertaining without exaggeration. Every word the truth!

Em

California Spring Creek Fishing

Some of the world's finest flyfishing for trout can be found in Montana's spring creeks. A CalTrout-sponsored project can provide that same superb fishing right here in California...in Plumas County's Yellow Creek.

Yellow Creek is a springfed meadow stream that pro-

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duces one of the world's rarest, most beautiful strains of brown trout. In past years, 3 to 5 lb. trout were not uncommon. In recent years, overgrazing by cattle in the stream areas has caused a serious decrease both in the numbers of fish and their size. Cal-Trout has experimented with fencing off the cattle along the stream in a quarter-mile section in Humbug Valley. The test has shown that the trout population will improve if cattle are excluded from the stream banks.

After extensive negotia-

New Members

RRFF has been enriched by an even dozen new members. The Board of Directors at its August meeting approved applications for membership and welcomed the following:

James H. and Helen Bates of Santa Rosa;
Reuben C. and Betty Ann Allen, of Vallejo;
William and Ellen C.
Gaddis, and their children Sean and Vanessa, of Santa Rosa;
Dr. Ted Hard, of Santa Rosa;
George Marcillac, of Santa Rosa; and Fred and June Lee Newirth, of Novato.



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tions with PG&E (landowner), the rancher, Plumas County, Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service, CalTrout has secured permission to fence virtually the entire valley with long-lasting (100 yrs.) cedar split-rail fencing and to continue restoration work on the creek. The project is scheduled to begin this summer.

Based on the effectiveness of the experiment in the test section, the projection is that a 665% increase in the trout population and a return to large (5 lb.) browns can be expected in 3 to 5 years.

Estimated cost for the project: \$40,000 to \$50,000.

A second high priority CalTrout project to be undertaken this year involves the Owens River. A culvert near the Pleasant Valley campground prevents most brown trout from migrating upstream to the best spawning areas. It is estimated that 500,000 potential hatchlings are lost each year as a result.

Following negotiations with the Department of Fish and Game and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, a solution has been arrived at; CalTrout will replace the culvert with a new bridge thus opening up the spawning route. The cost is estimated at \$8,000 to \$13,000.

These are currently two projects worthy of the support of every trout fisherman in California. Contributions of any size will help make these projects a reality. Contributions should be sent to: CalTrout, P.O. Box 2046, San Francisco, CA. 94126.

Club Notes

Which is exactly how Ben Cummings was characterized by out-going president Liz Wray, as she presented a Life Member plaque to him at the July 20 meeting. It was one of Liz's last chores as RRFF presidenthaving served two one-year terms- and, she declared, "one of the most enjoyable".

Ben has been involved in nearly every club project from earliest days, including the Casting Pool, as editor of The Cast, and as Wray put it, "has been called on a hundred times and has never said no".

The icing on the cake for Liz was having the privilege of presenting the club's Distinguished Service Award to Grant King. As liz remarked, "there isn'ts enough time tonight to list all the contributions Grant has made to this club, so, in behalf of the Russian River Fly Fishers, I'll just say, many thanks".

RRFF members attending club meetings have been entertained, amused and sometimes profited by

Terry McNally's raffles. But Terry has himself become a big winner recently when his wife, Michelle, gave birth to a son. That, along with business pressures, has forced Terry to give up the gavel and substitute diapers for "dead chicken feathers" and other gladsome goodies. So, Terry heads for the nursery with the heartfelt thanks of

the club with a problem, namely a new Raffle Chairman. or Chairperson. This is one of the club's most important posts. Raffles are a chief source of income for RRFF. RRFF.

Among other things, it helps pay for this thing you're holding in your hands...The Cast. So, what we're looking for is a volunteer to take on the job. It's not an easy one but can be very rewarding. The chairman is responsible for obtaining raffle prizes and running raffles at meetings. If you've ever wanted to be in show biz, here's your chance!

Incidentally, obtaining raffle prizes is not limit-

ed to the chairman...all members are encouraged to lend a hand. There's no reason why Jack O'Neel should be the only member to contribute a bottle of Jack Daniels now and then.

And speaking of prizes, out-going (no introvert, she) RRFF president, Liz Wray was presented with a 7' Leonard split cane fly rod as a token of appreci-BUT... Terry's exit leaves ation for the superb job she did in providing leadership to the club in the past two years. Under Liz's leadership, the club really moved into high gear. When the Casting Pool project is completed, its realization will be due to Liz's dedication, energy and effort as much as any single factor. No one has recorded the number of hours, days, nights and weekends that Liz devoted to club activities-even when she had a leg in a cast and was on crutches. It's that kind of dedication and leadership that has built RRFF into the notable organization it has become. This is not a eulogy, because Liz will remain one of the club's most enthusiastic doers.. as Chairperson of the Casting Pool Project, among other activities, for openers.

> Many thanks Liz, and put that Leonard rod to work!





School Stripers Target Of Club Outing

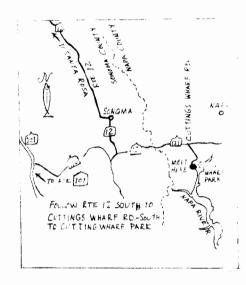
School stripers on light tackle is the objective of the next outing. Site is the Napa River, date is August 28, and the latest report confirms that there is a plentitude (also a lot). of the finny fighters swarming about, just waiting for RRFF casters to throw feathered frauds at them.

The above information comes from Outing Chairman Charlie Schelter, who also advises that the rendevous point will be Cutting Wharf Park and assembly time is 2:00 PM, (that's in the afternoon). High tide is due at 5:30 PM, and best fishing is expected just before and just following peak tide, according to Bob Nauheim, who is considered something of an expert on Napa school striper fishing.

Nauheim suggests small flies, 2 to 1/0, with these patterns as reliable takers; Gibb's Striper Fly, Russ Chatham's Phantom, Barred & Black and the Whistler Series. But don't limit yourself to those patterns, Bob says. Other striper patterns can produce. Just keep the flies small, he advises.

Cutting Wharf Park on the Napa River is about 35 miles from Santa Rosa. Follow Highway 12 beyond Sonoma to Cutting Wharf Road, turn right and you're there. Plenty of parking, a boat ramp and a diner are among the amenities that await. Along with the stripers, of course. The launch ramp

can accommodate boats of any size, according to Schelter. For more information, Charlie can be reached at his office, 544-1010, or at home, evenings at 539-0200. If you don't care for dining in diners, Charlie suggests you bring your own food and beverages. Bring the family, too, he says.





Club Notes

Membership Chairperson Karla Lazlo reports that membership renewals are running ahead of last year. Total membership is rapidly edging RRFF into the ranks among the largest flyfishing clubs in the country. Karla also reminds members who have not yet renewed because they are too busy fishing, tying flies or caulking boats that unless they renew by Oct. 1, they will be dropped from the roster and won't be listed in the Club Membership Directory, which, as Eric Elliott said, is more catastrophic than being dropped from Who's Who or The Social Register. After all, as Eric points out, Astor van Schuyler-Beekman is NOT a RRFF member, whereas, you are. Or you will be if you renew... like right now!

The highest honor RRFF can confer is Life Member, recognition of service to the club way beyond even extraordinary contributions. Naturally, as you would assume, that kind of devotion and effort doesn't come along every day...or every year. When it does, you have a rare individual.



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The Ethics, Perhaps, of Flyfishing

By Ed Zern

I agreed to write something about the ethics of flyfishing because I hadn't thought much about it at the time, and it's always a pleasure to be able to impose, or try to, your own ideals on other people, especially from a stance that makes back-talk difficult.

But now, faced with a blank sheet of paper and forced to think about it, it seems to me that all the problems of living and dying and of work and play are ethical problems, and to attempt to separate

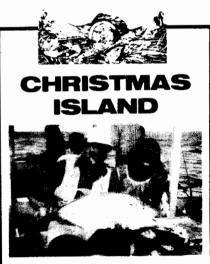


out the ethics of flyfishing is akin to prescribing a special inflection of voice to be used when addressing bishops or billionaires or Internal Revenue agents. And perhaps it isn't really ethics that we have in mind, but rather attitudes, a code of behavior, a concern for tradition and a hope for conservation of both fish and values. Perhaps, too, in my own case I tend to confuse ethics with aesthetics (and perhaps ethics is the aesthetics of behavior).

Since such an approach is highly subjective I can hardly do better than to

set down some of my own beliefs about flyfishing; any "ethical" attitudes I have would grow out of these:

- The essence of sport is skill, and the voluntary imposition or acceptance of arbitrary conditions demanding skills.
 There is nothing immoral about shooting sitting ducks, but the sportsman shoots them flying, and may decline shots that require little skill.
- 2. Flyfishing generally requires more skills than fishing with lures or natural baits; fly-casting generally requires more skill than spin-casting or bait-casting; flyfishing encourages development of collateral skills, in insect identification and imitation, in streamcraft and in fly-tying. It is therefore a more sporting way of taking those fish which sometimes feed on insects on or below the surface of the waters they inhabit or on small fish imitable by streamer flies. (The fact that skilled flyfishers may be able under certain conditions to take more fish than the bait or lure fisherman is irrelevant; the honest man is often able to accumulate more wealth than the thief, but this is a shoddy argument for honesty).
- 3. Flyfishing, or any other sport fishing, is an end in itself and not a game of competition among fishermen; the great figures in the historic tradition of angling are not those men who caught the greatest numbers of fish or the biggest fish but those who, like Ronalds and Francis and Halford and Skues and Gordon and Wulff and Schwiebert, made lasting contributions of thought and knowledge, of fly patterns and philosophy, of good writing and good sportsmanship. There have alwavs been men who could accumulate a larger number of dead fish than other men, because it was important to them; but no one remembers who they



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The Ethics,

were, or should.

- 4. One of the greatest privileges of the flyfisher is to release his catch, not out of sentimental avoidance of killing but out of awareness that in most waters of this continent, capable of sustaining a fish population from season to season, a game fish is far more valuable as sport or the promise of sport than as food for belly or vanity.
- 5. There can be no flyfishing without pure
 waters in which game
 fish can live; there
 can be no such waters
 without proper management of watershed
 forests and farmlands,
 or without control of
 pollution through erosion or industrial or

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RRFF Calendar of Events August/September

August 2 - Director Meeting

August 17 - Regular monthly meeting
415 Steele Lane; 7:30 p.m.
Float Fishing Montana's Big
Hole and Smith Rivers. Craig
Johnston and Bob Moratto, guides.

August 17-20 - FFF Conclave, West Yellow-stone, MT.

August 28 - Light tackle fishing for school stripers, Cutting Wharf Park, Napa River. Begin 2 PM til dark. High tide 5:30 PM.

August 29 - Budget Committee meeting, 6:30 PM. 425 Tesconi Circle #15 SR.

September 6 - Directors Meeting, Warrack Hospital Board Room, 7:30 PM.

September 21 - Regular monthly meeting. 7:30 PM.
Recreation & Parks Bldg.
Program to be announced.

human waste. Therefore, the flyfisherman should be deeply concerned with measures to conserve or restore pure waters, and will involve himself when possible in efforts to promote such measures, recognizing that they are inseparable from the conservation of all renewable natural resources. He

will bear in mind the legend of the African chief who said, "This land belongs to my people. Some of them are living, some of them are dead, but most of them have not yet been born".

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Holding a fishing conclave in an area like West Yellowstone, Montana has got to be like having a flea circus in a dog kennel. Everyone there for the event August 17-20 was itching to fish the Madison, Henry's Fork, the Firehole, the Gallatin or any of the trout havens—heavens?— in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming confluence. The weather was perfect and the fish were biting— for the experts. Everyone was

SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21-7:30 PM
Recreation & Parks Bidg.
415 Steele Lane
Program: NEW ZEALAND
DAVE INKS

Inks, a well-traveled angler, will show-and-tell the attractions of this "down-under" fish-erman's Paradise. His colorful slides will show, in living color, the glories of New Zealand mountains, rivers and, especially, its tackle-bustin' trout. Come early and drool.

enthusiastic about this Conclave of the Federation of Fly Fishers and its theme, "Rise to the Future".

For those of you who have not been to the West Gate of Yellowstone National Park, you will be interested to know that the Gate town of West Yellowstone is a rustic tourist town with lousy roads and a multitude of tourist traps. sits smack dab in the middle of some of the prettiest and most trout-productive fishing rivers in the world. Soon, it will house the permanent headquarters of the Federation of Fly Fishers. FFF has announced an agreement has been reached with the town of West Yellowstone to lease the Convention Center. Renovation of the beautiful stone and log building will transform it into a fitting site for the FFF Flyfishing Center.

Overall, I felt this year's event was very exciting. There were so many interesting seminars and slide shows, I ended up spending all my time involved in Conclave activities and did not even wet a line!

I can see how fishermen can easily spend an entire lifetime exploring the fascinating experience of fishing in the area.

I would highly recom-

CASTING POOL REPORT

A soil analysis done by the firm of Moore & Taber has brought to light a serious problem in connection with the RRFF Casting Pool construction. Two problems, actually.

Project chairperson Liz Wray reports that a considerable amount of earth moving and fill are necessary. The reason is that the pool location has to be moved from the originally planned site on the area in Dan Galvin Park allocated because of grade and contour.

The second problem is due

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mend that our Program Chairman attempt to book for our
club meetings some of the outstanding speakers who appeared
at the Conclave, particularly
those who spoke on techniques
and fishing trips in our region
I found a lot of meat in their
presentations.

I want to thank the club for the opportunity to experience the Conclave as RRFF representative. I was proud of our club's contribution of a case of local wine, donated by Doug Brutocao. It brought in \$ 200 in a fast and vigorous auction. For the second year, RRFF was an active participant in the FFF Conclave.

Casting Pool

necessitating a change in material for the pool bottom. The committee had hoped asphalt could be used. Soil analysis has shown that because of the adobe-type soil, asphalt is not practical. The alternative is the much more costly concrete.

Moore & Taber contributed their services, which included soil anaylsis, engineering specifications, materials and their qualities. person Wray thanked the firm in behalf of RRFF.

Club member Jim Mitchell, of the firm of Mitchell & Heryford, was instrumental in having the firm of Mitchell & Heryford contribute surveying, drafting and drawing the revised plans for the project.

The immediate problems, Wray said, is to have the earthmoving and grading done and to obtain the necessary fill. The committee's hope, she said, is to have this phase done this Fall. It is the committee's hope that this can be done as a contribution to the project. The club members can be helpful. She requests any club members who can furnish

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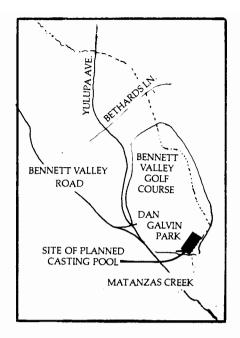
the names of persons or companies that can provide to the soil composition --adobe fill or grading to let her know at once.

> Also needed, because of the costlier concrete base for the pool, is additional funds. Here again, Wray said the committee is relying on club members, both for individual contributions and donors outside the club. For contributions of information, Wray can be reached at 546-4650 (days) or 526-0394 (evenings).

FREEDMAN NAMED RAFFLE CHATRMAN

In the last issue of The Cast there was an appeal for someone to take on the job of raffle chairman. pointed out, raffles provide RRFF with a major source of income to finance various club activities, including this thing you're holding in your hand and reading right Response was almost HOW. immediate, and we're delighted to announce a new raffle chairman: Jonah S. Freedman, who spends his time, when not fishing, as a physician. accepting the job, Dr. Freedman had this to say:

"Not having been in the Army, where I would have learned never to volunteer, I am your new raffle chairman. A novice in this trade, I will need all the help I can get from my fellow club



members. What I need most, of course, are items that can be raffled; items that will appeal to club members, who will eagerly buy fistfulls of raffle tickets at each meeting. Obviously, there is a limited market for extracted tonsils and gall stones among fly fishers. Consequently, such items as fly rods, waders, Sonoma six-packs, fly lines, and all the other accouterments necessary to the sport will be heartily welcomed. Please be generous with your donations so that our club may prosper and continue its many activities."

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ROCK CREEK ADVENTURE

By JONAH S. FREEDMAN

When I visited Rock Creek, one of Montana's Blue Ribbon streams, in late July, the Summer doldrums had set in. There was little surface activity, few hatches and the water temperature hovered

and Silver Hiltons.

Both East and West there is a significant trend toward increased interest in caddis. It's recognized that there has been a decline in Mayfly populations in many trout streams due to pollution and other environmental factors. Caddis can flourish in waters Mayflvs can't tolerate. Thus, caddis have become increasingly important as major trout food. As a result, caddis patterns are found in the fly boxes of knowing fishermen, who are profiting thereby.



Is there no end to it? Unlikely. Arnold Gingrich noted that "flyfishers, God knows, are a minority's minority." But that minority is a searching, creative minority . But it is a searching, creative minority. The urge to create an infallible pattern, one guaranteed to entice the canniest, most wily trout will remain strong as long as rivers flow and trout swim in them. It started with a Dame almost 500 years ago -little did she suspect what she had wrought.

at 67 degrees. In addition, daily thunder and lighting storms kept me under shelter and forced me to imbibe a libation from time to time in order to ward off chills and pneumonia and as a precaution against the possibility of snake bites.

Dry fly fishing was tough, with only occasional touches on an elk hair caddis or a size 16 Adams. However, fishing a nymph, with a small black indicator about 15" above the fly, resulted in quite a few fish hooked, landed and released.

The fish population seemed to be divided equally between rainbows and whitefish I caught, if smoked, would have brought in enough cash at a fancy San Francisco delicatessan to pay for my Montana trip. Unfortunately, I hadn't brought along a smoker.

Rock Creek flows about thirty minutes southeast of Missoula, a classic Montana Blue Ribbon stream. Its designation as a "creek" is a bit of a misnomer; it would be more aptly termed a river. The stream is easily accessible for more than 40 miles of its drainage. A beautiful stream, Rock Creek rises in the Bitteroot Range and flows north, eventually to join Clark Fork near Missoula. The

approach from Missoula is a paved road that becomes a well-graded dirt road, paralleling the stream for its entire length. Many campgrounds are spotted along the road.

Rock Creek is divided roughly into three more-orless equal sections. The middle fifteen miles are designated catch-and-release, artificials only. This section is made up of slow glides, fast riffles and pocket water, with medium to large boulders scattered throughout and occasional long, slow pools in meadow sections. The lower stretch flows shallowly through a heavily forested canyon. The upper section lies in a spectacular valley, farmed on one side and bordered by steeply rising red-colored cliffs.

Rock Creek is a prime destination for fishing, scenery and -- suprisingly -- solitude. One could easily spend an enjoyable three days or three weeks fishing it waters. An additional benefit is its location: handy to the Clark Fork, Bitteroot and the Blackfoot, to say nothing of the Big Hole and Idaho's famed Silver Creek. Fishermen visiting the Yellowstone area will find it a perfect jump-off point. It would be near impossible to find better trout fishing concentrated in any area this side of Alaska.



IT STARTED wyth a DAME

The woodcut of a "gentleman angler" shown here illustrated the first printing
in 1496 of The Treatysse
on Fysshnge wyth an Angle,
Attributed to Dame Juliana
Berners, Prioress of Sopwell Nunnery near London,
it is the first known
printing in English of a
work on sport fishing.
Included were Berner's XII
flies for trout and salmon,
ancestors of the modern
trout flies.

It wasn't until 1676 that new fly patterns were added to the Berner XII. Until then, writers who mentioned flies at all simply pirated the XII. In the fifth edition of Isaac Walton's The Compleat Angler, which appeared in 1676, a Part 2 was added, being instructions on "How to Angle for a Trout or Grayling in a Clear Stream". Written by Walton's young friend, Charles Cotton, it included no fewer than 65 new fly patterns and their dressings. Walton himself contributed nothing new to flyfishing; he was primarily a bait fisherman. Cotton was chiefly responsible for the move toward smaller and more imitative flies, and thus stands as the father of modern flyfishing.

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Following Cotton, other writers and flyfishers went about licketysplit inventing new patterns and methods to fish them.



Though W.C. Stewart is generally credited with "inventing "upstream fishing, i.e., the dry fly, it had been written about and described some 200 years before Stewart wrote about it in 1857. Charles Bowlker dealt with it in Art of Angling in 1747. The 19th century witnessed a great deal of fervor in flyfishing innovation in fly patterns, equipment and methods. Much of that attention went to the dry fly, culminating in Frederick Halford's "scientific" imitations and his efforts, largely successful, to impose a

dry purism. His Floating Flies and How to Dress Them, published in 1886, did much to institutionalize the dry fly and its echoes haven't died away yet.

The urge to create new fly patterns remains stronger than ever, particularly among Americans. Theodore Gordon's first dry flies were sent to him by Halford in 1890. Realizing that the English patterns sent by Halford didn't represent insects of the Catskill streams he fished, Gordon used them as models and set about working from life. Gordon was not the first to fish the dry fly in America, but he undoubtedly was most responsible for its popularization through his writings in such publications as Forest & Stream. His signature fly, The Quill Gordon, remains a popular and productive pattern.

Today, probably the most innovative patterns are found in the American West, where flyfishing is not as tradition-bound as in the East. Along the Atlantic seaboard, the old standards like the Quill Gordon, Cahill, Hendrickson, March Brown, Royal Coachman continue as favorites. In the West and along the Pacific coast, where rivers are big and broad and abound with big trout, steelhead and salmon, fly boxes are likely to feature hair and fur along with feathers and tinsel--such patterns as the Humpy, Sofa Pillow, monstrous Montana nymphs, Muddlers, big Wulffs, leeches, Silver Comets, Umpqua Specials, Spuddlers, Skunks



RELEASE YOUR CATCH --BUT DO IT RIGHT

Catch-and-release fishing - returning all or most of your fish you catch - has helped save some of our finest trout waters. According to studies, most damage occurs through improper handling, not from playing the fish. Here are some tips on proper release techniques:

- 1. Try to land your
 fish as quickly as possible.
- 2. Use stoutest tippet feasible.
- 3.Avoid handling or removing fish from water if possible.
- 4. If you must handle fish, wet your hands to prevent removal of protective mucous covering.

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HELP NEEDED . . .

It is the aim of The Cast to reflect the angling life and times of RRFF and its members. To be successful, we need your help. We entreat members to send in articles, photos of members astream or other materials of interest to fellow-members.

Send materials to: Editor, The Cast, RRFF, P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA.95405.

- 5. A fish played hard should be held in the water, facing upstream until it has revived sufficiently to swim off steadily.
- 6. Never throw back or squeeze a fish in the throat -- that's where its vial organs are.

Hold the fish by its tail and craddle it behind gills.

- 7. If fly cannot be removed, cut the leader. The hook will dissolve in a few days.
- 7. Use a net for large fish.

Pacific Salmon

River-born fugitives, red muscled under sheathing silver Alive with lights of ocean's changing colors; The range of deep and distances through wild salt years Has gathered the sea's plenty into your perfection.

Fullness is the long return from dark depths Rendering toll of itself to the searching nets Surging on to strife on brilliant gravel shallows That opened long ago behind the failing ice.

In violence over the gravel, under the burn of Fall, Fullness spends itself, thrusting forth new life To nurse in the stream's flow. The old life Used utterly, yields itself among the rocks of home.

-- Roderick Haig-Brown



PHEASANT TAIL NYMPH

Frank Sawver's Pheasant Tail nymph has proved itself throughout the world as one of the most effective patterns ever devised. One of its virtues is that in different sizes it can represent a variety of dark nymph genus and species.

A second feature is the use of fine copper wire as the fly's underbody and ribbing and a bulgy pronounced, forward are wound around thorax built up from lead wire. This not only contributes to a realistic silhouette, but helps the fly to sink rapidly. The PT nymph is most effective when fished with movement rather than dead drift. This can be achieved by raising and lowering the rod tip, as in the "Leisenring lift".

Pheasant Tail Nymph MATERIALS

Sizes: 12 to 20

Hook: Mustad 3906B or

9671

Thread: Black or Orange

Ribbing: Fine copper wire

Tail: Brown-red cock

Pheasant tail fibers

Body: Fine copper wire

underbody; pheasant

tail fibers

Thorax: Lead wire; pheasant

tail fibers

Tying steps:

1.

Place hook in vise. Lay in a layer of thread. Tie in 3 pheasant tail fibers short and well spread at hook bend. Tie in fine copper wire and 3 to 5 long tail fibers.

Select 3 to 6 long pheasant tail fibers and tie in at middle immediately behind thorax. Fibers pointing thorax and tied off. Clip excess.

3.

Wrap fine lead wire to cover thorax area. Build thorax into pronounced bulge. over with thread. Carry thread back to hook bend. Twist tail fibers around . themselves or around tying thread. Wrap tail fibers around hook shank forward to thorax. Tie off and clip excess. Wind ribbing in even turns to thorax. Trim excess.

Twist remaining tail fibers and pull tightly over top of thorax to form wing case and tie off. Clip excess. Tie down butts,

whip finish and apply head cement. Pheasant Tail Nymph is completed.

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OCTOBER MEETING
OCTOBER 19 - 7:30 PM
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Program: Neil Light "Fishing Northern California"

Neil Light is one of the finest, most knowledgeable fisherman produced in Sonoma County. A resident of Cotati, Light was one of the first in California to set up and conduct a course in fishing (at Sonoma State University). He has fished extensively thoughout Northern California and will share the knowledge he has accumulated with RRFF at the October 19 meeting. Neil will share "hot spots" for steelhead, salmon, trout, and bass. His talk will be illustrated by slides that will make you pant to rush to the "hot spots" he shows and tells about. This is a program that will be both informative and entertaining. And, yes, you may ask Neil questions. And, by the way, Jonah

Freedman will be on hand

with his basketful of

RRFF OCTOBER OUTING
TO OFFER BEST
TROUT FISHING

What could be the best trout fishing of the year for many of us awaits. The bonanza hole is Lake Berryessa, the occasion is the RRFF October club outing and the date is Sunday, October 30.

According to Charlie
Schelter, the club's outing
planner, "each year about the
last week in October, Lake
Berryessa turns over. That
brings shoals of threadfin
shad to the surface and
hordes of ravenous trout to
forage on them."

Charlie adds: "The timing of our outing traditionally has been just right. If our luck holds, we'll hit this spectacular trout fishing right on the nose."

Best bets, says Schelter, are mylar-body shad flies or

raffle goodies. So, come prepared to take advantage of him by buying a fistful of raffle tickets... you can get eight tickets for only five bucks (or a miserable dollar for one... in today's inflationary economy, that's the bargain of the year!)

small flashing lures. Rendezvous time is 8:00 AM and the gathering point is Markley Cove. Boats, prams, or belly-boats are all suitable. Bring lunch, beverages, and just incase, some warm clothing or at least windbreakers. Shoreline fishing is also possible and productive.

Lake Berryessa rainbows at this time of year average 14 to 16 inches, with 24-inch and bigger not uncommon. When the threadfins are present in huge numbers, as they are, the rainbows tear into them with wild abandon.

From Santa Rosa to Markley Cove is approximately 57 miles. At Napa, follow Route 121 north to Moskowite Corner, turn right onto Route 128, which takes you into Markley Cove at the south end of the lake. Carpooling is suggested -- more on that later.

In addition to spectacular fishing, Berryessa offers spectacular scenery, making it attractive to non-fishermen as well. For those of you who might consider making a weekend of it, there are campsites and cabins, picnic facilities and motel accomodations. With the tourist season over, facilities and accomodations are readily available.

RRFF LAUNCHING CLUB JOURNAL

RRFF's Directors at a recent meeting, voted to undertake production of a club Journal. The plan is to make this an annual publication, featuring stories, articles, poems, photographs and art contributed by club members, with non-members also welcome to contribute.

One of the Journal features planned is a collection of accurate maps of some of the best fishing waters of the North Coast area. According to Journal chairman Richard Hambright -- along with committee members Bob Nauheim and Yancy Forest-Knowles -- the Journal will benefit club members in several ways. It will help members increase their knowledge of North Coast fishing

areas, methods and techniques. It will be a source of income for the club; the Journal will be offered for sale to the general public interested in angling literature.

Subject matter in the Journal, Hambright said, will be wide-ranging but realted to fishing, particularly fly-fishing. That means that articles may deal with anything from the secret of tickling a trout, how to patch a belly-boat, sturgeon on a dry fly to whether steelhead have a sense of humor and converting fiddle bows into fly-rod butt sections. Vince Marinaro, a virtuoso on the violin as well as the fly rod, has done it.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A rousing welcome is in order for two new club members and cheers for the return of a former fellow.

According to Membership Chairperson Karla Madsen (yep, she used to be Karla Lazlo - congratulations, Phil), RRFF membership has now reached 173.

New members are Darrell K. Porath of Santa Rosa, and Les Smith, a resident of Sebastopol. And welcome back to Jeff Bolander, a Santa Rosa denizen. We hope to see you often.#

There's no limit on subject matter or topic as long as it's related to fishing. Articles dealing with unusual fishing places and methods, species, conservation, environment and fisheries management will be welcome, as will photographs and art work.

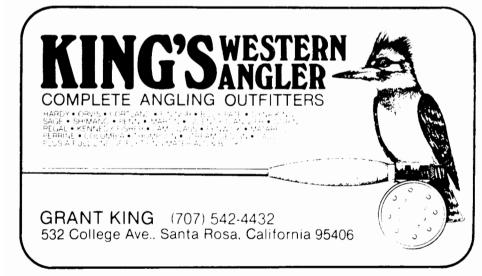
Hambright has volunteered to serve as editor-in-chief of the Journal. He requests that manuscripts be typed and double-spaced.

"The Journal can be a publication that will bring additional prestige to the club," Hambright said, from beneath his editor's green eyeshade. "Our club has the resources and the talent to produce a distinguished Journal in the tradition of (cont'd page 5)

ANNUAL NOVEMBER HIATUS FOR CLUB MEETING

In keeping with RRFF tradition, there will be no club meeting in November. As in past years, November will be used to prepare for the annual gala Holiday meeting, this year on December 1.

The next issue of The Cast will be the November-December edition.#



CIRCLE THIS DATE: DECEMBER 1, 1983

This is a Thrusday to look forward to. It's the RRFF annual holiday-time meeting. If you can't make any other meeting during the year, this is the one not to miss. Besides a scrumptious dinner, there will be an allin raffle. The word from Program chairman Bob Nauheim is that everyone attending the Dinner will have to bring an item for raffle . . no raffle item, no admission. Even if you have made a reservation. And, says Bob, that means everyone. . . you, your spouse, family, friends, boss, and anyone else you choose to bring along.

You know what that means? It means that you will have about two thousand chances to win something. You can't get odds like that at Reno or Tahoe!

But that's only part of it. The meeting will be at the

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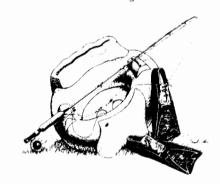
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Joe A. Pisarro

Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club.
. and this time, you won't
have to worry about making
par or avoiding the water trap.
It's like shooting a hole-inone at every hole. Because,
in addition to the good
fellowship, good food, good
libations and a chance to
go home with a trunkful of
raffle goodies, you get a
super program. Who?

Glad you asked. The main speaker will be Marv Taylor. You can't nardly top that!

Marv Taylor is one of the West's most innovative fly tyers, fishermen, outdoor columnist for the Idaho Statesman (that's where Ted Trueblood got his start) and author of "Float Tubes, Fly-Rods and Other Essays". It's the ultimate manual on equipment, technipue, entomology, and fly patterns for stillwater fishing.



When he's not writing his column for the Statesman or working on a book, Taylor is off fishing the better trout, bass, and bluegill waters of the Northwest, and he has fished most of them. His innovative stillwater nymphs have caught fish from Alaska to Mexico. Besides fishing and writing about it, Taylor, who lives in Boise, spends his time tying flies, in photography, and painting water colors. His subjects? Fish and fishing . . . what else! Samples of his photography will be on display in his slide presentation at the dinner.

STUDY REVEALS NEW DATA ON STEELHEAD

A report on "fish habitat assessments," from a study done for the Santa Cruz County Planning Dept., has revealed some new and pertinent information on steelhead. The findings of the study, which was conducted specifically on Santa Cruz streams, are in large measure applicable to other coastal steelhead rivers.

A summary of the report by Eric Barham appeared in a recent issue of the Santa Lucia flyfishing club's newsletter. In his summary, Barham has included the highlights of the lengthy original report. Following are major findings of the study:

- o- Rearring habitat for smolt-sized steelhead (mainly yearlings, rather than fingerlings) is critical to maintenance of steelhead runs;
- o- Size of yearlings (growth rate) is a major criterion in estimating rearing quality of stream sections;
- o- The existence of a lagoon is of major importance in sustaining steelhead populations in substantial numbers;
- o- The smolts are more cover-dependent and generally about habitat and more sensitive to habitat deterioration droughts, sedimentation, flow reductions, etc. than fingerlings or adults;
- o- Indetrated streams, the interaction of different stream sections must be considered. Some

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RRFF WILL BE REPRESENTED IN MUSEUM EXHIBIT

RRFF has been honored by being invited to participate in an exhibit on Fly-Tying and Fly-Fishing at the Berkshire Museum in Pitts-field, MA. Specifically, RRFF has been asked for a selection of steelhead and salmon flies originated for the Russian River and which have since become popular and effective on other steelhead/salmon rivers.

Along with the flies, the Museum has requested a history of the flies' origins and biographical data on the originators, together with a history of RRFF and some of its activities.

Grant King, one of RRFF's eminent fly-tyers and originator of the highly successful "Boss" series and other patterns, has volunteered to tie the flies requested, together with data on patterns and their inventors, some of whom are no longer alive.

STEELHEAD DATA

stream reaches have no spawning but so have good rearing habitat, and thus are critically dependent upon recruitment (of smolts) from other portions of the watershed;

- o- Relative to water diversions and their effect on steelhead production: there is no "surplus" Summer flow that can be removed without adverse effects;
- o- Impact should be judged by its effects upon smolt production -size, survival rate -and returning adults, not upon total numbers of fish reared.

SEASON'S SALMON AND STEELHEAD PREDICTIONS AND PROSPECTS

By Bob Nauheim

The leaves are gone from the buckeyes and the vine maples have turned golden. The first rains have come and gone and there's a chill in the morning air that wasn't there a few weeks back. Flights of early pintails have arrived on the coastal lagoons. Far at sea salmon and steelhead have been pushing into the tides toward the rivers that spawned them.

After two seasons of unusually heavy rains, there's a good chance that this Winter will give anglers a break. Based on this premise, I'm going to crawl out on a limb (and I hope it's a strong one!) and offer some predictions on what fishermen

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other famous fly-fishing clubs. Like all RRFF projects, it will require effort and cooperation of all club members. And I'm sure that our members will come through."

Material for the Journal may be sent to Richard Hambright, c/o RRFF P. O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA. 95405. For information, phone Hambright at 838-7300 and leave a message; he'll get back to you.#

SALMON/STEELHEAD PROSPECTS may expect during the 1983-84 season.

OCTOBER: Though most of October will have passed by the time you this, here's what should have happened: jack salmon and a few halfpounder steelhead. The first runs of mature salmon should have shown up on the 6th, with increased numbers through the 10th. However, don't look for a big run until the week beginning Saturday, the 22nd. Both the Smith and Chetco rivers should follow similar patterns, though the Smith could have a substantial run of large fish early this season the first or second week of October. These fish would hold in the tidal portions of those rivers.

Recommended: Brown, gold-bodied 6 and 8 shrimp flies.

NOVEMBER: Look for the season's largest runs of salmon in the Eel the first week. Heavy runs should show in the Smith and Chetco starting the 6th and continuing till the 10th. Fishing will be best mornings, with the Gold Comet as top producer.

The Eel will produce its first mature steelhead the weekend of the 19th-20th. Barring rain, this should also be an excellent salmon period through the 27th. Again, fishing will be hotter in the mornings, with slow afternoons. Both the Smith and Chetco will produce salmon that weekend, but no steelhead.

The first large steelhead will be taken in the lower Russian River during Thanksgiving week, though not many fish will be caught. Dark smaller patterns will be the best bets. Up the coast, silvers will provide action on and off in the Navarro Lagoon throughout the month. Flourescent patterns will work but the silvers will be stubborn.

DECEMBER: The first runs of steelheads will enter the Gualala River on the first day of the month, Thursday, and silver-bodied flies will be the ticket. The lower pools of this river should produce good afternoon fishing, but mornings will be poor. Heavy runs of steelies will arrive in the Gualala and Navarro the weekend of the 16th and 17th. Try black and chartreuse patterns. It will be strictly an early morning and late afternoon

The Russian, which has been fishing poorly these past few seasons, will come through better than it has in a long time during this period. Black and flourescent patterns are called for. And look for good concentrations of fish arriving in all rivers during the last week of December. (cont'd page 6)

situation, however.



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SALMON/STEELHEAD PROSPECTS

JANUARY: The first week will produce good steelhead fishing in

Navarro and Gualala. In the Russian River, look for fish in the Healdsburg area this week. Rain will hit the second week of the month and put us all out of business until the weekend of the 22nd. Use large flies this weekend. The last week of the month should be excellent on all coastal streams. The 26th-28th will be a hot period but the weather will be very cold.

FEBRUARY: There will be fresh fish in the Gualala the first week, though the run will consist largely of smaller fish in the 4 - 6 pound range. The first kelts will be taken during the week of the

12th. Late month fishing will be excellent in the Gualala, though the catches will be mostly spawned-out fish, with a mixture of smaller fresh-runs. Bright patterns will score. The Russian will not produce well, although some very large fish will be taken.

Well, there it is, gang, and it's time to stow away the Crystal Ball till next year and get busy tying up a few of those small flies so important during low water conditions. Have good Winter season, old friends. May those lovely silver creatures from the deep sea move quickly and with gusto to your flies throughout the coming months.#

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RRFF HOLIDAY GALA SET FUR DEC. 1 AT SANTA ROSA COUNTRY CLUB: FEATURES INCLUDE MARV TAYLOR AND UNIQUE "EVERYBODY PARTICIPATES" RAFFLE OFFRING MARVELOUS PRIZES FOR ONE AND ALL

Bob Nauheim, program chairman, has promised that the annual RRFF Holiday gala Dinner will be an affair that will rank with the most enjoyable events you've attended in a heap of seasons. Forget for the moment the scrumptious dinner you'll savor, the wonderful fellowship and the glowing ambience of the Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. Put aside the thrill of being able to relate your fabulous fishing successes this season to an appreciative audience of fellowfishers, many of whom you'll be able to out-lie. Restrain your enthusiasm at the thought of the privilege of buying the Editor of The Cast a drink (extra-dry martini, please).

Think, instead, of the thoughtfulness of the Dinner Committee in setting December 1, a Thursday, as the date of the event, so as not to interfere with your steelhead/salmon fishing plans for the weekend.

But that ain't all. This is an event in which you will participate directly; in fact, you will be one of the stars. It happens this way: Nauheim and Raffle Chairman Jonah Freedman have burned the midnight oil in skull sessions and have come up with the stupendous idea of requiring each and everyone attending this memorable event to appear with a raffle item. This high privilege is not limited to club members, but to everyone attending. But that ain't all: Dr. Freedman assures us that there will be a whole gaggle of other raffle prizes on top of that. According to extremely reliable leaks, this icing on the cake will include some pretty nifty fly rods and other fishing paraphernalia, plus a stay at Lava Creek Lodge for fishing Fall River, Hat Creek and the other famed trout waters in

The Nauheim/Freedman team emphasize that raffle prizes brought to the dinner should have a retail value of

that region.

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Marv Taylor

AN ANGLER/AUTHOR FOR ALL SEASONS

The principal speaker at the RRFF Holiday Gala has done more fishing than most of us even dream about. There are few fishing waters, particularly in the Northwest and Rocky Mountains areas, that Marv hasn't thrown a fly into. Besides being one of the West's most innovative flytyers and an extremely skilled fly-fisherman, Marv is the author of the ultimate manual on bellyboats and their use;

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the holiday season I urge everyone to join together for our holiday gala at the Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. I had the opportunity to hear Marv Taylor speak a couple of times at the Federation Conclave in West Yellowstone. I felt then that he would be a particularily entertaining and informative speaker for our dinner meeting because he speaks very well about stillwater fishing and the techniques he and others in his community have developed for success and enjoyment.

Bob Nauheim and Jonah Freedman have worked very hard developing a raffle which should allow most everyone buying the tickets to win something special for the holidays. It will be lively, no doubt about it.

I also urge your consideration of the journal project we are undertaking. It will raise funds for our club but more importantly here is an opportunity to

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Editor Joe A. Pisarro de minate information about our area of Northern Calif. to our club members and friends. We have a chance to greatly influence those who fish in our waters. I see this as a challenge to our creativity and our sensitivity. I hope you will help with your participation.

Eric

HOLIDAY GALA

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at least \$1.00; not necessarily, but preferably, related to fishing. Apair of wool socks home-knitted will be perfectly acceptable, as will a jar of home-brewed caviar or calf's-foot jelly. Strawberry and rose-hips jam and deep-dish apple pie are also welcome. Hometied flies -- trout, bass, steelhead, salmon, sturgeon -- will be highly appreciated.

The same team requests --may, URGES, PLEADS -- that all raffle prizes be clearly identified by labeling, stapling, gluing, taping, or by computer printout with the name of the donor. Failure to do this will foul up the whole process and delay your dinner. It is suggested, in light of the hundreds of raffle prizes. that every attendee is sure to win, that pick-ups and station wagons be brought to haul home the loot.

But, wait -- There's more. And the more is the speaker of the evening: Marv Taylor. We're covering Marv in more detail in a separate column, so all we'll say here is that you're in for a most instructive, informative and entertaining session, with plenty of breathtaking

color slides accompanying Marv's narration.

And here's the kicker -all of this is available at the preposterous, preinflation price of \$16.50 per person. All this happens on Thursday, December 1 at the Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club. The no-host bar opens at 6:30 PM, which gives you plentyof time to gather in raffle tickets and spin those big-uns-that got-away yarns before dinner at 7:30. On another page, you'll find a reservation form to mail and thus be sure you're included. Our suggestion? Do it right now so you can catch today's mail.

ANGLER/AUTHOR

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"Float Tubes, Fly Rods and Other Essays". Going beyond proper methods for navigating float tubes, the Lolume is also a hand-book on equipment, technique, entomology, and fly patterns for still-water fishing.

Not least, Marv is a highly skilled and artful photographer, and one of the highlights of his program will be a slide show that will colorfully demonstrate that skill.

Marv Taylor, who lives in Boise, Idaho, writes an outdoor column for the Idaho States man.

Marv is bringing along a brand new felt-tipped pen to autograph copies of "Float Tubes, Fly Rods and Other Essays". If you've been remiss in getting your copy, the book is available at the Gala. All this is only part of the festivities that await you on December 1, at the Santa Rosa Golf & Country club.

NEW F&G DIRECTOR BANS GILL NETTING

Howard "Don" Carper, a southern Californian, has been designated as new Director of the State's Department of Fish & Game. He is a former reloading equipment salesman, qun shop owner and a past president of California Wildlife Federation. CWF is closely connected to local rod and gun clubs and shooting groups, and is active in the area of hunting regulations. Carper was a supporter of the Peripheral Canal proposal.

A lifelong sportsman, Carper, though lacking experience in running a large business or department, insists he will run a good department for the benefit of hunters and fishermen.

One of Carper's first actions, even before being confirmed by the State Senate, was to order an emergency closure of all commercial fish netting in a 100-mile stretch of shallow waters off the San Francisco Bay

shoreline. The closed area runs from Point Reyes to four miles south of Pescadero at Pigeon Point. Last summer, thousands of marine birds were tangled and killed in commercial fishing nets along that coastline, particularly in gill nets.

Carper's order restricts use of tramel and gill nets in waters shallower than 90 feet in the Pacific area and in waters 60 feet or less elsewhere in the restricted zone. It's expected that during the closure period, drastic changes in commercial neeting practices will be mandated.

DUMB STATE?

California is a relatively rich state, but not necessarily smart. Two researchers recently analyzed and ranked the fish and game budgets of 44 states. California ranks number 1 in total budget. That's good. But in percentage of budget invested in fisheries research? California ranks number 38! Rich -- and dumb!

-- CalTrout Streamkeepers
Log

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Memberhip chairperson
Karla Madsen reports three
new RRFF members, and hopes
to see them frequently at
club meetings and other
affairs, such as the upcoming Holiday Gala on
December 1.

The lates bretheren to join our select circle, in alphabetical order, are:

Lloyd F. Bowman, of Guerneville;

David Losk, of Santa Rosa;

William Trowbridge.

Welcome, bretheren of the Angle. Step right up and make yourselves known. Our members need new ears into which to pour their stories of giant fish lured, landed or lost. Mostly lost.



FILL OUT -- CLIP OUT -- ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK -- AND MAIL TODAY!

ATT: <u>Bill Archuleta</u>
on the December 1 Gala. servation(s) at \$16.50 8 may be reserved).

REMINDER: DON'T FORGET YOUR RAFFLE DONATION!

CONSERVATION NOTES

AN ACTION ALERT FROM FFF:

The Clean Water Act of 1972 was enacted to protect and improve our aquatic resources. The Act has been under constant pressure aimed at diminishing its effectiveness. This year, congress is considering amendments that will determine whether the nation will continue progress toward bringing life back to its damaged lakes and streams.

In 1982, new rules were issued for Section 404 of the Act, providing almost no protection to millions of acres of prime aquatic habitat.

Nonpoint source pollution (uncontrolled runoff from farms and city streets) causes half the water pollution in the USA. Despite causing thick mats of algae covering some of our lakes and streams, it is virtually uncontrolled by current law.

This Fall, the Senate is expected to vote on S431, a good Bill that would strengthen the Clean Water Act. Amendments are expected to weaken the Bill in 3 key areas:

- 1) Nonpoint source pollution;
 - 2) Section 404 permits;
- Pre-treatment of toxic wastes.

A companion Bill in the House, Hr3282, is also a good Bill, except it does not cover critical non-point pollution.

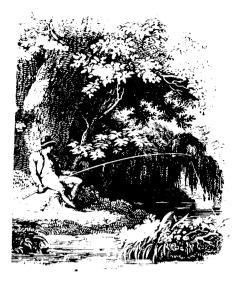
This is where you come in: write your senators and representatives in support of these Bills. Demand they oppose any weakening amendments to the avove Bills. A couple of paragraphs is all that's needed. Butthey're needed RIGHT NOW!!!!!!

URGENT BULLETIN FROM CALTROUT:

Seven Trout Streams Need Your Help

CalTrout has submitted proposals for Angling Regulation change for 1984 designed to improve quality fishing on high-potential streams. Here's the list:

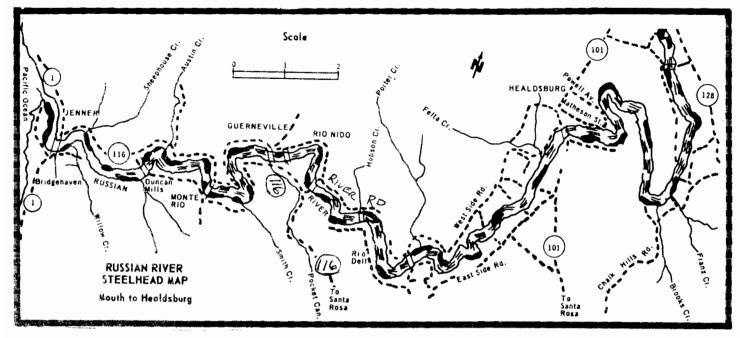
- 1. Truckee River. From Highway 267 in Truckee downstream to Juniper Creek: Two trout per day. Mim. size 15"; artificials only;
- 2. Fall River. From Thousand Springs source to confluence with Tule River. Bag limit: 1 trout over 21" and/or 1 trout less than 12" Artificials only:
- 3. Yellow Creek. From Big Springs source to Confluence with Grizzly Creek: 2 trout mim. size 16"; artificials only;
- 4. Merced River. From Yosemite Park boundry to confluence with South Fork Merced River: 2 trout, mim. size 14", artificials only;
- 5. Tuolmne River. From O'Shaugnessy Dam to Early Intake Reservoir: 2 trout, mim. size 15", artificials only;
- 6. Sacramento River. From Lake Shasta upstream to confluence with Shotgun Creek 2 trout, mim. size 15", artificials only;
 - 7. Pit River. From Lake



Britton dam downstream to Pit #5 reservoir; 2 trout, mim. size 18", artificials only.

If you favor these requlations, write to California Fish & Game Commission, expressing your support. Follow these guidelines: deal with only one proposal per letter. NOTE: Fall River, Yellow Creek, and Truckee River are in greatest danger. Get your letters in the mail so they'll reach the Commission before December 2. Send to: California Fish & Game Commission 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814





SUGGESTIONS FOR OUTINGS WANTED

Charlie Schelter, who has been doing yeoman work in dreaming up and planning Club Outings has put in a call for some assistance from club members. (Charlie wants to make it clear that he had nothing to do with the rain that rained on his parade -- in this case the Lake Berryessa fishout.)

In any case, Charlie could use some help in the form of suggestions for sites for future outings. Charlie emphasizes that a Day in the Tenderloin is not what he has in mind. Rather, he stresses, what

he needs is places where club members, families and friends, can gather at the river (or lake) for some fishing and fellowship.

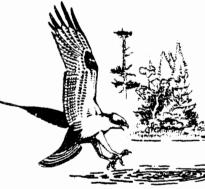
Tell Charlie about your ideas, either by phoning him, preferably evenings, at 539-0200, or by writing him at 1708 San Ramon, Santa Rosa 95405.



RRFF JOURNAL NEEDS MS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Richard Hambright, chairman of the RRFF Journal Committee. says he has not yet been overwhelmed by contributions to the Journal, but is grateful for those that have come in.

Hambright reminds club members that contributions are necessary if the Journal (cont'd next page)



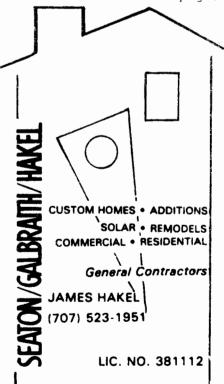


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is going to become a reality.
"What we need," he said, "are articles, stories, photographs—even poems. There's no limit to subject matter except it should be related to fly-fishing. Unusal fishing places, methods and techniques, pieces on conservation, protection and improvement of fishing waters—all are fit subjects for The Journal."

You've always wanted to be an outdoor writer, right? OK, here's your opportunity. Send your material to Richard Hambright, c/o RRFF, PO Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

I fish not for a living, but to get more out of living. I'm not a fanatic about it. I only feel that any book about fishing is better than any that isn't, and that any talk that is about fishing is better than any talk that isn't. I'm not a purist. I don't think any form of fishing is bad; I only happen to think that some forms of fishing are better than others. I'm a fly fisherman for the same reason you are.

-- Arnold Gingrich



REMINDER: THERE WILL be no regular Club meetings in November and December. The next regular meeting will be January 24, 1984, at the Recreation & Parks Bldg. The program for that meeting will be announced in the January issue of The Cast.



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