



The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

JANUARY, 1987

NUMBER 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I caught my first salmon on a fly the other day. The fishing would have been much better, except it started to rain. Boy ! Did it ever come down...but that's what we needed isn't it ? Now the steelhead runs can really start.

There are lots of fish...both steelhead and salmon. They are showing in the Dos Rios area. A few are starting to show in the Russian and Navarro. The south fork of the Eel is hot ! That's where I caught mine while fishing with Hal Janssen. We saw many more caught by others. I'm looking forward to learning the Russian all over again after last year's flood. All the runs and holes have been changed so we are all in the same boat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Board for all of their hard work and support. The first six months of my reign as president have been both exciting and a great pleasure. I also want to thank *all of you* who so graciously volunteered to help in various ways with the club and casting pond. I am greeting the next six months with much anticipation. We will have the pleasure of Lefty Kreh's company in February and the City of Santa Rosa has promised to landscape the pond in April.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR !

*Thanks again,
Arch*

COMING EVENTS AND JANUARY CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, January 21, 1987
De Meo Room
Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, S.R.
7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Wes Scheey

"Boat Riggings and Tackle for Local Fishermen"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: Monday, January 19, 1987
Warrack Hospital Board Room, 4788 Hoen Ave., 7:00 p.m.

February General Meeting - Lefty Kreh

March General Meeting - Milt Jensen

EDITORS' NOTES...

"Somewhere below Dry Creek", he said in a very off hand way. It wasn't early, and the sun had taken the night's dew from the beach rocks and willowed banks. He made an easy approach into casting position. The water moved gently against his waders as he made two or three drifts through the hole. His purpose was to cast his new rod, fished for the first time that day. He made a few more casts, his attention and admiration totally focused on the balance and feel of the rod. A grab... and suddenly an athletic event begins with a wonderful creature as a partner. As I overheard Bob Sisson's story I began to think of some basic questions about the Russian River fishery whose name we bear as a club. How is it different today from the Russian River of 50 years ago? What role, if any, does the Russian River Fly Fishers wish to play in the often political arena of conservation?

Under an immense conifer in Auckland, New Zealand is a simple monument with a bronze casting of a steelhead. The plaque on the monument reads:

"IN 1883-1884 THE SOCIETY OBTAINED FROM THE RUSSIAN RIVER, CALIFORNIA, THE FIRST RAINBOW TROUT TO REACH NEW ZEALAND. THEY WERE HATCHED NEARBY USING WATERS FROM THESE SPRINGS AND BECAME THE PROGENITORS OF ALL RAINBOW TROUT IN THIS COUNTRY. THE PRESENT HATCHERY AT PUKETURUA IS ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD AND IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 1,000,000 FRY AND FINGERLINGS A YEAR."

It seems we are famous ancestors amidst a region prolific with history, some of which may be different from our pictures of "how things were." The "Gift from the Russina River" and "Thoughts from Ben Cummings" are the first in a series of local fishing...past and present.

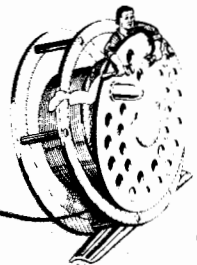
We invite and encourage other members to share their "histories" with us in future articles.

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



R.R.F.F. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bill Archuletta
Vice President	Russ Lockner
Secretary	Tony Hebner
Treasurer	George Marcillac
Finance	Joe Banovich
Cast	Vicki Lockner
Conservation	Dan Coleman
Raffle/Auction	Jim Hake
Membership	Ron Lindgren
Program	Frank Lloyd
Outings	Bill Laurie
Pond	Bob Sisson
Youth	Brian Wong

A GIFT FROM THE RUSSIAN RIVER

The following is an excerpt from the Fly Fisherman, Winter Issue, Volume Seven, Number One, 1975.

Undeniably, the first rainbow trout eggs introduced into New Zealand waters originated from California. There was some controversy about the specific place of origin of these first eggs.

"Assuming that the majority of literature reviewed is correct, one can hypothesize that the rainbow trout did not come from the Russian River but were fish taken from the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, McCloud River Station at Baird, California."

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of April 2, I phoned my former office to inquire if there were any new developments. The reply was that nothing had been found to date that would change my above statement.

In 1960, a man by the name of James W. West was employed by the Department of Fish and Game as Chief Engineer of a fisheries (or patrol) vessel stationed at Sausalito. His address at the time of retirement in 1966 was 349 Jeans St., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Whether he is the "J. West" referred to by Burstall, I do not know.

I should think that some bar association could help you locate or identify Rollo B. Watt.

We had correspondence with Northwestern R.R., successor to the Great Western Railway, a few years ago, but they could not locate any records of hatchery sites or egg shipments.

We do know that "a Frenchman" operated a small hatchery for the Great Western Railway on a small stream in a canyon some 1/2 to 1 mile south of the Ukiah High School. "Buzz" West, manager of our Crystal Lake Hatchery, has visited this site but cannot recall the Frenchman's name and does not know if it was LaMotte or not.

I fear that an unquestionable settlement of the problem may be impossible to obtain.

Sincerely,
Leo (Shapovalov)

Dear Dr. Joseph,

December 21, 1973.

I cannot support your biologist's claim that our New Zealand rainbow trout came from Shasta stock. All the evidence that I have been able to study upholds the contention that our acclimatised rainbow are descended predominantly from the first successful shipment of Russian River steelhead ova, shipped at the Great Western Railway hatchery near Santa Rosa in 1883.

The leading authority whom I can quote is the late Denisley F. Hobbs who for some years was the senior freshwater fishery officer in the Marine Department of the New Zealand Government (now the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries). Following is an extract from "Trout Fisheries in New Zealand" by Hobbs, published by the N. Z. Marine Department as Fisheries Bulletin No. 9 in 1948: -

"Records of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society show that the first successful importation of rainbow trout eggs was in April, 1883. Other earlier importations of rainbow eggs died in transit. Some fry (from the 1883 shipment) were released that year in waters where stocks later developed. Others were retained for stock fish. Subsequently eggs were collected from the stock fish and later from their progeny at Lake Takapuna and still later at the Waimakiriri. It would appear that it was from this one importation in 1883 that stocks developed and were distributed to and became abundant in most, if not all, waters in which rainbow are at present found.

Any small importations of rainbow ova of different origin, made long after, do not appear to have been released except where fish of the original stock had already become very abundant.

"Records of the Marine Department show that a former officer of the Department met at San Francisco a Mr. LaMotte, who stated that he, personally, had collected the ova sent in 1883 from steelheads at the Russian River, and that only steelheads were handled at the hatchery which he managed for the Great Western Railway Company.

An official from the Wildlife Department of New Zealand personally searched for the site accompanied by two California Fish and Game personnel, one of whom lived in Sebastopol. These three found what they believed to be the hatchery

A Gift from the Russian, continued.

sites represented by a few pilings in the ground near the railroad tracks.

New Zealand has used the original planting as a basis for its own brood stock. Trout were transferred from one lake and river system into others. Fisheries biologists have monitored changes in present populations in New Zealand with some interesting results. One lake has been retained as a "genetic island" into which no subsequent introductions have been made to the original planting. This isolated population, which is native Russian River steelhead(almost 100 years old),is now considered to be the purest strain of rainbow trout in the world. They are quite different from all other trout in New Zealand, both in appearance and behavior. Ben Cummings remembers a hatchery on Cold Springs Creek not far from Calpella. From there it was a short trip for the eggs, packed in moist, cool moss, to the railhead and their ride down to San Francisco. From there, the eggs made a dormant trip across the Pacific Ocean to hatch in New Zealand.



Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear

LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS *in Northern California*



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff



OPEN 'TIL 9 THUR & FRI



425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



California State Automobile Association:
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



THOUGHTS FROM BEN CUMMINGS

Eighty years ago fishing must have been beyond one's reality in the Sierra Nevada, Upstate New York, and even Sonoma County. The local bag limit was fifty trout. The valleys were planted in wheats and other grains. (The mill of Mill Creek was a flour mill rather than a lumber mill.) Enormous flights of quail and other upland game could be flushed from the fields; and the tables of Alexander Valley were full of fish and game.

The pristine watersheds of Mill Creek, Peña Creek, Warm Springs Creek, and Rancheria Creek were heavily protected by large redwood groves and the dense timber of the canyons and ridges. These watersheds were prolific nurseries for the juvenile steelhead.

A wagon trip to visit a neighbor was an all day event and the creek bottoms offered a cool alternative route on those hot September and October afternoons. As the wagon traversed the creeks it was evident that the pools were filled with fingerling steelhead four to eight inches long. Sticklebacks and sculpins were often present, but very few squawfish, as the waters were very cold.

Forty acre tracts of land were available to World War I Veterans and the little canyons with their springs, creeks, and flats attracted the homesteaders. Some of these tracts were logged, often without expertise nor adequate concern for the ravages of erosion amidst the slash. Of these nursery streams, only Peña Creek may still have a large population of small steelhead.

Trout fishing was good in inaccessible waters, e.g. Big Sulphur Creek, and on private ranches such as the Brigg's place. But the Russian River was not a trout fishery as steelhead fishing did not begin in earnest until the late 1920's. In the summer the river had very little flow. In many places the flow was under ground and the large pools contained predominately suckers and squawfish. Before 1909, the Russian River flow was totally dependent on the natural water sheds. P.G. & E. built a dam in Potter Valley to direct the river's flow into a tunnel down a 900 foot drop to the Snow Mountain Power Company Hydro-electric Plant. Through 1915, certain amounts of water were released to ensure a small flow through July. In 1919, Scott Dam was constructed damming the Gravelly Valley to form Lake Pillsbury, thus producing a continuous flow to the Russian River.

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
Agent Broker

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

Thoughts from Ben Cummings, continued

Ben remembers his father pointing out a shad for the first time in 1920 or 1921 in the Alexander Valley region. He saw his first small mouth bass in 1916, perhaps the result of a Fish and Game planting program. The advent of continuous summer flows increased the forage area available to both suckers and squaw fish. Of the two, squaw fish are heavy predators of steelhead fingerlings and smolt. The Native Americans maintained some population control by using Turkey Mullin (a natural source of Rotenone) to poison the pools for suckers which they used as a food source. In the process, squaw fish were killed as well. Apparently as late as the middle 1960's, local game wardens surreptitiously poisoned the squawfish with reportedly significant increases in steelhead runs for three of four years thereafter.

As a fishery then, today's Russian River has more species of game fish than it once did and perhaps we should turn our attentions to rehabilitation of the nurseries and preservation of our unique genetic strain of steelhead.



SONOMA
PROPERTIES
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus. Phone (707) 527-5211

2801 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

SIGIH

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071

Reyes
Chiropractic
Offices
A
PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION

Bennett Valley
Professional
Center

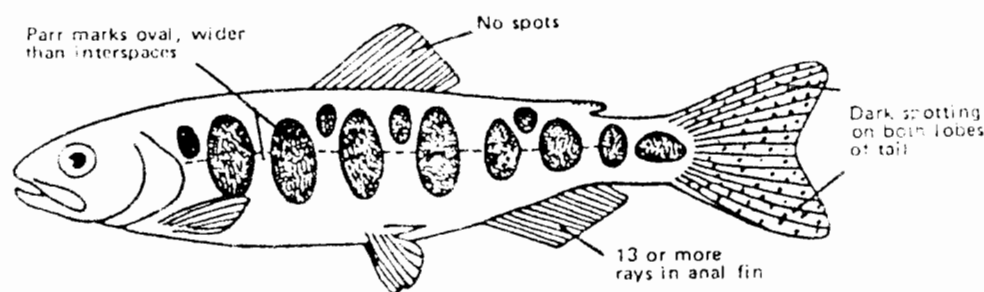
2801 Yulupa Ave.
Suite "C"
Santa Rosa,
Calif. 95405

707-523-2310

Dr.
Bruce A.
Reyes

UNLIMITED.

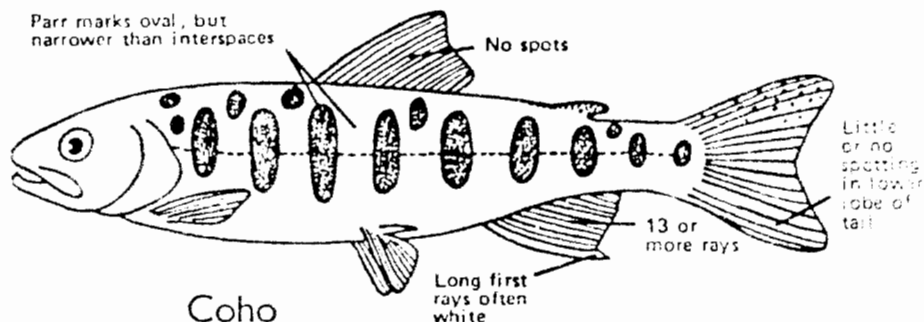
Identification features of juvenile salmonids



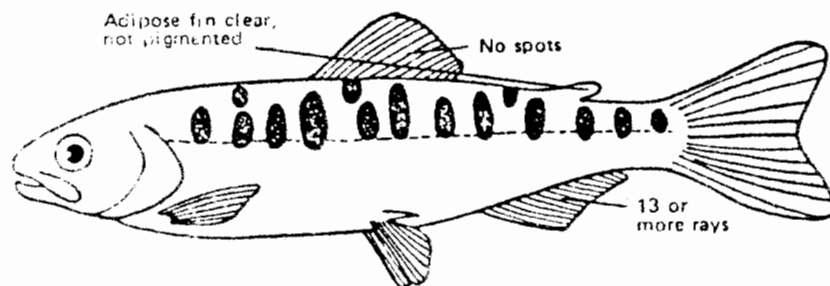
Chinook



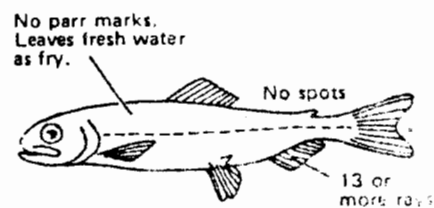
Chum



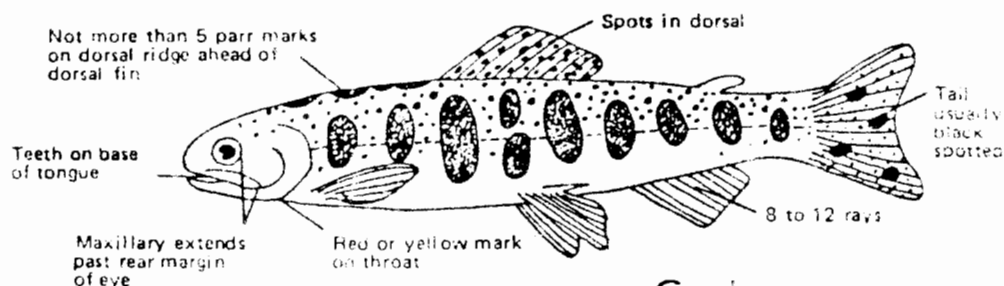
Coho



Sockeye

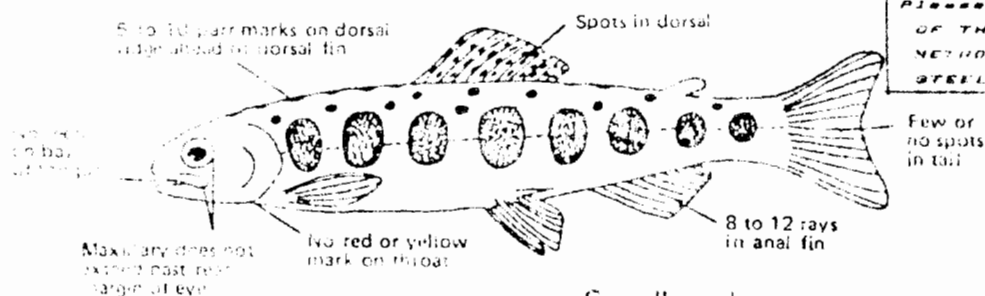


Pink



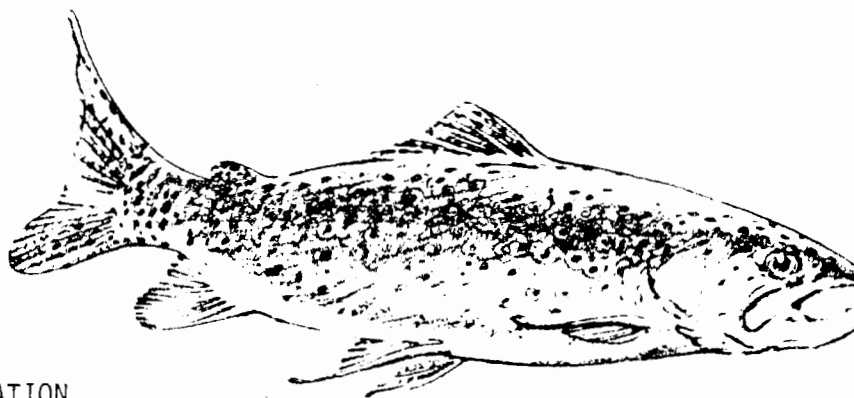
Cutthroat

PLEASE NOTE: COUNTING THE RAYS OF THE ANAL FIN IS THE ONLY SURE METHOD OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN STEELHEAD TROUT AND SALMON.



Steelhead

CORRECTION...! Oops ! Milt Jensen will not be in Santa Rosa, February 2nd, at least not at our R.R.F.F. meeting. Look for him Wednesday, March 18th !



CONSERVATION INFORMATION

The U.S. forest service is actively seeking public input about its proposed management plan for the Shasta-Trinity National forest. We have received a request from the Shasta Flyfishers to send pro-fishery comments before the deadline of January 16th. Suggested areas to address are:

- *Urge the designation of a Research Natural Area in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy on the lower McCloud River.
- *In the lower McCloud watershed (Girard East & West), change the prescription from Forest Managed for Wildlife to Non-Market Wildlife Management.
- *Enlarge the Senic-Primitive Non-Motorized prescription to enclose both sides of lower Squaw Valley Creek (the McCloud's major tributary).

Send letter to: Royal Mannion
2400 Washington Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

COMMENTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 16th, 1987.

SAGE. KING'S WESTERN ANGLER
COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

ORVIS
CERTIFIED FLY SHOP

HANDY - DRIVE - CORTLAND - FAHNER - BULLY PATE - DYNA KING
SAGE - SHIMANO - PENN - MARTIN - SCIENTIFIC ANGLER - DORIN
RECALL - KENNEDY - FISHER - LAMBUQUER - FENWICK - MAF - FLY
PERKINS - COLUMBIA - THOMPSON - STREAM DESIGN - CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS

FLY TYING & FLY CASTING CLASSES
TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
OPEN MON-FRI 10-6 SAT 10-4 CLOSED SUN. BAIT AVAILABLE

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERNEVILLE 869-2156
1625E MAIN ST

SANTA ROSA 542-4432
632 COLLEGE AVE

GRANT F. KING

SINCE 1978

LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE


COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN


WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

• Lectures
• Instruction
Steelhead/Bass & Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS 8 A.M.

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA




 Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER 546-4280

 Lic #458178

Stronghold Masonry and Concrete, Inc.

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9828

MEETING NOTES

"The Care and Preventative Maintenance of of Reels" presentation by president Bill Archuletta at our December meeting was truly outstanding.

- * Reels are specific...you need one for trout, one for salmon, and one for bass/steelhead. You need a reel that will do the job you need to do.
- * Fly reels need lubrication. "A little bit goes a long way".
- * If you take a reel apart, pay attention to the almost invisible spring when removing screws. Watch your reel for loose rivets and screws.
- * If the brake slips, use a lubricant. Call Bill for the correct lubricant for your reel. Again, a little bit goes a long way.
- * After using a salt water reel, take it in the shower with you. To get salt off the line, put the reel on the lawn and spray off with a hose. Don't soak it.

THANK YOU BILL for sharing your expertise with us.

CASTING POND

Sisson says that if the weather holds we'll have Lefty Kreh, Saturday, February 21st at the Casting Pond. In the meantime, the Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Department requests that access to the pond be restricted to pedestrian traffic only, unless we have a scheduled event. Thank you for your cooperation. The city will be landscaping the pool area this spring and plans are underway for a Clubhouse. We are fortunate to have an able and willing membership to help in these endeavors.

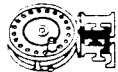
MEMBERSHIP

We now total over 300 members...82 family, six junior, five life, and 214 single. As of December 18, 1986, only 66 per cent of us have paid our dues. Ask your friend if s/he is still a member.

WELCOME to:

- *The Schillinsky family: Charles, Patricia, Tanya, Heidi
They will be moving here from Sunnyvale.
- *Earl Cook, Pengrove
- *Donald Ketman, Sebastopol
- *Michael and Christine Fong
- *Waldo Cook, Ukiah
- *Michael Tavis, M.D., Petaluma





Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

Bob Stinson
2607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P O Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequaled anywhere \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea-run rainbow trout to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination! July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONETISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, or the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super inlets for the stalking angler with nerves of steel! Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100/day-\$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, tall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTALNA • KAY MITSUYOSH
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANI WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

Worldwide Travel for the Sportsman
PO Box 2132 Dept. FF 4000 Montgomery Dr
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

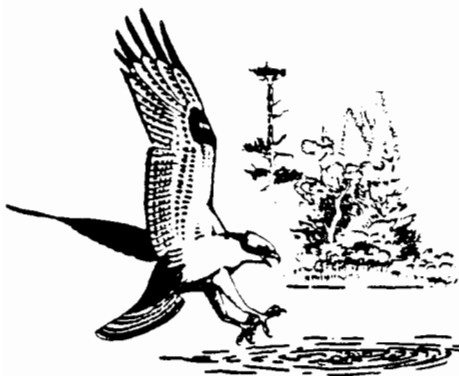
LEFTY KREH...sometimes called a Glamor Guy by Frank Lloyd, sometimes a Real Prince by others, will be here in Santa Rosa in February. He is truly a world class fisherman and says, "I've caught everything known to man on a fly rod, and if I haven't...I'd lie about it." His keen sense of humor and vast knowledge of fishing will provide a memorable evening.

LEFTY KREH

*Internationally known fly fisher
and outdoor writer-photographer.*

PRESENTATION...Saturday, February 21, 1987.





The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

FEBRUARY, 1987

NUMBER 2

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So where's the rain ? I stopped by the river the other day and it looked like July ! Oh well, maybe next year. Quite a few fish have been taken, however, and flies have been the primary takers. With the water low and clear, they should continue to be productive.

A big THANKS goes to Wes Scheey for his presentation at the general meeting. It is quite obvious that this man knows his subject. I'm not sure I can get all that gear in my eight (8) foot pram, but I think some of the information will be valuable.

Once again, MARK YOUR CALENDAR for February 21st. Lefty Kreh will give us a demonstration from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. (!) at the pond and a great evening of entertainment at the Sheraton Round Barn Inn. Make your reservations NOW so that you won't miss it. By the way, if it rains, the demonstration will be given at Steele Lane School (adjacent to the Parks and Recreation Building where we have our monthly meetings).

I just haven't been able to find time to spend on the river this month. Maybe February will allow me to pursue those steelhead. Hope for rain. Meanwhile, I'm tying trout flies.

COMING EVENTS & FEBRUARY CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING: Saturday, February 21

Sheraton Round Barn Inn

6:30 p.m. No Host Cocktails

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Speaker: Lefty Kreh

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING:

Monday, February 16, 1987, Warrach
Hospital Board Room, 4788 Hoen Ave.,
7:00 p.m.

March General Meeting - Milt Jensen

Special Event: Casting with Lefty
Kreh, Saturday, March 21st from
1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

*Tight lines,
Ach*

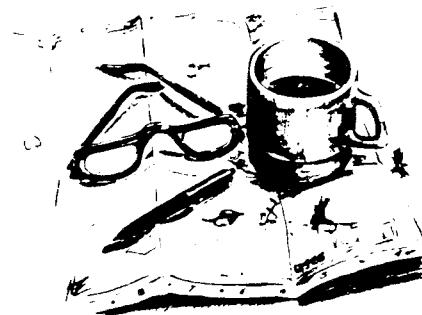
EDITORS' NOTES

We have a friend who often remarks that he only fishes twice, or at the most three times a year. (One of those times was actually four to six weeks from the lakes of the La Pine, Oregon Basin, through the Big Hole and on to the Madison through Yellowstone Park.) He lives not sixty minutes from the Beaverkill and Pennsylvania's limestone country, yet fishes these rarely.

There is that wonderfully childlike feeling of anticipation as "a trip" is planned. Especially if it is to a place that is new. Our minds form elaborate pictures of fishing; of morning coffee; of still canyons; and good friends around an evening fire. The nice thing about fishing trips is the opportunity to fish in relative solitude and/or enjoy the companionship of one's fishing partners. The club has planned several new outings beginning with the Cordell Bank trip and a revisit to the large cutthroats of Pyramid Lake.

MEMBERSHIP

The new roster will be printed A.S.A.P. Have you paid your dues ?



Bill Laurie is taking the position of Outing Chairman. Watch for a farm pond bass trip, and perhaps a visit to the eastern Sierras. If you have ideas or suggestions for group outings, speak to any Board member.

Old friendships are often renewed with each fishing experience. The reappearance in this issue of Sir Cedric Limp-hackle by Dee Marsden will be a regular addition. *Thank you Sir Cedric.*

WELCOME

Please extend a welcome to the following new members:

Sandra Bever, Western Angler
Chester Williams, Sonoma
Keith and Diane Borglum, Sebastopol
Tony and Rose Silva, Sebastopol
Robert and Shirley, Rebecca, Robby
McAulkin, Rohnert Park



The following is reprinted from the Fly Fisherman.

SPEED UP AND STOP: THE KEY TO CASTING

By: Lefty Kreh

MOST FISHERMEN HAVE READ DOZENS of articles on how to fly cast. The instructions are sometimes filled with stroboscopic photos that blend the motions of arm and rod into a giant—and confusing—wheel. Others use mathematical formulas or complex drawings to illustrate their ideas. The writers almost always are excellent casters, and they want to share their ideas with you, so you can enjoy the sport more. But I must confess that I either don't understand them, or can't follow the instructions.

Like many other writers on the subject, I have been guilty of discussing the *power stroke*. The term incorrectly implies that an increase in power is necessary to project the fly behind or in front of you. Some fishermen reason that if a little power works, more power will make the cast go farther. For them the power stroke becomes a violent act that causes the rod to vibrate rapidly, throwing a series of air-resistant shock waves into the line—and sometimes tying wind knots in the leader when there is no wind.

Observe a truly fine caster and you will quickly notice that he appears to be throwing a long, smooth line with little effort. The line has few humps or waves in it, and the loop is tight.

I have struggled for years to describe clearly how to become a good caster. A few years ago I found one of the two keys that now enable me to get a beginning fly caster to throw a nice controlled line in less than 20 minutes. That first key was an understanding that you can do nothing to cast the line in any direction, until you have the end of the line (where the leader is attached) moving. It doesn't have to be moving toward you—just moving. No cast can ever be made in any direction until that line end moves.

An angler violates this rule in many ways. Usually, he holds the rod at a high angle in front of him before making the backcast, with the line sagging toward the water. A portion of the "power stroke" to propel the line behind him on the backcast is wasted just getting the line end to move.

Once the end is moving, the cast—forward or backward—can be made. It doesn't have to be made the moment the line starts moving—it can be made anytime the line end is in motion. If you rotate a short line and the rod around your head, the line will orbit. As long as the line is circling, you can make a cast to the left, right, in front of you—or any other direction.

One important point: forget about casting according to the hand position of the clock. *You can make a cast anytime the line end is moving.* If you're standing near a high bank and must throw a high backcast, lower your rod tip almost to the water. Remove all slack, and the moment the rod begins moving, the line end will too. You can immediately make a backcast that is almost straight up. Conversely, if you need to throw behind you under a low-hanging limb, the rod continues moving until the tip is nearly horizontal. This lets you throw the line low behind you. Don't worry about what time you're going to make the cast. Instead, concern yourself with moving the end of the fly line. You can make it anytime after that.

The second key to mastering fly casting is the elimination of the term power stroke. People think that the amount of force you apply at the end of the cast determines how far and fast the fly will go. That's not true. Figure 3 shows the angler holding his rod forward at about a 45-degree angle. The other fisherman walks behind him with the line end, pulling on it until the rod is well

bent. With the rod held immobile, the line is released. The rod easily catapults the line in front of the angler. I urge you to try this. It demonstrates that the energy necessary to propel the line is in the bent rod. With the rod held immobile, there was no power stroke. Yet, the line easily straightened in front of the man.

Assuming that you make a decent backcast, sweep the fly rod forward to put a bow in the rod, loading it. This bow is the same as the bend the fisherman made in the immobile rod, when he pulled firmly back on the line end. But, here is where almost all fly fishermen now spoil their cast. Sweeping forward with the well-bent rod, they now apply the power stroke. What happens is that the single curve that was in the rod prior to the power application is changed as one or more shock waves travel through the rod, causing it to buckle, as shown in Figure 4.

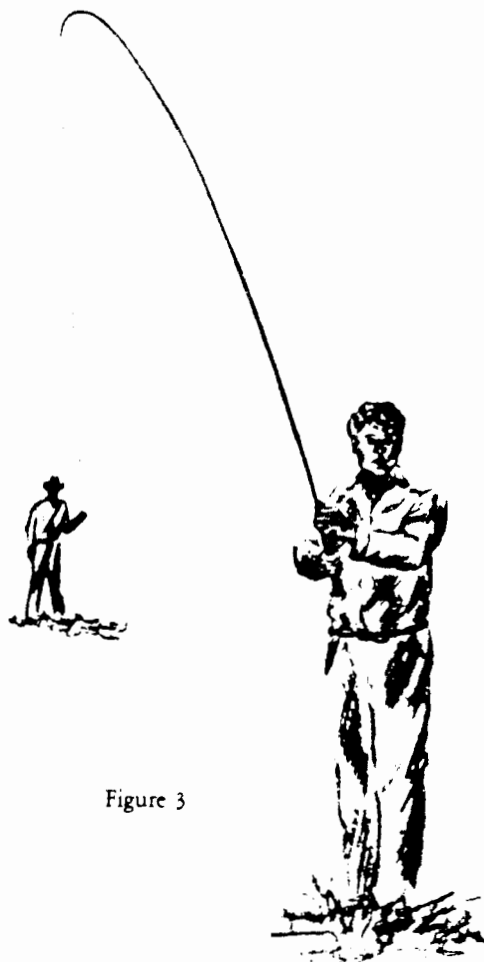


Figure 3

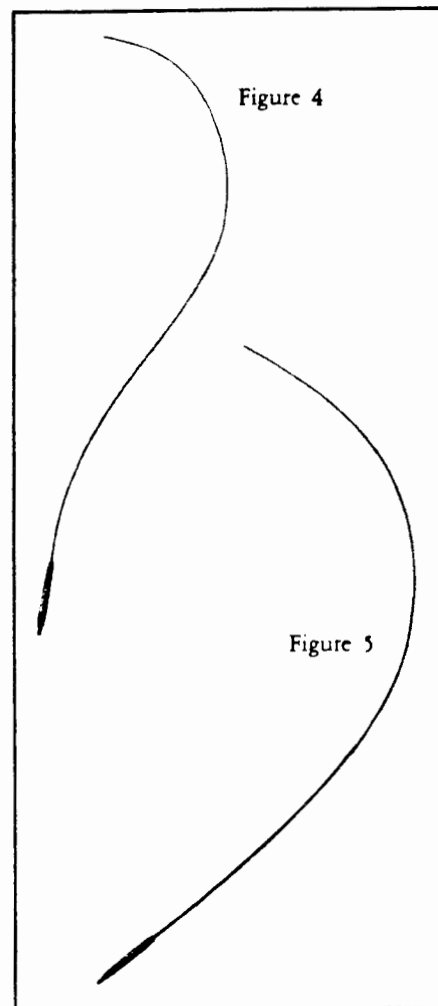


Figure 4

Figure 5

BARBARA LEWIS ILLUSTRATIONS

Speed Up and Stop . . .



straight, and so is the wrist. The arrow indicates that the *elbow travels back and parallel to the water, and at the same time the forearm begins rising*. The wrist is like a cocked gun, ready to fire. After the line end starts to move, and when you elect to make the backcast, a very rapid but brief *speed-up-and-stop of the wrist* will throw the line behind you. The shorter and faster the speed-up-and-stop, the tighter the loop and the faster the line will travel.

It is extremely important to realize that the direction in which the rod stops will determine the direction the fly will travel. Where the rod goes after the stop does not alter the direction the fly travels. After the very brief speed-up-and-stop, the rod hand drifts back, with the wrist held in the same position it was at the end of the stop. The only reason for drifting back, is so that you can move the arm again to get the line end moving forward. When the end of the line moves forward, you can make another speed-up-and-stop. The wrist should be straight to complete the forward cast. If you study the drawings (Figures 1 and 2) carefully, you'll see that the backcast is exactly the same motion (only in reverse direction) as the forward cast and that the wrist moves very little to make either speed up and stop.

If you move the line end by moving the arm, then make a brief speed-up-and-stop, you will never shock the rod, because you will *keep the same single bend in the rod and never buckle it*. The length and swiftness of the speed-up-and-stop is directly related to the size of the loop you form. An incredibly swift, but brief speed-up-and-stop will make a very tight loop. A long speed-up-and-stop makes a big loop. The speed-up-and-stop gives you complete control over loop size. Just as important, there are no shock waves, so the line travels flat and efficiently toward the target.

What I try to instill into casters is that the speed-up-and-stop does not project the line forward, (the bent rod will do that, remember?). The speed-up-and-stop is a *loop former*.

What happens to the rod, also happens to the line. If the force of the power stroke buckles the rod, it causes a series of vertical shock waves in the line. Let's assume that one wave goes up a foot and down a foot. That's the same as two feet of line traveling

vertically through the air. Or, it's the same as adding two more feet to the height of your loop. Air resistance against the vertical line radically impedes the cast. And these shock waves also detract from both your accuracy and presentation. The smoother the line flows in flight, the more control the caster has, and the less air resistance there is.

Once you accept the fact that a smoothly bent rod (Figure 5) will throw the line, then the two things you must do to cast well are to make a small loop that travels efficiently, and eliminate as much as possible any air-resistant waves. This will result in long and effortless casts that are under your complete control.

How we accomplish this is so simple that I have had difficulty in getting some casters to believe it.

It's In The Wrist

WHAT I AM GOING TO DESCRIBE is not a new method of casting; rather, it is a new way to explain what all good fly casters do.

Point the rod tip at the water (that's important) and with the left hand remove all slack. (Figure 1) Note that the arm is almost

In summary, all you need do to make a good cast is get the end of the line moving with arm motion, then speed-up-and-stop with the wrist. I have always urged fishermen to use the wrist to make the forward cast and backcast. I understand why tournament casters lock the wrist and use their forearm to handle the heavy, long heads they use for distance. But for fishing, the mobile wrist allows you to make many different casts that are difficult to do with a rigid wrist. However, if you prefer the locked wrist method, (and some of the best casters do) then just speed-up-and-stop with the forearm.

If you'll give this method a chance, I'm sure it will improve even your already good casts.

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL
SIGIH
GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951
Lic. No. 452071

SAGE. KING'S WESTERN ANGLER
COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARDY · DRIVE · CORTLAND · PALMER · BILLY PATE · OWEN · KING
JACK · SHAW · JIM · MARTIN · SCOTT · ANDER · DON ·
AL · KENNEDY · FISHER · LAM · OLSON · FENNICK · MATARELLI
PERKINS · COLUMBA · THOMPSON · STEAD · DE SOU · CASH
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-FISHING MATERIALS & BOOKS

FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES
TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
OPEN MON-FRI 10-6 SAT 10-4 CLOSED SUN.
BAIT AVAILABLE

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERNEVILLE
869-2156
1825B MAIN ST.

SANTA ROSA
542-4432
632 COLLEGE AVE.

GRANT F. KING

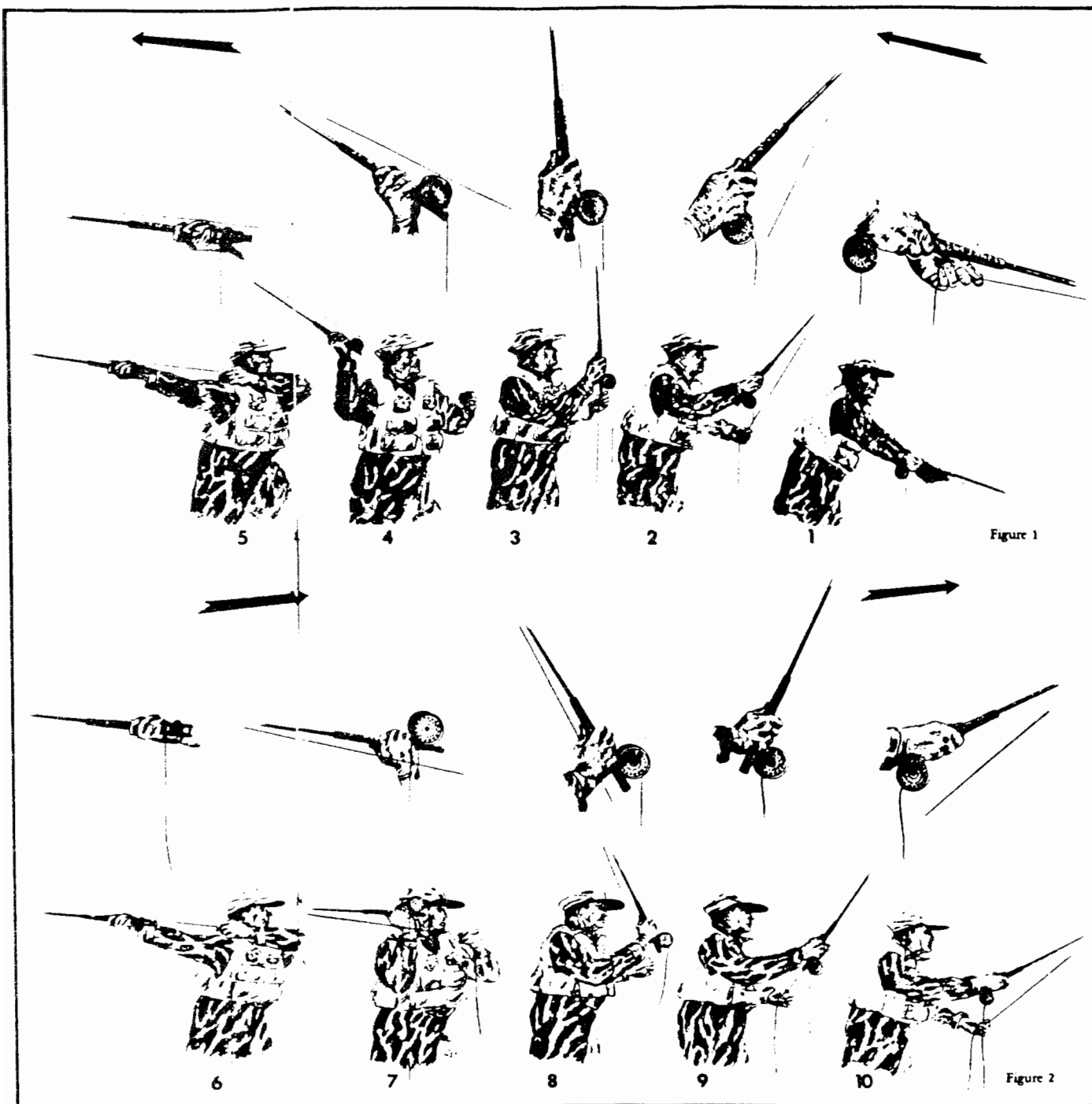
SINCE 1978
LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE
COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials · Live Bait · Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

527-9887
OPEN 7 DAYS A.M.

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA

• Lectures
• Instruction
Steelhead/Bass & Fly Casting



MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
Agent Broker

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



Sinking Lines . . .

The following table of line sink rates gives the rate in inches per second that a given line will sink in still, fresh water. As the author points out, many factors can influence the sink rate of a line in real fishing conditions, including flow rate of the water, salinity (a line has much more buoyancy in saltwater than in freshwater), and line taper (diameter). If not designed properly a line can sink unevenly, thus in some cases giving bad performance where an even sink rate is necessary. The reader should not read the following table as a comparison. It is not. Performances for various fishing situations are only partially related to a line's sink rate. Thus the following table is merely a guideline, a starting point in matching lines to uses.

MANUFACTURER	LINE	SINK RATE (in./sec.)	USES
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	444 Intermediate Intermediate WF Intermediate DT and WF	1.15 to 1.50 1.25 to 2.00 1.25 to 1.75	Shallow nymphs, wet flies and streamers in lakes, dry flies in wind
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	Type I WF and ST Wet Cel I DT, WF and ST	1.25 to 1.75 1.75 to 2.50	Shallow nymphs, wet flies and streamers in lakes and streams
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	Type II DT, WF and ST Fast Sinking Line WF and ST Wet Cel II DT, WF, ST and L	2.50 to 3.00 2.00 to 3.00 2.00 to 3.00	Nymphs, wet flies and streamers to 10 feet in lakes; shallow depths in streams
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	Type III DT, WF and ST Wet Cel Hi-D DT, WF and ST Sigma 4370 DT, WF and ST	3.50 to 4.00 3.25 to 4.25 4.00	Nymphs, wet flies and streamers to 20 feet deep in lakes, 5 to 10 feet deep in streams
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	Type IV WF and ST Super Fast Sinking WF Wet Cel Hi-Speed Hi-D WF and ST	4.25 to 5.00 3.50 to 5.50 3.75 to 6.50	Nymphs, wet flies and streamers to 40 feet deep in lakes, 10 to 15 feet deep in streams
Cortland Orvis Scientific Anglers Shakespeare	Kerboom ST Deep Water Express ST	7.00 to 10.25 7.00 to 10.00	Nymphs, wet flies and streamers to 60 feet deep in lakes, 20 to 25 feet deep in streams



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280



LIC #458178

**Stronghold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9828

Sir Cedric Limphackle



SIR CEDRIC LIMPHACKLE returns to the Cast this issue. These frames from the hand of club member H. Dee Marsden are a re-drawing of the very first strip printed in the March, 1979 issue of the Cast.

These early installments of Sir Cedric's adventures cartooned humorous traits inherent of fly fishing and those who participate in the sport.

In the past, there were Sir Cedric Limphackle Awards presented, with tongue-in-cheek, to R.R.F.F. members who were unluckly enough to have their folly known by the club's Board members.

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments

DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

CONSERVATION NOTES

by
Dan Coleman

Dear Fellow Flyfishers,

As noted at the January general meeting, we have acquired a list of the tributaries to the Russian River in Sonoma County. Please note that this is a list of tributaries to the Russian River basin. It by no means constitutes a complete list of all of Sonoma County's spawning streams. There are a great many streams and tributaries to the streams, such as Salmon Creek and Schoolhouse Creek, etc., that will not be shown here. All these other streams are just as important and will be included on a list of streams yet to be compiled. If we are to be successful with our conservation efforts regarding the protection and rehabilitation of our fishery, we need member involvement. There are diverse purposes for the printing of the lists and map.* One is to garner information to aid in the Russian River Basin Study. The other reason is to likewise help gather information for streams outside the Basin to aid in restoration, rehabilitation, and protection efforts. If you as members, or a friend of yours, recognizes a particular stream on the lists or map that is important to you personally, you might want to consider that stream for your "adoption", if you will. That is, if you are able to walk portions or the entirety of a particular stream(s) and gather written information, photos of same, such as identifying potential spawning areas, problems on the streams such as impassable barriers, illegal water diversions, sites for projects and improvement, pH and water temperature, fish citations, etc. your help is needed. We'll need information that can be understood, i.e. orderly, consistent, dated preferably, and legible. Better than 90% of the "wild" steelhead spawning takes place in the tributaries of the Russian rather than the main stream itself. If we do our part regarding the tributaries, this project can result in increased protection for the Russian and its tributaries for enhancement and rehabilitation.

By input and information to the California Legislature which can amend the Fish and Game Code to better protect the Russian River and tributaries, and can appropriate monies to use for rehabilitation of the fishery, we can be effective. The following is a quote from Bill Cox, unit fishery biologist for Sonoma County regarding enhancement of streams above Healdsburg are a portion of our "wild" steelhead fishery survivors:



A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequaled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea-run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, or the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel! Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin-clear waters. From \$100/day - \$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, tall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm. Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTAINA • KIM M. TSUCHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
JANI WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

World-wide travel for the Sportsman
P.O. Box 2132, Dept. FF, 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

"For the enhancement (or protection) of "wild" streams above Healdsburg, Squaw Creek, Little Sulphur Creek, and Maacama Creek upstream of Highway 128 are probably the best choices. All have good habitat now but Squaw Creek will be subject to intense pressure for water diversion in the near future for geothermal steamfield replenishment. There is some agricultural impact on Maacama Creek.

One stream in Mendocino County that I know has a high habitat value is Pieta Creek. It will probably be subject to some geothermal development in the future, but I have not details."

The above quote brings to light another aspect of the fishery. The Russian River Flyfishers and fishermen in general are not alone in our "use" of the water system. The Russian of Sonoma County's watershed has a diversity of users. We must, if we are to be heard and not lose more prime "wild" steelhead spawning habitat, address the many elements threatening to degrade or destroy our streams as viable fisheries. Contact Dan Coleman (996-7758), Frank Sanchetti (996-1867) or Bill Archuleta if you are interested in monitoring tributaries or have any other helpful information you can offer. Thanks !

One last note, as many of you may already know, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors shelved the fishing access issue. There are many suitable sites for fishing access, both public and private. We can negotiate access. But, without letters requesting that the Board of Supervisors Support and address the issue, we won't see effective action to aid this cause.

YOUR LETTERS ARE NEEDED ! I will share an interesting perspective with you regarding access and user hours on the Russian versus other priorities in the same line as viewed by the Board of Supervisors at the next general meeting. Meanwhile, letters will definately help show support to the Board for the need of viable access. Write one...it takes less time that the the time to tie a blue winged olive !

* Maps will be available at the next General Meeting of Russian River Flyfishers.



POOL CAPTAINS CORNER

***** SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE *****

WHAT: LEFTY KREH CASTING DEMONSTRATION

WHEN: SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21st, 1 PM to 3 PM.

WHERE: THE CASTING POOL. (Dan Galvin Park at Bennett Valley Golf Course location.)

YOU NEED: Your fly casting equipment. Rig your leader with some colored yarn. NO HOOKS cut down or otherwise will be permitted.

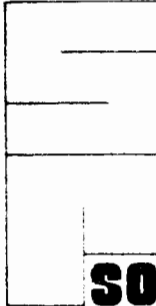
WEATHER: A DRY DAY. The event will not be held if it rains. We do not expect Lefty to come prepared to deal with one of our February storms.

Lefty Kreh is an outstanding writer, lecturer and casting instructor. He has several video tapes on casting techniques on the market at the present time. Lefty writes, travels, lectures and fishes for a living (tough life, huh) and we are fortunate to have a fellow fly fisher of his caliber pay us and the casting pond a visit.

I will ask Lefty to emphasize long line casting. I know he is an accomplished Tarpon and Bonefish flats fisherman and has had worlds of experience.

You may be privileged to experience some personal coaching from an internationally recognized master.

Casting Pool Captain
Bob Sisson



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORALLO
President

Bus. (707) 527-9211

2000 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401




Reyes
Chiropractic
Offices

A
PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION


Bennett Valley
Professional
Center

2801 Yulupa Ave.
Suite "C"
Santa Rosa,
Calif. 95405

707-523-2310



Dr.
Bruce A.
Reyes




CORDELL BANK JIG TRIP PROPOSAL


A JIG TRIP for rockcod and lingcod out of the Port of Bodega has been proposed. Before any plans can be made, the level of interest among club members must be determined.

The trip will be aboard the "Merry Jane" skippered by Rich Tiesso. We will leave port at 7:00 a.m. and will return between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Only, jigs (ling bars) will be used. No fly gangions or bait will be allowed, and we will be fishing in about 350 feet of water at the Cordell Bank.



The cost of the trip will be \$44.00 and it will be limited to 25 persons. Rods and reels are available on the boat for those who are not accustomed to this type of fishing for about \$7.50 rental. If you are interested in a fun day on the ocean and a freezer full of delicious fish, contact *Mike Lisignali* at 546-1455 or *Bill Archuleta* at 545-3339

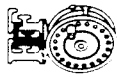


Pyramid Lake Fishout!!!

The Russian River Fly Fishers have reserved cabins at Crosby's Lodge on Pyramid Lake north of Reno, Nev. The trip will take place on April 2, 3 and 4- Prime Fishing Time for their famous large Trout.

Call **Bill Laurie- 546-3900** to reserve a spot. Minimum size for keepers is 19 inches - few fish are put back because they don't reach this size.

Wolly worms, waders and step ladders are the tools needed to get in on the great fishing opportunities that await you at Pyramid Lake. Space is limited so make your reservations now.



Bob Sisson
3607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS in Northern California



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff



425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555

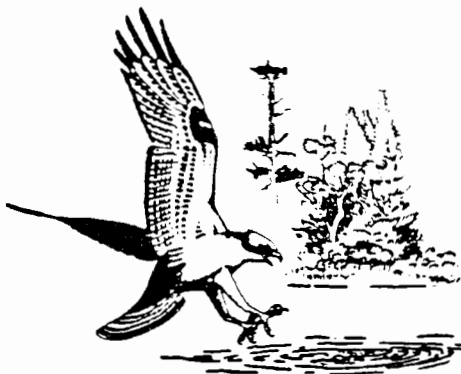
OPEN TIL 9 THUR. & FRI.



RUSSIAN RIVER TRIBUTARIES WHICH SUPPORT STEELHEAD TROUT IN SONOMA COUNTY

- Willow Creek *
- Sheephouse Creek *
- Freezeout Creek
- Austin Creek *
- Kohute Gulch
- Kidd Creek *
- East Austin Creek *
- Black Rock Creek
- Gilliam Creek *
- Schoolhouse Creek
- Thompson Creek
- Gray Creek
- Devil Creek
- Sulphur Creek
- Ward Creek
- Big Oat Creek
- Pole Mountain Creek
- Blue Jay Creek
- Bear Pen Creek
- Red Slide Creek
- Dutch Bill Creek *
- Green Valley Creek
- Purrlington Creek
- Atascadero Creek
- Jonive Creek
- Mark West Creek
- Windsor Creek
- Santa Rosa Creek
- Salt Creek
- Porter Creek
- Hummingbird Creek
- Porter Creek
- Press Creek
- Dry Creek *
- Mill Creek
- Felta Creek
- Wallace Creek
- Palmer Creek
- Grape Creek
- Wine Creek
- Pena Creek
- Redwood Log Creek
- Maacama Creek
- Franz Creek
- Redwood Creek
- Keillogg Creek
- Yellowjacket Creek
- Briggs Creek
- Ingals Creek
- Sausal Creek
- George Young Creek
- Burns Creek
- Icaria Creek
- Porterfield Creek
- Cloverdale Creek
- Oat Valley Creek
- Big Sulphur Creek
- Fraiser Creek
- Little Sulphur Creek
- Squaw Creek
- Alder Creek

* These streams do now, or recently have, supported runs of coho salmon.



The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

MARCH, 1987

NUMBER 3

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As was expected, Lefty Kreh put on a performance to beat them all. The demonstration at the pond started out to be a bit shakey with the threat of rain, but Lefty used the weather to his advantage in demonstrating how to cast into the wind and with the wind. The crew at the Sheraton Round Barn went out of their way to accomodate us, and the dinner was better than the average "banquet meal." Thanks to everyone who helped to make this day a very special event.

Don't forget to let us know if you want to fill your freezer with great eating rock cod. This is a plentiful supply with a modest limit. The trip will not be scheduled until we get enough input. Call Mike Lisignoli at 546-1455 or, me at 545-3339.

The Pyramid Lake trip is shaping up rapidly and, since there is limited space, please get your reservations in to Bill Laurie at the 546-3900 number as soon as possible.

The tackle required is very basic... a step ladder and a lot of wooly worms !

The trout season is close at hand. Hang in there !

MARCH, 1987

COMING EVENTS AND MARCH CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING: Thursday

March 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Milt Jensen

"Butt Lake Estuary, Home of
California's Largest Trout
Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Sants Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, March 16, 1987 Warrack Hos-
pital Board Room, 4788 Hoen Avenue,
7:00 p.m.

*Tight Lines,
Arch*

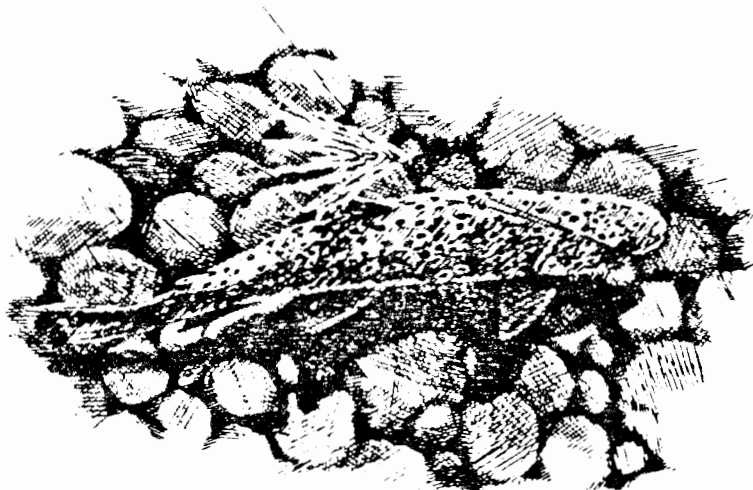
EDITORS' NOTES

We just returned from a weekend in Monterey and a visit to the Aquarium. As we watched the living diorama in the "kelp forest tank" we marveled at the diversity of species present. Bottom dwellers, secretive individuals, cruising sharks, schooling King salmon, etc. All are linked up by a common denominator yet each is distinct and together it is a symphony of motion.

The membership of our club is not unlike a diverse species interaction. We differ in our level of skill; the species that we fish for; and, our favorite places to fish. Yet we share a love of the craft of fishing and enjoy the comradery of the group.

Other club members can benefit from your experience. If you have been fishing, especially locally, pass on the information. *What, when, where and how*, and you need not be as specific as to compromise your favorite spot. "The tail end of a pool on the lower Russian" is sufficient enough.

The club will welcome your input. Call Vicki or Russ Lockner evenings at 544-1593 with your suggestions.



A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequaled anywhere. \$995-\$3500 wk.

BC STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500 wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan or the record shattering giants of Andros. From \$1165 wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel! Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, light clear waters. From \$100 day, \$2200 wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, tail wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$600.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent and of snowcapped mountains, untoured wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

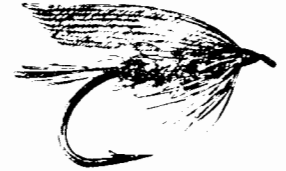
For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:
FRANK BERTALIA • KAY M. TUCKER
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
JAN WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

World-wide Travel for the Sportsman
PO Box 2132 Dept. FF 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

FISHING REPORT

Russian River	Fly fishing is best higher up, above Cloverdale or at the mouth of a tributary such as Dry Creek where the water is clear. If you are fishing the Laguna or below, the river is still too cloudy and bait/bobbers are needed.
Walla Walla and Alder Creek	Both are fishable now.
Salmon Creek	The mouth and down stream are excellent.
Pyramid Lake	Reports of plenty of fish for those brave souls willing to fish in the wind and cold.
Putah Creek	Trout are being taken on small dark nymphs.
American River	Steelhead, 8-10 pounds are being taken on #6 and #8 brightly colored Woolly Buggers on a sinking line with about a 6 foot leader.
Salt Water	Bass fishing is great...call Brian Wong for details



Thanks to Dave Inks, Grant King, and Brian Wong for their information. More specific information can be obtained by contacting them directly. Please see their advertisements in this issue which give telephone numbers.

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER TO SPONSOR APRIL RIVERS CONFERENCE.

Friends of the River will be hosting its Third Annual Rivers Conference in Sacramento on April 4th and 5th. The conference agenda includes a wide assortment of pertinent, informative workshops, focusing on the issues of river conservation and preservation, river history, nature and geology, and technical boating tips. For further details about the conference, please contact Patty Hatfield in the Sacramento office at (916) 442-3155 or write to 909 12th Street, Suite 207, Sacramento, CA 95814.

KING'S WESTERN ANGLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARDY • ORVIS • CORTLAND • FINNORE • BULLY PATE • DYN-A-KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGA • KENNEDY FISHER • LAW • GLASS • FENNICK • MATTHEW
PERKINS • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS

FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
OPEN MON-FRI 10-6
SAT 10-4 CLOSED SUN

BAIT AVAILABLE

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERNEVILLE
869-2156
1825H MAIN ST.

SANTA ROSA
542-4432
632 COLLEGE AVE

GRANT F. KING

SINCE 1978

LYLE'S

BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information

SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

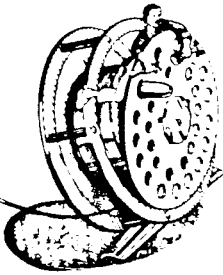
WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

• Lectures
• Instruction
Steelhead/Bass & Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS A.W.

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING



(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

GUEST SPEAKER: Featured Speaker at Our Next Meeting
By: Yancey Forest Knowles

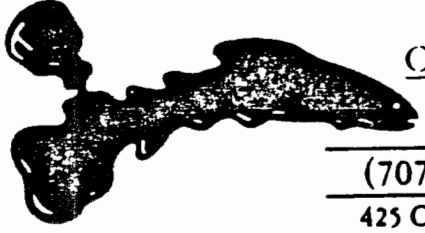
Our March meeting will feature MILT JENSEN, owner of *Merganser Outfitters*. Milt's presentation is entitled, Butt Lake Estuary, Home of California's Largest Trout. And, if that isn't enough, Milt will also be speaking on the fine spring creek fly fishing available in Cal Trout's Yellow Creeek, as well as the stillwater angling available in Mc Coy Flat Reservoir and Long Lake. In addition, Milt will be tying his favorite patterns and answering questions earlier in the day, from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m., at Grant King's Western Angler.

Butt Valley Reservoir has a widespread reputation, for producing enormous Browns and Rainbows. The prime attraction for the trout are the stunned and crippled pond smelt ejected from the turbines of the power house. Cool water from both the power house and the flow from Butt Creek make these fish available, to the fly fisher during the warmer months when they are suspended in these places.

Yellow Creek is a meadow spring creek nestled in Humbert Valley in the northern Sierras and is rapidly becoming a prime fishery. Yellow Creek is benefitting from Cal Trout's most ambitious restoration project in years. Stream surveys are now turning up fish to five pounds plus !

Mc Coy Flat Reservoir and Long Lake are both located in Larsen County and are real food factories, producing masses of Callibaetis, Mayflies, Damsel Flies, Caddis, and shrimp. These improvements offer both large, hard hitting rainbows, and voracious hard fighting Brook trout.

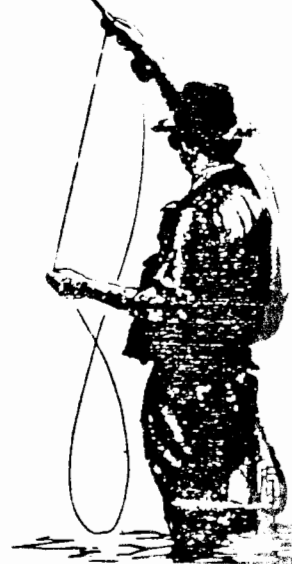
Merganser Outfitters operates out of Chester, California, where Milt was raised and now lives during the fishing season. During the winter, Milt serves as the manager of one of the fine Butte Sink Duck Clubs, so if you have questions about water fowling he will be able to answer these also. One of Milt's regular fishing companions at Butt Estuary each summer is our own friend Hal Jansen. In fact, Hal took two fish last season approaching the



Dave Inks
FISHING
OUTFITTER

(707) 546-5555
425 College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

POOL CAPTAINS CORNER



***** SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE *****

WHAT: PRE-BASS FISHING SEASON CASTING CLINIC

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 29th, 10AM to 2 PM.


WHERE: THE CASTING POOL.

YOU NEED: Your fly casting equipment with a bass bug tapered or weight forward line. Bring a small cork about the size of a bass bug body.

WEATHER: When the bass are in the shallows they will hit when the wind blows or the rain falls or both.
Only a heavy storm will cause rescheduling the event.

Bass fishing abounds within the region. Bass are to be found in Clear Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, Berryessa, Indian Valley, most of the farm ponds, the Russian River, the Delta, the Bay and nearly every other low and middle elevation lake in the state. There are Largemouths, Smallmouths, Red Eyes, Spotted and Stripers. All of them will hit on the surface under the right conditions and that surface strike is what it is all about.

We will explore fly (bug) presentation and shore line cover.



Reyes
Chiropractic
Offices

A
PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION

Bennett Valley
Professional
Center

2801 Yukupa Ave
Suite 11C
Santa Rosa
Calif 95405

707-523-2310

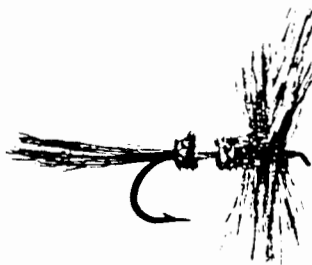
Dr
Bruce A
Reyes

Bob Sisson
Casting Pool Captain

Sir Cedric Lymphackle



Dee Marsden is grateful to Russian River Fly Fisher's own Chuck Baker for inspiring Sir Cedric's piercing experience in this issue. It happened (BOTH EARS) during the club's 1985 outing to Pyramid Lake.



CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
Agent Broker

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

ten pound mark.

Milt's presentation promises to be both exciting and informative. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF NOT TO MISS THIS PROGRAM! And, don't forget to join both Milt and me earlier, from 3:00 until 5:30, at the Western Angler for tying and conversation about this fabulous fishery. I'll look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting.

As a personal note, I am trying to locate a copy of the September, 1984, Vol. 9 issue of the CAST. If you have one, please contact me at 542-6407, or bring the copy to the March General Meeting.

THANK YOU.

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

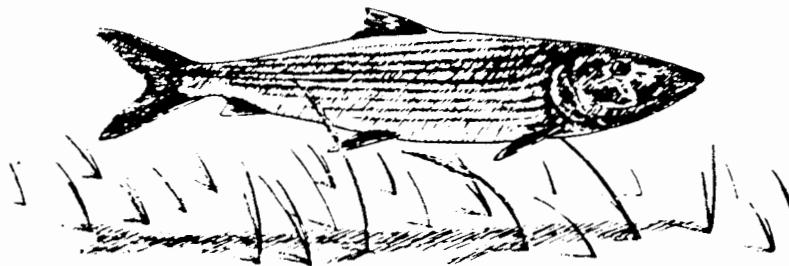
SIGIH

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071



R.R. F. F. CO-SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Russian River Fly Fishers, along with Friends of Sonoma Creek sent Frank Sanchetti as our representative to the Steelehead Restoration Conference held at Fort Bragg February 28th through March 1st. Topics discussed included access, rehabilitation, and political action! Look for an in-depth report in the next issue of The Cast.



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
548-4280



Lic. #458178

**Stronghold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578 9828

FROM: Dan Colman, RRF Conservation Committee.
RE: Public Access to the Russian River
Feb. 20, 1987

Public access to fishing and boating on the Russian River has become increasingly restricted. Recognizing this the State Dept. of Fish and Game and the State Wildlife Conservation Board have proposed purchasing sites to develop as public access, with parking and restrooms. These would be given to Sonoma County Regional Parks to manage.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, while supportive of the goal of better access to the River, expressed serious concern over the question of what kind of liability the county would be assuming in owning these access sites. A lesser concern was the impact that increased use of the River could have on riverfront property owners, and the estimated \$20,000 a year maintenance expense the county would have to assume to operate the facilities. Representatives from the Board of Supervisors will be meeting with the Dept. of Fish and Game March 4th to discuss the County's concerns and hopefully work out some solutions.

Letters to the Dept. of Fish and Game and to your State Legislator urging cooperation with Sonoma County are needed. Letters to the Board of Supervisors will also be helpful. Please make the following points:

- The Dept. of Fish and Game should do all they can to address the concerns the County has with the liability question. A solution might be for the Dept. to retain ownership of the sites, while the county manages them.
- The Russian River is a popular boating and fishing spot for residents of the North Bay and it should be safe, fun, and legal.
- There is a growing urban population trying to use a decreasing number of access points. At the same time we expect angling opportunities to improve with Warm Springs Hatchery reaching full capacity. People will continue to search out and make use of whatever access they can find, legal or not. The only way to lessen the impact on local residents is to provide parking and some regulation.

Send letters to -

Brian Hunter, Manager
Dept. of Fish and Game, Reg. 3
P.O. Box 47
Yountville, Ca 94599

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, Ca 95401

Your Legislator
State Capitol
Sacramento, Ca 95841

Dan Colman

*FOOTNOTE: By the time this issue of the Cast is received by the general membership, the March 4th meeting of the Department of Fish and Game will be past. This is of no great consequence; your letters are still important if you wish to vote your support for Russian River Fishing access. Thanks

Out, Out, Damned Blood Knot

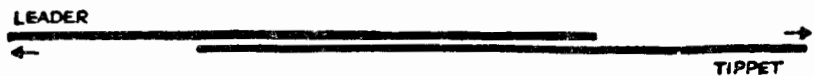


THE BLOOD KNOT was not quite aptly named. More properly it should have been called the "blood, sweat, and tears" knot — for the blood and sweat shed in attempting to tie it and for the tears one fights to hold back when the pull of a fighting trout unravels what one would have sworn was a securely tied knot.

Consider the rotten fate of Lucius Larapin, a normal fisherman with the healthy dream of one day coming to grips with a wise old brown. His dream came alive when a leviathan hit his fly but quickly turned into a nightmare when the giant swam nonchalantly off

with the fly and tippet which Lucius had tied on with a blood knot that was not jammed tightly enough.

Pity Abner Avery, who was stream-side when suddenly trout were breaking everywhere. Having frayed his tippet between some jagged rocks seconds earlier, he now attempted to replace it. But, try as he might, he could not command his palsied fingers to tie it on with the blood knot. Poor Abner continued his futile efforts oblivious to the fact that the trout had quit rising. Hours later he was discovered by sympathetic friends who helped pry his stiff fingers from tangled snarls of 3X tippet materi-



1. Overlap leader with tippet to be added.



2. Make a simple overhand knot with the tippet strand, bringing the short strand through with it.

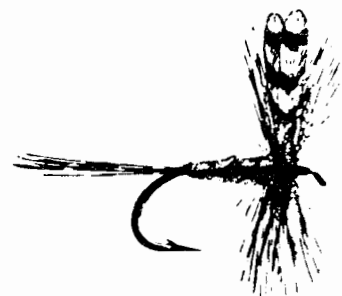


3. Repeat with another overhand knot. Pull tight while holding short and long strands in each hand. Now pull on long strands only to clinch-up knot. Clip off short strands close to knot.

al. With time and gentle care, Abner will recover, though he will chronically face a returning bout each spring with "high-blood-knot pressure."

IS THERE A FLY FISHERMAN who would not like to say farewell forever to this accursed knot? Who would not like to learn another that is a cinch to tie? That will not slip? That is stronger?

Then, learn the handy surgeon's knot. Here it is. The knot that I have showed to many Canadian guides, and countless fishermen. Follow the diagrams and, in short order, you too will be gleefully shouting: "Out, out, damned blood knot!" ■



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

RESEARCH REPORTS

NO. 70-1

JANUARY 1970

BY

JOHN H. SCHUBERT

AND

DAVID J. WILSON

DEPT. OF PHYSICS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.

60637

1970

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

Tentative plans are being made for spring Russian River Fly Fishers activities including:



- *Litter pick-up along the Russian River and Salmon Creek
- *Shad fishing with the Valley Club between May and July
- *Picnic at the Casting Pond
- *Cooking presentation by the chef at Inn of the Tides

Pyramid Lake Fishout!!!

The Russian River Fly Fishers have reserved cabins at Crosby's Lodge on Pyramid Lake north of Reno, Nevada. The trip will take place on April 2, 3 and 4 - Prime Fishing Time for their famous large Trout.

Call **Bill Laurie at 546-3900** (during the day) or **538-0399** (in the evenings) to reserve a spot. Minimum size for keepers is 19 inches; however, few fish are put back since the majority of them get much bigger!

Wolly worms, waders and step ladders are the tools needed to get in on the great fishing opportunities that await you at Pyramid Lake.

Space is limited so make your reservations now!

DINNER MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, February 21st

WHERE: Sheraton Round Barn Inn

WHO: Lefty Kreh

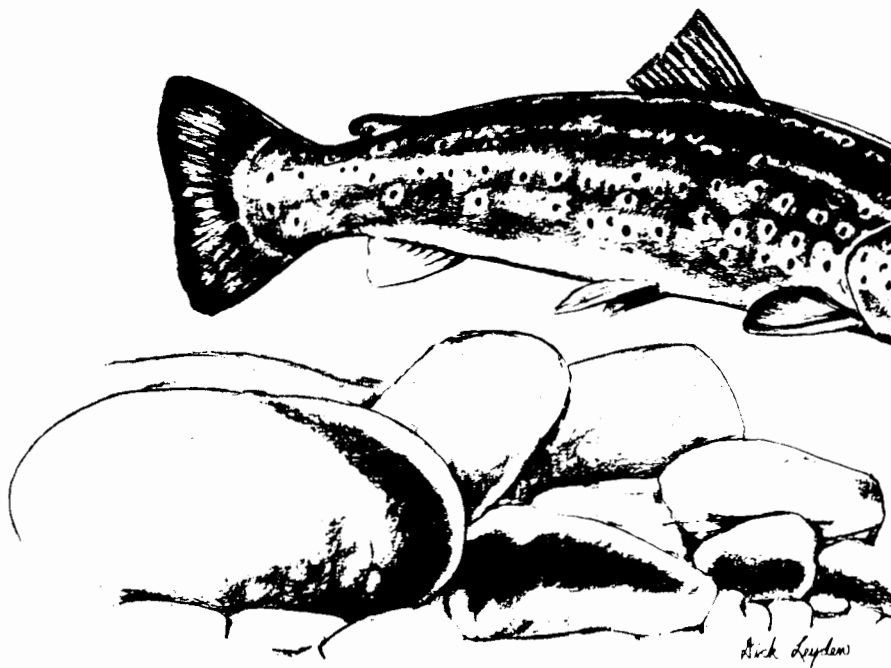
No Host Bar: 6:30 p.m.

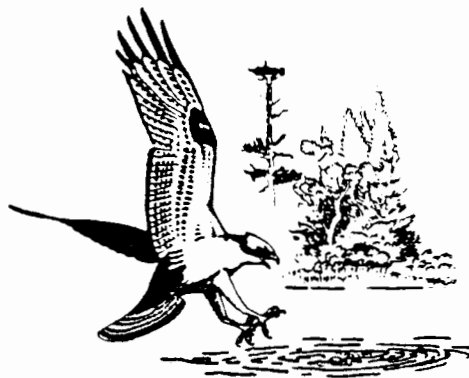
Dinner

Menu: Chicken Marsala

Ticket includes tax and tip - \$16.00

Make checks payable to Russian River Fly
mail to: P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA





The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

APRIL, 1987

NUMBER 4

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year's opening day of trout season is April 25th. I look forward to this day more than any other during the fishing year. I have already made plans with my partners for which time slot we will go, where to go, and what patterns we will need.

Last year found us at Hat Creek in the snow. The disappointment of not having good hatches was soon overcome when we discovered that mother nature would not wait, and we had some of the finest fishing ever.

Milt Jensen's talk at our last meeting may have swayed our plans just a bit. The Butt Lake estuary sure looks inviting. I would also like to try some of the other lakes and streams in that area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who have chosen to volunteer to help with our new conservation program. This is one of the main reasons the club was formed and it's about time we do something about it.

Also, a big thanks goes out to Russ Lockner who has volunteered to attend the quarterly Northern California Council of Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) meetings held in Davis. Russ's attendance to these meetings will keep us informed about the actions of fly fishers around the nation.

I hope to see each and everyone of you on one or another stream during the trout season.



APRIL CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday

April 15, 1987

7:00 p.m.

Speaker: *Dennis Murphy*

*"Yearly Cycle of the Upper
Russian River"*

Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, S.R.

Board of Directors: April 13th

Warrach Hospital Board Room
788 Hoen Ave. Santa Rosa

7:00

p.m.

*Tight Lines,
Arch*

EDITORS' CORNER

The job of editor is to solicit, source, edit and proof-read the materials necessary to produce The Cast. Somehow in the crush of our daily activities, the date for our last meeting was incorrectly printed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The club has taken an active and participatory interest in conservation. The Board of Directors has endorsed letters in support of public access to the Russian and construction of a fish ladder at Healdsburg. As in any large democracy, we will not always please all of the people all of the time, but we are willing to "stand up and be counted."

It was especially nice to have past president Yancey Forest-Knowles introduce Milt Jensen at our last meeting. We hope to see more of our old friends in the future.



A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequaled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea-run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, or the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel. Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100/day-\$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, fall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams, and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:
FRANK BERTAINA • KAY MITSUYOSHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANI WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

World-wide Travel for the Sportsman
P.O. Box 2132, Dept. FF, 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242



**Stronghold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9828

Lic #458178

CONGRATULATIONS... to club member Doug Manking. After watching Lefty's casting demonstration, Doug caught his first steelhead on a fly, using a #8 pink fly.

INTERESTED IN SALT WATER FISHING ?

Are you interested in fishing the Cordell banks, fishing for ling cod, jig fishing, bait fishing? If so, please contact Lisignoli at 546-1455. He is organizing a salt water fishing club that will be "heavy into conservation" and family memberships are encouraged.

NOTES ON PRESENTATION BY MILT JENSEN

Butt Creek, in order to handle existing fish needs proper management. Yellow Creek, a Cal trout fishery is in a recovery state after flooding. The McCoy Reservoir is also in a recovery state and there is only a slim hope of it being fishable this year. Long Lake is currently dead.

When fishing Butt Lake estuary early in the season, use a Green Drake, #8 heavily weighted. When it is flush floating it looks like a struggling dun. In late spring, use a #14 paranymp with the wings cut short or a #14 or #16 olive caddis. If you are fishing below the camp ground, use either a #6 or #8 Golden Stone Fly Nymph. (This fly also works well on Hat Creek.)

Butt Lake is closed on the first Sunday in May preceeding Memorial Day.



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

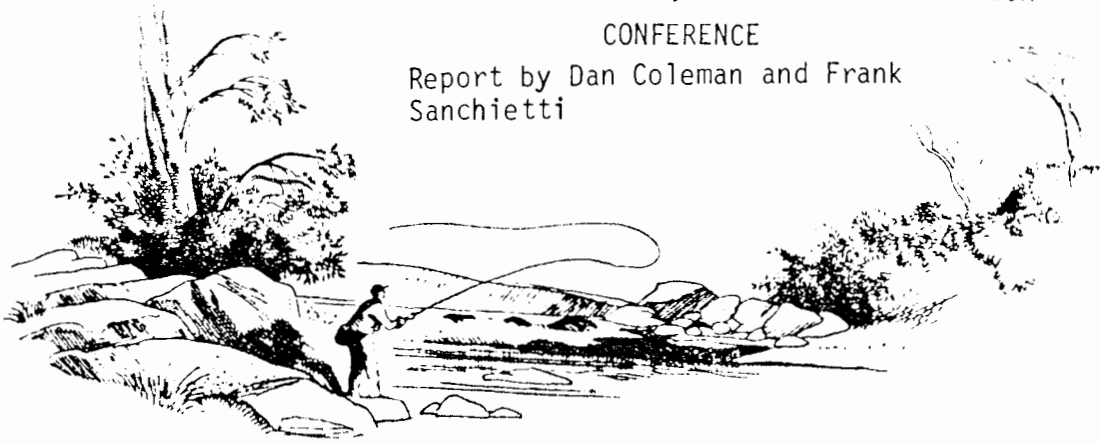
P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

FIFTH ANNUAL SALMON, STEELHEAD RESTORATION
CONFERENCE

Report by Dan Coleman and Frank
Sanchietti



The conference convened February 28th, at 8 a.m. at the Veteran's Building in Ft. Bragg. The purpose of these conferences is to promote the exchange of ideas, technical information, programs, and development criteria for the restoration of salmon and steelhead runs in California rivers and streams.

Approximately seventy-five different organizations represented by over 150 people attending this two day affair included: California Department of Fish and Game; Hoopa Indian tribal members; commercial fishing interests; timber interests; soil conservation service; United States Forest Service ; and groups from the Wildlife County Advisory Boards of Trinity, Humboldt, Mendocino and Sonoma Counties and several restoration groups.

Some of the key speakers came from Oregon, Washington and Canada, exchanging their ideas and explaining to conference attendees their programs for restoration in their respective areas. Some of the more noteworthy segments of the program came from Bob Fletcher, number two man at the California Department of Fish and Game who in the keynote address, noted that we have turned the tide and that restoration efforts are paying off in increased steelhead and salmon runs in California. He also spoke of enhancing and preserving the quality of habitat and fisheries in the face of a burgeoning California population increase; how it will be a major job, and that groups like the Restoration People will be at the cutting edge of maintaining habitat and fisheries.

Some of the new information that made an impression on a lot of conferencees, was the discussion on the importance of estuaries and their pertinence as nursery areas for salmon and steelhead yearlings. In some of the California river systems, notably the Mattole and Klamath , eighty percent of the native, natural spawned, returning salmon and steelhead adults had spent at least six months in the estuaries. Their greatest growth before smolting occurred in these estuaries.

The conclusion of studies on estuarian growth of anadromous fry indicated that fish, which were hatched high in river systems and flushed straight to the sea showed a lower survival rate than fry which stopped on their downstream migration and utilized the estuaries as a feeding ground and nursery area before going to sea.

Another notable program was the introduction of educational curricula to students about the preservation of habitat and the restoration of fisheries. This is currently being presented to elementary and secondary school students in Humboldt County. Classroom incubation projects utilizing hatchery fry are used to demonstrate the life cycle from egg to fry. Hands on stream restoration projects for kids, e.g. getting kids outdoors planting trees, putting in rocks for cover and spawning enhancement, were explained.

The most notable program was presented by Tom Murdoch (Public Works official of Snohomish County, Washington) about his adopt-a-stream approach to getting kids involved in stream restoration. This entailed getting classrooms actually involved in the study of streams, introducing criteria in how to bring a stream back, making plans, interfacing with government on the local and county level and even rearing fish in mini hatcheries to bring native spawners back.

The kids in Washington are doing what we are beginning to do, down in California, that is, taking non-productive streams and restoring them back into productive viable streams.

Some other areas touched on were erosion control, instream structures, conducting stream surveys, hatchery problems and how to rectify them, as well as grants and their implementation.

Leo Cronin of Trout Unlimited, Marin, was elected president of the Salmon, Steelhead Restoration Federation, made up of different groups in California. A move was made to hold the next conference in Marin in 1988 and then go back north the following year for the 1989 conference.

What this means to the Russian River and to groups like the Russian River Flyfishers is that there now exists criteria and a forum that we can now apply to the Russian River and perhaps restore some of her natural, native spawned steelhead.

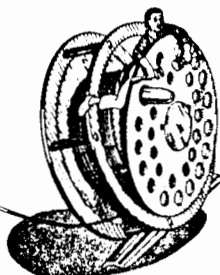


CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

CONSERVATION NEWS

Dear Russian River Fly Fisher Members,

Please read the following press release by the Department of Fish and Game:

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FISH HABITAT WORK



Citizen groups, local governments, and other organizations interested in doing fish restoration and rehabilitation work may apply to the Department of Fish and Game for \$820,000 in grant funds available next fiscal year.

Two grant funds are available.

A total of \$670,000 under the Bosco-Keene program can be used for stream restoration or rehabilitation projects on the north coast (Crescent City to Monterey). Only non-profit groups, Indian tribes or local governments are eligible.

A separate grant fund created by \$140,000 in salmon stamp revenues is available for projects directed at restoring salmon populations. An additional \$10,000 is earmarked for programs educating school children about salmon. Any type of group may apply.

All proposals must be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. May 1. For proposal format and other information contact Ken Hashagen, DFG Inland Fisheries Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1251, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If any of you are aware of streams in need of rehabilitation work, stream restoration projects or the like, we as an organization have a unique opportunity to locate and accomplish valuable projects on our local streams. Don't pass up this opportunity. Your favorite stream may have a dream chance of getting much needed work. If you know of streams or project you think are worthwhile, contact Dan Coleman 996-7758, Frank Sanchietti 996-1867, or Bill Archuletta 545-3339.

Thank you,
Dan Coleman

RUSSIAN RIVER CLEAN UP

We are planning a work/clean-up day on the upper Russian River. The last Saturday in May (May 30), the weekend after Memorial Day has been tentatively set as the day this will take place. We need 50 people and the club will provide lunches. This will be a half-day outing. We need able bodies and pick-up trucks. Please call Frank Sanchiotti who is the coordinator at 996-7975, if interested and so we can provide lunch for you



SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S|G|H

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951
Lic. No. 452071

MEMBERSHIP

The new club membership roster has been printed and will be available at the next General Meeting. Please check to see if your address and telephone numbers are correct. We currently have 240 dues paying members plus five Life members. Wes Sheehy's name was omitted from the list of Directors of which he is a member.

Welcome to the following new members: Robert Springett, Santa Rosa
Leland and Fleurette Marie Arnold,
Sebastopol



The Woolly Bugger

It jigs, breathes, pulsates—and drives fish wild. Everywhere.

BARRY BECK

SEVENTEEN YEARS HAVE PASSED since Russ Blessing introduced his Woolly Bugger to me. A *Tricorythodes* spinner fall was all but over when Russ pulled out a fly box and selected a well-chewed but still fishable streamer-type fly. It was a large Woolly Worm with a long maribou tail.

He cut back his leader to a 4X tippet, tied on the fly and directly ahead of his clinch knot, attached a size BB split shot. Satisfied that everything was in order, Russ looked up and asked, "Ever see a Woolly Bugger before?"

I strained to keep from laughing. "Woolly Bugger? What a name; it's really ugly."

"Even uglier when it's wet," Russ replied. Dropping his Bugger into the water at my feet, Russ twitched the rod tip up and down. The Bugger acted like a lead-head jig—its long maribou tail pulsating, its hackles breathing. It looked alive.

Russ explained how much he relied on the Woolly Bugger when the hatches were over and the fishing was off. "It makes a great searching fly; I use it on Oppossum Lake for the lake rainbows, and it works on bass, too."

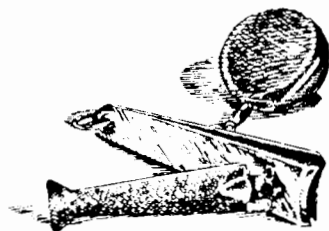
"What does it imitate?" I asked.

"A leech or bullhead, maybe a crayfish if it's tied in the right colors," Russ said. "At any rate, it works."

"Okay, so show me." And show me he did. For the next hour I watched Russ patiently work the Bugger along the stream bottom,

searching out likely areas and moving one fish after another.

I was convinced, and since that day on Pennsylvania's Little Lehigh, I've fished the Woolly Bugger across the United States and Canada and have caught practically every species of freshwater fish imaginable.



Equipment

WOOLLY BUGGERS ARE EFFECTIVE with any tackle that will properly cast a streamer. For trout fishing on small streams, I prefer a rod 6½ or 7 feet long that carries a WF4- or 5-weight line. On larger rivers and lakes, I like a rod 8 to 8½ feet long for 5- or 6-weight lines.

To properly swim the Bugger, I often use a 10-foot, 4X flat-butt leader on small water (marketed by Doug Swisher of Darby, Mont.). For larger rivers and lakes, I use leaders 14 to 15 feet long.

My fly lines always are brightly colored in weight-forward floating and sinking-tip tapers only.

The final necessary item is a container of split-shot in size B and BB.

Technique

THE MOST IMPORTANT TACTIC in fishing Woolly Buggers is the retrieve. Most anglers fish their streamers across current and retrieve with a six- or eight-inch strip. You can successfully fish the Bugger that way, but the most productive technique is to pump it back with a slow, patient retrieve.

This is where the split-shot comes in. By attaching a size B or BB split shot directly ahead of the fly, you can achieve an up-and-down jiggling motion. Make an up-and-across cast, mend the line, and allow the Bugger to sink to a desired level. Then start a slow hand-over-hand retrieve accompanied by any up-and-down rod-tip motion. The hand retrieve should draw the Bugger forward three or four inches. In rhythm with this, lift the rod tip four or five inches and drop it back to the starting position. The lift moves the Bugger up and when the rod tip is dropped back, the weight of the split-shot will dive the Bugger.

The up-and-down motion allows the Woolly Bugger's tail to do its thing by "breathing" or pulsating—and driving fish wild.

The split-shot ahead of the fly is not the most pleasant thing to cast. You must open up your casting loop and allow the weight of the fly and shot to carry your cast forward. I have a friend who calls this type of casting "dopping", and perhaps he is right. If your backcast is too low, or your front loop too tight, you may find the Bugger attached to your hat, vest or, at worst, yourself.

I mentioned using weight-forward floating and sinking-tip lines but purposely excluded full-sinking lines. At least part of the fly line must float to achieve the jiglike action that I keep stressing. I usually fish with a full-floating line, but in deep water a sinking-tip usually does the trick. Remember, I use a 10- to 15-foot leader and this, with the weight of the shot, will sink quickly to the bottom and help to swim the Bugger naturally.

Highly visible fly-line colors such as yellow, chartreuse and sunrise, are an advantage to my fishing because I usually fish the Woolly Bugger dead drift along the stream bottom before starting a retrieve on the swing. Often good fish take the Bugger on the drift, so I use the end of my line as a strike indicator. If the line stops or shoots forward, I strike accordingly. I recommend a weight-forward line because I do very little false casting with the Woolly Bugger. I rely on the weight-forward's ability to shoot for distance and accuracy.

Stream Strategy

WHEN FISHING A BUGGER through a pool, I prefer to start at the head, fishing short at first to cover the water directly in front of me. Far too many anglers are in a hurry to cast to the other side when there may be a good fish lying at their feet. Start with a short cast quartering upstream and give the Bugger enough time to sink. Pay attention to the floating-line tip. On the swing, start the hand-over-hand retrieve and rod-tip motion. Keep the rod tip low and to the right of a right-hand swing and the opposite for a left-hand swing to absorb the shock of a strike.

If the rod tip is pointed at the fly when a fish takes, it often will break off. After three or four short casts, extend the cast to mid-stream, and then, if necessary, wade into position to properly cover the far bank. Pay extra attention to undercut banks that provide cover and security for big fish. Cast the Bugger tight against the bank, make a short mend to sink the fly and then retrieve.

If a pool is shallow enough to wade, stay in mid-stream and work both banks. Make short casts first, then extend them to the right and left banks. I prefer to cover the water around me and then move downstream about five steps and start over. Cast, mend, retrieve and search—let the Woolly Bugger do the rest.

Low-light times of day are, by far, the best for larger fish on the Bugger. Fish the first two or three hours of daylight and the two hours before and after dark. The Bugger is an excellent choice for a night fly. I can remember a brace of 20-inch plus browns taken on the Bugger on the West Branch of the Delaware River in the darkness of a July night.

The West

THE WOOLLY BUGGER WAS SLOW to catch on in the East, but through the efforts of author-angler Doug Swisher, it hit the West with a bang. Through his schools and articles, Doug convinced western anglers of the Woolly Bugger's potential as a western fly. Today many western guides and fly shops

Woolly Bugger . . .

recommend it as a top fly for the big fish of the Big Horn River. I've used it successfully on the Madison River's deep channels between weedbeds.

Whenever I think of the west, I think of Bob Jacklin, owner of Jacklin's Fly Shop in West Yellowstone, Mont. He is a very opinionated fisherman and a traditionalist. When I first gave him a Woolly Bugger, he was more than skeptical. But after a float trip on the lower Madison, the fly proved itself, and now a number of bins in Bob's shop are well stocked with Woolly Buggers for sale.

The most productive method of fishing the Bugger from a drift boat is for the angler to position himself in the bow and to use a short line, casting to the bank's edge. Your guide maneuvers the boat in close and controls the drift speed to give you ample time to probe the bank's cover with your Bugger. This technique is usually best used in the daytime hours. But come dusk, the guide probably will tell you to start extending your cast out into the open water for cruising fish.

Still Water

FOR MORE THAN A WEEK, every evening I watched a large brown trout cruising the spring pond and sipping insects off the surface. The banks were overgrown with brush and small beds of watercress stretched out into the pond. On my knees, I watched the fish cruise by, sometimes so close I could count the red spots on his side. Each evening I offered the fish a variety of flies—Letort

Crickets, hoppers, ants, beetles, midges and small floating nymphs were all refused. I switched from 5X to 6X and then 7X tippets to no avail.

In desperation, I set my alarm for an early morning departure, hoping that dawn would change my luck. Arriving at the pond, I crawled into casting position. A slight mist lay over the pond and I could barely see the 80 feet across to the far bank. All was still; no sign of the big fish. I waited and waited, 10 minutes turned into 30 minutes and still nothing.

As the sun started rising, my knees ached from crouching so long. Apparently the big fish was on the bottom, so why not try a cress bug? On second thought, why not a Woolly Bugger? I opened my Bugger box (it contains only Woolly Buggers of various sizes and colors) and selected a #8 olive-and-black and attached it to a 4X tippet. The split shot carried the Bugger to the edge of the largest cressbed in the pond. I waited for the fly to sink and then started the hand-and-rod-tip retrieve. Nothing happened. Dejected after 12 or more casts, I was prepared to leave. It was time to get to work.

One more cast. There was a small bed of cress to my right where a spring run emptied into the pond. The water was shallow there and I had ignored it. My last cast dropped the Bugger next to the cress bed. I never got to the retrieve. As the Bugger sank, the line shot forward. I set the hook and the water exploded as the big brown shot to the surface. Five minutes later, the fish, all 23 1/2 inches of it, lay spent at my feet. As I carefully released it and as he slowly retreated into the pond's depths, I looked at the bedraggled Woolly Bugger and said a silent thank-you.

Universal Fly

THE WOOLLY BUGGER is an all-purpose fly. On bass rivers such as Pennsylvania's Susquehanna, I use the same tactics I've described for trout streams and rivers. The jig-like retrieve is irresistible to both smallmouth and largemouth bass.

In the heat of a summer afternoon, I concentrate my efforts on deeper channels and runs using an extra-slow retrieve to make the Bugger bump bottom. As evening approaches, I fish the flats and shore areas for cruising fish.

In bass ponds and lakes, I pay particular attention to shorelines in the early morning and late afternoon hours. I look for beds of lily pads and carefully work the edges.

Northern pike and chain pickerel take Woolly Buggers dressed in yellow or red-and-yellow combinations fished over weedbeds with a fast hand-strip retrieve. I've had to resort to heavier tackle for pike fishing, 8 1/2- to 9-foot graphite rods for 8-weight lines will turn over larger #1/0 and #1 Woolly Buggers,

the sizes I prefer for rivers such as Canada's St. Lawrence.

ON HUNTER'S LAKE (a trout lake owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission) I shot the Bugger up along the shore line and worked it back. The next cast I made five to six feet to the right of my first cast, and the next another five to six feet to the right of my second. Finally, I cast toward the center of the lake.

After four such casts I walked up the shoreline and started over again. My stream diary tells me that after three hours of fishing, I hooked and landed the following: one 14-inch bullhead catfish; three perch, one nine inches and two 11 inches; one 16-inch largemouth and seven stocked rainbows from 13 to 17 inches—all on a #10 black-and-olive Woolly Bugger.

An all-white Woolly Bugger tied on a #10 long-shank hook (Mustad 79580) is deadly for bluegills and crappies. I resort to a smaller B split-shot for bluegills, using the same approach I've described for Hunter's Lake but occasionally changing the speed of the retrieve. Bluegills eagerly follow the Bugger on a fast retrieve, but actually take it on a slower retrieve.

For fishing in lily pads and weedbeds, the Bugger can be tied and fished effectively on #1/0 and #2/0 weedless hooks. Look for holes in the lily pads and cast to them. Give the fly time to sink, start your retrieve, and hold on.

For bass fishermen who prefer to fish on top after dark, an all-black Woolly Bugger tied with extra-stiff saddle hackle and fished on the surface without weight will entice big fish.

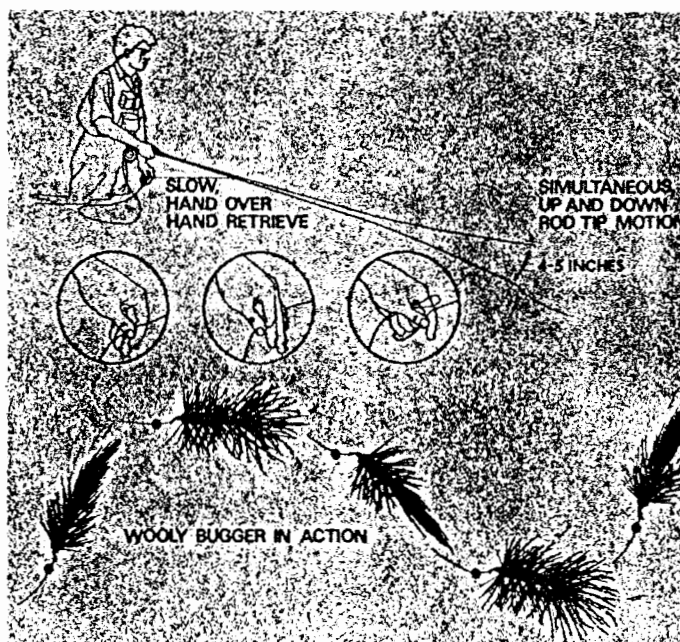
Colors, Patterns, and Sizes

WITHOUT A DOUBT, the combination of black and olive (black-maribou tail with black saddle palmered over an olive chenille body) is by far the most productive combination for trout and bass. This was Russ Blessing's original dressing and is still my favorite.

For eastern trout fishing, I use Buggers tied on Mustad #79580 hooks in #8, #10 and #12. In the West a #6 or #8 is about right for such rivers as the Big Horn and the Yellowstone. At times, an all-white Woolly Bugger or an all-black will move fish. To simulate crayfish, use a brown maribou tail with a grizzly saddle hackle dyed brown palmered over a beige chenille body on size #6 or #8 hook. Bump the pattern slowly along the bottom.

If there is any secret to the Woolly Bugger's success besides the jig-like retrieve, it's the length of the maribou tail and the type of saddle hackle used. The maribou tail should be as long as the hook shank and full. When wet, the tail will shrink in size and a sparsely-dressed tail will not produce enough lifelike action. Saddle hackles from a #2 Metz saddle work best. They have just enough web to be a bit soft, which makes the hackles pulsate when retrieved. A Metz saddle is also long enough to properly cover the entire length of a 4X long hook.

For bluegills and crappies, the all-white Bugger is still the best but color combinations of white and yellow, white and red, and white and black also work.



Dave Inks
FISHING
OUTFITTER

(707) 546-5555

425 College Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95401

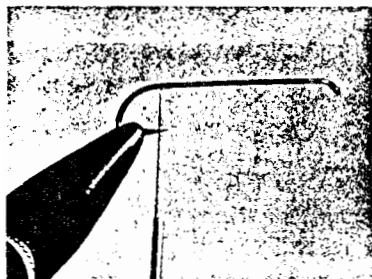
Woolly Bugger . . .

Tying Procedure

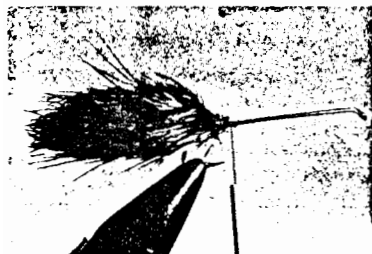
HOOK: Mustad 79580 (4X long, TDE)
 Trout sizes: #6, #8, #10; Bass: #4, #6,
 #8; Bluegills: #10, #12.
 THREAD: Monocord or 4/0 nylon.
 TAIL: Marabou clump.
 HACKLE: Saddle, palmered.
 BODY: Chenille.

After placing the hook in the vise, attach your tying thread on the hook at the rear of the shank. Select a good, full maribou plume and secure it on the end of the hook shank using the shank's length as a gauge for plume length. Next, tie in the tip of a saddle hackle at the rear of the hook and then tie in a length of chenille for the body. Wind the tying thread forward to the hook eye. Wind the chenille forward to cover the hook shank. Tie off at the eye. Attach your hackle pliers to the extended butt of the saddle hackle and palmer it forward, tying it off at the eye. Whip finish your head and the Woolly Bugger is complete.

I've tried weighting just the front of the hook shank with fuse wire to eliminate the awkwardness of casting a split shot but with poor results. The split-shot works best for the jig-like action.



1. Attach your thread at the rear of the hook shank.



2. Secure a full marabou plume, the length of the shank.



3. Tie in the tip of a saddle hackle and a length of chenille for the body.



4. Wind the chenille forward to the eye.



5. Tie off the chenille and clip away excess.



6. Palmer the hackle forward, tie-off and trim. Whip finish the head.



Reyes Chiropractic Offices

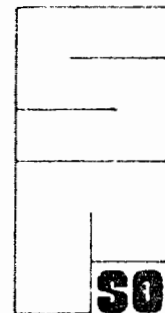
A
PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION

Bennett Valley
Professional
Center

2801 Yukupa Ave.
Suite "C"
Santa Rosa,
Calif. 95405

707-523-2310

Dr.
Bruce A.
Reyes



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus. Phone (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

OUTINGS

Shad

May 2 is the day we go after Shad. We'll go where they are, probably the Yuba, Feather or Sacramento near Woodson's Bridge. If possible we will coordinate with another Fly Fishing Club. Sign up at the meeting or call Bill Laurie, 546-3900 during the day.

BASS/Picnic

June 6 is the date of the Russian River Fly Fishers annual picnic. It will be held in beautiful Alexander Valley at a farm pond teeming with bass. If you have always wanted to catch a bass on a fly this is the time and place. Mark your calendars now. More information to come.



CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
Agent Broker

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

FISHING PHILOSOPHY

- 1) The two best times to fish is when it's raining and when it ain't.
- 2) There ain't no property you can't fish if you know how to sit a spell with the man that owns it.

SAGE.

ORVIS

FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERREYVILLE
16256 MAIN ST.

KING'S WESTERN ANGLER
COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
OPEN MON. FRI. 10-6
SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUND.

BAIT AVAILABLE

SANTA ROSA
542-4432
632 COLLEGE AVE.

GRANT F. KING

SINCE 1978

LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

• Lectures
• Instruction
Steelhead/Bass & Fly Casting

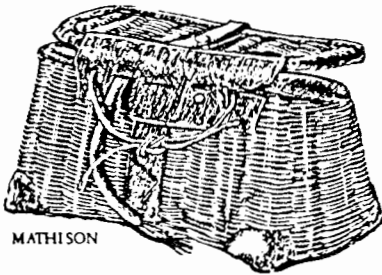
527-9887

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA

OPEN 7 DAYS A.M.

TALES OF A RIVER PAST

We never dawdled over breakfast on the mornings we were going fishing. Mom would insist that we be home before dark and it would take us almost two hours to ride our bikes to what we called "The Bends". Bruce and I did make it up there in one hour and twenty-four minutes once, but that was the day Mr. Elbow's dog almost caught Bruce's pant leg as he hurried through the orchard. The rancher's name I can't remember but we called him Mr. Elbows because he always wore bib overalls and a long sleeved plaid shirt with holes at each elbow. He raised plums. Our childhood games of heroism involved using fallen fruit as missiles of assault. One afternoon's foe could be an ogre in his fort or the faceless bad guys when we were young heros.

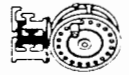


We "ditched" our bikes in a shallow swale hidden by some large trees at the end of the Bertoli place. From there we walked up the stream bank to begin fishing...

This could be a recollection of some past summer trip, years ago. If you fished Santa Rosa Creek or any of the tributaries in the 1940's or 1950's, please contact Vicki or Russ at 544-1593.

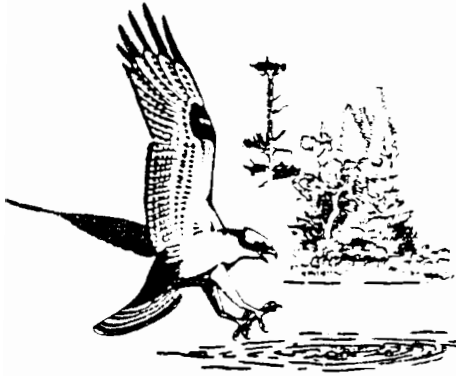
Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349



For more info
contact Russ Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed



The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

MAY, 1987

NUMBER 5

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After announcing at the meeting that we needed lots of help, on very short notice to clean the pond by City order, I really expected to see 15-20 members out there the next day ready to go. No such luck. It was the same old group who do 90% of the work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the six of us who volunteered to spend time to muck out the swamp. It was very hard work.

The pond belongs to all of us. I hope that next time a few more people who enjoy using it will also help maintain it. Fifty people spending one half hour will get much more done than six of us spending three hours.

FIVE LARGE HOOKS WERE ALSO REMOVED FROM THE LINER!

The landscaping plans are coming along smoothly, and we expect to see progress in a month or two. A big thanks to Pat Pendergast for donating time and materials for our first rod holder. It looks great, and I hope to see one at each corner, soon.

The June 6th bash at Robert Young Vineyards is going to be great! We will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments and potato salad. You provide drinks (no alcohol please), barbecues, & fishing gear. Wes Sheehy will be our host, and he promises good weather and fantastic fishing. Remember to bring along a cooler, because Wes would like for us to take a few fish home.

I'll be spending a week on Hat Creek in May, and I hope to bring back some great fishing stories. Hope to see you all at the bass fish-out.

MAY CALENDAR 1987

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, May 20th

Speaker: Royce Gunter

New Sonoma Hatchery, Lake Sonoma

6:30 p.m. Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, May 18th

7:00 p.m. Warrack Hospital Board Room
4788 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

CASTING CLINIC: Sunday, May 17th

11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Casting Pond

RUSSIAN RIVER CLEAN-UP: Saturday,
May 30th, 9:00 a.m. Wohler Bridge

*Tight Lines,
Arch*

EDITORS' NOTES

Thirty three years ago I was fortunate to accompany my father as he trekked the Alaskan Highway for a summer's fishing. What I remember most was the abundance of fish and the endless opportunity to hook them everywhere we went. I have not yet revisited those places but the sheer increase in the number of travelers and residents has, I am sure, exacted it's toll.

Things have changed. As the burden of our population is placed upon the outdoors, the country responds. Pools and riffles must now be shared with unknown companions. Land-owners tired of suffering the offal of our outings, have locked their gates. Admist this surge of humanity, the keepers of our natural resources have been experimenting with new mangement techniques. Larger minimum size requirements, reduced bag limits, and even closures are not uncommon. And, this year the hills will resound with the cries of outrage from the Southern California faithful who, for years, have made their openings day's pilgrimage to the fertile tributaries and watershed of the Owen's River and Lake Crowley country.

Artificial lures are required. "Pan sized" trout will go back to their watery homes as new catch and release regulations go into effect. Yet, in some ways we are merely coming full circle to where it must have begun. Because of such management decisions, our grandchildren may enjoy fishing as it was in the "GOOD OLD DAYS". The difference, of course, is rather than coming home with creels full of fish, they will return with a fullness of... having *fished well*. And, they will be secure in their knowledge that the experience will be there to enjoy again and again.

- * Thank you to Bill Nesbit for taking time to write a note. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month. We appreciate your request for a calendar of meetings and we are working on that request.



MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC

Agent Broker

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

SINCE 1976

LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO
SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

- Lectures
- Instruction
- Steelhead/Trout & Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS A.W.

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280

CONSERVATION NOTES:

From: Dan Coleman

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR RUSSIAN RIVER CLEAN-UP PROJECT ! This activity is good for our club image and good for the image of fishermen in general.

When: May 30, 1987 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at Wohler Bridge
Russian River Fly Fishers will supply a hearty lunch to be served at Salmon Creek around 1:00 p.m. We will need two pick-up trucks or similar vehicles to assist with the clean-up. If you have not already signed-up, please call: Frank Sanchiatti at 996-7975 Dan Coleman at 996-7758, or Bill Archuleta at 525-7376 so we can plan for your food needs. If you can donate a vehicle to help with the clean-up, please call one of the above numbers. Thanks !

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE STILL BEING SOLICITED. If you have not already signed-up, please call one of the telephone numbers listed above.

For those people living near, or on a stream in Sonoma County, or anyone who has an interest in planting riparian trees to revegetate an area in need, Friends of Sonoma Creek is offering seedling trees of various species, i.e. willow, oak, bay, redwood...to Russian River Fly Fisher members at a cost of approximately .40¢ each. This is a good opportunity to replant or establish vegetation along stream banks to create habitat and help cool those waters. Seedlings can be obtained from Frank Sanchiatti at 996-7975 or Dan Coleman at 996-7758.

Finally, as mentioned at the previous general meeting, letters are needed now in support of the open space element of the general plan. This is the final stage of the plan considering the open space element. If we lose the open space element we will face an actual loss of fishing opportunities and a probable loss of fishery habitat. Write letters of support to:

The Sonoma County Planning Commission
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, CA
95406

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



DESCRIPTION OF OFFICIAL FLIES FOR CASTING TOURNAMENTS
ADOPTED BY A.C.A. - by Emil Lewis *

DRY FLY

The hackle shall not be less than 3/4 inches, nor more than one (1) inch in diameter. The fly shall not be oiled or treated in any way.

TROUT FLY ACCURACY

The hackle shall not exceed 1/2 inch in diameter.

BASS BUG ACCURACY

The cork body shall not be shorter than 3/4 inches in length nor smaller than 1/2 inches in diameter. The hair tail shall not be shorter than one (1) inch.

ANGLER FLY DISTANCE
(Steelhead Distance)

The hackle shall not be smaller than 5/8 inches in diameter.

**NOTE: These flies are usually tied on #10 hooks and usually yellow or white hackle is used. The hook is cut at the junction of tail and body. There should be no exposed metal.*

EDITORS' NOTES: A SINCERE THANK YOU to Emil Lewis for contributing his knowledge to our newsletter. We welcome contributions from other members.

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



**A World of Fishing
... Simply the Best**



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequalled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea-run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, of the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel! Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100/day-\$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, fall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams, and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTAINA • KAY MITSUYOSHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANI WALLER

**FISHING
INTERNATIONAL**

World-wide Travel for the Sportsman

P.O. Box 2132, Dept. FF, 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

SUBURBAN SANTA ROSA (Could this be a new column ?)

Evenings after work there is still enough light for a few hours of bass-popping at FountainGrove Lake. (Tony Hebner was seen using the "ultra-long release" technique on some very small bluegills.)

RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS PICNIC

This year the Russian River Fly Fishers will combine its annual picnic with Bass fishing. The picnic will be held on June 6, 1987 from 10:00 am till late afternoon

at ROBERT YOUNG VINEYARDS, 4950 Red Winery Road,

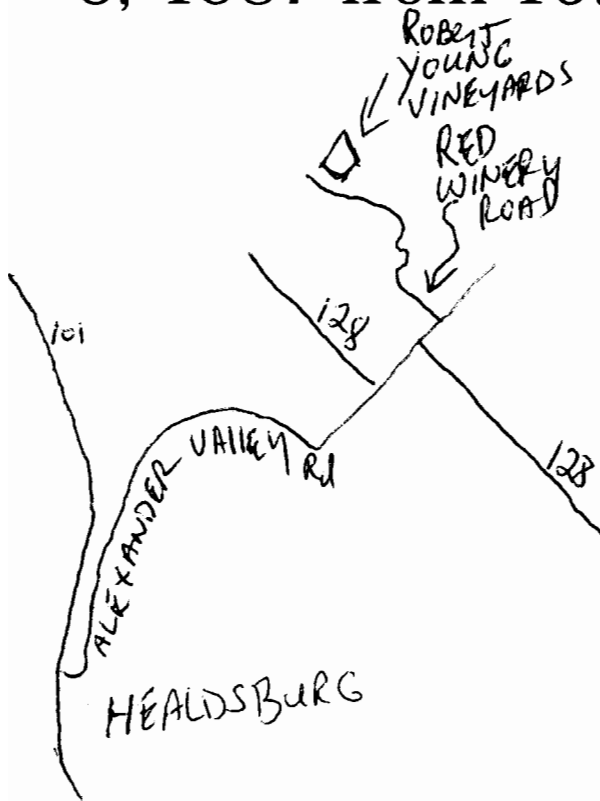
Geyserville, CA 95441.

Bring your own food, drink (no alcoholic beverages, please)

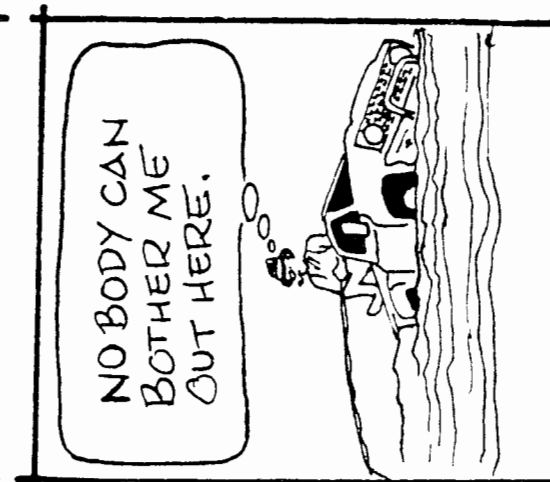
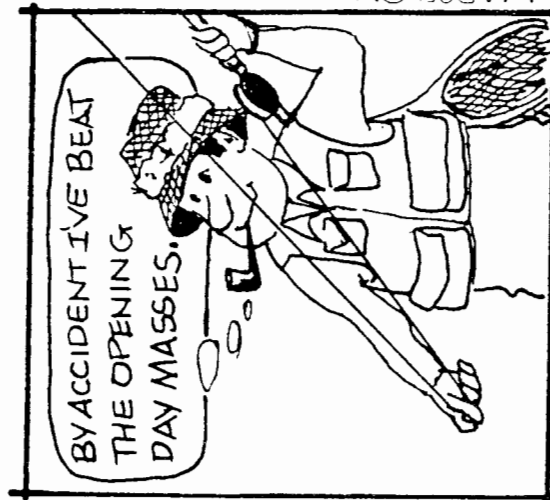
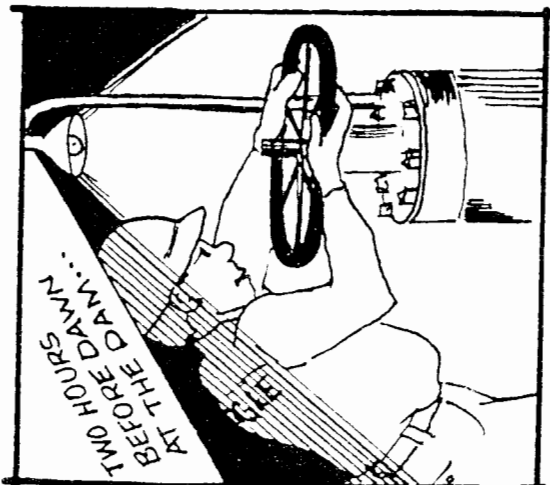
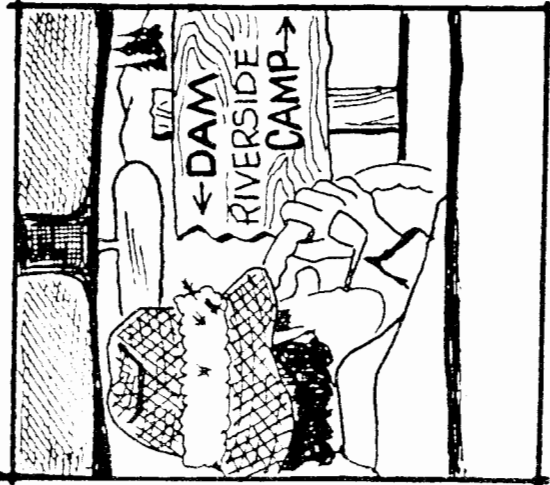
chairs, cooler and Bar-B-Cue. Eye protection

is mandatory near the pond which is teeming with bass.

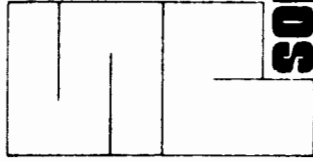
This is a beautiful area and a wonderful place for a picnic. We hope you will help keep it clean.



Sir Cedric Limphackle



MARSDEN®



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus Phone (707) 527-5211

8800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL
S|G|H
GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071

POOL CAPTAINS CORNER

***** SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE *****

WHAT: BASIC CASTING CLINIC

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 17th, 11 AM to 2 PM.

WHERE: THE CASTING POOL.

YOU NEED: The type of fly casting equipment you wish to work with. Remember-- No hooks, cut down or otherwise.

WEATHER: Anything but a downpour.

Sharpen your casting skills. Learn the techniques of the casting games.

The bass bugging clinic was well attended. Sorry some of you missed it. Special thanks to Pat Pendergast, Alaskan guide; Grant King, Western Angler; Brian Wong, Lyles Tackle and Travel service and Emil Lewis for their excellent instruction, coaching, advice and expertise.

SAGE.

ORVIS

KING'S WESTERN ANGLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARDY • ORVIS • CORTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYNA-KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMI-GLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
PERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS.

CORTLAND POND SHOP

FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

OPEN MON.-FRI. 10-6
SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUN.

BAIT AVAILABLE

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE GUERNEVILLE

869-2156

16258 MAIN ST.

SANTA ROSA

542-4432

632 COLLEGE AVE.

MasterCard

VISA

GRANT F. KING



Bob Sisson

Casting Pool Captain

THE SHAD ARE COMING...

The Shad are beginning to show at the confluence of the Feather and Sacramento Rivers; also, a few have been reported in the Yuba and American.

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



**Strong Gold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

Lic #458178

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9828

FISHING REPORT

If the opening day of trout season provided outstanding fishing, everyone is being very closed mouth about it. Because of the early run off, the fishing should be great this spring.

The hatches are coming approximately three weeks early this year and already there are salmon flies on Hat Creek.

Mike Hawes reports that fishing at Manzanita Lake is good, but you won't be alone. There are twelve or more boats on the lake at all times, so evidently Mike Fong's presentation was very effective. The campground there is already open. Although the days are warm and sunny, the nights are cold. Mike reports that water left outside overnight froze.



PYRAMID LAKE REPORT

Eleven of our finest made the trip this year. We heard that the Saturday night barbeque was such a success that several participants were able to get a head start Sunday morning by partying all night! Chuck Hartmann and Bill Laurie fell into the lake at least five times. (*Who would believe you could fall off a ladder into a lake!*) Warren Brown and Mike Pellagrini each landed Cutthroats in excess of ten pounds. Marcillac claims to have landed a thirteen pound, eight ounce (13 #, 8 oz.) specimen on a black wooly worm, or was that a THIRTEEN AND A HALF POUND WOOLY WORM ! ? ! ? !

"Big Three" Nymph Patterns

THE FOLLOWING are three very simple nymph patterns that I've used successfully to imitate the mayfly nymphs described in the accompanying article.

Gray Drake

HOOK: #10 3XL.
BODY: Dubbed muskrat.
TAIL: Wood duck (or imitation).
LEGS: Wood duck (or imitation).
WINGCASE: Wood duck (or imitation).

Green Drake

HOOK: #10 3XL.
BODY: Dark-brown dubbing, maroon mixed in.
TAIL: Brown hackle fibers.
LEGS: Brown hackle fibers.
WINGCASE: Dark-brown quill section.

Brown Drake

HOOK: #10 3XL.
BODY: Tan fur dubbing.
TAIL: Wood duck (or imitation).
LEGS: Wood duck (or imitation).
WINGCASE: Wood duck (or imitation).

BARRY PARKER

Dave Inks FISHING OUTFITTER



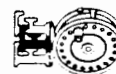
(707) 546-5555
425 College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHANGE OF TIME- Please be sure to note that the General Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. beginning this month.

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349





The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

JUNE, 1987

NUMBER 6

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe a year has passed since I was elected to be your president. It seems I hardly had time to accomplish those tasks I had set out to do. Since there are still some items I would like to attend to, I have decided to run for another term. I hope I can count on your support.

We will also be needing new blood on the board. I am looking for people willing to take responsibility and do a little extra for the good of the club. The more people we have helping, the easier it is for everyone. If you would like to serve or just be an assistant to a board member, please come to the next meeting on June 18th and be counted. This is a Thursday instead of the regular Wednesday, so mark your calendar.

The July dinner meeting and installation of officers is tentatively scheduled for the 15th. We have reserved the Sheraton Round Barn once again, and I hope all members will plan to come.

My vacation to Hat Creek and Manzanita Lake was very relaxing and enjoyable. Mike Seeber and I stayed in Cassel for four nights, ate dinner at Lava Creek Lodge, and worked diligently to try to stick a few trout, but they were well fed and just not interested. We did manage to fool a few with dries down in the flats, but the fishing was generally slow. Manzanita didn't prove to be much easier. We had to stalk cruising fish in the shallows and had luck only after learning that they wanted ants over anything else. I didn't really care since being in Lassen Park is so enjoyable in itself. I'm now thinking of a backpack trip to the high county. I'll let you know.

JUNE CALENDAR 1987

JUNE 6th - Russian River Fly Fishers Picnic and Bass Fishing, 10:00a.m., Robert Young Vineyards, 4950 Red Winery Road, Geyserville, CA.

GENERAL MEETING : THURSDAY, June 18th

Speaker: Chef John Meidinger, Inn of the Tides - "Fish Handling, Care, Preparation and Cooking"

6:30 p.m. Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, June 15th

7:00 p.m. Warrack Hospital Board Room
4788 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

Tight Lines,
Arch

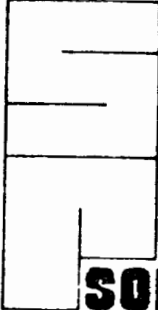
EDITORS' NOTES

Summer is here and trout fishing begins in earnest. Many of us are planning trips that we will no doubt remember for years to come.

Often the little things we do make a significant difference in the lives of others; the clean-up of the Russian River beaches, a casting clinic, calling and including a friend in an outing, and a cheery word to a fellow fisher-person.

June is the month to remember our fathers. For many of us, he was a person that took the time to teach us "fishing", both the art and the appreciation for the sport. The poem in this issue is in remembrance of Father's Day.


We continue to encourage and support the participation of all members,,, including YOURSELF, who want to participate in the management of OUR club.



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
PRESIDENT
BUS PHONE (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401




**Strong Gold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

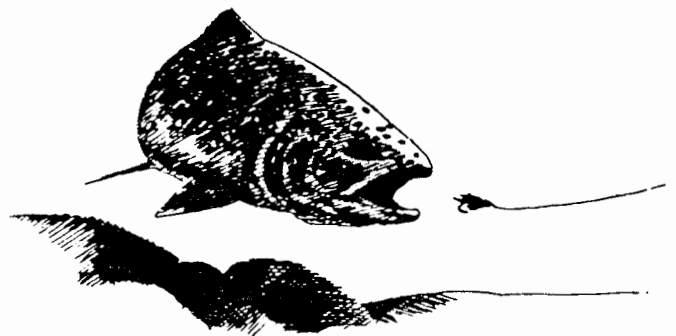
MICHAEL E. PELLAQRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9628

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023


I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments

 **DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.**
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



PROGRAMS CHAIRPERSON

We will have a new programs chairperson beginning this summer. Many thanks to Frank Lloyd for his excellent job this past year as Programs Chairperson! Obtaining commitments from speakers who because of their popularity are always very busy is an exacting job. Our club consistently has outstanding programs. We get many comments from other clubs who are envious.



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.
AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280

Two Trips in Works

The Russian River Fly Fishers are currently planning two fishing trips. The first one is scheduled for the weekend of July 25 and is a camping/ fishing trip in the Sierras. The second trip will be to the Fall River during the weekend of August 22. We will stay at the Lava Creek Lodge. A deposit will be required for this trip. Please call Bill Laurie at 546-3900 during the day for details, and to be included on either or both of these trips or see him at the July meeting.

Fathers Day, 1974

*An infant's night cries
quieted by the rocking
on a strong shoulder;
The face over the cradle
elicits a smile of recognition.
He is a man
and I am his son.*

*Running at the sound of his footsteps
at the end of a day;
Trips to the mountains
guided by his patient tutelage
to learn the ways of the stream.
He is a man
and I am his son.*

*Your world expands
Thoughts are turned towards
other matters, as it must be.
Each goes his own way
neither can see the other
but the lessons are there.
He is a man
and I am a man.*

*Dusk, soft shades at sunset,
merging with the water's horizon.
Fishing together
as the ducks set their
wings over the pond.
The past becomes a reality for you both,
Two men- who are Father and Son.*

A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequalled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, of the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel. Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100 day-\$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, fall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

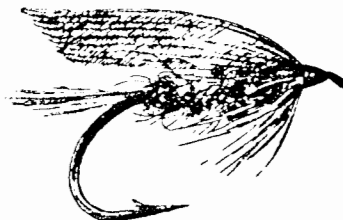
ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:
FRANK BERTALNA • KAY MITSUYOSHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANE WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

Worldwide Travel for the Sportsman
PO Box 2132, Dept. FF 4000, Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242



MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC

Agent Broker

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

707-523-0908

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

PICNIC AT HIGHWAY 128 BRIDGE

The first two hundred plastic garbage bags were filled. Comments drifted across the lot as we worked;

"Some people are such pigs!"

"I found another refrigerator."

"I knew I'd find one of these !"

Over 30 members showed up Saturday morning at Wohler bridge to literally glean, clean and rake the trails, bushes and parking areas. Seven or more truck loads were taken to the dumps. The place was transformed. The property owner, Mr. Clarence Anderson, happened by during the work-day and expressed his surprise at our volunteer efforts. He had been so frustrated by the trash and lack of respect for his property that he is going to fence the area off from the road. Locked gate access will be limited to invited guests (our club is included, largely as a result of our efforts Saturday).

The crew adjourned to the bridge at Highway 128 Geyserville for another 100 bags of trash and many appliances and parts of an old car body. (We understand that member Marcillac tried to stuff parts of the car body into a plastic garbage bag.)

A luncheon feast of salad, rolls, ham, turkey, roast beef, cheese, vegetables, cookies, beer and soft drinks was magnificently presented by Diane Lindquist. The Conservation Committee did an outstanding job of organization. GOOD SHOW TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED !



SINCE 1978

LYLE'S

BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

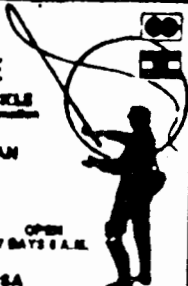
COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO
SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

- Lectures
- Instruction
- Stocks/Feed/Bait & Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA



CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



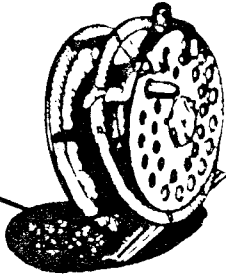
California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200

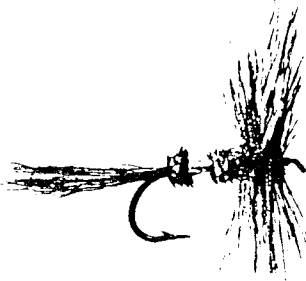
CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-8288

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405



Archuleta's Reel Works



Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S|G|H

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071

MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

Selection of Officers: You the membership elect the President, Vice President, and Board of Directors. If you want to participate in any way (budget; casting pool; newsletter; membership; Treasurer; conservation; programs, youth activities; outings) this is your chance. Send your nominations to Tony Hebner, Secretary, P.O. Box 2673; nominations will also be taken from the floor at the June 18th meeting. To date, we have received the following nominations:

President - Bill Archuleta

(Two other nominees have declined)

Vice President - Russ Lockner

New Members: Welcome to the following:

Douglas Wayman, M.D., Sebastopol

Don Ling, Santa Rosa

Herbert Ward - Santa Rosa

Michael Rivers - Rohnert Park

Richard and Cathlean Mikelson - San Rafael

Robert Springett - Santa Rosa

Matthew and Solveig Larson, and Erik -
Petaluma

Cliff Dahlquist - Santa Rosa

Loy and Onna Rayos and Lorna and Norman-
Rohnert Park

John Marchi and Laurie - Windsor

Daniel and "Cassy" Wiegand - Cloverdale

LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS in Northern California



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff



Dave Inks
FISHING OUTFITTER

OPEN 'TIL 9 THUR. & FRI.



425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555

DUES ARE now PAYABLE

July 1st...due Date


Single \$25.00

Family \$30.00

Junior \$15.00

REMINDER






KING'S WESTERN

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

NADY • ORVIS • CORTLAND • PH-MOR • JULY PALE • DYMA-KING
 MAD • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DOBSON
 REEAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAM-GLASS • FENNION • MAYARD LI
 FERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDOGS
 PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS



FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES

SINCE NEDS & TACELLE GUENEVILLE

869-2156 542-4432

16258 MAIN ST. 632 COLLEGE AVE.



TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU

OPEN MON-FRI. 10-6 SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUN.

BAIT AVAILABLE

SANTA ROSA

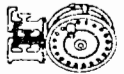
GRANT F. KING

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
 P. O. Box 2673
 Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
 Return postage guaranteed

BULK RATE
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 Santa Rosa, CA
 Permit No. 349





The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

JULY, 1987

NUMBER 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we go again. A new fiscal year is upon us and great things are in store. In this month we will host Dave Engerbretson at our dinner meeting. Dave returns to us once again from his home in Idaho. He is the western editor of Flyfisherman magazine and a delightful speaker. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

July will also have a great outing at Jackson Meadow Lake just off highway 89 near Webber Lake. This location is central to a number of fishing opportunities including Milton, Gold, Independence, Stampede and Martis. The date is the week-end of the 24th so remember to sign-up with Bill Laurie or me. We have two adjacent group campsites and room is limited.

I would like to thank all those who attended the last meeting and supported me and the recommended governing slate. Russ Lockner will continue as Vice President and delegate to the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. New board members include Doug and Carol Munhim, Mike Lisignoli, and Liz Flynn will be coming back to serve as program chair. This is going to be exciting !

August is our traditional vacation month with no meeting. However, we will have a conservation project on Fowler Creek in Sonoma. This will be a general tree trimming and barrier removal day with a club furnished bar-b-que afterward. We already have nine members signed up, but we need more. Contact Frank Sanchetti at 996-7975, Dan Coleman at 996-7758, or me at 545-3339. The date is SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th at 9:00 a.m.

John Meidinger, Executive Chef at the Inn of the Tides gave a very informative and entertaining talk at the June meeting. It was also pleasant to see some new faces (due to the subject I suppose). The September meeting will be great sport. We're having a Swap Meet instead of a speaker ! This will give Charlie Schelter an

JULY CALENDAR 1987

GENERAL MEETING - DINNER MEETING

Friday, July 17, 1987
Sheraton Round Barn Inn - 6:30p.m.

Speaker: Dave Engerbretson
Western Editor for Flyfisherman
Magazine

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, July 13, 1987

7:00 p.m. Warrach Hospital Board
Room
4788 Hoen Ave., S.R.


extraordinary opportunity to collect some more trash, excuse me, treasures for his garage. I'm looking forward to cleaning out mine !

I hope to see many of you at the dinner meeting and again at the camp-out. Until then...

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339
P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



*Tight Lines,
Arch*

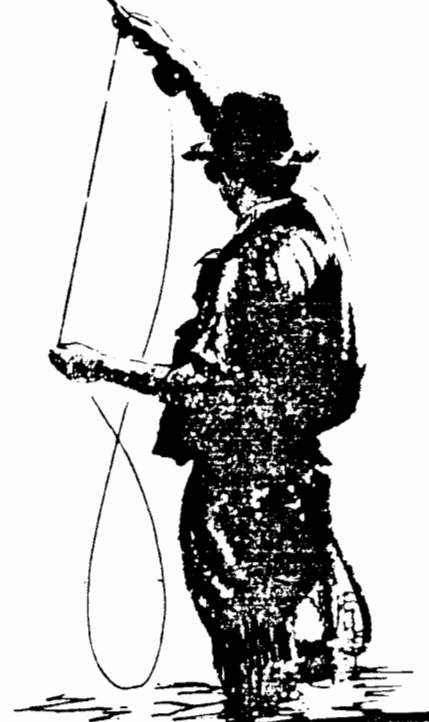
EDITORS' NOTES

Doing something new; whether it's showing up in the driveway driving one of the sports coupes that are never practical and always more money than they should be; jumping from an airplane which doesn't seem to have the same promise of bravado thrill as you're on the threshold of the jump plane; or planting three kinds of vegetables and carrying arms' loads of zucchini and tomatoes to the neighbors; usually is rewarding in ways never contemplated.

But for a flyfisher to expand his/her repertoire to a new medium like the sea or a bass pond, a new method like short-line nymphing takes prodding or being thrust into the situation unknowingly.

I know for instance, how important non-aquatic insects are to trout. Many trouts' bellies over the years literally bulged with little thin waisted ants or luminescent beetles, and other things not recognized. And, certainly not matched closely, if at all, in our boxes.

Yet, the results of terrestrial patterns is legend in the literature and easily confirmed in pointed conversations along some meadow streams. The reprint on "T" time in this issue is there to remind us to indeed devote several afternoons this summer to fishing a terrestrial, other than a hopper.



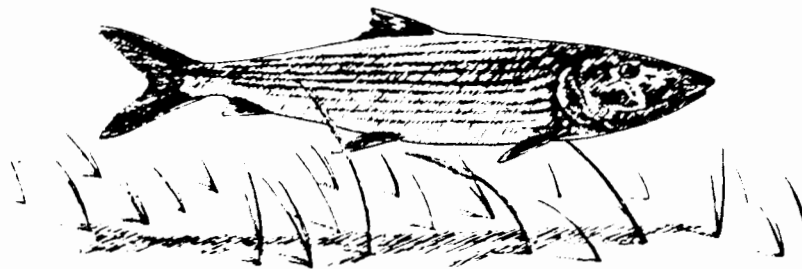
FOWLER CREEK PROJECT - AUGUST 29, 1987

Your hosts will be the Conservation Committee and Circuit Rider Productions for the up-coming restoration project. Fowler Creek, a lower tributary to Sonoma Creek has a fair size run of winter steelhead. Its higher reaches have year round flows that sustain a healthy habitat conducive to steelhead propagation. In the lower valley reaches, flows are intermittent and subterranean in the summer months. Lateral erosion, along with heavy in-stream growth has substantially degraded the channel leaving no clear path for the fish to reach the higher spawning areas. During reduced flow situations, fish get trapped and they are poached heavily. If they do survive to spawn, inadequate flows may result in loss of eggs and fry.

The Department of Fish and Game and Circuit Rider Productions has proposed to environmentally control the situation on a trail basis. Instead of putting in heavy machinery, the first phase of the plan calls for pruning and trimming willows and removing blockages with hand tools. The second phase, depending on the winter rains, is to go back and control some of the lateral erosion and re-configure the channel.

The call is out to have at least 30 Flyfishers participate in this worthwhile project. If you can prune, trim, sweat and grunt, we can use you. We need a donation of chain saws, 14"-20", pruning shears, and pruning saws. Bring your work gloves and a good attitude.

We will supply refreshments and a bar-b-que lunch prepared by the infamous chef, Dwight "Bubba" Tindall. Call Frank Sanchietti at 996-7975.



SAGE.

KING'S WESTERN SAngLER
COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS


CORTLAND FISH SHOP



MARCO • ORVIS • CORTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYNA-KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMI-GLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
PERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS

FLY-TYING & FLY-CASTING CLASSES

TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU
OPEN MON.-FRI. 10-6
SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUN.

BAIT AVAILABLE

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERNEVILLE

SANTA ROSA

869-2158
18258 MAIN ST.

542-4432
832 COLLEGE AVE.





GRANT F. KING

CONSERVATION NOTES



Dear Fellow Fly Fishers,

I had hoped to have the following article printed in the June Cast, but due to my schedule, it wasn't possible. Before I commence, I would again like to again take this opportunity to thank all of those R.R. F.F. members who were kind enough to donate what time and vehicles etc. they could to our very successful Russian River clean-up effort.

The subject of this article is fish rescue. That is, the rescue/removal specifically of young steelhead (fry thru smolts) from those sections of various streams in Sonoma County that go dry early in the year due to normal dry-up or drying-up due to low water conditions such as have existed this year. This practice of fish rescue was at one time

carried out in various locations by the Department of Fish and Game . But, due to funding and other reasons is no longer a function they are able to perform. The purpose of this rescue is the removal of these native trout/steelhead from sections of a stream where they are going to suffer mortality due to dry-up or be otherwise unsuitable for rearing. We will replace them back into another portion of the same stream that is all season.

The function of the rescue, re-release, is to enhance the native population of steelhead in a given stream system , where deemed reasonable, and increase both survival potential of the species and aide in better utilization where poor spawning occurred. Another obvious secondary benefit would, of course, be the probable increased potential for fish to reach maturity and return to spawn.

Now, there are important considerations regarding the rescue and subsequent release. As already mentioned, the fish must be replaced into a suitable rearing habitat, i.e. cool water temperature with sufficient aeration and a reasonable food supply, etc. basic to survival. Also, it must be noted that the placement of these fry is best in areas that will not pose an overcrowding condition to already present steelhead young. Timing is another important consideration.

Fish rescue may take place during any month during the summer-fall season; But, most probably the sections of a stream most likely to be in need will be evident in May-June-July. These are the months, especially May-June, when gravel areas used for spawning dry up. This dry up may occur in a 12-24 hour period. Be on the lookout ! Monitor those areas you feel are subject to dry-out and be ready !

A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequalled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea-run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, of the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel. Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100/day - \$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, fall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTAINA • KAY MITSUYOSHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANI WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

World-wide travel for the Sportsman
PO Box 2132, Dept. FF, 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

In planning the fish rescue, you will need some guidelines. First, a letter of permission should be obtained from the Department of Fish and Game. The regional fisheries biologist with a letter outlining the stream or streams on which you intend to make rescue attempt(s), or/and who will supervise the rescue. Be sure to obtain permission to trespass if it is needed in the rescue attempt. In the actual rescue itself, the lower the water level that can be sustained by the fish without rushing their death, the better your success in catching these speedy little buggers. They are fast, experienced, life-threatened individuals and believe me its not always easy to talk them into a net.

Equipment needed for a simple rescue is basic.

- A clean (5) five gallon pail
(A plastic pail with a handle is preferred and if possible a cover or lid). (Use no container that may previously contained harmful chemicals).
- A water thermometer
- A small battery operated aerator
(To be used to aerate the water in the bucket during holding and transfer)
- Nets
(Usually the three most applicable are one with a long handled net, dark colored with a 12" window opening in fine mesh with 1/8"-1/4" holes; one with 1/8"-1/16" mesh; and, a two-man stretch net or siene).

Fish can be "herded" to a channel area or caught individually in pockets with these various nets. Buckets in which the fish are to be placed should have cold water from the same area in which they are taken. Once fish are placed into the bucket, and until they are released the aerator should be in operation. Remember, the bigger the fish, the bigger the oxygen demand.

Don't overstay your rescue: If you feel you've removed a fair amount of the intended subjects, get them to their new site fast. Don't delay. The longer the wait to be released, the higher the probability of mortality. I don't like to hold fish longer than 30 minutes in a bucket before removal to release site(s).

CONSERVATION NOTES, continued


When you get to your site, be sure not to dump fish in. Check water temperature. If there is a great differential from bucket to stream, set the bucket in the stream to cool the water inside the bucket down. Gently net fish out in numbers reasonable for a particular pool, riffle, etc. Release them only in calm waters. Don't handle the fish if at all possible.



Remember, don't remove fish from good habitat. Deep pools fed by subterranean water flows may be stable all season and provide reasonable habitat. Don't just presume an area needs rescue.

Good luck ! Keep your eyes alert for sites now and especially next spring. You may be surprised and gratified at the numbers of fish you can save to grow and return to spawn.

Dan Coleman

 <p>Since 1959</p> <p>A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.</p> <p>AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS</p> <p>312 South A Street Santa Rosa, CA 95401</p> <p>CHUCK BAKER 546-4280</p>	<p>MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY</p> <p>GEORGE E. MARCILLAC <i>Agent Broker</i></p> <p>AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL</p> <p>707-523-0908</p> <p>499 HUMBOLDT ST. SANTA ROSA, CA 95404</p>
---	---

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMEN REPORT

We as a club are a member of the Federation of Fly Fishermen as well as many of us as individuals. Our club Vice President, Russ Lockner, attended the recent Northern California Council meeting of the Federation in Yuba City. The F.F.F. is a co-operative, education organization devoted to preserving and promoting our sport. Many issues of importance to us in Northern California, such as water diversion for irrigation, get their focused attention.

The Fall Conclave of the North California Council of F.F.F. will meet September 18, 19, and 20 at Alpine Meadows in Tahoe. This will be an opportunity for comradeship, local fishing with expert guides, and a chance to participate. Our Club will be assisting with the casting competition, so we will need volunteers.

*Terrestrial insects are the trout's
summertime smorgasbord.*

"T" Time

ED SHENK

JOE BROOKS ONCE CALLED the development of terrestrials "a revolution in fly fishing." While his first article about terrestrial patterns featured the Jassid pattern and the Charlie Fox-Vince Marinaro fishing team, it included the other common terrestrials. Published in the late 1950s, the article introduced an entirely new concept for many readers from coast to coast. Heretofore dry-fly fishing emphasis had been on matching mayfly hatches and other aquatic insects. Long before Brooks's article about the Jassid appeared in print, however, some of us in the Carlisle, Pennsylvania area had been fishing terrestrial patterns and using special techniques. As a matter of fact, the first fly I ever tied, around 1940, was a hard-bodied ant.

Terrestrials are land-based insects that reach the water more by accident than by design. Of prime importance are ants, crickets, beetles, grasshoppers, leafhoppers and inch worms. Of lesser importance, but also valuable to the fly fisher, are bees, houseflies and their cousins: caterpillars, moths and locusts. These are the insects that this article is all about.

There has been a definite evolution in terrestrial tackle brought on by the newer rod materials such as fiberglass, and more recently graphite and boron.

Rods, Reels and Lines

FOR SERIOUS DAY-IN/DAY-OUT terrestrial fishing, with a little nymphing and sculpinating [See Ed's article, "'Sculpinating' Trout," *FFM*, March 1985. THE EDITORS] thrown in, I use graphite rods that throw 3- and 4-weight lines. Most graphite rods have the wonderful characteristic of performing well with more than one line weight. Many times (more so on relatively calm days) I fish with a double-taper 3-weight line instead of the 4-weight. The 3-weight's more delicate presentation often makes the difference between a successful day and one that is just so-so. If I had to choose just one rod (heaven forbid) for this work, I'd take a 6½ to 7½-foot graphite rod for a 4-weight line.

Most terrestrial fishermen prefer single-action reels to the heavier automatic reel or multiplier. Here again, there are so many good single-action reels available that it would be unfair to name one or two.

For my tiniest, lightest rods I lean toward little reels, under three inches in diameter, weighing about three ounces. Slightly longer and heavier rods balance better with larger reels.

Another consideration when choosing a reel is how much backing is needed for long-winded fish. If you fish an area where the trout might run into the backing, by all means go to a slightly larger diameter reel that will hold the line plus the needed backing. The backing is seldom needed, but it's nice to have. Be sure you have a smooth backing-to-line connection that won't hang in the guides. I use a nail knot coated with Pliobond for a smooth connection.

I use a floating fly line, and switch between double-taper and weight-forward taper lines interchangeably. The rule of thumb is: If you are casting a long line, go with the weight-forward taper. If your casting is normally in the 20- to 30-foot range, a double-tapered line works fine, and you can reverse it at the end of the season or whenever one end shows excessive wear—two lines for the price of one.

A variety of tapered leaders is available. The George Harvey formula, popularized by both George and his friend Joe Humphreys, is excellent and I use it often. [See George Harvey's "Leaders for Selective Trout," *FFM*, V. 11, No. 3. THE EDITORS] I never go any heavier than .017 for my leader butts. I attach .017 hard nylon to the tip of my line with an epoxy splice. Then I use a variety of leader types including, the Harvey formula and, sometimes, a medium-stiff, knotless, tapered leader. With a micrometer I find the .016-diameter section at the butt end of the knotless leader and use a barrel knot to attach it to the permanent .017 section. At the other end I cut it at the .007-diameter point and tie my favorite 4X (.007) tippet material to this. If I go to 5X (.006), I usually cut the 4X back slightly to get better turnover of the leader. The tippet section is usually 24 to 30 inches long. When the tippet gets to be shorter than 20 inches I cut it off and replace it with a longer one.

Except when using the tiniest ants and beetles, I seldom go finer than 5X. Over the past few seasons I have successfully used 4X tippets when fishing larger ants, crickets and hoppers, but I prefer relatively long tippets. I have caught just as many fish as I did on 5X tippets. On days when the trout are super persnickety I go back to the longer 5X tippets and things pick up again. Don't be afraid to experiment.

Terrestrial Patterns

MY TOP TERRESTRIAL CHOICE is a Letort Cricket, for a number of reasons. It is easy to tie and it's a good floater, enabling me to catch numerous fish without changing flies. The Cricket catches trout everywhere. I have used it in the East, in the South and in the West and other fishermen say it has been successful for them in Europe, the British Isles, India, Africa and New Zealand. It has become a universal pattern.

Grasshoppers are a must in any terrestrial fisherman's fly box. I lean toward the flat-winged Letort Hopper, but there are a number of good hopper patterns jumping around. Pick one or two—you don't need them all. Hoppers in size 14 and 16 take the most fish for me. Even in Wyoming and Montana I prefer the smaller sizes, but it helps to have several big ones tucked away somewhere, just in case.

If I tied a pattern for every ant species I could start my own ant hill. Basically, you *could* make do for most ant fishing with various hook sizes and cinnamon bodies. The fur ant, consisting of two bulges of fur dubbing with a dry-fly hackle between them (at the "waist"), is by far the easiest pattern to tie, and it's a good floater. My second choice is a deer-hair ant first shown to me by Chauncy Lively back in the early '60s. The only real drawback to the deer-hair ant is its fragility. Even when coated with thinned Goop or vinyl cement it becomes scraggly after being chewed by one or two fish. It still catches fish in this condition, but it doesn't look so "anty." I consider a #16 black ant the workhorse size for that pattern, and #18 the cinnamon ant workhorse. I carry the black ant in larger and smaller sizes, a few #10s and #12s, as well as a small assortment in sizes 20 to 28. Cinnamon ants range from #18 to #28.

Beetles come in a variety of shapes and sizes. I use two

SINCE 1978

LYLE'S

BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO
SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE SOCCER-MAD FAN

• Lectures
• Instruction
• Steelhead/Bass
& Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

2890 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA




**Stronghold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRON
Owner

Lic #458178

(707) 578-9828

WILD TROUT STREAM SURVEYS

The following information is from Richard Izmirian, Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers:

John Deinstadt of the CDF&G Wild Trout Program has provided the following tentative schedule for this summer's stream surveys:

August 6-9: Warner Creek and Butt creek (Lake Almanor area).

August 13-16: East Fork Carson (Meet at Markleeville Bank of America 8:30 Thursday A.M.)

August 20-23: West Branch Feather, Upper Butte Creek, Butte Creek.

August 27-30: Same area as previous week.

September 3-6: North Fork Stanislaus.

These locations are subject to change due to survey needs and water conditions, but the information should help you select your preferred dates.



If you would like to assist or would like more information, please contact Richard Izmirian at (415) 592-9595 (evenings) or (415) 342-3200 (work).

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

(707) 540-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

versions of deer-hair beetles. For larger ties such as the June bug, I tie a black or brown deer-hair bug with the hair clipped to the shape I need. For #16 and smaller beetles, I tie the Crowe Beetle, originated years ago by John Crowe of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. With this pattern, hollow deer hair is tied in with the tips extending back past the bend of the hook. This extended hair is then pulled forward and tied off just behind the hook eye. The tips of the deer hair are clipped off, leaving enough of a "brush" to simulate a beetle head. Like Chauncy Lively's deer-hair ant, this tie is fragile and can be strengthened by coating the hair with vinyl cement or Goop.

The true Letort Beetle is the other beetle pattern in common use. This is a silhouette tie with the wing consisting of two cock ringneck pheasant head or neck feathers cemented one on top of the other and trimmed to an oval shape. The feathers are tied flat atop the hook to generate the beetle silhouette. The body of the pattern is palmered hackle trimmed top and bottom like its predecessor, Vince Marinaro's Jassid. I once landed two 20-inch Letort Browns on #28 beetles during the course of one summer while I was doing research on the practicality of various patterns tied on the diminutive hooks.

Jassids are the famous little imitations of the multi-colored leafhoppers that abound on stream edges during the hottest months. The flat wing of this pattern is tied with a jungle-cock eye feather or "nail." A nail that is unsplit and has been coated with flexible cement to retard splitting is preferable. A flexible backing made from a tough plastic material, cemented to the underside of the nail and trimmed to shape, is a good way to prolong the life of the fly. A flush-floating pattern, it is at its best tied on a #18 or smaller hook. Hackle colors can be black, brown, ginger or green—each works at times.

Housefly and bee imitations, while not absolutely necessary, can sometimes catch trout that see many other patterns. A simple but effective tactic on catch-and-release waters is to show fish something decidedly different from normal offerings. If everyone up and down the stream is fishing a cricket, it stands to reason that fresh pattern floated enough times will get trout to rise. At one time I used a bumble-bee pattern tied from alternating bands of black and yellow clipped deer hair with blue-dun hackle-tip wings. Tinier yellow-jacket and honey-bee patterns are tied with alternating bands of yellow and black spun fur, with blue dun hackle-tip wings. Hackle, if desired, should be black and tied in as a collar, trimmed flat on the underside. The house fly I tie with a fat, gray fur body with black or grizzly hackle and a flat delta wing made from a dark-gray duck feather.

Here are a few other patterns that I use on occasion. The green oak worm or inch worm: There are times when the floating version made from bright green deer hair works to perfection, but sometimes a sunken version of chartreuse fur or chenille is a killer. Best sizes are #14 and #16, 2X-long. The larger orange-and-black gypsy moth worm pattern takes fish at times, but I have found that fish sometimes refuse the fly during peak infestations. Could you eat hot dogs three times a day for weeks on end?

The last pattern you might carry for years before you see the natural. It's an imitation of the 17-year locust, a slightly smaller model of the annual green-and-black cicada. The body of the 17-year version I tie with orange deer hair clipped to shape. I use pale blue-dun hackle tips for wings and make the large head of trimmed deer hair. I have also taken trout on orange crickets during a locust infestation, times when the high-in-protein bugs are so numerous that mountain trout take on the pot-bellied look of their limestone cousins. Fishing often continues fast and furious for a week or so after this hatch finishes.

Sunshine, Shadow and Reflection

APPROACHING A RISING FISH or the suspected lair of a catchable fish is an extremely important aspect of the game. No matter how well you cast, a noisy approach alerts the fish to your presence even before he sees your imitation. Make a noisy approach and you have lost your chance at that particular fish. Approaching fish from downstream is usually the best way to move. If you are wading, move slowly so you don't push waves ahead of you. Trout are nervous critters to start with, and any quick movement, flash or shadow can give the illusion of a natural predator moving in—so, try to minimize unnatural movements. The underwater sounds of rocks crunching as you wade alerts fish. Believe me, an unsuspecting fish is much much easier to catch than an alerted one. When fishing from the stream bank, the practice on streams such as the Letort, I walk softly to minimize vibrations. I take many fish just a few feet away by using a quiet approach.

Consider shadows, silhouettes and reflections danger signals for both the fish and fisherman. Approaching the stream or a fish with your body silhouetted against the sky usually means defeat, even before you start casting. If you must be silhouetted, keep low by crouching. More importantly, keep far enough behind the trout so he cannot see you in the first place. Keep low, and kneel if you must. If possible, try to blend into the background by positioning a tree, bush or other obstruction behind you to shield your outline from the fish.

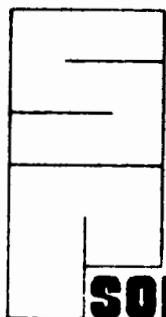
For years I noticed that certain sections of my favorite streams were more productive when fished at a particular time of day. I'm sure that reflection by sunlight influences fishing. Reflections from a piece of equipment or a



Dave Inks
FISHING
OUTFITTER

(707) 546-5555

425 College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
PRESIDENT
BUS PHONE (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S | G | H

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
PRESIDENT

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071



rod with a shiny shaft can also nullify a quiet approach. My strategy is to hit some streams, or stretches of streams, during daylight periods when the reflections and flashes won't precede me.

On an overcast day minimal reflections help you get close to wary fish. On such days I sometimes head for a favorite meadow at a time when normally I would not fish that piece of water. For instance, one of my favorite meadows usually fishes best in the morning until about 10 o'clock. From 10 until three the sun throws reflections ahead of me, so I avoid the meadow during those hours unless the day is overcast.

If a fish is tight against the bank, which reduces vision in its "bank eye," and the sun is shining into the other eye, my chances of raising that fish are slim. My strategy is to cast to the small shady places and tiny spots where trout lie in the shadows. If the opposite bank is in shadow, it is usually more productive although it may be more difficult to cast to (the right hand bank for a right-handed fisherman). If you proceed upstream on the left bank and cast to the right bank, you'll find the casting easier.

There are times when, because of brushy banks or

"T" Time, continued

other obstructions, you must fish from the right bank. Drift casts or right-hand reverse-curve casts often work well in such situations, and I often simply cast ahead of me and make the cast on the bank, with just the leader or a portion of it on the water.

Throwing shadows over fish is a no-no. If the sun is projecting your shadow too far ahead of you (as in early morning and late afternoon), fish another section of stream. At such times it's best to fish before the sun reaches or after it leaves the water.

To sum up approaches: minimize silhouettes, shadows and reflections.

Fishing Techniques

FISHING THE RISE is exactly that: fishing directly to rising fish. In most instances rising fish are taking a variety of foods as it drifts past the their feeding positions. On any given day you may fool them on an ant, assid, hopper or cricket pattern.

I usually cast to these fish with whatever pattern I happen to have tied to my leader at the time. If that fails and they continue to feed, I check the water closely to see which insect they have singled out. It may be that ants are swarming or beetles are being blown into the water. At such times I attempt to match the preferred food—easier than it seems. Only in instances of super selectivity is there a problem. Some of these incessant feeders in catch-and-release waters are particularly maddening. But bear in mind that the rising trout is showing you where he is feeding, and he may even show you his food preferences.

My favorite presentation—which often works on feeding fish, especially when they are moving to larger beetles, ants, crickets or hoppers—is to cast the fly so it plops almost on the fish: seven or eight inches out from and slightly behind its eye. I'm trying to obtain a reflexive response from the trout with this presentation. I have found, through experience, that a fly delivered this way causes the fish to turn and grab without thinking about it. It's a conditioned reflex—like raising your arm in defense when someone pushes a fist at you.

Because larger terrestrials hit the water with a splash, you should overpower the cast to make the fly splat. The splat-cast works for feeding fish as well as those hidden but looking for food.

Fishing the water is the opposite of fishing the rise. It requires skill and fair eyesight, for you must be able to recognize hiding spots, feeding and resting spots to make your casts count. In meadow fishing I look for undercut banks, and if tall grass hangs over the water, so much the better. I also look for overhanging bushes, the forward edges of obstructions where food collects and patches of foam that collect food and provide a protective curtain of cover above the fish. A cricket or hopper dropped into this foam and jiggled slightly like a struggling insect can bring spine-tingling strikes from good fish.

Fish the edges: those places where there are changes in currents, lines between open water and slack currents, or spots where the currents hit obstructions and glance

off. You gain insight about edges by observing, accumulating years of experience quickly. Experience is gained by doing, trying, seeing and occasionally failing.

Bridges are great places for terrestrials, and trout hide under them and wait for falling food.

One presentation I use is to cast over an obstruction to reach a particular spot. The obstruction may be a log, a patch of weeds, bankside grass, water cress or a rock. I stay back from the water's edge and cast out over the bank or overhanging grass and watch my line for a telltale twitch indicating a rise, or I simply listen for the strike. Then I set the hook and reel myself toward the fish. If a fish is hooked and can't be skated over the obstruction, I reel myself toward the obstruction, then release the fish. The tactic cannot be used, however, in dangerously deep water or where the bottom is mucky, like the Letort.

As I proceed upstream I look far enough ahead to pick out fishy-looking spots to cast to, and then decide just how to make my pitch. I watch for edges, overhanging banks, high grass, overhanging limbs of a bush or tree, patches of backwater near an obstruction, spots where a log, rock, or the stream bank juts out into the water, and of course rising or cruising fish. As you look ahead you may also spot a trout holding in a feeding position, ready made for a "behind the eye" cast.

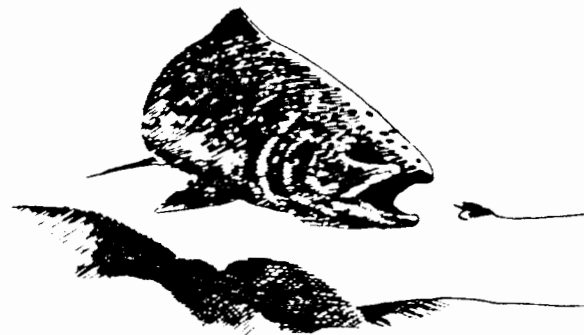
Regardless of the fly you use, if you find a larger-than-usual trout actively feeding in an obviously hurried manner, get your fly to him as quickly as possible. Don't wait to see what he's feeding on, for the fish will often finish feeding before you can discover what he's taking. A large fish knows that he's vulnerable in open water during daylight, so when he does feed he shows himself briefly. At such times I have patiently waited for a companion to find the "right fly." By the time he's selected, tied on and made the first cast, the fish is gone.

A few years ago I was finishing a short morning of terrestrial fishing on the Letort. I had on the usual mid-size cricket that I use when searching the water. Ahead of me the surface irrupted with the splashing of a large fish feeding on minnows. Common sense dictated that I go to a minnow-type pattern or a sculpin . . . but I didn't. I cast the cricket beside the monster and let it float. Nothing happened. I cast a second time with the same result. The fish was still boiling the water. The third cast was ahead of the fish and off to one side. This time I skimmed the fly like a little minnow and almost immediately the fish had it. After a spirited tussle, the large trout was ready for beaching. Just as I reached for it he opened his

mouth and disgorged an eight-inch brown, and when I got the fish on the bank, it disgorged another small trout. The brown weighed six and one-half pounds and was twenty-six inches long, a nice male brown. In this instance I could have taken the time to change flies, but I wasn't about to take the chance.

I have also zipped a cricket or hopper at a trout obviously feeding on cress bugs and many times a nice rise resulted. Be an opportunist.

The patterns, tackle and techniques I have described certainly should enable you to get started as a successful terrestrial fisherman. Refinements in techniques and tackle will come to you as you gain experience in the wonderful world of terrestrial trouting.



LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS in Northern California



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff
- * Christmas Consultants

OPEN 'TIL 9 THUR. & FRI.





Dave Inks
FISHING OUTFITTER

425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555

Excellent information on tying the patterns described in this article can be found in the September, 1986 issue of Fly Fisherman.



July 24, 25, 26 Camping / Fishing Trip Filling Up

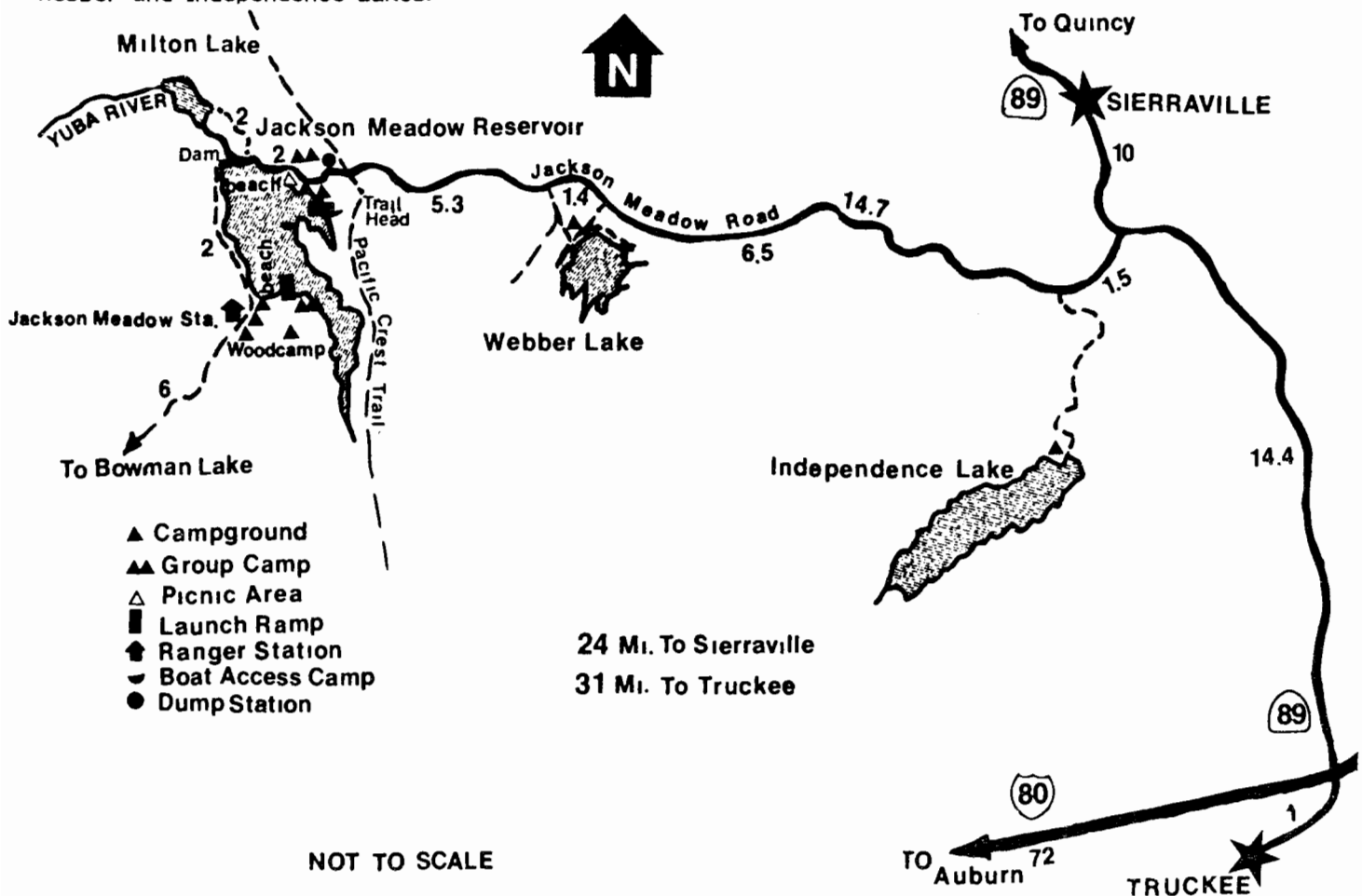
There's still some space left for the July 24th weekend trip to Jackson Meadows. See Bill Laurie at the dinner meeting or call him at 546-3900 during the day to get signed up for this great fishing opportunity.

Lava Creek Lodge- Oct 2nd Weekend

There are a few spots still available at the Lava Creek Lodge for the weekend of Oct. 2, 1987. Initial Deposits of \$25.00 per person are required by August 1, 1987. See Bill Laurie or George Marcillac at the Dinner Meeting with your check!

JACKSON MEADOW RECREATION AREA

The Jackson Meadow Recreation Area is at an elevation of 6,200 feet in the Tahoe National Forest. This area of forested slopes, alpine meadows, Lakes and streams provides an abundance of recreational opportunities. Jackson Meadows Reservoir is the hub of this area with well maintained camping and recreational facilities dotting its 11 miles shoreline. Nearby Milton and Independence Lakes and their tributaries are subject to specific artificial lure, species and size limitations. Contact the California Sport Fishing Regulations for details. The hiker, backpacker and equestrian will find a trailhead to the Pacific Crest Trail at Pass Creek Bridge. Campsites are also available at Webber and Independence Lakes.



Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
Presents

July Dinner Meeting With

Dave Engerbretson
Western Editor of Flyfisherman Magazine
Speaking on

Alaskan Salmon on a Fly

Place: Sheraton Round Barn

Date: Friday, July 17th

Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30

Price: \$20⁰⁰ per person, prepaid
Reservations required

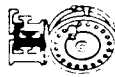
cut and return to:

Russian River Fly Fishers
Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95406

Number of Reservations: _____ at 20 each: \$ _____

Member's Name: _____

Guests: _____



BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

BASS FISHING RESULTS....Thanks to Wes Sheehy

Dee Marsden 85
Chuck Baker 48
Jim Hake1 -1

STREAM PROJECT: SONOMA COUNTY

LOCATION: Fowler Creek

DATE: August 29, 1987

TIME: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

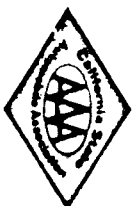


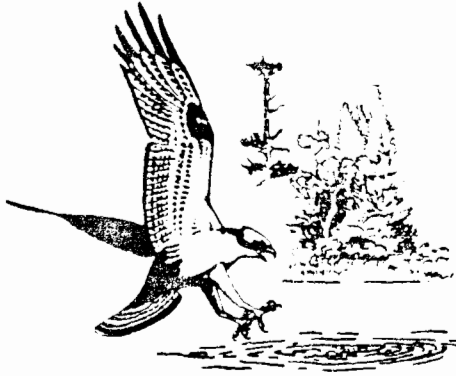
Contact Dan Coleman 996-7758 or Frank Sanchetti 996-7975, evening, for details.

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200





The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

SEPTEMBER, 1987

NUMBER 8

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September already. Didn't I just get back from my week at Hat Creek on openers ? I think I'm too busy!

I finally got a chance to go fishing this summer...last weekend. A friend and I back-packed into the Thousand Lakes Wilderness area above Lassen Park for four days. It was a very pleasant short trip and we caught a few scrappy brookies. That was the sum total of my fishing for the summer.

I hope we get a few more fishing stories at the next meeting. This one should be great sport. Bring all your old fishing related stuff for a big swap-meet. Since we won't have a speaker, there will be plenty of time to browse, trade, buy and sell. If this is a success, we might try having a large one out at the pond and invite other clubs. We'd like your input on this subject.

Don't forget your dues ! The deadline date is October 1st in order to be included in the new roster. Also, don't forget the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave to be held at Alpine Meadows on the weekend of September 19th ! Contact Russ Lockner for details.

Until September 16th...

SEPTEMBER, 1987
1987

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, September 16th

Swap Meet

6:30 p.m. Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, September 14th 7:00 p.m.

Warrack Hospital Board Room, 4788
Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

*Tight Lines,
Arch*

IN MEMORY

Our summer was saddened by the passing of Dick Maddax. His presence will be truly missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

MONTANA FLYFISHING - EDITORS' NOTES

This summer, in the month of August, I had the opportunity to really enjoy my solitude of fishing.

I approached each run and riffle with a sense of anticipation. "This is something I know, and I know how to fish this! I've seen many runs and riffles like this before!"

As a professional woman, and full-time mother I've had many demands on my time. I've often asked myself the question, "If I could tie only a few flies ...what would they be?"

After fishing twenty-two years in western Montana during July and August, if I were able to only tie and carry four (4) flies in my vest what would they be:

Renegade (Is it the name of the fly I like, or the fact that it is so effective!) It is a very easy fly to tie and it attracts fish from the small willow streams that that you fish by walking down the middle...to the large, fast flowing streams...between hatches.

Adams (both male and female tied on a 14-18 hook). The light grey color imitates numerous insects that buzzed my eyes and hovered in the early morning mist around the edges of the rivers.

Grasshopper (whatever the style...we all know several different style to tie). It is still the most effective fly to be "bounced" off the vegetation on the opposite side of a deep, undercut bank...especially in a crystal clear, slow moving stream.



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**

INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
PRESIDENT
BUS PHONE (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S|G|H
GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
President

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic No. 452071

— Reminder —

The September 16th
Meeting of the Russian
River Fly Fishers will
be a special Swap-Meet

Clean out Your Garage!

Fill up your Garage!

— Come One, Come All —

Browse, Trade, Buy
or Sell any Fishing
Related Equipment,
Books, or Clothing.

6:30 ~ 9:30

Parks + Rec Bldg.

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Bob Sisson
3607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed



Bulk Rate
Postage Paid
Permit No. 349
Santa Rosa, CA



MONTANA FLYFISHING, continued

Royal Wulff - What can I say ? In sizes 10 to 18, this still seems to be the best fly, in general. It is the first one I try in any new terrain where there might be hungry brookies, cutthroat or brown.

Although these are traditional dry flies, they are also effective when fished in the film and/or retrieved wet.

CONCLAVE '87

The Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers, will have its annual Conclave September 18, 19, & 20 at Alpine Meadows, Tahoe area.

This should be a great time with three days devoted to fly fishing, not only at Martis and Milton Lake and the Truckee River system, but casting, exhibitions, workshops and a chance to renew acquaintances and make many more. This is an important fund raising event...especially for statewide conservation efforts.

The "R.R.F.F." (Russian River Fly Fishers) is donating two "LOCAL FLY BOXES" ... Thanks to Bob Sisson and Bill Archuletta. Hope to see you there !






KING'S WESTERN

Sangler

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

KARDY • ORVIS • CORTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYNA-KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMI-GLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
PERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADOIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS.



**FLY-TYING &
FLY-CASTING
CLASSES**

**TWO LOCATIONS
TO SERVE YOU**

OPEN MON.-FRI. 10-8
SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUN.

**BAIT
AVAILABLE**

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE
GUERNEVILLE

869-2156
18250 MAIN ST.

SANTA ROSA

542-4432
832 COLLEGE AVE.




GRANT F. KING



A CONCEPT FOR CONSERVATION


The Conservation Committee was initiated in 1986. Our scope is Sonoma County Streams. Our goals are to restore native, natural producing steelhead to their former levels in our area streams. We will also provide input to various issues that affect the streams, fish and fisherman.

We will work with the various local, county and state agencies as well as property owners to restore our streams. We will also work from a natural benefit standpoint where the landowner benefits as well as the habitat and fish benefit.

Here are some of our committments and issues that affect our streams and rivers:

1. We believe in clean water. We all must do what we can to keep our rivers and streams clean to their best quality.
2. We believe in more access to the Russian River. We need a few more access points made available to the public. But we also believe liability and vandalism issues must be resolved. The litter problem is immense (mostly from non-fishermen). We must educate the public that they have a responsibility to stop littering and vandalizing property.
3. We are for a fish ladder and splash pool to be installed at Healdsburg Dam. It will give our anadromous fish a better chance to reach their spawning areas in their upstream migration and will aid their survivability in their downstream migration.

There are some indications that the Russian River watershed is in for some improvement based on a fishery standpoint. First, Congressman Doug Bosco has appropriated 1.5 million dollars for Coyote Dam mitigations for steelhead. This will expand the hatchery at Dry Creek and provide for trapping and imprinting ponds in Ukiah. The goal is for 400,000 additional steelhead smolts to be reared at Dry Creek and released at Ukiah. This means by the early 1990 an additional 2,000-5,000 steelhead adults will be using the Russian River above what are returning now.



**CULIACAN
DUCKS & DOVES
MEXICO'S
HOTTEST SHOOTING**

One of the largest concentrations of waterfowl in the world!

PINTAIL • PICHIGUILA • BLUEWING
GREENWING & CINNAMON TEAL
GADWALL • CANVASBACK & OTHER
SPECIES • WHITEWING DOVES

Generous Limits. Special 3-Day
Hunter Tailored Packages

FISHING INTERNATIONAL
(707) 542-4242

QUESTIONNAIRE

In an effort to be more responsive to the needs and wants of the club, the Board of Directors would appreciate your responses to the enclosed questionnaire on club meetings, outings, and business affairs. There are only ten questions, and everyone gets a passing grade ! Please bring the completed survey to our September 16th meeting.

1. How do you rate the overall quality of our speakers ? Excellent Poor

a. Dinner Meetings	5	4	3	2	1
b. Regular Meetings	5	4	3	2	1

2. Any program(s) you particularly enjoyed ?

3. Our dinner meetings are now quarterly. Would you like them...
more frequently ? less frequently ?

4. Have you ever participated in a club outing ? yes no

5. Please evaluate the following types of club outings:

a. Weekend Camping Trip - Tahoe area	like	dislike	no preference
b. Weekend Lodge Trip (e.g. Fall River)	like	dislike	no preference
c. Day Trip Fishing	like	dislike	no preference
d. Day Trip for Event (e.g. Sports Show)	like	dislike	no preference

6. Dues are due (by October 1st). Do you think they are...
cheap ? about right ? excessive ?

7. How often do you fish in Sonoma County ? Frequently Never

5	4	3	2	1
---	---	---	---	---

8. For each of the areas of club service, how would you like the club to change ?

a. Conservation Work Projects	More Active	No Change	Less Active
b. Conservation Politics	More Active	No Change	Less Active
c. Youth Activities	More Active	No Change	Less Active
d. Teaching - Casting	More Active	No Change	Less Active

QUESTIONNAIRE, continued

e. Teaching - Flytying	More Active	No Change	Less Active
f. Teaching - Rod Building	More Active	No Change	Less Active
g. Teaching - Fisheries and Biology	More Active	No Change	Less Active

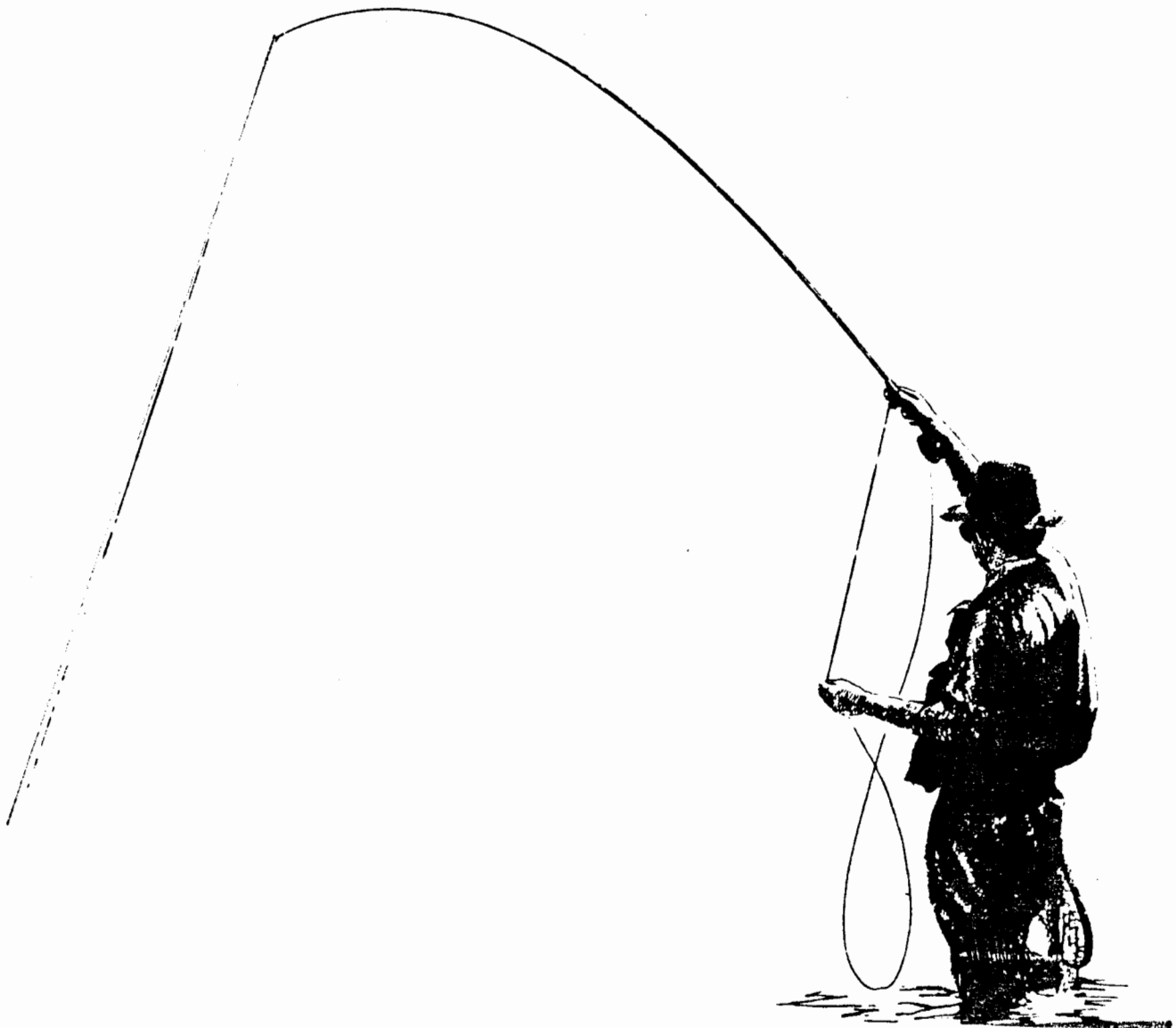
9. How often do you use the casting pond ?

Frequently	Never
5 4 3 2 1 0	

10. If asked, would you serve on the Russian River Fly Fishers Board of Directors ?

YES

NO




A CONCEPT FOR CONSERVATION, continued

Second, Congreeman Bosco is working on a bill for three million dollars to do a watershed study of the Russian River Basin. This will be from the point of improving habitat in our main river and tributary streams. This is a study that will utilize public involvement from concerned fishermen and is a forum in which the flyfishers can be involved.

This study is a prelude to any major restoration effort on the Russian River. We hope many issues and concerns that are raised will be resolved in this study.

So there you have it, an insight into what the Conservation Committee is dedicated to. We hope the Russian River Flyfishers continue to support us and our goals. We believe the future bodes well for this committee and the club.

From: Frank Sanchietti and Dan Coleman



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.
AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280

SINCE 1978

LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Supplies • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO
SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE DISCRIMINATING ANGLER

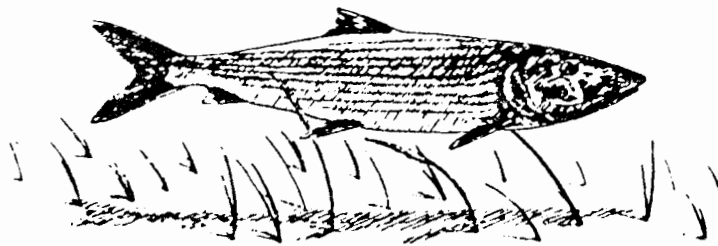
• Lectures
• Instruction
Stockfish/Bait
& Fly Casting


527-9887

OPEN
7 DAYS A.W.



2690 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA



<div>MARCILLAC INSURANCE AGENCY GEORGE E. MARCILLAC Agent Broker</div> <div>AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL</div> <div>707-523-0908</div> <div>499 HUMBOLDT ST. SANTA ROSA, CA 95404</div>	<div></div> <div>Stronghold Masonry and Concrete, Inc.</div> <div>MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI Owner</div> <div>LC 0458178</div> <div>(707) 578-9828</div>
---	--

THE FOWLER CREEK PROJECT, Augst 29, 1987

The chain saws hummeth or so it seemed. Approximately 35 people put forth a magnificent effort to environmentally modify, for erosion control and fish passage, 800 feet of stream channel using hand tools.

This type of project is very difficult because the removed in-stream material must be set out of the stream channel so further problems don't occur. Facing inhospitable conditions, the Russian River Fly Fishers' Conservation participants and members of other local groups (Trout Unlimited, Circuit Rider Productions and Friends of Sonoma Creek) performed admirably. A tremendous THANK YOU ! from myself and the property owner Tim Lambert.

An excellent bar-b-que lunch was prepared and served. Special THANKS go to the following people:

PURCHASER


Diane Lindquist

LUNCH CREW

*Victoria Sahagun, Carol Mankin,
Sandy Mankin... and MASTER CHEF*

BUBBA TINDALL

A JOB WELL DONE...THANK YOU !!!



Dave Inks
FISHING
OUTFITTER

(707) 546-5555
425 College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING



(707) 545-3339
P.O. BOX 2845
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

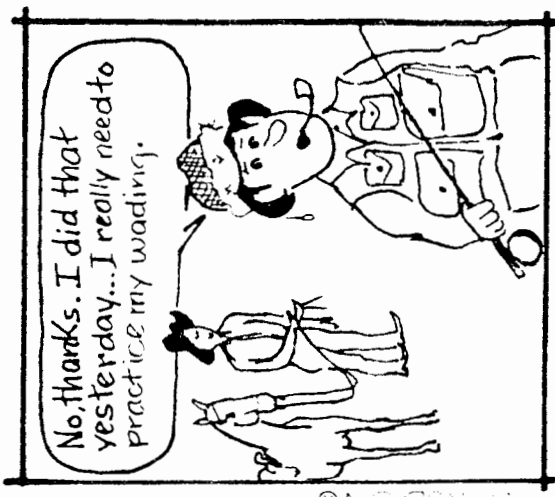
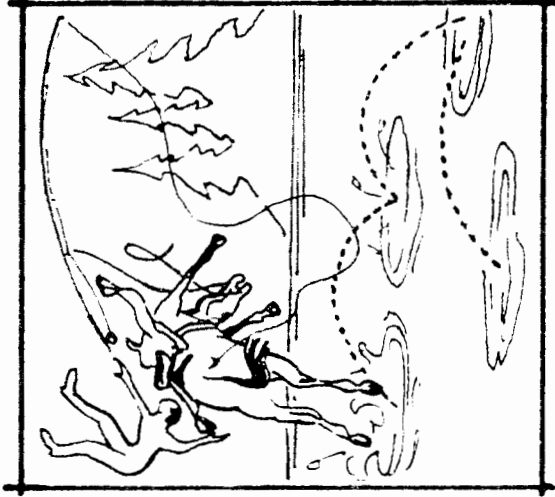
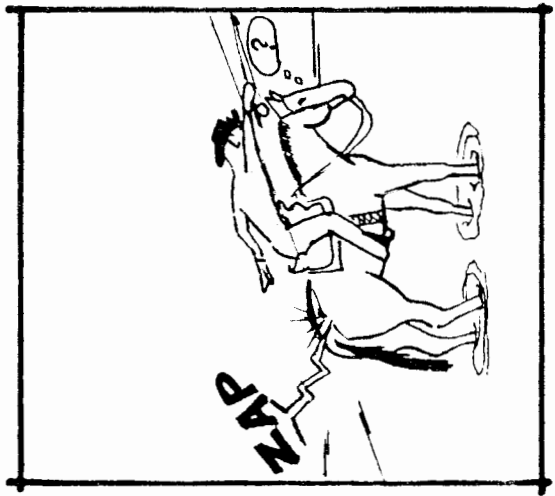
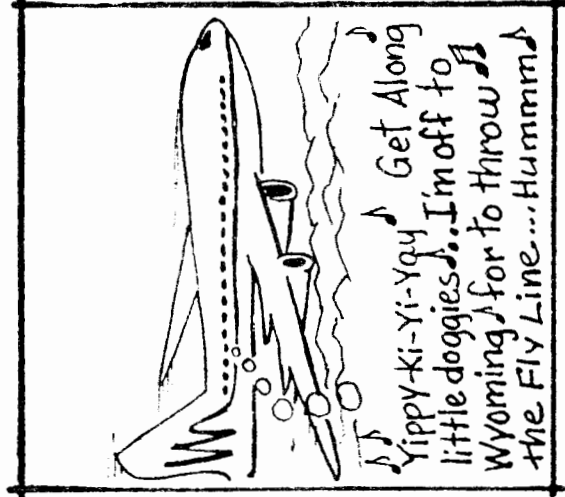
Archuleta's Reel Works

Sonoma County is in the process of updated its General Plan. A great deal of interest (and not all of it positive) has been generated over efforts of the Planning Dept. to preserve and protect riparian areas, natural fisheries reproduction, as well the issue of public access to waterways for fishing and boating.

The Planning Commission is now taking testimony from the public on the Open Space Element, the Resource Conservation Element, and the Public Safety Element. Sportsmen, who well understand the fragile nature and importance of these natural resources that are in the Public Trust are encouraged attend and speak out at these meetings.

The Commission is meeting at the Santa Rosa Vets Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Letters, which are also very helpful, should be sent to the: Planning Commission
575 Administration Dr.
Santa Rosa, Ca 95401

Sir Cedric Limphackle



MAKSDEN®

LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS in Northern California



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff
- * Christmas Consultants



425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555

OPEN 'TIL 9 THUR. & FRI.



BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349



I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



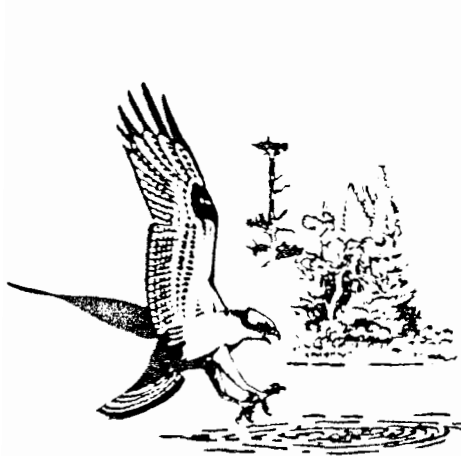
California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200

Bob Gleson
3607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed



The Cast

The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

OCTOBER, 1987

NUMBER 9

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October brings steelhead and salmon to our coastal rivers. This is also the time of year when the hectic stride of summer seems to be tapering off and we can settle down to some serious fly tying. October also brings fantastic trout fishing on Hat Creek and Fall River and by the time this edition of the Cast hits your door, a few of us will have already experienced the bite during the club outing to Lava Creek Lodge.

The Eel river should be showing action around the middle of the month, and our own Russian River already has silvers, kings and strippers up to Cassinis' and kings are being caught on everything at Johnson's Beach. The strippers have been seen spawning in Northwood hole and even though they won't hit anything, it's a real thrill to see these monsters (up to 40 pounds) thrashing in the river.

Our pond captain, Bob Sisson, tells me that October is also the month to kick off activities at our facility, and the first will be on the 18th. This will be a special club meeting to discuss and practice the use of shooting heads for distance casting. The meeting will start at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.. Brian Wong will be our instructor and he urges us to come equipped with our favorite steelhead outfit, but leave the hooks at home.

I hope to see many of you at Lava Creek on October 2nd and again at the pond on the 18th. Until then, I hope you all have enjoyable evenings tying flies and don't forget to lube that reel before hitting the rivers.

OCTOBER, 1987

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, October 21

"Navarro River Steelhead" by Neil Light
A Slide Show and Teaching/Lecture on Fishing Techniques.

6:30 p.m. Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, October 20

7:00 p.m. Warrack Hospital Board Room,
4788 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa

CASTING CLINIC: October 18th. Galvin Park Casting Pond
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

"Shooting Heads and Distance Casting" with Brian Wong

Tight Lines, Archie

EDITORS' NOTES

We returned from the Conclave with a wonderful seven foot, four weight Powell rod; and, then of course we had to purchase a small reel to finish the outfit. I can't wait to try it out on some of our favorite small willow lined creeks.

Fall is the time when the streams come alive, both with the color of leaves, soon to carpet the waters and banks, and aggressive trout which are moving upstream.

The days are still warm, the crowds are gone, and the scenery is spectacular. Week-end trips to the Sierra, Hat Creek ... Fall River, and of course our own coastal streams are all within easy reach.

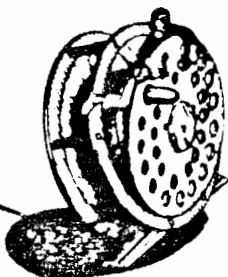
Come prepared at the next meeting to share some stories of your favorite fall fishing.

CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

[707] 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequalled anywhere. \$995-\$3500 wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea run rainbows to thirty pounds. Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500 wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan. Of the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165 wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Superb trails for the stalking angler with nerves of steel. Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin-clear waters. From \$100 day-\$2200 wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, falconry shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$600.

ARGENTINA

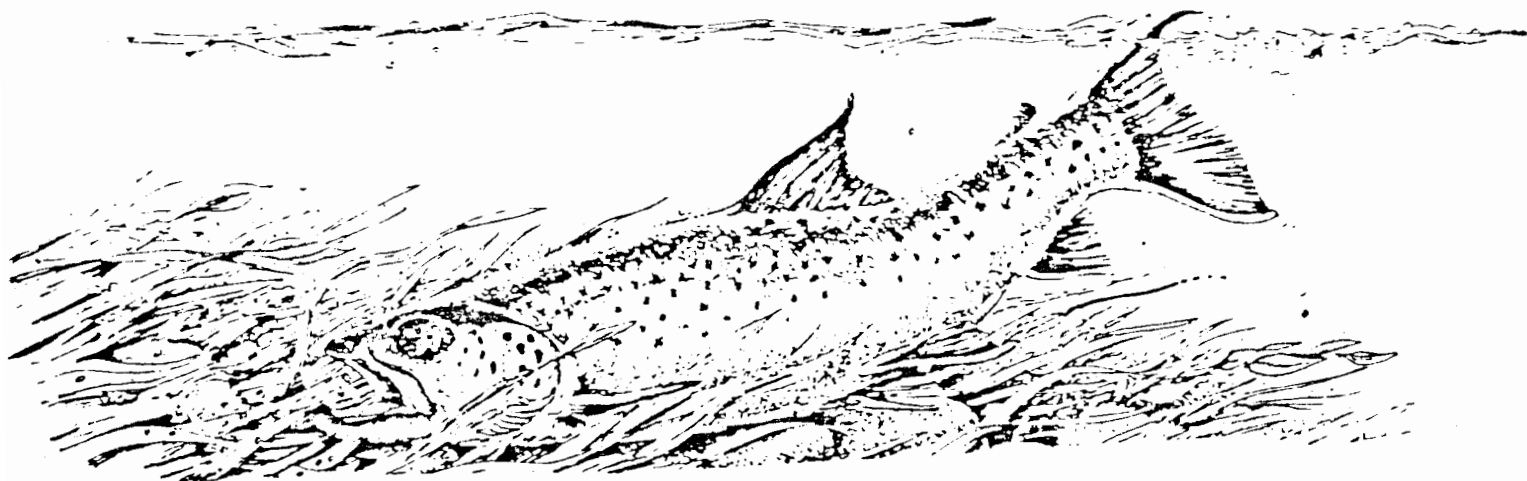
Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams and trout as long as your arm. Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTINAK • KAY MITSUYOSH
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LARRY WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

Memberships, Travel, for the Sportsman
P.O. Box 2132 Dept. FF 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242



*** RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS ***

***** SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE *****

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCT. 18th. 11AM to 2 PM.

WHERE: The casting pool (Dan Galvin Park)
on Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa.

SCHEDULE: 11 AM to 11:30 Warm up.

11:30 AM. Discussion and demonstration on the
use of shooting heads for distance
casting. By Bryon Wong.

12 noon. Discussion and demonstration on the
use of full lines for distance casting.

Instruction until 2 PM.

YOU NEED: Your steelhead class fly casting equipment.
Rod - shooting head - leader. No hooks please
cut off or otherwise.

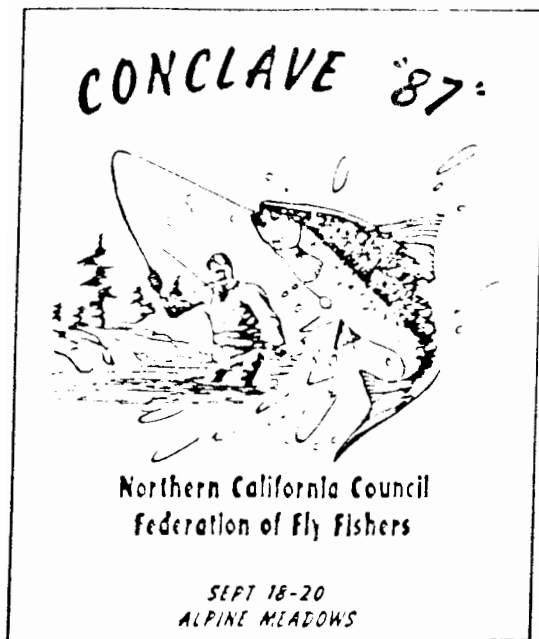
WEATHER: It should be fall, but the instructors and coaches
will be there unless we have a heavy storm.

Last fall we had a very successful and well attended
pre-steelhead season clinic. This one will emphasize distance
casting techniques to help everyone be better able to reach
those hard to reach places on the big water that is common in
the area.

Come and sharpen up for the season.



CASTING POOL CAPTAIN



SINCE 1978

LYLE'S

BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH & SALT WATER TACKLE
Fly Fishing Equipment & Materials • Live Bait • Local Fishing Information
SERVICE & THE "KNOW HOW" TO
SET UP THE BEGINNER OR ADVANCED FISHERSMAN

WORLD WIDE TRAVEL SERVICE
FOR THE DISCUSSING ANGLER

- Lectures
- Instruction
- Stocking/Tackle & Fly Casting

527-9887 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

2990 SANTA ROSA AVE. SANTA ROSA

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200

REPORT ON CONCLAVE "87", Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers, Alpine Meadows, September 18-20, 1987.

Those of you who have attended past Conclaves know what an educational and recreational experience a Conclave can be. To those of you have not yet attended one, I urge you to reserve space on your calendar when the dates of the next Conclave are printed in the Cast.

The program headliner this year was Mel Krieger who presented the "Essence of Fly Casting" in four progressive demonstration lectures, each building on the last. He began with the basics on Friday afternoon and continued with discussions of mechanics and rod action on Saturday. On Sunday, he finished with distance casting and shooting tapers. After each lecture/demonstration, "willing" participants had the opportunity to work directly with Mel.

Mel has the unique ability to combine the scientific understanding of the physics of the cast, with the graceful physical rhythm of an artful casting of the fly. Not only has Mel mastered the art of "how-to", but he can also very effectively demonstrate the "how-not-to", ... where I could visibly see the results of casting habits I've acquired over the years.

Mel had many things to say and demonstrate. "Wisdoms" to think about include:

- If you have a tailing loop, you are either using too narrow of a stroke which results in too narrow of an arc, or

You are unloading too soon.

- Face the fish when you are casting
- Bend your knees
- A long stroke means a long cast
A short stroke means a short cast



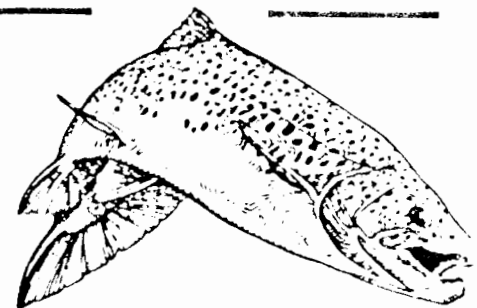
TRUCKEE RIVER HATCHES

SCIENTIFIC NAME	LOCAL NAME	HOOK	EMERGENCE DATES*											
MAYFLY			MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
AMELETUS	BROWN DUN	12-14	_____											_____
HEPTAGENIA	BLUE WING OLIVE	14-18	_____	_____										
RHITHROGENIA	MARCH BROWN	12-14	_____	_____										
CINYGOMULA	RED QUILL	18-20	_____											_____
EPEORUS	SULPHUR	14-18		_____	_____									
BAETIS	BLUE WING OLIVE	12-20	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
PARALEPTOPHLEBIA	MAHOGANY DUN	14-16	_____											
DRUNELLA GRANDIS	GREEN DRAKE	10-12		_____	_____									
D. DODDSI	GREEN DRAKE	10-12		_____	_____									
EPHEMERELLA INERMIS	PALE MORNING DUN	18-20		_____	_____									
E. INFREQUENS	PALE MORNING DUN	16-18		_____	_____									
E. TIBIALIS	MAHOGANY DUN	16-18		_____	_____									
E. FLAVILINEA	SMALL GRN DRAKE	12-14		_____	_____									
STONEFLY														
SKWALA	GOLDEN STONE	6-8												_____
CALINEURIA	GOLDEN STONE	6-8												
ISOPERLA	LTL YELLOW STONE	12-18		_____	_____									
ISOGENUS	LTL YELLOW STONE	10-18		_____	_____									
CAPNIA	WINTER STONE	16-20												_____
CADDISFLY														
HYDROPSYCHE	SPOTTED SEDGE	12-16		_____	_____									
RHYACOPHILA	GREEN SEDGE	12-18		_____	_____									
GLOSSOSOMA	TURTLE CASE SEDGE	18-20				_____	_____							
HYDROPTILA	MICRO CADDIS	18-24				_____	_____							
DICOSMOECUS	OCTOBER CADDIS	6-8												_____
MIDGE														
CHIRONOMID (VARIOUS) MIDGES		18-24		_____	_____									_____
TERRESTRIALS														
TIPULID	CRANEFLY	16				_____								
NYMPHALIS	TORTOISE SHELL													
CALIFORNICUS	BUTTERFLY	4-6				_____								
HODOTERMITIDAE	TERMITE	10-12				_____								
COCCINELLIDAE	LADYBIRD BEETLE	12-16				_____								
FORMICINAE	CARPENTER ANT	10-14				_____								
ACRIDAE	GRASSHOPPER	6-10				_____								

Bold line indicates period of major insect emergence, narrow line denotes sporadic hatching.

*APPROXIMATE dates of fishable hatches at Truckee, California.

COMPLIMENTS OF: Cutter's, California School of Flyfishing,
P.O. Box 8218, Truckee, CA 96737



**Strong Gold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

MICHAEL E. PELLAGRINI
Owner

(707) 578-9828

LC #458178

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

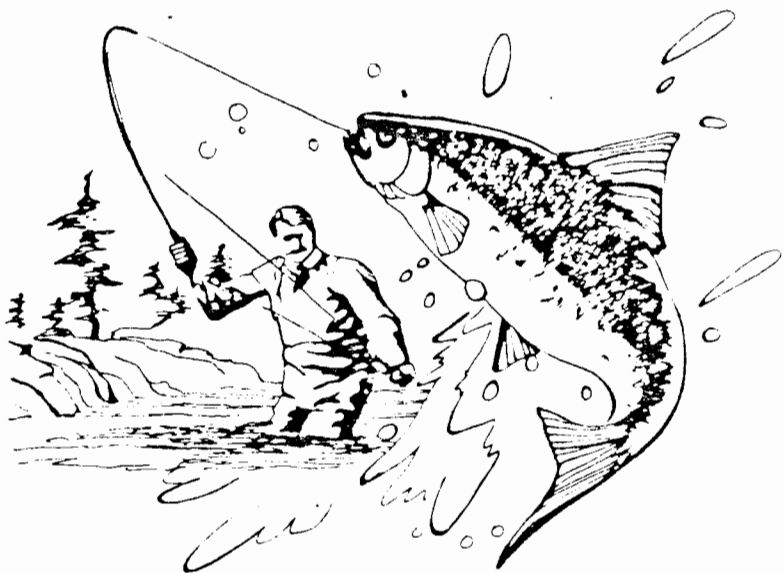
P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed



SAGE.

ORMS

KING'S WESTERN ANGLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

BAIRD • JONES • CORTLAND • FINNOR • BILLY PALE • DYNA KING
BAGDA • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • BOWEN • KING ANGLER • DORRIN
BOGA • KENNEDY • FISHER • LAMIGLAS • FENNICK • MAYAHE LI
CERAMIC • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STIRLING DESIGN • CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS

**TWO LOCATIONS
TO SERVE YOU**

**FLY-TYING &
FLY-CASTING
CLASSES**

KING'S NEWS & TACKLE

GUTHRIEVILLE

SANTA ROSA

**OPEN MON.-FRI. 10-4
SAT. 10-4 CLOSED SUN.**

BART AVAILABLE


869-2156


542-4432


12264 MAIN ST.


632 COLLEGE AVE.


GRANT F. KING



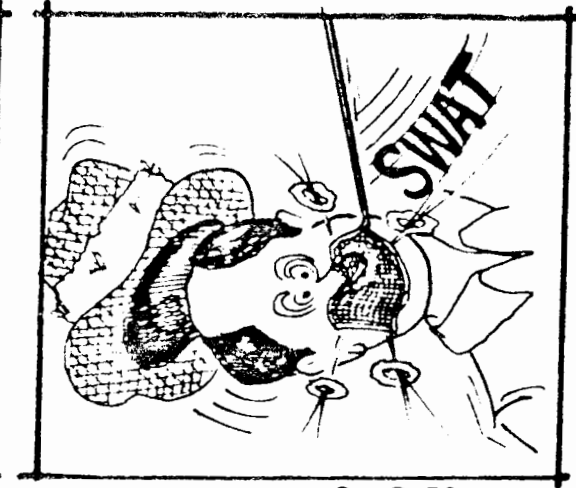
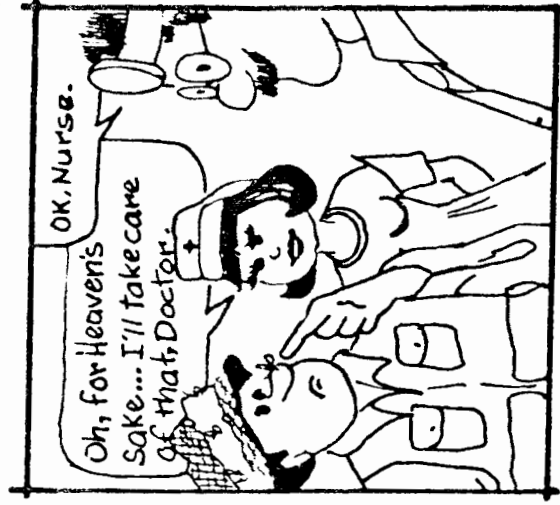
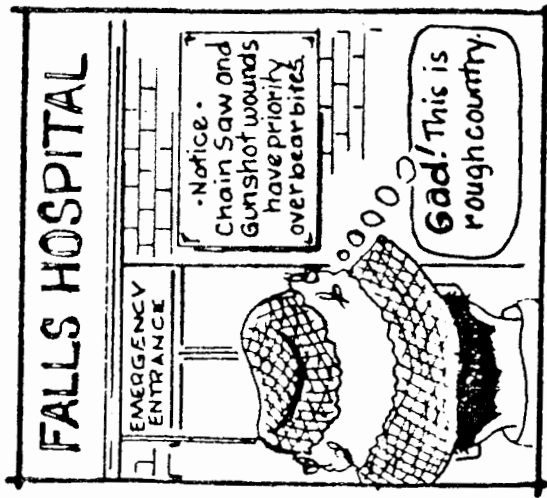
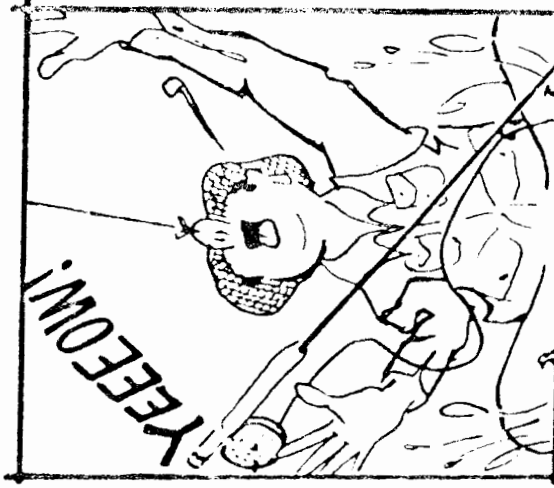
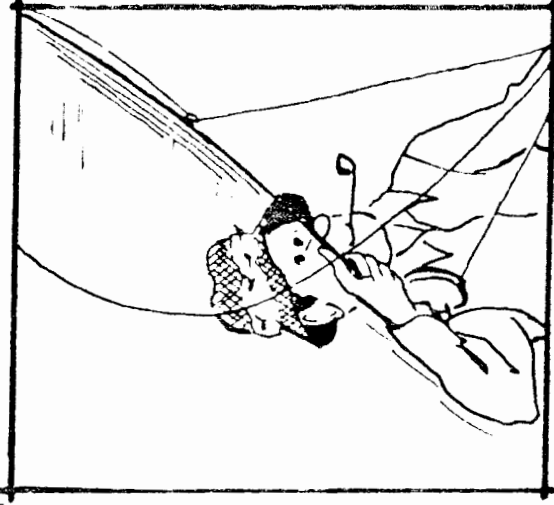








Sir Cedric Limphackle



MARSDEN®

LARGEST AND FINEST FISHING OUTFITTERS in Northern California



- * Rods & Reels
- * Fly Tying Materials & Equipment
- * Video, Books & Magazines
- * Outdoor Clothing
- * Antique Equipment
- * World Wide Fishing Adventure
- * Fine & Unique Gifts
- * Expert Staff
- * Christmas Consultants

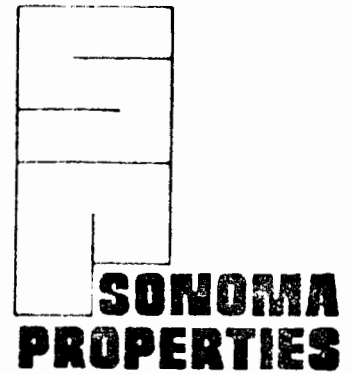


Dave Inks
FISHING OUTFITTER

OPEN TIL 9 THUR & FRI



425 College Ave., Santa Rosa
(1 Block East of Highway 101)
TELEPHONE (707) 546-5555



**SONOMA
PROPERTIES**

INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
PRESIDENT
BUS PHONE (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Midge life cycle and fly designs

1. Midge larva—Position 1
2. Midge pupa—drifting and rising—Position 2
3. Midge pupa floating on surface film—Position 3
4. Stillborn adult midge hatching—Position 4
5. Adult clumper midge—Position 5



THE RIVER WHY

A box-office bonanza?

The River Why (Crown) and *The River Why* (Crown) are two of the most popular books in the country. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half.

The River Why (Crown) and *The River Why* (Crown) are two of the most popular books in the country. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half. The book has been a best-seller for over a year and a half.

WHEN I FIRST read *The River Why*, shortly after publication in 1983, it occurred to me that it would make a fine and funny movie. This novel tells the story of Gus Orvison, the Mozart of fly fishing, as he seeks the meaning of life and love on the banks of a river. People called it a "small national treasure," and since I consider myself the intellectual equal of their readership, I agree.

How could it miss as a movie? On the one hand it's got a 20-year-old hero, a beautiful and sometimes naked wild nymph, rebellion from parents and society, and a happy ending. Add to that a love story, humor, and some incredibly characters, such as Gus's father, the famous fly fishing writer Henning Hale Orvison (known familiarly as H.O.), coming of age and spiritual quest, all set against gorgeous scenery. It could be another teenage boy office bonanza like *Revenge of the Nerds* or a critical smash like *Never Cry Wolf*. On the other hand, fly fishing has never been used as the background for a motion picture.

It's the perfect blend of art and commerce, and I decided on the spot to go after the movie rights. A meeting was arranged at the offices of Sierra Club Books with editor Danny Moses and author David James Dunan. I made them an offer they could easily refuse: went back to work on their movie that I had in progress, and about one year later they accepted.

Movies are the only art form in which the artist cannot afford to buy his own materials. Instead he must convince someone or something else to fork over a lot of cash to pay for film stock,

actors, technicians, musicians, equipment, fish wranglers and the other assorted lunatics it takes to make a movie—on the theory that eventually a whole lot of people are going to pay to see his epic in a theater, on video, cassette, on pay TV, free TV, and on all other media now or hereafter known. The traditional way to obtain financing is to assemble a package—script, a well-known actor and/or director, and a budget. In Hollywood terms this would mean casting Tom Cruise as Gus, hiring a trout stream on the back lot at Universal, and budgeting at the major studio's current average of \$14,000,000. Add a few million more for marketing, and the picture has to gross something near the national debt just to break even.

There is an alternative, independent feature filmmaking. The basic idea is high-quality low-

cost films that usually appeal to a more educated segment of the moviegoing public. Examples of this kind of film range from *Funny People* to *A River with a View*. If that market can be identified, profit and influence can go hand in hand. The search was long and arduous. But one day, while examining a cutthroat's intestine for insects, it came to me: fishermen! More particularly, fly fishermen! Who, I asked myself, has more clearly demonstrated their intelligence than these anglers? If they're smart enough to stand all day in the middle of a river throwing feathers at imaginary targets, then surely they must be smart enough to appreciate my movie.

The next step was the script. I hired the least expensive writer I could find, me. Soon after I saw the light and brought in a real pro, John Jay Osborn, Jr. John's claim to fame is as the author of *The Paper Chase*, conceived while he was at Harvard Law. Since then he's studied fly-fishing at Yale and written several novels—including *The Associates*, which became an ABC series—and movie and TV scripts for such shows as *L.A. Law*. Our collaboration has lasted through four drafts of the screenplay. That task successfully completed, we still needed the balance of the package.

Sometime during this period I met Mel Krieger, the charming fly-casting guru who put me in touch with magazine editors and fishing guides all over the country. From them I collected a definitive list of fly-fishing actors, which contains at least two Oscar winners (Jack Lemmon and William Hurt). But none could play the part of our 20-year-old hero. Still, the script has generated interest from actors willing to play supporting roles. They range from Timothy Bottoms to Edward Herrmann to Susan Anspach to Bob (Captain Kangaroo) Keeshan.

We honed the budget as well. A trip to New Zealand showed us that by shooting the picture there we could save a half-million dollars and still have spectacular scenery and fishing. And so \$1,500,000 would be ample to do quality work while bringing in the movie at about 10 percent of the cost of the average Hollywood product. We've started a more detailed market analysis in an attempt to identify our core audience. The figures are encouraging: There are 100,000 copies of *The River Why* in print, a significant figure for quality literature from a first-time author. The Gallup poll says that fishing is the second most popular leisure-time activity in America. Trout Unlimited estimates there are more than eight million cold-water fishermen in the U.S.

I've fallen in love with *The River Why*, and am eager to share it with a wider audience. All it takes is money, and for that we've hatched an unusual plan: a public limited partnership, which will involve many small investors, to finance and own the movie. This is not yet a formal offer, and to my knowledge this has never been done for a single movie before, although stage plays—such as *Sweeney Todd*—and even basketball teams have gone public successfully. But we'd like to think that there are enough creek addicts out in the world to bring this project to life. After all, you've already demonstrated your intelligence.

Thomas A. Cohen
Box 5002
Mill Valley, CA 94942

Rod & Reel



SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

SIGH

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel

President

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071

the tire shop

Wheel Alignments — Brake Service
Computerized Spin Balancing
MacPherson Struts — Shocks

Mylo Imsdahl
(707) 523-3227

990 Piner Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280

QUESTIONNAIRE

In an effort to be more responsive to the needs and wants of the club, the Board of Directors would appreciate your responses to the enclosed questionnaire on club meetings, outings, and business affairs. There are only ten questions, and everyone gets a passing grade ! Please bring the completed survey to our October Meeting.

1. How do you rate the overall quality of our speakers ? Excellent Poor

a. Dinner Meetings	5	4	3	2	1
b. Regular Meetings	5	4	3	2	1

2. Any program(s) you particularly enjoyed ?

3. Our dinner meetings are now quarterly. Would you like them...
more frequently ? less frequently ?

4. Have you ever participated in a club outing ? yes no

5. Please evaluate the following types of club outings:

a. Weekend Camping Trip - Tahoe area	like	dislike	no preference
b. Weekend Lodge Trip (e.g. Fall River)	like	dislike	no preference
c. Day Trip Fishing	like	dislike	no preference
d. Day Trip for Event (e.g. Sports Show)	like	dislike	no preference

6. Dues are due (by October 1st). Do you think they are...
cheap ? about right ? excessive ?

7. How often do you fish in Sonoma County ? Frequently Never
5 4 3 2 1

8. For each of the areas of club service, how would you like the club to change ?

a. Conservation Work Projects	More Active	No Change	Less Active
b. Conservation Politics	More Active	No Change	Less Active
c. Youth Activities	More Active	No Change	Less Active
d. Teaching - Casting	More Active	No Change	Less Active

EDITORS' NOTES

The information explosion is upon us. When once we had only to choose between Outdoor Life and Field and Stream, we now have a profusion of outdoor, sporting and fishing publications many of which are devoted to fly fishing only. Add to this a seemingly never ending procession of books from entomology to casting and it's impossible to keep up with the titles let alone the information. And let's not forget the weekly fishing shows on television and a very complete video library available in sporting shops and by mail.

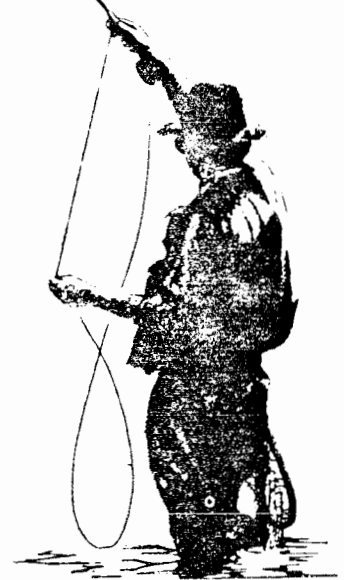
In the midst of this verbal and visual onslaught, occasionally a work stands out from all the rest. It is about fishing, or at least the portion that bears the same name as the title is; but it is really much broader in its scope. The honesty with which professor Maclean shares his experience of fishing is a foundation upon which wonderful truths about human nature unfold. The setting is one which we know well, and we also have real roots there, so I suppose there is comfort in that. "A River Runs Through It" was a gift from one of our longtime friends. It isn't a "can't put it down" book because I kept remembering fishing on some very specific occasions, pleasureable distractions, think.

If you like to read, you'll love this book:

"A River Runs Through It,
and Other Stories"

Norman Maclean
University of Chicago Press
1976 (paperback)

See you at the next outing.



KING'S WESTERN SANGLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARDY • ORVIS • CORTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYMA KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMIGLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
PIRPHNE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS



GRANT KING (707) 542-4432
532 College Ave., Santa Rosa, California 95406

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168



BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANT KING, our long time supporter ! Grant received a Life Membership Award at our October meeting for his continual financial, physical, and "spiritual" support of Russian River Fly Fishers.

SOMMA
PROPERTIES
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus. Phone (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



NOTES ON FISHING THE NAVARRO, from Neil Light Presentation

The main steelhead runs are between Christmas and June. They may be later this year because we've had less rain. It's always best to call a local fishing shop for a current report.

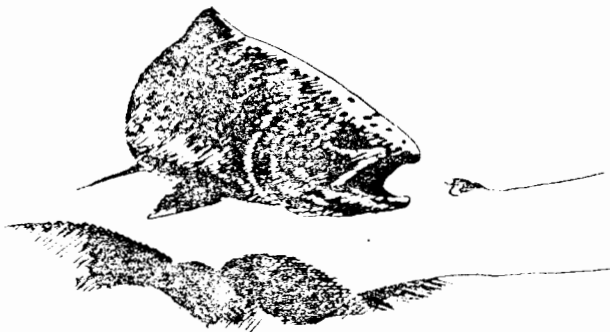
The Navarro usually clears 1-2 days after the Gualala. The Navarro is 75-80 per cent fishible with waders but it is best fished with a pram. (The numerous berry bushes on the river edges seem to love Seal Dryes.

To determine where the fish are "schooling" go up on the south side bank and watch for holes then go down and watch for rolling, splashing fish. It's easier if you have a "spotter" on the top bank.

Use a slow retrieve method casting above the fish, drifting past the fish, and then the slow retrieve.

There are eight wonderful holes to fish from C.H.P.hole to the Iron Bridge. Each hole has it's own distinct characteristics.

What equipment to use?... A seven to eight foot outfit with a full selection of line weights. Use a sink tip with weight...usually two weights more than rod. It's difficult casting because the line doesn't turn over, but if you chop the front end off, i.e. chopping a 15 foot to a 10 foot, the line will get down more quickly. For flies, a Flaming Chicken or Green Wing work best.

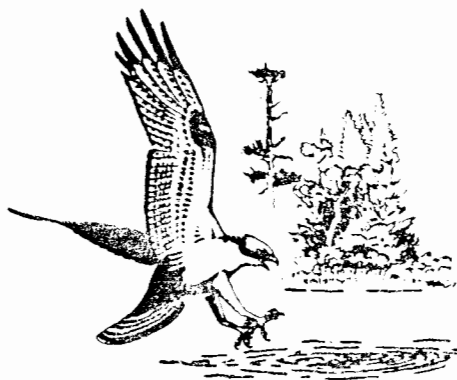


the tire shop

Wheel Alignments — Brake Service
Computerized Spin Balancing
MacPherson Struts — Shocks

Mylo Imsdahl
(707) 523-3227

990 Piner Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

NOVEMBER, 1987

NUMBER 10

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finally, it rained. I was starting to wonder if I was just tying steel-head flies for practice. I have received reports that the Trinity river at the Klamath is hot! The Eel is loaded and closed to fishing until it rains...that's now! All the rest should be coming in soon.

A big **THANK YOU** to Neil Light for his very informative talk on steel-head and salmon. It's always a pleasure to have our friends talk at the meetings. They seem to know more about what's going on anyway.

Speaking of friends, Grant King is feeling much better and now is relaxing at home. Give him a call...I'm sure he would like to hear from all of you; while you're at it, ask him about fish in the Russian. It's loaded!

I enjoy our outing to the Fall River so much I'm planning a return trip before the season ends. I've never actually fished the Fall, but all the stories are great. I'll report at the next meeting.

Don't forget to plan to attend our annual Christmas dinner meeting. We plan to have a great raffle and our usual top-notch entertainment. More details will follow. See you all at the next meeting or on the stream.

NOVEMBER, 1987

(The General Meetings for November and December have been combined into the General Dinner Meeting in December.)

GENERAL MEETING: December 2, 1987

Sheraton Round Barn Inn - Special Holiday Meeting

Featuring: Lani Waller with a "Fishermans' Journey" - The highlights of fishing British Columbia, Northern California, West Florida Keys, etc. What has been the best of fishing for Lani...!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, November 23rd,

7:00 p.m. Warrack Hospital Board Room
4788 Hoen Aven., Santa Rosa

*Tight Lines,
Arch*

EDITORS' NOTES

The information explosion is upon us. When once we had only to choose between Outdoor Life and Field and Stream, we now have a profusion of outdoor, sporting and fishing publications many of which are devoted to fly fishing only. Add to this a seemingly never ending procession of books from entomology to casting and it's impossible to keep up with the titles let alone the information. And let's not forget the weekly fishing shows on television and a very complete video library available in sporting shops and by mail.

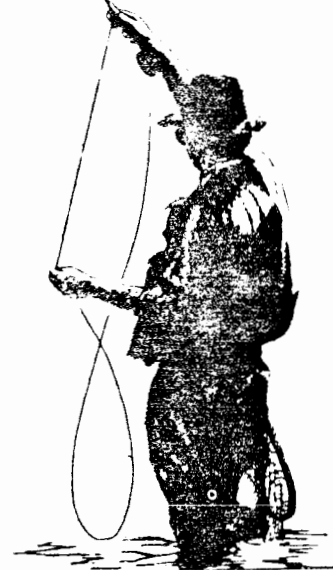
In the midst of this verbal and visual onslaught, occasionally a work stands out from all the rest. It is about fishing, or at least the portion that bears the same name as the title is; but it is really much broader in its scope. The honesty with which professor Maclean shares his experience of fishing is a foundation upon which wonderful truths about human nature unfold. The setting is one which we know well, and we also have real roots there, so I suppose there is comfort in that. "A River Runs Through It" was a gift from one of our longtime friends. It isn't a "can't put it down" book because I kept remembering fishing on some very specific occasions, pleasureable distractions, think.

If you like to read, you'll love this book:

"A River Runs Through It,
and Other Stories"

Norman Maclean
University of Chicago Press
1976 (paperback)

See you at the next outing.



KING'S WESTERN SANGLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARVEY • GRIVIS • CORTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYN-A-KING
SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMM-GLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
PERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDOIS
PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS



GRANT KING (707) 542-4432
532 College Ave., Santa Rosa, California 95406

Modern, Antique and Investors Firearms
Reloading Equipment Sporting Goods
Coins & Precious Metals

LOCH LEVEN INDUSTRIES

P. O. Box 2751
Santa Rosa, Ca 95405

CLAYTON M. ROGERS
President

(707) 528-6168

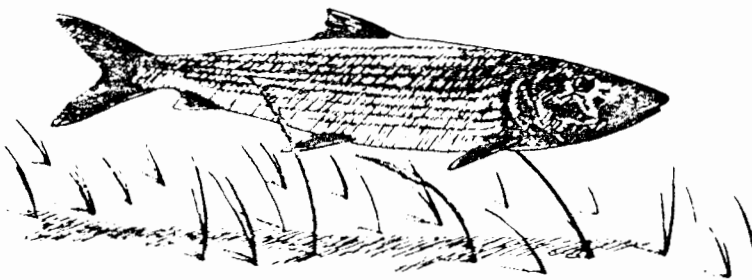
READING A STREAM, Continued

Fish are not distributed uniformly throughout the stream. Like people, they tend to gather in places that are convenient and comfortable for them and where they can get what they need. These favored places, what some fishermen call "holds" or "holding places" are places where the fish can wait, with a minimal expenditure of energy for the next meal the stream brings.

Take any short stretch of stream and examine it carefully. Watch a leaf or some other object float downstream. As it makes its trip both its speed and direction change with the water's currents. Natural obstructions along the bank, (e.g. bends in the stream, trees and roots, rocks, bridge pilings) and on the bottom (boulders and other rock formations) create riffles, slick runs, large slow pools, small pockets and other hiding, resting, and feeding places. By first noticing the many

different "faces" of a stream's surface water, you will begin to see patterns of water flow which you can use to find fish.

In the December issue we will talk about foam drifts and boulders.



LYLE'S BAIT · TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

(707) 527-9887

EVERYTHING FOR THE SPORT FISHERMAN

CUSTOM-BUILT RODS & REPAIRS
FISHING CLASSES FOR THE
BEGINNER & ADVANCED
TRIP & TRAVEL SERVICES
LOCAL OR FAR AWAY PLACES
SO YOU'LL HAVE "REEL" FUN

BRIAN WONG
OPEN 7 DAYS

2690 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
SANTA ROSA, CA 95401



Lic. #458178

**Stronghold Masonry
and
Concrete, Inc.**

Michael Pellagrini
Owner

(707) 578-9828



(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER

Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S|G|H

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel

President

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071

A World of Fishing ... Simply the Best



ALASKA

Quality wilderness experiences offer a variety of trout and salmon fishing unequalled anywhere. \$995-\$3500/wk.

B.C. STEELHEAD

The very best! Monster sea run rainbows to thirty pounds! Rivers that stagger the imagination. July-Oct. \$1800-\$2500/wk.

BONEFISH

We have the best! The incredible magic of Christmas Island, Belize and the Yucatan, of the record shattering giants of Andros Is. From \$1165/wk.

NEW ZEALAND

Super thrills for the stalking angler with nerves of steel. Three to 10 pound trout in shallow, gin clear waters. From \$100/day-\$2200/wk.

SCOTLAND

Individually orchestrated trout and salmon fishing, fall wing shooting in a land rich in tradition. From \$800.

ARGENTINA

Magnificent land of snow-capped mountains, untouched wilderness streams, and trout as long as your arm! Two unforgettable weeks. \$2750.

For information on these and other exciting destinations contact:

FRANK BERTAJNA • KAY MITSUYOSHI
BOB NAUHEIM • CHRIS STEINER
LANN WALLER

FISHING INTERNATIONAL

Worldwide travel for the Sportsman

P.O. Box 2132, Dept. FF, 4000 Montgomery Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 • (707) 542-4242

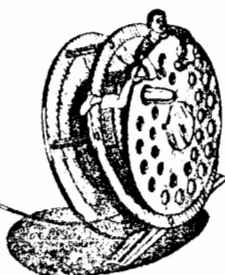


CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING

(707) 545-3339

P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405

Archuleta's Reel Works



READING THE STREAM - An Article for Our Youth or Novice Fishermen

When I first began formal schooling, I quickly learned that to be successful I would need to learn to "read the alphabet and simple words". When I first began fishing, I quickly learned that to be successful I would need to learn to "read the river". This is the first in a series of "reading lessons".

The purpose of learning to read a stream is to know where the trout are and how to present the fly.

In my first fly fishing experience I fished a river that regularly bubbled with rising fish. Here I needed only to cast in the vicinity of the surface indication of a feeding fish. I've learned since, that this was a wonderful day... and a stream condition that doesn't often occur.

Learning how to read the water to know where to cast and how to drift a fly is learning the A B C's of flyfishing.



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280



Marcillac Insurance Agency

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

707-523-0908

GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
AGENT BROKER

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative



California State Automobile Association
500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



NOTES ON FISHING THE NAVARRO, from Neil Light Presentation

The main steelhead runs are between Christmas and June. They may be later this year because we've had less rain. It's always best to call a local fishing shop for a current report.

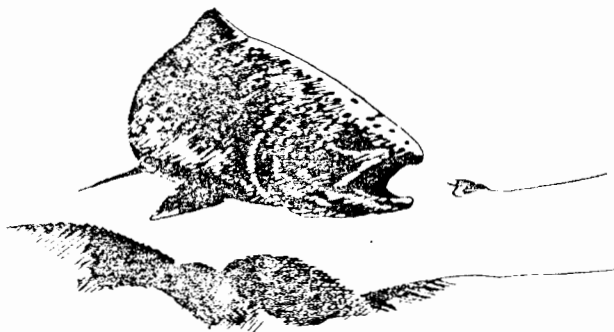
The Navarro usually clears 1-2 days after the Gualala. The Navarro is 75-80 per cent fishable with waders but it is best fished with a pram. (The numerous berry bushes on the river edges seem to love Seal Dryes.

To determine where the fish are "schooling" go up on the south side bank and watch for holes then go down and watch for rolling, splashing fish. It's easier if you have a "spotter" on the top bank.

Use a slow retrieve method casting above the fish, drifting past the fish, and then the slow retrieve.

There are eight wonderful holes to fish from C.H.P.hole to the Iron Bridge. Each hole has it's own distinct characteristics.

What equipment to use?... A seven to eight foot outfit with a full selection of line weights. Use a sink tip with weight...usually two weights more than rod. It's difficult casting because the line doesn't turn over, but if you chop the front end off, i.e. chopping a 15 foot to a 10 foot, the line will get down more quickly. For flies, a Flaming Chicken or Green Wing work best.

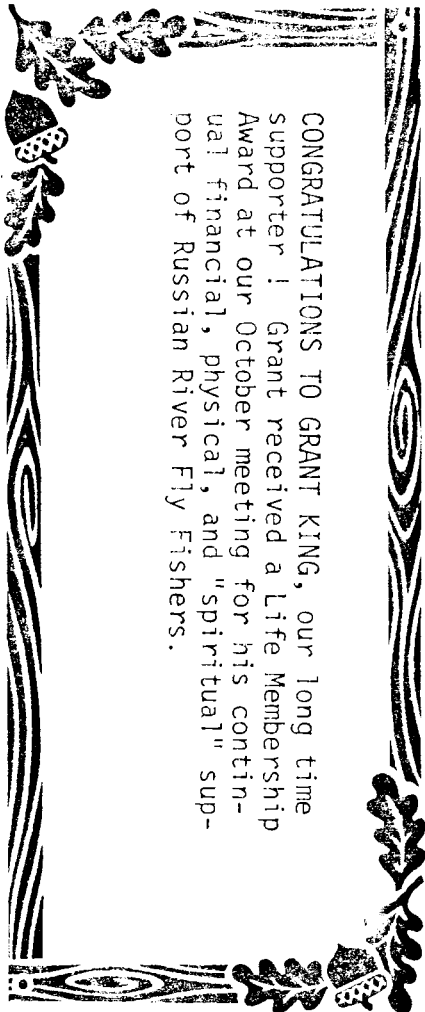


the tire shop

Wheel Alignments — Brake Service
Computerized Spn Balancing
MacPherson Struts — Shocks

Mylo Imsdahl
(707) 523-3227

990 Plner Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANT KING, our long time supporter ! Grant received a Life Membership Award at our October meeting for his continual financial, physical, and "spiritual" support of Russian River Fly Fishers.



**SOLOMON
PROPERTIES**
INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus. Phone (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

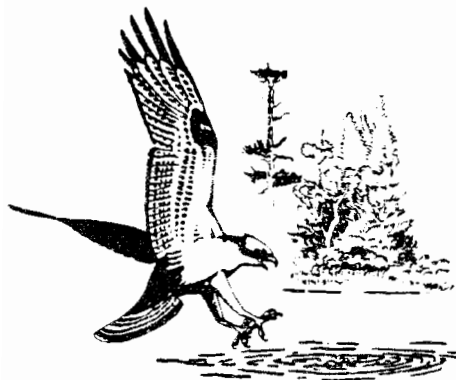


BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349

Bob Sisson
3607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed



The Russian River Fly Fishers

VOLUME 12

DECEMBER, 1987

NUMBER 11

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December already. I must be having great gobs of fun because time is definitely flying by! The rivers are all loaded with salmon and some steelhead. The river mouths are open most of the time and the catches are great. Reports are that fish up to 36 pounds are being caught on flies in the Eel. Local rivers should be improving with the rain, and I'm hoping to get out quite often this year.

The Christmas dinner was a gala affair. Lani Waller did some great entertaining by taking us on a "Fisherman's Journey" to all those places we long to go. Jim Hakel put together a raffle like we have never had before; A float tube, a week-end at Bodega Bay, dinner at the Sheraton, a graphite rod, etc. Great raffle, Jim, thanks!

We are just starting to get involved in a new project with the Sonoma County Ombudsman Program. In June we will be hosting the casting competition in the first annual Sonoma County Senior Citizens Olympics. There will be running, tennis, casting, and one other event yet to be decided. We will need volunteers to help organize and conduct this affair. Anyone interested in helping please contact me at 545-3339 or Wendy Curtis at 528-3105.

I hope everyone had a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving, and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Tight Lines,

Arch



DECEMBER, 1987

December General Meeting - December 2, 1987
Special Dinner Meeting

GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, January 20th

Speaker: Dave Stanley - Reno Fly Shop
"Fishing Pyramid Lake and the Truckee Drainage"

6:30 p.m. Recreation and Parks Building
415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Monday, January 18th

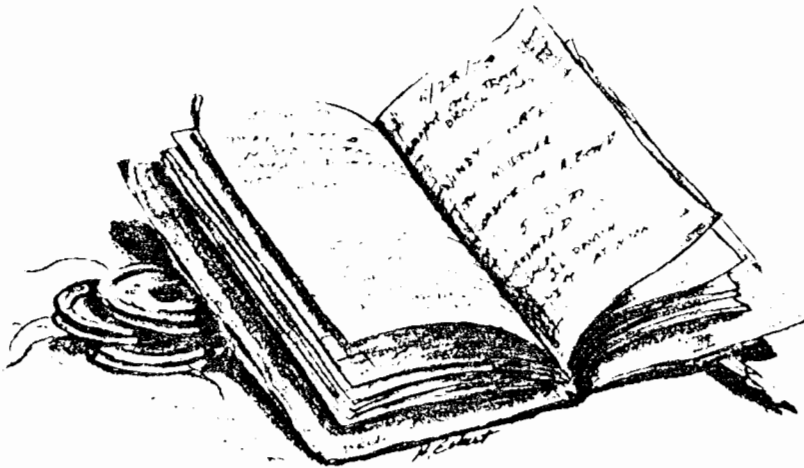
7:00 p.m. Warrack Hospital Board Room
4788 Hoen Ave., Santa Rosa



EDITORS' NOTES

Winter is here, a time for gathering around the warm stove, re-arranging the closets, overeating, and hopefully some rain for our coastal streams. It should be a time for care and maintenance of our spring and summer gear. Almost without fail, the first season's trip is a familiar replay of reels with a screw missing, a loose guide on the tippet, a nick or rock cut in a line or some other "I'll fix that this winter" malady.

However, it just never seems to get done, with the holidays, family gathering and all the other excitement. Besides, what would we have for resolutions next year not to mention the fact that we can't remember where we put these items to be tended to.



LYLE'S BAIT - TACKLE & TRAVEL SERVICE

(707) 527-9887

EVERYTHING FOR THE SPORT FISHERMAN

CUSTOM-BUILT RODS & REPAIRS
FISHING CLASSES FOR THE
BEGINNER & ADVANCED
TRIP & TRAVEL SERVICES
LOCAL OR FAR AWAY PLACES
SO YOU'LL HAVE "REEL" FUN

BRIAN WONG
OPEN 7 DAYS

2690 SANTA ROSA AVENUE
SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

SONOMA PROPERTIES INC. OF SANTA ROSA

ROBERT MORATTO
President

Bus. Phone (707) 527-5211

800 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, California 95401

SEATON · GALBRAITH · HAKEL

S|G|H

GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC.

Jim Hakel
President

3450 Airway Drive
Santa Rosa California 95401
707 523 1951

Lic. No. 452071



Jim Arnosky illustration

Outings

January 23, 1988, Steelhead Fishing.

Steelhead Fishing on the Gualala or the Russian River. Be at the next meeting for details or call Bill Laurie 546-3900 during working hours.

March 25-26-27 Pyramid Lake.

Outstanding Cutthroat Trout Fishing. Stay at beautiful (?) Crosbys Lodge, experience steak bar-be-cued by fellow members, go to Reno, Bring a ladder!

Call Bill Laurie to get on the list.

Be there or be square.

Upcoming Trips

Shad fishing on the American or Sacramento

Bass at Lake Sonoma

Camp and fish at Milton Reservoir, stay at Jackson Meadows

Backback to great fishing spots

Another visit to the Fall River area

Putah Creek

Annual Picnic

CONSERVATION NOTES

- Willow Creek Project

We have a mutual tentative agreement with Louisiana Pacific Corporation to do a steelhead and silver salmon rehabilitation project near Jenner sometime in late 1988. This could work into a multiyear or multistage project. We need club input to see how much participation we can generate.

- Fishing Access Areas

The County of Sonoma has voted in three new fishing access areas for available use in 1988. They are:
Maxwell Property on Westside Road, west of Wohler Bridge, possibly opening in January, 1988.

Siri Property in Mirabel Park -
Late fall, 1988

Rolands Beach in Guerneville -
Late fall, 1988.

- Letter of Support

We need individual letters written to the following people in support of the following issues:

a) Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for support of the Fish Ladder and Fishery at Healdsburg Dam; Send to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

b) Doug Bosco for support for HR-2513 the Russian River Study bill; Send to Doug Bosco, 777 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Just a little time and a few sentences written in each case will let these people know how we feel. The Board of Directors has recently written letters of support on these issues. But, the people responsible for these current fishery issues need to hear from you, the individual, as well.

CONSERVATION NOTES, continued

- Conservation Committee

If any Flyfisher out there are still interested in conservation, the Conservation Committee needs you. If we have missed you in our projects and you are a current member in Conservation or a new Russian Flyfisher member, or an old member that has thoughts on conservation, we would like to hear from you. Telephone Dan Coleman - 996-7758 or Frank J. Sanchiotti - 996-7975. or write to the Russian River Conservation Committee: P.O. Box 1512
Sonoma, CA 95476



Since 1959

A & A TRANSMISSIONS, INC.

AUTOMATICS • MANUALS • DOMESTICS • IMPORTS

312 South A Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

CHUCK BAKER
546-4280



Lic. #458178

Stronghold Masonry and Concrete, Inc.

Michael Pellagrini
Owner

(707) 578-9828

(707) 546-2655
(707) 575-6023

I. JEFFREY BOLANDER
Associate Vice President, Investments



DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
Santa Rosa Square, 703 Second Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

A King salmon's ransom can be high, especially during late fall and winter when the author fishes West Coast rivers. This fishing is not easy—the salmon are as unpredictable as the weather—and you have to be ready to drop everything to fish when conditions permit.

MICHAEL FONG

THE WINTER REDWOOD COUNTRY of the northern California coast can be hauntingly beautiful. During respites from the cold rains that are responsible for the lush forest carpet, a foggy mist often lingers through midmorning creating landscapes reminiscent of classical oriental paintings. Like the art, there are subtleties that escape the casual observer. But where there are no shadows in the paintings, the river hides a dark secret. In its depths, bright silvery salmon move across clean gravel where the carcasses of fall-run fish lie decaying.

Not all coastal California rivers have late, fresh runs of chinook salmon. The Smith River near the Oregon border does and so does the Eel and its various forks. Because of the winter king's lack of notoriety, the only anglers you'll encounter will be after steelhead. Since the steelhead generally hold in runs instead of pools, the winter salmon angler will usually find himself fishing alone, perhaps fitting for angling that does not attract the faint of heart.

Chinook or king salmon were originally distributed throughout the Pacific Northwest from Alaska to California. In Alaska the spawning migrations from salt water occur in late spring and early summer. Heading south through British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, the runs begin later and later until at their most southern range in California, the salmon enter their natal streams in late September and early October. Early in the season the fishing is best in the rivers's estuaries and a short way upstream. By late October in a normal year, enough rain has fallen to swell the rivers and allow some migration. By Thanksgiving, the rivers have risen several times and fish have traveled far upstream and some spawning has commenced. By Christmas, salmon are the last thing on an angler's mind. The steelhead, mostly a winter-run fish in California with the exception of the fall run on the Klamath and scattered imports of summer fish, has taken the spotlight.

Fly-fishing for West Coast king salmon has become very popular in just the last seven or eight years, due primarily to a few exaggerated articles that made the fishing appear much easier than it was, concurrent with a renaissance in fly-fishing and the drought. The articles whetted the appetites of the growing legions of fly fishermen, and the drought created unusual conditions that made the fishing much easier for beginners.

Even during the drought of the mid '70s, when low water concentrated large numbers of king salmon in river estuaries, not all caught fish. In a year of normal rainfall it was a game of locating salmon in

fluctuating water depths that found the fish constantly on the move. Only when the water dropped did the salmon pool up and become vulnerable. Experienced anglers averaged one salmon a day for their dawn to dusk efforts and in a two week period, you could expect to lose two or three days to high, unfishable water.

But a few experienced anglers were always successful and the increasing number of novices could witness that the taking of king salmon on a fly was not myth. When the drought came the size and quantity of the now visible fish attracted even more anglers - another California gold rush, this time for silver. Since twenty-plus pounders were about average and the wholesale price was around three dollars a pound, these fish were very valuable and a limit (three at that time, but two now) represented better than a day's wage. It became obvious to those new to the game that you had to endure to be successful, and eventually some began to discover the secrets of taking salmon and stories traveled far afield.

So what you have today is crowded conditions in the fall when king salmon first enter rivers like the Chetco in Oregon, the Smith, the Eel and to a lesser extent, the Mattole in California. Because of limited fishing space in the estuaries, cunning maneuvers are employed by anglers to gain the spots where schools of salmon are concentrated.

The theory is that while in tidewater, salmon may move to the upper end of a pool on the top of the tide and then drop back to the deepest part as the tide ebbs. Current velocities change with the tides and this calls for the use of different line densities to reach the depth of the fish, usually near the bottom. Since king salmon rarely rise in the water for a fly and never dive to intercept one, finding the depth of fish is paramount to success. When schools can't be seen, experiments with

different line densities and drifts must be made until you hook a fish or feel a "rub": the line's accidental brushing of a salmon as the fly is retrieved.

Schooling salmon usually set up a regular, clock-wise course in a pool. Often this course is a long, narrow oval covering thirty or forty feet. When the school is large and packed tightly the chances of hooking up improve dramatically, providing that the fish are on the bite. As yet, no one has been able

to discover why and when they might be in this mood. Even on consecutive days during identical weather and tidal conditions, the bite period, if it comes at all, is unpredictable.

Despite their size, which can exceed fifty pounds in this part of their range, king salmon ordinarily take the fly much more subtly than expected. Sometimes the drift is just stopped and only after you set the hook and put a good bend in the rod is there startled reaction. If you're lucky, the salmon begins a forceful run to help drive the barb into a tough part of its mouth. Should the fish start shaking its head from side to side it's best to rap the butt of your rod repeatedly to start it running or the hook has a good chance of pulling out. Once the fish is hooked, it's just a matter of time to wear it down. As with most fishing it's the hook-up and the strategy leading up to the connection that's so difficult to make consistent. But, providing you have the room to maneuver, you can increase your chances on salmon by employing a particular method.

If the salmon's course is regular and a natural drift through the school doesn't produce a strike, there are ways to induce one. Position yourself so you can cast upstream of the fish, letting the fly settle down to the depth of the school as it approaches. When the fly is on a collision course with the oncoming school, begin a very slow retrieve. Frequently this subtle movement will trigger a strike.

CHARLES F. SCHELTER
Sales Representative

California State Automobile Association
1500 Farmers Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7596

Bus. (707) 544-1010
Res. (707) 539-0200



A fast retrieve can also be used to induce a strike, although I don't feel it's as effective as the dead drift or the induced take. As soon as your fly is at the same depth as the fish begin stripping in line very fast. Strip in about five feet and stop. Pause briefly, then resume stripping for another quick five feet and stop again. Continue this retrieve until the cast is played out. A salmon attracted to a fast moving fly will often overrun it and take the fly when it suddenly stops. For this reason the pause between retrieves must not be for more than a second or two. If it's longer the fish may spit the fly.

For most presentations a very slow retrieve seems more effective than a fast one and allows you to use less dense lines. If your line is so dense it requires a fast retrieve to keep it at the depth of the fish, go to a less dense line. There is a temptation among anglers to use a faster sinking line than necessary and a very fast constant retrieve. This approach meets with little success and makes foul-hooking of fish a frequent occurrence. It's one thing to rub a fish occasionally, and another to put yourself in a position where "snagging" becomes a definite possibility.

The fall fishing on the lower river differs markedly from the upper river where the possibility of winter fish exists. It's thought that since estuary fish are closer to the salt and farther from spawning, their appetites are stronger, making them more receptive to flies. Consistent with that thinking is the belief that the longer the fish are in fresh water, the less likely they are to feed, making them nearly impossible to entice once they've reached the upper rivers. They also become less desirable as rapid aging starts to break down their powerful bodies, and their sides begin to darken.

THE WINTER KING is in most respects identical to its fall run brothers and sisters. The difference is that when it begins its journey the rivers are usually running high and a salmon may cover sixty miles in such a short time that it will be carrying sea lice. Then when the upper river begins to drop between storms, you find bright winter kings only four or five days removed from salt water. Such fish will be just as eager to take a fly as their fall-run counterparts on the lower rivers.

So here, many miles from the estuaries where the flood plains measure a mile across and blustery winds and rain buffet the wide open river mouths, a more intimate situation awaits the winter salmon angler. Timing becomes critical for it may be for just a few days following a storm and after the river has cleared that the salmon pool up and can be taken.

Although many pools upriver will attract schools of salmon when the water drops, not all will fly fish well. According to anglers who have been taking winter fish for many years, the school will always hold in the first deep depression above broken water. The pools suited best to fly fishing have the strongest



flow against the far, deep bank. This allows a controlled presentation where the fly can be maneuvered to any depth on a dead drift.

An example of the perfect pool can be found on the South Fork of the Eel River just before it empties into the main stem near Weott. Here the river comes around a wide bend. The broken water at the head often holds steelhead, especially near partially submerged logs. As the pool continues around and straightens out, you'll usually find salmon holding along the steep rock-lined bank, at the first deep depression above the downstream riffle. The flow is evenly graduated with the current speed increasing as the water gains depth. A ninety to one hundred foot cast will cover the pool properly and if the conditions are right and the fish are on the bite, you may connect.

LAST YEAR, during the week after Christmas, the weather turned balmy and the river dropped enough to pool the salmon. Not ones to pass up such an opportunity, my wife Chris and I arrived near noon. The barometer was holding steady. Parking our camper on the rock bar below the Highway 101 bridge, we ate a light lunch and then napped. The morning had been spent at a pool upriver where a fifteen pound king fell to a green-bodied comet with a black tail and hackle. With the sun at its zenith, any salmon present would not become active until the later afternoon.

A couple of other campers were on the bar too. They were fly fishermen and two of them had chosen to cover the runny water at the head of the pool. Another was working on his tackle near his rig. The lower pool opposite us slipped slowly into shadow and the quiet was suddenly disturbed when

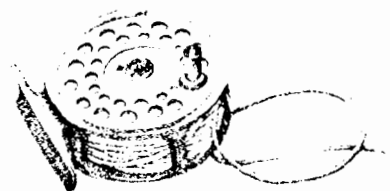
a fish rolled on the slick surface. A few minutes passed and another salmon rolled in the same area. I waded into position slightly upstream from the rolling fish and began to cast. With a super-high-density shooting taper quartering across the current, it took a count of thirty before the fly began to catch bottom on the drift. I systematically began to cover the pool.

After making successively longer casts until I had passed the fly through all the reachable water I moved downstream fifteen feet and started another series of casts. On the first one, the slow retrieve of the fly was stopped. The salmon fought doggedly, but with little flair. In less than fifteen minutes, I beached a twenty-pound male. The hook-up and ensuing battle caught the attention of the other anglers and for the rest of the evening we all fished together.

Since Chris was not able to cast far enough to reach the far bank where the salmon were milling, I launched our pram so she could anchor within range. It was starting to get dark and a chill began creeping over the river. Even though salmon rolled regularly, no one was able to hook up.

Well into January, we were still taking fresh salmon on the Eel. Some trips were cut short by heavy rain that muddied the river, but there were enough days in between storms to find the water in fishable condition. On the best days we hooked five or six fish, and on some days we hooked none.

Winter salmon fishing is not a game for everyone. Advanced planning for a trip is not possible because the weather is so unstable this time of year. It can be a very cold challenge complicated by many variables. For some, however, the rewards are ample for the efforts expended.



KING'S WESTERN SANDLER

COMPLETE ANGLING OUTFITTERS

HARDY • ORVIS • COHTLAND • FIN-NOR • BILLY PATE • DYNA-KING
 SAGE • SHIMANO • PENN • MARTIN • SCIENTIFIC ANGLER • DORIN
 REGAL • KENNEDY-FISHER • LAMI-GLASS • FENWICK • MATARELLI
 PERRINE • COLUMBIA • THOMPSON • STREAM DESIGN • CADDIS
 PLUS A FULL LINE OF FLY-TYING MATERIALS & BOOKS



GRANT KING (707) 542-4432
 532 College Ave., Santa Rosa, California 95406

Courtesy GOLDEN GATE ANGLING AND CASTING CLUB



SALMON/STEELHEADS TAKE NOTE!

It's that time of year again.
We have assembled from various
sources the following numbers for
up to date information on our
Northern California streams/rivers.

<u>RUSSIAN RIVER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Kings - Guerneville	707-869-2156
Olsens- Hacienda	707-887-1111
Kings - Santa Rosa	707-542-4432
Lyle's- Santa Rosa	707-527-9887
Eagles - Cloverdale	707-894-2014

GUALALA, GARCIA, NAVARRO, TEN MILE, NOYO, BIG

Gualala Hotel	707-884-3441
Fort Bragg	707-964-5630
Surf Motel	707-884-3571

EEL, VAN DURZEN, MATTOLE, MAD

Brown's - Garberville	707-923-2533
Bucksport - Eureka	707-442-1832
Time Flies - Arcata	707-882-8331
Redwood Creek-Hatchery	707-488-2553
Rio Dell	707-764-5744

KLAMATH RIVER

Somes Bar	916-469-3399
Orleans Hotel	916-627-3311
Weitchpec Store	916-629-8135
Seiad Valley	916-496-3657
Hornbrook	916-475-3691

SMITH & CHETCO RIVERS

Ship A Shore	707-487-0935
Village Tackle-Gasquet	707-457-3475
Gasquet Country Store	707-457-3312

TRINITY

Weaverville	916-623-3121
"	916-623-5161

SACRAMENTO

Balls Ferry	916-365-2224
Los Molinos	916-384-1919
Colusa	916-458-2617

AMERICAN

Fair Oaks	916-965-3355
Sacramento	916-925-0529

FEATHER

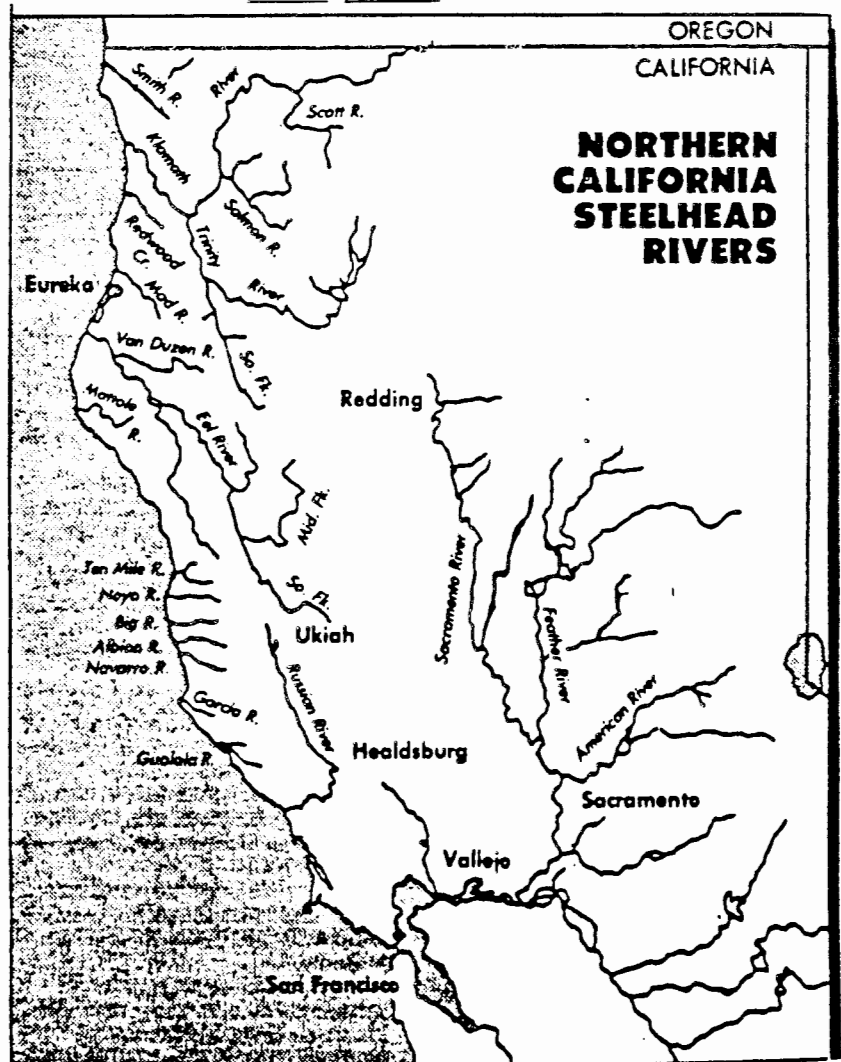
Oroville	916-534-0605
----------	--------------

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE-415-876-2886

WEATHER-NORTH COAST 707-443-7062

ROAD CONDITIONS 415-557-3755

RIVER STATUS 707-442-9033



READING A STREAM - Number Two in a Series of Article for Our Youth or
Novice Fishermen

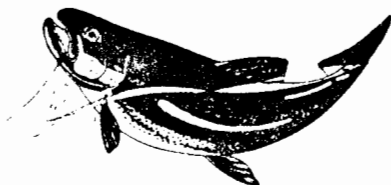
In every pool of a stream or river there are visible lines of drift, indicated by foam (almost detergent like), leaves or other debris carried by the current. In addition to the debris, water-borne insects, on which the trout feed, also float along these travel lanes. Cast your line along the edge of the driftline, beginning at the lower end of the pool and work slowly toward its head. Be sure that your drifting fly travels at the same speed and in the same manner as other floating objects. It is does not, you have a "drag" on the fly, an unnatural movement of the fly due to the effect of the current on the line or leader. Trout will rarely take a "dragging fly"...although whitefish sometimes seem to slurp them with relish ! Brown trout especially seem to enjoy the foam that drifts within one to two feet of a rock stream bank.

Large rocks and boulders in a river will almost always have trout near them. If the boulder projects above the water surface, the water butting against it will make a bulge in the water, directly above the rock, and there will often be trout lying the the calmer water under this bulge. Place your fly upstream from the rock and allow it to float right up to the bulge and then drift along the current on either side.

Behind the boulder there is a pocket of almost still water. This is a "holding place" for fish where they can wait with a minimal expenditure of energy for the food the current, created by the projecting boulder, can bring them. Be sure to hold your rod tip high and try to allow only the fly and a part of the leader on the water to minimize the drag. Sometimes it seems easier to cast the fly directly to the rock and allow it to bounce off the rock and fall naturally into the current to float into the calm water.

In the next article, we will talk about pocket water, riffles and runs.

the tire shop
Wheel Alignments — Brake Service
Computerized Spin Balancing
MacPherson Struts — Shocks
Mylo Imsdahl
(707) 523-3227
990 Piner Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95401



**CUSTOM FISHING REEL:
REPAIR
SERVICING
MANUFACTURING**
(707) 545-3339
P.O. BOX 2645
SANTA ROSA, CA 95405
Archuleta's Reel Works





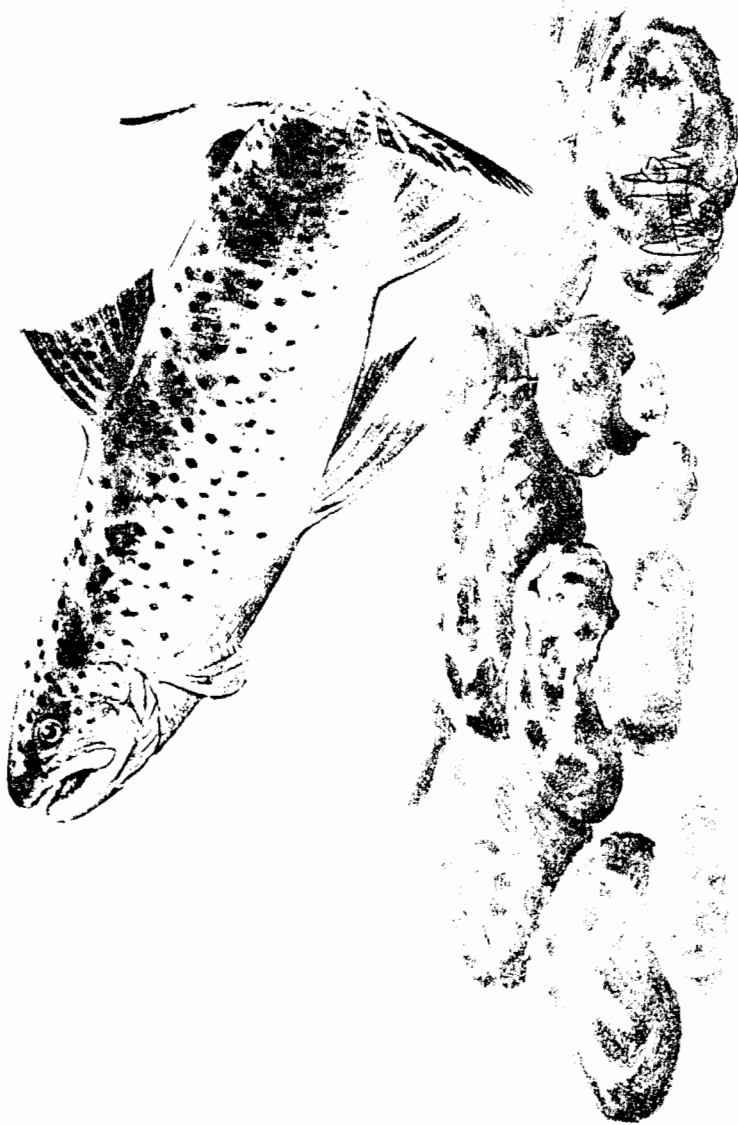
Marcillac Insurance Agency

AUTO • FIRE • COMMERCIAL • LIFE • MEDICAL

707-523-0908

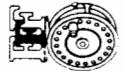
GEORGE E. MARCILLAC
AGENT BROKER

499 HUMBOLDT ST.
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404



Russian River Fly Fishers, Inc.
P. O. Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Santa Rosa, CA
Permit No. 349



Bob Olsson
3607 Green Hill Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Address correction requested
Return postage guaranteed