



# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### RRFF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Our December meeting was very successful. The deserts were delicious. Thanks again to all who contributed a *goodie* and special thanks to **Bob** and **Gail Wobser** for coordinating it all. **Bob Nauheim's** nostalgic presentation showed us how coastal rivers fished back in the 50's and 60's. While those big wild fish days are probably gone forever, we should heed Bob's suggestion that there's still some decent steelhead fishing available on the Russian and other streams. You just have to get out and learn the River.

The Board of Directors is planning some exciting activities for next year, but we desperately need some help from the membership to pull them off in good style. We also need your assistance in the on-going operations of the Club. Here are some ways that you can contribute:

#### ✓ Newsletter

The RRFF newsletter, *The Cast*, is becoming increasingly more expensive to publish each month. Our longtime publishing friends at Madrid Designs, Sir Speedy, and Advantage Marketing are helping as best they can to keep their charges reasonable, but it's costing us almost a dollar a copy to keep this vital communication link open. **Warren Herlihy** is doing an excellent editorial job of bringing the issues together, but we really need someone skilled at desktop publishing who can donate their services to produce a copy-ready original. We also need members to contribute items and even regular features on fly tying, fly fishing events, fishing reports, and personal fishing experiences. Contact Warren at 539-0828.

#### ✓ Membership

**Harry Shoonbaert** is doing a yeoman's job with membership, but it is too much for one person. His specialty is maintaining and updating the computerized membership list, but he could use some help with mailing out new member packets and membership lists, reminding forgetful folks to renew their membership, and keeping the members' badge case current. We also need someone with ideas for membership drives and general promotion of the Club. Harry can be contacted at 838-4517.

#### ✓ Programs and Raffles

**Bob Neill** and **John Thomas** have collaborated for several years to provide the entertainment at our monthly meetings. Bob has developed a strong rapport with local and regional fly fishers who give those excellent presentations. John searches far and wide for

interesting raffle items, especially donated ones, which in turn provide a significant source of revenue to the Club. Both of them could use assistance in these crucial activities by members who would be willing to gradually take over their responsibilities. Call Bob at 542-6723, or John at 778-1312.

#### ✓ The Casting Pond

Pond Captain **Bob Sisson**, with able assistance by **Brian Wong** from **Lyle's Tackle**, have been solely responsible for keeping alive any regular use of that unique facility. While Brian's contribution of gear and beginning instruction to our monthly Casting Clinics have drawn in the public, Club participation has been minimal. (But there are many of us who can attest to the improvement Bob's teaching has made to our distance casting.) Emil Lewis and I are still trying to develop interest in accuracy casting. All we ask from members is to come out and have fun. Your casting skills and confidence will improve significantly.

#### ✓ Outings

**Charlie Schelter** is an old hand at coordinating Club outings. He has numerous suggestions for short one-day or overnight trips. Anyone who has a favorite fishing destination which they would be willing to share is invited to be a Fishmaster for a Club outing. Contact Charlie at 539-0200 to make suggestions.

#### ✓ Youth Program

Last year we had a very successful day of fishing with **Big Brothers and Sisters**. We are planning to hold the event this year on March 27, and we need many volunteers, along with some donations of food and prizes. Call Dan Fischer at 838-2871 to participate in this worthwhile activity.

#### ✓ Fly Tying Classes

The Club has held these occasionally, and with an apparent increase of novice fly fishers in our membership, it seems like a good time to start again. **Bill Archuleta** has volunteered to teach some sessions on the basics of fly tying. We'd like to start in February, so anyone who wants to sign up for the classes—or provide a room where we can meet—should call Bill at 545-3339.

These are just a few of the Club activities you could be involved in and thereby enhance your fly fishing experiences.

*Tight Lines,*

*Ken Magoon*

### General Meeting

CARLO BONJIO  
*California Coastal Steelhead  
Fishing – Today & Tomorrow*  
Wednesday  
January 20  
6:30 P.M.  
Steele Lane School  
301 Steele Lane  
Santa Rosa

### Board of Directors

Monday  
January 18  
7 P.M.  
Warrack Hospital  
Board Room  
2449 Summerfield Road  
Santa Rosa

# POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## CASTING POND CLINIC REMINDER

Date: Sunday, January 17

Time: 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Place: Casting Pond.  
Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of  
Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue,  
Santa Rosa.

The January clinic will feature ring casting for accuracy led by President Ken Magoon, and casting practice and coaching for intermediate and distance casting for members. All members will have an opportunity to qualify the distance casting achievement course.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginners instruction will be offered to those who would like to experience the feel of fly casting. This activity will be held from 10 A.M. till noon. This will be a joint offering by the Russian River Fly Fishers and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle and Travel. Brian has a limited amount of equipment to loan to beginners on a reservation basis. He can be contacted at 527-9887. If you know someone who might be interested in learning to fly cast, invite them to participate.

## COMING EVENTS

**February 6, 1993**

**Best of Northern California Fly Tyers, Antique Tackle and Book Faire.** Fort Mason Center, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. - \$5 admission.

Over 40 members of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will demonstrate a variety of traditional and innovative fly dressings throughout the day. A dozen top dealers will present antique fishing tackle and collectible sporting books.

That evening **Fanny and Mel Kreiger** will be inducted into the **Northern California Fly Fishing Hall of Fame.** A reception and auction with wine and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6 P.M. in the Center. For \$30 you can attend the exposition and reception. *Reservations are essential* and can be made through Maureen Mitchell-Wise at 2807 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705. (510) 843-3072.

**February 26 - 28, 1993**

**The National Fly Fishing Show**  
Concourse Exhibition Center  
635 Eighth Street, San Francisco

**March 10 - 14**

**International Fly Fishing Exposition & Convention**  
San Mateo County Exposition Center

The planned events will be held if we are not in the middle of another old fashioned winter storm. We may not be able to use the parking area next to the pond if it has not dried out enough to permit laying the shale surface. If it has remained soaked, we will have to wait until spring to finish up the parking area. There is a new paved walk these days from the paved parking area to the pond gate.

Bob Sisson

## DISTANCE CASTING ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFIERS

October and November clinics

- 80'  
#33. Dan Fischer (8wt. S.H.)  
100'  
#20. Dan Fischer (8wt. S.H.)

The next scheduled event will be February 21

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

The evening of January 20 will have as its guest speaker Carlo Bonjio discussing a topic that does indeed apply to fishing this time of the year—*California's Coastal Steelhead Fishing, Today and Tomorrow.* Carlo will discuss fly patterns and tackle from 6:30 to 7 P.M. prior to the general meeting.

Now please bear this in mind: Carlo, who is a most knowledgeable fishing bloke, has been around the block many times, knows of what he speaks...so let's show up, wise up, and drink at the fountain of knowledge.

The February general meeting subject material is now being put together by Bob Neill and details will appear in the next *Cast*.

Warren Herlihy

## OUTING - SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1993

Our first 1993 Outing will be a shot at surf perching as shown by Ken Hauley at a meeting last fall. Saturday morning, Jan. 9 has a good minus tide as prescribed.

8 A.M. we'll meet at the entrance to Doran Park and fish the beach back toward the Bodega Harbor Golf Course.

Waders, sinking lines, bright flies. See you there.

Charlie Schelter, 539-0200

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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### IT'S ALMOST SHOOTING HEAD SEASON

With the heavy rains over the last six weeks, one would expect that most of the steelhead will make it to their spawning destinations. Unfortunately, those few fish which deposited their roe in streams may have their redds washed away or silted over by the runoff. We now need a break in the storms with little or no rain for the rest of the season. Typically, it will take three weeks or longer after the last major rain for the **Russian** and **Eel** rivers to become fly fishable. The **Garcia** and **Gualala** clear much sooner. Call local shops for current conditions.

When the water conditions are fast, flowing and murky, we need to use big, heavy, dark #2 or #4 patterns fished on the bottom and edges. The most likely place for fish to be holding would be just below tributaries and where structures such as tree roots and brush create resting places. Fast sinking shooting heads provide the means to get your flies out and down to them. Remember to shorten leaders to four feet or less on "Hi-Speed Hi-D" heads in order to keep your presentations near the bottom. (The buoyancy of monofilament creates a lift on long leaders which raises a swinging fly over hunkered down steelies.)

Okay, let's say that the storms blow in through March and the steelhead season is "kaput!" There are a couple of other spring fishing activities where a shooting head system is a practically a necessity. From mid-February through April there's fishing for lunker cutthroat at **Pyramid Lake, Nevada**.

This involves casting big heavy dark flies considerable distances (60 feet), while precariously balanced on a four-foot merchant's ladder. This fishing can be a cold, frustrating—sometimes painful—experience (tendonitis sets in if you don't practice a bit). But on any cast you may hook into a six to ten-pound trout, which has a tendency to raise one's spirit and warm the blood. I'm making my first trip on February 12 and will give you a report.

The other spring fishing opportunity where the ability to cast a shooting head is a useful skill is when the shad begin migrating on the Russian, the smaller males (one to three pounds) can begin showing late in April, and the run typically goes through early June. Shad runs on the **Sacramento** and **American** rivers are heaviest from late May through early July. When hooked, these fish make spectacular jumps and sizzling runs and are a challenge to land on a five or six wt. fly rod. The key to successful shad fishing is to move from hole to hole until you locate a pod. Then you're in for some hot fishing.

**Please note:** Libby Haskel of the Parks and Recreation Department, has asked for qualified instructors to teach fly tying—on stream techniques—casting. Interested? Please contact Libby at 524-5116.

**Kings Western Angler** has the largest selection of lines and flies in this

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### General Meeting

*Secrets of the Sacramento...*

#### Redding to Red Bluff

DAVE DEMPSEY

Wednesday

February 17

6:30 P.M.

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## COMING EVENTS



### FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER – DAVE DEMPSEY

***Secrets of the Sacramento—Places, Techniques, and Flies for Fishing the Sacramento from Redding to Red Bluff.***

Dave Dempsey is an acknowledged “fisher” of the Sacramento River. He will bring forth a gold mine of information on that stretch of water between Redding and Red Bluff. At 6:30 P.M. Dave will tie patterns that are applicable to that water

An interesting raffle prize is being offered by Dave—a day-long float trip covering the aforementioned water.

It will be a most worthwhile meeting. Lets turn out!

*Bob Neill, Program Chairman*

### **BIG BROTHERS/SISTERS OUTING MARCH 27 - SPRING LAKE PARK**

One of the more rewarding activities of the Russian River Fly Fishers has been teaching disadvantaged kids how to fish. Again this year we are spending a day with kids from Big Brothers. We need volunteers to come out on March 27 to share their casting, fishing and fly tying skills; to cook hot dogs; and generally help out. We also need donations of picnic goodies, prizes suitable for 10 to 15 year olds, and the *loan* of rods and reels (spinning or fly) in good working order. Contact **Dan Fischer** at 838-2871.

## BOARD NOTES

### **ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors is responsible for coordinating all of the Club's activities. My participation over the last four years has been very rewarding. Through a sense of making a contribution to the promotion of fly fishing in our area, expanding my knowledge of the sport, and the growth of friendships with other members, I feel that the few hours a month I've spent on Club business has been well worth the effort.

If you would like to participate in shaping the direction of the RRFF, you should become a Director. We are taking nominations for the 1993-1994 Board through the March general meeting. Contact any current Board member by March 17 to declare your interest.

*Ken Magoon*

## OUTING REPORT



*Now hear this!*

### **WARM SPRINGS HATCHERY TOUR**

Saturday, February 20. A tour is planned for our club and guests. Time: 10:15 A.M. (at the Hatchery) to 12 noon. Follow Dry Creek Road out of Healdsburg

Hopefully we will be able to see fish brought in from the pens, measured, inspected, and logged

Weather permitting, how about bringing a “brown bag” lunch and we can chow down at the Hatchery.

***Reservations are necessary. Call before February 15 if you are going on this tour.\****

For your information, the fish count as of 1-20-93 was:

Chinook King	28
Coho Silver	570
Steelhead	303

*Henry von der Mehden, Conservation Chairman*

\*Work: 545-8154 \*Home: 525-0363

P.S. We're considering an outing to Blue Lakes in March.

*Charlie Schelter, Outing Chairman*  
539-0200

## EDITOR'S REPORT

Well, for you folks that missed the January 20 meeting, you missed a good one!

About 40 folks showed and, surprisingly, a fair number of visitors—to hear Carlo Bonjio give forth with a dissertation and slide presentation on the noble steelhead. It was outstanding. All in all, it was a right fine evening.

Now, how about the meeting on February 17? It's going to be a good one... so why not set aside that evening and come... drink in the knowledge of the guest speaker, buy a number of raffle tickets, and—who knows—you might be the winner of the float trip.

Think about it.

Hope to see you on the evening of February 17.

*Warren Herlihy, Cast Editor,*

**Shooting Head Season**, continued from front page area and can provide good information on current fishing conditions.

If you would like some coaching on casting shooting heads attend the next RRF Casting Clinic. Pond captain Bob Sisson and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle have taught many club members to become fairly adept at this technique.

*Tight Loops and Tight Lines*

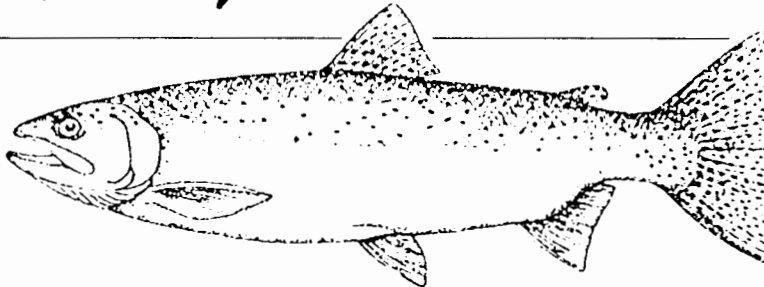
*Ken Magoon*



**NEW RRF HOT LINE NUMBER**

The RRF Hot Line number has changed and is now fully operational. The new number is 538-1733.



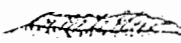
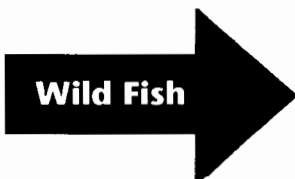

*Warren Herlihy*



**If he's wild...**

**let him go!**

**STEELHEAD TROUT...Can you tell the difference?**

 <b>Hatchery Fish</b>			Pectoral ( <i>side</i> ) or Pelvic ( <i>belly</i> ) fins may also contain crooked rays or have "clipped" appearance
	Bent or crooked rays in dorsal fin	Dorsal fin may be completely dubbed off, giving "clipped" appearance	
 <b>Wild Fish</b>	Dorsal Fin Rays - NOT bent or crooked		

- ✓ **Keep wild fish in the river!**
- ✓ **Kill your fish, kill your fishing!**
- ✓ **Dead fish don't spawn!**
- ✓ **Your fish count!**

# POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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The rains came and for the first time in several years the tributaries to the Russian are running. Perhaps the few wild steelhead there are left will be able to spawn successfully. In any event, the pond is reachable only on foot via the new paved walk past the tennis courts to the north gate. All access from behind the baseball field is as muddy as it has ever been and will almost certainly stay that way until the rain season is over for the year. Everything will have to be carried in to the pond for any of the activities that are to take place.

The February clinic will feature casting practice and coaching for intermediate and distance casting for all interested members. Distance course qualification will be there for those of you that are interested. An introduction to fly casting and basic beginners instruction will continue to be offered. This will be a joint offering by the Russian River Fly Fishers and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle and Travel. The activity will take place from 10 A.M. until noon. Brian has a limited amount of equipment to loan to beginners on a reservation basis. He can be contacted at 527-9887. Interested beginners who wish to use their own gear will be most welcome. Ring casting for accuracy may also be available.

The clinic will be held if we luck out with a dry day on the 21st. If the rains are still going strong, we will have to postpone the event until March.

The next scheduled event will be March 21



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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### IMPORTANT ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING!

Our March 17 club meeting will be devoted to topics of utmost importance to the future of the Russian River Fly Fishers. First will be the nomination of members to serve on the Board of Directors. You may volunteer your name or someone else to be placed on the April ballot. The Board needs new participants with new ideas for making the RRFF a more exciting and enjoyable organization for local anglers. It involves a two-year commitment with most people serving a couple of terms. Several of us are at the point where it's time to pass on responsibility for the club activities to some new faces. So do yourself and the RRFF a good turn by becoming more involved on a leadership level!

### BIG BROTHERS/SISTERS OUTING

March 27 - Spring Lake Park

One of the more rewarding activities of the Russian River Fly Fishers has been teaching disadvantaged kids how to fish. Again this year we are spending a day with kids from Big Brothers.

We need volunteers to come out on March 27 to share their casting, fishing and fly tying skills; to cook hot dogs; and generally help out. We also need donations of picnic goodies, prizes suitable for 10 to 15 year olds, and the loan of rods and reels (spinning or fly) in good working order. Contact Dan Fischer at 838-2871

The second major goal of the March meeting will be to take suggestions for establishing a "business plan" for next year and for the next five years. This discussion will essentially involve identifying and prioritizing goals for various club activities including fly fishing education, the casting pond (and future club house?), youth projects, The Cast, outings, conservation and speaker's bureau. We also need to address how the club can obtain the necessary money to remain fiscally viable through membership drives and fund raisers.

Another goal of this meeting is to become better acquainted with other members, share fly fishing interests and encourage one another's participation in club activities. It seems that our usual meeting agendas don't allow for much time for socializing and getting to know new members. The March 17 meeting will be entirely devoted to talking about who we are and where we're going. I'll be looking forward to seeing you there.

The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m. and we will have the usual refreshments and an interesting raffle.

Tight lines,

### General Meeting

*Organizational Meeting & Officer Nominations*

Wednesday

March 17

7:00 P.M.

Steele Lane School

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### Board of Directors

Monday

March 15

7 P.M.

Warrack Hospital

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### RRFF Hot Line

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# COMING EVENTS

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February 26-28, 1993 The National Fly Fishing Show Concourse Exhibition Center 635 Eighth Street, San Francisco A new show in this area with who knows what sort of fly fishing goodies to stimulate the imagination and lighten the wallet.

March 10-14 International Fly Fishing Exposition and Convention San Mateo County Exposition Center. This show is always interesting, but this year it will have a stellar lineup of fly fishing "personalities" offering seminars on salt water fishing techniques and destinations. If you can only tolerate or afford just one of these angling extravaganzas, "The Exposition" is a proven winner. Outing Coordinator Charlie Schelter has suggested going on Thursday, March 11. Call him at 539-0200.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

For April Vice President and Program Director Bob Neill has tentatively lined up Royce Gunter, manager of the Warm Springs Dam hatchery to discuss the status of the current salmon and steelie runs. In May Bob plans to have a speaker from the Sacramento area on shad fishing. And for June Bob Nauheim will be the featured speaker at our annual inauguration dinner meeting. He will share his recent experience fishing for sea-run browns in the Tierra del Fuego area of Argentina.

# POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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## CASTING POND CLINIC REMINDER

Date: Sunday, March 21 Time: 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.  
Place: Casting pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

The February clinic gave everyone a chance to see if they can qualify the new casting instructor requirements. The list of skills is comprehensive and a bit extensive, but if you are a reasonably good caster, you should be able to qualify. The March clinic will continue to give everyone a chance to show proficiency with the instructor requirements and practice distance casting and qualify that course if there is an interest.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction continues to be offered jointly by the Russian River Fly Fishers and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle and Travel. This activity runs from 10 a.m. till noon. Brian has a limited amount of equipment to loan to beginners on a reservation basis. He can be contacted at 527-9887. Interested beginners who have their own equipment will be most welcome.

The clinic will be held unless our serious winter weather is still going strong on the 21st. If rain is in progress we will have to postpone the activities until April. The next scheduled event will be April 18.

Bob Sisson

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SO WHAT IS A FLY FISHING CLUB?

About 30 people attended our March "organizational" meeting. We handed out an "activities priority" survey which will also be included in next month's *Cast* along with the ballot. The discussion centered around suggestions for setting goals and keeping the club viable. Here is a sampling of the ideas and concerns:

- Conduct membership drives
- Involve new members
- Survey former members
- Seek dynamic leadership
- Set directions for the club
- Get more business people involved
- Find a different meeting place
- Raise funds for clubhouse
- Hold more social events (e.g. dinners)
- Develop family orientated activities
- Delegate Responsibilities
- Regard raffles as revenue
- Establish committees
- Set long and short term goals
- Support local fly shops

All of these are excellent suggestions and they only require one thing to be implemented. *You need to get involved and support the RRFF! How? Come to meetings. Recruit your friends. Use the casting pond. Lead an outing. Join a committee. Be on the board.*

There was an interesting exchange of ideas about what the emphasis of the Fly Fishers should be. Past president,

Russ Lockner suggested that when the club had a larger membership, it functioned more as a **social club**. Current Vice President Bob Neill expressed a strong feeling that we are primarily a **fishing club**. Life Member Bill Archuleta reminded us that we are a **corporation** and should be functioning in a business-like manner. Later, I reflected that I've always thought of this club as an **educational organization**.

So are these diverse interests pulling the RRFF in too many different directions rendering us unable to accomplish anything? Perhaps, but Article I, Section 3 of the club's by-laws includes all of the above among our primary purposes.

It seems likely that the emphasis on activities and short-term goals will shift with the interests of the members and leadership. This will be a healthy environment for the Fly Fishers to grow and change. And there's no reason that we can't simultaneously work at these diverse purposes.

**All the RRFF needs to be successful is your involvement!**

Tight lines!

### General Meeting

*Royce Gunter, Warm Spring  
Fish hatchery Update*

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S CREEL

The general membership meeting of March 17 was well attended. For those of you who missed the meeting, it was devoted to the selection of new officers and in depth discussion of the club's present and future well being.

The comments and input were most enlightening. It was most flaringly apparent that a very small body of the membership was carrying the full load of the club's activities.

The message came through loud and clear, there must be much greater participation on the part of the general

membership if the Russian River Fly Fishers is to remain a viable entity serving the fishing community.

We need you to help carry the load by participating as a board member, a chairperson of one of the committees or back-up to one of the chair people.

We need you—think about it.

Call me at 539-0828 and let me know how you want to serve.

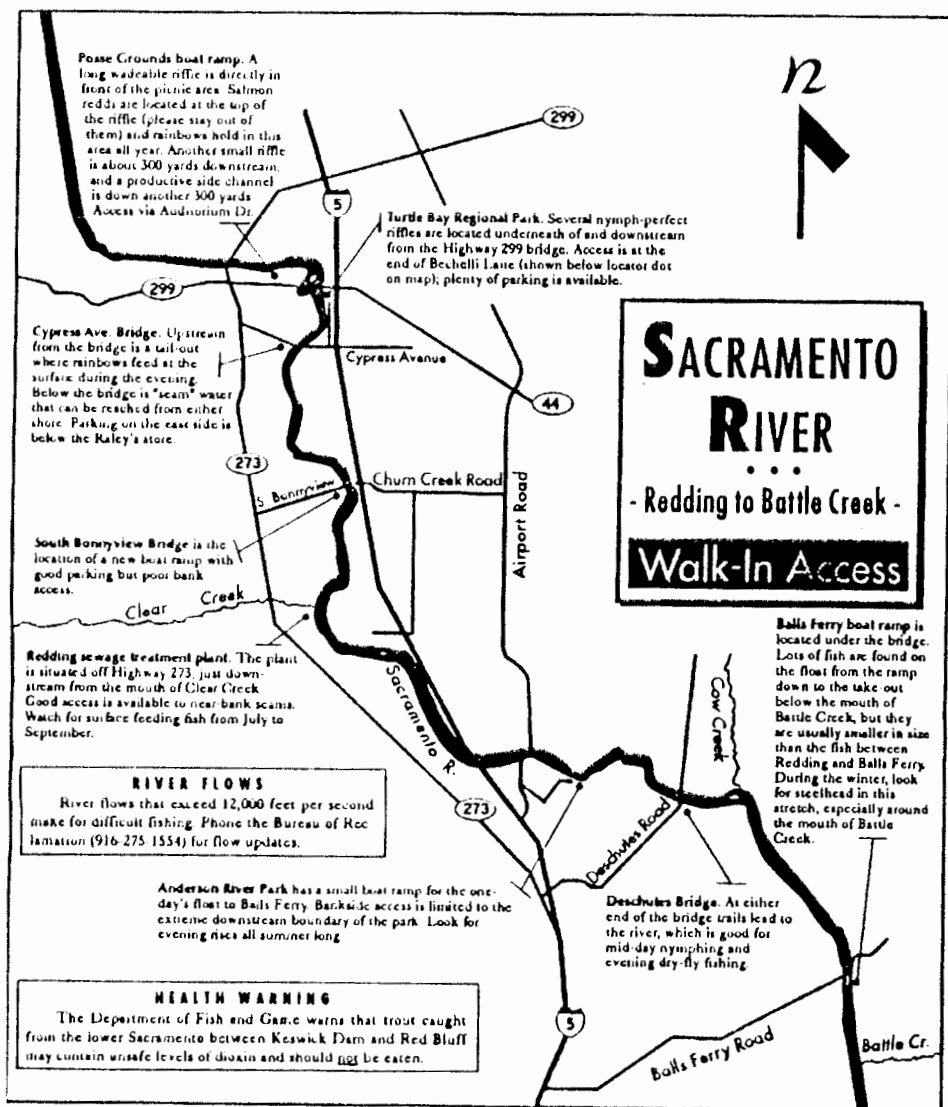
—Warren Herlihy

## SACRAMENTO RIVER ACCESS

NOW'S THE TIME...

Here's a map of public access on the Sacramento River between Redding and Anderson. It's reprinted from an article written by Gerry Grey, called *Fly Fishing the Lower Sacramento River: An Introduction* which appeared in the March/April issue of a new and very interesting magazine, *California Fly Fishing*. It provides a timely follow-up to Dave Dempsey's informative talk on fly fishing for trout in the Redding area.

March and April are the prime months for early caddis activity and good fishing. Be sure to call ahead for the latest on river flows this spring because early runoff and full reservoirs could really dampen bank angling. A call to The Fly Shop in Redding (1-916-222-3555) will get you the most current river and fishing conditions.



# POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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The February clinic suffered from some unsettled weather, but those who braved a not all that bad day had a good time testing their skills against the F.F.F criteria. If more of the membership chooses to give it a try I'm sure that there will be many capable of passing the test if they so desire. More of the same will be offered for April and with the hope that spring will have arrived by the date of the event. I doubt that the close in parking area will be dry enough to use yet but that too may be a possibility. Distance casting and course qualification will also be there for your pleasure if you are interested. Yes, distance casting can and usually is a large part of spring shad fishing and poses no disadvantage for those who can cast for some serious distance.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will continue to be offered jointly by the Russian River Fly Fishers and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle and Travel. This activity will take place from 10

a.m. till noon. Brian has a number of full line outfits to loan to beginners on a reservation basis. He can be reached at 527-9887. Interested beginners who have their own equipment will be most welcome. *The next scheduled event will be May 16.*

—Bob Sisson

## PROGRAM NOTES

**April 21:** Royce Gunter, manager of Warm Springs Fish Hatchery, will be our guest speaker. He will present an update on the Warm Springs Hatchery and the start up of the Coyote Valley steelhead facility

**May 19:** Dwight Longuevan, proprietor of Kings Western Angler, will present a slide show of fishing Ascension Bay for bonefish and permit. Located on the Yucatan Peninsula, Ascension Bay offers the finest opportunity for catching the elusive permit on a fly. On his last trip there, Dwight saw five world record class fish caught and released, the largest over 45 pounds!

**June 19:** Dinner with Bob Nauheim. Refer to insert.

—Bob Neill, Program Chairman



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## I apply for membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers for:

Myself (\$35)

For My Family (\$40)

As a Junior member (\$20)

(New members add \$10 initiation Fee)

Name

Date

Address

City/State/Zip

Occupation

Home Phone

Work Phone

Signature

**Mail this application with the initiation fees and dues to:**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Beginning Fly Tying Classes

Bill Arculeta will be teaching the basics of fly tying for RRFF members. He stresses that these sessions are intended for novice tiers only. Call him at 545-3224 for more information.

## Shad Are Showing in the River!

Check in with your favorite local fly shop for information and gear.

# APRIL OUTING

April 16, 17 and 18, Lake Sonoma, Rustlers Camp. Last October's outing to our local super pond was such fun it should be outstanding in April—surface bass! Enter from Cloverdale on Hot Springs Road to parking and launching. Rustlers Camp is about a mile away from the ramp. Any craft is fine, but trailer boats must launch at the main ramp and come up the lake to Rustler, several miles. Some of us will go in early Friday and secure camp space at Rustler. We'll have a great time—see you there. —Charlie Schelter, 539-0200

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**Jim Keegan** has made another generous contribution to support our Big Brothers and Sisters Fishout on March 27. Thanks to Jim, the kids will take home nice prizes.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### YEAR ENDS WITH IMPORTANT EVENTS

The RRFF is winding up this year with a number of important events. First there is the annual election of the board of directors. Dwight Longuevan is the nominee for president. He is a dedicated fly fisher who will work hard to promote our club. There are a number of new and continuing folks willing to serve as directors at large. Let's send them off with a rousing vote of confidence by returning your ballot by May 30. Please also respond to the club activities survey on the ballot.

The second event is our annual June dinner meeting featuring Bob Nauheim, president of Fishing International, who will tempt your travel lust with tales of hooking monster sea-run browns in Argentina. Send in your reservation by June 1.

Finally, we have included a stamped self-addressed envelope to entice you to renew your membership for the 1993-94 activity year, which begins July 1, 1993. It's very important for us to have some operating funds on hand when we start up again in September. *In fact, you can include your folded ballot, dinner reservation and membership check all in this one envelope. Perfect!!* (Just remember the May 30 deadline for the election.)

### A Soggy Good Time Was Had by All

The Second Annual RRFF/Big Brothers and Sisters outing started out promisingly but was rained out by noon. Youth Director Dan Fischer had a fun day planned for the kids, but they were only able to get in a mini casting clinic and a brief fishing period before the deluge. But they consumed all the hot dogs donated and cooked by Ron Tour, along with the baked goods and sodas brought by the Wobsers. Thanks to you and all the other folks who came out to volunteer your time for a good cause.

We still have the prizes donated by Jim Keegan and Carlo Bongio, which we would like to give away at our May 23 club picnic. We invite RRFF members to bring their families and guest children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go fishing. Equipment and prizes will be donated for a variety of contests for the kids. There's more information elsewhere in *The Cast*.

That's all for now folks.

*Ken Magoon*

#### General Meeting

*Dwight Longuevan  
Fishing Ascension Bay-  
Permit on a fly*

May 19

7:00 P.M.

Steele Lane School  
301 Steele Lane  
Santa Rosa

#### Board of Directors

Monday

May 17

7 P.M.

Warrack Hospital  
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2449 Summerfield Road  
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*For information on meetings,  
upcoming events, and  
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## FROM THE EDITOR'S CREEL

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Well, the April 21 general meeting was well attended and the presentation by Royce Gunter, manager of the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery, was informative, interesting and well received. Many thanks Royce.

There will be a lot of "goings on" the next couple of months with the election of officers and board members, the picnic and the club dinner.

*Now Hear this!* The club will go into its "dark period"—that is there will be no meetings or activities during July and August. The start-up meeting will be in September.

### FLY TYING, WITH CLASS

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The time has finally arrived to begin our fly tying class. This will be a very basic beginners class for those who want to learn a little about the art of placing stuff on a hook without it falling off and possibly catching a fish. The class will be held at Stan Diamond's place of business, 502 Mendocino Avenue (on the second floor).

The present idea will be to have three or four sessions of about two to two and a half hours each; we can play it by ear once we get going. The first class will be devoted to materials and how to choose good from bad and, if time permits, we may even start to place some stuff on a hook. We will all be tying the same thing step by step so we can all work together and discuss common problems.

We will start out tying the basic simple steelhead type fly and woolly buggler and progress on through the nymph, stonefly and soft hackle and will wind up with the basic dry patterns including an upright wing and a posted parachute. I will concentrate on proportions and the proper methods for tying on the various types of furs and feathers so they won't bunch up or twist around the hook. I will try to answer as many questions as possible.

I am shooting for having the classes on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and I have 13 students. You will need to bring the basic tying tools such as a vice (we will have a few available), a pair of small sharp scissors, hackle pliers and a thread bobbin. I will teach all students to tie off the head with a whip finish by hand but if anyone want to use a tool, it's okay. I will furnish the materials and hooks at least for the first meeting; we will see how it progresses from there. I think we can have a very enjoyable time at this and maybe talk others into doing some training so we can get a well-rounded education. Those who have signed up will be contacted and notified of the time and date. See you in class.

—Bill Archuleta

### SPECIAL NOTES

Brent Phillips of the Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers needs a fly tier to attend and tie flies during the conclave at Tahoe Oct. 8, 9 and 10. Interested? Call Brent, (805)481-0767 days or (805)481-2034 evenings.

The FFF is once again asking for volunteers to help with their Wild Trout Program. The program is one of surveying streams to determine if some sort of special fishing regulations should be enacted. Surveys will be conducted Sept. 7-10, Upper McCloud of S.F. Pit, three people needed; Sept. 20-23, Rubicon River, three people needed; Oct. 18-21, Truckee River, five people needed; Oct. 25-28, Little Truckee River, five people needed; and Nov. 2-5, East Walker River, five people needed. For more details call Wayne Chubb at (916)689-1642.

Well, that says it all for now. See you at the general meeting May 19 or at the picnic May 23.

Take care.

Warren Herlihy

## CONSERVATION CORNER

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### APRIL 21 PROGRAM

Royce Gunter, manager of the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery, gave us a very glowing report of this years fish spawn. It would seem that the greater amount of water had a lot to do with the success. Over 2,600 Steelhead have entered the hatchery, of which only 80 were needed for spawning purposes. The remainder were distributed by several spawning purposes. The remainder were distributed by several sportsmen groups in Ukiah and Cloverdale to tributary streams of the Russian River. These streams were in the northern part of the river system. Royce asked for help in the future to deliver adult steelhead to certain tributary streams in the southern part of the Russian River drainage. Please let me know if anyone is interested. My phone number is 525-0363.

Great applause and praise go out to the students and supporters at Casa Grande High School. Their fish hatchery facility open on April 25, 1993. *Great job!*

We need club members and friends to write their Congressmen to stop the gill netting of salmon on the Klamath River before there are no more salmon. Please let your opinions and voice be heard.

—Henry Von der Mehden

## POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### CASTING POND CLINIC REMINDER

Date: Sunday, May 9      Time: 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.  
Place: Casting pond, Dan Galvin Park, intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

The May clinic will provide an opportunity for any and all members to sharpen up on any and all casting techniques they have interest in. We will also help you evaluate the right weight shooting head for your rod if you are not sure of the best choice. We are still at the mercy of the weather in so far as the use of the parking next to the gate is concerned. If it has not rained within the last two weeks before the event you will probably be able to use the area.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will continue to be offered jointly by the Russian River Fly Fishers and Brian Wong of Lyle's Tackle and Travel. This activity will take place from 10 a.m. till noon. Brian has a number of full line outfits to loan to beginners on a reservation basis. He can be reached at 527-9887. Interested beginners who have their own equipment will be most welcome. *The next scheduled event will be June 20.*

— Bob Sisson

## PROGRAM NOTES

**May 19:** Dwight Longuevan, proprietor of Kings Western Angler, will present a slide show of fishing Ascension Bay for bonefish and permit. Located on the Yucatan Peninsula, Ascension Bay offers the finest opportunity for catching the elusive permit on a fly. On his last trip there, Dwight saw five world record class fish caught and released, the largest over 45 pounds!

**June 19:** Dinner with Bob Nauheim. Refer to insert.

—Bob Neill, Program Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

Dear Flyfishers,

In a few short weeks our 1992-93 membership year ends. This year more than ever our club needs timely payment of the 1993-94 dues. Since the summer months of July and August are without club activities and we won't receive gentle prodding reminders provided in *The Cast*, RRFF could face unnecessary financial stress next fall without early payment of dues.

You may use the stamped remittance envelop for dues payment, the return of the ballot, if you choose, and your dinner reservations.

—Harry Schoonbaert, membership chairman



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**RRFF Picnic, Sunday May 23.** We have the Lower Jack Rabbit area on Spring Lake in Santa Rosa for a family picnic. We will go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the club providing hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. You can bring a dish to share, your fishing gear etc.

**Fishing Outing to Lava Creek Lodge, June 4, 5 and 6.** This picturesque lodge offers easy access Fall River. We will stay in two and three person cabins at a rate of \$50 per person per night, including three meals a day. Call Ken Magoon, 527-8376, for more information.

**June Shad Fishing Outing TBA.**

## SPECIAL THANKS

Fly fishing artist **Ben Cummings** has donated another scenic painting—*A Tributary of the Stanislaus River*—to raise funds for the club. We will have special raffle tickets for \$5 each. The raffle will be held at the meeting which follows our reaching a certain level of sales. The painting will be on display at *The Western Angler*.

Long standing club member **Ron Abby** of Abby Precision Manufacturing, maker of Dyna King Vises, has donated a **Voyager** fly tying vise for our June raffle.

We have a one-year subscription to *California Fly Fisher* to include in the dinner meeting raffle. Thanks to publisher **Richard Anderson** for the donation.

Other donations are welcomed. Contact John Thomas at 778-1312.

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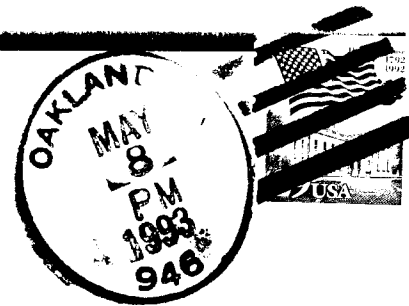
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### LAST ADMINISTRATIVE BLURB

There was a period of a few weeks when I thought I would be writing these little administrative blurbs for yet another year. But now I'm planning to just look forward to the next *Cast*, in which Dwight Longuevan will have the responsibility of leading off. I want to wish him and the board of directors a successful year.

As almost everything else in life, five years participation on the board of directors has had its ups and downs for me. The down side of these past years has been frustration at not being able to provide all the quality activities that we know are possible.

One new member recently expressed his disappointment with the leadership for not providing all the experiences he had anticipated. But the fact is that we do have regular casting activities, outings to near and far fly fishing destinations and a series of interesting programs at our monthly meetings. We rely much more on member energy than on an extensive treasury to provide these activities, which is best exemplified by the recent volunteer efforts that have gone into the youth program and publishing *The Cast*. So my advice to those of you who feel you aren't getting enough from your membership in the RRFF is to double haul your fly fishing experiences by getting more involved in planning and guiding club activities.

What stands out most positively for me are the friendships developed and experiences shared with other board members. The effort to keep the RRFF going through some lean financial years has drawn several of us closer. And this is why most of us joined the club, to meet people with whom we can share our interest in fly fishing and learn from each other. It's been mainly through involvement on the board that I have fulfilled this goal.

Thanks to all of you who have extended your efforts over the last few years. I look forward to many more years of participation in the club and the opportunity to fish with many more of you in the future.

## FROM THE EDITORS' CREEL

### THANKS TO ALL

As the membership year ends the club will have a change of command. When the ballots are counted on the 16th there will be new officers and board members and I know they will serve you well and merit your full cooperation.

As for me, I am stepping down as club secretary and editor of *The Cast*. While in those positions I have made many good friends, "had a ball" and learned a great deal about my fellow fisherpersons.

I have fond reminiscences of Ken Magoon and Bob Neill and their sincere efforts on behalf of the club. Others come to mind as well—John Thomas and his raffle sessions; Dan Fischer and his caring efforts on behalf of Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Mike Lisgnali, the "bean counter" who kept the books; the Wobsers, Gayle and Bob, handling the "coffee pot" and getting *The Cast* mailed out; Harry Schoonbaert and Bob Sisson and Henry Vonder Mehdon for their participation and interest and Charlie Schelter for devising interesting fishing trips.

I wish to pay a special recognition to club member Ray Manley who drives from Philo to attend meetings and does the computer layout for *The Cast*. Thank you Ray.

Take care and let's continue to support the RRFF and make it grow.

Warmest Regards.

Warren Herlihy

## PROGRAM NOTES

It has been my pleasure to serve the club the past eight years in various capacities. I have many fond memories of people, times and events, but as that wise old camel driver said crossing the burning sands of the Sahara, "Hey, I gotta move on."

Because of company and personal demands I must step down, however I will help in any way I can.

Thank you.

—Bob Neill, Program Chairman

### General Meeting

Dinner and  
General Meeting

June 19

No host bar 6:30

Dinner 7:30

Washoe House, Stoney  
Point and Roblar Roads,  
Cotati

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Monday

June 14

7 P.M.

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The June clinic will be the last event for the summer. Watch *The Cast* for information covering fall and winter activities. The upcoming clinic will provide an opportunity for all members to sharpen up on any and all casting techniques that may interest them. Assistance will also be available in matching the best weight shooting head for your shooting system.

Activity should resume soon toward completing the shale surfaced parking area adjacent to the pond area.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will continue to be offered from 10 a.m. until noon. All potential fly casters will be welcome.

—Bob Sisson

# SHAD OUTING

JUNE 12, 13

A shad fishing outing is scheduled for June 12 and 13 at the Woodson Bridge. It will be a joint effort with the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club. Woodson Bridge is on the Sacramento River about five miles east of Corning. Take I-5 to Corning and turn right. There is a state park and trailer park for camping as well as a county park for day use with a boat ramp and long gravel bar for wading fisherman. On Saturday evening we will have a potluck dinner with both clubs.

—Charlie Schelter, 539-0200

## DON'T FORGET

The general meeting is being held Saturday June 19 at the Washoe House, Stoney Point and Roblar Roads in Cotati. No host cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Contact Bob Neill evenings at 542-6723 to reserve a terrific evening for you and yours.

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**RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS DINNER MEETING**

**FLY FISHING IN ARGENTINA  
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Saturday, June 19, 1993

Washoe House

corner of Stony Point and Roblar Roads, Cotati  
*(see back for map)*

No Host Cocktails 6:30 p.m.

Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Prime Rib • Chicken • Deep Fried Prawns  
*(Dinner includes: Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Bread, and Coffee)*

Reservations are \$20 per person, which includes dinner, tax, & gratuity.



Travel and fish with Bob on the sea trout rivers of Tierra del Fuego for sea run brown trout then to the trout rivers of the Alerces National Park and onward along the Cordillera of the Andes to the great trout streams of Junin de Los Andes.

Bob is the President of Fishing International Inc. and has been very generous in his support of our club since its beginnings and has presented many fine programs for our benefit. We will be honoring him with a Life Membership at this dinner. Please come out and enjoy a great evening of food, fine fellowship and a great program.

Any questions regarding this dinner contact Bob Neill evenings at 542-6723.



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**Dinner Reservations**

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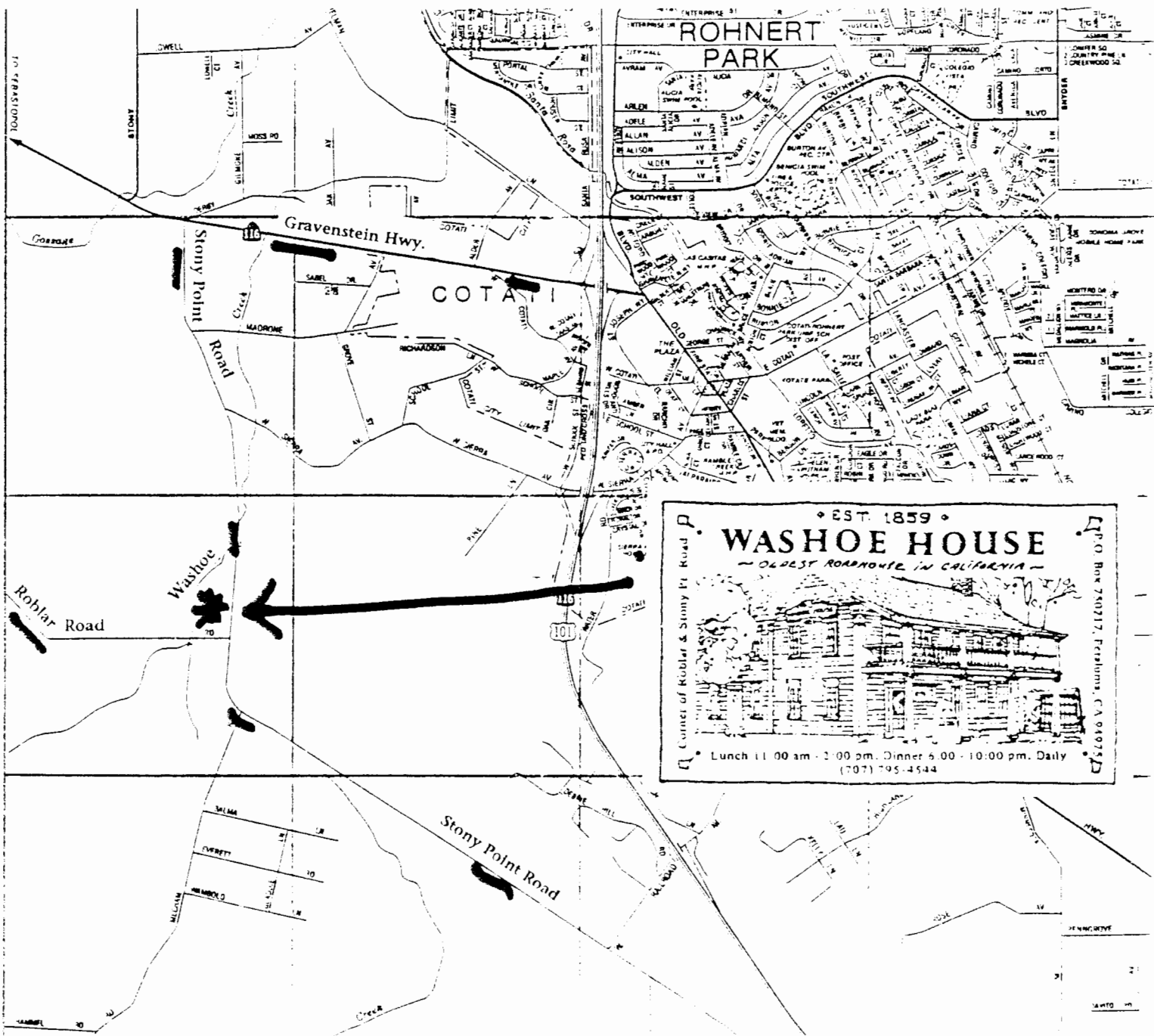
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**NEW MEETING LOCATION! See below. LAKE PILLSBURY TRIP. See page 2.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### GREETINGS!

First off I'd like to thank the membership for this opportunity to serve as president. I'd also like to thank all the board members, both those that chose to stay on another term and the newly-elected board members. I'd also like to take a moment to introduce our new board of directors.

Tim Grogan, vice president; Bob Ordway, secretary; Marshall Lockman, treasurer; Henry Vonder Mehdon, conservation; John Thomas, raffles (with assistance from Bob Neill); Jack Vallerga, programs; Harry Shoonbaert, membership (with assistance from Bob Brown); Bob Sisson, casting pond captain; Charlie Schelter, outings; Dan Fischer, Youth Activities; Bob and Gail Wobser, hospitality.

We are here to help you in any way we can, please refer any question or suggestions to us at any of our club functions. There will also be a suggestion box at all club meetings for those of you who would prefer to remain anonymous.

### A new outlook.

I recently asked my daughter what she would like for her supper, to which her almost immediate response was, "Tweets!" (Treats!) As those of you who are parents already know, that's the normal response one can expect when asking a two-year-old such an open-ended question. My almost immediate response was, "Sure honey, whatever you want." (I'm a softy for my daughter's big blue eyes.)

Now, the reason for torturing you with this silly tidbit from my life is an example I found in it. It's an example of optimism, enthusiasm and the desire to have fun. And the new board of directors and I will help bring these things back to the club.

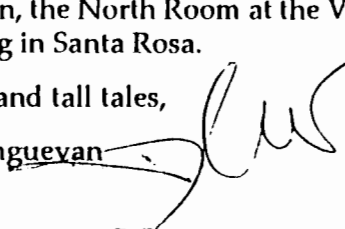
I'm really looking forward to meeting with all of you over the next year and fishing, working and making the Russian River Fly Fishers the kind of club we can all be proud to be part of. I see great potential in our club membership and now is the time to tap into this great resource. Now is the time to bring this great club up to its potential. Together

as a club I know we can do it.

Well, see you all at 7 p.m. for the Sept. 15 meeting at our new location, the North Room at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Santa Rosa.

Tight lines and tall tales,

Dwight Longuevan



## PROGRAM NOTES

Sept. 15: Mike Kuczynski, owner of the Eureka Fly Shop in Eureka, will make a presentation to the club. Mike operates the shop with his wife Janet. He was a guide in the West Yellowstone area for several years before moving to Humboldt County. Mike has been a guide on the Klamath for many years now and, with two others, operates a guide service using jet boats based at Klamath Glen. They guide from the Glen to Weitchpec and are considered the best fly fishing guides on that part of the Klamath. His program will be on fly fishing the Klamath River. Before the meeting Mike will demonstrate tying Klamath River flies.

—Jack Vallerga, Program Chairman

### General Meeting

Mike Kuczynski  
Fly fishing the Klamath  
7 p.m.  
Sept. 15

The North Room  
Veteran's Memorial Bldg.  
Santa Rosa

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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back fly fishers, and on with our new '93-'94 year. As of this date we have 127 active members on our roster including seven non-paying life members. There are only 40 of you out there who need to send in their dues to be current.

In may we sent *The Cast* along with a 1993-94 dues bill to over 50 inactive members and I'm happy to announce that eight of these former members have rejoined our ranks. A hearty welcome fly fishers, we're glad to have you back. We also have three new members who need to be given a warm welcome:

Lee Smith, Santa Rosa; Michael Daly, Sebastopol; and Murray Wood, Santa Rosa.

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Well, I certainly didn't get to do enough fishing this summer but I hope all of you did. And I'm sure you got lots of pictures.

It's time to put your pictures to good use. We are holding the first annual Russian River Fly Fishers Photo

Contest. I urge all of you to participate. All you need is a framed (hangable) 8x10, we'll do the rest.

Prizes are being donated by **Unrah's** in Santa Rosa, **The Camera Corner** in Petaluma and **Kings Western Angler**.

The contest will be held during the October meeting. You may enter as many photos as you like but please try to let me know how many in advance so we can arrange space. The pictures must be fishing related and will be voted on by the membership at that meeting. Bring your entries as early as possible to the October meeting.

Good luck!

—Tim Grogan

## THE SECRETARY'S BENCH

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Hi everyone! My name's Bob Ordway and I'm the club's new secretary. The title of this column might make you think it's a piece on fly tying. Well close, I had to stop tying in order to write.

Anyway, what I hope to make of my "bench" are short little notes on what's going on in the club that might not make it into other articles.

This month's column is to encourage members to write an article on fly fishing for *The Cast*. You can forward it to me c/o RRRFF, PO Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. I look forward to meeting you and getting your submissions at our next meeting. Thanks.

—Bob Ordway

## POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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### CASTING POND CLINIC REMINDER

Date: Sunday, Sept. 19      Time: 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.  
Place: Casting pond, Dan Galvin Park, intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

The first fall clinic is a great time to begin warming up for the fall steelhead and salmon season in our coastal rivers. The runs should be well underway at the Klamath, the Smith and the Chetco. The ability to cast for a decent amount of distance will never prove to be a disadvantage, in fact it just may make the difference between just a great day fishing and a great day both fishing and catching. Coaching will be available for the asking for all members that may be interested in gaining that extra ten or twenty feet.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will continue to be offered from 10 a.m. until noon. All interested potential fly casters will be most welcome.

*The next scheduled pond event will be October 17.*

—Bob Sisson

## LAKE PILLSBURY OUTING

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Charlie Schelter has finalized plans for a club outing to Lake Pillsbury over the weekend of Sept. 18-19. At only 100 miles from Santa Rosa, it's an easy drive and also very scenic. There's plenty of fishing at Pillsbury with both stream and lake opportunities to go after species such as bass, panfish, catfish and trout.

Pogie Point campground will be the rendezvous location. Fishing can be done from either a boat or from the shore. All methods can be productive including surface flies. It promises to be another fun outing. If you have any questions come to the September meeting and talk to Charlie or any other board member.

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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Our September 15th meeting at our new location; the Veterans Memorial Building, North Room, was a great success. Our speaker Mike Kazinski of the Eureka Fly Shop & Guide Service was absolutely spectacular. Not only was Mike very informative, but equally entertaining. I would like to personally thank Mike for coming down from Eureka on a very important anniversary (something that cost him dearly with his lovely wife Janet) to share with us his presentation on the Klamath.

Next I would like to thank all the members who attended the meeting. It was very nice to see all of you come and support the club on this my first official meeting as the club president. I was very impressed with the turn out of old and new members. I hope that we can continue to bring you the kind of programs that will intice you to participate more actively in the future—as well as to invite your friends to come join our club. Remember the club is only as strong as its *membership*. See ya next month!

Tight Lines & Tall Tales,

Dwight Longuevan

## TAKES AND TUGS

Can you believe there is such a thing as water that's too clean? In the case of the **Missouri River**, the answer is yes! Dams and channelization have so deprived the Big Muddy of suspended organic matter that its capacity to support fish has declined 80 percent since 1940. One corrective measure to be tested by the Nebraska Game and Park Commission is to dump yard waste—brush, leaves even whole trees—into the river. However, they won't use grass clippings since lawn fertilizers and pesticides would adversely spoil the soup.

CaTIP is working 24 hours a day. The program is privately funded and has suffered from a lack of funds to go 24 hours until recently. The number, 1-800-952-5400, is now continuously manned. Since the program began in 1981, the line has resulted in 462 cases and \$112,000 in fines. In 1992 CaTIP received more than 6,200 calls. Maybe you should take your cellular phone streamside the next time you go fishing....

## PROGRAM NOTES

The program for the Russian River Fly Fishers on Wednesday, October 20, 1993 will be Andy Burk from The Fly Shop in Redding, California. At The Fly Shop, Andy is in charge of the fly tying supplies, does most of the mail order work, and works as a sales clerk. In addition to this, he writes a bi-monthly column for California Fly Fishing. He is married to Margaret and they have two girls, Evelyn and Miranda. Although he does not guide anymore he has extensive guiding experience on: the Fall River, Hat Creek, Baum Lake, the McCloud River, and Manzanita Lake. He has fished extensively on all the above waters plus the Trinity River, Lewiston Lake, the Umpqua River, the Sacramento River, and other waters in the Redding Burney area. Andy has been highly thought of and respected in these waters. He has also demonstrated his fly tying skills in the fly tying theaters at the San Mateo show.

Andy's program will be on tactics, techniques on still water, spring creeks, to steelhead fishing. The geographic areas he will speak about will be in Northern California, and a little in southern Oregon. Andy will demonstrate fly tying before the meeting. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me at 546-6915.

— John Vallerga

### General Meeting

Andy Burk

The Fly Shop

Oct. 20

7 P.M.

The North Room

Veteran's Memorial Building

Santa Rosa

### Board of Directors

Monday

Oct. 18

7 P.M.

Warrack Hospital

Board Room

2449 Summerfield Road

Santa Rosa

### RRFF Hot Line

538-1733

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# POOL CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## CASTING POND CLINIC REMINDER

Date: Sunday, Oct.17 Time: 12 P.M. to 2 P.M.

Place: Casting pond. Dan Galvin Park, intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa.

The opportunity continues to exist to get in some quality time building your proficiency and improving your technique for both distance and accuracy casting.

The National American Casting Club championships were just completed at Golden Gate and Chris Korich won the all-around championship over Steve Rajeff. This is the first time in 21 years that Steve has not won the all-around title.

We really have some highly capable neighbors both of whom, incidentally, are honorary members of the Russian River Fly Fishers.

An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon. All interested potential fly fishers will be most welcome.

The next scheduled pond event will be November 21st.

—Bob Sisson



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I'd like to start by thanking Andy Burk of the Redding Fly Shop for his most entertaining and informative presentation last month. Also, many thanks to program chairman Jack Vallarga for his outstanding efforts in bringing us such talented speakers. *Ataboy Jack!*

For those of you who haven't been out to the casting pond lately, there have been some changes, namely a new parking lot adjacent to the rear gate—something badly needed for quite some time now. The parking area should accommodate enough vehicles to handle most of our club activities.

The construction of the pond was handled as a joint function of the RRF and the Parks and Recreation staff. Pool Captain Bob Sisson was RRF's key man responsible for the completion of the new lot. Hats off and thanks to Bob.

Well, here we are pressing our way deeply into the holidays. Trout season is coming to a close. Salmon and steelhead are moving into the coastal rivers on their great migration. Husbands and wives are madly trying to fill the kids' wish lists for Christmas and fishermen are gearing up for steelhead and salmon fishing with great anticipation for a productive winter season. Go getum boys!

Tight Lines & warm feet,

Dwight M. Longuevan

## SECRETARY'S BENCH

October's meeting with Andy Burk was great! He spent a little over an hour tying three different patterns. There was quite a crowd at the table, including me. There was also a nice turn out for the photo contest. I'd like to thank both Dwight Longuevan of Western Anglers and Dave Minner of Camera Corner for their generous contributions.

My wife and I made two weekend trips to the Markleeville area. We had a good time and caught a good amount of fish both times. The beauty of this area is the fishing opportunities and it's only three hours away. I talked to a lady from San Rafael who came for just the day! Good for her!

The next day I spoke to two gentlemen from Modesto who also came *just for the day!* I'm sorry, but if I'm going, I want to spend at least one night. The eastern Sierras, south of Lake Tahoe, are definitely somewhere to explore if you haven't already been there.

Before I go, I'd like to remind everyone who wants to, to write their own article for the newsletter and bring it to a meeting. We'll make sure it gets in the next issue.

Thank you,

Bob Ordway

### General Meeting

*Al Kyte*

Nov. 19

6 P.M. COCKTAILS

7 P.M. DINNER

Washoe House

Stony Point & Robar Road

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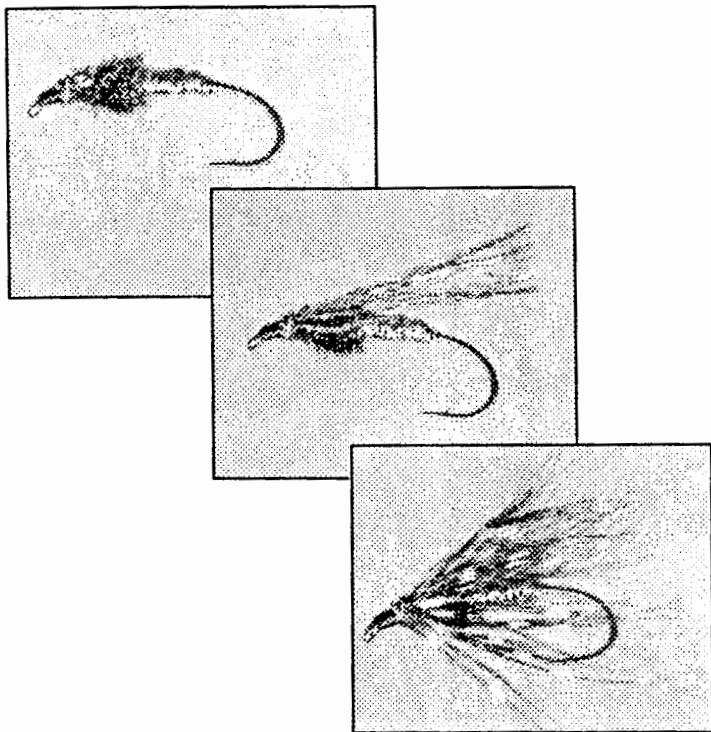
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# THE FLY PAGE

**The Herniator.** A Klamath River fly originated by Tim Paxton and Bill Giese. Tied for the RRFF by Mike Kuczynski of the Eureka Fly Shop.



**Hook:** Tiemco 2302 in sizes 6,8,10

**Thread:** Black

**Body:** Astro or Krystal Flash

**Thorax:** Peacock Herl

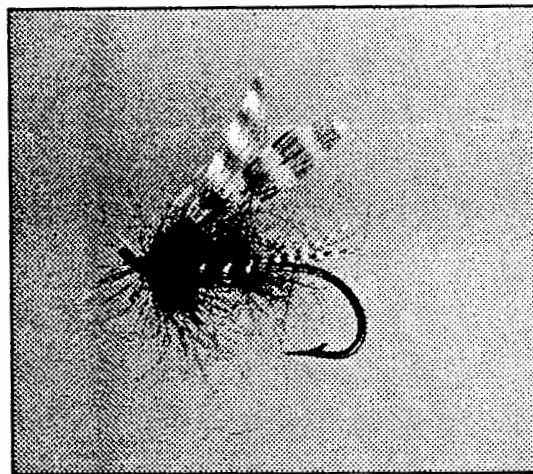
**Wing:** Astro or Krystal Flash

**Hackle:** Guinea

The Herniator is tied in four body-hackle color combinations—natural guinea/peacock Astro, gold guinea/copper Astro, yellow guinea/gold Astro and natural guinea/silver Astro.

**Tips:** Leave leftover Astro hanging out over the front of the hook so after the thorax is formed it can be folded back to form the wing. Tie herl in by tips and make a "herl chenille" by twisting it with the thread. This increases durability. Whip finish two or three times for durability and instead of cutting the thread with scissors, slide opened scissors down the thread to the head and pull the scissors to "slice" the thread off. This way no hackle or other features of the fly accidentally get snipped off.

**The Mohair Silver Hilton.** Mike Kuczynski doesn't use the standard Silver Hilton. The theory is, he said, that all the fish with a taste for Silver Hiltons have already been caught. This mohair version, however, still works.



**Hook:** Salmon hook, upturned eye.

**Thread:** Black

**Tail:** Teal

**Tinsel:** Silver

**Body:** Mohair

**Wings:** Grizzly hackle tips

**Hackle:** Grizzly wound as collar

This fly is a low-water version. Mike tied a fly with size six proportions on a size four hook. The heavier hook also helps get the fly deep and improves hooking power. The fly works best on overcast days, Mike said.

**Tips:** Mike has a trick for getting the wings right on top of the fly and keeping them there while they're being tied on. The wings are two grizzly tips from feathers on opposite sides of the cape. He strips the stems, one medium long the other extra long. He holds the feathers back to back and threads the stems, long stem first, through the upturned hook eye. The stems stay threaded through the eye until the wings are tied on. Then he works the stems back through the eye and cuts them off.

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Much has been said about the plans for, and the possibility of, an all-weather parking lot next to the casting pond site. A great number of events have repeatedly delayed this project. Well—the wait is over. The area allotted the club between the baseball field and the fence into the pond area is now surfaced with a shale coating that should make access possible even after a spell of severe winter weathers. At the present time Parks and Receptions has indicated that they want the area to be used only by the club and for scheduled events. Perhaps it will become possible to expand this into individual access down the road a ways. Please park on the main area outside the pond fence when you come in. We need to keep the strip inside the gate available for vehicles that are hauling equipment for the event being held.

The November clinic will be the last scheduled event until after the holidays. An introduction to fly casting and basic beginner instruction will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon. Some of our newer members have been taking advantage of this instruction and any of you

who would like to improve your technique in the use of unfamiliar methods, like shooting systems for example, will find all the help you need on hand for the asking

The next scheduled pond activity will be Jan. 16.

—Bob Sisson

## MEMBERSHIP

RRFF extends a hearty welcome to the following members who have joined since September:

Jim Martin	963-0285
603 Crystal Springs Rd	Deer Park, CA 94574
Steve Tubbs	765-1787
511 I St	Petaluma, CA 94952
Andy Schmidt	538-7097
989 Slate Dr	Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Monte Springer	865-0348
20701 River Blvd A	Monte Rio, CA 95462

This is the last *Cast* members delinquent with '93-94 dues will receive. Unpaid members after November 30 will be dropped from the active roster. As of Oct. 18, we have 130 members on our roster, 112 who have paid their '93-94 dues.

—Harry Schoonbaert, membership chairman

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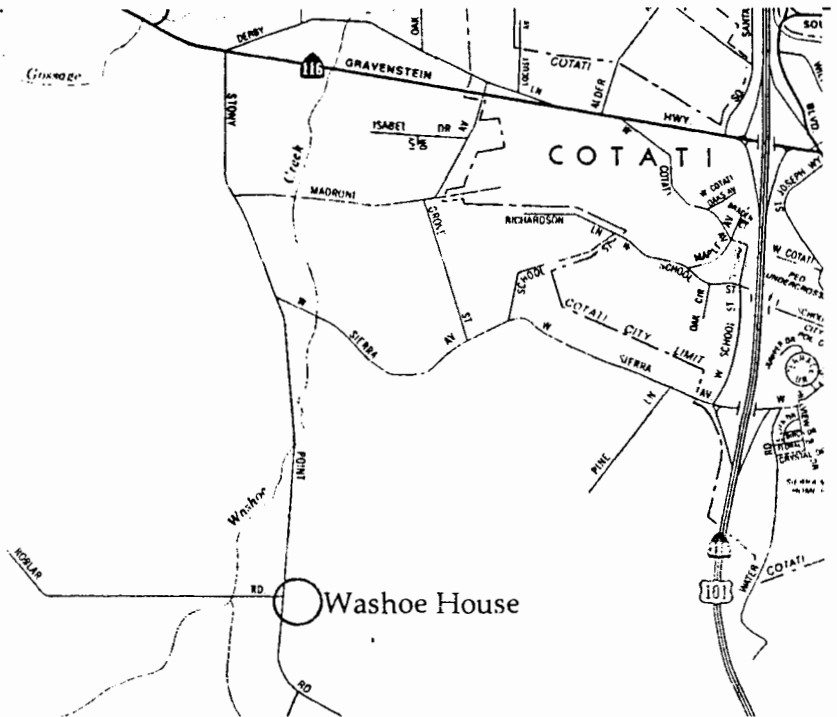
# NOVEMBER DINER MEETING

Date: ~~Friday~~ Friday, Nov. 19 Time: 6 p.m. No host  
~~cocktails~~ cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner.

Place: ~~Washoe House~~ Washoe House, corner of Stony Point  
~~and~~ and Roblar Road.

Cost: ~~\$22~~ Choice of prime rib, prawns, chicken.  
Price includes tax and gratuity.

Al Kyt ~~from~~ from Moraga will present a program on various aspects of fly fishing. He has been a fly fisherman for more than 40 years and has taught for the last 20 years. He has been a licensed fishing guide and has spoken to many fly fishing clubs and other fishing groups as well as service organizations and community groups. Al is a faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley, in the department of physical education and in the 1950s was a member of the Cal baseball team. He has authored articles for various fly fishing publications and is well known for his book, *Fly Fishing—Simple to Sophisticated*. He will have copies of his book at the dinner for sale.



For reservations, send a check to RRF for your dinners, indicating how many will be attending and which entrees you wish to order.

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