



RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS



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February Scoop From Scott

The art of steelhead fishing on the fly. How does one paint this picture? This is the discussion that arose while fishing on the Russian with a few friends on Saturday. Joe, Lee and a new fly fishing companion, Walt, who has been fly fishing around fifty years, brought the subject up. We started by talking about flies. Then discussing lines and lines systems. Next, the length of leaders and the size of tippets and finally we talked about the water. In every case we found an exception to the rule. For example, in clear water most people will use small flies, but then you will run into that one person who swears that larger flies are deadly in clear water. In the same water, one fisherman will use floating lines with long leaders and small tippets, while others use sinking systems with short leaders and no tippet. When it comes to water, I see people who only fish slow water while others only fish tail outs. So what kind of picture have we painted? Well I would not call it a Rembrandt. What I have learned and thought, I pass on is the

one thing we all agree on is that numbers of fish and T.O.W. (time on the water) is the key to catching and painting that perfect picture of a nice, large steelhead hooked up. For you first timers at steelheading, learning to cast is a must. Also learning fish habits is important. Many a day I have gone up to the hatchery at Warm Springs Dam and watched fish work their way up to the fish ladder. A lot can be learned by watching this fish move from rock to rock. Also air pressure and water temperature has a lot to do with fish moving. These two items are something that many of us do not pay attention to. I have spoken with too many steelhead fisherman, and most say the same thing, that it is one life long learning curve.

There are signs that this year on the Russian will be good. Most of the early fish seem to be wild. There was a large pod of fish at Mirabel this week. Most of these fish were not moving up the stream, because they were waiting to go up Santa Rosa Creek. Also, many smolt have been caught in the river and most of these are wild. Let's take great care in re-

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leasing this fish, for they are our future on the Russian. There has also been some regulation changes on all steelhead streams, so read the regs. Many streams and water systems are closed during low water times. I hope to see you on the river or at the meeting soon.

TIGHT LINES,

Scotty

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:

Mike Kuczynski of the Eureka Fly Shop will present his excellent slide program on Bonefishing at Christmas Island.

BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesday, February 13th, 1999

Santa Rosa Vet's Building

General Meeting 7:00 pm



The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa CA

Youth Education Program

By Mike Nyholm

If you made it to the last meeting, you were treated to a day in the life of our youth program. Scotty allowed us to show a dozen or so slides from a class we did late in November and I hope it gave you a visual concept of how we teach and tailor our program to the different tolerance levels of attentiveness. We give everybody a sampling of tying, casting, knots, entomology, conservation, and of course, stream-side etiquette.

With the small stocked lake we use, it is easy to put fish down with a large physical presence. (read: bunching of kids because the last fish was caught right there, or yelling and waving at the waters edge because he's hooked a tree). It's these aspects and others that we use as tools to illustrate what we teach in class. (We have yet to yell back naa, naa we told you so, but it's been close).

As in any class, there is always the boy or girl that is always joking around, asking the corny questions to get a laugh (I still laugh thinking about the boy that was demonstrating how a fluffy marabou was by shooting it out his

nose, it was actually sticky.)

In the last class there was this boy that zipped through fly tying, nothing really great but he was after quantity. Knots were tougher and casting was tolerated, talks were interrupted but he spent a lot of his spare time creating a personal leach pattern, a creation of different colors of marabou and chenille. It was his purple wooly bugger that caught the fish.

He ended up catching the most fish that day and, after that first fish, he needed very little help the rest of the afternoon. His roll casts were efficient and he stripped his leach with the same presentation that worked before, everything we had discussed he had remembered and tried out on his own. It was that first fish...

On Saturday, February 27, the Russian River Fly Fishers will have an open house at our facility from 8:00 to 4:00 for kids of members. Please call me to register, the class is limited to 10 and it is first come first serve.

What's Hot and What's Not

THE Northern California Fishing Report from *Fish First!* (updated January 20, 1999)
1404 Solano Avenue, Albany, CA 510-526-1937.

<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Water Conditions</u>	<u>Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Pyramid Lake	Normal, dark color, low 40's F (no ice yet.)	Fishing is spotty due to cold weather, when the bite is on, fishing can be fair to good. Fish a big rod (7-9 wt) to punch through the wind and use fast sinking lines or shooting heads with dark streamers or wooly buggers (#4). Concentrate on finding ledges in 6-8 ft of water and fish over and back across the drop-off. Cutthroats are averaging 15-18". Wind is a factor.	Best fishing is at the south end of the lake. Access at Popcorn Beach or the Block House. The Nets is also producing a few big fish. An Indian fishing permit (\$6) is required. Dress warm as it is very cold.
Trinity River	Muddy, mid-high 40's F, (500cfs release from Lewiston Dam).	Fishing is slow. Adult steelhead are scattered throughout the river; the fishing was fair before the last rains started. Water conditions will take at least a week to clear on the lower river once the rain stops. From the old Lewiston Bridge to Rush Creek, try fishing a stonefly nymph with a glo-bug dropper under an indicator. Also, watch for fish rising to smaller mayfly dries in the afternoon.	Water below Rush Creek is muddy.
Frank's Tract (Delta)	Slightly off color with 3 ft visibility, mid 40's F	Fishing is good. Good numbers of stripers to 5 lb continue to be caught in Frank's Tract and the surrounding sloughs. Concentrate on water 7-9 ft deep in the tract and 8-12 ft deep in the sloughs. Move often and vary your retrieve until you find the fish. Use a 7-9 wt rod with a fast sink shooting head and large flies (2/0 - 4/0). Repetitive casts of 70' plus are most effective. Fog can be a problem.	Boat needed; Chuck's Bait rents boats.
Putah Creek (below Lake Berryessa)	Normal off color, low 50's F, moderate flow.	Fishing is good. Best fishing is from noon on. Early in the day, try fishing a glo-bug (#14-16) under an indicator. As the day warms, switch to a small BWO nymph or emerger (#18-22). Concentrate on fishing the riffles and deeper pockets. Some BWO are hatching midday and the dry fly fishing can be OK. Trout are very finicky here so be sure to use long leaders and 6-7x tippet. Rainbows average 10-12", though large spawning rainbows are over 18".	Access at any of the five parking areas. Best fishing has been concentrated near the Hwy. 128 bridge. The rainbow trout are spawning so be careful not to walk on the reds.

*The above listings are a mere fraction of the total report provided by the folks at Fish First!
Our thanks for allowing us to reprint this information.*

CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Sunday, February 21st, 1999
Time: 11 am to 2 PM
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

As is so often the case the weather failed us on the date of the January clinic. February just has to be more accomodating. Everything said last month still holds. The pond is both reachable and useable when it is not raining buckets if you wish to work out on your own or better with a friend. Week day and evening use will continue to improve along with the longer daylight hours.

The clinics remain for the benefit of all levels of casters. If you wish to improve your accuracy the rings and the coaches will be there. If you wish to improve your distance casting there will be coaching to help you do it. If you are just getting started we will help you reach a level that will make you fly casting capable in a short time.

Come out and use your pond.

If you need equipment to use until you get your own the Club has both full line and shooting system outfits for your use. If needed call Mike Nyholm at 538-5163 or call me at 525-1976.

The clinic is still at the mercy of the weather. If Sunday morning is getting wet the clinic will be postponed until March.

The next scheduled clinic will be March 21st.

Bob Sisson
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Coming Events

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RRFF Meeting 2/10/99
Board Meeting 2/22/99
Casting Clinic 2/21/99
Youth Program 2/17/99

March

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April

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Casting Clinic 4/18/99
Club Opener
at Hat Creek 4/24/99

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Fishing International News

Green River, Utah

At Fishing International we send anglers all over the globe to exciting and remote fishing locations. At times it can be easy to overlook the fact that some of the best fishing is right here in our own backyard, in the good old U.S.A. The fabulous Green River in Utah is a favorite destination for F.I. customers in the Continental U.S., and for a good reason. A combination of world class trout fishing in the beautiful surroundings of Flaming Gorge, Utah, and a great price has made this a popular trip.

Stocking surveys conducted on the Green by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources show a fish population of 8,000 to 20,000 fish per mile of river. That's the largest per mile count of any river in the Continental U.S. Even Scotty could catch a fish here. The size of these Rainbows and Browns is equally impressive, because the water temperature is regulated by the dam at a comfy 45 to 56 degrees year round; the trout get big. They average 15 to 18 inches but plan on breaking 20 inches and seeing your backing a few times everyday. There are special regulations in place, like a slot limit and the mandatory to release larger fish that have also added to the quality of this fishery.

Anglers fish out of McKenzie style drift boats as they float down the Green amidst the painted walls of Red Canyon and the peaceful waters of the lower sections. From deep holes and riffles to flat sweeping runs this tail water fishery has it all. Dry fly fishing, nymphing and swinging streamers will all produce feisty Rainbows and Browns. During May and June the Cicadas hatch. These large cousins of the Locust send the trout into a feeding frenzy. Similar to a Hex hatch the trout erupt on these big dry so violently that we recommend anglers with heart problems to stick to nymphs

during this time. There are two styles of accommodations in Dutch John, the charming little town next to Flaming Gorge. Many of our clients like to stay in the luxury or rustic pioneer cabins. They enhance this western style adventure. For small groups a great way to go are the mini condos with full kitchen, bathroom, living room, bedrooms, T.V. and VCR. You may want to try the deluxe overnight camping during the summer months to really get close to the incredible beauty of this place. The meals are all first rate and the hospitality is hard to match.

Luxury cabins or mini condo with guided drift boat fishing package:

4 night, 3 days fishing \$995.00 per angler
5 night, 4 days fishing \$1,250.00 per angler.

Deluxe overnight camping:

Trip A: 2 days fishing with 1 night deluxe camp, with 2 lodge nights.

Cost: \$815.00 per angler

Trip B: 3 days fishing, 2 nights deluxe camping, with 2 lodge nights.

Cost: \$1,140.00 per angler

Call us at 1-800-950-4242 for more information

See you on the water...

Noel Plumb

Loreto Trip

In conjunction with Fishing International, Binky Castleberry will be hosting two one week trips. The weeks are July 24 - 31 and July 31 - August 7. The Dorado are in! Call Binky at 527-9607 for more information.

(Price is \$1,050 + airfare)

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



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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403-

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Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

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Please mail this application and your check payable to:



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March Scoop From Scott

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Work, rain, work, rain, the dog days of winter are here. I haven't picked up a rod and reel since a week before the last meeting. The weather and Mother Montgomery have kept me off any of my favorite water. On the club front, we have a new web page, thanks to Scott Lewis. The url is <http://www.members.tripod.com/RRFLYFISHER/INDEX.HTM>. We also have two e-mail addresses: rrflyfishers@webtv.net (primary) rrflyfisher@eudoramail.com (secondary). I know this is a huge undertaking and I want to express mine and the members thanks to Scott Lewis. I am sure that if you have any input that Scott would love to hear from you. In talking with Scott, we thought that the web page can be used for not only information to members and people interested in the club, but we would like some feed back on what the memberships' wants

and needs are. Also, I would like to have some question and answer sessions for all our new members in helping them get to that next level in their flyfishing experience. So please, if you are on line, ring up Scott and take a look at what's going on with the Russian River Fly Fishers. Next month's speaker is Jim Mengle, an old friend of the club. Jim was here a few years ago and his programs are something you don't want to miss. Jim will be talking about the western area around Yellowstone. So bring a friend and don't be late. We will be starting our rod building class one hour before the next meeting. The club has purchased a rod kit, anyone interested will be helping to build this rod. You don't need to purchase anything. If you do want to build your own rod, please contact Jim at the Western Fly Shop and he can order a rod kit to fit your budget.

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This will be a "build along with Scott class." So, if you are interested, please be at the Vet's Hall at 6 pm on the second Wednesday of March. Till then.....

TIGHT LINES,

Scott

Editor: The rod building session is held concurrently with fly tying at 6:00 pm.

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The Tier's Corner

Jim Cramer



Forty or fifty years ago, one could count without taking off his shoes, the number of readily available books on fly tying. Now it seems that as many new ones arrive on the shelves and counters each month. Some are a waste of paper and ink and should have never seen the backside of a printing press, others have tidbits of new or useful information and very few references to be read time and again. This month, I'll give my opinion on some of the more recent ones that arrived on my shelves.

"The Fly Tiers Benchside Reference to Techniques and Dressing Styles", by Ted Leeson and Jim Schollmeyer, a big book, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 444 pages. It is full of well done color photographs dealing with every conceivable fly tying technique and subvariations of those techniques. For example, Chapter 10, Section 12, gives 20 different methods of constructing woven bodies. The book, rather than covering the complete construction of specific patterns, describes in 15 chapters, details of different approach. As a reference book for one wishing to learn to tie flies, it is an overload. At a list price of \$100, it is not a book that I would recommend for the average tier.

"Production Fly Fishing", by A.K. Best, at \$30 and 175 pages, is one of my favorite books despite a few flaws. First, the flaws. The book is an odd size 10 x 9 inches with a soft cover, (I've seen a hard back version). All the photography while enlarged and clear, is black and white. The book also contains numerous typos, a

minor, but a distraction point. Like the previous book, the author instead of dwelling on tying completed flies, covers in detail, the individual steps in the tying of everything from tails to heads. Don't be put off by the title of this book. The instructions are very clear and well done, and tiers of all skill levels should profit from the reading of this book. It is a book to be used time and again as a reference.

"The Flytier's Manual", by Mike Daws, soft cover, 160 pages, \$20. Save your money and leave this one on the shelf. It came in shrink wrapped plastic so the buyer couldn't inspect it before purchase, and now I know why. The book is nothing more than a pattern book containing approximately 200 patterns, many of which are obscure English patterns.

"Trout Flies, Proven Patterns", by Gary LaFontaine, 8 1/2 x 11, 260 pages, \$40. I give this book a very mixed review. Gary makes for entertaining reading if you can filter out a lot of the BS. The book contains about sixty-two wild, innovative and somewhat original patterns. In my opinion, his so called reasearch is less scientific and some of the patterns such as his "Cat's Ear" would be hard to duplicate unless Gary were willing to donate a patch of his cat's hide to each reader (not likely). The book contains four pages of color photographs of the sixty-two flies, the rest of the art work is mediocre black and white photography and hand sketches.

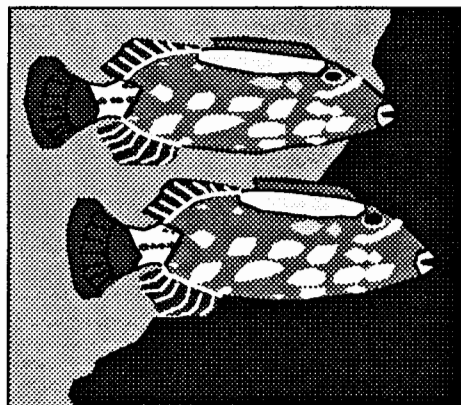
"The Art of Tying the Nymph", by Skip Morris. A soft cover, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 111 pages, \$30. A well done book for the beginner and intermediate tier. Excellent art work and instructional detail. I sincerely recommend this book, as it will advance most tiers on the learning curve.

"Tube Flies, A Tying, Fishing, Historical Guide", by Mark Mandell and Les Johnson, 8 1/2 x 11, soft cover, 95 pages, \$30. Save your money on this one, it contains little information of value.

"Fly Tying with Synthetics, Patterns and Techniques", by Phil Camera, a hard cover, 8 1/2 x 11, 195 pages. An interesting book with over 175 innovative patterns using larva lace and other synthetic materials. Recommended for the intermediate to advanced tier who wishes to stretch his or her tying horizons.

"Micropatterns, Tying and Fishing the Small Fly", by Darrel Martin, hard cover, 8 1/2 x 11, 306 pages, \$40. A mixed review on this book also. It contains a lot of good information on tying and fishing the small fly, but also contains several chapters of detail upon detail of near useless information such as multiple graphs showing deformation loads on various small hooks. Skip this one unless you are fishing very small flies.

"Fly Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout", by Denny Rickards. While this is not a fly tying book, it does contain a list of great patterns for trophy trout. Hard cover, 8 1/2 x 11, 180 pages, \$35. This is a beautiful book with outstanding color photography. This is a book that one should review before every trip to the still waters of our general area. Denny Rickard has packed a wealth of information into this book, but even if you don't fish stillwaters, the photography would be worth the price for this one.



CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Sunday, March 21st, 1999
Time: 11 am to 2 PM
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

Sorry to say the weather forecasts discouraged any attendance. More the pity since the morning was as nice as anyone could hope for any time. Once again everything said the last two months still holds. If there has been rain in the recent past it will be advisable to wear boots or some other form of water proof footwear since the area into the pond is very, very soggy. Remember, if you wish to work out on your own, or better, with a friend, the pond is reachable and useable when it is not raining buckets. The week night practice session which also includes coaching, will resume with the return of daylight savings and the longer daylight hours.

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:

Our old friend, Jim Mengle, currently guiding in the Henry's Fork area, will present his program:

"JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE"

Fishing the Henry's Fork and other waters focusing on techniques, casting, presentation, hatches and entomology.

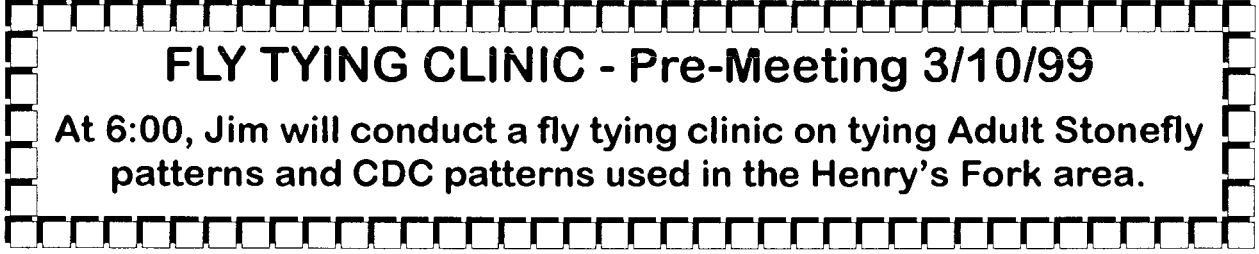
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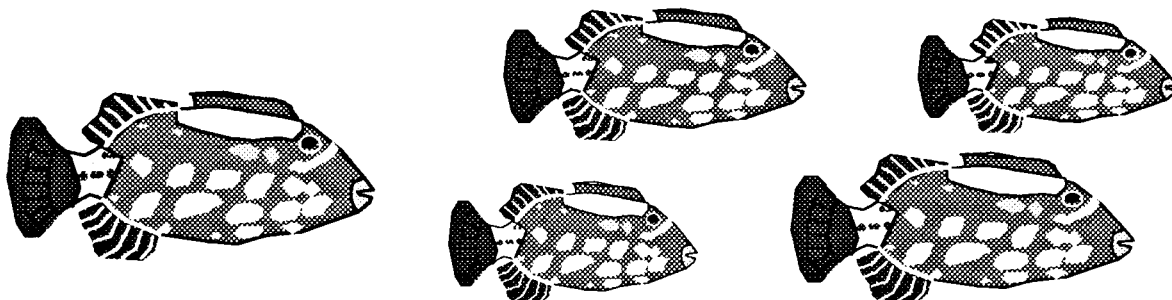
FLY TYING CLINIC - Pre-Meeting 3/10/99

At 6:00, Jim will conduct a fly tying clinic on tying Adult Stonefly patterns and CDC patterns used in the Henry's Fork area.

PICNIC '99 PLANNING

Last year's picnic was such a success, that it isn't too early to start planning for this year. We are looking at June again, but the exact date has not been set at this time. It will be held at the Casting Pond in Galvin Park. If you would like to get involved, please call me. Any help, suggestions, etc. gladly accepted.

Marji Major
(707) 539-5437 evenings



Fishing International News

I know that one of the reasons we love this sport so dang much, is because of the memories. Fishing memories, that can speed up the old ticker, as we battle the big one once again. This time in front of a captive audience at the Fly Shop. Or, dear fishing companions now gone, never to be replaced. Memories that are lonely and beautiful like the call of a solitary loon over the lake at daybreak. All these experiences of our lives and friends tied together by a common line. The art and science of fly fishing.

I am now in the process of setting up our beloved President Scott Broome and a group of fly fishers for the annual Loreto fishing trip. It stirred up some fond memories of my adventures there with friends in the summer of 1997. We were amazed at the incredible fishing we found in the Sea of Cortez that year. The waters off Baja, Mexico are rich with life and harbor an abundance of fish species. All within an easy ponga ride from the fishing village of Loreto. The Dorado were big that year. It's scary what a 35 to 40 pound bull Dorado can do to your fly tackle and your nerves. We caught plenty of these large, powerful fish, and most of us hooked Sailfish that week too. One morning, after motoring out about 20 minutes, we came across a huge school of Bonito (small tuna about 5 to 10 lbs.) These fish can peel 150 yards of line off your reel faster than you can say "Tequila". The school was so large that it must have been 300 yards around. All the fish were slashing the surface and creating quite a loud ruckus. Boats were already excitedly working the school when we pulled in. Everywhere you looked rods were bent over as anglers fought the scrappy Tuna. We joined in the battle and immediately hooked up. Our reels screamed as the silvery fish jumped all around our boat. It's hard to say how long the action lasted. Time does funny things when the fishing is good. It was just the start of another day of world class fishing in Loreto. Then at some point in the

afternoon the pongadero would point our boat back towards the marina and we would be dropped off in the front of the Hotel Oasis. The Oasis sits right on the beach and is a welcome home for the angler. Great service and hearty home cooked meals. Relaxing with a cold Pacifico and a bowl of soupa, perfect after a day of battling the finned fighters off the Sea of Cortez.

Great Memories....

What's Hot!!!

Baja: Loreto, the Dorado / Sailfish mecca....need we say more? Great value and some space still available.

Alaska: Offers a variety of exciting lodges and fishing experiences. Camps range from \$1,500 a week to \$5,000 (deluxe fly-out lodges). July produces both hard fighting King and Sockeye Salmon. Mid August through September, the Silvers are running. Rainbows, Grayling, Dolly Varden and Pike are all available. Southeastern Alaska offers Saltchuck Salmon and Halibut as well as spring Steelheading.

Canada: Ask Bob Sisson about Kluane Lodge in Yukon Territory. It is a marvelous Lake Trout fishery. Bob Nauheim will be escorting a small group Atlantic Salmon fishing on the Restigouche River in New Brunswick, the first week in June. Join Bob and friends on this marvelous adventure. Steelhead in the Skeena drainage and Bulkey River near Smithers looks to be unbelievably good this year...

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City/State/Zip _____

Occupation _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Signature _____

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Hello everyone, spring is in the air, and that means that the Trout Opener at Hat Creek is just around the corner. As always, the club will hold its annual opener at Hat Creek the last weekend of April, which is the weekend of the 24th and 25th. Many of us take Friday and Monday off and make it a grand affair. If you have never been on a club outing, this is one not to miss. The club will provide dinner on Saturday. I need a head count, so let me know. The opener will be on Saturday. On Friday, most of us fish on Baum Lake. Pram or float tubes are the preferred manner to fish Baum. On Saturday, we all attend the local firefighter's pancake breakfast, and then it's off to Hat Creek for fun and games. After a day of fishing on Hat, it's back to the P.G.E campground at Cassel for the great RRFF cookout. The food is excellent and the tales and lies are even better. So breakout your camping gear and your trout gear and let's go party.

On the local front, the Russian has been a blow out for over a month. A few of us have been fishing the lake at Lytton Springs. The bass are starting to move into shallow water. Joe Craig and myself hooked and landed around ten fish one afternoon. All the fish were about one or two pounds. All were caught from shore, Joe using a floating line with around a ten foot leader and a weighted black wooly bugger. I was using a number two shooting head, short leader and a leech pattern, also black.

The highlight of our day was a pair of bald eagles which have made their home at the lake. At this time of year the eagles may have set up housekeeping. So get out to Lytton and try your hand at the bass and enjoy our beautiful feathered friends.

This month's speaker is Carlo Bongio from the Western Sports Shop. Come see how to fish the Russian for fish other than Steelhead.

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TIGHT LINES,
Scouter

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CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Sunday, March 21st, 1999
Time: 11 am to 2 PM
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The March clinic date was supposed to be a warm summer day according to the weather oracles who were dead wrong as usual. In any event, Charlie Schelter, who braved the threatening clouds and a brief shower, came within two feet of hitting the 120 foot mark. Charlie, (if he continues to work at it), will make the 150 foot club in the near future. Making the 120 foot mark is a major step towards building anyone's confidence that they can make 100 feet at will and be able to handle virtually any situation he or she will probably encounter on a river or lake. It beats the heck out of having to be a spectator when the big ones are out of reach of the the guy or gal who has to struggle to make it out 70 or 80 feet.

The pond area remains a bit on the soggy side and will continue to stay that way until we are blessed with a week or so of dry weather . The clinics remain for the benefit of all levels of casters and coaching will continue to be available for any and all who are interested. The weather will certainly become better sooner or later and the week day afternoon practice sessions will resume in late April.

Come out and use your pond - - it is one of the best anywhere.

The weather may very well continue to be a limiting factor. If we are unlucky again, the afternoon sessions will take over.

Bob Sisson
1977

Coming Events

April		May		June	
RRFF Meeting	4/14/99	RRFF Meeting	5/12/99	RRFF Picnic	6/19/99
Board Meeting	4/26/99	Board Meeting	5/25/99	Board Meeting	6/21/99
Casting Clinic	4/18/99	Casting Clinic	5/16/99	Casting Clinic	6/19/99
Hat Creek	4/23/99	Fly Fishing Fair	5/1/99		

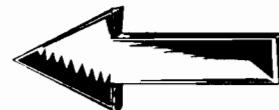
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BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesday, April 14th, 1999

Santa Rosa Vet's Building

General Meeting 7:00 pm

The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa CA



WESTERN SPORT SHOP

Western Sport Shop will present its Fifth Annual Fly Fishing Fair on MAY 1, 1999, from 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. The FREE all-day program includes demonstrations of fly casting in the “parking lot pond”, fly tying by experts, seminars on fishing specific streams, guides and travel reps providing updated information, and displays of new products and technology for the avid fly fisher.

The show serves several purposes, as follows:

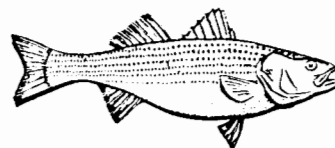
1. Provide access to beginners as well as serve the experienced anglers.
2. Stimulate interest in fishing and fisheries.
3. Provide exposure for clubs, guides, equipment manufacturers and others.
4. Provide visibility for Western Sport Shop and Western Angler.
5. Offer opportunities for anglers to learn about flyfishing and tying techniques by clubs, veterans and well-known anglers.

Jim & Judy Edgar
Western Sport Shop

Editor's Note: This month's “Cast” was cut down due to my work constraints. I chose to publish only “announcements”.

Jim Cramer's “The Tyers Corner” will resume next month. Also, there must be someone who can write an article out there. Please call me. If you can talk, but don't like to write, I'll edit for you.

Larry D. Johnson,
Editor



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**A shortened version of the *Cast* will follow. In the
meantime, don't forget the general meeting. I'm told a
fly rod and float tube will be part of the raffle.**

Editor



MAY GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:



The Always Entertaining Ken Hanley with his slide show
presentation

“Mexico on Foot: Fishing the Surf Zone of Baja”

BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesday, May 12th, 1999

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General Meeting 7:00 pm

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RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

the RRF

May Scoop From Scott

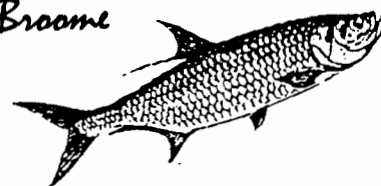
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Well, around forty of us survived another great trout opener at Hat Creek. The weather was great and we even caught a few fish. Myself and Joe Craig, Mark Parker, Kaipo Villanueva and The Great One, Bill Archuleta, all went up in style. We rented a thirty foot motorhome with all the fixings. No more sleeping on the ground for this boy! Lee Smith, Steve Tubbs and a few of the gang went up on Thursday and held ten campsites for the rest. Thanks, boys! My group arrived around 10:30 Thursday night and the party started. In fact, by the time we arrived, Steve and Lee were already having a party of their own. After breakfast on Friday, most of the crew went and fished Baum Lake. Joe Craig and Kaipo Villanueva caught half a dozen trout, which ended up in the smoker for Friday night's dinner. Scott Lewis, Ron Gustafson and I went and fished some private water, a three acre lake not far from the town of Hat Creek. Scott landed two fish, one well over five

pounds. I lost two and landed one great fish, around two pounds. The rest of the gang came into camp Friday. We had a great dinner Friday and after we ate, Bill, Steve, Joe, Lee and a few old timers held class for all the new people. A lot of mentoring was given by core members this weekend, and it really made it a great outing. On Saturday, the day of the opener, we all went down to the Cassel Firemans Breakfast, and then on to Hat Creek. Some highlights are: Roger Magill landed 22" brown on Rising River...Carlos Tamayo landed two nice fish at Carbon Bridge on dries (thanks, Carlos, for all the Mexican food)...Kaipo Villanueva landed three fish at Carbon. The catch of the day at Carbon was when Walter Krane, a friend of the club's, landed a 20" rainbow on his new four weight bamboo rod. Saturday night's dinner was roasted turkey and tri-tip with new red potatoes and mixed veggies. New member William made the greatest

cobbler I ever tasted. That night around the campfire, drinks, jokes and even a few songs filled the night air. Our old friend Cowboy (Rick) showed up and delighted us with his humor and camaraderie. Sunday we broke camp and some of us went down to the Powerhouse Two to fish. Joe Craig and myself had a great morning. Joe landed the biggest fish I've seen at PH2, a rainbow around four pounds, and the Great Scooter Broome landed three nice fish. Thanks go out to Marji Major, Steve Tubbs and his lovely mother, Kathleen Mallory, Mike Nieters, Walter Krane and his son, Jo, Bill, Mark, Gus, Kaipo, Paul, Lee, and the rest of the gang.

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Date: Every THURSDAY
Time: 4 P.M. until it's too dark to see
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

There will be no more Sunday clinics until September. The usual clinics will be replaced by the Thursday afternoon and evening sessions. **EXCEPTION!!!** The JUNE CLINIC will be replaced by the super club picnic as put on in unequalled perfection by Marji Major and president Scott Broome. There will be events and other activities for your amusement and amazement, as cooked up by your more imaginative fellow members. Come equipped with both full line and shooting system outfits. Remember, the picnic is June 19th, 12 noon to 4 P.M.

For everyone's information, the pond area is now an official dog run. Actually, it has been ever since day one, so I'm not sure what "official" means.

To follow up on the saga of Charlie Schelter's quest for distance casting greatness, he edged 120 feet on several occasions at the April clinic, and on his last effort for the day he informed me that he thought he had a really good cast and then announced that it also was 2 feet short of 120 feet. I asked him to let me double check, and when I had walked Charlie's line out to the 120 foot mark, I found I still had nothing but shooting head in my circled fingers. When I finished walking until I could see the dummy fly, I found that Charlie was in fact 2 feet short alright, but 2 feet short of 135 feet, not 120 feet. I believe it is safe to say that what may have been a tad of disappointment changed to more than a bit of elation rather quickly. **WAY TO GO, CHARLIE!!** You are only 17 feet short of your 150 foot goal, and just getting warmed up. For the record, Charlie has moved up from a tough-to-make 100 feet to (see above) in three or four coaching sessions. I'm sure that most of the rest of you can do the same, if you are willing to work a little and are interested.

DISTANCE CASTING ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFIERS

120' Club

22.	Mike Tatro	(10wt SH)	4/99	122'
23.	Charlie Schelter	(10wt SH)	4/99	133'

Bob Sisson
1977

Coming Events

May		June		July	
RRFF Meeting	5/12/99	RRFF Picnic	6/19/99	RRFF Meeting	7/14/99
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Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays

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The Tier's Corner

Jim Cramer



No. 32

Very durable wings for downwing patterns, such as hoppers and caddis flies, can be produced by reinforcing them with mesh backing. This method has been popular in Europe for years and is credited to Slovenian tier, Dr. Bozider Voljc.

The beauty of this technique is that many of the softer webby body and flank feathers that would have limited use for applications for wings can now be used. Many of these feathers, especially from pheasant and grouse, have very distinctive marking, yielding very lifelike and beautiful flies.

Two different techniques are applicable, depending on the type of feathers used. I'll cover both. In both methods, a women's nylon stocking is used as the mesh backing material. The first method is best used with the soft body feathers. Stretch the nylon mesh in a circular embroidery hoop. Don't stretch it too tight or it will deform and curl when removed from the hoop later. Prepare the feathers by stripping all the soft fuzz from the base of the feathers. Leave the stem attached to assist in the handling.

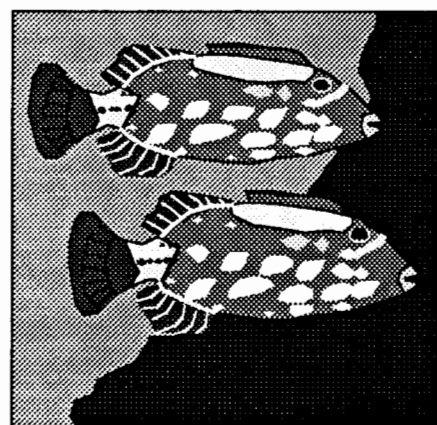
First, coat the mesh with a PVC cement. Most PVC cements come with a round dauber applicator that works just fine for this use. Lay the feather against a piece of scrap cardboard or aluminum foil and coat both sides of the feather. Apply the cement by stroking the feather from the base to the tip to maintain the shape of the feather. Using the stem as a handle, immediately transfer the feather, dull side down, to the mesh. Use the dauber to smooth the feather down on the mesh. Now, clip the stem off the feather at the base of the barbs to save space for more feathers. After covering the mesh with feathers, check the back side to see if there are any air bubbles trapped under the feathers. Working from the back side, use your fingertip or a small stick to force any air bubbles towards the tip of the feather.

When the cement is dry, remove the mesh from the hoop and trim the edges. You can either store the mesh circle flat until needed, or go ahead and cut out the individual wings.

The second method is useful for the larger wing and tail feathers, and those having a very pronounced curve to the feather.

Cut a piece of mesh large enough to cover the entire feather. Spray the back side of the feather with contact cement and smooth out the mesh on the feather, avoiding any wrinkles. Coat the mesh with a film of PVC cement. When the cement is dry, the wings can be cut from the feather. The front of the feather can be given a coat of flexible cement or spray fixative if desired.

To shape the body feathers for wings, fold them down the center. They can be used in their natural shape, but with the mesh they lend themselves to more imaginative applications. With the feather folded, trim it to an elongated heart shape. The feather is now ready to tie on the fly, and you'll find the good looks well worth the effort.



What's Hot and What's Not

THE Northern California Fishing Report from *Fish First!* (updated April 29, 1999)
1404 Solano Avenue, Albany, CA 510-526-1937.

<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Water Conditions</u>	<u>Fishing Conditions, Techniques, and Hatches</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Davis Lake	Cold!	Fishing is very good. Fish a slow sinking full sink line with a wooly bugger and a beadhead dropper. Also, try fishing a beadhead with a midge pupa dropper under an indicator. Concentrate on the inlet streams and any moving water on the east side of the lake; west side is not accessible. Fish are still in spawning mode so be sure to fish the mouths of the inlets, and close to the shoreline. Wind is a factor. No insect activity yet. Average size rainbow is 9-15" with good numbers of fish 20+".	Tube and shore access. For good shore access try Catfish Cove, good tube access can be found at Fairview and Mosquito Points at the north end of the lake.
Hat Creek - Lower (PH-2 to Pit River)	Normal flow, clear, mid 40s F, weeds are starting to grow.	Fishing is fair to good. Hatches and fishing is best on warm, sunny days. In the morning nymph in the powerhouse #2 riffle with a stonefly nymph and a small mayfly dropper. PMD hatch is from 10am-1pm and is stronger than normal for this early in the year. Little yellow stones and mahogany duns are showing in the afternoon. Caddis hatch in the evening is decent when it's warm. Small streamers fished downstream with a slow retrieve can also be productive. Look for fishing to improve with higher air temperatures over the next week.	For less crowded fishing, try the riffled water below the Hwy 299 bridge or check out the Cassel section between Rising River Lake and the Cassel forebay.
Trinity River (below Lewiston Dam)	Clear, cold, (500 cfs from Lewiston Dam).	Fishing is good. For the adult fish, the best fishing is early or late in the day; use stonefly nymphs fished under an indicator or streamers fished on a floating line. Fishing for the smolts is good throughout the day; use attractor nymphs fished under an indicator. Also, once the day warms up, try fishing attractor dry flies.	Excellent place to take beginners. Expect the flow to remain around 500 cfs for the next few weeks.
Yuba River, Lower (Hwy 20, below the Engelbright Dam)	Clear, high 40s F - low 50s R, moderately high flows (3000 cfs release from Engelbright Dam)	Fishing is good. Best fishing is from 9am-4pm; fishing is slow in the evening. On warm days, hatches of caddis and march browns have lots of fish looking up; fish a caddis dry or dark bodied parachute mayfly dry. Also, try searching the edges and riffles with a large stimulator. In between hatches, fish a dark mayfly nymph (#12-18) with a caddis dropper. Be sure to fish the edges before wading into the river.	Expect crowds (even during the week) and remember your streamside etiquette. Access at the Hwy 20 bridge or Sycamore ranch. Fishing is best upstream of the Hwy 20 bridge.

*The above listings are a mere fraction of the total report provided by the folks at Fish First!
Our thanks for allowing us to reprint this information.*

Florida's Sight Fishing Secret

The best kept secret in Florida sight fishing is less than an hour from Disney World and sorry, Mr. Tarpon, you're not invited. The coast of Florida has long been considered a world-class destination for anglers in pursuit of Tarpon and bonefish. Names like Key West, Islamorada, and Biscayne Bay have rightly taken their place in the watery halls of fishing legend.

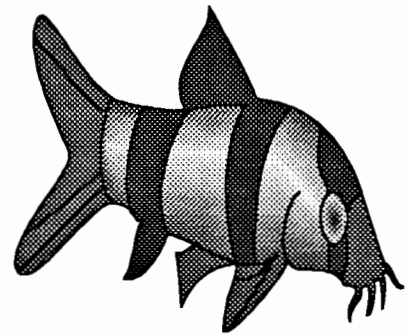
A new rival for the affection of anglers whose passion is saltwater sight fishing has emerged from the clear estuarial depths and grassy flats of "The Lagoons". The fishing here, for spotted sea trout, red fish, snook, jack and other game fish, is absolutely "fun-ominal". By definition, lagoons are enclosed bodies of brackish water that are separated from the sea by coral reefs, sand bars, or other land masses, and are relatively unaffected by tidal fluctuations. The most famous of these lagoons are located in the last major undeveloped tract on Florida's east coast, between Daytona and Melbourne. The pristine waters of the Indian and Mosquito Lagoon and the Merritt Island Wildlife refuge have escaped the march of concrete that has engulfed much of Florida's coast.

According to the Marine Resources Council, this 220 mile oasis on the Atlantic Ocean is home to more than 2,965 species of animals, 310 species of birds, and (I know, get to the point, Noel!) yes...700 species of fish. These lagoons offer the finest flyrodding opportunities for red fish and spotted sea trout in the world. Large sea trout (over 6 lbs.) or "specks", as the locals call them, are regularly taken from the Lagoons. These fish are well camouflaged against the dense marine grass. During the winter, the specks move into warmer, more shallow water and are easier to spot. Blind casting weedless streamers like bend backs and Clouser minnows is often the most productive method of taking them. Red fish are the king of sight fishing fun. They are found in clearer, more shallow and less vegetated water than sea trout. Schools of red fish 3 to 15 lbs are common, and 30-pounders are occasionally caught. During the mid-80's red fish were over-exploited by commercial fisherman. The blackened red fish craze at that time almost pushed the species to the point of extinction. Sale of red fish is now prohibited and these finny fighters have made an excellent comeback. Prolific numbers of reds are once again roaming the lagoons and shallows of Florida's coastline. The willing red fish and sea trout of the lagoons provide fast action and opportunities for

busy days with bent rods. These fish are aggressive and love flies and other artificials. Top water poppers and subsurface lures or streamers are all productive. 7 to 9 wt. rods are more suited to this game, with 8 lb leaders and 20 lb bite tippets the rule. Fishing is done from specially rigged flats boats with casting platforms, and polarized sunglasses are a must. This is some of the most enjoyable fishing you will ever do, and it is within easy driving distance from all of Florida's popular attractions. Anyone who has the fishing bug can easily add this adventure to their Florida vacation or business trip. Fishing International will be happy to help you set this up, so feel free to give us a call if you have any questions, or if we can be of any service at 1-800-950-4242.

See you on the water...

Noel Plumb



Editors Note - These are excerpts from a letter sent to us by Walter Krane, a friend of the club.

Dear Scotty:

I'd like to thank all of the participating members of the Santa Rosa (Flyfishing) Club for the fine hospitality afforded to newcomers and to myself and my son Jason, as guests to your Hat Creek outing over the Opening Day weekend. As a long-time fly fisherman, fly tier, and member of many clubs through the years, I must say this is one of the finest, most outgoing, and friendliest groups I have had the pleasure of meeting. Likewise, Jason appreciated the warm welcome.

Conduct on the stream is where the meaningful things happen...where courtesy to fellow anglers, respect for the environment, and good sportsmanship occurs. It was particularly there that I saw what this group is all about...sincere interest in each other, a friendly interplay, and assistance and encouragement for the beginners.

I believe that one of the principal purposes for clubs to exist, beyond providing camaraderie, is the advancement and improvement of the sport. This includes skills, knowledge, awareness, and interest in flyfishing. The overall skills pool is expanded greatly when many divergent individuals with a variety of backgrounds come together with the purpose of making things better. This being the case, the offering to the sport and participant is increased greatly.

The sport is under tremendous pressure. Many individuals are appearing on the streams and lakes that have had no background and training in the nuances that are the heart and soul of fly fishing. This is the reason that so many show up on the "firing line"...in spots like the Powerhouse Riffle. They do not seek or even seem to desire a quality experience...and are motivated by success...and solely seek the glory and admiration by landing large fish. They do not even see crowding your fellow angler as rude, but a part of the "game", which this type of scene has become. Is it fly fishing? Unfortunately, to them, it is.

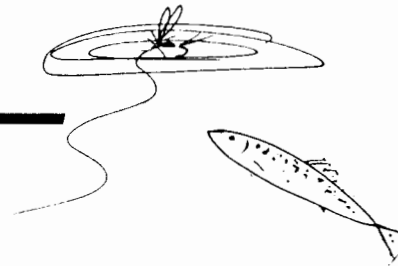
Going down to Orvis with major cash, getting outfitted, even learning to be extremely competent in casting, fly tying, stream entomology, and deft at the jargon is not enough to make an individual a contributor to the sport and sporting experience. Etiquette, manners, politeness, courtesy, respect...can't be found in the Orvis, Eddie Bauer, Cabela's, or any other catalog. If they weren't taught manners at home, they won't be available to be brought to the stream along with the Sage Rod, Abel reel and Lee Wulff line.

There may be a whole new generation that must discover the more noble characteristics of sportsmanship elsewhere. The CLUB is one place this can happen. I believe that this is where it NEEDS to happen...by default, because there is no other place it can happen, and nobody else cares. I have seen guides bring 4-5 anglers and "bust" a riffle, or good pool from people that were there first, fishing and minding their own lines. (No offense to any guide, many of them are very good, competent, and courteous, but their main job is to get their client over fish...not teach them to be good citizens.) I have witnessed rude behavior too embarrassing to repeat. Much of it may be from the expanding population, who have never witnessed the outdoor experience...I just don't know.

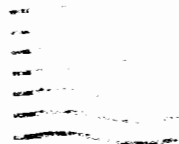
So, the challenges are numerous, and there is a lot of work for a club to do. In my humble opinion, the area that needs the most work is the education of the public to see what the sport is all about. Speaking from my own wonderful experience...mentors that were warm, interested, introspective individuals who shared their experience with me...I only wish everyone had my good fortune. More than a few men...Piper J. Falk, Roy Donnally, Russell J. Peak, Mark Kerridge, Tom Morgan, Roddy Haig-Brown, Milt Kahl, Herb Troebner...numbers too vast to count...and numerous gentlemen on streams, lakes, and rivers of the West...all contributed to my respect for what I love more than life itself...fly fishing.

I don't mean to be either maudlin nor negative in this letter, but to mention some of the challenges as I see them. I also want to re-affirm that the club experience was most important to me, and that it is a tool to improve...to promote, to teach...and to show the public-at-large, that this sport can be much greater and fulfilling than they ever expected it to be.

Your friend and fellow angler...Walt Krane



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RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS



June Scoop From Scott

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Number 3
June 1999

It's been a busy month for me. Lots of things going on with the Club.

First, a note on the casting pond. Lee Smith, Bob Sisson, Joe Craig, and I painted new numbers on the casting pond. It looks Great!. Thanks!

Another Plus. Bob and I had a very fruitful meeting with the 'Powers To Be' of the City of Santa Rosa on the casting area. Bob and I both feel things went very well.

We will be sharing our area with the local dogs and their owners, but the city has agreed to close the area to dogs when we are on the property for our casting instructions on Thursday and for Sunday casting. No dogs will be allowed 'in' the pond at anytime. The city will pay for new signage and will keep more water in the pond. They will also help with the maintenance of the pond. Right now we are paying for all of the maintenance. The City also

agreed that this is a trial period for the dogs and their owners.

We are still working on the Hat Creek project. I hope to have more information to all of you by the next meeting which, by the way, will be on June 19, 1999 at the casting pond. This is our grand picnic. Marji Majors really knows how to throw a party so bring family and friends and join us for a good time. The food and drink are free so be there or be square.

Back to the Hat Creek project.

The club has been offered a lease of some water on upper Hat Creek. The property comes with a three-bedroom house and a three acre pond. The pond does have some very large rainbows in it. There is also a mile of access to Hat Creek that is closed to the public. A few of the Executive Board members and I have been there. This is a great opportunity for the Club so

I hope we can pull it off.

The lake at Lytton Springs should be getting some redwood tables and benches soon. Tom Lynn is heading this project. Also we will be having some work parties at the lake. Tom and I can use all the help we can get. If we are to keep the lake, we must do this work so please show up when the time comes.

On the fishing front, Joe, Lee, and I went shad fishing on the Russian River the day after it opened. I caught one fish the whole day. If you are going fishing to some place new or would like some information on going fishing, check out our new web site or call for information.

See you all at the picnic.

TIGHT LINES,
Scotty Broome

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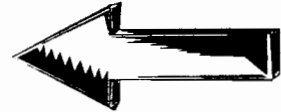
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JUNE GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:



ANNUAL PICNIC

**CLUB PICNIC
SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

It's that time! Last year's picnic was a huge success and we want to do it again.

We will gather at the casting pond in Galvin Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. BBQ will be served from noon to 1 p.m. We are planning on kids games, casting tips and friendly competitions.

Reservations are not necessary, but you could help the planners by giving me a call: 539-5437, evenings

If you have a special occasion, birthday, etc., let me know.
Helpers are also welcome.

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS

Marji Major

Dan Galvin Park: Intersection of Bennett Valley Rd & Yulupa Ave.

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The web page has almost 1,000 hits on it. So, it looks like some people are checking out the page. Hopefully most of the hits are from club members.

Members Board

Password for the use of message board is: [sisson1977](#). The board was used quite a bit before the Hat Creek outing, but since then, there hasn't been much usage. This board is for you to let fellow members know how the fishing is going in the real world. Leave a fishing report whether good or bad. Also, if you're planning a trip and would like to let the other members know about it, this is the place to do so.

Fly Fishing Web Ring

If you click on this you will find over 600 fly fishing related sites throughout North America. This can be a great way to get acquainted with and do research on places, techniques, and types of fishing without leaving home.

Guest Book

This is the place for your opinions to be given about anything you would like to see added or changed on the web site. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated whether good or bad.

If you have a computer and are on the net, please use our page. I would hate to close it due to lack of interest and usage.

See you fishing,

RRFlyFisher

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For more information call Scott Lewis @ 527-9168

CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Every THURSDAY
Time: 3:30 P.M. until dusk
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

To take Charlie Schelter's progress toward fame and fun even farther he had the fun of hitting the 135' mark and then some, 147', on his first effort on a recent Thursday afternoon. GREAT GOING CHARLIE! You now need only a tiny additional 3' to reach your original goal. 165' really isn't that much farther now is it? In addition both Scotty Broome and Joe Craig have made some noteworthy accomplishments of their own namely 135' and 150' respectively. I assure you the present supply of certificates and patches is large enough to fill plenty of additional demand.

For everyone's information, the pond compound is now an official dog run. Actually it has been since day one, but without official status. However, after a summit conference with the city parks officials it has been agreed that there will be no simultaneous use by people with loose dogs and club casting events specifically Thursday afternoons, 3rd Sundays, and club picnics. The pond will be posted off limits to dogs and a '100 foot' clearance zone will be in effect when the pond is in use by casters.

As a result of the efforts of a work party made up of Lee Smith, Scotty Broome, and Joe Craig, we have a nice new set of distance numbers on both sides of the pond deck. Thanks fellows.

DISTANCE CASTING ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFIERS

120' Club				
22.	Mike Tatro	(10wt SH)	4/99	122'
23.	Charlie Schelter	(10wt SH)	4/99	133'
130' Club				
18.	Scott Broome	(9wt SH)	5/99	136'
19.	Charlie Schelter	(10wt SH)	5/99	147'
150' Club				
8.	Joe Craig	(10wt SH)	5/99	155'

Bob Sisson
1977

Coming Events

June		July		August	
RRFF Picnic	6/19/99	RRFF Meeting	7/14/99	RRFF Meeting	None
Board Meeting	6/23/99	Board Meeting	None	Board Meeting	8/25/99
Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays



“New Zealand Dreams”

If someone called you a “Kiwi”, you might consider popping them in the nose. Native New Zealanders, however, relish this title as the proud namesake of its island people. New Zealand has been called “The Land of Fishing Legends”. Popularized by the early adventures of Zane Gray during his much documented blue water exploits for Marlin and Swordfish. More recently in angling history the incredible Rainbow and brown trout fishing on the islands have attracted fly fishers from around the globe. November starts the summer weather and good dry fly hatches there, so it is the perfect escape for fly fishers suffering through long winters back home. The 3.3 million inhabitants of New Zealand are mostly of British descent. They are open and friendly. Since English is the common language, there are no communication problems with guides or while trying to secure services.

There are two main islands that hold New Zealand’s fabulous fishing waters. The North and South island. Each island is distinctly different and offers the traveling angler a unique and varied fishing experience. The North Island holds $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of New Zealand’s population and its largest city Auckland. This island is famous for its incredible lake fishing. Lake Rotorua, Taupo, and Tongariro are trophy trout

lakes. The hard fighting rainbows in these lakes average 3-4 pounds. In most of the lakes no bait is permitted and Trout are the only species so with no competition they grow very quickly. Big fish in the 10-12 pound range are caught regularly at the stream mouths and on sinking lines and streamer patterns. Trolling patterns along the drop offs and weed beds (a technique called harling) offers exciting and productive fishing during summer. The resident trout are also willing risers feeding throughout the day on terrestrials like beetles and hopper patterns. There are also good hatches of familiar friends like the caddis (commonly referred to as the sage) and mayflies.

The South island is dominated by the Southern Alps rising off the ocean floor to create some of the most striking views anywhere in the world. Off this mountain range flows numerous freestone streams, rivers, and spring creeks. Here the Brown trout is king. Brownies average around 4 pounds with 10 pound fish not uncommon. Fish are stalked, spotted, and cast to individually, in these crystal clear waters. The hawk like eyes of a good Kiwi guide are invaluable here. This is sight fishing at its most challenging and anglers rely heavily on the well trained eye of their professional guide. Accuracy

in casting is essential once the target is identified amidst the moving shadows and reflections underwater. These large browns are not pushovers and will test your skills to the limit. Fly fishers soon become addicted to this New Zealand style of stalking and taking trout.

Whatever you do, don’t show up wearing a brightly colored shirt, vest, or hat. This will make your guide pucker. Many anglers wear the popular “Mickey mouse suit”. This outfit consists of dark polypropylene long underwear worn under a pair of shorts and felt soled wading boots. Sans waders, this allows for unencumbered exploration along the river banks and keeps the bugs off you. Your floating line should also be a drab color like dull green, brown, or gray.

There are some wonderful adventures to be had in New Zealand. Anglers can travel around on fishing trains or by 4-wheel drive, staying at country inns, small lodges, and farm stays. The only problem with New Zealand is that you might not want to come back. If you have any questions or want to know more about this fabulous place, call us at Fishing International @ 1-800-950-4242.

See you on the water.

Noel Plumb



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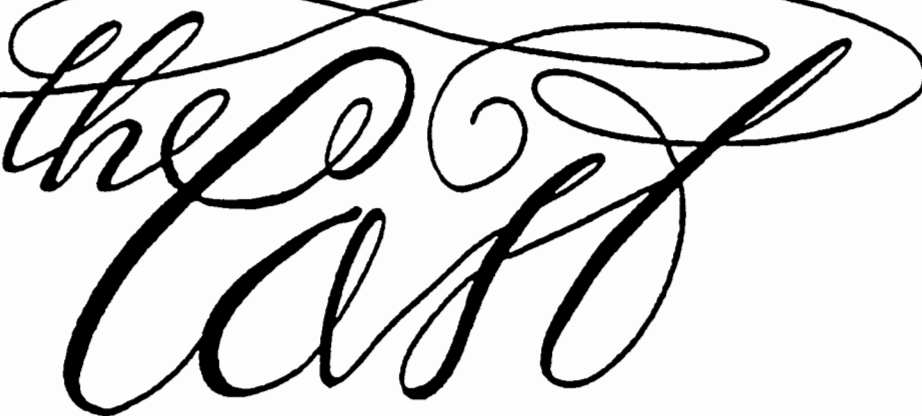
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The picnic was a grand success. Around eighty of us had a great time. Thanks go out to everyone who lent a hand with the event.

For those members who have not paid their dues for the coming year, there will be a statement sent to advise you of this.

my sons, and I are all going to Loreto, Mexico on the third of July. Hope to have lots of pictures and stories for you, of this trip, in the next Cast.

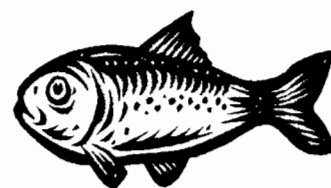
July is the end of our fiscal year for the Club. August is a dead month and no meeting scheduled. With the start of our new year, we have a few changes in the Executive Board. Dick Hollingshead is leaving the job of treasurer, at which he did an excellent job. I am sorry to say that Paul Major is leaving the job of program director. Personally I am going to really miss Mr. Major. Paul has been my mentor on the Board and always gave great advise on any problems that I had. Paul also served as treasurer, vice-president, and as Club president. Thanks Paul.

With the coming of summer, many of you have grand trips planned. Please take a moment and let us know of your trips (prosperous or not) by writing a letter in the cast or by e-mailing the Club's web site.

On the fishing front
The shad fishing has slowed on the Russian River. Larry Johnson had a great trip to Deer Creek with his son Jonathan over Father's Day. J.P., of Western Angler, fished for a week with a few members up in the Sierra's. Fun was had by all. Joe Craig, Lee Smith, Jim Purcell,

Next months meeting, which is July 14, 1999, will be our fly tying meeting. All those members interested in tying, please call Bob Neil or me. This is a great opportunity to see some of our best tiers tie their favorite flies.

Till then
TIGHT LINES,
Scooter



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JULY GENERAL MEETING



RRFF Presents:

FLY TYING & SWAP MEET

Bring a Friend
Wednesday, July 14, 1999
Santa Rosa Vet's Building
7:00 P.M.

The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA



PICNIC 1999



All of us who were at the casting pond June 19, 1999, had a good time. The weather could not have been better. It was warm and sunny with a very welcome, occasional breeze. I counted 65-70 people of all ages including Ben Cummings, one of our founders, who just turned 90 years of age.

My thanks to all the helpers. First of all to Scott and Joe who took over the grilling - which was a little easier to do this year because the willow trees at the pond are now large enough to provide beautiful shade for our "kitchen". I didn't hear any complaints and didn't see any burned buns. Mike Needers manned the bean pot and all I had to do was direct traffic and keep the plates from blowing away. There were several members who came out early to help set up like Lee Smith, Bob Neil, Bob Sisson, Joe Craig, Scott Broome; and Jim Cramer brought out the canopy that provided the extra shade. I have a feeling that I am missing someone and I do apologize and I do thank you. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to Paul Major for support and last minute help. He is my anchor.

We had a very good raffle and a couple of door prizes. Thanks to Bob Norman the kids who came all went home with new T-shirts. Mike Nyholm was called to work at the last minute and since no one had come forward to help him, with the games, that part of the picnic got cancelled. On the other hand, that left the pond wide open for casting practice and there was a lot of that going on. There were extra rods available for those who didn't bring their own.

This event is so much fun and a very good way to meet members and their families on a casual basis. I think we should do it again next year! Thank you all for being there.

Marji Major



TO BE .. OR NOT TO BE .. PREPARED



Hello from the wonderful world of Fishing International. One thing that endears many of us to the fine sport and art of angling is the many avenues through which we can enjoy it. From the study of the insects the fish feed on (entomology) the little scientist in us gets to explore a unique miniature world. Fly tying allows our artistic side a creative and challenging outlet where we attempt to represent life with fur, feathers, and steel among other materials. And travel, our specialty, quenches a certain thirst for adventure. A bit of Huck Finn we all seem to have deep inside. Bob Nauheim (lifetime member of RRFF) founded Fishing International based on his love of distant places and the fishing to be had in their mysterious depths. Before one of my recent treks he gave me a very handy packing list that he has used to organize himself before many a fishing trip. We have reprinted it here in hopes that some of our fellow members might copy it as a useful aid for their trip preparations. Or give them an idea for making their own. Whether you are going to Northern California or the North Bight of Andros Island, this packing list works. Just skip the items that don't apply to that specific area. It sure beats trying to make up a new one every time.

Best wishes and good fishing NOEL PLUMB

Name _____ Trip _____
Departure Date _____ Airline _____ Depart Time _____

PACKING LIST

Tickets
Passport
Carry-on bag
Overnight kit
Camera and film
Liquor – Medical use only
Insect repellent
Sun screen
Hat
Polaroid glasses (2 pair)
Shorts or fishing pants
Vitamins and aspirin
Pepto Bismo
Underwear, socks, bandanas
Handkerchiefs
Long underwear
Sweater
Shirts Light _____ Heavy _____
Jacket Light _____ Heavy _____
Rain suit
Pajamas and slippers
Money and money belt
Reading glasses
Book to read
Hot pepper, salt, and tinfoil
Tennis shoes, field shoes, travel shoes
Flashlight
Clock
Laundry soap
Bathing suit
Small binoculars
Tape
Locks and keys for luggage

Small belt knife
Soft tape measure, scale
Instant coffee
Toilet paper
Fish bar-b-q spices, lemon salt, pepper, wine, gifts
Foreign money on hand

FISHING STUFF

Rods – Type _____ Sizes _____
Rod cases for packing at camp
Rod caddy tube
Vest
Reels
Fly lines, shooting heads
Flies, lures
Leaders
Waders and wading shoes – Wellingtons
Belly pack for flats
Wading staff
Stream cleats
Fly stretcher case for tarpon
Glasses cleaner
Fly tying kit
Pliers
Hook sharpener, clippers
Knife
Line cleaner
Line straightener (leather patch)
Floatent
Gloves

Expense money and tip money
Addresses and phone #s of all camps
Names of camp owners, helpers
Hotel addresses and phone numbers

CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Every THURSDAY
Time: 3:30 P.M. until dusk
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The Thursday evening sessions are providing some fun and excitement for many of those of you who are taking the opportunity to come out and enjoy the pond. President Scotty Broome has taken the opportunity to move up to the 150' club and is now number nine on the club members list. Charlie Schelter will be right there with him in the near future.

The picnic provided a lot of folks a chance to show their casting skills. But, none have reported their accomplishments for the record as of this writing. If you made some of the designated distances, please let me know.

DISTANCE CASTING ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFIERS

44.	Mark King	(8 wt SH)	100' Club 6/99	
24.	Mark King	(8 wt SH)	120' Club 6/99	123'
9.	Scott Broome	(10 wt SH)	150' Club 5/99	152'

Bob Sisson
1977

Coming Events

July		August		September	
RRFF Meeting	7/14/99	RRFF Meeting	None	RRFF Meeting	9/8/99
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Jim Cramer



month or so ago I received a request from an east coast fly fisherman that didn't tie his own for a batch of La Fontaine Emergent Sparkle Caddis. Now this is one of my favorite patterns so I was happy to oblige. The only strange part of the order was that he requested them in black. Black is not one of the colors that Gary mentions in his book and one that I had not tried myself. But in thinking back, I do recall of having often seen hatches of small black caddis. The order was tied and sent and in return I received a quart of pure maple syrup yet to be tried.

Of course while tying this batch of flies I tied a supply for myself as well as some black CDC&Elk caddis, another favorite pattern made popular by Hans Weilenmann of the Netherlands.

The CDC&Elk is a par-

ticularly easy pattern to tie as well as being a fast tie in that only two materials are used. To tie the CDC&Elk tie in a CDC feather by the tip at the bend of the hook. The tip of the feather will form the tail or shuck of the fly. Do not cut the feather from the hook but twist it around your tying thread and wrap it forward to where you would normally end the body. As you wrap forward you will note that the rear of the body appears as a rather tightly dubbed body but as you progress forward more and more of the barbules stick out. This is exactly what you want to happen. Stroke the loose barbules to the rear as you wrap forward. When you fish this pattern these loose strands will appear as the legs of the struggling insect. Although the pattern is called a CDC&Elk I generally use fine tipped deer hair to finish the fly as does Hans. For the smaller sizes we both prefer the coastal deer hair.

Take a small bunch, even the tips in a stacker, and tie in with the tips even with the bend of the hook. Trim the butts to form a small head and whipfinish.

CDC in the natural dun color and natural coastal deer hair yield a very generic colored fly that is outstanding for many fishing situations. But for those special hatches of the little black caddis I'll always have a few black ones in my box.

Tight Lines,
Jim Cramer



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Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Signature _____

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I Hope this note finds all of you healthy, wealthy, and wise. It's been a couple of months since I have seen most of you. I missed the July meeting but heard, through the grape vine, that fun was had by all. I want to thank all of you who tied at the meeting.

I have taken some trips since the July meeting. A group of us had a grand time in Mexico. Members Lee Smith, Joe Craig, Kipo Villanueva, Jim Purcell, Bob Hand, Lee Soares, Wayne Kipp and his son Cody hooked lots of Dorado in Loretto Baja California. The big fish of the trip was caught and landed by the youngest member, Cody Kipp. Cody landed a big rooster Dorado around 40 pounds. My two stepsons, Ryan and Jeff Young, went with me. Ryan hooked and landed a 210 pound Striped Marlin on standard gear in 2 1/2 hours. The weather was great, lots of bait, and the fishing was just grand. The Oasis lodge is a clean,

beautiful, and fun place. The food is also very good and Mexican beer always tastes good when the weather is around 90 degrees. The highlight of my trip was hooking up with a big Striped Marlin for about 20 minutes. What a ride.

The first week of August I took a week and fished the Gold Lake Basin area. Most of my fishing was on the middle fork of the Feather River. I caught about 10 fish a day with the largest around 18 inches. The highlight of my trip was fishing with Larry Johnson on Nelson Creek. The fish were hot for ant patters and fun was had by all. Nelson Creek is a beautiful piece of water to fish. It's around 10 miles from Quincy and flows into the middle fork of the Feather River. I hooked all Rainbows but there are Browns and Brookies in the Nelson.

Dwight Longuevan, past president and life member, has moved

to Salt Lake City, Utah. We are all going to miss Dwight and I know I can speak for the whole club in wishing him good luck in his new job and location.

We also lost Mike Nieters to a move, or should I say on the move. Mike took off to visit the grand U.S. of A. For those of you who do not know Mike, he took care of the Club's coffee and cookies at every meeting. Good luck Mike

The Club finally got the storage shed out at the casting pond so we will be able to store table, chairs, rod racks, camping equipment, and etc. out there. Thanks to all those who helped.

If anyone has taken any trips and would like to share it with us, please write me a note for future Casts or give us a ring on the web site.

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:



**Don Muelrath,
Noted photographer, writer, and angler will present:**

An outstanding slide program on world class fishing for Permit, Tarpon, Bonefish, and Snook on the salt water flats of Belize. Mr. Muelrath, who resides in Napa, will just have returned from yet another trip to this tropical paradise. His stated goal during this latest trip will be for a group of four anglers to land a dozen Permit in a single week! He will also let us know how we can arrange for a similar trip.

BRING A FRIEND!

**Wednesday, September 8, 1999
Santa Rosa Vet's Building**

General Meeting 7:00 pm

The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

RRFF FALL CLOSER

WHEN: October 15 – 17, 1999

WHERE: Wimmer Ranch on Hat Creek

There is enough room for whatever size rig you want to bring. A raffle will be held for the 3 rooms of the guest house.

Coming Events

August		September		October	
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1. MUST BE A MEMBER WITH CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID.
2. MUST HAVE A VALID CALIFORNIA FISHING LICENSE AND ABIDE BY CURRENT REGULATIONS..
3. **CHECK IN POLICY AT LAKE:**
 1. CHECK IN AT THE FRONT DESK FIRST
 2. ASK FOR A BADGE.
 3. SIGN IN
- CHECK OUT POLICY AT THE LAKE:**
 1. RETURN BADGE AND SIGN OUT UPON LEAVING
- *****IF NO BADGES ARE AVAILABLE, SIGN IN AND OUT ONLY*****
4. NO PARKING ON C.D.F.(CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY) ACCESS ROAD OR PROPERTY AT ANY GIVEN TIME.
5. USE PROPER ACCESS ROADS ONLY — SHUT ALL GATES AND PARK IN AREAS OFF ROAD. NO PARKING AT DAM AT ANY TIME.
6. NO 4-WHEEL DRIVING AND NO DRIVING OFF ACCESS ROADS.
7. NO ALCOHOL.
8. NO SMOKING.
9. NO SWIMMING.
10. NO FIREARMS.
11. NO LITTERING.
12. NO FISHING AT NIGHT.
13. CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY (ARTIFICIAL FLIES)
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16. FLOAT TUBES AND PONTOON BOATS MAY BE USED. ONLY ONE OCCUPANT PER TUBE OR PONTOON. TUBERS AND PONTOONERS MUST WEAR COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKETS AND WADERS AT ALL TIMES.
17. NO BOATS, PRAMS, OR CANOES.
18. NO ELECTRIC OR GAS MOTORS.
19. NO WADING WITHOUT WADERS.
20. ALL GUESTS MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.
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22. **REMEMBER**, WE ARE GUESTS AND PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE BUSINESS OR OCCUPANTS OF THE “RANCH”.

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Guest Book

This is the place for your opinions to be given about anything you would like to see added or changed on the web site. Your suggestions will be greatly appreciated whether good or bad.

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See you fishing,

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CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: Every THURSDAY through September , then the third Sunday of October will begin the regular third Sunday of the month Clinics.

Time: 3:30 P.M. until dusk on Thursdays, then 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM or so beginning October 17, 1999

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

The Thursday evening sessions have continued to provide some fun and the opportunity to learn some ways of improving anyone's casting technique while enjoying your world class pond.

To date, eight of your fellow members have been entered in the distance casting achievement book for the first time; nine of them have made it to eighty feet; eight have made the jump to 100 feet; seven of them have climbed to the 120 foot level; five have gone on up to the 135 foot mark; and three, Joe Craig, Scott Broome, and Wayne Kipp, have joined the 150 foot club this summer to date. In addition, a number of our new members have gone from beginners to the ranks of experienced, capable casters ready to slay dragons and medium sized Rainbows. An additional group has been assisted in balancing their shooting system outfits and are now no longer able to blame anything but themselves if their casts are not up to desired levels.

There is still plenty of time left in the summer to join in the Thursday evening fun. The combination for the lock boxes for the "No Dogs Today" signs is 2277. The next scheduled Sunday clinic will be October 17, 1999.

Bob Sisson
1977

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80' Club

63.	Nick Kuhn	(8wt SH)	5/99
64.	Ron Gustafson	(8wt SH)	5/99
66.	Wayne Kipp	(7wt SH)	7/99
67.	Dave Franzman	(8wt SH)	7/99
68.	Dan Neff	(10wt SH)	7/99
69.	Lee Soares	(10wt SH)	7/99
70.	John Iding	(10wt SH)	8/99

100' Club

45.	Wayne Kipp	(7wt SH)	7/99
46.	Dave Franzman	(8wt SH)	7/99
47.	Dan Neff	(10wt SH)	7/99
48.	Lee Soares	(10wt SH)	7/99
50.	John Iding	(10wt SH)	8/99

120' Club

25.	Ron Gustafson	(8wt SH)	6/99	142'
26.	Wayne Kipp	(10wt SH)		123'
27.	Dan Neff	(10wt SH)	7/99	124'
28.	Lee Soares	(10wt SH)	7/99	123'

135' Club

20.	Ron Gustafson	(8wt SH)	6/99	142'
21.	Wayne Kipp	(10wt SH)	7/99	147'
22.	Lee Soares	(10wt SH)	8/99	134'

150' Club

10.	Wayne Kipp	(10wt SH)	8/99	154'
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Things To Know Before You Go

Everyone knows how airline travel can be frustrating at times. An ugly scene at the airport before or at the tail end of a fishing adventure can really affect your overall enjoyment of a trip. Worse yet, attacking and maiming airline employees is still considered illegal in most countries. Here are some tips that may help make your travel experience more trouble free.

*We recommend using **electronic ticketing** (ticketless travel) whenever possible. This is a secure and convenient way to get your airline tickets. Electronic tickets eliminates the worry, inconvenience, and extra costs associated with lost tickets, since airlines maintain your complete ticket information in their data base. All you need when you check in for a flight is your confirmation number and a photo ID.

*Most airline **tickets are non-refundable**. It is a good idea to purchase travel insurance to include your ticket's value in the event of an unexpected cancellation.

*Be sure you travel under your **full legal name** as it appears on your passport or birth certificate. Most airlines require photo identification, as well as proof of citizenship when you are traveling internationally. Make a copy of your passport in case you lose the original. Some countries require that your passport be valid for at least 6 months past date of departure.

*If traveling abroad with a **minor**, you will need a notarized affidavit from the other parent giving permission to take the minor out of the United States. We have these forms available.

***Early check-in** times are mandatory. Many airlines release assigned seats 30 min. prior to flight time, so we recommend you plan ahead to check in at least 2 hours before the scheduled departure time.

***Reconfirm your flights** in both directions. Call ahead. If your flight is cancelled, the airlines can advise you of alternative schedules before you arrive at the airport. You can always ask the lodge to call the airlines to reconfirm your return flight for you.

*For reasons that are unclear, the airlines frequently change **flight numbers**, creating confusion. The times will be very similar however, so just look for the scheduled departure time of the original flight if your flight number does not appear on the departure screen at the airport. In many cases your tickets will have a different number than your actual flight. Use the same ticket. Do no worry.

*If you have any problems with your reservations when checking in and the gate agent can't help you, be sure to ask for a supervisor. The **supervisor** has vast powers and can make decisions in your favor. Insist on speaking with the supervisor.

***Label your checked luggage directionally**. Address the luggage tags to the forward destination each way, so that the airlines can have your luggage delivered to you in case they lose it. Also put a family contact number so any lost luggage or personal items can be returned to you after your trip.

*Regarding checked luggage, the general rule is **two checked pieces and one carry-on** allowed. It's best to try to travel as light as possible, carry-on luggage works best. Keep essentials and all valuable items with you in your carry-on bag, since checked luggage may be subject to theft.

*If **checking fishing rod tubes**, you can ask the curbside baggage agents to request the tubes be loaded in the plane last. That way they will be removed first and less likely to be crushed or lost in the cargo hold. Tip the agent and your rods will survive the flight. Of course the best situation is to bring your rod cases into the passenger cabin, but this is up to the airline gate staff. This sometimes works if the rod cases are short enough to fit, usually 4 feet minimum.

Best Wishes and Good Fishing

NOEL PLUMB

Letter Received for Russian River Fly Fishers

August 21, 1999

Russian River Fly Fishers
PO Box 2673
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Attn: Mr. Scott Broome

Dear Mr. Broome,

I am writing to let you know about the great things that Mike Nyholm has done for both flyfishing and for the Boy Scouts. As trip leader for the annual "Big Trip" for Troop 18 in Calistoga, I wanted to introduce the scouts to flyfishing while getting them into the wilderness for a back-packing experience. I was at a loss for how to provide an organized, coherent introduction to the sport as well as providing the equipment to scouts who did not have the means to purchase the equipment needed for such a trip.

I was referred to Mike by a local retailer (Kings Western Angler). Mike volunteered to help us out with loaner equipment as well as to hold an introduction to flyfishing class for our scouts, on the water, prior to our trip. The class was wonderful and really "made the trip". With the information and practice provided by Mike and his son, the boys were able to enjoy themselves on their trip in a way that would not have been possible if we were trying to teach these skills on the stream.

Ten scouts and four leaders went to the John Muir Wilderness and fished Mono Creek as well as some lakes. I am happy to report that all of the boys caught fish (Brookies, Rainbows, and Goldens) and we have a few new flyfishers. Two of the scouts were asking about how to purchase a fly rod for themselves and all of them enjoyed the trip. Our tag line for the scouts was to "teach catch and release fishing while providing a catch and eat experience". I think that overall, we were successful, in no small part thanks to Mike and the support of the RRFF organization.

I am hoping that the RRFF will continue to support Mike as Youth Activities Director and will continue to work with the organizations such as scouting. Please let me know if our Troop can return the favor some time in the future. Thanks so much for helping make our trip a success.

Greg Swaffar
Trip Leader, Troop 18
1240 Bentley Drive
Calistoga, CA 94515

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BOB SISSON
3400 HENDERSON CIRCLE
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403-

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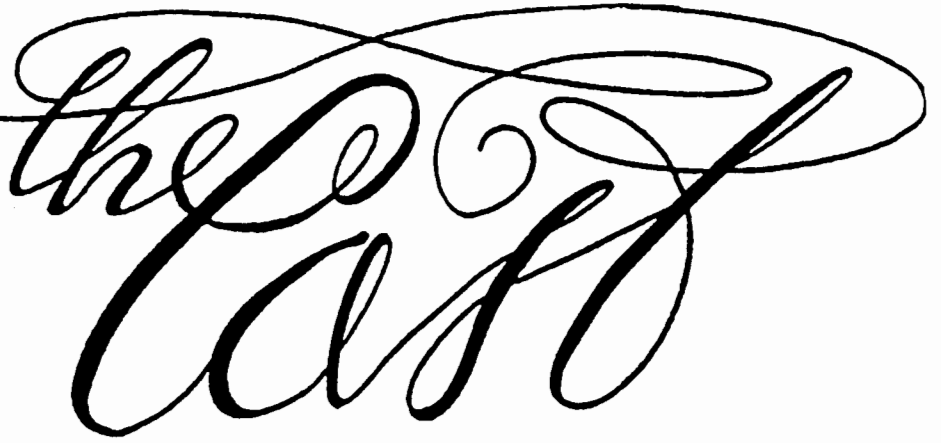
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RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

October Scoop From Scott

Volume 24
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I 've been flyfishing for about ten years now and have been collecting lots of equipment. In the past few years, I have tried to upgrade some of my gear to give me that extra edge on the rivers. Better rods, reels, extra spools, and more types of lines. It has been quite the learning curve. In fact, more money is not always the best way to go.

Two years ago, I sold three lower end reels and bought a very, very expensive reel for steelhead and salmon fishing. I also bought a reel that could stand up to salt water. The reel cost me well over five hundred dollars. I just loved it until I had to send it back to the factory to have it converted from a right handed retrieve to a left handed retrieve. That took six weeks. Then when I used my new factory reel for the first time, the drag froze up and it was back to the factory again. This time, it only took five weeks to return it to me. In Loretto the drag went out again, for the second

time, and I know it will now be another five to six weeks before I can fish with it again. When it's working, the reel is just great but there's that word 'WHEN'.

So I am going to buy my lower reels again. Those are the ones that can be dragged through the water, sand, and salt water. The most important thing is that it can be worked on by me or the great 'reel guru', Mr. Archuleta. Having a reel for twenty four months and not being able to fish for four months, of this time during steelhead fishing, not only pisses me off, it makes me crazy.

So, lesson learned, buy the toughest and easiest to work on equipment that you can. This way you can spend more time on the water and less time in the post office.

ON THE CLUB FRONT

Last month's speaker was just fantastic. Don Muelrath puts on a great program. In fact, I thought it was one of the best I have been to.

The club's closer has been moved to the campgrounds at Manzanita Lake. For more information read on.

It can be very cold or hot this time of the year at Manzanita so come ready for all types of weather. The fishing can be great at this time of year.

The club will put on some fishing classes at the closer so you all come and enjoy. Also, the club will have one of its great feeds on Saturday night. See you all at the next meeting.

Tight Lines,

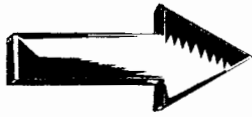
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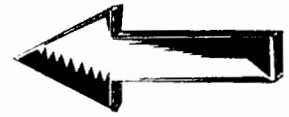
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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

RRFF Presents:



Peter Jon Bauer
Owner of the Anglers' Edge in Gardnerville, Nevada:

Will return to the club for an encore performance. He will present his all new program on Golden Trout Fishing in his area of the Eastern Sierra. Mr. Bauer will also be tying some of the patterns he has found most effective starting at 6:15 p.m.

BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesday, September 8, 1999
Santa Rosa Vet's Building

General Meeting 7:00 pm

The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

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Large size - Paid \$130.00 - Asking \$65.00

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WANTED

10 WT. 9' Salmon or Steelhead multi-piece rod
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ITS "FALL" CLEAN-UP TIME AT THE CLUB LAKE!

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 1999

TIME: 9:00 AM TO NOON

It is that time of year again when we need everyone's help in cleaning up around the club lake. We need to remove weeds from the lake, pick up litter, and any other maintenance needed. We are very fortunate to have access to this lake, and we would like to thank them by doing our part to preserve the lake.

Sign up sheets will be available at the next club meeting. If you forget to sign up, you can show up on the day of the clean up as all help will be welcomed!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at the next meeting or through the club's member board.

Thanks for all you support Tom Lynn

CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1999
Time: 11 AM TO 2 PM or so.
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of
Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The Thursday afternoon sessions proved to be the most successful of any of the 'during the week' events we have held. I'm sure they will be even more successful with the beginning of the new millennium. Meanwhile, we will return to our Sunday events.

Two more new members have taken advantage of the instruction as provided by Joe Craig, Lee Smith, and your pond coordinator to start from scratch and learn double hauls and general shooting system handling in just a few sessions. They have progressed to the 100' mark in just a few evenings to boot.

Now that we have the storage container in place at the pond, all of the pond supplies will be at hand including the casting rings for accuracy. If you are interested in ring casting, please let your intention be known before the Sunday event arrives or be prepared to set them in place yourself. They cannot be left in the pond or they will be wrecked as has happened in the past.

We should have at least one or two months of decent weather before we have to consider that factor on a scheduled Sunday.

The next Sunday event will be on November 21, 1999.

Bob Sisson
1977

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CLUB CLOSER – MANZANITA LAKE – OCTOBER 15 TO 17, 1999

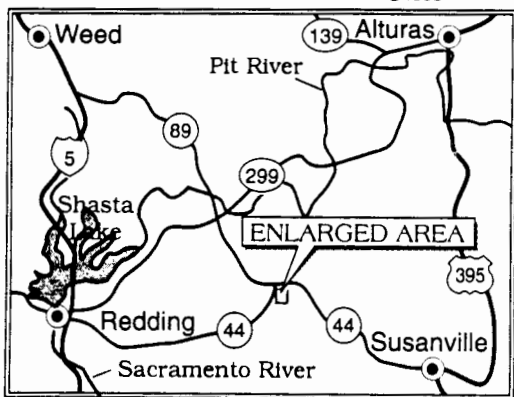
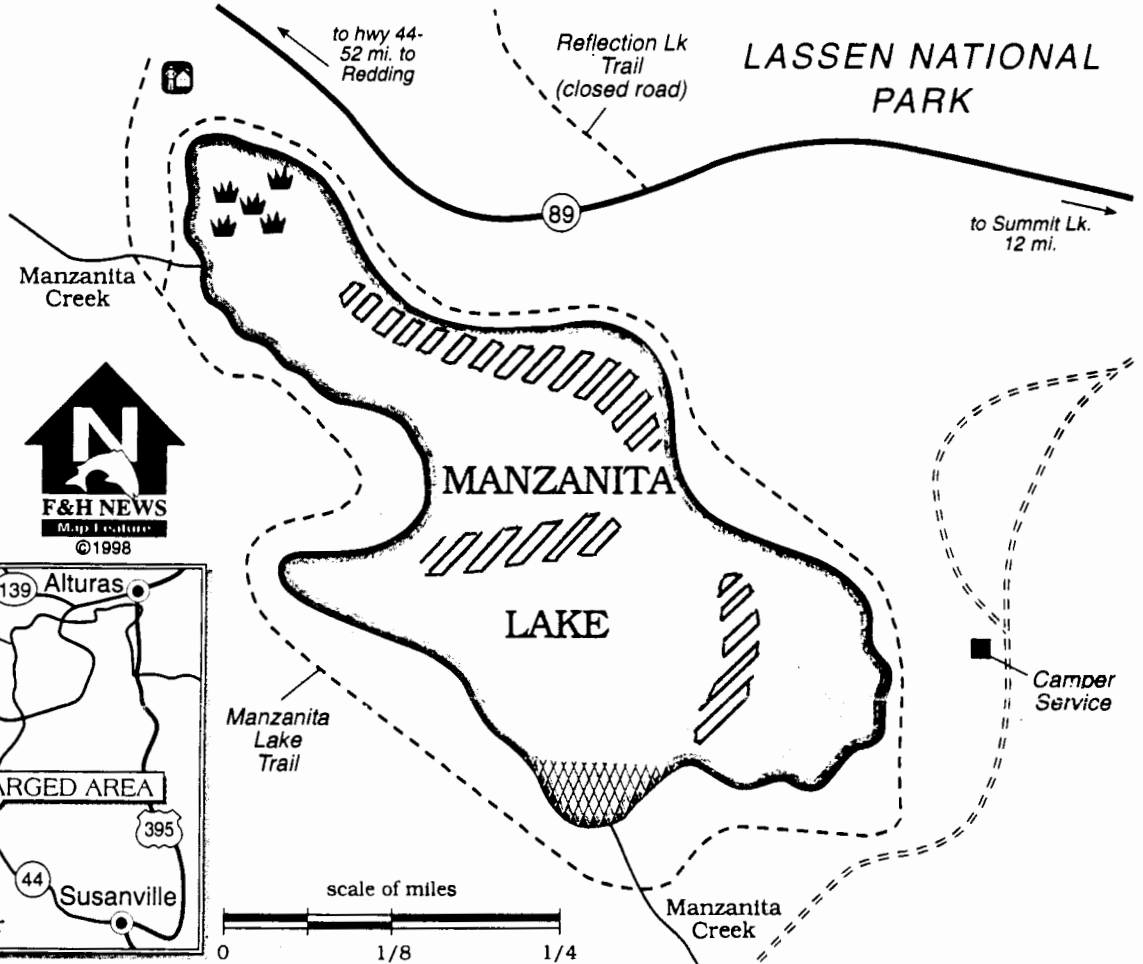
Please sign up at the club meeting – We need a head count for the Saturday evening Barbeque.

F&H MAP KEY

- ▣ Good Float Tubing
- ▣ Closed To Fishing
- ▣ Marsh
- ▣ Ranger Station
- ▣ Campground Loop

NOTE: Catch & Release Only. Single point, barbless hooks, flies & lures Only.

MANZANITA LAKE



BAUM LAKE, HAT CREEK, FALL RIVER

Baum Lake is fishing well for planted rainbows to 16"; tube is best. Fish near boat ramp and the inlets to the lake. Scuds, PTs, and small black APs fished under an indicator are productive in the morning and evening.

Hat Creek is fishing slow with creamy orange mayflies, tricos, and BWOs early morning. PH#2 riffle is fishing fair through the morning with BWO, and caddis pupa nymphs. Dry fly fishing from late evening to dark is slow with fair hatches of caddis; emerger patterns work well. Use a long leader, about 12-14', and 6-7x tippet. Presentation is the key here. Pick a fish and cast downstream to get the best drift; do not waste your time blind casting.

Fall River is fishing poor to fair on PTs, soft hackled patterns under an indicator, and small black or olive bead-head leeches on slow sinking lines; best fishing is early morning and evening and fish are very selective. PMD hatches late morning to early afternoon are sparse; decent caddis hatch in the evening. Lots of weeds making subsurface fishing tough.

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P.O. Box 2673
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3400 HENDERSON CIRCLE
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RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

November Scoop From Scott

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Last month's meeting was a lot of fun. The speaker, Peter Jon Bauer, gave some great information on fishing the Eastern Sierra for Golden Trout. I also had a chance to talk with many of the members who had wonderful trips this summer and fall. Phil Wandtke took the whole summer off. He visited every state with a major league park and went to the games. He fished in almost every state and even made it to the baseball and flyfishing hall of fame. The flyfishing hall of fame is in the Catskill Flyfishing Center and Museum. Finally, a group from the club went to the North Umpqua River.

In Oregon the Steelhead fishing was slow, but Wayne Kip landed a nice 8 lb. fish. Joe Craig, Bob Neal, Lee Smith, and Paul Major had a great week. This is a trip every flyfisher should take ...a week at Susan Creek Campground...it will cure any woe. Larry Johnson and Carlos Tamayo

fished for half-pounders on the Klamath River. Larry said he and Carlos landed at least 6 fish a day. I have spotted a few salmon and a few steelhead in the Russian. Around the first of October, I landed about 6 half-pounders in the lower river around Monte Rio.

I heard through the grapevine that the club's closer was a grand success. I am sorry I missed it. This is the first closer I've missed in 7 years. Scott Lewis and William Archuleta lead the troops to a grand time. It was a little windy but just about everyone caught fish with a few rainbows in the 20" range. Manzanita Lake is a wonderful spot and there are some just plain hogs in this lake. See ya next year.

The clean up at Lytton Springs was fun! Around 10 of us manned the ranks, trash bags, and did a little clean up. Thanks to all of you that

helped...Tom, Roger, Dan, Bill, William, and the gang.

This month the club will hold it's first steelhead seminar on the Russian River. The date is set for Nov. 13 at Cassini's Campground. Sign up will be at the next general meeting or call me at 575-5993. This will be a 'How To' seminar. Bring your rod, lunch, flies, and meet us there.

On a sad note, the whole club had a great loss with the passing of Dick Hollingshead. Dick was past treasurer for the club. He was one of the finest people I've ever known. Great husband, father, friend, and club member. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Helen and family.

Tight Lines,

Scotty Broome

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

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Steve Walser

Co-owner of Yosemite Creek Anglers

Will present an outstanding program covering fishing the west slope of the Central Sierra Nevada:

- ♦ Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Striped Bass in foothill reservoirs and rivers
- ♦ Year around Trout fishing opportunities

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BRING A FRIEND!

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Santa Rosa Vet's Building

Fly Tying 6:15 pm

General Meeting 7:00 pm

The Lodge Room, Santa Rosa Vet's Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa, CA

CLASSIFIED

17' Custom Fiberglass Canoe - \$500 or best offer

Picture on the web page.

For more information call Scott Lewis @ 707-527-9168

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October		November		December	
RRFF Meeting	10/13/99	RRFF Meeting	11/10/99	Dinner Meeting	12/11/99
Board Meeting	10/27/99	Board Meeting	11/24/99	Board Meeting	12/22/99
Casting Clinic	10/17/99	Casting Clinic	11/21/99	Casting Clinic	None

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<http://www.members.tripod.com/~RRFlyFisher/index.html> or rrff.tsx.org

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The web page has over 1,800 hits on it. So, it looks like some people are checking out the page. Hopefully most of the hits are from club members.

Members Board

Password for the use of message board is: [sisson1977](#). This board is for you to let fellow members know how the fishing is going in the real world. Leave a fishing report whether good or bad. Also, if you're planning a trip and would like to let the other members know about it, this is the place to do so.

See you fishing,

RRFlyFisher

SEASON CLOSER

The Season Closer was held once again at Lake Manzanita in Lassen Park. Although fewer folks showed up this year than last ... no less a good time was had by all. The weather was challenging with winds on Friday and Saturday and cold evenings/mornings. However ... the 20" rainbows were there and just waiting for someone to tempt them with the right entomological appetizer. Scott Lewis and Bill Archuleta were the anchors for the event and provided mentoring for those looking for advise. The campfire was always going and the food was shared and plentiful.

Bill Archuleta was rudely awakened from an afternoon nap in his boat by a tug on the line with a beautiful 20" rainbow showing keen interest in his callibaetis cripple. Bill's startled 'What' also woke up Scott in his nearby boat. Both almost got seriously wet! We were all very impressed with Bill's handmade reels which he showed us around the campfire ... beautiful works of art.

Lucy Zorich probably spent the most time on the water chasing the elusive trout. She was determined to outdo her record catch from last year's closer. Battling the slippery bottom and deep mud holes...water teasing the tops of her wadders...she never gave up and was a real trooper. Now...if only we could get her to use real bacon instead of virtual bacon!

On Sunday Rick Baker landed a nice rainbow while cruising the lake in his float tube. He sure looked comfy cruising around with a big smile on his face.

There is always one item on such a camping adventure that someone has and everyone wants...and on this trip...it was Scott's antique bun warmer. An old Coleman heater that consumed about a gallon of white gas an hour. Scott would use it to warm up his tent before dressing in the morning...and to heat up the John...some of us tried to visit the John after Scott...it was toasty!

Cooking award goes to Lucy for the best onions/garlic/eggs breakfast...or a little eggs in the onions. We enjoyed the feast.

There was a suggestion at the event that the club consider holding future closers at a slightly lower elevation to acknowledge the potential for really cold weather in mid-October at 5800' elevation. Some suggested Lewiston lake...I'm sure other suggestions will materialize.

So...thanks again Scott for your efforts to help everyone have a good time...you are a great sport!John Iding

CASTING POND CLINIC

Date: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1999
Time: 11 AM TO 2 PM or so.
Place: Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The pond is there and waiting for you to make use of it. There will be instructors present until 2 PM or so if interested members show up by noon. If anyone feels like coming early, the combination for the locked box by the main entry gate that has the 'Event In Progress' signs on it is 2177. The dog people, it appears, show up early and do not understand that the 3rd Sunday of the month is reserved for casters only. One sign must be hung from each walk-in gate if casters wish to have the place to use free of loose dogs and sometimes unhappy, often unpleasant dog owner.

Remember this is the last scheduled clinic of both the century and the millennium.

There will be no clinic in December.

Bob Sisson
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Attention

The deadline for submission of newsletter material, classifieds, etc., is the date of the Board Meeting. Board members and interested guests note that Board Meetings are held at 7:00 PM – 1100-B Coddington Center (next to post office), Santa Rosa, CA unless notified differently.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS!!

December 11, 1999 – Holiday dinner meeting will feature Mel Krieger and will include an informal casting demonstration as well as an outstanding slide presentation on fly fishing in Argentina.

(Details Enclosed Regarding Reservations)

January 12, 2000 - Will feature Karl Powers and Steve Williams sharing some of the best fishing Alaska has to offer.

February 9, 2000 - Dick Galland from Clearwater House will present a program covering flyfishing in the California intermountain area.

ANCIENT MEXICO ON A MODERN ROD

It amazes me how these 3 little Sage fly rods possess the power to transport me on such a life changing adventure. But there I was bumping down a jungle road in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico, deep in the heart of the Mayan Empire. The van was full of expectation as we rolled through some of these very remote ocean side villages. Before each settlement there would be large raised bumps to slow the traffic. Enterprising natives would be strategically positioned at these points selling bags of citrus fruit, Iguanas, and parrots or holding up barbecued meat of some kind. The villages were simple, modest huts with thatched roofs. No electricity, water system, or phones. These people were all ready for Y2K...Maybe this is the secret if you have never joined the 20th century than you have nothing to loose when it collapses. My companions were retired doctors, pilots, and sales professionals. All of us bound together by a common passion..Fly Fishing. Not just any kind of flyfishing, but a very special kind of adrenaline rush. Flyfishing the saltwater flats for Tarpon, Permit, and Bonefish. Each individual had spent considerable time honing their skills. They had practiced casting and presentation, put together the correct combinations of rods, lines, and strong knots. Then there was the flies...hundreds of flies. Charlies of all colors, crabs, yarn crabs, rag-wool crabs, Velcro button crabs, fleeing crabs, molting crabs, and eating crabs. Some had devoted a lifetime to this love. We possessed a level of readiness and preparation that would have made the Strategic Air Command jealous.

The most remarkable place I visited on this journey was Ascension Bay. This special location, more than any , has left a lasting impression on my rod arm and my soul. Tucked in the Sian Ka'an Biosphere reserve, a protected world park purchased from the Mexican Government, Ascension Bay is a wild and pristine haven for the animals, birds, plants, and most importantly for the fish of Mexico. Without the pressures of commercial or sustenance fishing, this vast system of flats, bays, lagoons, and river ways are flourishing with life. If these rich waterways are the blood of the reserve, the Mayan people are certainly it's heart. Crafty Mayan guides would pole the painted blue, flat skiffs and their anglers through the tangled mangroves. What from the outside looked like a solid green island would open up into secret lagoons bubbling with small Tarpon. Their knowledge of the flats and ability to locate schools of Permit and Bonefish was uncanny. I caught many Bonefish and cast into schools of roving Permit, catching three one day. The Tarpon were elusive on this trip, although I was able to cast to them every day. I hooked but didn't land any.

As unique as the bay itself was, the lodge we retired to each evening, Pesca Maya with charming, well-appointed cabanas with screened in porches overlooking the Caribbean, were the perfect place to relax after an intense day on the water. The huge central lodge has the most beautiful carved wood and stained glass bar I have ever . It is a well-stocked open bar. All beer and mixed drinks are free of charge to the guests and the good times definitely roll here. Rod racks, fly tying area, couches, and flyfishing books complete the scene. The meals were a fulfilling four courses and perfectly prepared. This place has a definite effect on people and not just me. I read the guest book and many of the entries echoed my experience. I found myself on the beach overlooking the stunning Caribbean sunset pondering some very deep questions whether I wanted to or not. I couldn't help but feel this overwhelming, ancient current in nature rubbing up against my funny world that I had put together like Legos. It all seemed less solid on the Mayan Shore and made one ask, "What is real?...What is important?...What does my soul really want on this grand journey?...and, Why are Tarpon so damned hard to catch?"

If you are interested in saltwater flyfishing or have any questions on angling destinations around the world, please give us a call at 1-800-950-4242.

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- ☐ (Single membership \$35 annual dues payable July 1st.)
- ☐ (Family membership \$40 annual dues payable July 1st.)
- ☐ (Junior membership \$20 annual dues payable July 1st.)

Dues, paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 30th, will cover
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