

# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

*January Scoop From Scott*

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## EW YEAR SCOOP!

I hope everyone had an excellent Christmas and a great millennium New Year. I spent mine on standby, fighting the dreaded Y2K Bug. The Bug didn't win but the Broome family is a little richer.

For those of you who missed the Christmas dinner on the 11th of December, I felt it was one of our finest. Mel Krieger put on a great show. He spent about half an hour on one of the most informative casting demo's I have ever seen. After a great meal, Mel did an outstanding slide presentation on fly fishing in Argentina. It was a fun time had by all: Drink, food, grand prizes, and good fellowship is the fly fishing way to celebrate the holidays.

Thank you Bob Neill, Joe Craig, Lee Smith, Larry Johnson, and Russ Wilson for helping to get

things rolling for the dinner. A big thank you to Chuck Cadman for all his help and support.

## On The Fishing Front . . .

The striper action in the Delta has been red hot. Those of you with boats should get out and try your luck. For more information call Noel Plumb at Fishing International or Jim Purcel at Western Angler. The Russian River has been hit and miss. I have fished it about two days a week since the start of December, 1999, with a few half pounders landed. I have not seen too many adult fish so far, but the river looks great with good looking holes and runs. My suggestion is to fish the water below Dry Creek, moving up stream as the year passes.

We will be holding another Russian River Fish Out in January, 2000. The date to be

given at the next meeting. If you do not make the meeting, call me for information.

The Club is going to have a photo contest next year. . . Details to follow. I am trying to put together a Club calendar for the year 2001 with pictures from all of you . . . So get your pictures out.

Last week Joe Craig and I stopped by the lake at Lytton Springs. We didn't fish but did a little bird watching. Many types of geese and ducks plus three very large and beautiful Golden Eagles.

See you all at the next meeting. . . .

Tight Lines,

Scotty Broome

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### **Wildlife**

This is serious wildlife country. Make sure you bring your camera and plenty of film. For serious wildlife photographers a 500mm lens with relatively fast film is advised for best results. A frame stabilizer is advised when camera is hand held. Both Brown and Black Bears are seen along the river. Beaver and beaver dams are everywhere and you'll see these little critters working every day. Porcupines are all over. You are very likely to see wolves. Moose use the river like a freeway and you'll see cows and calves often. Majestic Bald Eagles work the river and you'll see them every day. Their nests are like stick hotels. You will fish the river with other great anglers, the Osprey, whose power dives are incredible as well as the playful otter. You'll also see mink. In the late summer, Sand Hill cranes, geese and ducks are harbingers of fall. The caribou are moving.

Cost is \$2,995.00 for a one week stay.

**Please call us at Fishing International with questions on this fantastic lodge – 1-800-950-4242**

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The web page has over 2,600 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

## ALASKA DREAM LODGE

**"Promises much and fulfills it's promises!"**

If you are considering an Alaskan adventure in 2000, Alaska Dream Lodge is possibly the best mixed bag fishery Alaska has to offer. Alaska Dream Lodge is located in a wonderfully remote section of South Western Alaska. Nestled amongst the Blue Spruce and Tamarac the lodge lies 132 miles upstream on the Aniak River at it's confluence with the mighty Kustiquin.

The native village of Aniak is serviced daily by both Penn Air and Frontier Airlines an hours flight from Anchorage. If you arrive during the salmon season you will see the Athabascan natives drying salmon in the traditional manner on racks along the Kustiquin. Some native art is available in the village. The boat ride to the lodge takes about an hour. It is an awesome trip. 32 miles of the most beautiful country in Alaska. It is difficult to make this trip without seeing a menagerie of wildlife. It is not uncommon for your guide to point out bear, moose, caribou, and Bald Eagle as you head upstream and begin your adventure.

### Accommodations and Meals

The cabins are clean, comfortable, and are heated with wood stoves. Wood, kindling, and paper are always in place. There is one big cabin that accommodates 4 people, ideal for a group of friends. Two other cabins hold up to 3 people. Each cabin has a bathroom complete with hot shower. There are 3 double rooms in the lodge which share 2 bathrooms and 2 showers. The lodge gathering room is warm and comfy. Several big couches and easy chairs snuggle up to a big wood burning stove. A free-standing circular fireplace warms the fly tying area. There is a pool table, dart board, and game table along with the main dining area all in this one big room. It's a great spot to gather over cocktails after fishing and swap stories. All cabins and main lodge have river views. Hearty Alaskan home-cooked meals are prepared each day. There is always plenty of food for seconds for hungry anglers. Lunches are taken streamside. Barbecued salmon, an occasional treat prepared by the guides, provide a memorable lunch. The coffee pot is always on and available at 6:00 a.m.

### Fishing the Aniak

The Aniak is a remote and pristine river. It is inaccessible to float planes. Aside from the occasional native, few anglers other than lodge guests are ever seen. The lodge fishes approximately 45 miles of the river as well as numerous tributaries. These tributaries can be awesome and stay clear even on the rare occasion when the main river is affected by weather. Salmon often stack up in these tributaries in unbelievable numbers. Anglers are moved around by jet boat. Most fishing is done by wading and, on occasion, from the boats. There are literally hundreds of pools that hold fish well. Beginning with a heavy King (Chinook) and Chum Salmon run in late June, the season gets off with a bang. This run can continue through early August. Chum Salmon often pile up in certain pools in great numbers where fishing can be wild. A big King Salmon can run 50 pounds or larger on the Aniak. The Silver (Coho) run from mid August through September. Anyone who has caught these acrobatic gamesters know what this fishing can be. Grayling are plentiful as are Dolly Varden. The Aniak is the home of the famous Leopard Rainbow Trout unrivaled for their sheer beauty. Bragging rights on this species start at 30" and above on the Aniak. 26" to 28" Rainbows are common. Numerous backwaters and marshy areas called "The Grassys" abound with large Northern Pike.

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# CASTING POND CLINIC

**Date:** SUNDAY, January 16, 2000  
**Time:** 11 AM TO 2 PM  
**Place:** Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

A new year is at hand and perhaps some new equipment is in hand so now is the chance to raise your casting skills another notch. The casting pond is at your disposal seven days a week, 24 hours a day, rain or shine. If, by chance, the rain is coming from thunderheads and has lightning flashing, do not use a graphite rod. They are an excellent conductor and may draw fire.

The clinics are for the benefit of all levels of casters. If you wish to improve your accuracy, the rings and coaches will be there. If you wish to learn or improve your distance casting, there will be help on hand. If you are just getting started, we will help you reach a level that will make you a capable fly fisher. Remember, except for rare instances, you are going to spend over 95% of your time casting. The other few percentage points will go to fighting some foolish fish that tried to run off with your fly. Being an accomplished caster can be a pleasant end in itself.

Come out and use your pond. It is one of the best in the country.

The clinics, as is usually the case, are at the mercy of the weather. If we are in the middle of a storm the event will be postponed until February.

The next scheduled clinic will be February 20, 2000.

Bob Sisson 1977

## Distance Casting Achievement Qualifiers

120' Club.			
#30.	Rick Baker	(10wt SH)	11/99

## 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!!

- February 9, 2000 - Dick Galland from Clearwater House will present a program covering fly fishing in the California intermountain area.
- March 8, 2000 - Chip O'Brien, author, guide, and teacher will present a program on Northern California fly fishing.



## **JANUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**RRFF Presents:**



### **PaPa Bear Adventures/Ptarmigan Air**

This program will be presented by PaPa Bear Adventures/Ptarmigan Air. They fill a unique niche in Alaska's fly fishing and provide adventures one is unlikely to find with any other air taxi, guide, or outfitting service. They operate two Dehavilland Beavers; one based in Anchorage and the other based in Bethel.

The program will focus on the Bethel operation and will feature a slide show covering a float trip down the Kisaralik River. On the Kisaralik they fish for King and Silver Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Arctic Char, and Grayling.

### **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2000**

**Santa Rosa Vet's Building**

**General Meeting 7:00 PM**

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

### **CLASSIFIED**

Light Freestone waders with neoprene bootie

Size Large - \$65.00

Call Leath

Work 707-568-1599 - Home 707-569-8559

### ***Coming Events***

December		January		February	
Dinner Meeting	12/11/99	RRFF Meeting	1/12/00	RRFF Meeting	2/9/00
Board Meeting	12/22/99	Board Meeting	1/26/00	Board Meeting	2/23/00
Casting Clinic	None	Casting Clinic	1/16/00	Casting Clinic	2/20/00

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



BOB SISSON  
3400 HENDERSON CIRCLE  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403-

Address correction requested.

## Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark one of the following categories.

I apply as a new member:

- \_\_\_\_ (Single membership \$10 initiation fee plus \$35 annual dues)
- \_\_\_\_ (Family membership \$10 initiation fee plus \$40 annual dues)
- \_\_\_\_ (Junior membership \$10 initiation fee plus \$20 annual dues)

Existing membership renewal:

- \_\_\_\_ (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  
the balance of the current fiscal year and also the following fiscal year's dues.

Please mail this application and your check payable to:  
Russian River Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 2673, Santa Rosa, CA 95405



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**I** am in my truck on a grand search for the great steelhead. The search, or hunt as I like to call it, starts early on Friday morning. The rain is coming down and things aren't looking good. I point my truck north and off I go. The first stop is a look at the confluence of the Russian River and Dry Creek. The creek looks really fishy but the main stem of the Russian is the color of chocolate milk. No fly fishing here and the rain is falling harder. My next stop is the 128 bridge at Geyserville. The river's rising and off color. The Russian is out for the day or week or month. I think about going home but I've taken the day off and I'm going to spend it fishing. I find myself and my truck on the back road to Stewarts Point. Forty four miles of up and down and around and around with more wind and rain. The upper Gualala looks good but as I hit the main stream at the town of Gualala and Highway one, it's a great disappointment. Too much wa-

ter and mud. Oh well, it's only 16 miles to the Garcia River. It's still raining. Past the cemetery, down the hill and around the corner, I am greeted by hundreds of Tundra Swans and another river that can't be fished on a fly. The first good news of the day, "It's Stopped Raining". Maybe, just maybe, Alder Creek is fishable. Five more miles north and by God the little creek at Alder is running strong but it's fishable. The rain is back. On with my gear - waders, shoes, rain jacket, vest, and my trusty 8 wt. Sage. I am ready to do battle. It's raining harder. I fish hard for about an hour with nothing moving, nothing rolling. I am cold and hungry. To the truck for some lunch and coffee. It's stopped raining and a ray of sun is coming through the clouds. As I am eating, I see my first fish of the day rolling in the slow water. The sun is out. I walk down, make two casts, and the slow water explodes. I am hooked up! A big hen fresh from

the ocean just 300 yards away makes one long run and two leaps and spits my fly back in my face. Four hours of driving, wet to the bone, a little over one hour of fishing, What A Day - What A Day.

On the club front, Carl Blackledge is offering to give free fly tying lessons to all interested club members. If you would like to take up tying or get some pointers, please sign up at the next meeting or call me at 575-5993. We can handle about six to eight people at a time.

Also, we are going to have a bass tournament in March or April. If you are interested, please call me or sign up.

See ya at the meeting & bring a friend.

Tight Lines,

Scotty Broome



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## RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS YEAR 2000 PHOTO CONTEST

For the year 2000, RRFF is planning a photo contest to share member's good times, to provide input to the web site, and generally to have some fun. Members can submit photos they are taken any time during the year and the photos will be displayed on the web site as well as an occasional spot appearance in the newsletters.

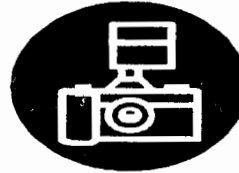
Bring those cameras to next year's season opener where there will most certainly be opportunities to capture the most humorous picture award during evening campfire activities.

Photos must be submitted no later than November 25th to be entered in the judging. The photos will be displayed at the annual Christmas party and members will have an opportunity to cast a ballot for the best pictures in three categories: Best overall picture, most humorous picture, and best fish picture. A special award will be presented to anyone who can capture a photo of a hooked rainbow trout in the midst of an airborne jump.

Prizes will be awarded at the January membership meeting. More details on the prizes will be written up in subsequent newsletters. There has also been some discussion about doing a RRFF calendar using some of the photos submitted for the contest.

The photos can be submitted as prints or in digital format. Digital files should be jpeg format. Prints will be scanned so all photos can be posted to the web site for members to view and enjoy. They should be sent to:

John Iding  
1255 Stephens Gate Road  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
Jfinet@crl.com



This is intended to be for pictures of and about member's fishing adventures, so pretty fishing pictures from other web sites would not be appropriate. This will keep the number of photos reasonable and make it a more membership oriented activity.

John Iding  
Outings Director

## CLUB LAKE #1 GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2000

### Activities

1. April fishing tournament.
2. Open house.
3. Clinic on the lake (guest speaker or club member).
4. Friday night fish-outs.

### Projects

1. Habitat improvements.
2. Second annual lake cleanup day.
3. Arrange for an outhouse to be installed at the lake.

### Wish List

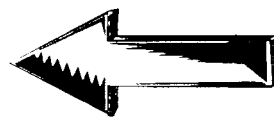
1. Plant Florida Largemouth Bass.





## **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

**RRFF Presents:**



### **Wild Trout Waters Between Lassen And Shasta** **Presented By: Dick Galland**

This program will be presented by Dick Galland, noted author, guide, trout bum, and proprietor of Clearwater House.

This will be a unique program based upon Dick's many years of fishing the intermountain area of California's most famous waters.

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**Santa Rosa Vet's Building**

**General Meeting 7:00 PM**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS UPCOMING PROGRAM!!**

March 8, 2000 - Chip O'Brien, author, guide, and teacher will present a program on fly fishing Yellowstone waters.

### *Coming Events*

January		February		March	
Dinner Meeting	1/12/00	RRFF Meeting	2/9/00	RRFF Meeting	3/8/00
Board Meeting	1/26/00	Board Meeting	2/23/00	Board Meeting	3/22/00
Casting Clinic	1/16/00	Casting Clinic	2/20/00	Casting Clinic	3/19/00

# ATTENTION



Okay everyone, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming RRFF board elections. We are now preparing the candidate slate.

At the February board meeting on 2/23/00, we will prepare the slate for distribution. Nominees must be members in good standing and state that they are willing to serve if elected.

The March Newsletter will include the nominees for the board slate.

The deadline for nomination will be the April board meeting on 4/12/00.

Bob Neill, V.P.

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See you fishing,

RRFlyFisher



# CASTING POND CLINIC

## CASTING PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION



**Date:** SUNDAY, February 20, 2000  
**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 January clinic turned out to be a beautiful day at the pond in spite of the threatening weather forecast. If we had as big a crowd as the dog people had when I arrived at 11 o'clock, we would have had a fair sized group. As it was, we kept things going with a new member and a prospective new member until 3 p.m.

The clinics are for the benefit of all casters. If you want to work on accuracy, the rings and coaches will be there. If you wish to learn or improve your use of shooting systems or any other form of distance casting, there will be someone on hand to help. If you are just getting started, we will help you become a capable fly caster. The pond is one of the best in the country and is there for your use seven days a week and 24 hours a day, rain or shine.

Being an accomplished caster can be a pleasant end in itself. Come out and use your pond.

As usual the weather has to be considered. If there is a steady rain or a full blown storm in progress, the event will be postponed until March.

The next scheduled clinic will be on March 19, 2000.

Bob Sisson 1977

## RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS TO SPONSOR FIRST CLUB BASS TOURNAMENT

RRFF will be sponsoring its first ever bass tournament. It will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, April 1 and April 8. The competition will be at the Club Lake and the lake at Fountaingrove. It is a fly fishing catch and release tournament only.

The tournament will be a TEAM tournament consisting of two members per team. Teams will be drawn from a hat and are for members only. Prizes will be awarded for largest 5 fish total weight per day. Also, there will be a prize for the largest fish on each lake.

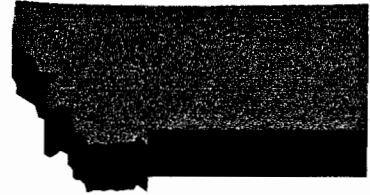
A sign up booth will be at the February and March meetings. More details and rules to follow. The club is also looking for volunteers for judging, photography, refreshments, etc.

Thank you and hope you will all be able to participate.

Tom Lynn Lake Captain



## MONTANA'S FINEST – 5 RIVERS LODGE



Last July my husband and I had a fantastic trip to one of Montana's beautiful valleys, the Beaverhead. The beauty was only surpassed by the incredible fishing we encountered and the quality lodge where we hung our hats, 5 Rivers Lodge. I can't say enough good things about 5 Rivers; from it's fabulous food, to it's great service and beautiful rooms, every particular was perfect.

Each morning started with a wonderful buffet, augmented by a hot entrée from the kitchen. After breakfast each guest made up his own lunch from a huge assortment of items. I really liked this feature as it ensured lunches that I enjoyed. We met some really wonderful fellow guests when we gathered each evening for the cocktail hour and had ample time to hear the day's fishing tales. The diner that followed was gourmet and satisfied the heartiest appetite.

There is even a pond filled with large trout in the front yard allowing anyone a chance to practice their casting after dinner. There was a library for the guest's use, complete with television and VCR. It contained many books and videos pertaining to fishing. A hot tub was also available. Next year they will also have a tackle shop and a conference room as they were being built while we were there.

However the best feature was the wonderful fishing program. Each two guests were matched with one guide for their entire stay. Each morning the guides arrived with their drift boats and helped load lunches and gear. They told us what flies would be needed for the day and we picked up any we didn't have at the tackle shop. The flies changed from river to river and from day to day. The guides all keep in contact with each other and know what worked on various waters the day before so you are sure to have the flies that are working well and are fishing on waters that are the most productive.

You have several choices of rivers: Beaverhead, Jefferson, Ruby, Red Rock, and the Big Hole. But the Beaverhead River was my favorite. This river is so brushy that it would be almost impossible to fish it without a drift boat. We caught numerous beautiful brown trout in the 18"-22" range, many on dry flies. There are various places on the rivers where drift boats can be put in or taken out, and the guide chose the section or sections we drifted each day and arranged to have his vehicle moved to the take out area. One day we fished the morning on one section of the river and moved to a completely different section for the afternoon. The majority of the day is spent fishing from the boat, however stops are made several times a day to fish especially good water from the bank. Our guide told us the rivers are productive all season, no one time being "the best" that some times are better for dry flies and others are best for nymph fishing.

Although this is a fly fishing destination this lodge has guides that will teach you the art if you're not a flyfisherman. Two fathers and sons who had never fly fished were at our table for dinner. After their first day they were all excited about their day and were hooked on fly fishing for life. By the second day they were making plans to return again next year. They even talked about bringing their non-fishing wives as they felt they would really enjoy the accommodations and the area. There are many things for the non-fisherman to see and do. This lodge is very versatile, you may plan your own stay. It can be a single night with no fishing or as many nights and as many days of fishing as you'd like. You can also take a break from the fishing for a day or two and take in some sightseeing. The price will depend on the number of nights and days you choose.

I really had a great time and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about 5 Rivers Lodge.

Patsy Marcussen, Fishing International Staff

## YOUTH NEWS

Imagine starting your last year in high school, just back from three months summer vacation, and know that after this you will be expected to make some big decisions. Then your teachers begin leaking out the phrase, that makes you think "how far can I go with a G.E.D.?", **Senior Project**. It brings to mind volumes of books, reams of paper, days of research, mindless reading, fragile dioramas. Now, think about this...

Instead of the above nightmare, you get to pick the topic and choose to rebuild that 289 motor for the Mustang. Or design and build your own computer. How about pursuing an idea you have for a business, and develop a plan of attack. Or even, learn to fly fish and all its accompanying arts. Windsor High allow its Senior class to pursue any topic of interest, develop a program about the topic, list the resources used and make reports along the way. Of course, this all has to be approved by a counselor, but imagine the success of this type of project as compared to the traditional Senior Project.

We have been asked to be a mentor for a Senior student by the name of Stephen Tonelli and have been approved by his counselor to assist him in learning as much as possible about fly fishing. It's like we are doing our 1 day youth program to the 10th power, but it sure is fun. Instead of just explaining **how** to do something, we also have to explain **why** we do something, and this often tests our own knowledge. Do we really know why? Or are we just hacking away with how?

This is why our club is such a great resource. We have members and guests that not only know why, but also continually push the envelope of how to do something. Our recent holiday dinner was a great example of this. Our special guest speaker, Mel Krieger was asked to do a casting demonstration inside the dining room. Now, I know that some people were hoping for an exclusive two handed spey casting lesson, or maybe a specialty cast of some sorts, but our guest Stephen was just happy to meet the guy. I think that everybody got something out of Mel's demonstration, even spey casters, but what I recall most is the advice he gave without demonstration. And it was this: "some casts don't work". It was refreshing to hear this statement from one who knows the how and why of casting. Especially when many of us want to add quantity to our repertoire of casts instead of quality. Keep your basic casts as your strong suit and develop alternative casting techniques from these basic principles. It was amazing how he wove his visual demonstration with his travels abroad. At the end I know many of us were mentally spey casting twenty feet of yarn to sea-run trout in Argentina.

Thanks to Scotty for providing such an interesting guest speaker, and for inviting Windsor High student Stephen Tonelli and his father to be guests at the dinner.

Mike Nyholm  
Youth Activities

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SANTA ROSA, CA 95403-

Address correction requested.

## Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

## March Scoop From Scott

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**W**ell gang, here it is, almost March and we haven't had our January or February fish-out. Since my one day on Alder Creek, I have only fished one Friday afternoon with Mr. Robert Neill and part of a Saturday. Bob and I had a great Friday afternoon with both of us landing a fish and hooking a few more. It was Mr. Neill's first Steelhead and he landed it on his new 7 wt. Sage. A sweet six pounder. That-a-way Bob. If this rain doesn't let up, we may not be fishing until May.

On the Club front, remember the Club will be holding it's first bass tournament: two person teams, on two separate Saturdays, at two separate lakes. **Fountaingrove and Lytton Springs!** The most weight for five fish between the two fishermen will be entered for each lake. The dates are April 1, and April 8, 2000.

While the weather has been bad, I have

been planning my first trip to British Columbia. The people at Fishing International and the British Columbia Fish & Game have been great help. If anyone has a trip they would like to plan or some information, the Club's Members Board and Fishing International can be of great help. Noel, at Fishing International, has blocked out some dates for going to Loretto Baja, California. Anyone interested in going should call Noel or me for information. Binky Castleberry is also going down. I will have Noel print up the information in his section of the cast.

I want to personally invite all members and friends of the RRFF to come to the trout open in Cassel on April 29, 2000. Most members come up on April 27, or April 28. The Club puts on a great party the night of April 28, or April 29. We all fish Baum Lake and on Saturday April 29, 2000, the day of the opener, we

fish Hat Creek, The Pit, and a few other streams. For all newcomers, this is a great place to get started. The Club needs a head count for Saturday's dinner so please call or sign up at the March meeting.

I would also like to get more input on our speakers. Mr. Chuck Cadman has booked some great names for the rest of the year. The Board and I would like some input and any ideas the membership might have. Please feel free to e-mail or call.

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The Board runs our club at the will of the general membership. Get involved. Get in on all the scoop and join a great bunch of volunteers.

Bob Neill, V.P.

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**Saturday, April 1, 2000**

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**Fort Mason, Building A**

**San Francisco, CA**

**Learn from over 50 of California's Best Fly Tyers**

**Explore the Exhibits**

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**6PM Begins a Festive Evening Honoring**

## **Ralph and Lisa Cutter**

**Induction Ceremonies, Wine & Beer, Buffet, and Live Auction**

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**Admission: Reservations required for evening event.**

**\$30/person includes beverages, buffet and admission to daytime exhibition.**

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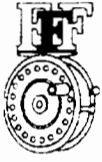
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***Proceeds support the NCC/FFF and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance***

**Mark Your Calendar: April 1, 2000**



***Fly Tying Festival and  
Hall of Fame Buffet***



**Presented by the Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers**

The Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers (NCC/FFF) presents the most tyers that the Bay Area has ever seen to demonstrate their skills and share their knowledge. The daylong event takes place on April 1, 2000 in San Francisco's Fort Mason Center. The exposition begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes with a delectable buffet, live auction, and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Fly fishers, from beginning to expert, can take this opportunity to learn more about the elegant sport of fly fishing. Learn the latest patterns, tying, and fishing techniques. Join in a silent auction, live auction, and raffle—all featuring fly boxes from the tyers, fishing gear, trips, and other fishing related items. Now is the time to stock your fly boxes and prepare for the season.

Each year, the Hall of Fame dinner honors a man or woman in Northern California noted for life-long contributions to the art, science and sport of fly fishing. This year's inductees are the well known fly fishers, fly fishing educators, and conservationists, Ralph and Lisa Cutter. They join past inductees into the NCC/FFF Hall of Fame: Roy Haile, Ted Fay, Fanny and Mel Krieger, Andre Puyans, Frank Matarelli, Lani Waller, and Bob Baiocchi to name a few.

Why will over fifty top tyers from throughout the state share their skills and knowledge at this event? To save fish for California's anglers!

All proceeds benefit the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. NCC/FFF is a regional council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The NCC/FFF is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to conserving, restoring, and educating through fly fishing. The Council founded and continues to be a major sponsor of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, a public trust advocate for fish and the habitat that sustains them.

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The RRFF Year 2000 Photo Contest is off to a great start with several pictures already entered and now available to view on our web page. When you send your pictures in either as e-mail attachments or by mail, please include a small caption like where the picture was taken or, if in the humorous category, an appropriate comment. Use jpeg format if possible for digitized photos. Happy Photo Taking!

John Iding, Outings Director  
jfinet@crl.com

### Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events!!

April 12, 2000  
May 10, 2000

Don Muelrath:  
Steven Rider Haggard:

"Brook Trout of the Minipi"  
"Searching for Trophies on Small  
Streams of the Sierra"

April 28-30, 2000

Club Opener at Hat Creek

## MEXICO-BAJA CALIFORNIA LORETO



### The Fishing:

You've heard it from us many times before, but for the money, there is no better choice for HOT light-tackle fishing than Loreto in late June, July, and early August. This is the time when the dolphin (dorado) show up in their greatest numbers. They're fished along the sargasso beds in much the same way a bass fisherman works a shoreline by either casting, live-baiting, or trolling. Fly-fishermen and lure casters have a field day! Besides the dolphin there are yellowfin tuna, skipjack, and often plenty of sailfish and marlin. Anglers fish two to a boat from seaworthy, 22 ft. fiberglass skiffs skippered by knowledgeable local captains.

### The Accommodations:

The spacious rooms are fully air-conditioned. Tennis and swimming are available. Loreto is a pleasant, palm-shaded village containing the first mission, a museum and limited shopping. For those who prefer winter fishing February, March, and April are particularly interesting fishing months at Loreto for large yellow-tail.

### Fishing International has reserved prime weeks in Loreto for the 2000 season:

July 1-8 (Saturday - Saturday) - July 8-12 (Saturday - Wednesday) - July 15-22 (Saturday - Saturday) - July 22-29 (Saturday - Saturday) — July 22-August 5 (Saturday - Saturday) - August 5-12 (Saturday - Saturday).

7 nights/6 days fishing \$1,050.00 in double occupancy - \$835.00 in triple occupancy - \$1,795.00 in single occupancy.

4 nights/3 days fishing \$650.00 in double occupancy - \$465.00 in triple occupancy - \$1,100.00 in single occupancy.

Group leader policy is one gratis with 7 paying anglers.

Call us at Fishing International for details 1-800-950-4242

# CASTING POND CLINIC

## CASTING PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION

**Date:** SUNDAY, March 19, 2000  
**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 February clinic had a little problem with the weather, but there were enough hardy souls present to do some serious instructing. Interestingly enough, the first three folks to show up were all non-members who all walked clear over from the regular parking lot. The first of them was a young woman who kept right on working through a couple of brief showers like a veteran winter steelhead fisherman who, in no way, resembled a cream-puff pioneer. The fourth hardy soul was one of our regular members checking the condition of a couple of interesting, not so new, split bamboo's. This put me in a position never before experienced of handling a graphite, a fiberglass, and a bamboo rod in rapid succession. There are some interesting differences.

The clinics are for the benefit of all casters. If you want to work on accuracy, the rings are there. If you want to work on your distance casting technique, there will be coaching help available. If you are just getting started, we will help you become both a capable flycaster and a fly fisherman.

If you are interested in learning one-handed spey casting, a-la-Mel Kreiger, we have a couple of accomplished spey casters who may be willing to help instruct. Talk to me at the next meeting if you are interested and we'll see what can be done.

Come out and use your pond!

The weather may still be a problem. If there is steady rain or a full blown storm in progress the event will be postponed until April.

The next scheduled clinic will be on April 16, 2000.

Bob Sisson 1977

## ADDITIONAL SIGN-UPS NEEDED FOR BASS TOURNAMENT

Interest in the upcoming Bass Tournament held on April 1, & April 8, has received very little response. If you are interested, you must sign up at the next club meeting. Participants and volunteers are needed. If very little interest is shown, we may be forced to cancel the event.

The competition will be at the Club Lake and the lake at Fountaingrove. It is a fly fishing, catch and release tournament only.

The tournament will be a TEAM tournament consisting of two members per team. Teams will be drawn from a hat and are for members only. Prizes will be awarded for largest 5 fish total weight per day. Also there will be a prize for the largest fish on each lake.

Thank you and hope you will all be able to participate.

Tom Lynn Lake Captain





## **MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

**RRFF Presents:**



### **Fishing Yellowstone Waters**

**Presented By: Chip O'Brien**

Chip O'Brien started out well in life. At the age of ten, he knew that fly fishing would be a central focus of his life. However, the flesh is weak! He spent fourteen years in corporate sales before getting his life back on track. Chip now lives in Redding. He is a noted guide, author, and he currently serves as president of the Shasta Fly Casters. When he is not teaching about fly fishing, he is a public school teacher in Redding. His outstanding program on Yellowstone Waters will jump start the dream machine within as we plan for the coming season.

### **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, March 8, 2000**

**Santa Rosa Vet's Building**

**General Meeting 7:00 PM**

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Casting Clinic	2/20/00	Casting Clinic	3/19/00	Casting Clinic	4/16/00

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*April Scoop From Scott*

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**I**t took Saint Patty's Day to get me back on the Russian River. I took off early from work and fished my favorite spot, right below the 128 bridge in Geyserville. Lots of trash fish but no Steelhead. On Saturday Lee Smith, Bob Norman, and I fished above the 128 bridge in the morning and below it in the afternoon. We caught lots of fish. This got me to thinking about how grand the Russian River can be for people just starting to fly fish.

With the ability to cast a few yards, one can learn quite a bit about fishing in the upper reaches of the Russian River. Shad, hard-heads, squaw fish, perch, small-mouth, carp, and steelhead of all sizes can be taken with a fly. I find if I use larger trout streamers and nymphs your success rate goes way up. Woolybuggers, brindlebug,

leech patterns can really hammer this fish.

In the spring there are thousands of smolt or young steelhead in the river. They can be a blast on a three weight or four weight rod. Small dry flies will take the smolt. I personally cut the point off my hooks so no damage is done to the fish. Just practicing casting to this fish and hooking them up for the moment can be great fun and a great lesson.

On the Club front, remember the Club's opener is the last weekend of the month. The trout opener is on Saturday, April 29, 2000. Most of us leave Thursday or Friday of that week. We set up camp at the P.G.&E. camp ground in Cassell, California.

I will supply maps at the next meeting, which is the 12th of

April. Since the Club does dinner, I need a head count. For all of you new people, this can be just a great way to be introduced to trout fishing. Many of the Club's old hands will be there to give you a hand.

Also, at the next meeting, the results will be in from the Club's first Bass Tournament. We have some great Bassers with the Club. It should be a gas.

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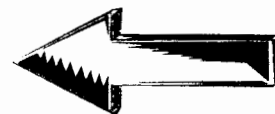
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When Don Muelrath presented the program last September on fishing the salt water flats of Belize, many club members said it was the best presented, best photographed program in recent memory. Don will be with us again with a dream program on what may just be the finest Brook Trout fishing anywhere. Don, along with his son, Scott, have researched and fished this area of Labrador first explored by Lee Wulff in 1957. Don't miss this outstanding presentation.

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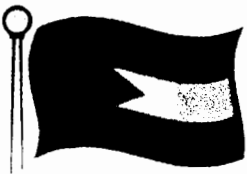
The Thursday evening sessions provided both fun and excitement for those who took the opportunity to come out and enjoy the pond last spring and summer. The pond is in great shape, the rings are on hand for any who are interested in using them, and there will be instruction for beginners and coaching for all levels of experience. The dogs are not allowed on our Thursday afternoons and people who fail to read the notices or choose to ignore them will be invited to leave. If you are at the pond alone remember the dog people and their dogs are expected to give you and the pond 100 feet of clearance. If they ignore the "no dogs in the pond" rule, please invite them to knock it off.

The rings can not be left in the pond because of the problems we have had with vandalism. If they are used they must be returned to the storage container when you are through.

We will be most interested in helping any of you with improving your distance casting. It is a valuable addition to your overall casting capability and gives you a much broader selection of approaches to reaching the big ones.

Bob Sisson 1977

## Fishing International News



A number of our local fly fishers from the club are off to the Bahamas to Acklins Island Bonefish Camp. They will be flying out of San Francisco on May 20th and coming back home on the 27th. They should have some terrific fish stories when they return. If their adventures to this unique island interest you, we have a group going in early October and we would love to have you join us on this value priced trip. Only \$1,329 for a 7 night 6 day all inclusive fishing package.

Acklins Island has to be the hottest bone fishing destination in the Bahamas today, and it's a bargain. Anglers can pick from frugal, unguided packages, combo packages (3 days guided, 3 ½ days unguided) or fully guided weeks. Because of its remoteness, this fishery has not been effected by commercial or sustenance fishing. This means plenty of hard fighting Bonefish at the other end of your rod. Acklins also is a prolific fishery for Permit, Tarpon, and monster Barracuda. I believe our camp is the best mixed bag fishery in all of the Bahamas.

Special F.I. Week, September 30 to October 7: Fishing International has this special week set aside for our customers and we would love to have you join us. We have hand picked this week based on tide and moon phase. It should be dynamite fishing. Call Noel Plumb, our Bahamas specialist for details.

Alaska: Karluk Fish camp: If you want to go to Alaska this year, it's not too late. We still have some spots left during our Silver Salmon week at Karluk Fish camp on Kodiak Island.

August 27 to September 2 will be a good Silver Salmon week and a great sockeye week. Sockeye are hard fighters on fly gear and light tackle. There will also be plenty of Dolly Varden and Arctic char.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any service, please call us at 1-800-950-4242

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# *The Cast*

*May Scoop From Scott*

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# CASTING POND CLINIC

## CASTING PRACTICE AND INSTRUCTION

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The March clinic had a little problem with the weather in a completely different way. The wind, after none at all for weeks, came up so hard that it was impossible to make a back cast or a roll cast or even stand up straight. Instruction had to be called off until the next scheduled meet.

The clinics are for the benefit of all casters.

The pond is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day for individual use. If the dog people refuse to give ground, remind them that the rules of use for the area require that any caster using the pond is to be given 100 feet of clearance by both people and dogs. Also remind them that dogs are to be kept out of the pond at all times.

The next scheduled clinic will be on May 21, 2000

Bob Sisson 1977



## What's New at Fishing International

**Christmas Island:** Big Eddie and Joe's Christmas Island Bonefishing and Croquet Club. Top Christmas Island guide, Big Eddie, along with Idaho businessman, Joe Roop have built a new club. They built it from the ground up on the foundations of the old British officer's quarters. It's American run. All rooms have private baths and full time A/C. The bar overlooks the ocean and is great, as is the food. We've had reports from several who have been there. The new club is next door to the Captain Cook. They also have cornered all the best guides on the island, something that has angered some Captain Cook guests. Also, the lodge has flat skiffs, a first on the island, which can get anglers to places that are rarely fished.

**Alaska:** Tyonek Lodge: Our own Bob Norman is running this small, Alaska Lodge only 30 minutes from Anchorage. The river has a very good run of 20-40 lb. King salmon in June and a nice run of silvers through August. There are three cabins which can comfortably house 12 anglers. It's a small river easily walked and fished. 3 nights and 3 days fishing all inclusive of charter flight is \$1560.

**Bahamas:** Acklins Island Bonefish Camp: A lot of you have heard about this great bonefishery already with many already booked in for the upcoming season. There are miles of bonefish filled flats here. The lodge offers both guided and non-guided fishing and there are two man sea kayaks available to take non-guided anglers from flat to flat. The prices start for non-guided \$929 & half guided, half non-guided run \$1329 per week.

**Ireland:** Fishing and sightseeing tours. Beginning this summer, Fishing International will be running trout and salmon fishing tours of the Emerald Isle. What a wonderful place this is with, believe it or not, often excellent fishing and very reasonable.

**Sonoma County:** Spring Turkey Hunts: A friend of ours is allowing turkey hunting on her ranch near Sebastopol for the first time ever. It is loaded with turkeys. The spring hunts are the best with the season extending through April. Guided hunts include breakfast and lunch run \$295 per hunter per day. This is a good one! Call Bob at Fishing International.

**Baja Loreto:** There are still some spaces left at Loreto in July. Most of you know how great this dorado fishing can be and how nice the Oasis Hotel is. The rate is \$1050 per week.

**Habernathy:** Habernathy Bonefish Club: One big room with tin roof. Large, comfortable 6 hole outhouse. Stand outside in the rain for a shower. Mostly beans for meals, 3 varieties. Lots of bonefish. Not too many snakes. Every shot available required before entering country. \$495 a week unguided.



## **MAY GENERAL MEETING**

**RRFF Presents:**



### **Searching for Trophies on Small Streams of the Sierra**

**Presented By: Steven Rider Haggard**

**BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2000**

**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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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

*June Scoop From Scott*

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**I**t's Monday, 5/1/00, and I am sitting in the last camp chair around last night's fire.

Archie, Joe Craig, John Iding, Bill Baker, and Scott Lewis are all busy as little beavers packing up. I have this smile on my face that's not going to go away for some time. This was the best opener for me I've ever been on. I never got a head count but there was well over 30 people this year.

Most of the folks came up on Thursday. Joe and I arrived late Wednesday night. Cowboy (alias Rick) and Lee Smith were all ready up. Lee helped Joe and me set up the new Taj Mahal. That's

our new tent, 18 x 12. After breakfast, Cowboy and I get into his pram and fish Baum Lake. The pram was well stocked with beer, food, and a little Crown Royal. Rick is the ultimate gentleman. He guided me the whole day. I land well over 10 nice Rainbows. Most on leach and bugger patterns. By the time we got off the lake, many more members had shown up. Archie, Steve and his son, Big George, Little George, Paul, Dick,

Dale, Steve and Kathleen, and a truck load of others. On Friday, Baum was loaded with floating club members. I landed a nice Rainbow right at the springs next to the boat launch. Joe, Lee, Rick, Dale, Paul, and Steve all landed nice fish. Little George landed a beautiful Rainbow about 18". Not bad for a 7-year-old. Friday night was pizza, spaghetti,

great dinner, many of us went and fished the pre-spillway area of Hat. Everyone caught fish. Sunday most people went home, but Joe, Paul, Dick, and I fished Powerhouse Two to Carbon Bridge. I land two on the dry at Powerhouse and then later Dick and I landed fish on dries at Carbon. Dick and I were yahooooooing. All afternoon Dick landed his fish on

dries and it was great to see. I

want all who came and all those who rolled up their sleeves and lent a hand, a special thanks and to those who helped set and break camp.

Also to Dick for his great biscuits and pies in

## -In Memory-

I am saddened to report the loss of our dear friend and VP, Robert Neill Jr. Bob left us sometime early Wednesday morning. Bob has supported this club as an E-Board member for years and will stand as our elected president posthumously for his year term. I and the E-Board will act in his absence. We are planning a fund in Bob's name to go to the Federation. Anyone interested please contact Scott Broome. The funeral for Bob was held on 6/3/00. Our deepest sympathy goes to Jean and the rest of the Neill family. My lasting moment of Brother Bob is a day earlier this year when he hooked and landed his first Steelhead. The closer the fish got to Bob, the higher his voice got. By the time he landed the 6 lb. Steelhead, he could have been singing for the Boys Choir. I was laughing so hard that I almost missed taking his picture. I will hold that moment forever.

Scottie

and the fixin's. Big fire, big stories, big fun. Saturday, the opener, was started off by the great Cassel Fire Dept. pancake feed. After that it was off to Hat Creek. Hat was in full bloom, truly beautiful. I watched many of the club members land fish at Carbon Bridge. Rodger Magill was a fishing fool using a shooting head and a blood color leech. He landed 6 or 7 nice fish. That evening, after a

his Dutch oven.

On the Club Front, there will be a casting pond clean-up on June 3, 2000, and the Picnic is on June 17, 2000. Come one and all, it's free.

Tight Lines,  
Scooter

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The use of the term 'until dusk' is not an automatic given. If you wish to work on some aspect of your casting whatever, it might be it will be necessary to tell me or one of the other instructors/coaches when you plan to arrive and how late you will be able to stay. We want to be able to help you but if an appointment has not been made, we may decide to leave at 6:30 or 7:00. Following this request will head off an unnecessary disappointment for all concerned.

The dogs are not allowed on our Thursday afternoons. There are still many dog owners who either fail to read the rule notices or choose to ignore them. If they wish to debate the posted rules please gently, but firmly invite them to read the rules and come back later. They are expected to give you and the pond 100 feet of clearance any time you are using the pond for it's intended purpose any time you are at the pond. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE 'NO DOGS IN THE POND' RULE. THIS IS IN EFFECT ANY TIME AND ALL OF THE TIME.** If you see someone ignoring this rule please let them know they are out of line a long way.

The source of drinking water for the dogs has been moved over near the fence. While this is not near the north gate as agreed, it should help pass the message that the dogs are to be kept away from the pond proper.

Come out and enjoy your pond. It is one of the best in the country.

Bob Sisson 1977

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## RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS YEAR 2000 PHOTO CONTEST



The RRFF Year 2000 Photo Contest is off and running with 15 entries now available to view on the web site. The upcoming season opener should provide a great opportunity to take pictures for the contest. Happy Photo Taking!

John Iding, Outings Director  
1255 Stephens Gate Road  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
jfinet@vom.com

### Photo Contest General Rules

- ⇒ Photos should be taken by club members or be a picture of club member taken by others.
- ⇒ Photos should be recent pictures . . . preferably year 2000 pictures.
- ⇒ When submitting photos . . . Be sure to include your name and a small caption about where the photo was taken or if for humorous category . . . an appropriate comment.
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- ⇒ Photos will be returned.
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- ⇒ If we end up with a lot of photos . . . We may limit the number of entries per member (member can select best 6 of 10 for example).
- ⇒ Winners will be selected by the membership at the Christmas Party.
- ⇒ Photos can be submitted to John Iding at club meetings or by e-mail at jfinet@vom.com or by mail.
- ⇒ Deadline for entries is November 15, 2000.
- ⇒ Most important rule . . . HAVE FUN!



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December 2, 2000	Dinner Meeting	

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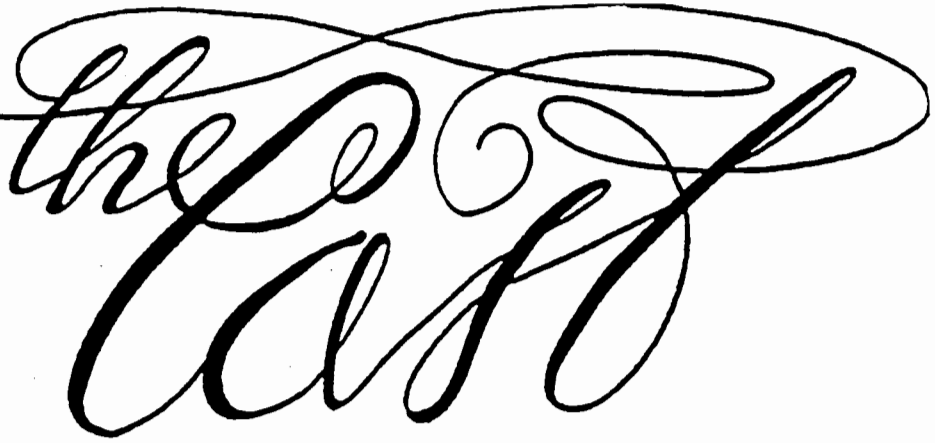
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*For September 2000*

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## Few works from your (Acting) President: Paul Major

Well, fellow RRFFers, I'm back as your President, this time not by popular demand, but rather from practical necessity.

The enormous sadness of president—elect Bob Neill's death on May 25th, was completely unexpected and threw the Executive Board somewhat into a state of disarray. Due to press of business Vice-President Lee Smith is unable to assume the Presidency at this time, and our superb previous President, Scotty Broome, had just completed two consecutive terms and was feeling, understandably, more than a bit burned out in the job and not prepared to take it on for a third term.

So...having had a two-year sabbatical from the Board of Directors, I volunteered to serve as acting President until our next election this coming spring.

Bob Neill is, and always will be, sorely missed. Not only by those of us who counted him as a dear friend, but

by every member of the wide fraternity of fly fishers in California. Bob was a charter member of the Russian River Fly Fishers and, from day one, worked tirelessly for the betterment of the club and the sport. He has been an active member of our Board of Directors as far back as anyone can remember and has been, for many years, our representative to the NCCFFF. The Executive Board had voted to award Bob the honor of Life Membership and this award was accepted by his wife, Jean, at the club picnic in June. No one could have deserved the honor more than Bob.

Perhaps we should have been more prepared for the possibility that Bob's battle with cancer could be one that he would lose, but the incredible courage and optimistic spirit that he brought to the fight was infectious and inspiring. He didn't believe he would lose, and neither did I.

I had the great privilege to have shared several fishing trips with Bob

during the final months of his life. In October he and I took my trailer to the Shirley Creek campground on the North Umpqua for a week, joined by Joe Craig, Lee Smith, and Wayne Kipp. Wayne was the only one of us to catch a steelhead, but it was Bob's first trip to this incomparable stream, and his delight in it's beauty and our days casting it's waters together are memories that will stay with me always. We also spent two days drifting the Lower Sacramento, which was another first for Bob. It was one of those trips where we were absolutely hammering the fish and Bob was ecstatic: he told me (several times) that it was the best fishing he'd ever had...and I was lucky enough to be there.

I had not been Bob Neill's friend as long as many of you have been, but he was as good a man as I have ever know, as good a friend as I will ever have, and I will miss him greatly for the rest of my life.

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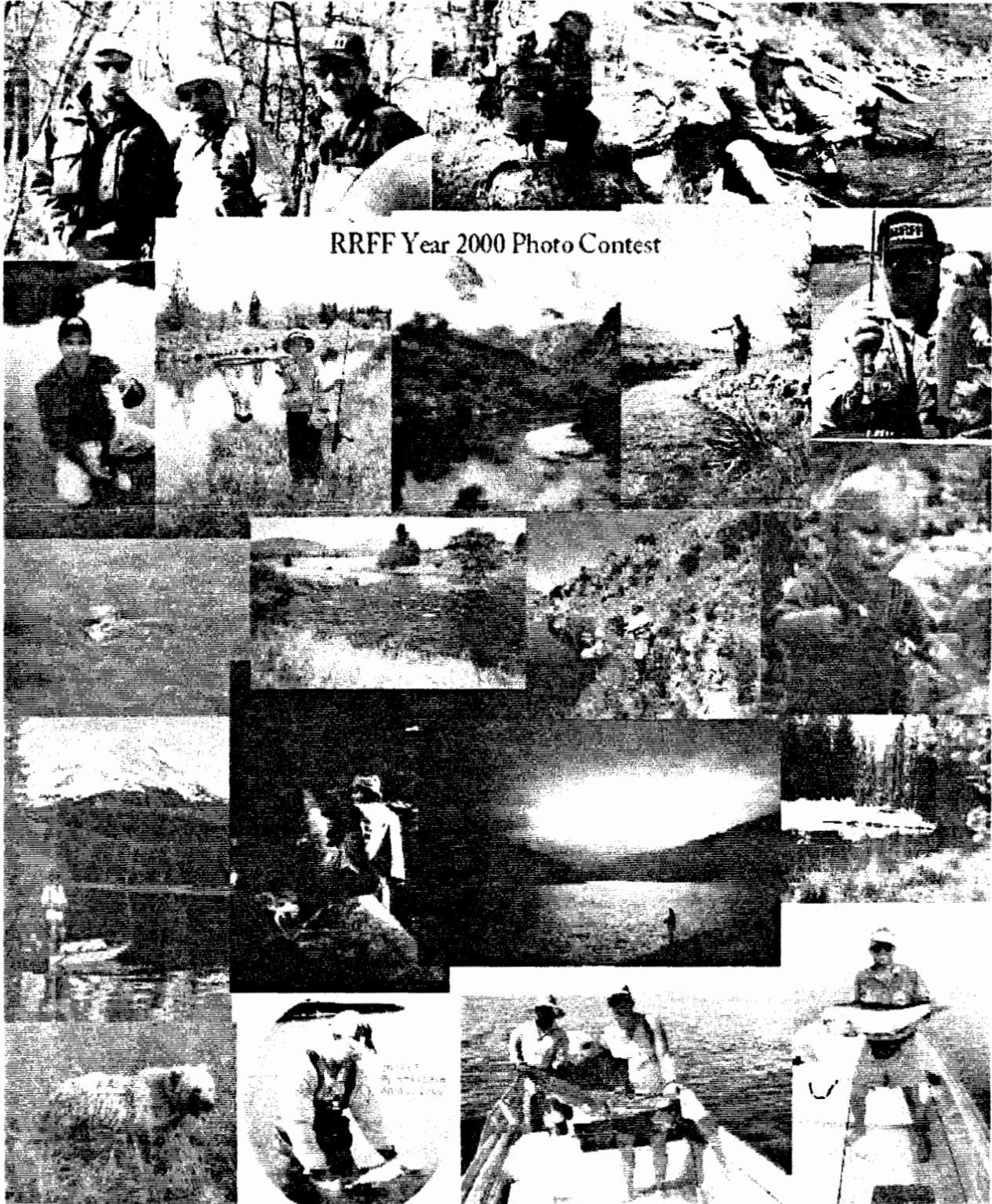
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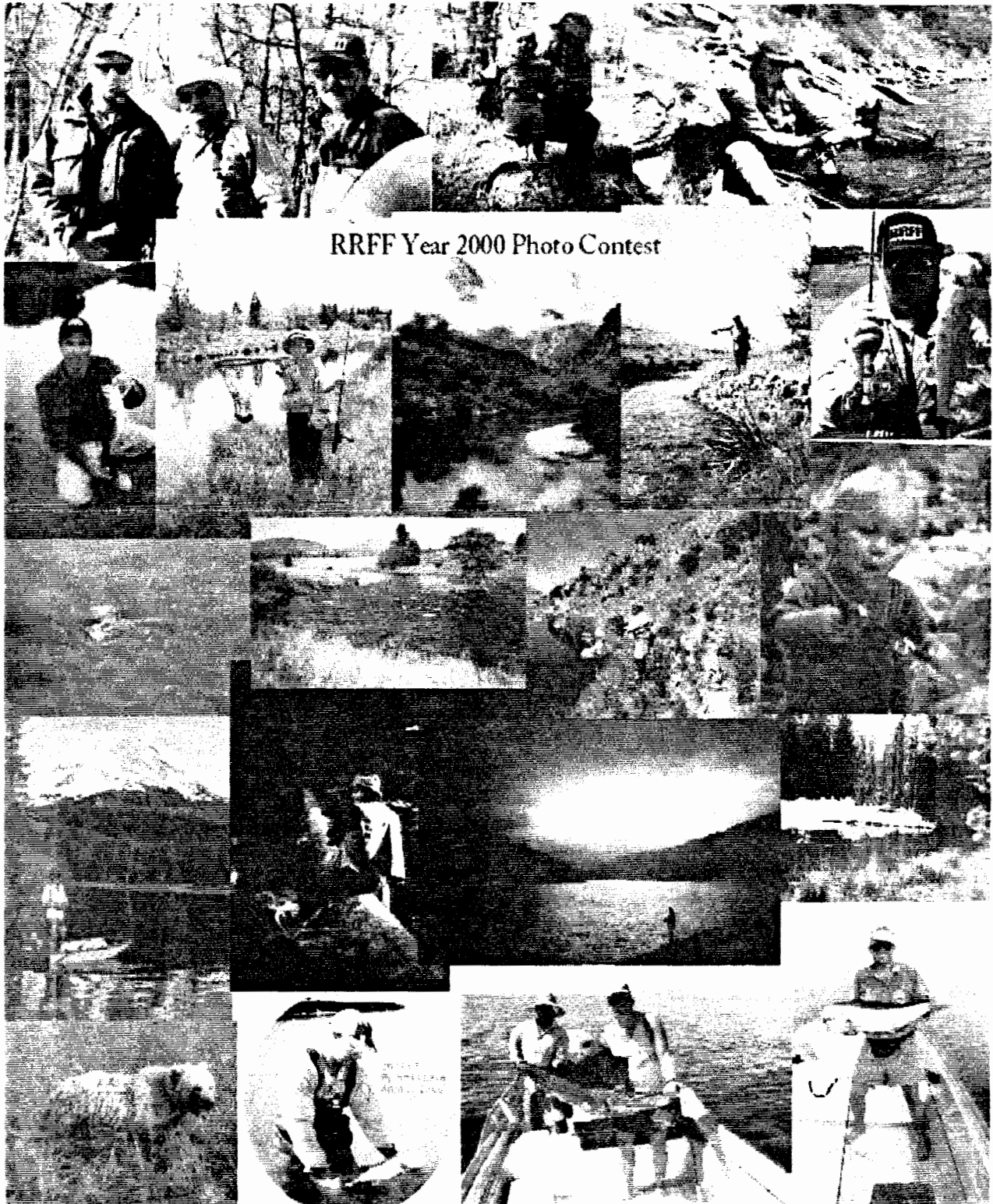
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## **SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING** **RRFF Presents:**



### **“FEATURING DR. AL KYTE”**

Dr Al Kyte is a noted author, teacher, and is a leading researcher in the form and function of fly casting. Many of you will be familiar with his instructional book, Fly Fishing – Simple to Sophisticated, as well as his many articles in a wide variety of publications. In recent years, Al has broken new ground in researching the biomechanics of fly casting. Among the widely differing styles of the world’s best casters, there are subtle constants which are difficult to detect. This has been the focus of Dr. Kyte’s research. Al Kyte is a member of the FFF Casting Board of Governors and is a long time faculty member at the University of California at Berkeley. In addition to his analytical approach to fly casting, you will find him to be absolutely passionate about his fishing. Don’t miss this outstanding club program.

### **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2000**

**Santa Rosa Vet’s Building**

**Fly Tying 6:15 pm**

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Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays	Casting Clinic	Thursdays



## Al Kyte – Fly Fisher



Al Kyte, our speaker in September, is among the most respected fly fishing and fly casting teachers in the country. His highly regarded instructional book, Fly Fishing – Simple to Sophisti-

cated, and his research study on the Biomechanics of Distance Fly Casting constitute major contributions to the sport and have resulted in his selection to the Federation of Fly Fisher's first national Board of Governors to Certify Fly Casting Instructors. Two of his recent articles, "Rod handling" and "Going for Distance—Biomechanics Help to Explain It" are among the few selected from Fly Fisherman for translation into fly fishing publications in Asia and Europe.

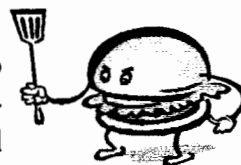
Al started fishing a dry fly in 1945 and had nymph fished with Charlie Brooks, Ted Fay, and E.H. "Polly" Rosborough, by the late 1960s. A long-term faculty member at the University of California at Berkeley, Dr. Kyte brought his teaching and coaching background to the instruction of fly fishing in the early 1970s. He developed his own fly fishing schools through the University of California Extension, taught in the early Fenwick schools, and was a licensed guide on the Upper Sacramento River. Described as an "enthusiastic and articulate" teacher, Al has been presenting programs throughout the West and into Alaska for more than 25 years. He has produced many dedicated fly fishers, several tournament casters and fishing guides, a famous rod builder, and an editor and publisher of a fly fishing magazine.

In 1995, Al was honored as the only Pacific Coast angler to be selected to the Orvis Fresh Water Advisory Team.

## CLUB PICNIC



After a week of anxiety weather-wise, Saturday turned out to be a pretty good day for a picnic. Those of us who were at the casting pond – I stopped counting at 50 – enjoyed good food, good friends, good casting practice, and (a few lucky souls) a good raffle.



In addition to T-shirts and books and various packages of hooks and some fly lines, the raffle included a gear bag (thank you Bill Archuletta), a rod with case, and the grand prize of a pontoon boat.

Many thanks to all my helpers – Scooter, Joe, Steve, Scott on the grill, and Steve's son Nick on everything else. And my big helpers during the set-up, Pat and Jim. Thanks also to Carlos for all the chips and dips and to the nice lady who brought the macaroni salad and Rice Krispie Treats and did not identify herself. Even though we did not need it, thanks to Jim for bringing out the canopy. Then there is the other half of the Major team who gives me all the behind-the-scene support. Thank you all. We should do this again next year.

Marji Major, Events Chairperson

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The Russian River Fly Fishers new year will start the second week of September on the 13th. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Since our last meeting there have been a few changes in the club's E-Board. I am no longer president. My new position is Casting Pond Captain. The great Robert Sisson is retiring from that position. Many thanks to Robert for his years on the Board and service to the Club. Paul Major has stepped up to the leadership role as President and we are in need of a Vice-President. Anyone interested should contact Paul. The E-Board is always looking for new blood. Serving can be quite rewarding. I have learned more about fly fishing and outdoors from the E-Board and it's projects than any other way..so get on board.

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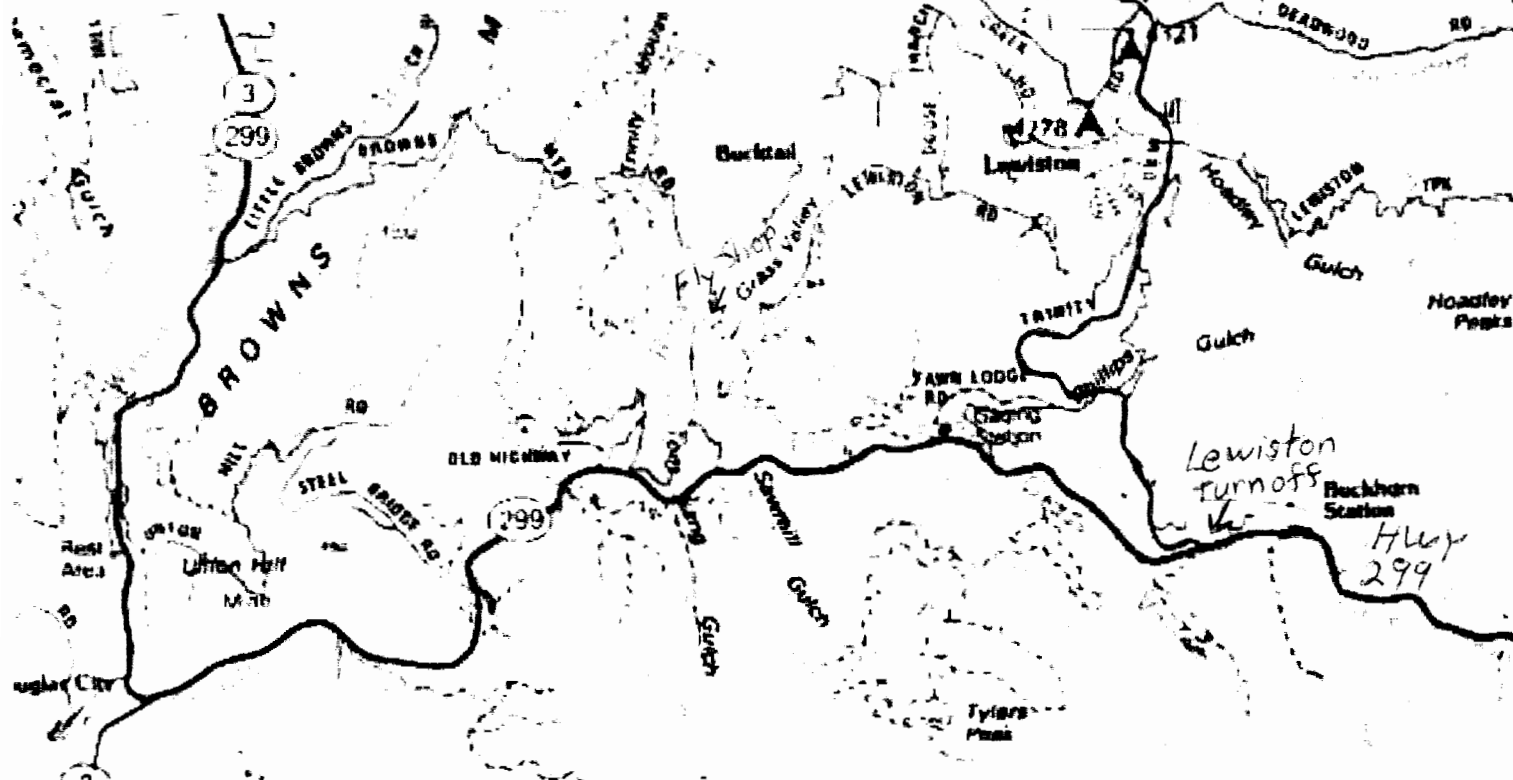
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## Russian River Fly Fishers Season Closes

Plans have firmed up for the season closer which will be held at the slightly warmer Lewiston Lake area (warmer than Manzanita Lake last year!). The closer will take place the weekend of October 7th with some folks arriving on Friday. I will most likely arrive on Thursday afternoon to reserve some campsites at the Tunnel Campground on the lake. For those folks who haven't been before, take 299 out of Redding to Lewiston turn-off, drive through Lewiston to lake and Tunnel Campground. The club will not be providing food for the closer so be sure to bring what you need. Fishing on the lake and on the Trinity River below Lewiston Bridge will be the main action, although there are probably a few secret places that some of the experts in the group know about. The fly fishing only water below the dam will be closed as of September 15th. If you are planning on attending, please give me a call at (707) 938-4116, or E-mail at [jfinet@vom.com](mailto:jfinet@vom.com), or post notice on our member's board. Indicate what day(s) you are coming. The head count will help with reserving campsites. I've got a new float tube, won at a RRFF raffle, that I am going to try out! Bring your cameras, the photo contest is still on! Hope to see you there.

John Iding, Outings Director



*The Tier's  
Corner*

## MINNIE LEECH

This first fly is a Minnie Leech. Steelhead season will be up on us and this is a good fly. To fish it: If the river is swift and shallow, 4 feet in depth or less, the classic quartering downstream cast and tight line is optimal. If the water is deep and slow, you need to impart a lot of motion to the fly. Twitch it "not strip" - vigorously, short 5 - 10 inch hops. Generally, the fish will pick it up when it drops.

- ♦ HOOK: Heavy Wire, sizes 1 - 1/0, tmc 7999 or Mustad 34011.
- ♦ THREAD: Red 3/0 Kevlar.
- ♦ BODY: Straight cut bunny strip and plenty of flashabou.
- ♦ COLORS: Purple, black, pink and two tone colors; pink tail and purple collar.
- ♦ WEIGHT: Either; lead wrap or barbell eyes.
- ♦ HEAD: Crystal chenille.

Start by tying the bunny strip at the bend of the hook, leave a tail about 1 - 1/2 inches length of the shank and before you continue to wrap the bunny strip add ten strands of flashabou, extending 1/4 inch past the end of bunny hair and wrap the thread up to the eye. Continue to wrap the bunny strip tightly up the shank stopping 1/4 inch from the eye of the hook and tie off. Tie in 15 strands of flashabou along each side. Tie down barbell eyes just behind hook eye and cross wrap over them with the chenille. Tie off and apply head cement.

Terry Faris



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*For October 2000*

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## MAJOR NOTES: Paul Major

October already? Seems like the Season Opener was about two weeks ago and here we are getting packed to go to the Season Closer at Lewiston this week.

Of course, by the time you read this the Closer will be history, but I'm looking forward to seeing a bunch of you at Lewiston and I'll fearlessly predict that those of us who show up will have a terrific time, since we always do when we get together.

In my life I have been a member of a myriad of clubs and organizations; several rod and gun clubs, yacht clubs, motorcycle clubs (no, not the Hell's Angels), etc., etc. I've always been an active member of any organization I've elected to join (else why bother

joining?), but I think I've enjoyed my participation with the Russian River Flyfishers more than any of my previous affiliations.

We are, in my experience, an extraordinary group of people. Since the day I joined the Club I have found our members to be, without exception, generous and genial to fellow Club members and all our fellows in this wonderful sport of fly fishing. From day one I never felt like an "outsider" in the RRFF. As a matter of fact, I was invited to become a member of the Board on the same day I joined the Club by Dwight Longuevan, the Club President and owner of Western Angler. When I protested that the ink on my application was barely dry he responded "So what? We don't have a seniority system in this club...".

So, as a brand new Member I found myself Treasurer of the Club, and since then my time as a Club Member and Board Member has enriched my life with many wonderful times and acquaintances that have grown into great friendships. I would urge all RRFFers to take advantage of all of our activities, including the opportunity to become a Board Member. We'll be actively looking for new Board Members between now and spring elections; if you'd like to get more involved, please let me or any other Board Member know, and I'm sure we'll find a job for you. As with life in general, you'll find that the more you put into it the more you'll get out of it.

If I don't see you at Lewiston, I'll look for you at our next Club Meeting October 11.

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**RRFF 2000 CHRISTMAS DINNER  
WILL BE HELD AT THE 'HILTON' - 3555 ROUND BARN  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2000**



In an effort to make our Christmas Banquet a very pleasurable experience, the Board has made reservations for an elegant, beautiful, banquet room overlooking Santa Rosa. A map will be provided in the next newsletter along with the reservations form and speaker announcement. Please mark your calendars now to save that date.

Marji



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***Coming Events***

September		October		November	
RRFF Meeting	9/13/00	RRFF Meeting	10/11/00	RRFF Meeting	11/8/00
Board Meeting	9/20/00	Board Meeting	10/25/00	Board Meeting	11/22/00
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## RRFF YEAR 2000 PHOTO CONTEST

Some really great pictures have been entered in this year's photo contest! Deadline for receiving photos is November 15th so there's still time to get those great pictures you have entered .. or take some at the closer! Winners in the categories will be selected by the membership at the Christmas Party. Keep snapping!

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### **ANYONE INTERESTED IN FISHING FOR STEELHEAD!!!**

October 20, 2000 - North Coast or Willow Glen area

Call - Dan Griggs @ 542-8359



## **OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING**

**RRFF Presents:**



### **CHUCK STRANAHAN: DISCOVER THE BITTERROOT**

His professional peers have recognized Chuck Stranahan for many years as one of the finest fly tiers in the western United States. This recognition is one that the angling public is coming to share through his numerous seminar and fly tying theater presentations in Pacific Northwest trade shows. His fly patterns are reproduced nationally by Umpqua Feather Merchants and are widely featured in the literature of the sport. Check out your copy of Tying Flies with Jack Dennis and Friends, and you will note an even half dozen Chuck Stranahan originals. Jack Dennis writes, "His style is a perfect blend of innovation and classic fly tying technique which was learned from Cal Bird and other famous California masters."

You will have the opportunity during the early program to watch Chuck tie all of his best-known creations including his signature pattern, "Chuck's Caddis Variant". The regular program will convey a sense of the spectacular Bitterroot: the scenic beauty, the climate and the serenity one experiences there, in addition to the fishing! The program is very much a personal statement about the Bitterroot and Chuck's love affair with it. There will also be photos of the recent fire damage and the miraculous recovery that is already in progress.

#### **BRING A FRIEND!**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2000**

**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

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## WEIGHTED WOOLY BUGGER

This months fly is as a panfish pattern: The Weighted Wooly Bugger.

It was originally used as a nymph pattern for trout and is used in a lot of different applications. It has been tied in many colors and sizes. The most effective is black on a size 6 hook. It does not sink as quickly as a clouser pattern and is more forgiving while being cast and has a much lighter feel to it on the retrieve.

The bead head on this pattern allows it to get down sufficiently in shallow areas. This fly can be tied without a hackle feather around the body.

The focus of this article is tying the pattern with a single maribou feather.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- ♦ HOOK: #4 to #10 nymph or long shank hook.
- ♦ THREAD: Black thread.
- ♦ TAIL: Maribou tip.
- ♦ EYES: None.
- ♦ HEAD/BODY: Bead head.
- ♦ GLITTER:

#### Step #1

Slide the bead head on the hook shank from the point of the hook to the eye. Secure the bead by forming a slight mound of thread just behind it so that it is held in place by the pressure of the thread and the eye of the hook.

#### Step #2

Bring the thread to the bend of the hook and secure it with a knot.

#### Step #3

Attach the tip of the maribou so that the end of the feather extends out past the bend about as long as the shank of the hook. Be careful not to leave too much extending because this will cause the tail of the fly to foul.

#### Step #4

Secure the end with a half hitch, I use a whip finish, stronger. Tie in a piece of tinsel at this point so that it extends rearward and bring the thread to the point right behind the bead working it along the shank of the hook.

#### Step #5

Wrap the remaining maribou along the shank in a spiral fashion and tie off and trim just behind the bead.

#### Step #6

Wrap the tinsel along the shank in the gaps formed by the maribou. Tie off and trim. Apply a drop of head cement to the final tie.

It is an easy fly to tie and doesn't take a long time to tie..

Next Month: The Calf Tail Clouser

Terry Faris

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# RUSSIAN RIVER FLY FISHERS

## *The Cast* For November 2000

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### MAJOR NOTES: Paul Major

November always seems to me to be sort of an odd and somber month . . . Summer is definitely gone, daylight becomes noticeably in short supply, the first cold rains fall . . . The sense of an ending is in the air.

As I write this, I'm planning perhaps the final trout trip of the year; two days in Nevada with my old friend and expatriate RRFF member Dick Betts. We're planning to spend a day on a private pond which is stocked with the most beautiful tackle-busting "hatchery" trout I've ever seen . . . I don't know where they come from, but they're incredible. The

second day we're looking at Heenan Lake which Carlo at Western Angler reports is fishing awesome. At those altitudes (the pond is at 6500 feet) we'll be pushing the season, but the fishing this time of year can be extraordinary with those high country trout eating anything they see.

And there are things to look forward to in coming weeks . . . Stripers on the Delta, Steelhead, winter trout on Putah Creek and, of course, our Annual Dinner Meeting on December 2nd at the Hilton Round Barn. It will be an elegant meal in elegant surroundings, as well as, an opportunity to spend a convivial evening with your fellow RRFFers and their families. So

please make it a priority to be there . . . You'll be glad you did.

In the meantime, I'll look forward to seeing you at our November meeting on 11/8/00.



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**Time:** 9:00 AM until NOON  
**Place:** Casting Pond. Dan Galvin Park at the intersection of Bennett Valley Road and Yulupa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA



Steelhead season is here so bring out your leaded lines and learn to double haul. This year, I'll be doing some river clinics on how and where to fish the Russian. Anyone interested should know how to haul . . . So please come out and learn. A special thanks to all those who helped with our Thursday casting this summer.

Scotty Broome 1977

## RRFF YEAR 2000 PHOTO CONTEST

The RRFF Year 2000 Photo Contest is winding down with the deadline for entries coming up on November 15<sup>th</sup>. There are some great pictures and those attending the December Dinner Meeting will have an opportunity to see all the pictures and vote for the winners. Ballots will be handed out at the door, you can cruise by to see the pictures, and vote for the three categories ... Best Overall Picture ... Most Humorous Picture ... and Best Fish Picture. Winners will be announced in the January Cast and prizes given out at the January membership meeting. Pictures will also be displayed at the January meeting.

### Photo Contest General Rules:

- Photos should be taken by club members or be a picture of club member taken by others
- Photos should be recent pictures ... preferably year 2000 pictures
- When submitting photos ... be sure to include your name and a small caption about where the photo was taken or if for humorous category ... an appropriate comment
- For digital photos ... the 'jpg' format is preferred
- Photos will be returned
- Awards will be given for best overall picture ... most humorous picture ... and best fish picture ... with special recognition for a picture of a fish airborne
- If we end up with a lot of photos ... we may limit the number of entries per member (member can select best 6 of 10 for example)
- Winners will be selected by the membership at the RRFF Annual Dinner Meeting
- Photos can be submitted to John Iding at Club meetings or by e-mail at [jfinet@vom.com](mailto:jfinet@vom.com)
- Deadline for entries is November 15, 2000
- Most important rule ... have fun

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**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**  
**RRFF Presents:**



**CRAIG BALLENGER**

**“Fly Fishing The Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers”**

Craig Ballenger is the author of the acclaimed book, “Shasta’s Headwaters: An Angler’s Guide to the Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers”. His volume is more than just a fishing guide. It also provides a unique look at the history and characters that shaped this famous fishing region. It has been described as follows: “This book is the angler’s complete guide to the fabulous fishing and also the eccentric character of California’s Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers”.

Mr. Ballenger is a native of Mount Shasta, born in the old logging and mill town of McCloud, CA. He has been fly fishing, climbing and backpacking from an early age.

Mr. Ballenger has studied biology, theology, linguistics, and photography at both undergraduate and graduate levels. He has attended Exurn Mountain Guides School in Grand Teton National Park and the Canadian Mountain Guides program in Baniff, Alberta.

Mr. Ballenger has worked as a mountain guide for 18 years, both in Canada and overseas. He operated his own Adventure Travel company for eight years, has guided over 100 treks and expeditions world-wide, and traveled to over 40 countries.

Come to our next meeting for answers to questions such as:

- ♦ What is the simplest way to discover which Mayflies are currently active along the river?
- ♦ What Upper Sac disagreement over fish resulted in an actual 1885 battle?
- ♦ What did an 1885 sheepherder have to do with the Cantera Loop Railroad Bridge?

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**Wednesday, November 8, 2000**

**Santa Rosa Vet’s Building**

**General Meeting 7:00 pm**

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## Winter Stores....

I had walked by them for a few weeks now, their spot on a little used portion of the kitchen counter just enough out of the way to keep them from being a nuisance. Each time I would see them the voice in my head would sound off, "I really should take care of those..." but that voice would be quelled instantly as other thoughts, memories, took its place. In my house, there really is no place that is "out of the way". I guess it really boils down to what I'm willing to put up with. A student of procrastination, if I don't have to move something to do something else, things tend to stay in whatever spot they've staked claim to. But there are other reasons, I've found, that some things just never do seem to get put away...

One afternoon last week, while actually waiting for water to boil, I picked up the Reddington, and tried once again to remove the spool. It was the newest of the three reels that had rested on my counter since the second week of August. As before, the spool was frozen solid. Of course this was one of the reasons that all three reels hadn't been taken care of earlier, a plausible excuse that had enabled me to shelve the chore for nearly two months. I pulled again....and again....entertaining little hope that the results would be any different than the previous dozen times I'd tried. And, with the absence of hope, I found the spool in one hand and the reel body in the other.

"Well there went my excuse..." I muttered. I inspected the inner workings of the reel, noting a little corrosion and confirming my suspicions that even my diligent soaking and rinsing hadn't kept the saltwater from doing damage. I put both sections back on the counter and went back to my lunch.

Which brings me to last Friday evening...The extra piece, now that the Reddington had been separated, had made the little pile somewhat bigger and a little less easy to ignore. I picked up the reel body and a rag and began cleaning...

...I remembered the dorado. I had bought the reel only a week before my trip to Loreto with Binky Castleberry. Purchased as a back up, I had been looking for something inexpensive that would suffice in the event of disaster with one of my primary reels, a Billy Pate Tarpon and a Lamson Permit. The Reddington had fit the bill at under \$150.00 and with a guarantee that, if anything went wrong with it, it would be replaced free of charge. Once in Loreto, I had decided to give it a workout-and the best dorado fishing I had ever experienced helped me put it to the test.

The dorado were incredible...20 to 35 pound fish that repeatedly tore line from the Reddington with every hook-up. One fish followed another, at times only a minute apart, and for each 15 to 40 minute fight, the reel sang. Images of feeding dorado, slashing the surface, competing with one another for the *sardinias* and my popper imitation, fueled me as I continued cleaning... I remembered the bait ball; sardines packed so tight that they were literally spilling over themselves above the ocean surface in their frantic efforts to escape the feeding frenzy beneath. And our guide, casually dipping his bait net into the ball, scooping sardines into our live well only moments before the first dorado crashed through them followed by a dozen others. We stood spellbound at the carnage, our attentions divided by the feeding frenzy below us and the leaping fish on the ends of our fly lines.

The reel cleaned up well, although some corrosion still remained. I lubed it and returned it to its case. Picking up the Billy Pate, I went in search of the wrench to remove its spool, a handy too, as long as you remember where you put it after the last time you cleaned it, a challenge when cleaning on a "once a year" basis. Finding the tool, I went to work on the Pate...and remembered the sailfish...

...A bill appearing...slashing the surface...batting the fly as it skips behind the boat. The initial tug causing us all to stand and watch the action. Teasing the fly up...letting it fall back...watching the sailfish pursue...sail and bill slicing the surface...striking the fly...finally the fish turning, as I let the fly fall back, and charging the fly sideways. The grab...the strike...the ocean exploding as the fish feels the resistance of the fly line, the tandem hooks sinking into its bill. Tail walking...leaps...the reel screaming...my heart in my throat. And then the battle, 30-40 minutes of gaining line, inches at a time, only to lose it again with more explosive jumping...finally bringing the fish to boat for a quick picture and the release. Two times, two beautiful fish landed and released. And then the others, the near misses, the lost fly lines as the backing exploded while setting the hook, the ones that "came unbuttoned". Wonderful memories relived again on a chilly night in mid October.

I lubed the Billy Pate and returned it to its case, a wonderful reel and my favorite. Alone on the counter, the Lamson waited...

...a reel that saw only one day of fishing this summer, teamed with my custom Sage 10-weight which proved to be no match for the size of the fish this time around. More dorado...turning the light tackle inside-out for battles ranging 30-45 minutes...and a foul-hooked sail who, while casting to it with a popper, had risen up over my fly line and drug it down beneath him, the popper following and eventually lodging itself in his side. With no leverage, we followed the fish for about 40 minutes while I tried to retrieve my fly line. Eventually we gave up and cut the amnesia, never having even the slightest ability to stop or turn the fish without the leverage of hooking him in the bill or mouth. And more memories...previous trips...other sailfish...other dorado...all dancing across the surface of the Sea of Cortez.

Finishing the Lamson, I returned it to its case. The counter was clear. The reels were now back in storage. I looked at the space somewhat regretfully – realizing that each time I had passed this counter for the past two months, the memories had been there for me as well. It was those memories that had quelled the urge to "take care of those..." and they had come to life each time I saw those reels on that section of counter. It is also those memories that return to life each time I view the photograph on my computer screen desktop, Enrique and I supporting a beautiful 80-pound sailfish in a sun-splashed ponga on the Sea of Cortez. They arise when I see my fly rods leaning against a wall (those, too, waiting patiently to be cleaned and put away for another year)...memories of Loreto, of Yellowstone, of Slough Creek, of Hat Creek, of the Lower Sac...storing sustenance for a long winter.

Looking back, I had a great summer. Sunshine, beautiful places, rivers, fish. I am thankful for so much to look back on, so much to entertain my thoughts in the rainy days ahead. I am thankful for those wonderful memories, stored for the winter...

Steve Tubbs

## CALF TAIL CLOUSER

This month's fly is the Calf Tail Clouser, originated by Bob Clouser, really a Clouser Minnow. This variation is unique because of its size and tied in #8, #10, and #12 freshwater hooks for panfish. If you try to tie this pattern with conventional materials it will make the fly too bulky, so it needs to be tied with calf tail, it has finer hair. Calf tail comes in a variety of colors. When you purchase calf tail get an extra white one because the underside of most patterns call for white bellies. This pattern can be used for trout also, just leave the head black. Combinations of tan/white, yellow/white, black/olive, and yellow/red are the most frequently used. There are a few tying tips you should be aware of. 1. Keep the patterns sparse, you can always add material. 2. Use mono thread, found in Ben Franklin's sewing department. It allows the material to show through. 3. Since the flies are small, tie in two strands of Krystal Flash for each fly. Lay it on top of the shank of the hook, extending about half the length of the shank beyond the bend of the hook, with the other part extending out over the eye of the hook. Once the flash is secured, fold back over itself and secure about midway on the shank of the hook. Because of its small size, bead chain may replace standard lead eyes depending on the depth and sink rate you desire.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- ♦ HOOK: #4-#12 freshwater or salt water hook.
- ♦ THREAD: Clear mono, flat waxed red on head, black on head of trout pattern.
- ♦ EYES: Bead chain medium or small . . . Small or extra small dumbbell eyes.
- ♦ ACCENTS: Rainbow colored Krystal Flash.
- ♦ OVER WING: Color - optional.
- ♦ UNDER WING: Color - optional.

### Step #1

Start the thread on the hook, bring it to the midpoint of the shank.

### Step #2

Attach 2 strands of Krystal Flash about 1 3/4 inches long, extending half of a shank past the bend of the hook and the remaining flash extending out over the eye of the hook, bring that back and fold that over onto itself and tie down. This gives the flash a varied length and allows some shorter pieces in the fly.

### Step #3

Secure the eyes about 1/4 to 1/3 down the shank from the eye of the hook.

### Step #4

Attach the calf tail about 1/16 inch behind the eye, letting it lie between the eyes and tie off with one or two wraps behind the eyes.

### Step #5

Rotate the fly over or remove from the vise so that the bend of the hook is on the bottom. Tie in the color of your choice and again put one or two wraps behind the eyes. Whip finish the head. Cover the head with red or black thread to finish off the fly and apply head cement. One other tip: The deeper you fish, the darker the fly.

Next Month's Fly: The Epoxy Spoon Fly

Terry Faris

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Saturday Evening, December 2, 2000

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husband and wife team of Bob and Diane Madjic.

Bob's program features the fly fishing waters in the eastern Sierra which includes small meadow streams loaded with trout; streams and lakes that can be fished in wondrous solitude; and the premier rivers and lakes in the region, some holding record browns.

Diane's program will feature a fitness hiking program within the grandeur of nature.

Complete information and reservation form will be in the next Cast.