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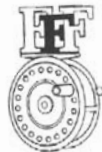
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Up to date news:

Want the latest and most up to date information? Don't forget the club's web site. <http://www.ecpowellflyfishers.com/> Just copy the address and insert it into your address block and you're on the way. It's filled with the latest of what's going on and when and where to go along with lots of good and timely information.

Calendar of Events

- Aug 4 Board Meeting, St. James of Jerusalem Church, 556 Geo. Washington Blvd., 7:30 PM
- Sep 8 General Meeting, Lincrest School, MP Room, 7:30 PM
- Sep 15 Fly Tying, Lincrest School, MP Room, 7:30 PM
- Sep 25-27 Klamath/Trinity River Fish Out



CALIFORNIA TROUT



President's Corner

Although the club doesn't have a fish out scheduled for the month of August, there are still plenty of opportunities to fish. Our part of the state features a lot of options to get out and fish. Right in our backyard, the lower Yuba has a good hatch of Caddis flies every evening. Summer-run steelhead are usually in the lower Klamath by now - mostly half-pounders, but some adults as well. If you want to beat the heat, try the North Yuba above Sierra City. The water may be down, and a little warm, but the fish are still there. Some of the area lakes are fishing pretty well also. If you do get out, be sure to take lots of photos and send them to Bob Long so he can get them in the newsletter. Write up a little account of your trip and send that along too. Give us a who, when, what, where and why, how you did and which lines and flies worked for you.

The gathering of solicited donations for banquet prizes will be starting soon. If you can assist in this, let Larry or me know. If you have something that you would like to donate, you can also contact one of us. As details are finalized, I will pass them along in the newsletter or at the upcoming general meetings. Jeff Lingenfelter

A Trout Fisherman Is Born

By Ed Bang – Taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club Newsletter
Reprinted from the New York State Conservationist, April 2009

As a young child in the Bronx during the early 1930s, outdoor recreation was often limited to playing in the streets. Though trout fishing in the Catskills was becoming all the rage among well-to-do sportsmen from New York City, fishing was not something I thought about, let alone tried. But that changed when I began to spend holidays and summers at my grandparents' 48-acre farm in East Chatham.

Nestled in the Taconic foothills, the farm was the perfect playground for a curious boy. I soon discovered and explored just about every brook, stream or rivulet within walking distance of the house. The waters were full of horned dace (creek chub), a forage fish that rarely exceeds six inches in length. You can imagine the thrill I had as an eight-year-old boy yanking three to four-inch fish out of the brook after spending hours on my belly, peering at the fish through gaps in the rough, wooden timbers of the wagon bridge that spanned the stream. My dear, patient Grandma always rolled her eyes when I triumphantly presented the catch of the day.

I often had fishing buddies, assorted cousins or friends from the city that came up to enjoy the fresh air. For fishing gear, we made our own out of materials found on the land. Our fishing poles consisted of the straightest six-foot-long wild cherry saplings that Grandpa could find. Using his handy (and very sharp) pocketknife, Grandpa would transform them into things of beauty.

Line for the rods was another matter. Monofilament had yet to be discovered, so we'd use the least bulky of Grandma's kitchen string. Thank the Lord for snelled hooks, tied to eight or nine inches of line, which were readily available at Slattery's General Store.

Grandpa greatly influenced my early attempts at fishing. He cautioned that a careful approach to the brook was best, but in our haste to be first to the bridge, we would tread too firmly, simply to be rewarded by a V-shaped wake heading for the nearest cover. Only after harnessing our childish enthusiasm and creeping the last ten or fifteen feet, were we able to grab glimpses of the true trophies in the stream, the wily and elusive brook trout. To catch these speckled beauties I needed to update my homemade equipment. Though it was nearly 70 years ago, I clearly remember purchasing that first fly rod—a three piece split-bamboo rod that cost twelve dollars, a princely sum to a child in those days. A Pflueger Progress fly reel, some oiled fly line, an aluminum leader box, and some catgut leaders completed the basic outfit. Now I was ready to do some serious fishing.

While I enjoyed fishing with my cousins and friends, most were not as enthusiastic as I was about the sport. Enter Charlie Morris, son of the new owner of nearby Tinger Farm. The two of us spent hours visiting the many local spring-fed brooks known to contain native brook trout. Our favorite was Tinger's Brook, which housed decent-sized brookies. I can't tell you how many times we fished together and caught nothing, but then came the day when the dry spell was broken and I became a lifelong trout fishing addict.

The day started out like every other fishing day. With rods already strung and hooks carefully hidden by fat garden worms, Charlie and I carefully walked the stream banks, dropping our baits into any place that looked deep enough to hold trout. At first we had no luck, but then we noticed a small, almost hidden runoff to the right of the main channel. Ten feet upstream was a circular pool, ten or eleven feet across, and ringed with watercress. The water was crystal clear. With no more anticipation than I'd had the previous ten times that day, I lowered a worm into the middle of the pool. As soon as the worm disappeared below the water's surface, a mighty brook trout sped out from the shelter of the watercress, seized the baited hook, and immediately tried to regain the weedy den from which he'd come. A reflexive yank on the rod, and I had the first of my trout treasures flipping on the bank.

Measuring the fish to make sure it was legal, Charlie and I couldn't help but admire the light-blue-surrounded red spots on the sides of our quarry. It was a special moment, made even better by the anticipation of a fine fish dinner. Funny how I can't remember as vividly the landing of my second, third and fourth trout, but I know that the thrill never lessened. With each outing, I became more adept at approaching the brook, and more proficient at catching fish. This led to many multi-fish days, and one of my first lessons in conservation.

Arriving home one early afternoon with four or five fish on an improvised stringer, Grandpa asked if I'd left any fish in the stream. You see, in the mid-1930s, the idea of leaving a few for the next time wasn't really thought about, and an even harder concept for a kid to embrace after spending so much time and effort to catch the fish in the first place. But the question made me stop and think and soon I found myself releasing my catch more often than not.

When I was in high school, I caught my first really big trout, a sixteen-inch rainbow. Mike Tinger was nearby with his camera to capture me with my trophy. While I've caught and recorded my share of trophies since then, Mike's picture is still one of my favorites because it reminds me of how I got hooked on fishing, and developed a lifelong interest in conservation.

An avid outdoorsman, 82-year-old Ed Bang spent many years fishing and hunting on the acreage he and wife Jeri owned in Orange County. Ed continues to enjoy trout fishing, setting aside time to throw a line in Beer Kill and Sandberg creeks during his yearly northern visit from Florida.

2009 Proposed Fish Outs

Date	Location	Fishmeister	Phone
September 25-27	Klamath/Trinity Rivers	Bob Long	916-362-5593
Oct 25-Nov 1	Eagle Lake	Bob Harik	671-7805
Nov	Delta Stripers	??	
Nov 29-Dec 5	Trinity River Steelhead	Larry Ingram	673-4965

(Note: We had to change the date on the Klamath/Trinity Rivers Fish Out to one week later than was previously indicated.)



Upper Klamath Lake

July 6-12, 2009

Big fish are the norm when fishing here. The average fish runs about 5 lbs. with much bigger ones if you put in the time and have confidence in your fly.

So was the case recently when many club members ventured to the north end of the lake. The warm temperatures of summer raise the water temperature in the lower lake which pushes the fish towards Pelican Point and cooler waters. One of the members expressed concern about the trip when he was told the lake was warm and full of algae. This is the norm and is perfect when we want to go after the big ones. The upper lake is cooler, cleaner and that's where the fish tend to congregate. Then, it's simply a matter of putting your fly in front of one of the big boys.



The fishing this time was very slow with one to two fish per day was the average. Of course, there were also days of zero fish but that's fishing. However, everyone that fished caught fish. The report when we got there was one fly fisherman caught 15 in one day. Needless to say, we were fired up.



The weather seemed to have a big affect on the fishing. High temps in the 70's during the day, cool nights, a full moon and water temperatures starting each day in the high 50's definitely had it's affect on our catching. We are used to temps in the day in the high 80's to low 90's which raises the water temperatures to the low 70's thus pushing the fish to the north.

The hot fly seemed to be a black wolly bugger style tied primarily of peacock herl with a black tail. Jim Tanner hooked one approaching 20 lbs. on a 3 wt. rod and 4 wt. tippet. He had the monster to the boat several times but it eventually got off. THAT is the possibility in this lake.

Many of us stayed in cabins at the Point Comfort lodge where we took turns cooking for the ones that stayed there. Others used the RV park and cabins located at the Rocky Point Lodge. Each area had immediate access to the lake so travel form the dock to the fishing areas was merely a few minutes.

We have booked some cabins for next year and have delayed our arrival to a week later. So, if you're interested in catching some huge fish, mark July 12th to 17th on your

calendar.

Larry Ingram 673-4965



More info about the trip? Ask one of those that attended:

Jim & Mandy Tanner
Jim & Shiela Forsch
Bob Harik
Bob Jacoby

Walt & Judy Zukas
Larry Ingram
Pete Gilb

Mike & Gerry McFarlane
Jack MacFarlane
John Kusanovich

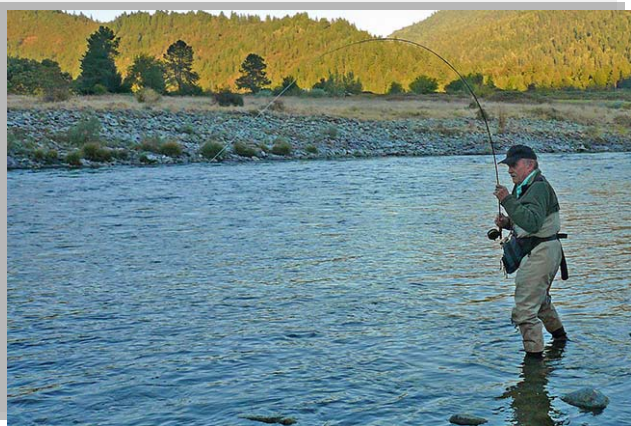
3rd Annual Klamath and Trinity River Summer Steelhead Fish Out

Here we are, on the very cusp of our 3rd Annual Summer Steelhead Fish Out. The two areas we'll be concentrating on once again will be the Hoopa Valley (Hoopa Indian Reservation) stretch of the Trinity and the area between Orleans/Somes Bar and Weitchpec on the Klamath.

First things first – plan to buy your gas in Hoopa as it's a lot cheaper (no Federal and State taxes on the reservation) than the gas in Willow Creek. The other item to take note of is that I believe that the gas station closes at 8PM. When you're fishing very early and/or very late, this can be a real problem, however, the station in Willow Creek is open 24 hours a day and gas is available in both Orleans and Weitchpec but not early and not late.



Finding some place to eat can be a real problem if you're fishing early and late so I usually take a small ice chest for emergency provisions such as beer, food and beer. Most eating places open just about the time you get to the river and close while you're still enroute back. However, there's a place to eat in Orleans and one in Hoopa if you're not too late. Willow Creek has a couple of good places to eat which, I believe, close at 8 or 9 PM. Both the major grocery stores in Hoopa and Willow Creek have a good deli counter and there's also a grocery store in Orleans and mini-marts in Somes Bar, Weitchpec and Willow Creek. However, I'd hate to know the number of times I've had to eat dinner out of my ice chest; then again, that can certainly beat a hamburger from the Casino – such as it is.



Let's plan to stay, as we did last year, at the **Tsewenaldin Inn (530-625-4294) in Hoopa**; while the eating arrangements leave a lot to be desired, it's convenient. Additionally, there're several motels in Willow Creek such as the Bigfoot Motel (530-629-4347) and the Willow Creek Motel (530-629-2922).

Because the fish out is **25-27 Sep**, we should get together each evening and sort out what we did and where and decide where we're going to fish the next day so that we don't end up with too many folks on the same run. Because this is a pretty popular sport in the area, you can rest assured that we'll have competition for the runs we want to fish.

I'll have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting and will be there to answer any last minute questions.

OK, let's recap some things on tackle and flies. Any rod, 9-foot or longer, in a 5 and/or 6-weight; bring two rods if you have them. For lines you'll need a floater and a sinktip as a minimum. For flies, see the following:

The following flies can, for the most part, be found at either The Fly Shop in Redding or at the Eureka Fly Shop in Eureka and; additionally, they can be found in many pattern books:

1. Brindle Bug – mostly 8's with a few 6's on a 1X long hook
2. Mossback – 8's on a standard shank hook
3. Silver Hilton – 8's and 6's, up-turned eye hook. Some with a cone head.
4. Golden Stone – 10's, 8's and few 6's
5. Black Stone – 8's and few 6's

Relative to the above patterns, I put lead on everything except the Silver Hiltons with the cone head. Keep the Brindle Bug and the Mossback sparse; don't bulk them up. If you have to buy the above two flies, try to get the Brindle Bug without a bead head. If you find the bodies look too large, take a pair of scissors and trim the bodies a bit as I have in these photos. Numerous other patterns are available from various fly shops so shop around but try to keep them small and sparse.

Additionally, I'll give you my secret pattern for low light situations and when hatches are occurring.

Hook: #10 TMC 200 RBL

Thread: Light brown 6/0

Body: Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin – Dark Hare's Ear

Rib: 1 counter-wrapped strand of Flashabou Accent – Pearl

Collar: 1 wrap of grouse

Feelers: 2 strands of the rib material – one on each side of the upper portion of the head (these don't show up good in the picture) and 1 ½ times the length of hook and tied in between the collar and the head.

Head: Hare-Tron Dubbin – Black



I tie this fly with a sparse body which seems to work better than a full one and have found it to be exceptional in the evenings when a caddis hatch is coming off, or any other hatch for that matter, for both adults and half-pounders. If you've got any questions, email me at randslong@comcast.net or give me a call. Bob Long



My Favorite Summer Run Steelhead Flies

By Bob Long

The photos of the following patterns reflect a composite of those that I use for summer-runs on the Rogue, Klamath, Trinity and Yuba Rivers with some working better, of course, in one river than others. Traditionalist that I am, with some major exceptions, many of my patterns represent the graceful flowing style and small fly size that was so prevalent in steelhead flies during the 1940's through the 1960's by such masterful tiers as Mike Kennedy.





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Activity/Event: 2 Day Casting Instructors Workshop

Activity/Event Date(s): Saturday & Sunday - October 3 & 4, 2009

Thank you for your interest in the Casting Instructor's Workshop in Redding, CA.

This workshop is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday & Sunday - October 3 & 4, 2009**. It will run between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM Saturday and Sunday. The student teacher ratio is never greater than 4:1 so the workshop will be limited to no more than 8 students. **The class will not be held if less than 3 people are scheduled for it by the cut-off date of September 20, 2008.** The classroom portions will be held in a well equipped and comfortable environment. The field portions will be held in an appropriate location.

Continental breakfast and a lunch will be included both days as well coffee, soft drinks and water. A "no host" group dinner will be planned for Saturday night.

The workshop will be led by Master Certified Instructors Guy Manning and either Michael Caranci or Woody Woodland.

Guy lives in Redding and has been involved in teaching fly casting for over 19 years. Guy fishes the waters of California and Oregon, and hosts trips to the Sea of Cortez. Guy has been an active tournament caster and has benefited knowing and learning from many of the nation's top casters. Guy teaches casting locally and assists at some of The Fly Shop's weekend workshops.

Michael Caranci lives in Redding and works as guide coordinator for The Fly Shop where he teaches casting workshops and camps for The Fly Shop and leads trips to Belize and South America.

Woody Woodland also lives in Redding and is a salt water expert. He teaches Fly Fishing and Casting workshops for The Fly Shop in Redding, Woody is an avid Permit fisherman leading groups to Belize each year.

Day 1 will start out in the classroom. We will have an in depth review of the learning experience, the teaching process, and effective communication. We will also cover the anatomy of a fly cast, and various approaches to casting diagnostics and solving casting faults. After lunch we will have a field session which will start out with videotaping of each participant performing certain casts. The videos will be used later in the class for troubleshooting your own cast and diagnosing others. The balance of the field session will be related to casting techniques and teaching techniques.

Day 2 will start out in the classroom with a survey Casting Instructors Certification program and of the construction and design of fly lines. You will then learn the basics of reading the analysis curves produced by the Casting Analyzer and will get a chance to use the Casting Analyzer to create a report on

your own cast. Then we will move on to the field for a walk through of the CCI performance test. Later in the day we will do another video session of each participant and finish in the classroom reviewing the before and after videos. .

All students will be provided a workbook with the information presented in class as well as a number of other pertinent handouts. Pens and notepads will be supplied.

If you are interested in attending the workshop please fill out this form and send it in with your deposit. Once you have paid the deposit your place in the workshop will be reserved. You will then be recommended to download some reading material so you can familiarize yourself with some of the topics discussed.

The Cost of the 2 Day Casting Instructors Workshop is \$425. A \$75 deposit will be required to reserve a space in the workshop. The balance will be due 2 weeks prior to the workshop (September 20, 2009). Cancellations will be fully refunded if made prior to September 20, 2009. If a cancellation is made on or after September 20, 2009 all but the deposit (\$75.00) will be refunded.

Please fill this form out and send any payments to:

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1095 Hilltop Dr #351
Redding, CA 96003

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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