

Newsletter



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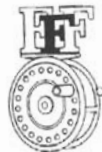
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Up to date news:

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

Jul 12-17	Klamath Lake Fish Out
Jul 14	Feather River Fish Out
Aug 20-22	Crater Lake Fish Out
Aug 26-28	National Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave, West Yellowstone, MT
Sep 7	Board Meeting
Sep 14	No General Meeting until September
Sep 21	No Fly Tying until September
Sep 25	North Fork of the Yuba Fish Out



Upper Klamath Lake Fish Out



Each year many of the club members try their luck at the big rainbows that inhabit the upper reaches of Klamath Lake. As the Summer warms the waters of the lower lakes, the fish move north to where the water is cooler due to inflowing streams and underwater springs. The fish range in size from 16 to 30+ inches and fight very well. Ask Dolores Hobbs about her fish that took nearly 30 minutes to land. A good day is landing 5+ fish over 5 lbs.

This year, we're going from July 12 to 17. We are staying in cabins, RV Park and some in tents at the campground at the Rocky Point Lodge (<http://www.rockypointoregon.com/>). We plan to leave early on the 12th. Many stay the entire week but you may choose to shorten that. Supplies and licenses can be purchased at Wal-Mart in Klamath Falls or at

the Rocky Point Lodge. It has been best to get most of what you need in Klamath Falls and the last minute things, if you can find them, at the lodge or small local store.

Rods in 9 to 10 ft. in length, 5 to 8 wt. and camo intermediate lines are the real deal. Flies include any Stillwater nymph of the Denny Rickards variety or those tied by many of the club members. Prams, float tubes or pontoon boats are needed to fish the lake. Also, bring a good wide brimmed hat and sun screen. Oregon can be plenty warm that time of year.

If you are interested in going with us, call the Lodge (541-356-2287) and get a space or room reserved. But hurry, they fill up quickly. Larry Ingram, flyfisher16@comcast.net 530 673-4965

Past and Proposed Fish Outs

I went up to Gold Lake yesterday, Friday the 18th, and caught two nice Lake Trout (Char) 3-4 lbs each and I kept the smaller for Mom. They come into the shallows until the water warms up then they go down deep. The lake is about 90' deep in spots. Caught both trolling streamers imitating bait fish. Tried fishing a midge for a while in some of the sheltered coves but no luck there. I really like Gold as there are some educated big Brookies, a lot of Rainbow planters summer and fall and in the early spring big Lake Trout in the shallows. I haven't figured out how to get deep enough for the Lakers during the summer. There was still a lot of snow on the mountain on the west end of the lake which will probably take 3-4 weeks to melt most of it so the lake will remain colder a bit longer than normal. The problem with Gold is the "Wind", from sun up to 10 there is usually little or none then it starts blowing and increases in intensity from the West almost every day. You can fish the more protected and shallow South and West sides but the deep part is pretty rough with a lot of white caps and too rough for my small boat. They have not planted any fish yet as the road was just opened. The big Lakers cruise the improved boat ramp in the spring as they must imprint on the stocked fish as an easy meal.

Summer Fish Outs

We have **three** fish outs over the summer and we have no general meetings those two months. **The three fish outs are Klamath Lake Oregon July 12-17, Feather River Gridley fishout /picnic July 24, and Crater Lake AUGUST 20-22 near Westwood.** Please contact me for the Crater Lake and Gridley trip, and contact Larry Ingram for Klamath Lake.

My contact information is itszuke@comcast.net and telephone is 530-674-0491 and Larry's flyfisher16@comcast.net or 530-673-4965.

Gridley Feather River Fish Out Picnic

The club has planned a fish out-family picnic for Saturday July 24, 2010 on the shores of the Feather River in Gridley hosted by Walt Alexander. The address is 644 Levee Rd Gridley Ca. 95948. Drive past 644 to the second house and follow the road down the levee to the river. Here is the link to a map and directions;
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?1c=Yuba+City&1s=CA&1a=Colusa+Hwy+%26+State+Highway+99&1z=95991&1y=US&1l=39.141746&1g=-121.634673&1v=INTERSECTION&2c=Gridley&2s=CA&2a=644+Levee+Rd&2z=95948-9769&2y=US&2l=39.32874&2g=-121.63302&2v=ADDRESS>

The club will provide the main course and beverages (adult beverages is byo) and everyone is asked to bring a dish or snacks to share. Please bring folding or lawn chairs and portable table would help. You can launch just about any size boat or personal water craft. There is a portable restroom. There are Large and Smallmouth Bass and (Sacramento Yellow Trout) Squawfish and for those adventurous types there are 10 lb (King Yellow Trout) Carp on an 8-10 wt. rod. Plan on arriving between 11 and Noon, we need an accurate head count for the food and beverages so please contact me by Monday July 6 if you and your family plan to attend and how many in your party.

Crater Lake Fish Out

Crater Lake is about 30 miles north of Westwood California and has a campground and water, the lake is small, cold, and clear with visibility down to 30 feet or more. The lake is full of brook trout in the 10 to 12 inch range and an occasional Eagle Lake Rainbow. Jim Shilling highly recommends this and Larry Ingram has fished it and said it's a great spot. A 3-5 wt rod with both intermediate and floating line and any of the summer nymph, wooly buggers or favorite dry patterns. I thought it would be good to camp out one to two nights since it is a 3 hour trip. I'll be going up Friday morning August 20th. For those who plan to go please contact me by Friday August 6.

This campsite gets a fair amount of occupancy and they don't take reservations - it's on a first come basis.

DIRECTIONS:

will be going up Highway 99 to Chico to Highway 32 N to Highway 36 East to Westwood then north on County Rd # A21 to Highway 44 North Turn right after sign onto Forest Rt. 32N08 (gravel) and go 6.6 miles to camp ground The elevation is 6,900 ft.

This scenic campground is a single loop next to the deep blue Crater Lake. There are a few campsites along the lake's shore but most sites are located among the Scree, (broken lava rock), Aspen, Ponderosa and Lodge pole pines provide shade. Campsites are small and compact but separation between sites provides good privacy.

Open weekend before Memorial Day through first hard freeze.

Rate: \$14 per day

CAMPGROUND SITE CONFIGURATION

RV Sites: 0, Tent Sites: 8, Combined Sites (Tent or RV):9, Total Sites: 17, Group Tent Sites: Yes, Tables on Sites: 17 & Grilles on Sites: 17

RV INFORMATION Hookups: None - Group RV Sites: No - RV Pull through: 0 - Waste Station: No

Average Parking Apron Size: 10' X 37': - The parking aprons are gravel. Low branches are common over some parking aprons.

Vaults: Yes - Flush Toilets: No - Hot Showers: No - Wheelchair Friendly Toilets: No

Water Spigots (non-site): 1 the water spigot is a hand pump

Proposed Fish Outs:

July Klamath lake week 7/12-17 Larry Ingram Fishmeister

August 21 Butt Valley Res or Manzanita Lake or Crater Lake Walt Zukas Fishmeister

Mid September Trinity Steelhead Trip Bob Long Fishmeister

September 25 North Fork Yuba River Walt Zukas Fishmeister

October 23 Upper Sac Dunsmuir Walt Zukas Fishmeister

October 30 November 6 Eagle Lake Walt Zukas Fishmeister

November 20 Feather River Low Flow

November 28-December 4 Trinity River Larry Ingram Fishmeister

December 18 Sacramento River Anderson

January 22 2011 Mad River

February 19 2011 Baum Lake

March 19 2011 McCumber

April 23 2011 UC Sierra Foothill Field Station

Patagonia Anyone?



I wanted to offer up a trip idea to everyone. My friend, Justin Witt, owns a guide service down in Argentina called Patagonia Unlimited (www.patagoniaunlimited.net). He runs his operations out of Rio Pico but does trips all over the Patagonia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patagonia>). I was thinking about heading down there in the spring, maybe March or April, to fish for a week or two and thought I would mention it to you as a club outing idea. Argentina is a magical place and there is nothing quite like Patagonia. It is really the last frontier and from what Justin has been telling me, it has changed very little since I was last there in 1990, some 20 years ago. Luckily Ted Turner didn't buy the whole place up, just a big chunk!

Argentina is by far the most European of any South American country. Its population is very diverse and there is far more to them than just the Tango. For starters Argentina is the third largest producer of wine in the world but they don't share it, they consume nearly all of it with only about 5% going to export. Malbec is the primary wine varietal and is one of my favorite wines hands down. As for the food, it's pretty hard to beat in that the national food group is Beef and Beef and you guessed it more Beef. This beef is all grass fed and very different than what we see in the states. Chimmichuri is a typical preparation but there are many other dishes. With water all around Patagonia sea food is plentiful and frequently on the menu. There is also lots of chicken, quail, rabbit, lamb and pork to be had.

The people are incredibly friendly and open; it was pretty common on my trek in 1990 to be invited into people's homes that I just met for a mid-day meal or dinner. Spanish is the national language but there are entire sections of the country that speak German, Italian, Portuguese and even French. Most folks speak a little English so getting around is not difficult.

Ok, now on to the good part... the Fly Fishing! Well, there are few places left on this planet as untouched as Patagonia or with bigger, fatter, meaner trout. Germans, Rainbows and even Brookies are common. What's uncommon is the size! The bookies run big down there as do the sea run browns and bows. To give you an idea of what is in store for those that venture down check out Justin's website. www.towncriermedia.com



I asked him which months were the best to travel down and his response is below;

“The issue of which month to come down really depends on personal taste.

1. If big, big fish were the only objective, then it would be either November or April; the weather during those months however is highly variable and can be pretty harsh. It's big streamers and sinking lines the whole time.



2. If a focus on moving water and the use of dry flies were the objective, we would be looking at January or February. Less action those months from the really big guys (although they are still to be had for sure), and the fishing is more like what North Americans are used to.

3. For the best of both worlds think about December or March.”

Now for the costs involved. Airfare would be roughly anywhere from \$1000-\$1400 depending upon how early you book, what airline you select and who you book through. Justin has a travel agent he uses often who seems to get pretty fair deals. I was going to head down this past spring and her rates were spot on if not better to just about everyone else.

Below are the fees Justin provided to me. They are better than other guide services I have looked at. If we got a fair size group of guys together maybe we could work a deal out on the cost? I would run that by Justin if there is indeed interest in getting a group together. We would most like be able to leverage a group airfare rate, or even upgrades, if the group was good size. This is seriously a trip of a lifetime and worth the cost! In any event, if you're interested you can contact me, Joseph Podesta, at 530-790-6810 or joseph.podesta@statestreet.com. See you on the water.

Eight days, seven nights, all inclusive package:

Two Anglers \$2,460 each

One angler \$3,550

Twelve days, eleven nights, all inclusive package:

Two anglers \$3,690 each

One angler \$5,325

Fourteen days, thirteen nights, all inclusive package:

Two anglers \$4,675 each

One angler \$6,745

I personally know Justin and he will gladly offer up references of former clients, recommendations, or answer any questions those that are interested may have. His contact details are below. Joe

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An Opportunity

There is an opportunity for the E.C. Powell Flyfishers to gain some public recognition in the community and do something for kids. I might need to digress a little. Over three years ago Gennis Zeller requested that the Flyfishers participate in the Hawk Flight program held at the fairgrounds the next spring. I responded to that request. I believe with the help of the late John Davis we did a casting clinic for several hundred kids. I continued this for the next two years. This past year during the process of helping the kids cast I came to the conclusion that I was not accomplishing a heck of a lot. Most of the children that I worked with had no concept of what fly fishing was all about. Most were too young to understand. They just thought it was great fun to wave that slender stick back and forth with that string on it. So I decided that I was not going to be involved another year and sent e-mails to the director of the event and the Zellers to inform that that I was through. I have since changed my mind.

More background information is necessary so you are aware of what Hawk Flight is and about. I am sure many of the club members have had children or grand children go through what was known as Woodleaf Outdoor Education. Those children in about the fifth grade spent a week at Woodleaf learning about all kinds of outdoor activities. For an example our son many years ago passed his hunter safety course during his stay at Woodleaf. That was sometime in the late sixties. Our daughter went on a weeklong back pack trip with a group that originated out of Woodleaf about ten years later.

In the past few years there has been a change in the location and name. It is now known as Shady Creek. The outdoor program starts in September and runs through May and involves children from school from eight nearby counties. There are several thousand children that participate in the program each year. In addition to the camping program there has been added a single day event held each year at our Sutter County Fairgrounds. It was named Hawk Flight because the originators of the program were interested in Raptors and a central part of the original program was the live Raptor display at Woodleaf. So the committee thought it proper to name the one day event Hawk Flight and there is a live Raptor display during the Hawk Flight event.

Monday evening (May 17th) Dolores and I invited Rikki Shaffer (Executive Director) and Adriene Aono to our house to learn more about the program and formulate a basic plan. We learned that several thousand young families attend the Hawk Flight Fair and Wildlife Festival each year. There are several dozen exhibitors that take part in the program. National Park Service and Safari International are among the many exhibitors.

Our thinking is to have an E.C. Powell booth with an exhibit of trout in an aquarium, a display of some kind of aquatic insects and the flies that represent those insects. Hopefully we can make some kind of arrangements to obtain several practice fly casting rods like the one the club bought for Mike Ream used to demonstrate casting. It would be nice to have a club member tying flies so the children can see how that is done. Mrs. Shaffer offered to provide us with whatever size booth that we would require.

What do we hope to accomplish? First of all we will be teaching children something about trout and what they eat and the kind of lures that fly fishermen use to catch them. They will also learn that part of the sport can be making your own flies and some very basic things about presenting that fly to fish. We will also at the same time be making our presents known to hundreds of parents of those same children. There are a lot of young family groups and hopefully some of the dads and moms will be interested in pursuing the sport.

I have felt for some time that the club has a low level of exposure to the general public. The April meeting was an attempt to raise that interest. The Hawk Flight Fair and Wildlife Festival would increase that exposure to a much greater degree.

The club participated in a similar program when there was a Prune Festival each fall. We gained a lot of exposure but few if any new club members from that event. By doing the Hawk Flight event we would be doing an educational thing along with hopefully gaining a few new club members.

I reread my copy of the club By Laws this morning and I had thought in those by laws there was an article that stated that the Club had an obligation to promote the sport of fly fishing along with conservation. I was wrong. "Under Article I, Section 2 reads as follows. The primary purpose of this organization is to promote the conservation and

preservation of fresh and salt water fish populations, and water quality so that these resources will continue to be available.” This quote is from the Updated copy as of March 31, 1999 which is the most recent update. I strongly feel that the bylaws should be amended to include wording to the effect that the club does have an obligation to promote the sport of fly fishing, along with good sportsmanship and proper stream ethics. That could be included under Article I Section 2.

I will attend a board meeting soon and make the suggestion to the board of directors that the club be involved in the Hawk Flight Fair and make an amendment to the bylaws. Other than the cost of a E.C. Powell banner to be displayed in the booth there should be very little cost to the club to participate in the Hawk Flight. It will require some club member participation however.

Ed Hobbs

Jim Layman

Former club member, Jim Layman, passed away on Memorial Day from the complications of a long term illness. Jim was a club member for a number of years before his illness caused him to become inactive. Jim often joined the club members on the Steelhead trip on the Mad River and was a frequent attendee at the club meetings. I am sure some of the older club members will remember him.

Ed Hobbs

Simms Fishing Shirts

I just received a note from Simms stating that the shirts that we want are no longer in stock for this year. Their year for shirts starts in October and as June, they are completely out of our colors. I have been advised that the new shirts will be available starting in September and they have assured me that they will be in contact with me for the new shirts.

This is a big disappointment to me as I'm sure it is for you too.

In the meantime, I'll return your monies and advise you the instant we receive information on the new shirts. I'll have your checks and monies at the September club meeting.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that you have suffered but there is no way that we can get them for now.

Larry

Through A Kids Eyes

By Clay Gill – Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Newsletter

e said Pappy--I wanna catch a fish! He was holding his hands like a prayer. How can you deny a kid who really-really wants to go fishing. That is a natural born fisherman. Girls like it too. All my babies want to go fishing. He said I want to catch it-cook it and eat it!--Now! -How do you dampen enthusiasm. You would hope your kids want to fish. But all my Grand kids are crazy about it. It runs in the blood!

Probably the best way to get started is the way we all did. With worms and a cork. Small hooks and a red and white bobber. You fish by a bush or wall, tree or some place fishy and the perch come a-runnin, -as my Daddy would say. Dough balls, corn, or bread. It all works, and you get that magic tug. It is the tug, that does the trick. Once a kid feels that tug and pull on the line it is all over. They become hooked on fishing forever. There is no antidote or remedy. It is incurable.

If kids like to tinker a lot, they get interested in fly fishing. The ones who take things apart as soon as they can fidget usually become fly fisherpersons. They have the curiosity and propensity to wade through all the complications of the game. The others,--they say--oh--I don't do that! They just want to cast out, and reel back in. That's ok too. If all the pluggers were fly fishing, we would be elbow to elbow.

The good news is -what fishing lends to the teachers. It is a time. Kids listen to you-completely on fishing trips. You can sneak in valuable lessons about good, the bad, drugs, morals, life, and Aggies versus Longhorns. Wide eyed and curious you tell them (as you thread bait on the hook). Captivated, they hear you and may not even know it. It's funny how this happens. And then they tell you --about it.

Remember a time when you could not get enough of fishing. I remember all the tales spun on the weekend trips. It was always a story with a ending moral. For me it was in one ear and out the other. All I wanted to do was fill a rope stringer,-completely full. Get out of my way. We have fishing to do. Give me some more bait. We got fish to catch and fry. Now I realize I was a captive audience. Those stories were cleverly crafted to impart a message. I was indoctrinated. And also so lucky-indeed, to be the recipient or those tall tales they spun. My instructor was smart!

Anybody can accomplish this feat. Grandma's can take kids fishing. They took me. I caught fish and she cooked them too. The cornmeal was crunchy and Cole slaw was just the best. Afterwards the kids got chocolate cake and then we slept like never before. Anybody can make memories like these. It is easy and fun.

I remember learning to play poker with Pinto Beans as money the way Dad did on the WW-II troop ships. Dad would tell me, "always bail out on card five with a bad hand,- or, looking good, keep them all busy, as you make them buy the last two cards with a bad hand, (playing seven card stud)". "And then you skin-em alive". Right or wrong you can impart a message on fishing trips they will hear. Trips should encompass adventure, intrigue, and excitement. Kids never ever forget that. I still remember all the fun we had. Kids grow up way too quickly to miss this.

Something else kids fall for is fishing in the dark. Running catfish lines or jug lines is high adventure for a young person. They all want to hold the light. As the main line zips back and forth the anticipation builds. A big Cat on the staging line is like a monster coming up. I remember three foot Blues and Channels that looked ten feet long when they surfaced. You are hanging over the edge of the flat bottom boat when the flashlight illuminates a big shiny head and beady eyes. You never forget the first one! Tons of Speckled Trout in coastal pier lights can be a sensory overload for kids! Once they are old enough to go, it is a whole new game at night!

Young and old, everybody likes to fish. But the best time to hook them for sure is early in life. The old Zebco and a cardboard worm box from the ice house is amazing stuff. As children grow accustomed to fishing, they might lean toward fly fishing. But, many are pushed too quickly. They often shy from complication.

Little guys get interested once they see things happen. They can't live without it. You know it is graduation day when one says-"I want to do that"! At that point, they also listen to all the things they need to hear. And you can be the guardian angel who passes it forward! Let's make it happen for someone soon!

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