

Newsletter

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Up to date news:

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Calendar of Events

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| Sep 1 | Board Meeting, St. James of Jerusalem Church, 556 George Washington Blvd., Yuba City, 7:30 PM |
| Sep 8 | General Meeting, Lincrest School, MP Room, 7:30 PM
Program: Matt Gilligan |
| Sep 15 | Fly Tying, Lincrest School, MP Room, 7:30 PM |
| Sep 25-27 | Klamath/Trinity River Fish Out |
| Oct 13 | General Meeting, Lincrest School, MP Room, 7:30 PM |



President's Corner

I'm afraid that this month's newsletter opens with sad news. Club member Clyde Wyatt passed away on Aug. 1. A number of members, myself included, attended the memorial service for Clyde on Aug. 6th. A recurrent theme among those who spoke, his children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors, was Clyde's love of storytelling. While I didn't get to fish with him too often, he was a regular attendee of the fly tying class. That, as well as conversations at the general meetings, allowed he and I to become pretty well acquainted. I can certainly attest to his enjoyment and willingness to tell a good story, as I'm sure can many other club members. He will be missed.

The E C Powell 30th Annual Banquet will be held on Fri. Nov. 13th at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City. The social hour begins at 6:00 PM, with dinner at 7:00 PM. The ticket price is \$35.00. Preparations are moving along well, and some raffle items are starting to come in. Tickets will be available at Johnson's Bait and Tackle, and possibly some other locations. Board members will also have tickets for sale. Tickets purchased before Nov. 1 will qualify the buyer for the Early Bird drawing. The winner will receive \$40.00 worth of raffle tickets. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I'd like to remind everyone that we would appreciate any donations of flies or other items for use as raffle prizes. If you have a donation, please bring it to the next general meeting. I would also like to ask everyone to give some thought to ideas for future fund raising events. I will have a clipboard at the next few meetings where ideas can be listed. With each passing year, the need to find other sources of income becomes more apparent. We hope to get several avenues to pursue in the future. If you have an idea, we would love to hear it. Thanks, see you at the meeting. Jeff

September Program

The son of a diehard fisherman, **Matt Gilligan** began fly fishing the waters of the Eastern Sierra and Tahoe Region when he was 13. As a guide, Gilligan brings to the river over 20 years of experience fishing and tying flies for Sierra Nevada trout. Gilligan's Guide Service runs trips year round on the Truckee River and Little Truckee River, two of the finest trout fisheries in the state, and also custom trips on waters throughout the region. Matt's Power Point presentation will be on the Four Seasons of the Truckee River including, flies and hatches, access points, and some historical information about the Truckee River.

Banquet Donations

As each of you know, the success, or failure of each year's banquet depends upon the participation of the club members. Many of you donate not just your sweat but your time and of course, your donations. Your donations help us to attempt to ensure that almost everyone leaves with some sort of a prize.

This year it's even more important than ever. As you know, we are not having a guest speaker. Instead, we are using the funds available to purchase more and better raffle prizes. Additionally, we need your time and talents in the form of flies and / or donations. If most of you donate a dozen of your favorite flies; tied, purchased or stolen, you can help ensure the success of the night's activities. If you are so inclined, please give your donation to a Pete Gilb, Tim Wright or myself and we'll see to it that they are available the night of **November 13th**. Additionally, you will be recognized in our program on the night of the banquet.

Tickets for the banquet will be available soon from Johnson's Bait, Tackle and Fly Shop or from any of the club's officers or Board Members. An "Early Bird" special will be drawn from the names of those that purchase their dinner tickets early.

Larry Ingram

Fund Raiser Ideas

At last night's board of directors meeting we spent a lot of time talking about the upcoming club banquet. The club banquet is our only source revenue aside from general membership dues. And, like everything else, it's always money that dictates what we can or cannot do.

Last year's banquet was pretty good. We had a good speaker. We had good raffle prizes, and we had a good prime rib dinner. But, what wasn't good was the amount of profit the club made for the coming year's expenses.

This year our checkbook is skinnier than ever and we need to start making purchases and collecting donations for the upcoming banquet. It became very apparent that we can't continue to function with only one depleting source of income.

So, here's where you guys come in. We need ideas. Ideas for fund raising projects that will help increase our checkbook balance. There are a lot of creative and successful club members out there that might just have some good ideas we haven't heard of yet. We've cut expenses, cut printing costs with the newsletter, cut speaker cost with more membership participation, etc. But, what we need is better fund raising programs and we're looking for your input and help.

Think back to when you were still working (and maybe still are) and some of the things you did at work to raise money for various projects. What about your wife's? What do they do with their clubs and organizations to raise money? Again, we're just looking for ideas. Ideas that can help improve our cash flow and make this a better and more enjoyable club for all of us.

Tony Buzolich

Eagle Lake Fish Out

The following is just a heads-up as I'll have more in the newsletter on the fish out next month. We intend to arrive on Sunday October 25th and depart on Sunday, Nov 1st 2009.

The following ten members have signed up: Bob Harik, Mike Mcfarlane, Jack Mc Farlane, Larry Ingram, John Oshea, Pete Gilb, Denis Davis, Bob Boecke, Jack Stomer and Tom Kerr.

The cabin we have rented is called the "ITO", it sleeps 8, but has room for more. Those who arrive after the 25th will have to bring cots and sleeping bags. The way things look right now is, 7 will arrive on the 25th, 2 more on the 26th, and 1 on the 28th. Arrivals and departures could fluctuate and things could change as to space availability.

Mike Mcfarlane has volunteered to cook on the 25th, I would appreciate hearing from other members as to who will cover the rest of the week.

Those who wish to make the trip call or e-mail me...530 671 7805 e-mail bhawk1@aol.com. More details to follow in October newsletter.

Bob Harik

2009 Proposed Fish Outs

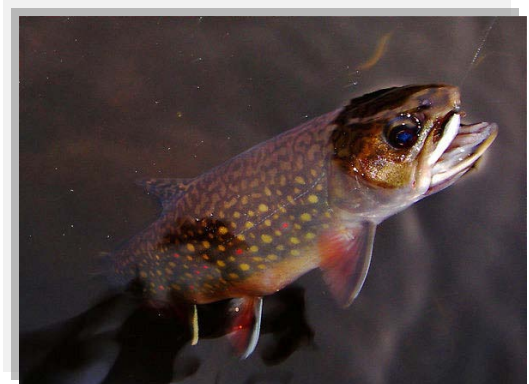
Date	Location	Fishmeister	Phone
September 25-27	Klamath/Trinity Rivers	Bob Long	916-362-5593
Oct 25-Nov 1	Eagle Lake	Bob Harik	671-7805
Nov	Delta Stripers	??	
Nov 29-Dec 5	Trinity River Steelhead	Larry Ingram	673-4965

Don't Crave Big Trout, Give Me Lots of Little Ones

Do you like to catch lots of trout? Camp in an area that is 'fee' free? Don't have to travel too far? Have a creek all to yourself during the weekdays?

If so, then Haypress Valley should be your destination! I recently spent four days there on the advice of a friend (who swore me to secrecy). He said, "Brownie, wouldn't you like to catch brookies that are so abundant you can even keep a few of them for dinner and not feel guilty about catch and release?"

I'll have to admit I like fresh trout for dinner, and I don't like paying \$20.00 per day for forest service campgrounds that are crowded and



noisy, and I can't let my dog Jack run free. So I took his advice and traveled to this secret place of his. It took me longer than I expected to find this valley because someone removed all the signs. I finally found this valley and set up my trailer in a nice shady spot with a fire pit, then immediately rigged up my 4 weight 9ft rod, short 5-foot leader, and 3 feet of 6X fluorocarbon tippet, tied on a #18 dry fly and proceeded up Haypress Meadow #2.

Within an hour I caught 20 brookies up to 8 inches; I kept two for dinner and headed back to camp. I stopped earlier in the day at a forest service station and got a fire permit so I could cook my trout over an open flame. Somehow trout cooked over an open flame seem to taste better and brings back memories of earlier fishing trips with my dad.



On day two I moved my camp to meadow #3, again parked my trailer in a quiet spot near the creek, and took my dog Jack fishing. Jack has learned to catch his own fish. The creek in this area runs the entire length of the meadow and is a series of pockets and deep pools. The tactic here is to sneak and crawl otherwise you might spook those elusive brookies. I caught plenty of fish, but didn't keep any as I had steaks waiting in the cooler. That night the camp fire was really a nice touch.

On days three and four I stayed in meadow #3 because it's larger than meadows one and two and provides the best fishing. I began catching 8 inch rainbows on the lower section of this creek which flows into the North Fork of the Yuba River above Sierra City.

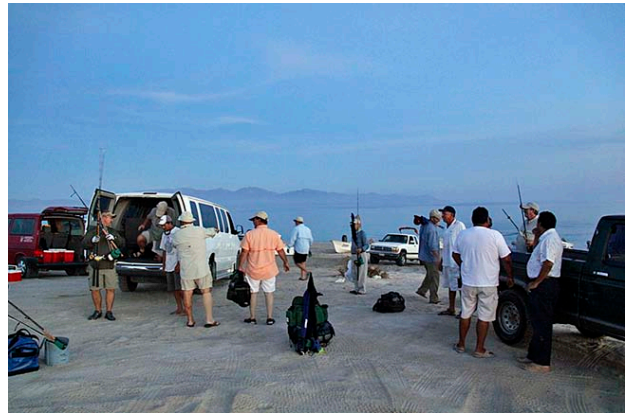
So! If you like catching lots of small trout, camping in a quiet meadow near a creek, having a nice camp fire at night along with solitude, then head for Haypress Creek. P.S (but keep it secret) E.H. (Brownie) Brown

Baja on the Fly

This last July turned out to be a real adventure trip for several of our club members as we explored the East Cape of Baja just south of La Paz. All together there were twelve of us in my group, including club members Don Voigt, Don Payne, Brett Allis, Bill Siler and myself. After a short flight to La Paz, we checked in to the La Concha Beach Resort and prepared for the next six days of blue water fly fishing.



Each morning we would be taken by van a few miles south to a beach at Las Arenas where our pangas would be waiting for us to arrive. We'd quickly load up our gear and head out not knowing exactly what the day would bring. The targeted species would mainly be Dorado, Roosterfish, and both Skipjack and Yellowfin Tuna. YES, on the FLY!



Don Voigt and Don Payne paired up and quickly got going on some great Roosterfish along the shore of Isla Cerralvo.



Here's Don Payne fighting a nice Rooster on his 9-weight striper rod.



Not to be outdone, Don Voigt quickly hooks up and lands a beautiful 35 lb. Dorado and a very nice black Skipjack.



All of our group took just about every species along with some new species we'd never seen before and a possibility of three world record fish being taken. Bil Siler holding a beautiful Yellowfin tuna. Lots of great Sushi and Sashimi here.



It wasn't mandatory that this be a fly fishing trip only, and several of our group used spinning and boat rods to tease up the bigger fish before throwing a fly to them. Here Don Voigt lands his first trophy Wahoo weighing well over fifty pounds.



Did I mention some new fish being taken and possible world records? You bet I did! Pat Richards, another member of our group holds up a first-ever Milkfish. These fish are normally taken in the South Pacific and the Indian Ocean and have never been taken here before on flies.



Bob Bradbury holds up a huge Black Skipjack weighing in the 24-26 lb. Range. Though not officially weighed, the current world record is only 15 lbs.- 8 oz.



And talk about BIG and Beautiful! Here, Jim May holds up an actual weighed Dorado at 66 lbs. Sadly, the weight was taken several hours after being landed. Dehydration loss of at least 10% would have put Jim's Dorado over 70 lbs.



So, are you thinking this looks like fun? You bet it is! And, along with lots of sore arms and muscles from fighting all those fish, you'll have memories and stories that will last forever. If you're at all interested in joining me for a trip of a lifetime, I'm already putting together next year's group of guys for July 11th thru the 18th . Six days of fishing and seven nights at the La Concha Beach Resort. For more information call me at (530) 790-7180. Tony Buzolich, Feather River Fly, www.feather-river-fly.com

Trinity River Steelhead Fever

OK, it's never too soon to start thinking and planning for Winter Steelhead on the Trinity River. This year's trip is November 29th to December 5th.

The Trinity has long been known for its excellent Steelhead runs and of course, those of you who have fished it with us can attest to that. The river holds lots of fish and can really be productive for those willing to put in the time. I have made maps available for all that want them and these maps show numerous places where you can wade as well as launch and takeout points for boats. Remember; we use floating lines with indicators and two flies. We'll have more info in the future as to which flies to have with you.

We will again be staying at the Victorian Inn in Weaverville and the rates are the same as last year. I have reserved 10 rooms (more available if needed) for those dates. Each room has 2 Queen size beds and comes with free breakfast as well as in room coffee pot, refrigerator and microwave. If you're planning to go, sign up at the next meeting and I'll take it from there. As the date draws near I'll ask you to call the Inn and grantee your room with your own credit card. Your card will NOT be charged until you check out. It is simply a way to hold your room. If you are a no show, you will only be charged for one night. This is the norm in hotels and motels with any sort of business ethics.

For those of you that attended last year you know what a fine place the Victorian Inn is and how well they treated us. We cooked our own meals and had access to their conference room to use for eating and get togethers.

As in other trips, you don't have to come for the entire week but try to come for as many days as you can. I have arranged for a guided trip for two on the river on Monday, November 30th. The winners will be drawn from those that are signed up for that Monday, at the November 13th Banquet. This is another good part of the trip. You'll have a good day and should catch lots of fish. However, let's be real and aware that this is Steelhead fishing and as such, is influenced by water levels, rain and other phenomenon's not controlled by man.

If you are interested in a guided trip, they are available from The Fly Shop for \$360 for 2 including lunch or from John Hodges (Hotel Mgr. and guide) for \$400. Let me know.

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My Favorite Winter Steelhead Flies For the Trinity River

By Larry Ingram





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