



The Fisherman's Line

Member of:

The Federation of Fly Fishermen
The Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P. M. , Tuesday

February 28, 1984

West Davis Intermediate School
Sycamore Drive, Davis

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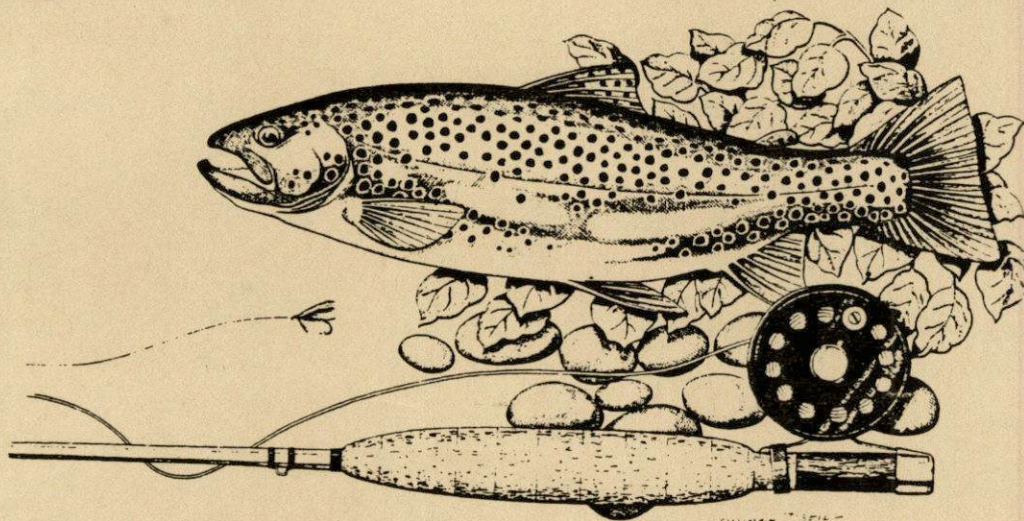
Stan Logan 756-5881

Ron Rabun 758-5103

Next Board Meeting

Ed Bernet's

March 20, 1984



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM - Bass Fishing

The monthly program will be presented by Leo Gueterres of the Delta Fly Fishers in Stockton. Leo will talk on fishing for large mouth bass and panfish. He is the most avid bass fisher some of us have met and has proven his abilities on numerous outings with club members. Bass fishing techniques, waters and popper construction are just some of the highlights of Leo's program.

This program will be your chance learn the finer points on fishing for bass.

REMEMBER ANNUAL DUES (\$15) ARE NOW PAYABLE IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET

The President's Message

As your new president, I'd like to start off by thanking the outgoing president and board members for all of their hard work these past 2 years. I know Ron has instigated several innovative activities which helped to build membership and comradeship in our club. So, congratulations for a job well done!

You know, I belong to several organizations, and have been on the board of directors of these clubs as well as our own. The one thing which we must continually keep in mind when trying to run a club, is that of maintaining and hopefully adding new membership. I am a firm believer that the only way any club can keep from dying is to keep generating new ideas and activities which are geared toward maintaining general interest. I realize that most of you would probably agree with me on that issue, but the reality is that many clubs get into the same old routine year after year. No new ideas are ever really generated, and if they are they get put aside for one reason or another and thereby discouraging input from new members. The basic problem is that in most organizations you have a group of people who started the club or who have been around forever dictating what happens. Another problem is that new people may find it hard to feel comfortable socializing with the old-timers in the club. If a few people give them the cold shoulder, whether intentional or not, we suddenly never see that new member again.

I guess what I'm trying to say here is that I think this club has always felt refreshing to me in that everyone is generally willing to try new activities to keep membership high, and people are willing to go fishing with the "new guy". This is important and we should never lose sight of the fact that our club has a responsibility to help get new members involved.

Jon

AT IT AGAIN IN JOLLY OLD ENGLAND

Word reaches us from England that action against anglers is underway. The animal rights movement in the form of Hunt Saboteurs' Association, 3,500 strong, have launched a campaign against 3,380,000 recreational fishermen describing them as villains who lure "unsuspecting sentient creatures onto sharp-barbed hooks."

H.S.A.'s magazine points out ways to annoy anglers such as tossing pebbles into waters being fished, using ultrasonic devices to frighten the poor finny friends and posting fake health notices at fishing sites.

The National Angler's Council with 750,000 members naturally takes a dim view of all this and suggests that their members are strong and active angler types that are not likely to cast while being castigated but may be provoked into a more protective posture.

Bill Reavley

PUTAH CREEK OUTING REPORT

Some twelve or so FFDer's ventured to Putah. The Glory Hole had stopped spilling so the water level was low and fairly clear. Fishing was slow at best. This meaning, I didn't see or had a report of any fish being caught. The angling pressure was pretty good aside from our group. There were only a few observations of bait being dunked but there were several spinning rods around (non-FFDer's). I suspect the low water had most of the fish spooked and no hatches were apparent. Since the outing I ventured on a rainy day with Bob Foster. We both had success at the height of the downpour. The hatch of blue winged dives and beginning respill of the Glory Hole must have brought the fish up. Bob managed to land a nice 15" rainbow. Along with the other two fish Bob landed and the three I took on dries, the day turned out to be a pleasant rainy day's fishing. *Ron Rabun*

ANNUAL CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Thanks to the generous raffle ticket buying of our members and guests, FFD cleared over \$500.00 on the raffle. I was glad to see the prizes spread over all the tables this year, seemed to me like everyone won something. The following companies supported our raffle this year, keep them in mind when considering future purchases.

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| 1. Fennick | 13. Western Salt Water Fisherman |
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I would also like to thank Les Wood owner of Fly Fishing Unlimited (Cortland Rod) and Mike Monroe owner of the Fly Hutch (Wood River Fly Fishing Bag) for their generous contributions. On the local front John Patella (Davis Sport Shop), Jim Yates (Yates Arco), Alpine Supply, and Hibbert Lumber contributed to the raffle. From Woodland (Fish Feathers - a mail order catalog) contributed a walnut fly box and shooting head, and finally from up north the fly shop in Redding. Next time you need something keep them in mind.

Last, but not least, the following club members need to be thanked: Ken Bigelow, Mort Schwartz, Ed Coleman, John Menke, Cary Boyden, Orris Gibson, John Legakis, Bud Henle, Steve Carlson, Ron Rabun, Molly Hibbert, Bill Schnathorst, Mike Hoffman, Sarge Reynolds, Hugh Black, Jim Coleman, Gale Dill, and Phil Heine. It makes it especially easy for me as the raffle chairman to have such nice member donations to raffle off, in fact I better check my closet to see if I kept any, I sure was tempted. If I inadvertently left anyone off the thank you list I apologize. We are already working on next year's raffle, so save your money!

S. Ohrwall
Raffle Chairman

**Coming Soon to a Wilderness Area
Near You**

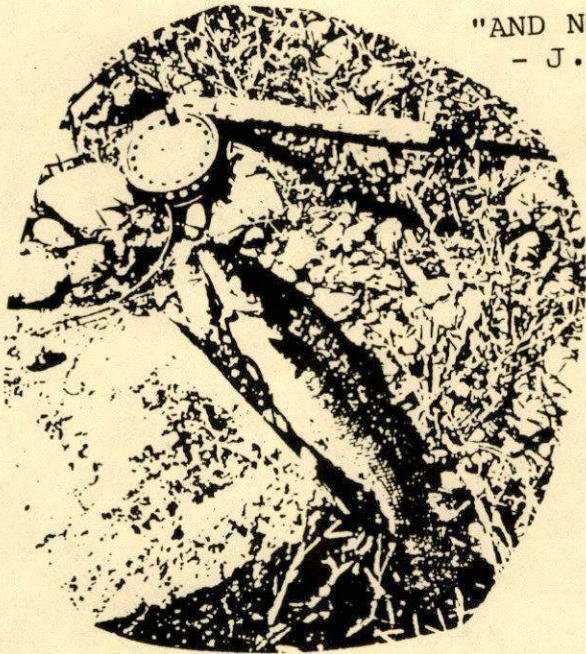
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The time? The second week of June.
The place? Southeastern Oregon.
The event? Five days of running the
Owhee River complete with shooting
rapids and fishing for jumbo Smallmouth
(up to 5#) and Channel Catfish (up to
as big as you can handle). Smallmouth
are tremendous fish on the fly and Channel
Catfish also eagerly grab streamers or
large nymph imitations. All this for
\$500. Anyone interested should contact
me right away at 662-1002 (days) or
662-7749 (evenings). A minimum of five
other bass addicts are needed to flange
up the trip - please call now. Thanks.

1984 FFF CONCLAVE SET FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 12th.

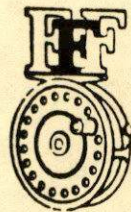
Last summer I attended my first FFF Conclave and found it all
to be great fun. Any FFDers interested in convoying back to
West Yellowstone or ride sharing should sign up at the next
couple of meetings.

Sarge Reynolds



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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME

BENEFIT CONSERVATION AUCTION AND BANQUET

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.....
FFF Clubs please insert in your next Bulletin and announce
at your February and March Meetings.....

SEND MONIES
TO THIS
ADDRESS.

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers invites the entire fly fishing community to the third annual NORTHERN CALIFORNIA FLY FISHING HALL OF FAME DINNER AND AWARDS EVENING, March 31, 1984 at Francesco's Restaurant, Hegenberger at Pardee. in Oakland. Francesco's provides easy access from all over the state. Hegenberger is the road to the Oakland Airport - off Highway 17 about half way between the Bay Bridge and the San Mateo Bridge. The Social Hours starts at 6:00pm.

THERE WILL
BE AN "EARLY
EMERGENCY"
OF A STRIPER
TRIP FOR TWO

THIS YEAR'S HALL OF FAME DINNER will be the posthumous appointment of the great Ted Fay as part of our tradition of honoring persons who have made outstanding contributions to our sport. There will be other special awards. Ed Henke of 49th fame will be your M.C. Come on out and bring your friends.

The other purpose of the HALL OF FAME DINNER is to raise funds to support or conservation programs and our new fishery advocate in Sacramento. There will be a fun raffle and auction all to allow you to join in the recognition of those that have contributed so much. Your \$25/person admission includes the festivities and dinner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL EVENINGS:

- Paul Wulf, Fremont 415-657-2940
- John Robinson, Cupertino 408-253-8925
- Sarge Reynolds, Davis 916-662-7749 ← or 662-1002 (day)
- Ray Haile, Dunsmuir 916-235-4347
- Dave Draheim, Oakland 415-451-6732
- Dick Kennon, Pinole 415-758-8227
- Rich Izmarian, San Carlos 415-592-9595
- Ken Heimbecker, Milpitas 408-262-5204
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During the past several years the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers has come of age. Council President John Brezzo has expanded our scope of activities and we have seen the development of new clubs and new conservation projects of all kinds. This year the Peninsula Fly Fisher organized a fly fishing decathlon held at Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club that was very successful and the Russian River Fly Casters undertook a major casting pool project in Santa Rosa. Flycasters continued their efforts to restore the Pajaro River steelhead runs and ran a very successful fund raiser for the International Fly Fishing Center now under construction in what was the West Yellowstone Convention Center. The new Grizzly Peak Club ran a really outstanding restoration project in the East Bay that included native trout rescue and replanting. Further north the clubs have been active in the preservation of the Sacramento River fishery, working to maintain a viable Putah Creek fishery and many more projects. Most of us have been continuing our efforts with the Council Committee and the Truckee River Flyfishers to restore the once great Pyramid Lake fishery and we've had several fishouts to publicize the opportunities. All in all an excellent year.

Most of you are probably aware of the continuing effort at the Council level to limit the later-day gold rush in small hydropower projects that have been ripping up our streams and rivers. We've kept at it and at a lot more. One of the major achievements of the NCCFFF this year has been the establishment of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA). Rather than do actual lobbying in the Council we have split this kind of activity off into a separate organization CSPA with Roy Haile as President. CSPA is providing what no other has been able to produce before and that is full time representation in Sacramento and it is really effective. CSPA and CFRF have authored AB -387 the first practical in-stream fisheries bill that has a good chance of passage. They are working on a lot more from wetlands protection that save fishery nursery areas to getting fish protection and enhancement in new plans for water export through the Delta that could destroy the entire fishery if left alone. CSPA is providing us with a credible, responsible and effective conservation voice that gets listened to in the agency and legislative offices. In recent hearings before a legislative committee we were able to kill a plan to remove environmental review of the HO Banks pumps in the Delta. We were there, we took a responsible fishery conservation position and we were listed to by legislators that could have easily voted against our position. CSPA is expanding its base and is now being partially supported by the Southwest Council of the FFF, The California Striped Bass Association and by United Anglers. We are by far and away the largest group right now and must provide the greatest level of support. CSPA has now contracted for full time services of a first rate lobbyist and is giving us an early warning fisheries action service.

The bottom line is that we need your membership and your continued financial support at our Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Night to pay the cost of all our conservation programs and to support those votes for fish in Sacramento that are now gaining momentum. 1983 was a great year and one that was productive for the Federation, the Council, our 32 clubs and all our individual members. The opportunity for continued success is here. With everyone's help we can meet the challenges. The time is NOW, if we're up for the game!

CONSERVATION NOTES - THE STATUS OF PUTAH CREEK

The Putah Creek Committee of the FFD has been looking into the status of the stream since last summer. The following is based on observations by club and committee members, conversations with State of California enforcement and environmental services personnel, Yolo County game wardens, the Yolo County Department of Parks and Recreation, fisheries biologists of the State Department of Fish and Game, and members of other flyfishing clubs in the area.

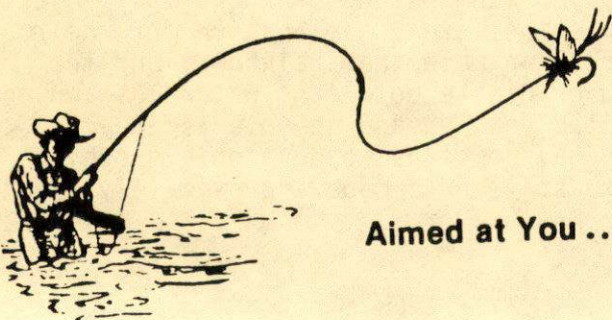
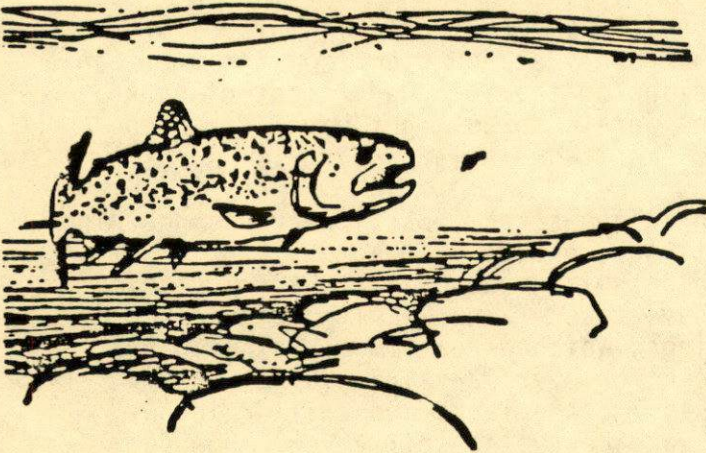
1. The stream became heavily silted several years ago due to extremely heavy rains, which adversely affected habitat, fisheries and fishing success. In 1983 evidence of clearing was seen and an increase in fish activity was noted. Weed beds have appeared again in Solano Lake. The clearing is likely due to the flushing action of high flows created by the spill-over from Lake Berryessa in the winter of 1982-83.
2. There has been no change in policy concerning summer and winter flow rates except those that cannot be controlled when spill-over occurs. Flow rates will normally be cut during late fall and winter to 50-100 sec. ft. DFG has for years recommended a minimum release of 100 sec. ft. Apparently little or no electricity will be generated from the hydro plant in the winter.
3. Over the past 15 years or so, enforcement of special regulations during the fly-fishing only season (Nov. 16-March 31) has been very lax. The reason for the lack of enforcement stems from the philosophy on enforcement of regulations, set up by the Fish and Game Commission, on a put-and-take stream. Enforcement personnel in this Region are not happy with the flyfishing season (and it was learned with fly-fishers in general) and have expressed their displeasure by not citing violators. Since the stream is a put-and-take situation the fishery is not threatened, in their opinion, and their efforts are directed more toward the protection of threatened and endangered species and in protecting declining fisheries (of which there are several) in the state. Put-and-take is considered the "bread and butter" of DFG. This situation was brought to the attention of the NCCFFC and some contacts with DFG administrators have been made. It is likely that some changes in enforcement policy will occur.
4. There is substantial evidence that a considerable number of violations of special regulations during the fly-fishing only season stem from the American Trails operation. This is also the feeling of the Yolo Department of Parks and Recreation. In the past, violations were numerous, but have increased substantially in the past year near the American Trails property.
5. There is good evidence of natural spawn in the stream, particularly concerning rainbow trout. Fish and Game biologists now concede that some spawn is possible in high water years, mainly in both large and small the tributaries of Putah Creek. Numerous fly-fishers have taken rainbows with no evidence of hatchery marks on their fins. Fingerlings, which were commonly planted years ago, have not been planted in Putah Creek for over 12 years. Since the survival of planted rainbows is less than 1%, the large and small rainbows stem either from natural spawn or from Lake Berryessa spill-over. However, large and small rainbows were present during long periods when no spill-over occurred, and, therefore, natural spawn is the likely explanation for their occurrence. Planted brown trout are more adaptable than rainbows, and the large browns present in the stream could originate both from natural spawn and plants. Only 2,000 brown trout are planted yearly, and the plants are made during the summer, usually in July. DFG has no plans to develop a trophy brown fishery in Putah Creek, contrary to statements made approximately eight years ago.

(NOTES Continued)

6. In 1983 increased insect activity was seen on Putah Creek. Some fairly heavy caddis activity was seen in August and September. A variety of mayflies have also been observed during the year. To date damsel flies and Calibatis have not been abundant.
7. Since the fishery in the past had thrived even when copper sulfate was used in the spring to control weed beds in upper Solano Lake, it is likely that this treatment, at past concentrations, was not detrimental. It is possible, however, that the concentration of copper sulfate used could vary from year to year and that high concentrations might have adversely affected the fishery at times. The committee will investigate this possibility.
8. Recently Lake Berryessa started to spill again and the stream is currently running over 2,500 sec. ft. The high flows will again help to flush remaining silt from the stream.
9. The committee is working on the impact of the proposed 1,000 Trails development on Putah Creek. At this writing Yolo County is more concerned than is DFG. Yolo County has issued a negative comment for the EIR involving several impacts on the county and the fishery. On the other hand, the DFG comment concerns public access, fences, and water quality. DFG encourages additional use of the area, which in our opinion and in the opinion of Yolo County, is already overly impacted.

Bill Schnathorst, Chairman Conservation
Committee and Putah Creek Subcommittee

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