

Prez Says... from John Reynolds

As I indicated last month, fall is my favorite season. There are just too many fun things to do outside not the least of which is taking part in club activities. What with the various outings and the famous (or should I say "infamous") Purah Creek cleanup I plan to be booked up until it rains. Speaking of the annual Putah Creek cleanup; it is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in December, that's the 2nd, so mark your calendars. Last year was a tremendous success. We had some 14 participant/victims, the weather was damn near perfect, Mark Tebbutt manned the BBQ, and someone even had the foresight to provide hand soap and water to rinse! I'm working on a theme of some sort for this years cleanup and the leading candidate thus far is "People are Sacred". I'm trying to come up with some lyrics that will fit with the Woody Woodpecker theme.....but I'm not getting anywhere. So, if any of yous out there have any better ideas, or any ideas at all for that matter, let me know.

The day after the cleanup will be the first in the "Grease for Peace" series at Lake Amador hosted by fishmeister Cary Boyden. Last year's series was quite successful, everyone caught nice, big, fat, stupid, factory fed fish. The breakfast at the resort just can't be beat. (try the "Hook, Line & Sinkers")

I'm also gearing up for the striper outing at Frank's Tract hosted by Jim Humphrey. I was really looking forward to stowing away on Dave Driscoll's boat, fishing with Daves pole, and catching fish on Dave's fly but alas he's gonna' be off blasting deer somewhere. I'll probably be at Pyramid Lake the following weekend on Jon Knapp's outing assuming I can bum a ride from someone.

For those of you who have gotten bored with the clubs web page take note, things are about to look up. Harve Holcomb has tentatively offered to take over the mastership of the clubs page. As the new guru of JavaScript, Perl, CGI and other Internet technologies, Harve will be providing us with a fresh look and lots of neat bells and whistles.

That's all from this corner. See you's at the meeting on Halloween night! **JR**

OUTINGS - Cary Boyden

Since last month's edition there have been two outings; one to the Klamath and the annual upper Sac trip reported on by Ron elsewhere in this edition. The Klamath trip was reminiscent of trips in the 70's and early 80's when days of up to 30 fish were not uncommon. As with last year's venture the club went to an area near Happy Camp where they essentially had the river to themselves. Starting Friday pm fishmeister Jim Wirth and Warren Caldwell found themselves in the honey hole with each taking in excess of 20 fish including several true steelhead; ie adult fish over 20 inches.

Things slowed somewhat on Saturday but the fishing remained good and El Presidente and Lowell Ashbaugh began also to get into the party. Whether next year will bring comparable results remains to be seen, but if so we may look to an earlier jet boat venture to the lower river and an early October trip back to the Happy Camp area. On the immediate horizon are Jim Humphrey's striper trip.

Note the November 3 start (Saturday is the focal point) instead of the traditional Halloween weekend timing. Then on the following weekend there will be a trip to Pyramid guided by Fishmeister Knapp .For those members who prefer closer venues winter is coming and the first breakfast at Amador is set for the first Sunday in December weather permitting. Members can count on at least one more Amador trip as well as earlier Pardee ventures, reflecting stories of double digit days early after the first Friday in February opening.-----

Coming up in the near-term are:

- Stripers, Saturday Nov.3rd - More from Jim Humphrey at the meeting.
- Pyramid Lake, November 10-11, Jon Knapp

Sugar Creek Ranch

Anyone interested in accompanying Jon Knapp, Bob Percy and Ron Rabun to SCR on Saturday, November 18th, contact Ron at 800-FLY FSHN. A special fee will apply for a limited number of spots.

UPPER SAC OUTING Report

On October 7th weekend, two FFDers, Adney Bowker and Ron Rabun fished the the Upper Sacramento River in Dunsmuir. The river fished really well with both of us landing several fish. Wee also hit the Upper McCloud where we found 'stockies' for easy pickens. Adney landed one over 16 inches. Members are really missing out on this great outing.

YOLO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DRAWING WINNER FOR A FLY FISHING OUTFIT

The name of the lucky winner is Robin Schlosser who is 13 and resides in Woodland, CA. The Schlosser family has not confirmed whether they will be able to attend the next meeting..

**Raffle Board closed last meeing.
Scott Kubik will need to come and
claim his fly rod at the next meeting.
Thanks for the member support
with the Raffle Board.**

Angler's Desk Calendars

Anyone interested in ordering the Silver Creek Press 2001 Angler's Desk Calendar (by the week), Contact Ron Rabun at 800-FLY-FSHN. Embossed with "The BIG ED Fish Society". Cost is \$17 including tax and shipping. A savings over the normal \$24.95 +tax retail price.(Signup at meeting.)

NCCFFF Conservation Network

This new committee has been formed. Here's notes from the chair, Rob Farroggiaro.....

Thanks to all of you who attended the 9/23/00 meeting of our Conservation Network in Lodi. We have 24 people representing 20 clubs who want to participate in our Network. While it wasn't possible for all of them to attend this recent meeting, we did have 13 people in attendance which made for a great group. We'll be sure to stay in touch with those who couldn't attend. While it's fresh on my mind, here were the key outcomes of the meeting:

1. A recommended role description for club conservation chairs which outlined the essential and optional activities that will make us most effective. We plan to develop a handbook to these roles.
2. Guidelines for an improved communication system to deliver important conservation news and action alerts to interested members (Norm has already sent me a suggested format for future Email alerts which I'll use next time.)

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ODC 916 with 9 foot river raft material pontoons; anchor system; diamond plate deck; padded seat; 7 foot oars; one large bag for pump or gear; one smaller bag with plenty of capacity; side stripping basket; new cost well over \$1000, asking \$550. Oars break down into two pieces each and frame easily assembled and disassembled. Excellent condition.

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