

## ***Prez Says .... from Bill Rains***

I have been a member of the club for approximately 10 years, a youngster relative to some of the more long-term (senior) members. I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the club. I enjoy the diversity of the members, the camaraderie of the outings and the meetings.

One concern I have is the rather limited attendance at the outings. If you read the news letter you see that a large number have already been arranged. Cary Boyton has done an outstanding job of arranging outings for the club and we greatly appreciate his effort. These outings are a great opportunity to get outdoors and to interact with fellow club members. Currently, most of the outings are attended by a hard core of individuals. It is great to have a dedicated group, a situation that ensures a certain number of attendees; however, it also is important to have a greater representation of the broader membership.

Your input on the type and location of outings would be greatly appreciated and could increase that participation. Any and all suggestions will be very helpful. We will continue to promote greater participation of these activities and to encourage members to take advantage of the outdoors experience, the camaraderie, and just plain fun offered during these "get togethers"; and sometimes the fishing ain't too bad!



## **Kiene's Fly Fishing Festival**

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am. – 4pm.**

**(Fulton and Marconi around back)**

**This year's featured guest is CHICO FERNANDEZ, internationally known fly angler.** All day fly tying demonstrations. See new products and talk to manufacturer reps. Cast rods or even enter the Kiene Casting contest. Bill's buying hot dogs and sodas too.

## **Casting Clinic**

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am.**

**Northstar Pond, Davis**

Bob Z and other FFD members will gather to practice fly casting skills. All members of any skill level are invited. Beginners will be given hands on instruction. Beginners don't need a rod either. Extra rods will be available. Also, you will be assisted in setting up your gear for any fishing situation. This is a good opportunity to get help with your casting techniques as well try out different sizes and types of rods. There may even be some spay rods to try out. Just show up and bring a friend. Non-members are welcome. Contact Bob Zasoski

## **2001 DUES**

### **Way Past Due??????**

**Members past due, this will be your last newsletter, if you haven't paid as of this month's meeting. \$25 Payable to Fly Fishers of Davis at meeting or by mail: POBOX 525, DAVIS, 95617**

## **YOLO COUNTY FAIR BOOTH**

It's not too early to think about this year's booth at the Yolo Fair held in August. This year we are trying to spruce up the booth with photos, projects and other fly fishing information. Members are being asked to submit photos and other ideas for the booth. Contact Bill Rains with your ideas.

## Conservation Desk

with Lowell Ashbaugh

### More on FROGS and TROUT

[Reported by Billy Van Loek]

Since July 2000 an ESA petition is pending to list the Mountain Yellow Legged Frog as endangered, and the restoration plan calls for gill netting 20-30% of the lakes in the High Sierra. The proposed plan is overkill. Worse it could be the beginning of the end of trout fishing in the Sierra since trout are not "native" to the High Sierra lakes and "habitat restoration" dictates removal in the minds of many in the scientific community.

The Environmental Assessment filed as a prerequisite to the first of the gill netting operations. There is a comment period now open but it closes April 26, 2001. Now is the time to begin making your objections to extirpating trout in Sierra lakes known. I urge each club and all club members to write or email the NPS and USFS and let them know how you feel about this issue. While this is a sort of opening skirmish" it is still important to make sure they take account of public sentiment-- meaning your viewpoint, folks.

Comments may be emailed to:

- 1) SEKI\_Superintendent@nps.gov
- 2) harold\_werner@nps.gov

or mailed (regular mail) to:

Superintendent,  
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks,  
47050 General Highway,  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

[Sample letter]

To Park Service:

I am writing to oppose the plan to gill net trout to conserve native frogs in Sierra Nevada lakes. The trout represent a recreational resource highly important to (me/our club) and is an important element of (my/our) vacation activity in the Sierra Nevada. The trout in the Sierra mountains are now mostly wild trout, and are worth conserving in their own right, especially the golden trout. The location of all populations of genetically

pure or nearly pure golden trout outside Golden Trout Wilderness is not known. The golden trout is also a threatened species, and there is a risk of killing rare pure strain golden trout until such a survey is completed. It makes no sense to kill one threatened species to save another. Two wrongs don't make a right.

(I/we) strongly urge you to adopt Alternative 1, and to avoid any gill netting of trout. The natural history of the mountain yellow legged frog is not complete for its entire range and it is probable that alternate habitat sites for restoring frogs that minimize or eliminate conflicts with trout and recreational fishing resources can be located. As it stands, the choice of high elevation lakes guarantees the maximum conflict with recreational use and maximum adverse consequences for the trout. Taking it easy until a better solution can be worked out is the best course for now.

Yours truly,  
(signed w/ return address)

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### TROUT OPENER CELEBRATION

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## FLY PATTERN OF THE MONTH



### Pheasant Tail Nymph

(tied by BobZasoski)

The Pheasant Tail Nymph, , was developed by Frank Sawyer. It is, along with the gold rib hare's ear, is a staple in the fly box of nearly every fly fisher. The pattern is relatively easy to tie and is a very productive fly. There are several variations of the PT as it is called. The original version is tied with the copper wire as tying thread and ribbing. The Sawyer PT red, green or copper wire for the thorax. Others use pheasant tail fibers for the thorax as well bead head, flashback, soft hackle dyed/bleached pheasant for lighter mayfly patterns.

**Hook:** Dry fly wire or 1x stout wire in standard 1 or 2 x long shank in size 10 to 20.

**Thread:** Brown 6/0 or 8/0 or color to match dyed PT fibers.

**Tail:** Fibers from a pheasant tail.

**Body:** Pheasant tail fibers.

**Rib:** Fine copper wire.

**Thorax:** Peacock herl

**Wing case:** Pheasant tail fibers. Krystal flash or flashabou for the flashback version.

**Hackle:** None, the wing case fibers are used for legs swept back along the sides.

#### **Tying Instructions:**

Start the thread and dress the shank down to the tail position above the barb. Select a pheasant tail with strong dark bars or bands. Those with mottles or less distinct markings are softer and less acceptable with weaker fibers. Select 3 to 5 pheasant tail fibers and pull them down so that the fibers are perpendicular to the stem. This will even the tips. Cut the fibers and tie them in on top of the shank at the bend to form a tail. Take two wraps around the fibers then hold up the fibers and bring the thread in front of the tail fibers. Tie in the copper wire behind the tail fibers and take two wraps over the copper tail fibers at the same location where the first wraps were made to anchor the PT fibers. Again hold up the fibers and come in front of the tail fibers. Wrap the tying thread to the thorax position covering the copper wire as you go.

Wrap the PT fibers around the shank to form the body being sure to cover the thread wraps that held the copper wire in the tail position. Since each fiber may travel a slightly different path and have a different

diameter to cover on the shank, it is necessary to regrasp the PT fibers as you wrap the body. Regrasping and gently pulling the fiber will insure that the individual fibers are tightly wrapped on the shank.

At the thorax position, tie off the PT fibers used for the body. Tie in 6- 10 pheasant tail fibers on the top of the shank with the base directed toward the hook eye. These fibers should be all the same length. Efforts to get these fiber the same length will pay dividends latter. The fibers should about project backwards from the thorax position about one shank length (personal preference and whether the hook is 1 or 2x long will call for some adjustment to the length of the wing case). Tie down the butts of the wing case fibers and return to the thorax tie in point.

Tie in two (one for small flies) peacock herl by the butt ends. Since the herl flues are directed toward the tip of the herl, tying in the butt ends will allow you to wrap the herl with minimum disturbance to the flues. Wind the herl to the eye and tie it down leaving room for the head. Counter wrap the copper wire from the tail position to the eye. This will simultaneously provide a ribbing for the abdomen and reinforce the peacock herl. Counter wrapping the abdomen provides better reinforcement and the rib stands out better as it does not nestle between the wraps of the abdomen. Tie off the wire and trim it by wiggling the wire back and forth. This is much easier than cutting the wire and easier on your scissors. Bring the PT fibers over the herl thorax to form a wing case and secure the fibers with two wraps at the head position. Select 3 or 4 fibers and pull them back along the side of the hook to form legs. Wrap the legs down and do the same for the other side of the hook. If there are additional fibers pointing over the hook eye trim them and make a thread head. Whip finish and cement the head.

Variations: 1) Wrapping one bleached PT fiber after wrapping the abdomen will provide a ribbed effect. 2) Using PT fibers dyed different colors and wire of different colors adds versatility to the pattern. 3. A bead head or weighted versions will help get the fly down. 4. A flash back ( krystal flash or flasabou used for the wing case will add some flash to the pattern.

## **FLY TYING CLASSES**

### **Continue**

**Bob Z's fly tying classes continue with good attendance. Bob urges tyers of all levels to attend. The Pattern of the Month will be demonstrated. Classes continue Wednesdays through May 30<sup>th</sup> with no class on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Bob, 753-2241 for additional information. Location is the UCD Viticulture Lab.**

# CLUB CALENDAR

## ----- OUTINGS -----

Cary Boyden, Chairman

Pardee II was a culinary success followed by mediocre fishing. One last shot on area lakes will be the trip to Camanche on the 18th. Guide Jon Knapp will hopefully prove his prowess and we will have another option for the future. We have a tentative Kelsey trip for the 28th of April to go with the Redding and Pyramid trips in April. The Redding trip ended up with 14 signed up, an increase from last year's 12. The year's entire tentative schedule is:

TRIP	FISH	FISHMEISTER	DATE	Fee
				<small>(guided/private waters)</small>
Upper Putah Smorgi	Bass, Trout	John Reynolds 916-753-2682	May	
Feather/Sac Rivers	Shad	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	June 2	
Davis Lake	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	June 9-10	
Macumber/Manzanita	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	July 14-15	
Sierra Backpack	Trout	John Forsyth 916-750-1192	August	
Pleasant Valley Creek	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	August	\$ 60
Putah Creek	Trout	John Reynolds/John Forsyth 753-2682 916-750-1192	Various	
Upper Klamath	Steelhead	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	Sept	
Upper Sac River	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Delta	Stripers	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	Oct	
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	Jon Knapp 916-756-9056	Nov	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Oct or Nov	\$130
Lake Amador	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	Dec 2	

## ----- 2001 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS -----

April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mongolia	Gary Eblen, American Fly Fishing
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Argentina – Trout to Dorado	Don Childress
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Picnic at City Park Picnic Area near Davis Art Center	6pm.
August 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yolo Fair Booth – Woodland	(no regular meeting this month)
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	
December 11th	TBA	

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