

Prez Says from Bill Rains

The last two issues of Field & Stream have featured a discussion of the financial difficulties currently being experienced by the State Fish and Game Agencies. Although sportsmen criticize some actions by these agencies, these Agencies have been at the forefront of many successful and critical conservation programs. They have provided improved management of both wild lands and fisheries and provided enforcement of rules fashioned to preserve our natural system. The current difficulty arises from the fact that they have been structured so that the primary financial support comes from the user group, hunters and fishers.

The reality of this is that under the current responsibilities shouldered by these Agencies they can no longer survive on license fees. The temporary solution has been to dramatically increase the fees. This causes a very negative response from the sportsman community and, coupled with decreasing fishing and hunting access and success, some individuals are giving up outdoor sporting activities. This of course increases the problem.

There are numerous solutions being proposed including the concept that all members of our society should share in the costs for these management activities. Some states have introduced a "tax" to pay the costs and at the federal level there is a proposal to divert off shore oil royalties to state fish and game agencies. We, as a Club interested in conservation, should monitor this situation carefully and as individuals, assist in whatever capacity to maintain outdoor resources. The fish and game agencies may not be perfect; however, the alternatives could be much less attractive.

– Bill

Sugar Creek Ranch Outing Friday, May 10th

Fishmeister: Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN

We are returning to take on the BIG Bows of Sugar Creek Ranch with fishing on the Upper Sac. There several spots still available. Here's your chance to try all your still water tricks for BIG TROUT. We will finish up the day on Sugar Creek by heading back to Dunsmuir for dinner to enhance those angling stories. More info on Sugar Creek Ranch can be found at www.sugarcreekranch.com.

SPECIAL CLUB RATE: Sugar Creek Ranch special club daily rod fee through Ron is \$130 per person \$20 off the normal \$150 daily access fee. Call Ron Rabun at 1-800-FLY-FSHN

2 of 8 spots left.

TROUT OPENER

CA Trout Season Opens Saturday, April 27th so get out there and pick your rock with everyone else. Be sure to wade safely in early season high water. Wear a wading belt. Use a wading staff. Add lots of weight to your rig. Fish larger dark patterns such as #10-8 BH-Prince or Stonefly patterns. Use lighter and larger #12 BH-Bird's Nest on your droppers. Use heavier tippetts in higher flows.

Hint: Avoid crowds, go Shad fishing.



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**OUTINGS REPORT: See Cary's notes
on the Outings page.**

FLY FISHING LAWYERS ARE SMART

by Ron Rabun

(fictional adaptation of the actual case of the lawyer and his rare cigars)

A lawyer who was also a fly fisherman had bought property with a 1 mile catch and release river. He had the river surveyed to find out how many trout lived in the stream. The survey results were exceptional. It revealed 2000 fish 10 inches or under, 1250 fish from 10" to 15", additionally 125 fish to 20 inches, plus 15 fish to 25 inches and 2 fish around 30 inches. He thought he had made a fine investment.

The lawyer fly fisherman attended a fly fishing auction and paid \$3,500 for a rare fly tied by Herter, the famous fly tier. The rare size 20 dry fly was added to his collection of unique and rare flies. To his astonishment the fly appraised at a value of \$5,000 for which he insured it. Again, he was please with his purchasing wisdom.

The fly fisherman one day decided to see if the fly would catch fish and proceeded to cast it to one of his favorite trout lies on the stream. Upon the first cast, a 29-inch lunker trout grabbed the fly and the fight was on. The angler and the fish struggled for 20 minutes when suddenly the fish broke off and swam back to its lie in the stream.

Disappointed on loosing the fish and the fly, he still knew the rare fly was insured and would reap a profit. The fisherman filed an insurance claim that the fly had been stolen. The company immediately refused to pay. Immediately, the fisherman lawyer sued in small claims court....and won!

In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous, but, ruled the insurance policy lacked definition regarding limitations with regard to use of the fly. A \$5,000 settlement was paid.

The day after cashing the check, the fly fisherman was again fishing his favorite stretch of his stream when he hooked the exact same fish. This time the angler played the fish smartly and won the battle netting the 29 inch trout, the biggest he had ever caught. To his amazement, the rare dry fly was still in the lip of the fish and the fisherman retrieved it. He quickly took a picture of this large trout fish with the rare fly. Then returned the trout to the stream. He thought, "Now, I can prove to my angling buddies that using the rare flies in his collection he can catch huge trout."

Knowing he could not keep the fly, he decided to cash in on the value of the fly and set up a listing on E-Bay. A picture was included as proof the rare fly actually catches fish, in hope of enhancing its online marketability. The fly sold in the online auction for \$10,000. The lawyer fly fisherman was truly impressed with his investing, fishing and financial prowess.

The next day there was a knock at the front door and he was greeted by two policemen. The fisherman lawyer was arrested. It seems that the insurance company had registered it's interest in rare flies on E-Bay and had bought the fly.

This lawyer fisherman was convicted and received 5 years for: Receiving Stolen Property; Conspiracy to Sell Stolen Property; Selling Stolen Property, Conspiracy to commit Insurance Fraud and Insurance Fraud. He now spends his days in Folsom Prison fly tying for Dennis Pearce, a wholesale fly supplier.

TO THIS DAY THE LUNKER TROUT IS STILL AT LARGE.

Moral of the Story: Lunker trout always get away regardless how many flies they steal.

[Note: The California Supreme Court ruled that to electroshock the stream to arrest the trout was cruel and unusual punishment.]

IT 's An ELECTRONIC WORLD

Technology is advancing and the Fly Fishers of Davis is don't want to lag behind. With most members having access to computers and the Internet, we want to take more advantage of technology. John Reynolds, webmaster, has been doing a fine job with our website and posting events, information and newsletter info. Recent feedback has found that our website works well for posting information and attracting new members. We are looking to leverage the website further potentially with a FFD domain name and enhanced information exchange.

One immediate area that we can implement is with the monthly newsletter. The FFD Board of Directors has been considering the publishing of the newsletter electronically for distribution via email link. Presently, the newsletter averages around \$1.40 per issue to print and mail. We publish 10 issues a year and distribute approximately 120 per month. This is a considerable expense portion of member dues. Distributing the newsletter electronically would save printing and distribution costs that would defer future dues increases, provide more funds for programs and projects. We understand that many members would still prefer a printed copy; therefore, an option for those members to receive a printed mailed copy is proposed at an additional dues cost of \$10 per year, or \$35 per year. This additional fee will also apply to Life Members. If adopted, this would take effect for 2003.

In addition to the savings noted above, an electronic newsletter could contain same quality presentation and add color graphics, Internet links, and more pages. Also, an electronic distribution list could assist with communications on outings, fly tying classes and other activities.

Please provide your feedback or concerns directly to the Bill Rains, President, or Ron Rabun, Editor.



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Fluorocarbon Leaders and Tippetts

There's a debate brewing over the use of fluorocarbon versus nylon monofilament. Aside from being nearly invisible in water, one of the selling points of fluorocarbon is its durability and toughness. But this same durability becomes a liability when you dispose of it, whether you're just clipping off a wind knot in the middle of a stream (yeah, right, it's the wind – nothing to do with casting...) or when setting up your line prior to a big fishing trip.

Nylon monofilament will eventually degrade upon exposure to UV light. You've probably had a monofilament line break because it's weakened with age – it's partly because of this exposure. But fluorocarbon leader is not weakened by UV light. It's also much more abrasion-resistant than nylon. It really is practically indestructible. So when you discard it, you'll find it nearly unchanged decades later.

Some conservation-minded folks are advocating that we not use fluorocarbon. But I don't buy the argument. It doesn't matter whether you're using nylon or fluorocarbon. You should NEVER discard line outdoors. Tuck it in your pocket and dispose of it properly when you get home (and if you're really conscientious about it clip it into small pieces first). Sure, nylon eventually degrades with exposure to UV light. But the key word is "eventually." And it doesn't take much depth of water to dramatically reduce the amount of UV light reaching it. Dispose of (or lose) nylon in the water and it will stay there virtually forever. I'm sure you've found discarded line both in and out of the water. This raises another point – tie your knots well and carefully, and test them before fishing. You'll not only lose less terminal tackle – thereby polluting your favorite stream with line – you'll also lose fewer fish.

There's another issue, as well, that I have not seen in the debate. Fluorocarbon is so much more durable than nylon that it lasts much longer. It doesn't wear as fast as nylon so you'll need to change it much less often. That translates into less discarded fishing line, and that's the ultimate conservation tactic. So use fluorocarbon line without guilt. But ALWAYS dispose of all fishing line responsibly. Don't leave it at your favorite fishing spot - take it home with you.

This Month's Pattern

In a desperate attempt to get participation up in the monthly fly tying contest, we are taking a broader approach. **This month, tie any dry fly trout pattern.** It will be judged on pattern representation, proportions and quality of tie. Here's your chance to win. Also, we have instituted a policy that a person can only win twice in one year. Submit your patterns.

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Tie the Pattern of the Month for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate for American Fly Fishing Company. The patterns submitted will be judged by our esteemed fly tying chairman and selected evaluators. Judging criteria are the pattern tied most closely to the Fly of the Month instructions, fly construction skills and best representation of the pattern. Judges decision will be final. Patterns will be assigned a number and judged anonymously. When you arrive at the meeting, sign in and place a numbered tag on your pattern. Submitters are not eligible to judge.

Thanks to Gary Eblen for this sponsorship.

From the FFF Club Wire

GOING FISHING?

Spring is in the air once again. The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing. Bugs are hatching and fish are looking up. It's that fine time of year when the air temperature is warm enough to create hatches and arouse the fish, yet not so warm that the snow in the mountains liquefies itself and swells our fisheries to an unwadable and unsafe level. The problem is all those "honey-dos" that also inch their way forward, ever so adroitly edging out fishing. My wife reminds me of the screens to be cleaned, trim that needs paint, and 271 other menial tasks that effectively wipe out fishing time.

As I write this column, it is past my work hours and before sunset; which would be just enough time to zip out to the river for about 30 - 40 minutes of good fishing. But here I sit, lamenting. If I weren't here, or at the river, I would be at home doing something useful and productive, like picking up dog doo. So I avoid the honey dos, skip fishing, and subsequently plot my next dabble at the river. In this endeavor, I take note of some sage advised I found posted on a fly fishing bulletin board by a guy known as 'Carpy', a.k.a. Paul Hendricks, of Chico California. He swears to me he has actually used each and every one of these 'need to go fishing' tactics at one time or another.

Carpy's Top 10 things to do to get your significant other to tell you to go fishing:

10. Offer to do the washing or better yet.
9. Offer to iron her clothes.
8. Clean all of your reels, etc. in the living room.
7. Tell her you would like to go clothes shopping for her.
6. Look over, smile sweetly...and wink.
5. Sit around the house all day watching fishing shows on the Outdoor Channel.
4. Tell her you are going to fix (fill in blank) anything to do with plumbing.
3. Do nothing; just follow her around all day.
2. Walk around being cheerful, especially in the morning when she just woke up.
1. **Grab a Chainsaw and tell her your going to prune the landscaping.**

If I see you at the river with a chainsaw in your back seat I'll know you've successfully worked your way through the list. *Caveat piscari*

(by Gil Hassen of the Merced Flyfishing Club in California)

[Next month: John Reynold's will offer up the Top 10 reasons to take your significant other fishing.]

Quotables

"I have enough trouble remembering common English, much less learning Latin names for bugs. My hero in trout fishing still is John Voelker, alias Robert Traver, the famed author and trout fisherman who, when asked the name of his favorite fly, replied that it was 'some damn little brown thing."

- Joel M. Vance, *Field & Stream*, July 1985

"Fly fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others, and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations. It is not even clear if catching fish is actually the point."

- John Gierach, *Dances with Trout*, 1994; quoted in *The Quotable Fisherman*, Nick Lyons, ed.

"Can you help get this damn thing out of my ear."

- Ron Rabun to Sarge Reynolds at Pyramid Lake some date in the distant past.

"Sure! Just stand there while I tie this end to the bumper."

- Sarge Reynolds a few minutes later.



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CLUB CALENDAR

----- 2001/2002 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS -----

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., Davis Waste Removal Meeting Room, 2727 2nd Street, Davis (east of Sudwerks) unless otherwise noted.

2002

April 30 th	Al Kyte, Trout Tactics
May 28 th	Homegrown Clinic: Spey Casting, Leaders-Tippets, Types of Boats AND Gear Swap
June 25 th	Powell Rod Demo and Halibut on the Fly, Ron Vanderheiden, 7pm start.
July 30 th	Annual Picnic, 6 p.m. Davis Park behind the Art Center.
August	No Regular Meeting. Yolo Fair Booth TBA
September 24 th	TBA
October 29 th	TBA
November 26 th	TBA
December 17 th	Home Grown Slide Show
	Election of 2003 Officers and Directors
	Have a program recommendation, contact Ron Rabun at 1-800-FLY-FSHN

----- OUTINGS -----

For the the first time in several months there is an Outings Report worth noting. The Club's now annual Spring Redding trip produced the largest turnout yet of 16. The fishing was overall the best in the three years the trip has been held. Several trout in the 24" range were landed. A number of a dozen plus days were had. High boat landed somewhere in the mid 30's for the two members which included steelhead of 23" and 25". The guides indicated that the best fishing may be in the Fall, and we are asking for a quote and a date on a Fall trout/steelhead trip. More on this at the April meeting. Also at the April meeting will be signups for Ron's Sugar Creek Trip in addition to a shad trip on Memorial Day Friday (presumably to the Sacramento), Davis for some damsel action and Almanor, perhaps not too late for the hex hatch. Presumably John Forsyth will have sheet out for a backpacking venture as well. Cary Boyden, Chairman, 503-753-3826

OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	March/April	Jon Knapp 916-753-3826	
Sacramento R. Redding	Trout	April 6	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	\$132.75 pp plus tip
Lake Amador	Bass/Trout	April 13	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Friday, May 10th	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130pp w/lunch. Limit 8
Payne's Creek	Bass	April 20	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Sacramento/Yuba River	Shad	May 25	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Davis Lake	Trout	June 15-16	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Summer Trout	Trout	July 13-14	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Backpacking/Trout	Trout	July/August	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
British Columbia	Silver Salmon	August	John Forsyth / Ron Rabun	\$\$\$, 5-7 day trip/lodge
Pleasant Valley/	Trout	August/Sept	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$70 w/ lunch Limit 12
Klamath/Half Pounders	Steelhead	Early Sept	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	# jet boats spots limited
Upper Sac/Mcloud Rivers	Trout	October	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	
Delta/Striper	Stripped Bass	October/Nov	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	November 16	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130pp w/lunch. Limit 8
Amador/Trout	Trout	December	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	

Fees applicable access, guide or launching are noted for each trip. Newsletter will have more details or call the Fishmeister.

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