

Prez Says from John Forsyth

The 2003 Annual Dinner was a great success. Approximately 75 members and guests enjoyed an evening of prizes, good food and drink along with an entertaining program held at the Senior Center on February 22. I think everyone had a good time relaxing with friends and family. This was a group effort culminating after six months worth of work. Although I am at risk of not including everyone, I would like to thank the many members and contributors who made it possible.

Thanks to the White's for again providing a fine meal, possibly for the last time, sadly. Great job Jim and Cynthia! Reed Enos did a Herculean effort in organizing all the prizes and producing the descriptions and the buckets etc.

Ron Rabun, Bob Percy and Lowell Ashbaugh outdid themselves producing a very entertaining program consisting of member's photos placed to music. Fantastic job! If the members keep providing such good material, this program will continue to improve.

Thanks to all the Board members and officers who helped set up, sell tickets, and pick up. Maria Tebbutt's bartending was much appreciated. Thanks Mark Tebbutt for the liquor license. Several members generously donated flies including Bob Zasoski, Bob Percy, Bud Henle, Lowell Ashbough, John Reynolds, and Ron Rabun. Zak again came through with three beautifully hand crafted rods.

The evening would not have been complete without the sharp wit of Steve Ohrwall at the microphone. A list of donors is included in the newsletter, but some special recognition is in order. Many thanks to the Kienes for again heavily subsidizing the raffle and donating the Grand Prize, a beautiful Sage XP. Fly Fishing Specialties and Stan Hellickson again contributed to the High Roller's prize, another Sage XP. Norwest Executive Guide Service of Woodland donated a one day guided trip. Mata Rolston's superb quilt was definitely a hit, gathering the third most tickets of any bucket. I apologize for any omissions and encourage everyone to come out next year. - John

Current Membership Report

Upon conclusion of the Annual Dinner, FFD has 63 paid, 12 life/honorary and 41 pending members from the 2002 year. Jim Humphrey now joins the ranks of the honorary life members after paying dues continuously for 20 years in accordance with the club bylaws.

Last Call to pay 2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2003 memberships dues deadline is April 1st, no fooling. That is the cutoff for maintaining your automatic newsletter distribution. The dues are \$25 per year when receiving the newsletter electronically by email or the website. Dues are \$35 if you wish to continue to receive your newsletter printed and delivered via mail. Receive both for \$35. You will not receive a newsletter if you have not paid by April 20th.

Bring your check to the meeting or mail to:

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If you are receiving the paper version, you can also get the e-version notification by sending your email to Ron. - The Editor



Payne Ranch Walk-In
Saturday, April 26,
Fishmiester: John Reynolds
 Call 530-753-2682

Grease up you hikin' boots . . . dust off 'ur pole. It's bass bustin'season. Saturday, April 26, we'll be hiking into the Payne Ranch area to see if the 3 ponds with smallmouth bass are gonna' cooperate.

This outing will be a day hike. Bring your pole (4/5/6 wt.), some wooly buggers (size 6/8/10), maybe some poppers, and an assortment of floating and sinking lines. Though most of the fish are dinks in the 5" to 8" range there are a few intrepid clubsters, John Forsyth, John Hodgson, Mark Tebbutt and myself who have caught fish up to 18". You'll want to bring a day-pack, sack lunch and plenty of water. There are snakes in the area this time of year but they're not TOO big a problem. (We've only lost 2 clubsters thus far!)

Again, this is an official "Family Values (Clothing Optional)" FFD event so bring the whole damn family. (They'll never speak to you again!) Look for a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

John Reynolds, 530-753-2682

Northern CA Council
Federation of Fly Fishers
Regional Fly Tying Event
Sacramento Area
Saturday, April 12th, 2003
9 am to 3 pm.

Location: Hart Senior Citizen Center
915 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816

Donation at the Door: \$10

On April 12th, the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers, will conduct a fly tying event at the Hart Senior Citizens Center at 27th and "J" Street in Sacramento. The Hart Center building and grounds occupies a whole block. The site of the event is the Cyprus Room of his facility. The hours are from 9 AM until 3 PM. There will be at least thirty tyers tying flies that work in regional waters for stripers, bass, trout, salmon and shad. Regional waters range from the American, Yuba and Feather rivers to the big lakes, the Delta and the Sierra mountain streams and lakes. Top regional tyers have accepted invitations to tie, and there will be seats where you can observe all the tricks the tyer uses. In addition, there will be a silent auction of flies donated by some of California's top tyers.

This event benefits and helps support and raise a small amount of money for the NCCFFF for things such as local grants for conservation and education projects. The three Sacramento fly shops have committed to underwriting the cost of the facility, and a silent auction of tyer donated fly selections will be part of the fund raising activities.

Want to be a Tyer?

Contact Dave Ford (see below). Tyers will get free admittance. and need to bring their own equipment and material. We will provide light plugs. There will be either two or three shifts depending on the number of tyers I am able to line up

If you have any questions, call or e-mail.
 Dave Ford at 916-967-3847 or
DaveF17965@aol.com

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Directions: The Hart Center is a short block and a half off Business 80 in Sacramento. Approaching from the West take the "J" Street turnoff, follow 30th Street to a left back under the freeway on "I" Street to 27th and I. From the East, take the "E" Street turnoff from Business 80, stay straight ahead on 29th Street until a right on "I", following I Street to 27th. >

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Sugar Creek Ranch Outing Signups

TBD: Late May, Early June

Fishmeister: Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN

Interest prevailing, we are returning to take on the BIG Bows of Sugar Creek Ranch with fishing on the Upper Sac. There will be a signup at the meeting with proposed dates. We will need to know our numbers by April 20th to secure our dates. Depending on preferences we will either fish SGR on Friday or Saturday. If your interested signup or call Ron, 800-FLY-FSHN. Remember this is a fee trip at \$130 per person including lunch.

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From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Trinity River news. Relaxing an earlier decision, Judge Oliver Wanger gave the Department of Interior an additional six months to complete a study on why additional flows are needed in the Trinity River. Despite the fact that the Record of Decision filed by Interior in December 2000 was based on 20 years of study, Judge Wanger required this report as the result of a lawsuit filed by the Westlands Water District, recipients of Trinity River water. An earlier report deadline of December 9, 2003 was deemed impossible to meet, and Wanger relaxed it after hearing from the Hoopa Tribe. The Hoopa tribe is appealing a decision to restrict Trinity River flows to what would be allowed in a dry year regardless of the amount of water available. This year there is more than enough water in the lake behind Trinity Dam, unlike other reservoirs in the Sierra Nevada and Cascades. Perhaps Judge Wanger will see the light and allow sufficient flow down the river to support the fishery. Don't hold your breath, though.

Related news. The Justice Department agreed to pay for the multi-million dollar Westlands Water settlement (check last month's *Fisherman's Line*) with a fund established for that purpose. Earlier, it had proposed to pay for it by using funds already planned for other water projects in California. The entire California congressional delegation protested that decision, and the Justice Department eventually caved in.

Klamath River news. There's a below normal snowpack in the Cascades this year, so don't be surprised if the Klamath River suffers once again. The Bush Administration shows no capacity to take on conservation or environmental issues, but instead wants to please the farmers of the Klamath Basin. The demands for water in the basin and downstream simply cannot be met with the supply available. Don't look for a balanced water budget, though.

**Conservation News from
NCCFFF**

Conservation Network meeting. I'll be attending a meeting of Conservation Chairs from fly fishing clubs all over northern California on Saturday, March 15. I'll get an update on key conservation issues and activities from NCCFFF, and we'll have a speaker from the California Hydropower Reform Coalition who will brief us on the impact of FERC relicensing on tailwater fisheries. I'll also hear more about the DFG's Trout Management Strategic Plan and the Wild Trout and Heritage Trout programs. Finally, we'll discuss potential project opportunities to remove steelhead passage barriers and how lack of timber harvest oversight may be damaging Sierra streams. Contact me if you have any questions about these issues or if you'd like to get involved.



Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Hall of Fame

Saturday, March 29, 2003

9AM to 5PM

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Thanks to Gary Eblen for this sponsorship.

NEXT PATTERN for MARCH Meeting

SCUD, Size 12

Tyer's Choice and Variation.



This month's pattern is TYERS SELECTION of a Scud in a Size 12. Pick and tie your favorite variation. They will be judged on the representation, quality of tie and overall tying techniques. Here is a simple tie for a scud.

Hook: - Scud Tiemco 2457 or 2487

Body - Ostrich herl, topped with scud back, crystal flash, or any semi-transparent material.

Rib: fine wire

Tying Instructions: Tie in the wire rib and topping at the rear of the hook followed by an olive (any scud color will do) ostrich herl. Bring the tying thread to the eye and wrap the ostrich herl to the front of the hook. Tie off the herl and pull the ostrich fibers down so that they are orientated toward the bottom of the body. Trim the herl flues on the top and sides leaving the bottom fibers pointing downward beneath the hook shank . Bring the scud back over the body and tie in at the eye. The scud back or other topping will help orient the ostrich flues. Wrap the body with fine wire, tie off and whip finish. This is a very simple pattern that seems

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to fish well and goes together in a hurry. The fly looks a bit better if you wrap two ostrich herls for the body. In this case wrap one clockwise and the other counter clockwise. This produces a more symmetrical and denser fiber distribution under the body. You can also wrap a small section of orange ostrich herl in the center of the body to simulate a gravid or pregnant scud. Scuds are important food items in tailwater streams and lakes. Don't leave home for these waters with out a few scuds in olive, orange, tan between size 10 and 16.

NEXT MONTH'S PATTERN Water Boatman, Size 12



FLY TYING CLASS STARTING

Beginning: APRIL 2nd and 9th.

General: April 16, 23, 30, May 7.

We again have permission to use the Viticulture Field House for tying. I am proposing to have beginning tying April 2 and 9 followed with additional sessions on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7. There will be a sign up for tying at the next meeting and maps to the field house. People can contact me directly at home 753-2241 or by email:

rjzasoski@ucdavis.edu. - Bob Z.

CASTING CLINIC

Sunday, April 13th, 3 pm.

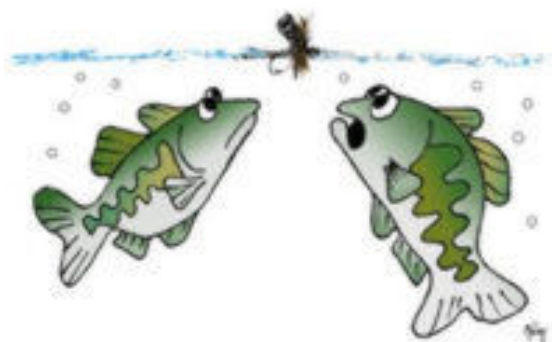
North Star Pond

The casting clinic is set up for April 13 1-3 pm at the North Star Pond. We are trying to arrange some formal instruction with Jeff from Kiene's. No rain date set yet. In any case, here's a good opportunity to get some added instruction on casting. Beginners can also get basic instruction. There will also be some Spey rods on hand for members to try out. John Reynolds will be present for a demo of casting techniques shown at the annual dinner.

Bob Z

ANNUAL DINNER Stats

Again the dinner was a resounding success. Here's some of the stats. Paid: 74. Total Drawing: \$2248. Silent Auction: \$626. High Roller Tickets: 20 FUN: A lot. Note: Jerry Pollock was happy with his investment return of 100% after winning two bottles of 'Two Buck Chuck' with a dollar drawing ticket.



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