

## Sugar Creek Ranch Saturday, November 15, 2003

**Fishmeister: Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN**

Lack of interest on a spring outing we have scheduled to return to Sugar Creek Ranch with fishing on the Upper Sac on Friday. A signup will be maintained at the meetings. If your interested signup or call Ron, 800-FLY-FSHN. Remember this is a fee trip at \$130 per person and includes lunch. More info on Sugar Creek Ranch can be found at [www.sugarcreekranch.com](http://www.sugarcreekranch.com).



### **From the CONSERVATION DESK**

**By Lowell Ashbaugh**

I've done some research into conservation organizations that deserve your support. Look below for a summary. At this month's Board of Directors meeting, your board voted to contribute \$500 to the **California Anglers Committee Against Artificial Weekend Whitewater Flows (CAAWWF)**. The work of this committee is important and timely. Not only do the weekend high flows preclude fishing on the days they are allowed, but they may have unintended ecological effects on the entire river system that will also harm the fishery. This issue is timely because hydroelectric dams control many of the tail waters streams we love to fish. The licenses for these dams are up for renewal in the next few years and will be effective for 30-50 years. We've asked Bob Baiocchi of the Anglers Committee to visit us. If you would like to become an individual member of the committee, contact Tim Bermingham at [tim@driftfish.com](mailto:tim@driftfish.com). Here is some more information about the Anglers Committee:

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The CAAWWF is a single issue, grass root committee opposed to weekend whitewater flows on the North Fork of the Feather River, Truckee

River, Pit River, Stanislaus River, Mokelumne River, Sacramento River, Trinity River, Klamath River or any other dam controlled river in California and the North Fork of the Umpqua River and the Rogue River in Oregon. The committee believes that these flows are illegal, in violation of section 5937 of California Fish and Game code which requires "the owner of any dam to allow sufficient water at all times to pass through a fishway, or over, around or through the dam, to keep in good condition any fish that may be planted or exist below the dam." The CAAWWF also believes that these flows are detrimental to macroinvertebrates, shoreline mammals, nesting waterfowl, and riparian habitat. It's CAAWWF's position that weekend whitewater flows are unsafe for anglers, swimmers and families sunbathing and picnicking along a rivers edge.

The purpose of the CAAWWF is to support restoration projects, scientific research and educational programs that will promote the restoration and then further protection of the North Fork of the Feather River as a world renown trout fishery, as well as other recreational, wildlife and aesthetic qualities all within the framework of the needs of ranching, agriculture, forestry, tourism, power generation and other economic uses.

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

To expeditiously eliminate weekend whitewater flows that seriously degraded and imperiled North Fork of the Feather River wild trout fishery.

To provide the strong collective voice needed to be effective advocates for the concerns of our committee with the various governmental agencies.

To restore and maintain a riparian zone along the North Fork of the Feather River and tributaries consistent with the needs of a healthy aquatic ecosystem and wildlife habitat.

To determine the most effective and responsible restoration methods and management practices consistent with those of ranching, agriculture, forestry and other economic uses.

To promote the cooperation of ranchers, foresters, anglers and recreationalists in developing and implementing restoration and protection programs, and to promote public awareness and education regarding the North Fork of the Feather River wild trout fishery.

To become actively involved in relicensing of hydropower projects to protect the trout fishery and

recreational fishing rights.

It is the opinion of the CAAAWWF that anglers interested were not sufficiently represented in the relicensing agreement of FERC project P-1962, Rock Creek/Cresta dams, and whitewater rafting interests were overly represented in the same agreements, and that due process was not afforded to local residents of Butte and Plumas County by holding these meetings in Sacramento, and the CAAAWWF is interested in remedying this thru legal means if necessary.

#### **OTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS.**

There are a number of conservation organizations that deserve your support. Here's a summary; I'll give more details on each of these organizations in future newsletters.

The **Federation of Fly Fishers** is composed of fly fishing clubs organized to take action to lead activities that enhance and support the fly fishing experience for all anglers who fish with the artificial fly. Conservation of natural resources is part of the federation's purpose, but the major purpose is to foster fly fishing activities. Nevertheless, the **Northern California Council of the FFF** has been active in promoting conservation. I have attended all of the conservation network committee meetings to keep abreast of ongoing issues in northern California. NCCFFF actively promotes conservation issues on a number of fronts.

**California Trout** is focused on California fisheries. Its primary mission is to protect and restore wild trout, native steelhead and the waters they inhabit throughout California, and to create high quality angling opportunities for the public to enjoy. CalTrout has actively promoted conservation issues on a number of fronts. It has a written conservation policy developed by the CalTrout Board of Governors Conservation Committee.

**Trout Unlimited** is a national organization based in Washington, D.C. It has 500 chapters nationwide with 125,000 members. It has successfully lobbied for actions that have improved trout management and habitat. TU focuses its trout and salmon conservation efforts on several fronts, and emphasizes science as its key weapon in the fight to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds.

The **California Hydropower Reform Coalition**

works to restore California's rivers by reforming the operation of our state's vast network of hydropower dams. It seeks to incorporate management practices into the licenses of hydroelectric dams that maintain water flow for fish and the riparian habitat downstream. The coalition includes both fishing and whitewater advocates.

**United Anglers of California** was founded in 1981 to stop the decline of our fisheries by ensuring resources are properly managed. Their goal is to unite anglers, fishing groups, businesses, and citizens into a powerful statewide fishery conservation organization. They work with government to pass laws that mandate the proper protection of the public's fisheries.

The **Sacramento River Preservation Trust** is a non-profit tax-exempt educational organization whose purpose is to protect and preserve the natural values of the Sacramento River and to educate the public concerning ecologically viable farming methods and the need to preserve free-flowing rivers. The main purpose of the trust is to protect the natural values of the Sacramento River and its environs.

**Save the American River Association** (SARA) is a grass roots organization established in 1961 to spearhead establishment of the American River Parkway (the "crown jewel" of the Sacramento County Park System) and adoption of the Parkway Plan. Its mission is to protect and enhance the wildlife habitat, fishery, and recreational resources of the American River Parkway. The volunteer, non-profit group of over 400 members and its Board of Directors work to ensure that the American River Parkway will survive and prosper for the benefit of future generations.

#### **Conservation News from NCCFFF**

This is a request for you to make your voice heard in opposition to a bill currently in committee in the state assembly.

#### **THE BILL**

AB590 (Codgill) would mandate that 45% of fishing license revenues be allocated to the trout hatchery program. Based on a recent analysis, this would nearly double the funding for hatcheries at a time when DFG's overall budget is shrinking drastically. As you can imagine, this bill would

have a devastating impact on other DFG programs including those supporting native and wild fish. (If you want to read the text of the bill, go to [www.leginfo.ca.gov/](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/) and search for AB590.)

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

On behalf of NCCFFF and fly anglers, Chuck Bucaria and Dave Ford spoke against the bill at a recent hearing held by the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee. Despite their capable testimony and letters from NCCFFF, Cal Trout, CSPA, and TU, the committee passed the bill. Angling groups learned about the bill at the last minute and many committee members were not even present at the hearing. The bill is now scheduled to be heard in the Appropriations Committee on May 21.

### **ACTION NEEDED**

If your representative is on the Appropriations Committee, we urge you to FAX or call that person to tell them you are opposed to this bill. You will find below a list of committee members and instructions on how to contact them. If your assembly person is not on the Committee, please contact the committee chair, Darrell Steinberg.

Also, you'll find below a copy of my letter in opposition to the bill. Note we are not expressing opposition to hatcheries in general. We oppose the bill because it is micro-management and bad public policy. It would implement a huge change in spending priorities to the benefit of one program. It would have unanticipated, serious, negative consequences to a broad array of programs of interest to anglers, and to Californians who expect DFG to protect and restore wild and native fish species.

### **FIND A COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Following is a list of Appropriations Committee members. To get mailing or FAX contact information, call the office number below, or you can go to the following web page and click on the link to the assembly member's web site.

<http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/newcomframeset.asp?committee=43>

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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.



**PATTERN for APRIL Meeting**  
**HUMPY, Size 12**

**Tie your HUMPY in a Size 12 and choose either the basic pattern in the traditional yellow or your variation of color such as the Royal Humpy. We are looking forward to your creative skills in tying this traditional dry fly pattern.**

The Humpy is a very widely used high floating fly that is effective in free stone streams. It seems to have originated from a similar pattern tied by the late Jack Horner. Jack Horner's fly the Horner Deer Hair has a profile in common with the humpy, however the Horner Deer Hair has the whole body sheathed in deer hair, rather than the upper body, as is the case in the humpy. Both the Horner Deer hair and the Humpy share characteristics of the Tom Thumb pattern used on the lakes of B.C. There are a number of color variations in the humpy including red, lime green, royal and orange in addition to the yellow. Some versions are tied with grizzly hackle tip wings.

Materials:

**Hook:** Light wire dry fly- Mustad 94840, Tiemco 100,101 in sizes ranging from 8 to 18.

**Thread:** Color to match the body color.

**Tail:** Moose, elk or deer hair.

**Body:** Tying thread or floss, over the stubs of the tail or wing, depending on construction techniques.

**Hackle:** Brown or other color to suit the overall color pattern of the fly.

**Thorax:** Deer or elk hair pulled over the floss or thread under body to form a shell back

**Head:** Tying thread head.

**Tying Instructions**

The humpy can be constructed in a number of different ways. No matter which way you tie the fly, it can be difficult to convince the deer hair to behave as you would like. The first few ties will probably fish well, but look less than perfect. Attach and secure the thread at near the wing position and tie in a clump of deer hair for the wings. Be sure to remove the fuzz from the hair by combing the material. Stacking the wing material will result in a neater fly. Secure the hair on top of the hook and divide the wings with figure eight wraps. After securing the hair, trim the butts of the hair at an angle to give a tapered body toward the tail. Tie in a small bunch of moose or elk hair for a tail (the less hollow hair is easier to use) and trim them at an angle to mate with the tapered wing butts. Tie in a bunch of deer hair with the butts at the base of the wing and the tips extending back over the tail. These fibers will be folded over the body to form a shell back and so they must be long enough to reach from the tail to the base of the wings after being folded. Wrap the thread toward tail position and tie in a length of floss that is long enough to cover the body. Alternatively, the body can be covered with the tying thread. In either case, wrap the thread or floss over the deer hair to form an underbody in your color of choice. Pull the deer hair over the body and form a shellback by securing the hair behind the wings. Tie in a good quality hackle and wrap a dense collar in front and behind the wings. Tie off the hackle at the eye position, whip finish and cement the head. The yellow humpy is often tied with mixed grizzly and brown hackle. Alternatively, the wings and shell back can be constructed from one bunch of deer hair. In this method, the tail is attached as described and a clump of deer hair is attached at the wing position with the tips extending back over the tail. The material is attached and wrapped to the tail position and then covered with tying thread or floss up to the wing position. Then the hair is brought forward to form the shell back, tied down at the wing position, divided and stood up to form the wings. Adding a brown hackle finishes the fly. This technique has fewer steps and produces less bulk, however getting the correct length for the deer hair that forms the back and the wings can be frustrating. A third technique (that appears to be the easiest) is to attach the wings leaving the stubs protruding over the tail. Divide the wings and wrap back to the tail position and wrap the floss or thread for the under body. Then pull the stubs of the wing down for the shellback. This give you three options for the shellback. In addition, you can dub the underbody, or use colored foam for the shellback. The Royal Humpy pattern has white wings, dark moose hair for the shellback and tail with a red floss body and brown hackle.

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**NEXT MONTH'S PATTERN**  
**Damsel Fly Nymph in a Size 12.**



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**SPECIAL FLY TYING SESSION**  
**Shad and Davis Lake Patterns**  
**Wed. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 7pm.**

**@UC Davis Viticulture Lab On Campus.**  
**Members will be demonstrating and tying**  
**the killer patterns you will need to have**  
**those 40+ fish days you hear about.**  
**Contact Bob Z at 753-2241 or by email:**  
[rjzasoski@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rjzasoski@ucdavis.edu).

**Casting Clinic Wrap-Up** by Bob Zazoski

A club sponsored casting clinic was held on May 4 at the south end of North Star Pond. Twelve club members and guests worked with Jeff Putman to improve their casting. Jeff began with a short presentation of casting fundamentals and the techniques necessary to cast a fly beyond 40 feet. Following his presentation, Jeff working with individual for the next 2 and 1/2 hours. Problems, both minor and major were addressed during the session. Developing the correct muscle memory for tight loops was high on the agenda as was developing positive stops on the forward and back casts. From beginner to experienced casters, everyone found something to help their presentations under Jeff's positive and patient guidance. Participants were enthusiastic about the program and hoping for additional clinics in the near future.

**From the FFF Club Wire .....**

[From Shirley Fulton, FFF Office; It is with sadness that I inform you this is my last issue of the ClubWire. This administration of the FFF has chosen to bring it in-house. I created the ClubWire 7 years ago and it has grown into a publication of which I am extremely proud. A great many of you have told me that it has been a lifesaver in helping you communicate with your members and in getting the word out on the Federation. Because of two visionary and selfless officers, Richard Izmirian and Tom Jindra, and former Executive Director Lauren Bagley, the ClubWire has evolved into a resource for clubs to share ideas and a showcase for

highlighting the immense talents of our members. I can only hope that this important service continues to focus not so much on Federation issues but on the clubs, as it was originally intended. Editor: We look forward to FFF continuing this great communication and information tool for are affiliate club. Here's some more great tidbits.]

*Give a man a fish and he will have dinner.  
 Teach a man to fish and he will be late for dinner.*  
 Unknown

*Fly-Fishing helps you understand just how unimportant your big real life problems really aren't.*

Keith Myers

**Fly Fishing Quiz** (Hone your casting knowledge)

- In general floating lines designed for saltwater use are:
  - Greater in diameter than freshwater lines
  - Smaller in diameter than freshwater lines
  - More dense than freshwater lines
  - Both b and c
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a change of direction cast, which is an alternative to the double spey cast and is useful with a left hand obstruction.
  - Single spey
  - Reverse loop
  - Double haul
  - Snake roll
- When changing from a stiff rod to a soft rod, you would make the following adjustments in your cast:
  - Lengthen the casting stroke
  - Shorten the casting stroke
  - Decrease the drift time
  - No change is necessary
- You typically cast a weight forward line, but find yourself at a great fishing spot with only a level line in your arsenal. How might you change your cast to lessen the turn over effect or 'kick' of a level line?
  - Speed up the casting tempo
  - Form a narrower loop
  - Form a wider loop
  - Both a and b

**Answers on Page 8.** (Courtesy of Liz Watson of Northwest Women Flyfishers and International Women Flyfishers)

-----OUTINGS-----

At least 6 signups will be available at the May meeting. One slot remains for each of the half-pounder and Fly Shop fall trips. Good turnouts appear assured for the shad, Davis and Lewiston trips. River flow drops on the shad streams and good early reports from Davis add an aura of optimism for the first two of these outings.

.Cary Boyden, Chairman, 530-753-3826

**2003 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)**

<b>TRIP</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>FISHMEISTER</b>	<b>Comments/Fees</b>
Shad/tbd	Shad	May 30	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Davis Lake	Trout	June 6-8	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lewiston		July 18-20	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking YS		August	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
Backpacking OF		August	Tom Burton	
Klamath	Half Pounders	September 4-7	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pleasant Valley		September	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Fee TBD
Klamath	Half Pounders	October	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/stlhd	October 11	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	132.50 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	October	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Upper Sac	Trout	October	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	
Sugar Creek	Trout	Sat. Nov. 15	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130 incl lunch.
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	

----- **2003 MEETING DATES, PROGRAMS and Events** -----

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

**2003**

(plan for these tentatively scheduled dates)

May 27<sup>th</sup>

**FAVORITE PHOTOS and PHOTO CLINIC**  
with Rick Martin, Journalist-Photographer

June 25<sup>th</sup>

**FLY FISHING NEW ZEALAND**  
presented by Ron Giles, NZ Kiwi guide.

July 29<sup>th</sup>

**FFD Picnic**

August

**No Regular Meeting - YOLO COUNTY FAIR August 13th-17th**

September 30<sup>th</sup>

TBA

October 28<sup>th</sup>

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November 25<sup>th</sup>

TBA

**Have a program recommendation, contact Ron Rabun at 1-800-FLY-FSHN**

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**Answers: 1. (d); 2. (d); 3. (a); 4.(c)**

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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