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**The Fisherman's Line****NOTE EARLY REGULAR MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, December 14th, 7:30 pm.

**Homegrown Slide Show**

**Members are invited to bring your slides to present in the program. Here's your opportunity to share this year's angling experiences including fish-outs, outings, and other adventures. Please limit the number of slides to no more than 12 or a 5-10 minute presentation. We have a digital projector, laptop and a slide tray.**

**BRING YOUR ANNUAL DINNER SUBMISSIONS****2005 Nominations**

Each year in December the Club elects an officer slate for the succeeding year and two new directors to serve three year terms. The Club has a nominating committee for these purposes and its slate is published in the newsletter before the December meeting and announced at the November meeting. Just in case you missed the announcement last month, this year the slate is as follows:

President	--	Bob Percy	VP & Treasurer	--	Lowell Ashbaugh
Secretary	--	Tom Burton	New directors	--	Gene Gantt & Joel Salinas

***Annual Dinner Announcement***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Dinner, Saturday February 26, 2004

WEST PLAINFIELD FIRE STATION – LILLIARD HALL

6 pm. Social Hour - 7 pm. Dinner, \$25 per person.

Plan you date for the Annual Dinner. Again this year's event will have a great meal, FFD special photo presentation and the ever fantastic Conservation Drawing. This year's caterer, Hickory Hank, will be serving up Barbecued Chicken, Ribs, Tri-tip, and Hot Links, Beans, Salad, and Dessert. Notice that the Dinner price is the same as last year, ONLY \$25! Wine and beer will also be available for purchase.

**Drawing Donations:** We are acquiring our usual booty of prizes but YOU can be a valued participant also. Donate items you already have or signup to tie a collection of flies. Member Trip or Activity Certificates are another option where you donate a docent guide or fishing trip for as a Silent Auction or Bucket item. If you have a boat or special fishing location, volunteer to take a member who obtains the certificate with a minimum donation to the club of \$25. This is an excellent way to make friends and help the club.

The FFD Annual Dinner will be at Lillard Hall at the West Plainfield Fire Station, 24905 Rd. 95. Take Covell Blvd West to Rd 95 then turn right and proceed North. It will be on the right hand side of the road when headed North on County Road 95.

For donations or information contact: Reed Enos, Annual Dinner Chairman, [irenos@softcom.net](mailto:irenos@softcom.net), 530 756 2331

## Monthly Fly Tying Contest Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company

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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.

## Green Butt Skunk



The Green Butt Skunk is a summer steelhead pattern, but it seems to also work for winter fish as well. It is very

popular on the traditional summer run rivers such as the Deschutes, Klamath and North Umpqua. As with all steelhead wet flies, it can be tied weighted or unweighted.

### Pattern:

**Hook:** Turned up loop eye salmon fly hook - Tiemco 7999 or 7989

**Thread:** Black 6/0

**Tail:** Red hackle fibers

**Body:** Lt Green (Chartreuse) chenille as a butt and black chenille for the body.

**Rib:** Embossed or oval silver tinsel

**Hackle:** A collar of black hackle

**Wing:** White hair wing.

### Tying Suggestions

Debarb the hook and place it in the vice. Debarbing is good for the fish, but probably more important for those that bury a hook in their person. Steelhead

hooks and all large hooks can be uncomfortable in your hand, back or scalp. Tie in the thread about 2/3 down the shank and wrap to the tail position (just above the hook barb). Strip red hackle fibers from a saddle or spade feather and tie in a tail that is about 2/3 shank length. Attach the green chenille and wrap a small butt section. Then tie in the silver tinsel and the black chenille. It will cut down on bulk if you strip the entwined fibers from a small section (1/8 inch) of the chenille and tie in the thread tag. Small chenille rather than medium or large will produce a body with less bulk. Wrap the body and ribbing. The tinsel will be more visible if it is wound in the opposite direction of the chenille so it will not nestle down between the wraps of chenille. [Alternatively, you can tie in the black chenille and advance the thread to the wing position. Then tie in the tinsel. Wrap the tinsel toward the rear of the hook to the butt section, back to the wing position and tie off the tinsel. Now spiral the black chenille to the wing position leaving room for the tinsel to show through as a rib.] Tie in a black hackle feather and wrap a collar. Place a drop of head cement on the ends of the wing material. Attach the buck tail or any white hair (polar bear hair is nice but hard to come by). A sparse wing makes for a better looking fly with a smaller head. Make a thread head and whip finish. Cement the head a couple of time to increase the durability of the fly.

There are several alternative dressings for this fly. The tail material can be dyed red pheasant crest and the body material can be tied with black wool or black ostrich herl. Green ostrich herl or Ultra chenille can be used for the butt section. There is a red butt version that uses red chenille for the butt section. Some tiers suggest that the wing should be white over black hair to simulate the strip on a skunk. My favorite version of this pattern uses red pheasant crest, and green ostrich herl butt section, a black ostrich herl body and purple hackle. I like to use artic fox tail because it ties in with little bulk and breaths well in the water. If you use ostrich herl for the butt section, it is a good idea to reinforce the butt section with fine silver wire. Green hooks are available for the final touch.

----- **OUTINGS and PROGRAM CALENDAR for 2005** -----

**Outings Update**

Since last month we have had two outings. Pyramid Lake and Amador. Pyramid was beautiful, cold and somewhat productive. Our next outings are the Feather on 1/8 and the Redding trip on 3/19.

<b>TRIP</b>	<b>FISH</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>FISHMEISTER</b>	<b>Comments/Fees</b>
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Amador/Trout	Trout	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	12/12 rainout
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$140.00 plus tip
Low Elevation Lake	Trout	Feb	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$140.00 plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Mar/Apr	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	Apr	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Shad	Shad	May	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Yamsi Ranch	Trout	Jun	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	\$100 rod per day
Davis Lake	Trout	Jun	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking YS	Trout	Aug	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Sep	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/steelhead	Oct	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$140.00 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	



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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.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

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