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REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, January 24th, 7:30 pm.

BC STEELHEAD RIVERS THE DEAN AND OTHERS

By MIKE HENDRY



Opinion may vary, but fishing for double digit, chrome-bright steelhead on British Columbia's Dean River is probably the ultimate in fresh water fly fishing. This month Mike Hendry will share his steelhead expertise and his experiences on the legendary Dean River and other BC steelhead rivers. Mike has guided and fished the Dean and other British Columbia steelhead streams more than a decade. He chose to go to school in Victoria, BC so that he could fish year around and be near the Dean and other excellent BC steelhead steams. After finishing his BS in Physics with a minor in Biology he guided on the Dean in the summer and worked on a steelhead tagging and tracking study in southern Washington. He then migrated to Davis to pursue an MS in Mechanical Engineering. Mike's thesis project was titled "Measurement and Simulation of Fly Casting Dynamics". During his tenure at Davis he continued to guide on the Dean in the summers. Mike also authored a paper entitled "Genetic and Phenotypic Variation through the Migratory Season Provides Evidence for Multiple Populations of Wild Steelhead in the Dean River, British Columbia". He currently lives in Napa and keeps busy managing a local vineyard, but he still finds the time to continue sampling BC and California rivers. Don't miss this interesting and informative program.

Editor's note: Don't forget to renew your license - we were checked on the Trinity!

Remember to bring your annual dinner photo submissions in any format to this meeting or send them directly to rwpearcy@ucdavis.edu ASAP.

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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, lrenos@softcom.net, 530 756 7331

Fly Tying Classes

Introductory fly tying classes will begin Wednesday February 2 at the Viticulture Field House. The Introductory Classes are scheduled for Feb 2, 9, 16 and 23. Class will begin at 7:00 pm and run until 9:00 pm. A sign up sheet and map to the Field House will be available at the January meeting. Alternatively, you can contact Bob Zasoski at 530-753-2241 H, 752-2210 W or by email rjzasoski@ucdavis.edu. Bobbins, bodkins, hackle pliers and vices are provided by the club for use during class; however you should bring a pair of small, sharp scissors. If you have your own equipment, bring it to class. A charge of \$15 dollars is designed cover the cost of materials and handouts used in class.

Advanced classes will begin March 2. In the advanced class club members will demonstrate the production of their favorite flies and discuss the techniques necessary to make these killer patterns. Participants will supply their own materials and equipment. These classes will also run from 7 to 9 pm on Wednesdays. You can sign up at the January meeting or contact **Bob Zasoski**.

Dues b' Due

Now is the time to renew your FFD membership for 2005. You can either mail them to: Fly Fishers of Davis P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617 or pay at the next regular meeting or pay at the annual dinner scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005. Remember, the \$25 rate requires that you provide an e-mail address for electronic distribution of the monthly newsletter. If you want hardcopy of the newsletter the rate is \$35.

John Reynolds - membership

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 arctic 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

The Feather trip succumbed to the weather, but Warren and I went anyways. BUST as virtually no fish. Will reschedule if interest on 1/22. Anyone interested in going that day please call at 753-3826.

Noted on the outings schedule below are a number of tentative dates which are new since last month. Basically all trips through July have been set, and so members wishing to plan one or more of these trips can now do so. While still subject to change, these dates are fairly solid.

February's trip will be back to Amador reflecting very good success there last year in February. The March Fly Shop trip is full, but there is one person on the waiting list, and if we can find another person at the January meeting or thereabouts we can undoubtedly hire another boat. Also a thought for any member planning to go on that trip: on Friday if there is enough interest we will get a guide for the McCloud Reservoir. The idea is to learn a new lake, and at that time there is reputed to be both good rainbow and brown fishing in the reservoir.

Note also that the early April trip is to Iron Canyon. If the McCloud deal works out and the fishing is good there, the Iron Canyon trip might also include the McCloud as the two are only 12 miles or so apart. In any event we would include Iron Canyon which, if the water is low as it should be, can be exceptional, as has been true the last two years.

The Trinity steelie trip was another great success with fish up to 30 inches taken and everyone catching good adult fish. We have reserved 10 slots for Monday and Tuesday, January 9-10, 2006. Interested members should call at 753-3826 as there are already 6 or so who have signed up. There will be a signup at the January meeting for any slots that remain and a waiting list.

While on the subject of the Fly Shop trips, the 2005 fee has gone up \$10 to \$150 per person per day (\$300 per boat) which is slightly less than a 15% discount over the 2005 fee of \$345 per boat. This increase will be effective with the March 19 trip. Presumably the 2006 trip will be another \$5-10 more a head per day, although the exact cost will not be known until the Fall.

<u>TRIP</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>	<u>Comments/Fees</u>
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan 8 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Drowned
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 13 th 14 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$140.00 plus tip
Amador Lake	Trout	Feb 12 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Note: Date Changed!
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 19 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150.00 plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Apr 1 st -3 rd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 9 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May 14 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Shad	Shad	May 27 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Yamsi Ranch	Trout	Jun 18 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	\$100 rod per day
Davis Lake	Trout	Jun 3 rd - 5 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 15 th - 17 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking YS	Trout	Aug	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug 5 th - 7 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Sep	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/steelhead	Oct	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150.00 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.

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