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The Fisherman's Line

This Month's Meeting is Tuesday, October 25th, 7:30 pm.

Big Fish Techniques

With Andy Burk

The speaker this month will be Andy Burk. He will be covering techniques that will make you more successful catching big fish. Andy is a locally and nationally known tier, fisherman, guide and instructor. He currently resides in Reno and works at the Reno Fly Shop. In the spring and summer he can be found at the Reno Shop in Truckee. Consequently, he spends a lot of time on the Truckee and other Sierra Rivers and lakes. He also worked in Redding for several years and consequently, he is very familiar with our northern California fisheries. Andy developed a number of successful fly patterns and writes the monthly *At the Vise* column for

California Fly Fisher. He also writes for California Fly Fisher and is published in several other fly fishing journals. Andy is a featured tier at regional and national fly fishing shows such as the San Mateo and San Rafael. You can always learn something new from Andy. His presentations are interesting and informative. Andy will be tying flies beginning at 7:00 P.M. He is a master tier. Plan to come early and see Andy tie the flies that catch big fish and then find out how is done later in the evening.



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McCloud River – Sept. 16, 17, 18

The trip were some couldn't go backwards

Four members took our 1st annual fall trip to the McCloud River and what a trip it turned out to be. Adney Bowker, Bob Beverlin, John Imsdahl and Gene Gantt made the trip. There was plenty of fellowship, food, and cocktails around the fire and camp when weren't trying to catch those beautiful McCloud Rainbows (& Browns).



John and Gene got in a little later than the other two; due to the fishing vehicle they were in decided not to go into reverse anymore. (Thus the title of this article). But did that stop them – Hell No! Damn the torpedoes – full steam ahead. A broken fishing vehicle should never stop a fishing trip!



Camp was set, tents up, camp chairs out and plenty of food and beverage on the picnic tables and just in time. Mother Nature decided once again to give us her wrath with a T-storm that dumped over an inch of rain in 30 minutes. (This according to the caretakers at the Nature Conservancy site). Never try to put up a rain fly over your picnic table with three fishing types. Things get broken, bottles knocked over and everything gets wet anyhow.

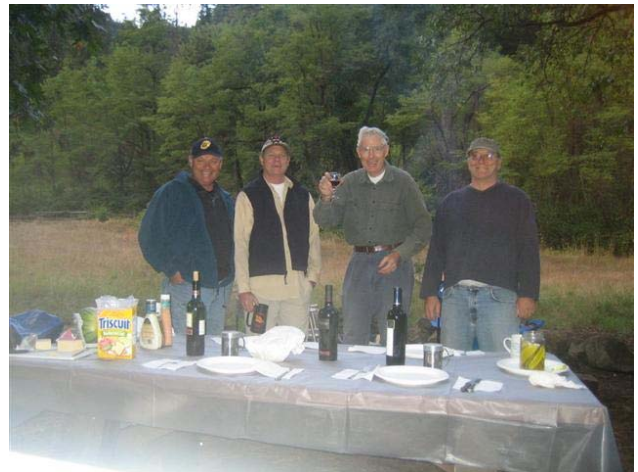


The river was in great shape and all types of fishing styles were used. Dry, nymphs, and streamers. Most fish were caught on dries, size 12-14 brown adams or parachute adams. The river in the Conservancy seemed to produce the most fish, but the area around Ah-Di-Na was fished with little success.



Adney's Folly

Adney got into the big fish of the trip at the #14 hole on the Conservancy (this is the first pool past the caretakers' cabin). He fought it and in a moment of concern and caring for this wonderful fish, he let it break him off in the elephant ears (plants) growing on the other side of the river. Long distance releases do count when you fish with us. See the picture---BIG FISH! We were told that the fish is known as "Norman" (from the old guy in On Golden Pond Henry Fonda's role). Adney said "Next year you old fish." So, we are going back.



The trip was great, the fishing fine, the food and beverage were fabulous. The trip is again on the club outings listing for 2006. We hope to see more of you next time. O', by the way, Gene and John made it home with no further vehicle problems. – **Gene Gantt**



Payne in the Ranch

Seven intrepid clubsters showed up for this fall's hike into Payne Ranch. (Bob Beverlin, Tom Burton, Gene Gantt, Rollie Simons, Robert Brodberg, Jack Mills and myself) The weather couldn't have been nicer with mid-day temps in the 70's. Everyone caught fish with top honors going to Jack Mills who made it look disgustingly easy. Your newsletter editor, "the Bobber", again set the standard for wet wading technique. "Spot", the dog, even got into the action. Rollie's claim to have caught a "Pikie Minnow" couldn't be substantiated.



The evening hike out through Thompson and Craig Canyons was serene. Jack Mills led the way and spotted 4 adult elk loitering along Craig Creek. (Which we promptly chased away!)



We capped off the day with some tasty Mexican food and beer at the ever-popular Ibarra's in downtown, metropolitan Guinda, known far and wide for its funky restrooms.

BLM, together with CDF, has embarked on a weed management program on the Payne Ranch properties targeting, among other things, Tamerisk, YST, and Medusahead. In early June they burned off some 200 acres. This fall/winter the 75 acre burn at 'Road Kill Cafe' will be seeded with a mix of native grasses. They are prepared to use Transline as necessary to control star thistle as the slow-growing natives establish. For those who hike regularly at Payne Ranch the next 5 years should see an exciting and dramatic change (improvement).

For those interested in exploring Payne Ranch on foot check out Andrew Fulks' excellent web site: www.yolohiker.org

We will probably return to Payne Ranch sometime in the spring, most likely in early May, so keep an eye on the 'outings' list in both the newsletter and the club web page. - **John Reynolds**

Fly of the Month
October Caddis Nymph/Emerger



This month the fly pattern is the October Caddis Emerger or Nymph. The large orange caddis is unique to the western United States and provides a tasty morsel for trout in the fall. Adult October Caddis can be 1.5 inches long. These impressive caddis are only found in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Northern California. The genera has been reported in Alaska. Any of the popular caddis patterns can be adapted to imitate this insect so long as they are big and orange. Mike Mercer and Ralph Cutter both have versions of the pupae/emergent that are relatively simple to tie. The picture shown similar to the Tangerine Dream designed by Ralph Cutter. According to Ralph's web site the pupae may roam the river bed for days before emerging and therefore is available to the fish for some time during September and October. Interestingly, I see very few fish taking the adults on Oregon's Deschutes River in spite of large hatch this time of the year.

Pattern: Ralph Cutter's Tangerine Dream.
Thread: Black
Hook: TMC 5262 or Mustad 9671
Tail: none
Body: Dubbed blend of orange and white rabbit and orange antron.
Hackle: Dark Mottled hen saddle.

Note: the hackle in the photo is dyed partridge and is tied long like a soft hackle. Ralph's version and Mercer's Emerger have shorter hackle. A larger version of the Fox poopah we tied last month is another possibility as an October Caddis imitation. A tungsten bead version is called the Fox Pewpah.

Tying instructions.

Debarb the hook and start the thread near the rear of the fly. Dub a full body of the rabbit antron mix -any mix of long fiber fir with some sparkle will work. Pick out or comb the body to make it shaggy. Tie in and wrap a collar of hen hackle or other soft hackle tie off the feather, make a neat thread head and whip finish. Coat the head with cement. Find a fish and hang on.

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----- **Outings Report** -----

At the meeting signups will continue for Pyramid, Stripers and Amador. There will also be a sheet for the March Fly Shop trip.

Just a note on future Fly Shop trips. Because of issues created by last minute cancellations we would ask that before you sign up for one of these trips (as opposed to the non-fee trips) please make as sure as possible you will be able to make it. Obviously sometimes things come up which cannot be helped, and this request does not relate to these. However, if a look at your calendar would reveal a conflict it would be helpful if the conflict is found as early as possible.

Along the same lines we will collect earlier than in the past for the Spring and Fall (not the Trinity or Upper Klamath) trips in a further effort to avoid the problems which have occurred (and fortunately to date have been resolved) with cancellations arising at the last minute. Hopefully this approach will not deter signups of those who would otherwise attend but will rather only achieve the desired result. – Cary Boyden

And now a few pictures from the Lower Sac trip with the Fly Shop guides





2006 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Yuba River - Tutorial	Trout	Oct 1 st	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth	Oct 8 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Lower Sac / Redding	Trout	Oct 15 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct/Nov	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov/Dec	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Amador/Trout	Trout	Dec 3 rd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	12/17 rainout
Upper Klamath-Iron Gate	Steelhead	Dec 9 th -10 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 plus tip
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 9 th -10 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
Low Elevation Lake	Trout	Feb	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 18 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Apr	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Shad	Shad	May	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Frenchman 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	Steelhead	Aug/Sep	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Sep	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
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Payne's Ranch	Bass	Oct	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/Steelhead	Oct	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
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