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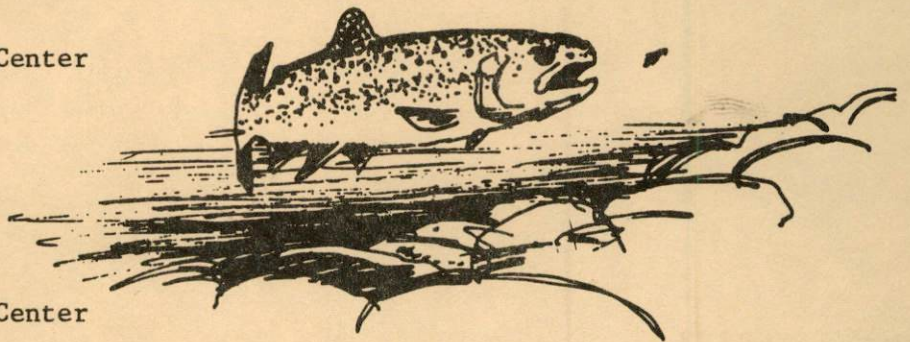
MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, June 27
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Veteran's Memorial Center



BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 18
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Veteran's Memorial Center



PROGRAM REPORT - JUNE

This month we'll get away from flatland fishing to ride, hike and fish in the high Sierra with Dick Asay and Bill Dill as guides.

TRAVEL AND FISHING IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

California has more than 5,000 mountain lakes - most of which are accessible only by trail - stocked with rainbows, eastern brook, some browns and cutthroats, and that "living flash of light," our unique golden trout. In visiting these lakes (in a slide show), Bill will take us on a packtrip with horses and mules. Dick will concentrate on the practical aspects of backpacking and fish catching and will demonstrate mountain equipment.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You may have noticed last month's "Gone Fishing" message. I plan that to be the last (hopefully) in my series of fishless messages. At press time, I was in Hat Creek country with my family for a mini-fishing vacation. Fishing was slow but I did manage to break my dry spell. Had it not been for Burney Creek, the pickins on the trip would have been very sparse indeed. Burney yielded a respectable number and size of browns, brookies and rainbows to nymphing techniques in the daytime and dries in the late evening.

In general the weather was wirly, warm and almost no fish working, but a worthwhile trip nonetheless. I missed our Memorial Day outing to Hat (work kept me out of town until late into the weekend) but I understand that fishing was good, and even more important, we had a large turnout of club members.

I would like to appeal to "old" (as compared to recent) members to make a special effort to make our recent club additions welcome by such actions as introducing yourself at meetings, inviting a new member fishing, and in general extending the arm of fellowship among anglers. Outings are a good opportunity for this. Maybe our next one (now in the rough planning stages) could be such an outing. I believe the effort is necessary to maintain the unique non-cliquishness of our club membership because of the rather large compliment of new members that have joined us this year. Your ideas about how to accomplish this are welcome.

The fishing outlook appears good for the summer, so let's get on with it!



Cheers.

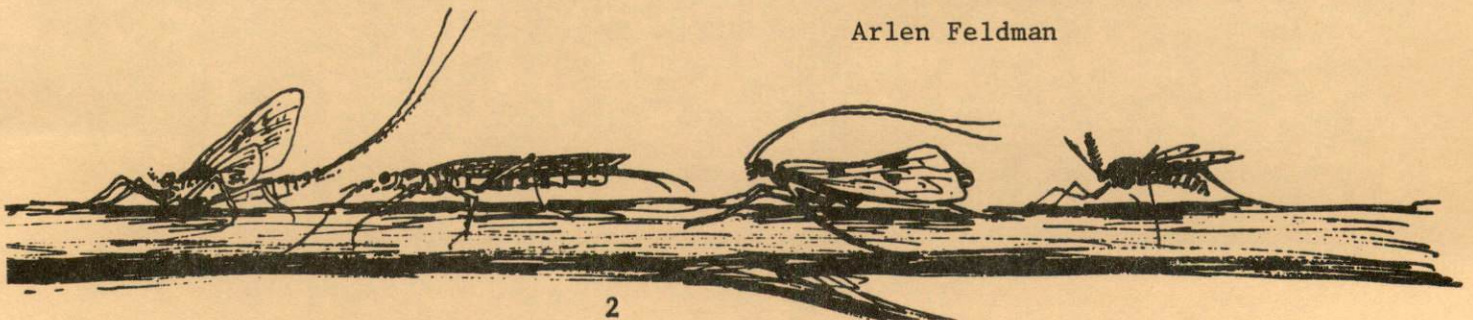
Darryl Davis

FROM THE EDITORS

I have been justly (but gently) reprimanded in a most scholarly fashion for not giving proper credit to the author of the "Pocket Water" fly fishing terminology article published in last month's newsletter. As I stated in our May FFD club meeting, the editors welcome all articles and exercise very little editorial censorship - thus, Bill Dill's letter to the editors is herewith printed in full. Thanks, Bill, for setting the records straight. I must admit my FFD newsletter archives were quickly searched and I was happy to see the earliest newsletter I had received was May 1974, several months after the original FFD article on fly fishing terminology was published. Not much of an excuse, but better than having read and forgotten it completely!

Your "late seventies" FFD generation editor.....

Arlen Feldman



An Act of Retribution: Acknowledgment of the Source of Some
Classic Definitions of Fly Fishing Terms - A Breakthrough
in Angling-Scholarship

Editors
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Sirs:

Reference is made to page 3 of the May 1978 issue of your journal containing an article, "Pocket Water," by "D.B.D.," defining a number of fly fishing terms and stating that, "The original author(s) of this article is unknown, but its contents, in various forms, have shown up in several fly fishing newsletters over the years."

The latter part of this statement is indeed true. In fact, if asked for an example of an angling "classic," one would be hard pressed to choose between: (i) "The Compleat Angler" (almost 400 editions), (ii) "How to Fish Good" by Milford Poltroon (its illustrations are more sexy than those in old Izaak's book), (iii) that saddest of all refrains, "You should have got here before the high water," or (iv) the definitions of fly fishing terms (e.g., "WEIGHT FORWARD: 38D") cited above.

I must, however, take strong exception to the statement that the author of these classic definitions is unknown. In fact, as a former Secretary of the Fly Fishers of Davis, who, together with our present Editors, has often regretted the reprinting of articles lifted bodily from our own newsletter without acknowledgment, has repeatedly inveighed against plagiarism, and manfully striven to give every author and newsletter their due - I am distressed to observe that it had not been noted that the FFD newsletter of October 1973, page 4, had also contained an abridgment of the original article which, however, correctly listed its title as "Irrestibles" (sic), the author as Dean Clark, and the source as the United Fly Tiers Roundtable of May 1972.

But perhaps I do not belong to your generation. Possibly, you may consider the early seventies as so far away and long ago as not to receive serious notice. So be it. We whose day included the early seventies can go even one step farther in scholarship and state that the source of this article was the 115th edition of the Roundtable.¹

Incidentally, your first and second reprints of this article (loc. cit.), like the umpteenth reprinting in other fly fishing bulletins, listed only 11 of Dean Clark's original 23 terms. Among the omissions were: "SINKER: One who should be very careful while wading in deep water," and - forsaking

¹See: D.W.C. (1975) United Fly Tyers, in The Fisherman's Line, May 1975, p.7, for a review of this magazine.*

*Footnote to a footnote: D.W.C. is a pseudonym for D.W. Childress. (Childress was an author of the early and mid-seventies. Whether or not he was also an angler is now under study.)

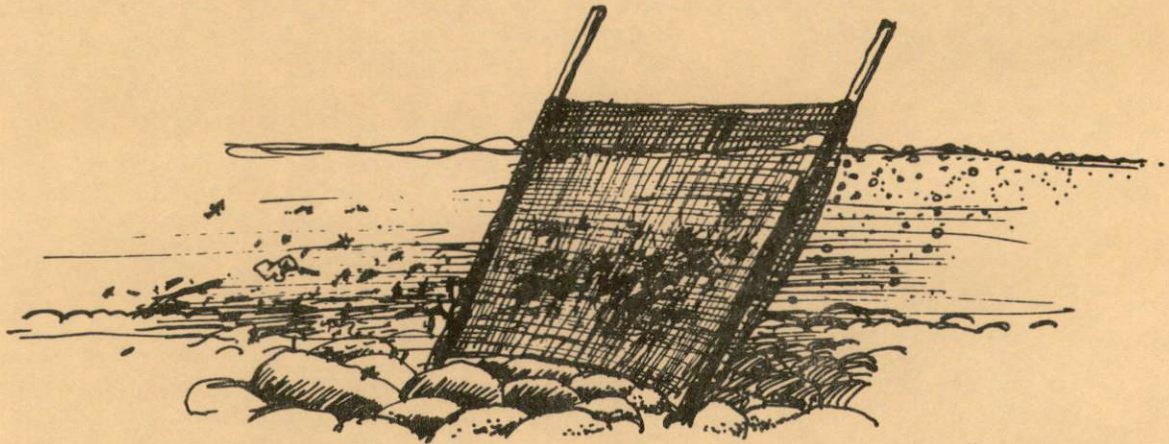
any mention of the bakelite resins used in Orvis bamboo rods - we find:
"IMPREGNATED: 'Darling, I went to see the doctor today and guess what?'"²

But, enough! Knowing that both Editors of The Fisherman's Line are ethical and scholarly gentlemen who wish not only to correct any deficiencies in our journal but to preserve the high standards of the academic community of Davis, I hope that you will publish this gentle admonishment under a simple title, say, "An Act of Retribution: Acknowledgment of the Source of Some Classic Definitions of Fly Fishing Terms - A Breakthrough in Angling-Scholarship."

Your sincere friend,

Bill Dill

²Clark's original article also describes - in rather broad looping double entendres (not to be confused with the narrow loops of a good double haul) - the selection and subsequent use of a nymph with "perfectly formed body." Consideration for our less mature readers prevents me from repeating his advice. Readers over twenty-one will be sent an unexpurgated copy (in plain brown wrapper) upon receipt of a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Remember, first class mail is 15¢ now - so no tricks!



FISH NEWS

The club outing to Hat Creek was enjoyed by 18 members who really caught the fish this time. Burney Creek yielded nice brookies and Hat Creek was generous with rainbows and browns. Several members caught and released over fifty trout each! There was action all day and evening, and dinner usually didn't get served until after recovering from the evening's fishing about 10:30 p.m.

Shad are in the American River and hitting quite well as the water warms up. Steve Ohrwall has been getting his share at Goethe Park.

The Little Truckee and most high country streams are gushing with snow-melt runoff. Darryl Davis enticed a nice brown to take his bomber type nymph, but the action was generally slow because of the high water.

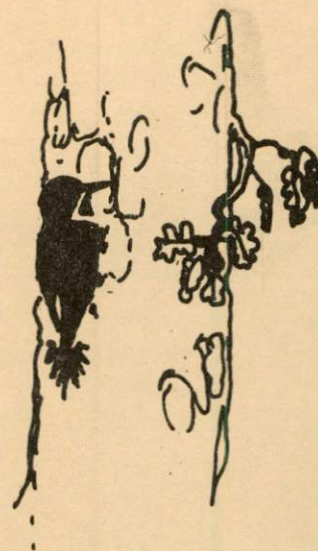
CONSERVATION NOTES

The Disney Project -

Independence Lake (continued)

Specifications

Disney plans to convert about 17,000 acres of the area around Independence Lake into a year-round resort with the Southern Pacific Lane Co. and Sierra Pacific Power Co. as partners. The last two companies own most of the land proposed for development. The reason that the U.S. Forest Service is involved in the matter is that the development involves a trade of four sections of national forest land at Independence Lake for considerably more privately owned land in areas like the Truckee River Canyon, Middle Yuba River, Donner Summit and Castle Peak and Grouse Lakes, all of which are considered prime recreation lands. In addition, considerably more national forest land has to be used for ski runs where 14 ski lifts are planned. In a two stage operation the project would be developed as demand dictates for 275 rental lodge rooms, 325 rental housing units, a 400-seat mountaintop restaurant, a 2.5 mile cable railway, shops, and other recreational facilities.



No real estate sales are contemplated by Disney. The plan calls for between 815 and 1350 employees and from 6,000 to 12,500 visitors, depending upon completed construction and the season. Some claim that there will be 22,500 visitors daily if Disney builds all of the proposed plan. Disney says that they plan to cut off skiers at the 10,000 level with about 2,500 visitors at the base facilities. Opponents of the project maintain that the number of ski lifts will accommodate closer to 16,000 to 20,000 skiers per day because some of the lifts are "double-doubles". Total annual attendance at peak development is slated for about 1.8 million rather than 3 million stated in some news stories.

The author of the forest service environmental statement will be Dick Adams with the Tahoe National Forest district office in Truckee. Under terms of any use permit the Forest Service grants to Disney for the ski area, the federal agency will retain rights of approval of ski lift ticket prices and payments for federal land leases. The Forest Service would also specify avalanche control measures and ski lift safety controls. Terra-Scan of Redding has been selected by Sierra County to develop its environmental statement. This company plans to use consultants to write the socio-economic and transportation portions that Nevada County is interested in.

Peripheral growth and development as a result of the project is the biggest problem according to those studying the situation. The group called "Independence" believes that the resort will trigger other real estate development, more roadside businesses along Highway 89 north of Truckee and more motels, hotels and permanent housing in Truckee. The group also believes that environmental reports should deal with these possibilities because they could change an entire way of life in the region. Interestingly, the Disney Co. has refused to discuss socio-economic issues, but many feel the project will cause pressure for growth and development to such an extent that it will be extremely difficult to get a handle on planning. In the next article I'll go into further details concerning socio-economic effects of the project and the expansion in Reno.

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