



CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS UNLIMITED ON THE FLY

Issue No. 427
P.O. Box 162997

September, 1998
Sacramento, CA 95816

John H. Turner, Editor
(916) 723-2019

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Jim Earley, Director

JIM HUMPHRYS

Fishing for Delta Striped Bass

I hope you're ready for some striper fishing in the Delta. The season is upon us and you better get ready. To help you out, our September program will be presented by **Jim Humphrys**. Jim is a member of the Davis Fly Fishers and has been leading their outing to Frank's Tract for the last three years.

Jim will do his presentation on fly fishing the delta for striped bass. He's been doing it for what seems like forever and has caught some sizable fish, too. He even has the slides to back up his claims. He will be doing some tying before the meeting and will later demonstrate the appropriate equipment and rigging for the Delta. Don't forget to come early and see how it all comes together.

Our October program will be **Nancy Erman** from U.C. Davis. Nancy has a presentation on caddis flies that you won't want to miss! She's an entomologist and has made her specialty the life history of this important trout staple. I saw her presentation about 4 years ago and was amazed at what I learned from her. I'll have more on her program in the October newsletter, but mark it on your calendar and come find out "everything you ever wanted to know about caddis flies."

KIDS' FISH DERBY

Gibson Ranch
Saturday • Sept19
8 am - 1 pm

volunteers needed
lend a helping hand

John Turner • 723-2019

CASTING NEWS LINES.....FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Bob Cooper

THE SWAP MEET / GARAGE SALE / FLEA MARKET Wasn't it great? If you missed it, you missed out on some excellent buys on fly rods, reels, lines, float tubes, waders, tying materials, books, etc., etc. Lots of gear, lots of people, and a lot of fun. This type of monthly "meeting" gave me the chance to visit with and get to become more acquainted with other members. At our regular meeting with business, introduction, announcements, and the formal program, I, and I'm sure most of you, don't get the chance to visit very much. I hope we continue to have the same type of meeting in the future. If not a Swap Meet, then maybe a mini fly tying demonstration meeting with several tiers.

1998 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS At the September meeting, President Elect **Phil Greenlee**, will present the nominees for CFFU officers and directors for 1999 to the membership. I believe Phil still has a couple of open positions and if you think you could help next year, please contact him. Serving as an officer or director of CFFU is a gratifying experience. You get to work with other club members who strive to keep CFFU the excellent fly fishing club that it is.

LEFTY IS COMING! This year the Board decided to do something different for the Bittner Scholarship Dinner. Instead of the spaghetti feed in October, we decided to move the dinner to November to take advantage of **Lefty Kreh** being in California.

Lefty will put on a afternoon program similar to what **Dave Whitlock** did for the last Annual Dinner. For the one ticket price you get Lefty in the afternoon, dinner and Lefty in the evening. I've got a feeling there is more information elsewhere in this newsletter, so I won't say much more. However, please keep in mind the purpose of this dinner is to help fund the Bob Bittner Memorial Scholarship. Buy your tickets before October 1, and you get \$5 off the price. If you can help support the scholarship by purchasing a ticket and going to the dinner, please do. Also, see the CFFU web page (www.cwo.com/~cffu) for the "special" page with more information on Lefty Kreh and the Dinner.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR For the couple, two, or three of you who may be wondering. We will have regular monthly meeting with regular programs, fly tying, and raffles in September, October, November, and December. These meetings will be at the YLI Clubhouse just like always. In the past, the Bittner Dinner has taken the place of the October meeting. That won't be the case this year.



Sacramento's Leading
Fly Fishing Outfitter

916/486-9958

800/4000-FLY

Kiene's
FLY SHOP

Sales
Instruction
Travel

2654 Marconi Ave.
(Fulton & Marconi)
Open Seven Days

ANNUAL BITTNER SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET
Friday - November 20, 1998

featuring America's most acclaimed fly fiser


LEFTY KREH

spinning yarns & tales • teaching tips & techniques
 catered BBQ dinner • raffle & silent auction
 day-time workshop • entertaining evening program

Tickets - \$35
 (Early Bird Special - \$30 before October 1)

a fund-raising dinner to support
 advanced-degree students studying Wildlife Conservation

contact Susan Sylstra at (916) 961-4903




TODD RILEY
 9145 LAGUNA SPRINGS WAY
 ELK GROVE, CA 95687
 (R) 684-8687 • (B) 851-5128
 e-mail: toddri@vsp.com
 employer: VSP

STACEY TOTTER
 4431 Morpheus lane
 Sacramento, CA 95864
 (R) 973-0739 • (B) 456-6025
 employer: Architectural Woodworking
 finish carpenter



MEMBER ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES

DON MOURA
 (B) 227-4869
 FAX 227-4823



**Rivers Path
 Outfitters™**

*Fly Fishing for Oregon's
 Wild Trout & Steelhead*

Frank & Tami Armendariz
 1-800-854-9449
 (541) 998-6223

25691 Turnbow Court
 Junction City, Oregon 97448

CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS, UNLTD (CFFU)

is a non-profit community organization serving Sacramento and statewide. Since its inception in 1962, the club's objective is to promote increased awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing. CFFU also promotes the enhancement and preservation of resources related to conservation efforts.

Club activities and membership participation include monthly fly fishing programs. Special guest speakers are featured to provide informative angling resources. The club also conducts fly fishing outings to various waters in Northern California, technical fly fishing clinics and conservation projects.

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the YLI Clubhouse • 1400 27th Street • Sacramento, CA. Individual membership dues are \$30 per year; annual family membership dues are \$45. Memberships are renewed each year in January and prorated after June 30th for the balance of the year.

Board of Directors meetings are held on Wednesday following the first Tuesday at Northminster Presbyterian Church • 3235 Pope Avenue • Sacramento, CA. at 6:30 p.m. Classes and Technical Services meetings are generally held at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

OFFICERS

		<u>HOME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
President	Bob Cooper	487-8705	433-6370
Pres-Elec	Phil Greenlee	481-8169	568-0100
Past Pres	Susan Sylstra	961-4903	961-2003
1st V.P.	John Brittingham	668-9950	666-8033
2nd V.P.	Jerry Kilbert	685-7636	657-2810
Secretary	Brenda Martinez	(707)447-6075	923-7177
Treasurer	Bob Larne	961-1462	961-8868

DIRECTORS

Membership	Jake Mater	353-0544	353-1054
Tech Services	Jim White	773-5890	785-4240
Conserv-Programs	Paul Schultz	456-4586	569-5514
Conserv-Policy Program	Dick Sears	489-0981	962-0858
Public Relations	Jim Earley	795-1314	552-1843
Outings	John Turner	723-2019	
	Mike Giarrusso	488-0195	485-3725

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Newsletter	John Turner	723-2019	
Coachman	Phil Greenlee	481-8169	568-0100
Raffle	John Turner	723-2019	
Co-Library	Ray Nagata	422-0426	
Co-Library	Leo Goto	395-2589	
Historian	Frank Yamanaka	685-4651	
Photog	Frank Yamanaka	685-4651	
Logo Sales	Leon Powell	729-3276	323-1574
NCC/FFF	John Woodling	444-8037	557-5375
SARA Rep	Howard Ross	944-2819	
Ann'l Dinner	Jake Mater	353-0544	353-1054
Fly Tyer's	Glenn Yee	421-6922	
CFFU Home Page		http://www.cwo.com/~cflu	

ON THE FLY NEWSLETTER

On The Fly is the official monthly newsletter of the California Fly Fishers, Unlimited • P.O. Box 162997 • Sacramento, CA 95816. No claim is made to the accuracy or veracity of any information within this publication. After all, this is a "fishing" newsletter and no other type of sportsman is known for broader exaggerations of what was once the truth.

Submission of articles and news items is welcomed and encouraged. Preferred format is on floppy disk (which will be returned); include with disk a printed copy of your article. Send articles for publication to:

John Turner, Editor
 6312 Park View Way
 Citrus Heights, CA 95621
 (916) 723-2019

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS
 15TH OF MONTH**



OUTING TO SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
by Bruce Bartholomew - Fishmeister

Where: Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River outside of Mammoth Lakes
When: Saturday • September 19
 meet at Upper Soda Springs Campground at 8:00 a.m.
Equipment: 3 to 5 weight fly rod with a floating line • leaders tapered to about 5X
Accommodations: numerous motels in Mammoth Lakes
 campgrounds in the Devils Postpile area cost \$10 to \$13 per night.
Fishmeister: Bruce Bartholomew • evening phone: 983-7719; work phone: 657-7621

September's outing will be to the middle fork of the San Joaquin River, outside of Mammoth Lakes, in the Devil's Postpile area. There are numerous lakes in the area. For them I would recommend full sinking lines. For dry flies a Sierra Bright Dot can't be beat. Other dry patterns I would recommend would be the Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Royal Wulff and Humpies. Think small, sizes 14-18. For nymphs try a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, pheasant tail nymph or brassie in the same sizes.

For several years, the Outdoor Section of the *Sacramento Bee* has touted the San Joaquin River as one of the top places to fish in September. Last year, I decided to go to Mammoth Lakes to find out. I pulled into Mammoth Lakes on afternoon of Labor Day. The town was deserted. It seems everyone had gone back to Los Angeles early to beat the holiday weekend traffic jam.

The following morning I fished Sotcher Lake. The sky was quite overcast and it kept threatening to rain. Fishing started out very slow. Then a light rain started to fall...and the fish started biting. The harder it rained the better the bite. When it stopped raining, the fish stopped biting.

In the afternoon I drove over to the San Joaquin River. This is a very pretty stream, quite easily waded. Using a famous Eastern Sierras pattern, the Sierra Bright Dot, I fished up the middle of the stream. The rainbows loved that fly! I loved it so much, the fly and the area, that I'm going back this September. Come join me!

I plan to stay at Upper Soda Springs Campground right on the San Joaquin River. This is the first campground you come to after leaving the town of Mammoth Lakes. There is a camping fee of \$10 per night. A word of caution: it is not uncommon to see bears in the campground looking for food. All food should be stored out of sight. This includes ice chests. Some additional advice: with the area situated at an elevation of 7,700 feet, I'd recommend you bring some warm clothing for the evening. It can get just a little chilly!

MONTEREY BAY SALMON & TROUT PROJECT • P.O. BOX 417 • DAVENPORT, CA 95017

Gerald Kilbert - California Fly Fishers Unlimited
 P.O. Box 162997
 Sacramento, CA 95816

7/12/98

RE: ANNUAL 1998 MEMBERSHIP DONATION
 Dear Gerald,

I want to personally thank you for all of your help in supporting our organization this year. We all appreciate your membership donation of \$100.00 for 1998, and would like to assure you it is going to good use.

Last year saw quite a few changes in our program. We are constantly trying to improve and enhance our local fishing. We captured & spawned all of our adult Steelhead pairs for 1998. All of their eggs are hatched and the fish are already going into the race ways.

Some of our El Nino storm damage is already repaired. Although our water system has been replaced, our dam is still only at 50% and trees are still falling around the hatchery. Our hatchery trailer is still damaged and our new pools for adult fish have not arrived. We are still waiting to install our new generator and secondary power station when the ground dries out.

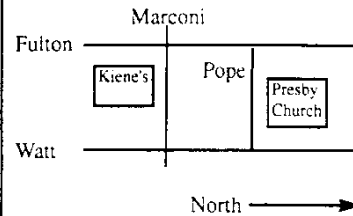
Finally, some good news. We have already released over 120,000 King Salmon from our Monterey facility in May 1998. In addition, we are in the beginning stages of planning our new Floating Salmon Rearing Pens for the Santa Cruz Harbor. This will add an additional 60,000 King Salmon smolts to our already 120,000 King Salmon we plant each year in the Monterey Bay. We just completed our 4th Annual Mammoth Monterey Bay Salmon Derby, July 3rd, 4th & 5th. This years winning fish weight was 16lbs. 6ozs. We still have some 1998 Derby Shirts and hats. Contact me at 408-688-4257 if you are interested.

Again, thank you for all of your support. If you have any questions about our upcoming events or if you need any other information, please contact me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Larry Wolf - Director

TECH THURSDAY
Jim White, Director

THURSDAY • SEPT 17 • 6:30 PM
 Northminster Presbyterian Church
 3235 Pope Avenue - Sacramento



we'll start at 6:30 pm, but come later if it suits your schedule.



WILLIAMSON RIVER

*"The best trophy
 rainbow water in
 western United States"*

- 1.5 miles prime Williamson riverfront.
- Cozy, private, log homes on the river
- Wild trophy rainbows & browns.
- Corporate & family programs available.
- Hike, bike, canoe, Nat'l Forest, Crater Lake.
 (800) 367-2540

Web Page: www.lonesomeduck.com

GERRY GRAY'S
"ON THE FLY"



GUIDE SERVICE
 STEELHEAD - SALMON
 SHAD - TROUT

P.O. Box 35
 Trinity Center, CA 96091

(888) 286-7250
blyguide@webtvnet

CONSERVATION PROGRESS...PATIENCE IS REQUIRED!
 by **Chuck Bucaria, V.P. conservation**

Suit Pending: In mid-August a suit shall be filed by Earth Justice (formerly Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund) to force National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to list steelhead in the North Coast and Klamath Mountain Provinces, California and Oregon, as "threatened" or "endangered". Your Council, and the California Sports Fishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), have followed the lead of the FFF National Steelhead Committee in co-sponsoring the 60-day suit notice to NMFS. Our task now is to prevent the State of California from blaming NMFS for the possible negative effects that may result. A major cause of the suit is failure of the State to act in good faith during early discussions with NMFS concerning Forest Practices Act reforms.

This is a follow-up legal action to the successful Earth Justice suit against NMFS for its acceptance of the "voluntary" Oregon State plan. There, the early June court opinion was that "National Marine Fisheries Service's April 1997 decision not to protect coho (salmon) was arbitrary and capricious" and "flies in the face of the agency's own scientists' concerns."

It is generally believed the Earth Justice suit in California will be successful. NMFS will be forced to act. However, action would be faster

and the potential effects on sport anglers would be less if the State were to be of assistance, according to Dr. William Hogarth, NMFS Southwest Regional Manager.

What does this mean for California? It is possible sport fishing in our northern steelhead rivers may be further restricted. That does not mean that the Resources Agency, acting for the Governor, will change their method of doing business. The current method of doing business is the cause of the diminished state of California's once great runs of steelhead and salmon. There must be changes in our Forest Practices Act, particularly to severely limit or completely outlaw clear-cutting and timber harvest in headwater drainages. It is our intention to ask the Agency to act now to modify the Forest Practices Act in such ways that our northern fisheries habitats can start the renewal process. The solution rests with the State Administration acting through the Resources Agency. NMFS is not to blame for the existing conditions of anadromous fisheries in California. The problem is ours here in California. Because the State has failed to act, the NMFS implementation of Federal

Endangered Species Act requirements is our best hope of restoring some small measure of what we have lost.

You can help. Personally, or on behalf of your business or angling club, write to the Secretary of the State Resources Agency. Ask him to act in good faith to initiate modification of the Forest Practices Act to meet NMFS expressed concerns. Ask also that his agency act rapidly to avoid possible sport angling closures which may result from an expectable listing of North Coast and Klamath Province steelhead under the Endangered Species Act. Address letters as follows:

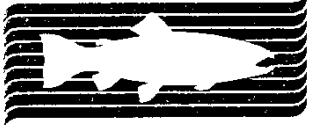
Mr. Douglas P. Wheeler
 Secretary, Resources Agency
 1416 9th Street, Suite 1311
 Sacramento, California 95814
 Fax: (916)653-8162
 E-mail: doug@resources.ca.gov

Truckee River Operating Agreement:

Thank you for the many letters sent to the Bureau of Reclamation concerning the TROA. The current negotiations involve the U.S. Government, States of California and Nevada, Paiute Indian Tribe, Sierra Pacific Power Company, cities of Reno and Sparks, innumerable water rights holders and upstream Truckee River municipalities and

continued on page 5

CALIFORNIA TROUT



KEEPER OF THE STREAM

870 Market St. #859, San Francisco, CA 94102

Upper Sac. Mc Cloud

Hart's Guide Service



Professional fly fishing instruction in northern California since 1986
 Specializing in stream techniques - Dedicated to a quality experience

965 Lassen Lane, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067
 (530) 926-2431 fax (530) 926-2482
 E-mail ronhart@snowcrest.net


Hart's River Detective™ strike indicators - Hart's River Stalker™ wading staffs

**BUFF'S
 BARBER
 SHOP**

3114 Fulton Avenue • Sacramento, CA • 489-3789

Dave Hendrickson, Proprietor

12/98



Como Say Llamas

WILDERNESS SAFARIS
 LLAMA PACKING • LLAMA LEASING
 BIRTHDAY PARTIES • PACK LLAMA TRAINING

DAVID DREWRY

PHONE: (916) 923-0408
 FAX: (916) 638-1873
 info@llamapacker.com
 www.llamapacker.com

1286 SONOMA AVENUE
 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95815

Conservation, continued from page 4

agencies. This issue is amazingly complex. We are on record with our concerns. We once again thank Bob Baiocchi of California Sports Fishing Alliance for drafting the informed CSPA response. NCCFFF is inviting a representative of the State Department of Water Resources to make a presentation at our August 29 quarterly Board meeting concerning the State's negotiating position. Nick Di Croce, now a Cal Trout Governing Board member, is working on arranging for a Bureau of Reclamation representative to speak with members of our Sport Angling Consortium, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout, United Anglers and both California Councils of FFF. They know we are here!

Fish and Game Commission Strategic Plan: Commissioner Mike Chrisman, Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee, expects to have a draft plan available in September. A series of "scoping meetings" extending from Redding to San Bernardino has taken place. An even-handed grouping of lobbyists and environmentally oriented organizations participated in Sacramento. We don't know what to expect from the draft. An "informed observer" indicates that Chrisman appreciates the need for radical change if the Department and Commission are to fulfill their public trust responsibilities. We await the pleasure of the Commission with best wishes for a useful step forward in resources management for California.

Klamath and Trinity Restoration Funds: We understand Congress has yet to act on these funds. There is still time to write your congressman, particularly in support of the Klamath Basin Restoration Act (PL-99-552). This is a \$2.5 million request for Klamath River habitat restora-

tion. Write your congressional representative c/o Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515. The group Friends of the Trinity River tells us, "the Secretary of Interior will decide next spring on the amount of water to re-allocate permanently to the river. This comes after years of diverting virtually all of the water in the Trinity Basin to large, heavily subsidized agricultural water users south of the San Francisco Bay-Delta. The Secretary will base his decision on the Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Environmental Impact Statement and Report and on public comments to the EIR/EIS." For public comment postcards please write:

Friends of the Trinity River
P.O. Box 2327
Mill Valley, CA 94942-2327
(415) 389-1300 Fax (415) 389-1437
e-mail fotr@will.com

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Acts: Late report: in a victory for fish, setback for Central Valley farm water diverters, the Federal Government was told by the Court it must comply with state law. This means California law requiring release of adequate water to maintain fisheries must be followed, particularly with respect to federal reservoirs not now in compliance. Starting with Friant Dam on the San Joaquin River some changes must take place! We will keep you advised.

**S.A.R.A. Report
by Howard Ross - SARA Rep**

I attended the July 21 SARA Board meeting with the added support of **Phil Greenlee**. The guest speaker was **Jeff Hart**, a resources ecologist, who spoke on the Wetland Slough Complex and Interpretive Center in the Cal Expo Floodplain area. His 45-minute presentation illustrated the feasibility of a water causeway from the American River through a series of canals that would create a year-round slough and continuous water flow through Bushy Lake. Of interest to both Phil and I was the fact that this would create a year-round fishery. This project is still in the develment phase.

I am finding that SARA is deeply committed to keeping the river and the adjacent parkway at least at its present state or improving it, where possible. SARA board member **Felix Smith's** major interst concerns the instream regimen and aquatic environment required to conserve, protect and restore the native chinook salmon and steelhead resources. This is certainly a common bond between SARA and CFFU. Next SARA board meeting 9/15.

**We Make Fly Fishing
Fun & Easy!**



Another successful trip!—Belize River Lodge, March '98

**AMERICAN
FLY FISHING CO.**

3523 Fair Oaks Blvd. • Sacramento
Corner of Fair Oaks & Watt (Just one block from the American River!)

916/483-1222 or 800/410-1222
Web site: www.americanfly.com

Labrador - The Home of Trophy Brook Trout

by Frank Yamanaka

Do you want to catch 5-, 6-, and 7-pound brook trout on a dry fly? Then Labrador, Canada is the place for you. The Anne Marie Lodge operated by Cooper's Minipi Camps was our home for a week in July. The lodge is located in the wilderness southwest of Goose Bay, Labrador and is accessible only by chartered aircraft. But first, just where is Labrador and how do you get there?

A little history....Labrador is located on the northeastern coast of Canada. Although it is formally a province of New Foundland, it always has been identified independently including its own flag. It is on the mainland next to the province of Quebec; whereas, New Foundland is an island separated by the Strait of Belle Isle to the southeast. Labrador is about the size of the state of Colorado and sparsely populated (30,375 - 1993 statistics). It is the home to three diverse cultures: Innu (Indians), Inuit (Eskimos), and settlers (European immigrants). Sport hunting for caribou and fishing for brook trout and Atlantic salmon attract many visitors to Labrador.

The long journey....There is no easy way to get to Labrador. The only highway access into Labrador is west from Montreal on a gravel road. No major air carrier services Labrador. You must first visit Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. John, New Foundland; or Montreal, Quebec to make prop plane connections into Labrador.

Just prior to our visit, we received reports of good weather (80 to 85 degrees) and very good fishing with plentiful hatches of may flies and caddis flies. So the seven of us (Joe Shirshac, Tak Kato, Hideo Okino, Sevy Cimaroli, Willie Tsusaki, Jim Thornton, and myself) headed cross country with anticipation of a good fishing trip.

Well, Murphy's Law set in immediately. Sevy and I missed our first connecting flight in Los Angeles. Our alternate travel was on United Airlines via Chicago to Boston; whereas, our baggage traveled on Air Canada to Toronto. We made five connecting flights on four different airlines and ran through three airports to barely catch connecting flights. We arrived exasperated and late in Goose Bay without our baggage and in pouring rain. Did I mention getting to Labrador wasn't easy?

The storm continued which delayed the flight into camp by a day. We were able to fly in late on the second day only by chartering helicopters instead of float planes.

The lodge and Willie the Cook....The Minipi Camps' operation consists of three lodges located on three different lakes which are about 20 miles apart. Each lodge can accommodate 8 people



Above, Jim Thornton, Sevy Cimaroli, Willie Tsusaki, Tak Kato, Hideo Okino, Joe Shirshac and Frank Yamanaka in front of a cabin at Labrador fishing lodge.

Right, Frank Yamanaka and a big grin pose with one of his trophy-sized Brook trout caught while on a trip to Labrador, Canada.



with the exception of the main lodge which can accommodate 20. The only people you see fishing are the people you lodge with as the Minipi Camps are the only operation on the Minipi watershed.

The Anne Marie Lodge is a comfortable, cozy log cabin that sits among the black spruce trees. It consists of four bedrooms with two beds in each room. A big diesel generator provides electrical power for both the guest and staff cabins. Two bathrooms with showers and a bath are provided for the guests. A full-time cook (Willie) prepares all meals for the guests and staff of 4 guides. The hard working cook also performs housekeeping duties including making our beds everyday. He even washed my underwear.

Although the lodge is in the wilderness, it is almost like being at home. Washing machine, dishwasher, two refrigerators (one for the guests), radio-telephone, satellite telephone, and satellite television for the staff are some of the conveniences found at the lodge. A good insect repellent is a necessity as mosquitoes and black flies are all over the place.

Homemade breads and cookies were baked daily. For breakfast you ask what you want, and Willie will cook it. Orange juice, coffee, porridge, toast, pancake, French toast, egg, bacon, sausage, and cold cereal can be ordered. Dinner included chicken, roast pork, spaghetti, lasagna, barbecue steak, soup, and salad. Dessert included pie, cake, jello, and fruit cobbler all deliciously prepared by Willie the Cook. Come to think about it, I didn't see any skinny guides in camp. I wonder why.

The fishing....The Minipi watershed contains brook trout, Arctic char, and northern pike. The brook trout is the main attraction as world records for brook trout for all line classes come from the Minipi watershed. It is a catch-and-release watershed for fly fishers with one trophy fish permitted to be kept.

Unfortunately, the bad weather continued for the week. Overcast days with strong winds prevailed most of the time. Showers and heavy rain fell on the last two days.

Fishing was reported to be best in the evening when you could fish until 10 p.m. But the weather didn't cooperate, as it was windy and cold every evening, except for one evening when it calmed down after 8:30. That night there was a beautiful sunset which settled behind the mountain range; and with the lake and trees in the foreground, it provided a beautiful setting for photography. Only a few made the evening fishing runs but found minimal action.

A guide was assigned to two anglers in each canoe. The primary mode of fishing was to fish from a canoe in nearby lakes and cast dry flies to rising fish. Streamers, nymphs, mice, and other flies were cast when fish wasn't rising or hitting. Here is a place where you can

continued on page 7

FLY TIER'S EXCHANGE
by **Jim Wright** - August Coordinator

Five contributors tied some great patterns for the August meeting:

Mike Giarrusso tied a size #12 Prince Nymph.

Tim Au-Young tied a size #8 Green Damsel. The pattern, developed by the late Polly Rosborough, has a tail of olive marabou; a body tied from dubbed golden-brown Borden's haretron; legs from ring neck pheasant tail tips; and wing case of olive marabou.

Jim Wright tied a size #16 Early Brown Stonefly. The body was tied from light brown quill; wings from muskrat guard hairs; and hackle from a grizzly hackle.

Jim White tied a size #14 Bird's Nest with a body of olive, gray and tan dubbing.

Want to participate? Just tie up a dozen of your favorite pattern and bring to the September meeting. We then exchange patterns with each other, so you get to add some innovative flies to your own fly box...and we contribute a nice selection to the monthly raffle. It's great fun!

Labrador Brook Trout. *continued from page 6*

try most of the trout flies in your fly box as different species of hatches occur throughout the season. As an example, thirty-two species of mayfly have been identified in Minipi waters.

Occasionally, we encountered hatches of small caddis flies with fish rising to them which produced some nice dry fly action. Joe Shirshac had the most successful one-day outing when he hooked 13 fish and landed 7. Also he was the only one who landed an Arctic char. Tak Kato caught the biggest brookie which weighed over 7 pounds on a Goddard caddis that he picked out of my fly box.

My best day was when I had 8 hookups and landed 5. But 2 of them didn't count, as they weighed only 2 and 2 1/2 pounds. Any fish under 3 pounds is not a catch, a standard followed by camps in Labrador to count fish. My biggest brookie was a 6 1/2 pounder, but the 5 3/4 pounder caught in fast water fought considerably harder.

One morning, we waded a stream for small trout, as there was no action on the lake due to high winds. On the stream plenty of brookies between 10 to 14 inches were landed by casting bomber flies. Back in California, these brookies would be considered good fishing; but at camp they are just fished for shore lunch, which was scheduled later in the week.

One afternoon, we fished in a cove of lily pads for pikes. The guide instructed us to cast big, bright, noisy flies. After I made a few casts on a mouse, it was snapped off by an explosive strike. It was like an alligator out of water after its prey. After changing leaders, I tied on a bright Clouser Minnow, since I didn't want to lose any more of my limited mouse supply. After I made just two casts, a pike viciously hit the fly. It fought hard and the 6 pounder was landed only because it was hooked on the side of the mouth. Willie, my fishing partner, also caught a pike after it ferociously attacked his big, fluffy popper.

It's advertised that you can catch up to 50 pike a day if you're so inclined. But you must use heavy monofilament leaders or wire strand leaders for tippets. Pike up to 30 pounds have been taken in these waters. We found pike easy to catch and with strong leaders they can be landed. But hang on when they strike!

We occasionally trolled when fishing was slow. Trolling may not be your cup of tea, but it's better than casting endlessly and getting nothing but a good arm exercise. The same setup used for casting was used for trolling--a floating line, a short leader and a dry fly. Since the average depth of the lake is 7 feet, I guess keeping everything on top was OK. Anyway, we did get hits and landed several brookies by using bright bombers and big muddler minnows. Pike were also caught by trolling.

In review...Yes, Mother Nature didn't cooperate, which curtailed the fishing considerably. Nevertheless, everyone experienced the excitement of catching Labrador's giant brook trout after rising to a dry fly. In spite of the weather and woeful travel, it was still a very memorable and enjoyable visit. I now know more about the beautiful land of Labrador and its people. The lodging was very comfortable for a wilderness setting and the food was superb. The staff at the lodge and in Goose Bay were very accommodating. And where else can you go to have your laundry done while fishing in the wilderness? But next time, I have to find a better way of getting there!

**FLY PATTERN
OF THE MONTH**

**ST. VRAIN
FLUTTERING CADDIS**

Designed by: A. K. Best
Reference: Fly Rod and Reel,
July/August 1998: page 63

Hook: dry fly, sizes #14-20

Thread: yellow, 6/0 or 8/0

Body: pale yellow, very fine dry fly dubbing (Best prefers rabbit belly underfur)

Underwing: sparse, light-dun mink-tail guard hair

Overwing: sparse, light-ginger elk or deer hair (no black tips); bleached is OK, but be sure the bleaching process didn't make hair brittle

Hackle: ginger to match overwing

Best explains why he prefers natural materials over synthetics. Instead of using "strung plastic" like flashabou, he found that guard hairs would provide a translucent, durable, highly-visible material.



BEGINNING FLY TYING
by **John Turner** - Instructor

Want to know how to trim and shape a deer hair bass bug? Tie a Lefty's Deceiver? Dub a nymph pattern with both the single thread and loop methods? Why pay more than \$100 for a fly tying vise? How to tie a half-hitch knot or whip finish a fly? Learn all that...and more at the Beginning Fly Tying classes to be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, over 3 Monday nights:

September 14, 21 & 28
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tools and materials are provided, but feel free to bring your own, if you choose.

KUDOS! ACCOLADES! PLAUDITS!
by Chuck Bucaria

Some of our most effective Conservation Policy fly fishers are people of whom you may barely have heard. The people who fight for the fish generally don't have time to make big waves personally. Let's consider a few names: our past three Council Presidents contributed in major ways. They are, Harold Patterson (Peninsula Fly Fishers, Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club) 1997-8; Lorna Carriveau (Grizzly Peak, California Fly Fishers Unlimited) 1995-8; and Dave Ford (California Fly Fishers Unlimited) 1994-5.

Harold spent amazing blocks of personal time (spelled g-a-i-n-f-u-l employment) over the past two years in which he served as President. He set up Council meetings, conferred with Fish and Game Commission members and Department of Fish and Game staff members. He represented NCCFFF at events of Council member clubs, as well as those of other organizations. Harold doubled up last year by Chairing our Lake Tahoe Conclave and in setting up and coordinating the San Mateo Hall of Fame Dinner. Both events are essential to funding the California Sports Fishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), our conservation policy litigators and legislative advocates, and many of the other conservation activities supported by or engaged in by this Council.

As President, Lorna Carriveau led the Council as we tested the water of relationships with Trout Unlimited, United Anglers, Cal Trout and the Southwest Council of the Federation. This has been a sometimes delicate task. It is seen by some as being on a diplomatic level equal to that of the negotiations which led to the withdrawal of Russian missiles from Cuba during the John F. Kennedy era. She also opened doors to closer relationships with Department of Fish and Game staff. Lorna picked up on the fact that the west Walker River, through the famed Rosachi Ranch in Nevada, was to become public water. Nevada's Department of Fish and Game planned to allow this trophy trout stream to be open to any method of "take." Lorna's e-mail

blitzkrieg resulted in the Rosachi Ranch being made a catch-and-release trophy trout water, one of Nevada's first. Lorna's willingness to contribute went beyond reasonable limits when she graciously allowed herself to be recruited as Council Secretary for these two years past.

Dave Ford's most endearing attribute was in getting volunteers to do things for the Council and have fun while doing them. Dave represented NCCFFF during initial stages of our negotiations with the DF&G and suction miners over the issue of the effects of suction dredging on our fisheries. He represented the Council with aplomb and savoir faire before the State Fish and Game Commission. During his term, Dave had the smoothest money-making machine the Council had seen in many years. Strong fund raising results came from a well-organized Hall of Fame fly-tying and dinner event. The Lake Tahoe Conclave was very well attended and a money-maker. California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance quickly absorbed the funds Dave and NCCFFF generated...and Bob Baiocchi, it's most able water rights consultant, filed more protests of applications for more water from already over-subscribed water rights before the State Water Resources Control Board, a Baiocchi described "rogue State agency." Ford was reported to have seditiously aided and abetted the criminal activities of CSPA, according to its President, Jim Crenshaw (himself a winner of weeds from the State legislative briar patch on the behalf of the fish). The Northern California Council of FFF, and, fly fishers not affiliated with FFF, have been beneficiaries of the great talent and willingness to work hard shown by each of these three Past Presidents. The waters and fisheries of Northern California and Northern Nevada have benefited from their willingness to lead. Our thanks to Dave, Lorna and Harold. They have left a wide deep path for us to follow.

Joe Shirshac with a Labrador brookie.

CONTACT ADDRESSES
FISHERY & ENVIRO ISSUES

U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein
Senate Hart Building, Room 311
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
Senate Hart Building, Room 112
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Robert Matsui
Rayburn Building, Room 2311
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Vic Fazio
Rayburn Building, Room 2113
Washington, DC 20515

Representative John Doolittle
Longworth Building, Room 1526
Washington, DC 20515

Governor Pete Wilson
Executive Offices of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

ORDER BOOKS AT
20% DISCOUNT

One-time offer from **Amato Publications** - see order form on page 11. Review Amato's *Flyfishing* or *Fly Tying* magazines for current list of available books -- or see catalog at September meeting.

take **20% off** of retail price

give order form and proceeds to:

Tim Au-Young or John Turner

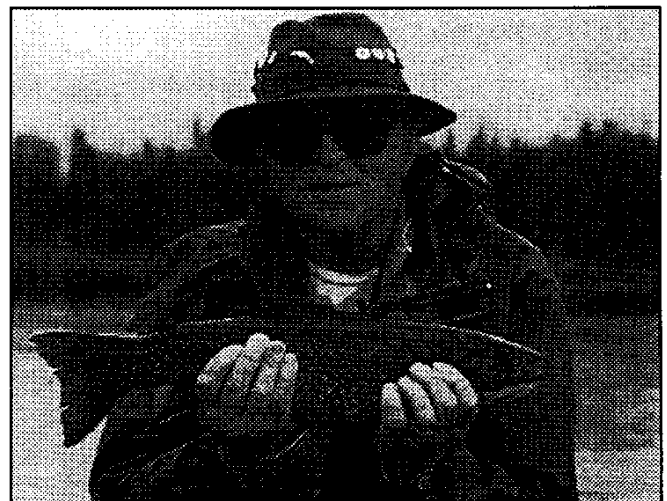


Complete Line of
Fly Fishing Equipment &
Fly Tying Materials

Creative Sports

(510) 938-2255 Fax (510) 938-2258
1924 "C" Oak Park Boulevard
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Freeman Long, Jr.
Proprietor



New features are planned for this great fly fishing event in 1998. Come and share some of the new programs, as well as, your old favorites like fishing Northern California and Nevada waters. Hands on activities for the young also. Join us **September 25, 26 & 27 at Tahoe** for a great time.

A Festival of Fly Fishing

Conclave '98

A 3 day event featuring :

- Friday Evening Cocktail Party
- Saturday Evening Banquet / Live Auction / Raffle
- Youth programs, including beginning casting and fly tying
- Premier Fly Tiers / over 40 tiers will be on hand to show you tips and short cuts on tying flies.
- Exhibitors including: manufacturers, guides, wildlife artists and lodges.
- Beginning to advanced fly tying instruction and programs
- Guides will tell you some of their favorite out of the way places to fish.
- Casting instruction. Improve your cast or learn how to cast the right way.
- Silent Auction and General Raffle
- Everyone is welcome. Bring family and friends to this one of a kind event.

The Fly Fishing Festival offers something for everyone.

September 25, 26 & 27 1998

North Tahoe Conference Kings Beach, California



For More Information call or write:

TOM SMITH 2875 F NORTH TOWNE LN #323, RENO, NV 89512 (702) 673-4042



Conclave '98 Pre-Registration Form

North Tahoe Conference Center, Kings Beach, California
September 25 - 27th.

Please print and fill out all information on this form. The registration fee for Conclave '98 is \$25 per individual and \$35 per family (includes 2 adults and children under 17) for entire weekend. Registration does not include after hours cocktail or dinner functions, raffles or auctions, which are priced separately below. All meal functions are limited in size, so advance purchase is advised. Tickets for all functions will be held for pickup at the North Tahoe Conference Center when you arrive. Daily registration is \$10. Full payment must accompany this form.

Early Bird registration Postmarked by September 15, 1998 gets one free chance to win a Graphite fly rod.

Name	Total Registration \$	Check #
Address	VISA /MC#	
City/State/Zip	Name on Card	
Day Telephone	Expiration Date	
Eve Telephone	Signature	
Youth Registration, Name _____ Age _____ Skill level, <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced		

Registration fees

Individual	# _____ @ \$25.00 = _____
Family	# _____ @ \$35.00 = _____
Friday Nite Reception	# _____ @ \$ 8 = _____
Includes : Hosted Hor d'ovres, Fly Fishing Olympics, Awards, & Recognition (no Host Bar)	
Saturday Night Dinner	# _____ @ \$25.00 = _____
Dinner, Live Auction and Raffle (must be present to win)	

Castling Games	# _____ @ \$2.00 = _____
Each entry is entered in drawing for fly rod	
Drift boat Drawing	# _____ @ \$2.00 = _____
Don Hill 10' Mini Drifter, valued at over \$1,500.00 Need not be present to win	
General raffle tickets	# _____ @ \$1.00 = _____
or 6 tickets for \$5, need not be present to win	
Commemorative Pins	# _____ @ \$10.00 = _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Regular Raffle - Donation \$1.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send payment with completed registration form to
NCC/FFF Conclave '98 Attn.: Ray Cole, Treasurer,
2874 Calariva Dr., Stockton Ca 95204.
For general information contact Tom Smith,
2875 F North Towne Lane #323, Reno, NV 89512. (702) 673-4042

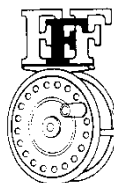
Cancellation policy: Written cancellation received prior to
September 10, 1997 will receive 100% refund. Written cancellations
received from September 10 to 18, 1997 will receive 50%
refund. No refunds will be given after September 18, 1997
(no shows receive no refund).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT/ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST/SPEAKER</u>
Sep 1	Monthly Meeting Program: Delta Stripers	7:00 p.m.	YLI Clubhouse	Jim Humphrys
Sep 2	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	Bob Cooper
Sep 12	Upper San Joaquin outing	8:00 a.m.	Upper Soda Springs Campgrnd	Bruce Bartholomew
Sep 14	Beginning Fly Tying	6:00 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	John Turner
Sep 17	Tech Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	Jim White
Sep 19	Kid's Fish Derby	8:00 a.m.	Gibson RanchCounty Park	John Turner
Sep 21	Beginning Fly Tying	6:00 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	John Turner
Sep 25-27	NCC/FFF Conclave	various	Kings Beach, N. Lake Tahoe	Truckee River Flyfishers
Sep 28	Beginning Fly Tying	6:00 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	John Turner
Oct 6	Monthly Meeting Program: Entomology & the Caddisfly	7:00 p.m.	YLI Clubhouse	Nancy Erman
Oct 7	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	Bob Cooper
Oct 15	Tech Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Northminster Presbyterian	Jim White



CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS, UNLIMITED
P.O. BOX 162997
SACRAMENTO CA 95816



FIRST CLASS MAIL

In This Issue

Kid's Derby - pg 1
 Lefty Kreh @ Bittner - pg 2
 San Joaquin outing - pg 3
 Conservation issues - pg 4
 Labrador brookies - pg 6
 Fluttering Caddis - pg 7
 NCC/FFF Conclave - pg 9
 Books @ 20% off - pg 11
 CFPU HOME PAGE
<http://www.cwo.com/~cffu>

regular 1989 date expires: 12/31/98

Robert Roth
 1348 - 43rd Street
 Sacramento CA 95819

