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Special Points of Interest:

July 23

Pot -luck

*August 15 -
16*

Morro Bay Outing

August 27

*General
Meeting*

Jeff Sherman

*Check the Bulletin
board!*

July 23, General Mtg. Pot-Luck and Club Barbeque

July is here and with it our club potluck and barbeque meeting. This is where we get to practice casting, visiting and stretching the truth as we share fishing stories. Bring a side dish, salad or desert (your own plates and silverware). The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. You also must provide your own stories. For those of you who are less talkative Jeff Trafican, Dan Busby and Roger Miller have been known to tell a windy or two, thinks bears and dynamite, Fred Rameriz I'm sure can also fill in a detail or two about the sporting life came enjoy and share.



Linda Cottingham's first fish on a fly rod.
Dinky Creek Outing June 2009

Presidents Message

Bob Papazian



GONE FISHING

Please excuse the short article & page fillers at the bottom. I hope everyone is enjoying Summer, and that you all have had or are planning a little 'on the water' down time. The picture above was taken on the North Umpqua River, near Steamboat Creek. I didn't raise or even see a steelhead that particular day. It was a most enjoyable day- hiking through the old growth forests, wondering what it must have been like during Zane Grey's era...and even earlier, when the American Natives were chasing these same fish. They, of course, were much better at *catching* fish than I.

Enjoy your Summer, go fishing, & God Bless. Bob

"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish." - John H. Bradley

"I have fished through fishless days that I remember happily without regret." - Roderick Haig-Brown

"Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after." - Henry David Thoreau

"The trout do not rise in the cemetery, so you better do your fishing while you are still able." - Sparse Grey Hackle

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

“In Wildness is the Preservation of the World “ Henry David Thoreau

A Good Day Fishing is

God thank you for the all of June, but the first part of the month was just about heaven. We the people whom live on the San Joaquin Valley floor were very privileged to experience a true spring. With a cool marine layer holding over the west coast. Fresno was the most pleasant place to live in the whole world for about three weeks. If that type of weather pattern were to hold over this area we would not be able to afford to live here. The air was clear, the Coastal and Sierra Mountain ranges towered above the valley floor, varied cloud patterns from cirrus to cumulonimbus filled our sky, our air felt light and refreshing. Oh an what a beautiful light show you put on for us one evening, lightning (earth to sky, sky to ground and sky to sky), thunder (heavy & close, window rattling vibrations), wind driven (horizontal rain) and not even one wildfire reported in our area.

In the midst of this wonderful weather pattern we held our annual club Dinky Creek fishing outing. Jeff Traffican, welcomed us into his Shaver Lake cabin for a continental breakfast and while we supped on fresh fruit , coffee and donuts he regaled us with fishing with Roger Miller stories. And since Roger was not there to defend himself ... well let me say it this way, Roger has attained legendary status in his fishing prowess, stream-side manner and statesmanship at least through Jeff's eye's and story telling abilities. Reality was check at the door along with our coats. Thank you God for fishing stories as well. (PS the club holds first rights of refusal on Jeff's cabin as our future club house.)

Fishing days don't get better than this day. We had mid thigh high water, cool enough for waders but not cold enough for long underwear. The day temperature was just warm enough not to need a jacket and every time it got cool enough that you might think about a jacket the cumulonimbus clouds would pass. For me the fish struck on nymphs on a dry dropper. The cool temps kept the water levels low enough to fish and the lower flows kept the water clear. Nice short cast and long drifts provided plenty of action. Most of the fish were in the 6 to 8 inch rage but I caught 3 nice 10 inch rainbows holding in the current eddy in front of submerged rocks.

Dinky Creek made it very easy to get into the rhythm of the day, no stumbles, slips, trips or falls. Just easy wading and short casts to seems and pockets. Even the stream side willows and pines when they deemed it necessary to catch an errant back cast gave up the fly with an easy snap cast. The clouds continued to come and go threatening rain but never producing where we fished. Every rock tree and bush had that spring time freshness that puts the soul in a peaceful place and with slow deep breath the day passed for me in a fisherman's dream, it was a day of catching.

Now while my day was wonderful it pales in comparison to Linda Cottingham and Jack Leveque. Linda caught her first fish on a fly rod and Jack caught a 100 dollar bill. Linda welcome officially to fly fishing glad we could share the day with you and Jack could we please use the 100 as a surety on Jeff's cabin.

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SURF FLIES



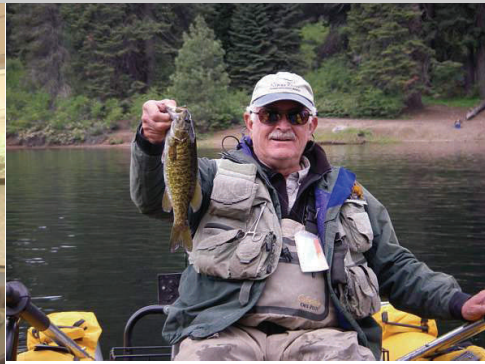
Here are some examples of Surf Flies constructed Clouser style. Flies are from Eric Rangel at The Artful Angler in Carpinteria, California. For help constructing these flies, contact me, Jerry Hopewell at fluestang@comcast.net

Outing Report

Tim Lawrence



Dinky Creek Outing Crowd



Ron Richards



On the Creek

Outing Report, Dinkey Creek

June 13, 2009

Thanks to all that made the Dinkey Creek outing this month. A special thanks to Jeff Trafican for lending his cabin for a pre-fish breakfast and strategy session. Fifteen people made their way up the hill to brave the chilly morning weather and threat of rain. Congratulations to Linda Cottingham who caught and landed her first fish on a fly rod. Ron Richards and Hank Urbach put the pontoon boats in at Bonadella Bay on Shaver Lake and had a smallmouth fest. A small group went down stream along Ross Crossing Road and had a good day on some wild fish. It was nice to see Lance Hill bring his son to enjoy the day together. Jack Leveque caught a rare green back, (\$100 bill wrapped around a stick in the middle of the creek), what's the chance! A good time was had by all. If you did not get the chance to attend, I hope you will be able to attend a future outing.

Upcoming Outing, Edison Lake

July 17-18, 2009

Coming up in July is our Edison Lake trip. This is one of the most anticipated outings of the year. There's the opportunity to catch large browns in the lake and golden trout in the high streams. You could hike a few hundred feet to fish Mono Creek or several miles into the back country to enjoy the wildlife and beauty that the Sierra has to offer. We will camp at the Mono Creek campground. There are a limited number of spots. If you plan to attend please e-mail or call me to reserve a spot. Reservations have been made for both Friday the 17th and Saturday 18th. Come up when you can. Saturday night we will have a BBQ tri-tip dinner together as a group. Bring a side dish, salad, or desert for a pot-luck style meal. To offset the costs for the campsites, additional vehicle parking, and the meat for Saturday night's BBQ, we ask that each person contribute \$20. Directions to Mono Creek Campground: Take Hwy 168 past Shaver Lake through to Huntington Lake. At the east end of Huntington Lake turn right on Kaiser Pass Road (at the Eastwood Visitor Center). Travel 17 miles to Edison Lake Road. Turn left toward Edison Lake and travel 4.5 miles to the campground, it will be on the left.

Again, if you plan to attend or have any questions please call Tim Lawrence 559-779-5338 or e-mail dhelmr@sbcglobal.net See you on the water!

Club Meeting Dates 2009

Date	Meeting	Location	Speaker
Jan 5- Mon	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	Jack Dennis
Jan 12 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Feb 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Feb 21	Outing	Low Kings River	
Feb 26- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Clovis North	Fly Fishing Film
Feb 27 - 28	Outing	Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show	
March 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
March 14 & 15	Outing	Pyramid Lake	
March 7	No Child Left Inside	Willow Lodge	
Mar 26- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Apr. 6 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
April 18 - 19	Outing	Kern River Outing	
May 2- Sat	Banquet	Sportsman's Club	
May 4 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
May 16	Outing	Hume Lake	
May 29 - 30	Ladies Outing	Shaver area	
May 28- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Jun 1 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
June 13	Outing	Dinkey Creek	
Jun 25- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
July 6 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
July 18-19	Outing	Edison Lake	
Jul 23- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	Pic Nic Potluck
Aug 3 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Aug 15 & 16	Outing	Morro Bay	
Aug 27- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Sept 14 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Sept 19 & 20	Outing	Truckee River	
Sept 24- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Oct 5 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Oct 17 & 18	Outing	Upper Kings River	
Oct 22- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Nov 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Nov 13- Fri	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Nov 14	Outing	San Luis Reservoir	
Dec 7 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Dec 11- Fri	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	

Morro Bay Outing August 15 & 16

The club outing for August is at Morro Bay. On Saturday the 15 we will be surf fishing for perch in the bucket on the North side of the Morro Rock in front of Morro Dunes RV park. I have reserved 3 tent spots at Morro Dunes RV park that will hold 4 tents for a total of 12 people. If you would like to reserve a tent spot please contact me at (559) 977-7979. Tent spots are on a first come first serve bases.

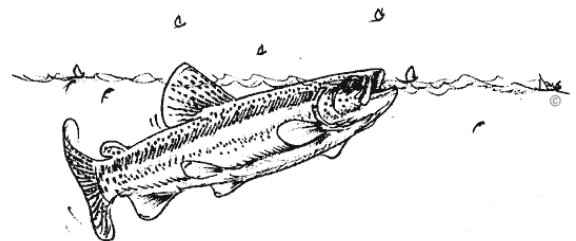
We will also have a potluck barbeque on Saturday night at Morro Dunes RV park. I have reserved the barbeque pavilion at the south end of the park. We will collect a fee to offset the cost of the RV Park and barbeque.

On Sunday August 16 we will travel to Port San Luis to fish for Halibut.

Contact me with question

Stephen Neal
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I will be out of state July 17 through July 26. But I can be reached via e-mail



BULLETIN BOARD

Yard Sale on the Web Page To support our conservation efforts and also to help our member sell or acquire indispensable items we have initiated a Yard Sale Page on our web site (fresnoflyfishers.com). Please check it out!

To help raise conservation dollars, we are asking members to donate 10% of the sold items sales price to the club. For items up to \$500.00. For items all items selling for over \$500.00 we are asking members to donate 5% of the sold price to the club.

We feel that this is a great way to raise funds for conservation and help out our members and entice other people to view our web site and discover more about us and Fly Fishing. So clean out your garage, storage shed, din, workshop, study and attic and turn those items into cash and help us promote conservation and better fisheries for all.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE LOWER KINGS

Since 1999, the Kings River Fisheries Management Program (Program) has been working to restore the lower Kings River to the fishery it used to be. A history of the program as well as documents relative to the program's beginning are to be found at the web site run by the Public advisory group. The URL is: <http://www.kingsriverfisheries.org>. Not only can you read these documents, you can report your success, or lack, on the lower Kings via the Anglers' survey, get the latest reservoir levels, be a part of the ongoing discussions in the forum section and view

Place your Announcement Here!!

Our Mission:

Fly Fishers for Conservation (FFC) was organized in 1961 by a group of devoted Fly Fishers deeply concerned with the preservation of trout and all game fish, their environment, and the quality of fishing. Our club has maintained two goals since this time:

To foster and promote the sport of angling with artificial flies

To protect, conserve, and increase our angling resources.



FFFC Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth mm/dd _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Fees are due February 1, each year.

Pro-Rate: Pay for months remaining until January 30 including current month at 1/12 annual rate.

* Add initiation fee, \$10.

One newsletter per household.

Family Membership \$36

Senior Membership \$24 (over age 65)

Lifetime Member \$500

Shoulder Patch \$5

Fly Dope Mailing fee \$10 (Life Member Exempt)

Conservation Donation

\$ _____

Initiation fee \$ 10.00

Total: \$ _____

**Make Check payable to FFFC.
Mail to 100 E. Sierra, PMB 3310, Fresno, CA 93710**

I would like to receive the Fly Dope by EMAIL

I would like the Fly Dope mailed to the above address (\$10.00/yr service fee)

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**4th Thursday of every
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