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Sportsman Show

Check the Bulletin board!

December Meeting is Friday 15th at 7 PM!

*A Few of the Year's Great Trips, Desserts Pot Luck
Vote for the 2007 board!*

For our meeting this month we have a few of our members that have graciously offered to review their favorite trip of the year. This will be only a few slides per trip, fairly short and sweet. We will also vote for the 2007 board and have a BIG year end raffle. Don't forget to bring a dessert; it's always good to share together as we celebrate the Season.

Kevin Wren will review a great trip to Northern California he made with Jeff Trafican and Bob Papazian. They fished a couple of different waters, including the Sugar Creek Ranch and the Upper Sacramento. They were all a buzz after this trip, having had a great time. Fred Ramirez and Phil Davis went to British Columbia this year. This sounds like one of the best trips I've heard about in a long time and Phil says the costs were very reasonable. Come and hear the details!

We will share photos and observations from watching the Team USA contestants fish the Upper Kings and Hume Lake. I got to hear a few different strategies they tried when I drove the van home each night, and will share a couple with you. Finally I have some pictures and a brief report from World Champion Vladi's class on the Lower Kings. By the way, he caught a 25 inch Rainbow while he was teaching the afternoon class. What a validation of his technique!

Are you interested in sharing with us too? Please contact Jayne with any pictures at jayne16@comcast.net. We'd really appreciate it!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fred Ramirez

Happy Holiday

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Let's start the New Year off right with the ISE San Mateo sportsmen show. The show will run from Thurs Jan 11 to Sunday Jan 14. We will be having a bus for Sat. Jan 13 to take us to the Show. We will be meeting at the People church at 6:30 am and leaving about 7:00 am. and one stop in Los Banos and on are way to the Show. I have invited the Merced Club and the Visalia club to attend if they would like. The price for the trip is \$25.00 per person. So hurry and get a seat. RSVP to Bob Papazian (559) 434-6544 bob-papazian@cvip.net or Fred Ramirez (559) 779-9501 woollybuggerfred@aol.com .

I would like to thank all of our Board for all there hard work this year. If you want to know what it takes to run the clubs please attend a board meeting? Speaking of board!! We still have a few openings this year, 1st VP and a Director at large. So if you have the time please help out your club call me. Thank you all for letting me serve as your President.
Thank you all and have Happy New Year

San Mateo Sportsman Show Schedule

Our outing for January is the San Mateo Sportsman Show, we have reserved a bus for January 13th. We will be meeting at the People church at 6:30 am and leaving about 7:00 am. with one stop in Los Banos on are way to the Show. We have invited the Merced Club and the Visalia club to attend if they would like. The price for the trip is \$25.00 per person. So hurry and get a seat. RSVP to Bob Papazian (559) 434-6544 bobpapazian@cvip.net or Fred Ramirez (559) 779-9501 woollybuggerfred@aol.com . This is a great trip to see what's new in out door sports equipment, no need to drive and you get to visit with other club members to share stories and tips. **Please be sure and wear your club badge.**

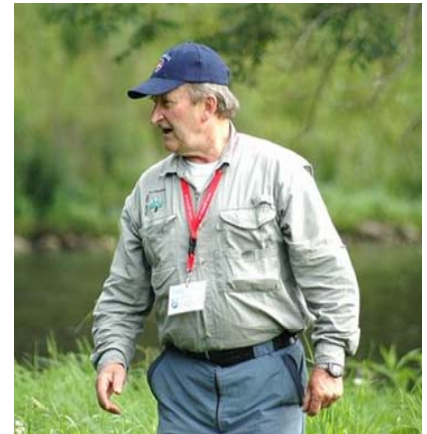
FLY-FISHING THEATER PRESENTATION SCHEDULE	THURSDAY, JAN. 11 - SHOW OPENS THURSDAY AT NOON	FRIDAY, JAN. 12 -- SHOW OPENS FRIDAY AT NOON	SATURDAY, JAN. 13 - SHOW OPENS SATURDAY AT 10:00 AM	SUNDAY, JAN. 14 -- SHOW OPENS SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM
10:30 AM	SHOW OPENS THURSDAY AT NOON	SHOW OPENS FRIDAY AT NOON	Jack Dennis: The West's Best Fly-Fishing	Dan Blanton: Fly-Fishing the Delta
11:30 AM	SHOW OPENS THURSDAY AT NOON	SHOW OPENS FRIDAY AT NOON	Dan Blanton: Fly-Fishing San Luis Reservoir	Ken Hanley & Jay Murakoshi: California By the Seasons
12:30 PM	FIRST PRESENTATION THURSDAY AT 1:30	Denny Rickards: West's Best Trophy Trout Waters	Dave Ames: Dances with Sharks & Other Tales of Fly-Fishing and Life	Denny Rickards: West's Best Trophy Trout Waters
1:30 PM	Dave Whitlock: Fly-Fishing the World with Dave	Ken Hanley & Jay Murakoshi: California By the Seasons	Dave Whitlock: Fly-Fishing the World with Dave	Dave Ames: Dances with Sharks & Other Tales of Fly-Fishing and Life
2:30 PM	Ken Hanley & Jay Murakoshi: California By the Seasons	Dan Blanton: Fly-Fishing the Delta	Lani Waller: Ultimate Steelhead Show--An Angler's Legacy	Jack Dennis: The West's Best Fly-Fishing
3:30 PM	Dave Ames: Dances with Sharks & Other Tales of Fly-Fishing and Life	Brian O'Keefe: Fly-Fishing the World's Best Tropical Destinations	Brian O'Keefe: Fly-Fishing the Northwest	Dave Whitlock: Fly-Fishing the World with Dave
4:30 PM	Dan Blanton: Fly-Fishing San Luis Reservoir	Lani Waller: Ultimate Steelhead Show--An Angler's Legacy	Ken Hanley & Jay Murakoshi: California By the Seasons	SHOW CLOSES SUNDAY AT 5PM
5:30 PM	Jack Dennis: Fly-Fishing Wyoming	Dave Ames: Dances with Sharks & Other Tales of Fly-Fishing and Life	Denny Rickards: West's Best Trophy Trout Waters	SHOW CLOSED
6:30 PM	Brian O'Keefe: Fly-Fishing the Northwest	Dave Whitlock: Fly-Fishing the World with Dave	SHOW CLOSES SATURDAY AT 7:00 PM	SHOW CLOSED
7:30 PM	SHOW CLOSES THURSDAY AT 8:00 PM	SHOW CLOSES FRIDAY AT 8:00 PM	SHOW CLOSED	SHOW CLOSED

Polish Nymphing on the Kings River or How I Wore out my Shoulder in Only 2 Hours

Bill Bruce

“Cast into the złudzenie,” Vladi spoke excitedly as he tried to get me to follow his directions. “Do you mean bubbles?” I guessed. “Yes, yes – BUBBLES” came Vladi’s frustrated reply. At last I got it. Trout in the Kings River behave like trout in Poland and like trout everywhere they like to hang in current seams, where the bubbles are.

Last month Mark Bequera and I were lucky enough to be able to spend a couple of intense late afternoon hours on the Lower Kings River with arguably the premiere nymph fisherman in the world, Vladi Trzebunia. This opportunity came about because of the recent Regional Qualifier for Team USA hosted by our club. As part of the Team USA event, Jack Dennis team coach, brought along Vladi as an advisor and observer. On Friday while competitors practiced fishing the competitive sites, Vladi offered clinics on the Polish nymphing technique he honed while competing in European fly-fishing competitions (Vladi won the World Championship in 1989).



Vladi Trzebunia

There were two clinics one in the morning and another in the afternoon. Due to a variety of reasons, the afternoon clinic started with just Vladi and myself. It was with more than a little trepidation that I arrived at the Airport Piccadilly to pick-up Vladi and get directions to our fishing site on the Kings River. Luckily Fred Ramirez and Bob Papazian were on hand to point out on a map a good spot to try behind Avocado Lake. My initial unease about conversing with Vladi was soon put to rest as Vladi’s English is pretty good and he loves to talk. On the way to the river we covered a variety of topics ranging from his skiing business in Poland to the health of the rivers in his homeland and a discussion of the various crops we passed along the highway.

For those of you that have never fished this stretch of the Lower Kings, it was quite a hike to the river from where we parked at the back side of Avocado Lake. We climbed through a couple of barbed wire fences and trampled through more than a few berry vines to reach a promising stretch of river. I had heard enough stories about the big fish released last winter by the hatchery that I was anxious to finally get my chance at hooking one myself.

Vladi wasted no time rigging my 6 weight with two of his hand tied nymphs. The point fly (at the bottom) was more heavily weighted and couple of feet higher he tied on a smaller nymph using an eight inch piece of tippet attached by a loop that would allow it to spin around the leader but not slide down past the blood knot that attached tippet to leader. From the bank Vladi demonstrated his casting method. Just a few feet of fly line extended past the rod tip and acted as a strike indicator. The method is not complicated, start by casting the flies upstream let them sink briefly and with the rod pull the flies through the water slightly faster than the speed of the current. The idea is to put the flies in view of the fish while keeping them off the bottom and avoiding snags.

“Is easy, you try now.” Vladi handed me my rod and I did my best to imitate exactly what he had made look so easy. Things started out great as I gradually waded towards the middle of the river casting as I went. But I’ve never been good under pressure and this was no exception. Even with only fifteen feet of line out I managed to find the only tree hanging low enough over the water to snag my flies or should I say Vladi’s flies.

It was about this time that Mark joined up with us on the River. Mark had participated in the morning session and was back to learn more. I was relieved to have Vladi watch someone else to watch for a while. For a more thorough explanation of Polish nymphing along with appropriate flies check out the following website:

<http://www.flyfishing-and-flytying.co.uk/technique/poland.html>

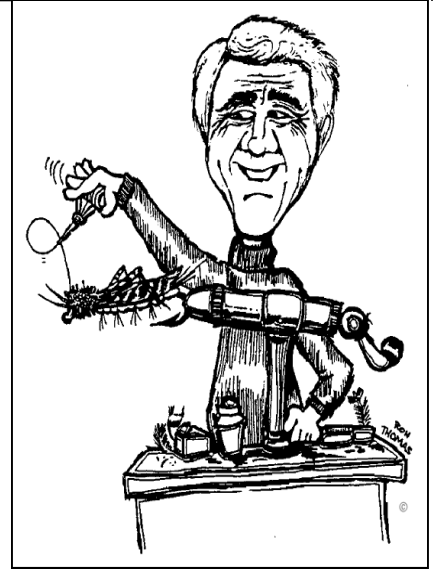
Fly's from Jerry's Bench

Jerry Hopewell



MARCH BROWN

We need to prepare for the upcoming hatches. The one of main interest is the March Brown. This seems to be what everyone calls it. I have only been able to catch one from the air and I smashed it. It looked to have slate wings and a slate body matched to a size 12 hook. A well tied Adams parachute size 12 will work. Ask Roger Miller.



HOOK: TMC 100, sizes 12-18

THREAD: Gray

TAIL: Tan or light gray Z-lon

BODY: Gray or tan turkey biot

THORAX: Gray rabbit

WING: Tan deer hair

HACKLE: Grizzly



Bob Quigley Cripple

HOOK: TMC 100, sizes 14-20

THREAD: Olive

WING: White calftail, tied as a post

TAIL: Deer hair (not split)

RIB: Black moncord

BODY: Olive Haretron or hare's ear, to match natural insect

HACKLE: Grizzly, wound around wingpost parachute-style

Check out West Fly at www.westfly.com

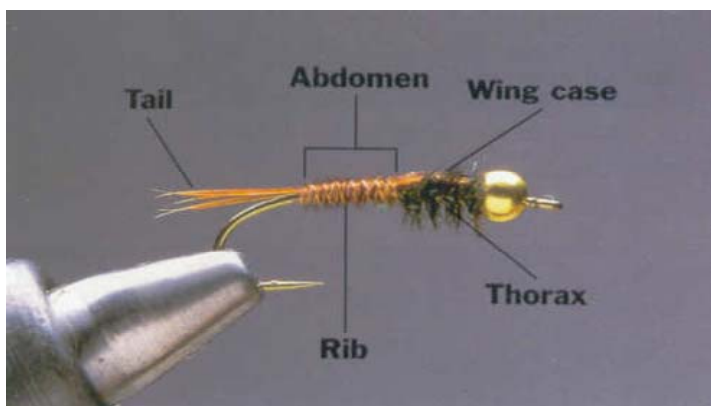


Parachute Hare's Ear
(Ed Schroeder)

FLY TYING CLASSES

Fly tying Classes

Fly tying classes have started. Presently they are 1pm to 5pm in Reedley. The instructional book is Basic Fly Tying. Editor Jon Rounds and Wayne Luallen fly tier and consultant. This is not the only book available that contains good information for the learning fly tier. The flies we tie are ones you should have in your fly box. My schedule is flexible. Contact me at fluestang@comcast.net or 638 5282 and we can work out a schedule of classes and location. Jerry Hopewell

**Woolly Bugger****Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear****Bead-head Pheasant Tail Nymph**

FFFC Quiz

Roger Miller

Below is a little quiz to make you think and to maybe to learn a little something of our sport and it's rich history.

Anyone answering all the questions correctly will be eligible for a drawing for a Shadow Box constructed by the Arroyo Grande Fly Fishers of Arroyo Grande High School.

Good Luck

1. Who was the first president of the Fly Fishers For Conservation
2. What is the loop at the bottom of your fishing vest for?
3. We all know Buz's is the oldest continuous running fly shop in California. Which is the second oldest?
4. Who was the originator of the Hendrickson dry fly?
5. In Frank Sawyer's original pheasant tail only two materials other than the hook were used. What were they?
6. What is Bambusa tulda?
7. Who said "I thought Cajuns were an unfortunate race of people who couldn't sing and couldn't cook." ?
8. Who was Sparse Grey Hackle?
9. What is Ptychocheilus grandis?
10. What does CITES stand for?
11. Who was the first secretary of the Federation of Fly Fishers?
12. Who were the Scientific Anglers of Scientific Anglers?
13. What does a jassid fly imitate and what is it tied with?
14. Who said "no man is born an artist nor an angler
15. What is the name of the book written by M.A. Shipley in 1888?

Dead line for answers is February 22, 2007 either by mail or e-mail to Roger Miller, 1107 E. Fedora, Fresno, CA 93704 or rogfly1@hotmail.com

Jack Dennis January 5!!!

Jayne Ferrante

2007 Speaker Line Up

Jack is back for his 12th year, and presenting new material from his new Television series on known and unknown spots across Wyoming. There are new rivers you've never heard about fishing in this new program. We will raffle off a T & T rod at this meeting.

February Craig Ballenger from Northern California will present on fishing the McCloud, Upper Sacramento, Pit River, and Fall Rivers Northern California. Craig was born in McCloud and raised in Mount Shasta and has fished these rivers since age 7. He has guided these rivers for Cal Trout donors, and has for many years. Craig has written two books, Mount Shasta's Headwaters and Volcanic Trout, out later this year. Craig is touring 6 clubs in Southern California in January with this exciting program.

In March we have Jeff Currier, who won a Bronze Medal in the World Championships a couple of years ago. Jeff is an exciting speaker, and will speak about Trout Bumming the World. He is an incredible fisherman with pictures of fish you will not believe and tips that will make you a better fly fisher.

Conservation Corner

Jayne Ferrante

We have put in some good time installing a data-logger that monitors the flow of the stream at Big Meadow. This will let us measure over time how effective our restoration work is as we hope to see the flows have less run off in the Spring and longer flows into the Fall, with the stream eventually running year round again. Thanks to KRCD for purchasing this \$3000 piece of equipment. Thanks also to Kevin Wren, Stephen Neal, Brian Klassen and Jim Clark for the big help with the heavy lifting and installation on this. Anyone wanting to help me checking the data-logger and with the Peizometers this winter please let me know. We cross country ski in once a month.

Many thanks to Ted Martin who has pledged to pay for the new Whitlock Vibert boxes that we will use to expand the current KRCD/DFG program planting fry into the Lower Kings. We hope to begin stocking a few hundred thousand extra Rainbow trout hatchlings into the catch and release only section each year. These will be McCloud Redband and Eagle Lake variety. Fisheries Management has installed about \$300,000 of improvements in the form of boulders, gravel and breaking up the silted in bottom of the river in the past couple of years, and it's ready for fish looking for a home! See more about these improvements at <http://www.kingsriverfisheries.org>.

Finally, I am hoping to expand our support and involvement with the San Joaquin River Conservancy Trust and Parkway Trust. Please email or call me if you are willing to help develop this relationship.



Kevin Wren & Jim Clark installing Data-Logger

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Fly Fishing Team USA Trials: October 28 & 29 (Jayne Ferrante)
Cedar Grove Outing (October 14)

November

Fly Tying Expo - Sportsman Club (Nov. 11)
San Luis Res. (Nov. 18)

December

Election of New Board

January

San Mateo Trip

MEMBERSHIP RENEWEL

Scott West

Another year is drawing to a close. It hardly seems possible. With the New Year comes the 2007 membership drive. Myself, and next years Membership Chairperson, Sue Leveque, will be manning a table at the December meeting. The dues are \$30 for regular members if paid by January 31st. They increase to \$36 after that date. There are additional membership rates for Seniors, Spouses and Juniors. See the membership application at the back of this Fly Dope for specific dues information.

While I am manning the membership table, I will also have a selection of club hats, patches and pins. It's a great time to purchase one of these items as a Christmas gift for your special fly fisher person.

This is all so a good time to review your personal information. Have you moved this year? Changed your phone number or e-mail address? These are all issues that may prevent you from getting the information you need to enjoy all that our club has to offer.

If you can't make the December meeting, feel free to mail your dues and renewal form (available on the back of this Fly Dope) to our post office box. The address is 100 E. Sierra, PMB 3310, Fresno, CA. 93710. Please write legibly so we can get the contact information logged accurately.

Finally, as I stated earlier, Sue Leveque has graciously agreed to take over as Membership Director. It has been a pleasure serving in this capacity over the past 7 years. I have had the opportunity to meet, or speak with, many of the clubs members, and have enjoyed each conversation. But it's time to change flies so to speak, and I'm sure Sue will bring a new vitality to the position. I wish her the best. I intend to stay involved however, as the board is always in need of members to step up and help to keep the club functioning...hint, hint!! Effective January 1st, I will attempt to fill the big wading boots of Pete Tampone, who has resigned as Communications Director. So you'll still be hearing from me via e-mail.

Happy Holiday's.

Scott West, Membership Director

BULLETIN BOARD

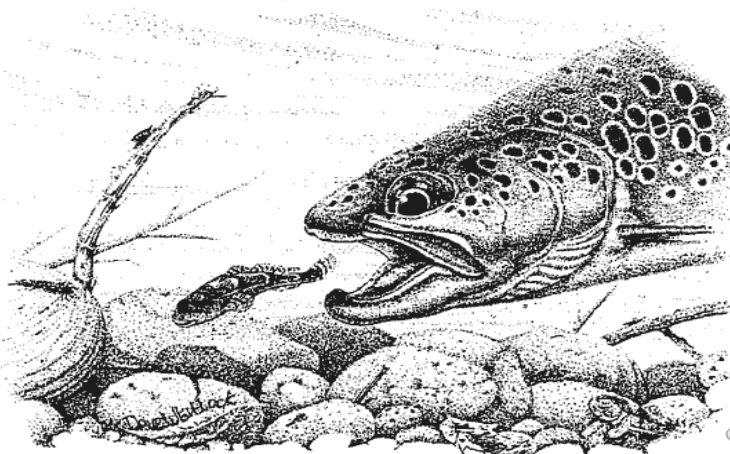
WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE LOWER KINGS

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 some pictures of the latest restoration efforts on the lower Kings.

Note:

From: Jim Evans

Free Golden Eagle Passes for our National Parks for Senior Citizens will be discontinued at of the end of December 2006. Get them now or they will be gone.



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 _____

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.

- Regular Membership \$36
- Senior Membership \$24 (over age 65)
- Spousal Member \$12
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- Lifetime Member \$500
- Shoulder Patch \$5
- CSUF Scholarship Donation \$ _____
- Conservation Donation \$ _____

Initiation fee \$ 10.00

Total: \$ _____

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6 PM Skills Training
7 PM Program



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