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Special Points of Interest:

April

4, 11, 18, 25

Casting

14th

FFFC Banquet

21st

*Outing Hume
Lake*

*Check the Bulletin
board!*

**April 14, 7:00 PM
Annual Banquet**

**Our Club Name Say's It All
FLY FISHERS FOR CONSERVATION**

We all enjoy fly fishing , tying fly's, casting, outings and sharing stories about the one's we caught and the one's that got away. We joined this club to get to know the sport we enjoy better, to meet other anglers and to share and learn the secrets of successful fly fishing. All of our learning, teaching and fishing is for nothing if we forget about conservation, because without conservation there will not be fishing in the future. We live in an age where there are too many demands on the environment that supports fishing. The past time that we enjoy could disappear if we are not diligent in pursuing or conservation efforts.

Our annual banquet is our main fund raiser for supporting our conservation programs. Please attend this years banquet and help us claim the future of fishing for our kids and grandkids.

April 14th Banquet Update

Get your reservations in ASAP-we will be sold out soon.

This year's selection of Raffle & Auction items is bigger & better than ever. We have accumulated over \$22,000 worth of fly fishing rods, reels, gear, trips, & gift certificates. Don't be left out- mail your reservations to Bob Papazian as soon as possible.

(see flyer page 3)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Stephen Neal

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

There is a lot going on as we get ready for the new fishing season. Dan Busby will be conducting fly casting lessons at Woodward park starting Wednesday evening at 6:00PM until Sunset, starting April 4th and ending April 25th. This is a good chance to meet up with other club members and learn how to cast as well as hone your casting skills. With these classes you will be ready for opening day April 28. Hoorah!! our mountain stream and rivers will be open for fishing once again.

March 31 and April 1 & 2 is our outing to Pyramid Lake, see page 6 for details. April 14th is our annual banquet, please join us in celebrating fly fishing as well as help us raise funds to support the future of fly fishing through our conservation efforts. April 21st is our outing to Hume Lake we will have a mid-day lunch, to spice up the fishing day. The lunch is a great time to share stories, repair equipment, trade equipment or pair up with a veteran fly fisher and learn about the lake. Last year my waders sprung a major seam leak and I thought my fishing day was over. Lucky for me another club member had an extra pair of waders, my afternoon was spent catching some big ones.

Time on the water is what it is all about, it is the time on the water that makes us better fly fishermen. This is where we learn to read water, to study the insect world, to mend and cast. Like all skills that we develop over a life time it is through use and more use that we get better. Time on the water is when we become immersed in what we are doing, perfecting our craft, learning to be a part of the world and not separate from it. The truly great fisher men and women are at peace with themselves and the water; they belong there with the rocks, trees, insects and fish, they are apart of that world.

Life is always putting demands on our time, the kids scorer game, family barbeque, weddings, funerals, yard work appointments. So how do you get on the water? As a member of this club you have a ready excuse, the club is having an outing. Put it on your calendar and go fishing, immerse your self in fishing and learn from others who share your love and passion. So that when the opportunity to sneak away by yourself you will have the skills and knowledge to make each trip an enjoyable one.



January Outing to San Mateo Sportsman Show



February Outing to Lower Kings River

FLY FISHERS FOR CONSERVATION

FRESNO, CA

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH - 6PM

FRESNO COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 120 PEOPLE

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GIANT FLY FISHING GENERAL RAFFLE

**EARLY BIRD RAFFLE FOR CHOICE OF 10' STEELHEAD ROD
OR 6' SMALL STREAM ROD**

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WOMEN'S RAFFLE

SPECIAL TICKET RAFFLE FOR T & T - 3 WEIGHT ROD & REEL

FILL IN YOUR TICKET REQUESTS BELOW:

EARLYBIRD RAFFLE DEADLINE: MARCH 9TH

_____ BANQUET TICKETS @\$30.00 EA \$ _____ ; # _____ RAFFLE TICKETS @\$1.00 EA \$ _____

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_____ 50 RAFFLE TICKETS + 1 SPECIAL RAFFLE TICKET FOR \$50.00 \$ _____

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ADDRESS _____

YOUR NAME: _____ CITY/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "FFFC" & MAIL TO: BOB PAPAIZAN

565 E. EVERGLADE

TICKETS WILL BE HELD FOR YOU AT THE DOOR

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FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: BOB PAPAIZAN AT bobpapazian@cvip.net phone 434-6544

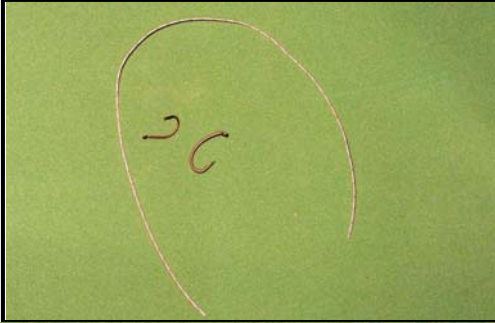
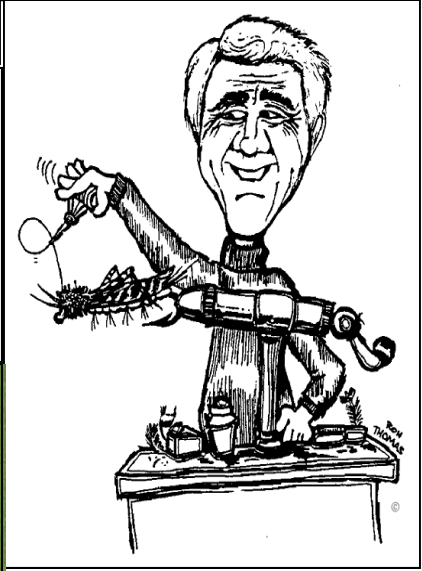
**Buffet Tri Tip & Lemon Chicken Dinner
By Iggy's Catering**

Fly's from Jerry's Bench

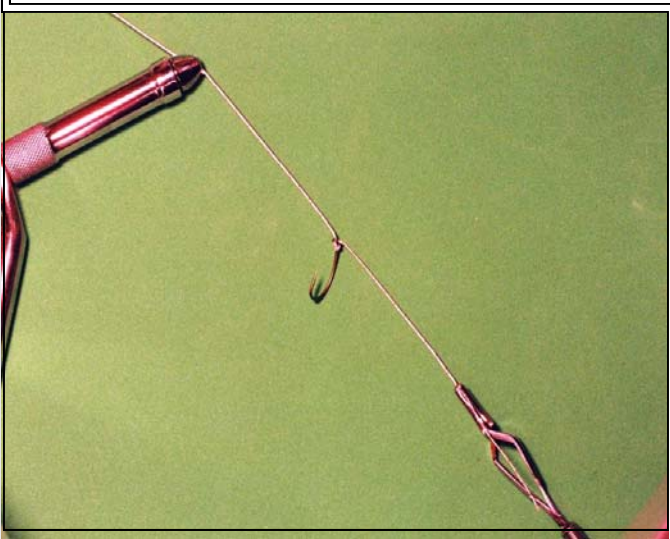
Jerry Hopewell

Furling for Tandem Hooks

Last year I had a person talk to me concerning a Fergus Moal fly. I had never tied anything quite like this before. We have had some exposure to furling for leaders, Ken Handley Damselfly, and two of the flies for the Fly Dope. I have a few pictures showing an easy way to add a tandem hook to those good flies that get short strikes and you don't get a hookup. First you need the desired trailing hook. Next cut about eight inches of Dacron line. Now attach the line to the hook.



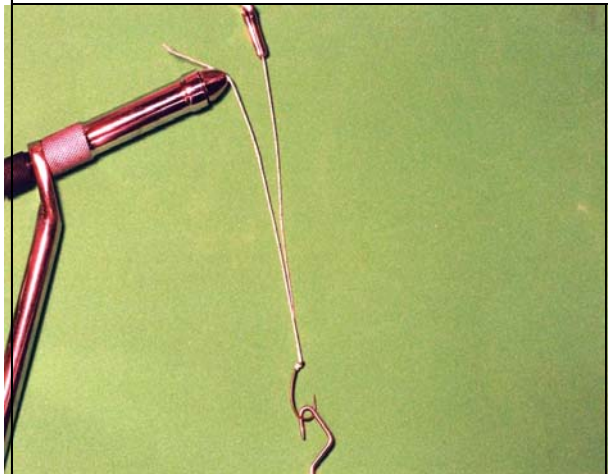
Attach one end of the Dacron to your fly tying vice and the other end to hackle pliers.



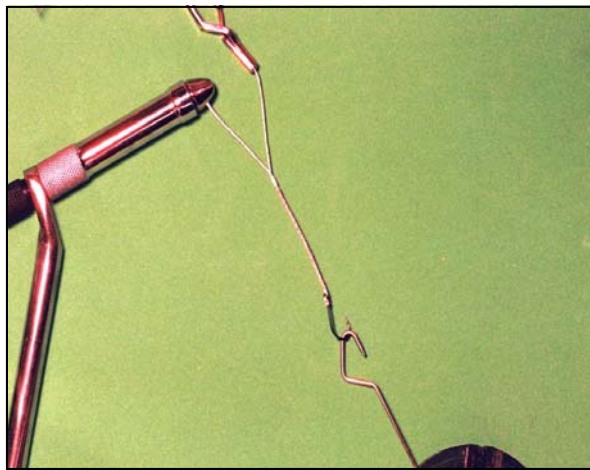
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Fly's from Jerry's Bench continued from pg 4

Twist in a counter clockwise direction until you see the Dacron line tightening up. Holding the line taunt, grasp the hook with a Sheppard's hook or the like. Carefully fold the line at the hook and allow the hook to twist. You can help by turning the hook in a clockwise direction. It won't look exactly like the next picture, but you get the idea.



This next one will be more correct.



After completing the steps, you will end up with the next picture. I coat the furled line with Sally Hansen Teflon Nail Polish. Attach to the front hook and build your fly.



Jerry Hopewell fluestang@comcast.net

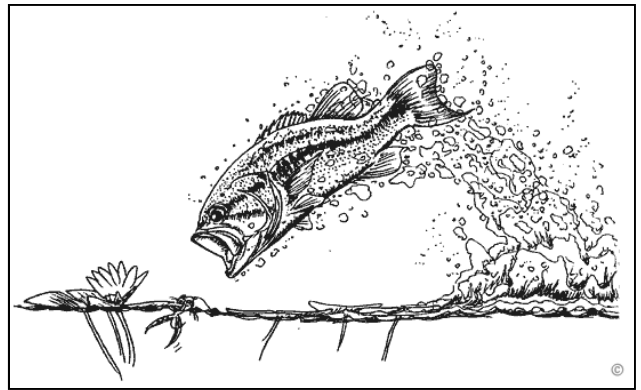
Outings

Jeff Trafican

Thanks to everyone that attended our February outing on the lower Kings River. I think we had about 30 people come by at some time during the day. The river was crowded but fish were still caught. Phil Davis landed 4 fish and Ron Richards landed a big one (maybe 8 lbs.). The weather was great and we got to eat, visit, and fish. It was good to see old members and new members getting together. Thanks to Scott West and Bob Papazian for their help. And Sue Leveque made some really good brownies. If you weren't able to make it, hopefully you can make one of our future outings.

Our Pyramid Lake trip (north of Reno) is scheduled for March 31- April 2 (2 nights). Pyramid Lake is on a Paiute Indian reservation. It is a huge lake that contains different types of fish but is known for its very large Lahontan Cutthroat trout. Some people wade out to get close to the drop-offs and fish from there. But many people use a step ladder to make casting easier. A stripping basket helps. Because strong winds are known to come up suddenly at Pyramid, light rods are not commonly used. Seven to 9 weight rods with shooting head lines are recommended. To help prevent your back cast from slapping the water a 9 to 10 foot rod is beneficial. Although different techniques are used, the most proven technique for hooking these cutthroat trout is to fish near the bottom. Many people use a sink tip or fast sinking shooting head line. See Jerry Hopewell's fly tying article for some of the most popular flies to use. You will want to make sure you bring some warm clothes. The conditions can be very cold there. A special fishing license is needed to fish on the Paiute reservation. The daily rate is \$9. But hooking up one of those big trout makes it worth the money. Lodging on the reservation is limited. Crosby Lodge has trailers and cabins (755) 476-0400. Some people stay in Reno and drive in each day. A couple of possibilities are the Sands Regency (866) 386-7829 or the Grand Sierra (800) 501-2651. I hope you can join us at Pyramid. If you are planning on going please let me know.

Jeff Trafican (559) 299-0591



Don Shuda Pyramid Lake



Phil Davis Pyramid Lake

Club Meeting Dates 2007

March 31-April 2	Pyramid Lake Trip	Sept. 29-30	Upper Kings River Trip
April 4, 11, 18, 25	Casting Woodward Park	October 20	Cedar Grove (Kings River Classic hosted by Visalia Club)
April 14	Banquet Saturday	October 25	General Mtg.
April 21	Hume Lake Outing	Nov. 9 Friday	General Mtg.
May 19	Dinke Creek Area (Emphasize newcomers)	Nov.17	San Luis Reservoir Outing
May 24	General Mtg.	Dec 14 Friday	General Mtg.
June 2	San Joaquin River Shad Outing		
June 28	General Mtg.		
July 21-22	Lake Edison Area Trip		
July 26	General Mtg.		
August 23	General Mtg.		
September 27	General Mtg.		

Rod Building

Dave Burris

With the interest that was shown at our last general meeting in Rod Building classes I would like to make the offer to the club members that were not able to make it to the last club meeting. I am starting to plan for rod building classes starting sometime in May anyone that would like to be added to my E-mailing list and has a interest in learning to wrap there own fly rod or would just like the information on what is needed to build there own fly rod please E-mail me back and I will put your name on the Rod Building information E-mail list. If any of you already know how to wrap rods you may even learn a few choice things maybe in the way of finishing that's always a problem point of rod building put your name on the list. I may set up a rod finishing class just for those people.

When you E-mail me back please in the subject line put **ROD BUILDING** that way I can add you to my list. In your E-mail add your name, phone number, briefly explain what you would like to learn like: choosing part, building handles, wrapping guides , finishing or building a rod from start to finish.

In Rod Building there is a investment of time and small investment of money needed for your tools and a wrapping bench and tensioner but you can turn out a fly rod as good as any brand name rod out there at a fraction of the cost. you can recuperate your investment on your very first rod. The bench can be home made with ease anything from a cardboard box to wood V-blocks with wheels or felt. I can help with the set up and design of that also. The club has a very few older wrapping devices and there are easily made and better benches/devices as far as dryer for finishing I have room for 4 rods on my commercial dryer so the finishing classes should be no larger then 4 people

First E-mailing will be what is needed in the way of supplies and tools.

Second E-mailing will cover what is need in the way of parts: Blank, Guides, Reelseat, Cork, and we will do some talking about what you want to use the rod for and what Guides and handle would be best for you and a few places to get these supplies.

Third E-mailing will be for sign ups and the times and dates. The best way to do that is once you have all the parts and supplies you

E-mail me and once I get a few people I will set up classes. I would like to keep the classes small but there will be as many classes as there is interest until everyone that wants to learn is done

I do have a lot of good information and that list of information is always growing so in that department your input is always welcome. I look forward to working with all of you and your input is always needed and welcome.

Thank You

Dave B

Phone #: (559) 642-4190 call or email me if you have any question

Rod_Building@fresnoflyfishers.com.com

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Pyramid Lake Outing
March 31—April 2

April

Fly Casting
April 4, 11, 18 & 25 Woodward Park
FFFC Banquet
Saturday April 14th
Outing
April 21, Hume Lake



Mountain Water Time

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.

I am trying to set up a two day outing to Kelsey Bass Lake this year for Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27, 2007. I have four signups so far. I need twelve per day to reserve the whole lake. If you are interested in one or both days, let me know and also let me know if you plan to camp at McSwain reservoir. Reservations can be made Monday for the next year. The club provides lunch both days and the cost is only what we are charged by the owners. I estimate \$75 a day, but I will confirm that. Let me know. Mark Cave [mdcave@sbcglobal.net]

Mammoth High School Fly Fishing Club is starting a fly tying class this Spring. Chris Leonard our youth VP has told me that they have limited tools and material. The Club sold Christmas Trees as a fund raiser to purchase needed things for the class. They raised around \$300.00, a good start!!; but that wont go very far. MHSFFC is the only youth group that the Council has. I know that every tier out there has some old tools, or material that they don't use. We all now what I am talking about, The bright lime dubbing the dd #6 scud hook the scissors that don't fit your fingers, your first vice. This club of 15 eager students could use it!!! Anyone , or Club wishing to donate can bring items to the next Council meeting, or contact me and I will make arrangements to pick them up. Wayne Thompson [wayne@sawdustandflies.com]

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
- Jr. Member \$6 (Under 18)
- Lifetime Member \$500
- Shoulder Patch \$5
- CSUF Scholarship Donation \$ _____
- Conservation Donation \$ _____

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

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