

Hangtown Fly Fishers

May 2010

Apologies

We're only Human

By Ron Zigelhofer

We apologize for the lack of both a newsletter and club meeting last month,. Confusion reigned due to the April 1st landing on the first Thursday of the month, We didn't notice this and assumed that the meeting would be a week later than it really was. For this we apologize profusely and have flailed ourselves with 3X tippet material and poured Gherke's Gink over our foreheads. Please forgive us for this transgression. It will not happen again.

April was dues month, so we will be collecting at the...

May 20th 2010 Meeting:

- Dave Ford of the Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers (NCFFF) will speak on Club Support.
- The meeting will be held @ 7:00 PM at the Superior Court Building, 2850 Fair Lane Ct. Bldg. C.

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Dave's Fishing Report

By Dave Angelo

Our April outing to Pyramid Lake was attended by Dave Fox, Jeff Smith and myself, along with 8 members from the Solano Fly Fishers. We had an excellent trip. Thursday afternoon, I landed my biggest cutthroat yet, going 30" and somewhere in the 11-13 pound range. Friday was a bit slow, but fish were landed by most of the attendees. Lake was flat calm all day which didn't help. Saturday started slow but the afternoon grab really went into high gear, with most of us landing 10 to 15 fish apiece, with Dave Fox landing somewhere in the mid to high 20's. Jeff Smith landed a nice 27"er, probably 9 pound fish. Sunday, we fished from 7-9:30 with some success. Dave Fox landed 2, I landed 5 of eight grabs and Steve from the Solano club, land 3. Jeff had a few take downs but couldn't get the hook home.

Streams have started to produce with dry fly action on both Plum Creek and Slab Creek. #14 Renegades were the pattern of choice.

Ponds have been producing bluegills and largemouth bass. Jenkinson is about to turn on as I fished it on Tuesday with a few smallmouth grabbing along the shoreline. I landed just 2 which isn't great but the water is just 56 degrees and warming. It will turn on soon, I'm sure. Some trout action but generally slow.

That's my report for this month. Tight lines to all,
Dave.

May's fish-out to Morningstar has been cancelled due to Forest Service road closures. The roads will not be opened until Memorial Day weekend.

American River (below Nimbus Dam): Fishing is fair to good. Sunny days are bringing out hatches of caddis in the afternoon. Swing a caddis pupa on a sink tip line through the riffles and tailouts. Stripers and Shad are just starting to show in the lower sections of the river. Swing, strip and jig a Shad dart on a type 6 shooting head for some smaller Shad males. For Stripers search structure, rocky banks and backwaters with a chartreuse and white Clouser on a fast sinking shooting head. Striper and Shad fishing will improve as the weather warms.

Hot Creek: Fishing is good. Hatches start with midges in the morning, BWO's midday and caddis in the afternoon. Start with a midge under a parachute BWO. Good dry fly action during the BWO hatch. Om the afternoon, use a small caddis pupa fished under a parachute BWO. Beetles and ants are also producing between hatches.

Walker River, East Fork (Below Bridgeport Reservoir): Fishing is fair. Best fishing is mid-morning to 6 PM, when fish are feeding on March Browns, BWO's and a few caddis. Start the day nymphing with small midges and BWO patterns under an indicator. Fish the deeper runs and pocket water. Dry fly action starts midday in the slower runs and pools. March Browns are at their peak in the afternoon. Streamers are hooking large Browns. The big Browns are out early and late in the day and require stealth to fool. Some stoneflies are starting to show on the Nevada side.

Carson River (East Fork): Fishing is poor. Water is high and cold. Try using Cutter's Goblin in the slower sections.

Carson River (West Fork): Fishing is poor. Water is high and cold. A few Trout are being caught in Hope Valley, but better days are a few weeks away.

From "What's Hot and What's Not" The Northern California Fly Fishing Report. <http://www.fishfirst.com>

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RATTLESNAKE SEASON

Different species of rattlesnake vary significantly in size, territory, markings, and temperament. If the rattlesnake is not cornered or imminently threatened, it will usually attempt to flee from encounters with humans, but will not always do so. Bites often occur when humans startle the snake or provoke it. Those bitten while provoking rattlesnakes have usually underestimated the range (roughly two-thirds of its total length) and speed with which a coiled snake can strike (literally faster than the human eye can follow). Heavy boots and long pants reinforced with leather or canvas are recommended for hikers in areas known to harbor rattlesnakes.

Guides are available through booksellers, libraries, and local conservation and wildlife management agencies that aid hikers and campers in identifying rattlesnakes. The advice given is to avoid contact with rattlesnakes by remaining observant and not approaching the animals. Hikers are advised to be particularly careful when negotiating fallen logs or boulders and when near rocky outcroppings and ledges where rattlesnakes may be hiding or sunning themselves. However, snakes will occasionally sun themselves in the middle of a trail, so such areas are not the only places where they are encountered. When encountering a rattlesnake on a trail, hikers are advised to keep their distance and allow the snake room to retreat.



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Off The Hook Fly Shop Sierra Trout Slam

Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 8:31AM



Completing the California Heritage Trout Challenge was a rewarding experience for me; therefore, I wanted more anglers to experience the fun and sense of accomplishment that I experienced.

For years anglers have casually challenged themselves to achieve a “Sierra slam” (usually catching five species of trout in the Sierra Nevada, a mountain range located in both California and Nevada), but I have created my own official version of the Sierra slam, which can be quite fun and rewarding and will require neither miles of driving into the back country nor hours and hours of scientific research. Here’s the deal: Catch five distinct species of trout within the Sierra Nevada. The fish do not have to be native to their waters, but they do have to be caught and released in the Sierras on a fly rod. Nine species of trout are common in the Sierras, and we are only requiring anglers to catch five, so there is room to play around with which trout to catch. After you have caught your five different species of trout, just mail in your pictures with dates and locations (which will be confidential) and we will send you a customized and numbered certificate displaying artistic renderings of the five species you caught.

You can challenge your friends to complete it first, learn more about which Sierra waters hold which species, learn how to identify trout species, and just gain bragging rights for your fishing prowess.

Certificate #1 Scott Lyons

