



July Meeting

Wow, I thought I was pretty good at dealing with unexpected wildlife in camp without wetting my pants. I got nothing on Mike Matus. Anybody who can be that casual about a grizzly bear that close when you are that far up the river has it all over me and most likely over most of the rest of us.

Mike's slides, adventures and information opened up a whole new aspect of fishing Alaska that most of us probably never considered.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

PAY ATTENTION TO THIS

The September meeting is at CHILI BAR, Go out Hwy 49 to Hwy 193, It's on your left just after you cross the American River,

SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 4 FOR ALL THE DETAILS

IN MEMORIAM

On August 27th, the President of Hangtown Fly Fishers, Byron Clanton passed away after battling illness for two years. Byron will be remembered and missed by many fly fishers. For years he served as the president of the Long Beach Fly Club. He worked for SoCal Edison for 35 years. After he retired, he and his wife Marian moved to Placerville.

For this club, he will be remembered as the President who got the club back on track, organized the leadership and kept us all moving toward the goal of making the club a success. He enjoyed good meetings and worked to make those happen regularly. To the leadership, his advice was sound and would generally be preceded with "Well.....you know....."

At his request, there were no services.

Fish on Byron



The preferred habitat of trout is directly under the bridge from which fishing is prohibited. That's if they can't hole up on the piece of the stream that's owned by the grump that does not fish and can't stand anyone who does.

Dave's Fishing Report

Trout fishing on the lakes has slowed a bit this past month, but fishing with Jeff Nagel and his daughter Molly the past 4 weeks has just been outstanding on the South Fork of the American River, Silver Fork, and Pyramid Creek. We have been averaging no less than 30-40 fish apiece. Although not real big, they fight real strong on 2 weight rods. The biggest have been in the 11-12" range, mostly rainbows but I did land one nice brown, about 13". All my fish were caught on a #14 Renegade with 6X tippet. Jeff and Molly have been using the same fly pattern for the most part with great success. Yesterday Don Jones and I went up to Indian Creek Reservoir for the day and although I caught my first trout no more than 30 seconds after launching my float tube the action, not surprisingly, slowed down a bit. We were on the lake at about 10:45 and the wind was just starting to blow. It never did get too horrible but it was with us the rest of the day. I managed 4 rainbows in the first hour and 8 more in the second hour including a beautiful 16" Brown. Most of the rainbows were small 6-9". The next 2 hours slowed greatly with only 1 fish each hour. However at about 2:45 the bite seemed to come on and I was into 3 or 4 small rainbows when all of a sudden I hooked into a big 20" rainbow, a 16" rainbow and then another 20" rainbow all in a matter of 30 minutes and all within 50 feet of each other. That was it for the big fish of the day but I did manage several more small rainbows. I believe they must have stocked them recently as I have never caught so many smaller fish at this lake. Feed is good there so I believe they probably will be hard fighting 10" fish by November.

This brings me to the fishout for this month, which happens to be at the same Indian Creek Reservoir. We are scheduled for the 19th and 20th of this month. There is camping available at the lake and the campsites are very nice. I will probably be going up on Friday the 18th. There is a group camping area available as well for tent camping only. If there are enough of us going perhaps this will be a good money saving way to camp. The campsites run \$20 per night unless you have a Senior or Golden Age pass in which case it is just \$10 per night. The group area is just \$50 per night. I have put in a tentative reservation for the weekend but I need to know by Monday if they are to hold it for us. Again this is for tents only. Motor homes and trailers will have to use the campground area. If you are planning to go please call me immediately!! Those that are interested Heenan Lake is not very far away and the East Fork Carson River is very close also.

Tight Lines and hope to see you next Thursday at the club meeting.

Dave Angelo

2009 Club Outings Schedule

April—17-19th, Pyramid Lake

May—15-17th, Morningstar—CLUB CAMPOUT

June—13, Finnon Lake June—13, CLUB LUNCH AT ROCK CREEK —Finnon Lake 1:00 P.M.

July—18, Silver lake or ??

August—22nd, Silver or other

September—18-20th, Indian Creek Reservoir—CLUB CAMPOUT

October—16-18th, Eagle L or Davis L

November—21st, Delta for Stripers

Note s - Cabin is reserved for Pyramid, this date will not change. Club campout will be planned for the May and September fish out.

PLEASE—Call Dave Angelo at 621.3688 if you are planning on doing a fish out. That way he can call everyone with any last minute information or changes in plans.

Club Stuff

The officers:

President - Byron Clanton

Vice President—Ron Ziglehofer

Treasurer & News Letter guy – Karl Weiland, weiland@hughes.net, 530.642.1001 (H)

V P- Communication Jeff Nagel & Tony Kowalczyk

VP – Outings Dave Angelo -

VP Meetings – Frank Seifert

VP Conservation - Todd Gillihan

They can all be contacted through the club web site:

<http://hangtownflyfishers.org/index.html>

The Tying Bench

The Renegade

Ingredients for the Renegade:

- Curved shank hook size 10 - 16
- Silver mylar tinsel
- Brown saddle hackle
- Peacock herl
- White saddle hackle
- 6/0 dark brown fly tying thread.

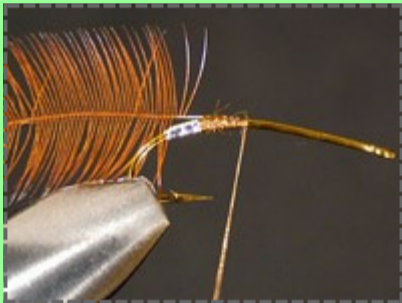


Step 1



Tie on your thread and run it to the middle of the slope of the hook. Tie in a piece of mylar and wrap the shank to create a silver tag on the fly. Tie off, and trim the excess mylar.

Step 2



Tie in an appropriately sized brown saddle hackle. The hackle should be between 1.25 and 1.5 times the gap of the hook. Wrap your hackle about 5-6 times to form the rear wing. Tie off the hackle and trim it.

Step 3



Tie in 4-5 strands of peacock herl by their tips. Wrap the peacock herl around your tying thread to reinforce the herl. Wrap the herl forward about 3/4 of the hook shank.

Step 4



Tie off the herl, and trim the excess. Prepare and tie in a white saddle hackle.

Step 5



Wrap the white hackle to the head. You will want to have a similarly sized wing in the front and back. Tie off the hackle, and trim the excess. Add a whip finish to the fly, and add a dab of head cement to the head.

The renegade is a "fore & aft" fly. Another variation is the "Buzz Hackle". The buzz has a gold tinsel tag and brown hackled rear with grizzly and silver tinsel in front.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Hangtown Fly Fishers will be meeting Thursday, September 17th on the South Fork American River where club member Todd Gillihan will lead a hands-on activity focused on finding and identifying aquatic insects.

WHERE: South Fork American River
Chili Bar (rafting put-in) on HWY 193

WHEN: 6:00 pm Thursday, September 17th

WHAT TO BRING:

- Wet Wading Shoes (wading boots, river shoes or sandals)
- Bug Seine Net (if you have one)
- Aquatic Insect Identification Reference (on-stream field guide if you have one)
- Fly Fishing Gear (just in case there is an evening hatch)
- Water Bottle/Snacks

Directions:

- Take Highway 49 (in Placerville) towards Coloma
- Turn Right on HWY 193
- Take the first Left after HWY 193 crosses the South Fork American River
- Drive down towards the river and/or park up top and walk down

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call and/or email Todd Gillihan (tgillihan@comcast.net/ 530.644.6355).

This, That & the Other Thing

Karl Weiland will be teaching a two session introduction to Fly Tying course thru the American River Conservancy. The classes will be from 10:00 A.M. -12:30 on October 17th and the 24th. Classes will be at "Off the Hook" and all materials and tools will be provided. Cost is \$5. More information and sign ups are at: <http://arconservancy.org> then click on program and events and go to October.

The December meeting will be a Christmas Party. Dates, time and location to be published next month. There will be a gift exchange of the "cutthroat" variety.

Hangtown Fly Fishers Membership Renewal/Application

Clip, complete and mail this form, along with a check to: Hangtown Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 931, Placerville, CA 95667 or Drop it in the collection box at OFF THE HOOK . It's real important that we get the slip and it's filled out. We need to update our address, mailing and phone list. We have over 100 members on the e-mail list. NOTE— Beginning soon, only current members will have access to certain areas of the web site. (that would be the part with the fishing reports and other good stuff) Thank You

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ St _____, ZIP _____ **E mail: _____

Phone: _____ Home ___ Work ___ Cell

Type of Membership: ___ Individual \$20 ___ Family \$30 ___ Youth under 19, Free

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