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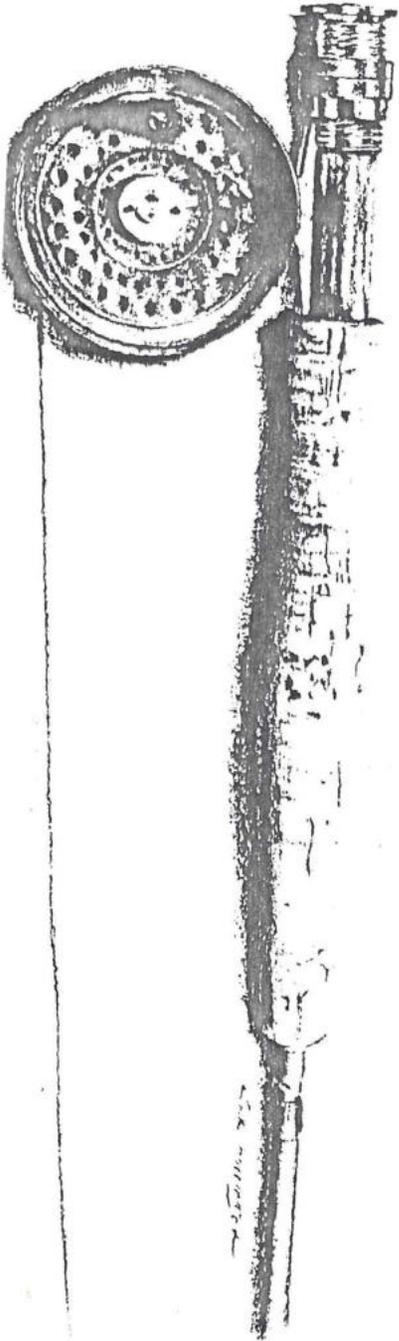
VOICE OF THE

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Flycasters

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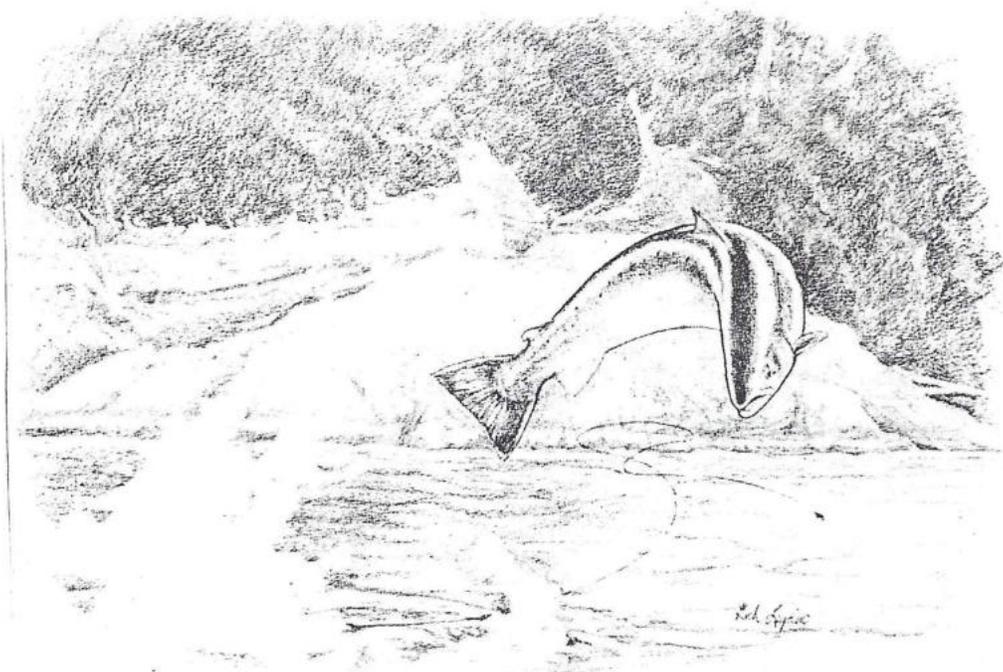
GRANITE BAY FLYCASTERS NOW INCORPORATED
NEW ELECTIONS NEEDED

President Morrie Schlesinger announced that the clubs application for incorporation as a non-profit corporation has just been approved. The non-profit status is important to the club. It means there are certain taxes advantages that we can now use. It allows others to take tax deductions when donating material and some services to the club. It means cheaper mailing rates when sending out the LEADER.

The club's new bylaws require a new election of officers and club directors. The results of the election must be submitted to the Secretary of State by March 16, 1988. This means that nominations and elections must be held at the next monthly meeting of the club. That meeting is on February 11, 1988. Needless to say, it will be a busy and extremely important meeting for the club. What happens that night will set the direction for the club during 1988.

This election is an opportunity for all of us to help set the future direction for the club. This is the time to express your views if there are things you believe the club should do, or not do. This is your chance to select the people you want to lead the club during the future months.

SO THINK ABOUT IT. TALK WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS. BE READY TO NOMINATE AND VOTE. THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR.



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OFFICERS

President	Morris Schlesinger	782-5277
Vice President	Jim Victorine	652-0408
Secretary	Warren Schoenmann	725-2542
Treasurer	Dave Davy	885-0289

DIRECTORS

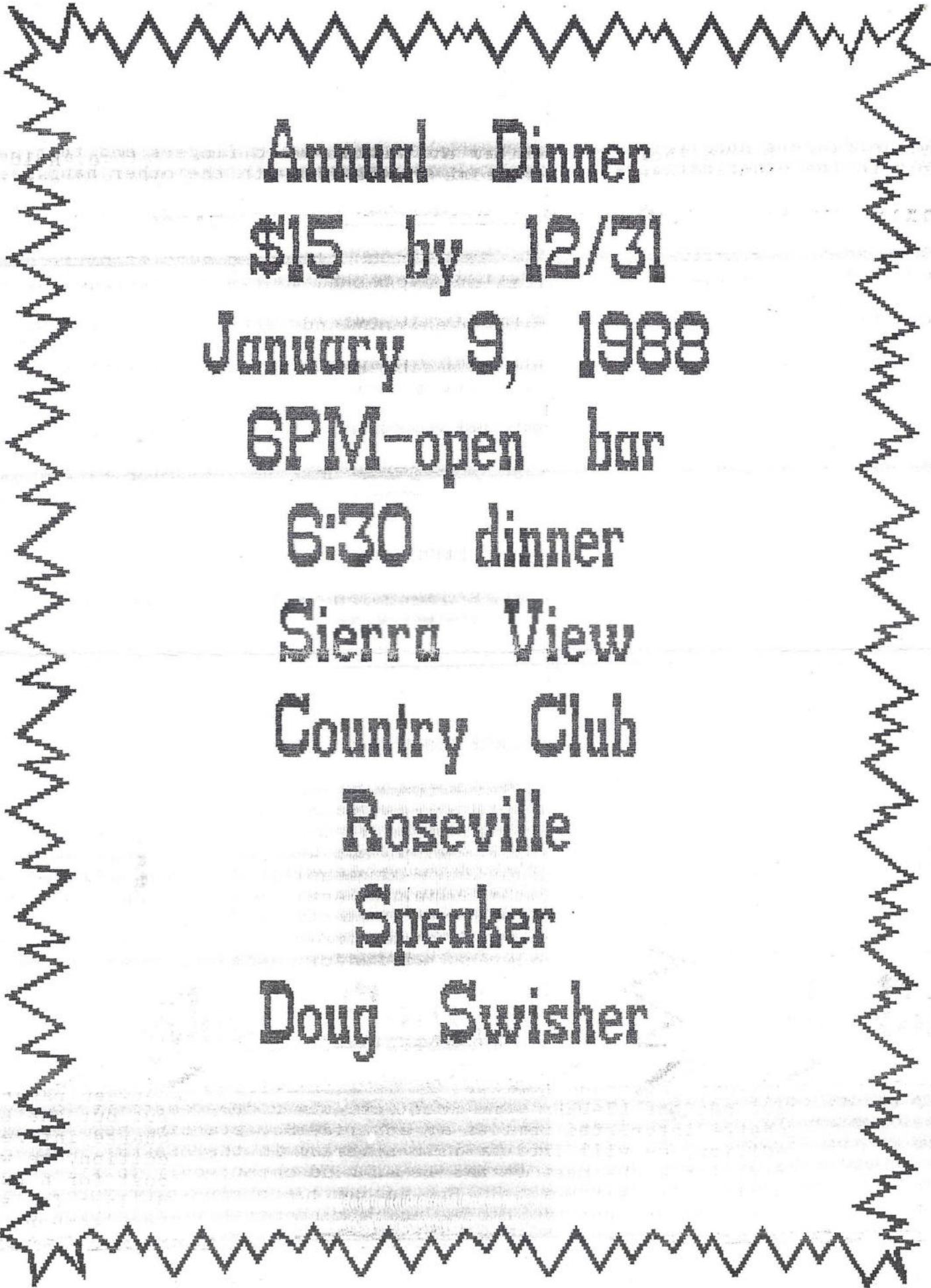
Morris Schlesinger	782-5277
Jim Victorine	652-0408
Warren Schoenmann	725-2542
Dave Davy	885-0289
Tom Ritchie	624-1571
Jim Pratt	966-0136
Marge Vingom	645-1742
Terry Eggleston	721-5350
Terry Thomas	391-7129
Ken Winkleblack	988-7129

Committees/Chairpersons

Conservation	Bill Stobbe	726-4346
Gatekeeper	Brad/Dave Vingom	645-1742
Librarian	Warren Schoenmann	725-2542
Editor	Joe Phelan	944-1244
Raffle	Marie Stull	663-2414
Workshop	Terry Eggleston	721-5350
Fishmaster	Jim Pratt	966-0136
Programs	Ken Winkleblack	988-7129
Refreshments	Barb & Mike Durrand	782-3877
FFF Membership	Jim Victorine	652-0408
Annual Dinner	Brad Boustead	961-6094

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- January 6 -10: International Sportsmans Expo at Cal Expo. We still need volunteers to work the booth and let people know about our club.
- January 9: Annual Dinner to be held at Sierra View Country Club in Roseville. \$15 if purchased by 12/31 or \$17.50 at the door if available. Details at the meeting on December 10th or call Brad at 961-6094 or Ken 988-7129
- January 12: Fly Tying Class, sign up now!
- January 14: Meeting replaced by annual dinner.
- January 30: Trout Derby at Rancho Seco, call Brad at 961-6094 for details. 6am to noon.
- February 11: Monthly meeting.
- March 10: Monthly meeting
- April 14: Monthly meeting
- April 7: Fly fishing Clinic equipment night; 7 PM
- April 16 & 17: Fly fishing Clinic



Annual Dinner

\$15 by 12/31

January 9, 1988

6PM-open bar

6:30 dinner

Sierra View

Country Club

Roseville

Speaker

Doug Swisher

hold the feather at the tip with two fingers and then strip off one side of the fibers with the other hand.

7. Tie in the feather by the tip.

8. Wrap the chenille forward and tie off. Be sure to make at least two wraps behind the hackel feather.

9. Wrap gold wire forward evenly and tie off

10. Palmer hackel forward spacing feather evenly between the gold wire and tie off.

11. Tie in head and whip finish.

That's all there is to it. Good luck and good fishing with the D.H. Wooley Bugger!

HOW BIG IS THAT FISH?

Next time you don't have a scale and you want to release that big trout you just caught, try this. You can figure its weight with a mathematical formula: Measure the girth and square it, then multiply that by the length --then divide by 800.

THE YEAR END EDITION?

No. The main reason the newsletter is so short this time is not that it is Christmas or the end of the year. The LEADER cannot publish what is not submitted. It is short because no material is being submitted. So, do what Dave Howard did with his nice article on his favorite steelhead fly. Or, tell us about one of your recent outings. And, don't forget that if you are looking for some sporting or fishing item, or should you want to sell a reel, or an extra rod or whatever, the LEADER is happy to run a free ad for you. Just call me, Joe Phelan at 944-1244.

ADVERTISING

Between paper and postage, it is expensive for the Club to put out the LEADER. One practical way to reduce costs is to charge interested parties to advertise. So, starting next edition, we will include paid advertising in the LEADER. The cost for a business card size ad will be cheap; only thirty dollars for six months. So, if you have a business or you know someone who would like to reach a readership that loves to fly fish, just have them call Joe Phelan at 944-1244.

The following month was December and I fished the Garcia River. In two wonderful days that are also hard to forget, the D.H. and I took four, mint bright steelhead. The biggest was a hen approximately ten to twelve pounds.

The D.H. is fun to fish because it is so effective. It takes fish. It is also a fun pattern to tie. With the following information and directions, I think you will be able to tie the D.H. for yourself. This way, the next time you are fishing your favorite steelhead drift, you too can enjoy this fly pattern I so much love to fish.

DESCRIPTION AND MATERIALS

Hook	9674 or 3406 Mustad
Thread	Black 3/0 Monocord
Tail	Black Marabou
Ribbing	Fine gold wire (flat gold mylar for larger sizes)
Body	Black & Yellow Variegated Chenille (Brindle Bug)
Hackle	Soft, black saddle

DIRECTIONS FOR TYING

1. Weight the shank of the hook with fuse wire using a minimum of 14 wraps at the forward end of the hook. Be sure to leave room for the head. For size #4 hooks use .025 wire. For #6 hooks use .020 wire and for #8 hooks use .15 wire.

2. Secure wire with thread. Rap the thread to the rear of the shank.

3. Tie in the tail with an even amount of black marabou. The tail should be 1/2 the length of the shank. (For heavy, colored water, I'll use a few strands of crystal hair.)

Steelhead fishing, especially in large rivers, sometimes requires a long double haul cast. The short tail does not wrap around the gap of the hook as easily. I've found that a wrapped tail does not look or drift naturally.

4. Tie in the chenille. Strip off about 1/4 inch of chenille material exposing the center threads; tie in by these threads.

5. Tie in the fine gold wire. If I'm fishing water that is extremely colored, I'll use regular gold flat ribbing.

6. Hackel preparation.

a. select a long, soft wet fly hackel.

b. run your fingers down the feather from the tip to the base to spread out fibers.



TYING THE D.H. WOOLEY BUGGER

by Dave Howard

Open a steelheader's fly box and you'll undoubtedly find many specialized patterns designed to entice these marvelous game fish to strike. On one side of the box, you will find patterns that represent natural aquatic insects, salmon roe and saltwater shrimps. On the other side, you'll see bright colored and flashy attractor type flies. Of course, the natural patterns are effective because they imitate or mimic the steelhead's natural food. But what about the attractor flies. Have you ever seen a nymph, salmon egg or shrimp that looks like a green butt skunk? Theory is the fish take these flies because of their predatory instinct or because of their protective instincts as they guard their redds.

This brings us to a fly that's all in a class all of it's own. The wooley bugger! Most buggers are tied with subtle colors. An attractor fly? Maybe. But it does look like a drowned caterpillar with a long tail or perhaps a fly nymph. To me, it looks like a wooley bugger and it definite works.

I think it is effective because of the way it swims. On the dead drift, during the swing and when stripping it in, the soft, palmered hackles are marabou tail are always swimming the pulsating in the current. I don't claim to have all the answers, especially with only nine or ten years of steelhead fishing under my belt, but I do have a lot of confidence in the bugger, especially the D.H.

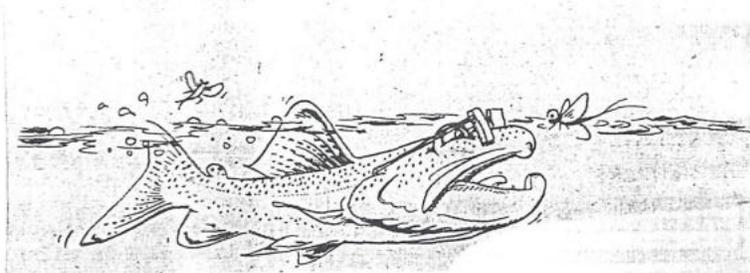
My first fly-caught steelie was on the Klamath River on a brindle bug. Naturally, the brindle bug immediately became my favorite steelhead fly. The following year, I started fishing the traditional bugger (tied in olive and black) on Folsom Lake for bass. It was extremely effective not only on the bass but also to my delight, on all the other game fish in the lake. The wooley bugger became was thus added to my list of favorite flies.

The next season while fishing the Klamath, I combined the two patterns and came up with the D.H. Wooley Bugger. The first day fishing the D.H., I took five feisty Klamath River steelies; two were taken from the same drift of the river. It was a day I cannot forget. My heart raced as I hooked one particular hen which summersaulted into the air time after time. With each jump I could clearly see my D.H. protruding from the corner of her mouth.

INCOME STATEMENT
For the 11 months ended November 30, 1987

	Month	Year
Operating revenues	124	1859
Less, operating costs	15	1676
Net, operating revenues	109	183
Dues and fees received	75	1125
Other income	<u>72</u>	<u>78</u>
TOTAL INCOME	256	1386
Club news bulletins	63	857
Stationery and supplies	-	147
Affiliated Association expenses	-	145
Honorariums and services	10	239
Other general expenses	<u>52</u>	<u>113</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	125	1501
NET INCOME	131	(115)
Beginning bank balance	884	1090
CASH IN BANK THIS DATE	975	975

The above accounting was submitted December 16, 1987 and certified as correct by the Club's Treasurer, Dave Davy.



MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 1987 MEETING

The meeting was promptly called to order by Vice-President, Jim Victorine.

Jim reported that there was no word on the status of the incorporation and non-profit status of the Club. Morrie Schlesinger, the Club President, is walking the necessary papers through the various state agencies.

Brad Boustead reported that there will be a special raffle of flies ties and donated by club members at the annual dinner, January 19, 1987. He also said that Doug Swisher, the main speaker for the dinner, had donated two of his video tapes for the dinner raffle.

Brad then discussed a fish out for handicapped youngsters to be held at Rancho Seco. Volunteers are needed to help the kids bait hooks and cast. If you can help, call Brad 961-6094. This is a great opportunity to help some needy youngsters. Wild Sports is donating some fishing equipment and Channel Three is expected to give TV exposure to the outing.

Tickets for the January dinner are now on sale. Contact Ken Winkleback at 988-7129 for details or mail him your check by December 31, 1987. Raffle tickets are also available for a fishing pram.

Jim Victorine reported that Conclave '88 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Redding this year and the main speaker is Jack Dennis. He will give us more details later.

Jim Pratt announced he has organized a fish out for Saturday, December 12, 1987, to fish Putah Creek. Meet at the parking lot near Monticello Dam unless the weather is just too bad.

Mel Hurtt of Roseville is a new member of the club. Welcome to the Club, Mel.

The evening's program was slide lecture of steelhead fishing on the Feather River around Oroville. Alan Clements of Chico's Powell Fly Shop did an excellent job of explaining which flies to use, where one could get access to the river, and what are some of his techniques for catching fish. It was a most interesting and useful presentation.

Thanks to the Durrands for furnishing refreshments. Thanks to those who also donated prizes and purchased tickets at the usual meeting raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

FISHING REPORT

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| A Fishing Report section will be a continuing addition |
| to the LEADER if, it proves popular. Let's have some |
| feedback if you find it useful, or not. |
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The following reports were made as of January 4, 1987.

Bill Kiene's Fly Shop - 486-9958

Bill

-Rancho Seco has been hot for planted trout for the past week. A pram or float tube is useful. Use a sinking tip with a brown wooley bugger.

-The Arden Ponds are also producing small trout.

-Baum Lake near Burney and Lewiston Lake near Douglas City out of Redding are turning out trout right now.

There are lots of opportunities for steelies; the next two months are the prime months. The American and the Yuba are just fair with more action on the Feather. The northern coastal streams will be on and off depending on water conditions, so call ahead.

Finally, Bill recommends salt water fly fishing for this time of the year if you are thinking of a winter vacation to warmer climes. Bonita are available in southern California and Mexico will have Yellowtail and El Dorado taking flies. He can give you more details, if you are interested.

Fly Fishing Specialties - 786-3470

Stan

The American and Feather have just opened and they will be good till the end of the this or next month. These are the big months of the year to get out for steelies.

Pyramid Lake is good now for large cutthroats. Use a sinking, shooting head with large wooley buggers. Favorite colors for those wooley buggers are black, purple and white. After that, chartreuse and orange work well.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS FLY AND ROD SHOP - 652-0408

Jim Victorine

Jim suggests Folsom as a hot spot now for trout. The water in the lake has turned over and the shad are on top and so are the trout. He suggests long leaders from 12 to 14 feet as the fish are spooky. Try some threadfin shad patterns for those feeding rainbows.

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**** NO JANUARY MEETING ****

THERE WILL BE NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY BECAUSE OF THE CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER ON JANUARY 9, 1988.

THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE DINNER IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY PURCHASED YOURS. WITH THE DINNER LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY, EVERYTHING LOOKS GREAT AND THE ORGANIZERS LED BY BRAD BOUSTEAD EXPECT THIS TO BE THE BEST CLUB DINNER EVER.

SOME EXCITING PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE HAVE BEEN DONATED TOO. INCLUDED ON THE LIST WILL BE TWO PAIR OF WADERS, SEVERAL FLY LINES AND VIDEO CASSETTES OF DOUG SWISHER, THE DINNERS MAIN SPEAKER.

IF YOU STILL NEED THAT TICKET, CALL BRAD AT 961-6094. JIM PRATT HAS TICKETS TOO AT 966-0136. SO, COME EARLY AND BRING THE SPOUSE OR FRIENDS. AN OPEN BAR STARTS AT 6 PM WITH DINNER STARTING AT 6:30 PM. AGAIN, IT IS AT THE SIERRA VIEW COUNTRY CLUB IN ROSEVILLE. BRAD OR JIM WILL GIVE YOU DIRECTIONS, IF YOU NEED THEM.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

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