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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11 General Meeting*
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

June 18 Board Meeting**
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

July 9 General Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Clubhouse

July 16 Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Clubhouse

* NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate before 7:30 p.m., because the gatekeeper must lock the gate at that time.

** NOTE: Be sure to be at the gate at 6:45 p.m., because the gatekeeper will lock the gate at that time.

CHECK THE OUTING SCHEDULE FOR OTHER EVENTS.
Tentative Outing Schedule—1992
(Revised)

May 10-11  Arcularius Ranch. Reservations full.
May 30-31  Mill Creek—backpacking trip
June 6-7   Indian Creek Reservoir
June 13-14 Fuller Lake
July 25-26 Kings Canyon
Aug. 21-24 North Umpqua
Aug. ??  Lake Natoma Hexagenia Evening Fishout
Sep. 12-13 Trinity River
Sept 26-27 Robinson Creek
Oct.       McCloud River/Squaw Valley Creek
Nov.       Steelhead trip

Note: Other outings may be scheduled, and announced at our regular meetings.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Warren Schoenmann

Summer is here and the time for intensive fishing is now. If you haven’t already make some plans for a fishing trip call a club member from the “Fishing Buddy List” and make plans for a fun trip somewhere.

Yours truly will be spending the next week on Lake Shasta with the family chasing trout on the McCloud, Pit, and Sacramento arms of the lake. I even get to try out the Frum that was Grand Prize at the dinner. (Remember who won it?).

Check the fishout schedule in the Leader. There are some great family outings this month (as every month). June 6 & 7 to Indian Creek, and June 13 & 14 at Fuller (PG&E campground is reserved, and it is a great place to spend the weekend). Call the Fishmaster for complete details if you haven’t already signed up.
The annual Picnic was a wonderful success again this year. The food was great, the games were fun for all, and many nice prizes were given in the raffle. The Grand prize, a Sage 4-pc 5-wt rod went to Bruce Cline, who has just completed the casting clinic and said he really needs it. Terry Eggleston won the blindfold flytying, Dave Baker took first place in the scavenger flytying, and Marie won the casting competition again this year. There were also many first place winners in the kids balloon toss and turtle races. Congrats to all of you. A special thanks to Paul Orcutt who organized and directed the whole event, and to those who helped make it a huge success, thanks a million. Mark, the ribs were terrific.

Tight lines... catch 'em, release 'em.
LET’S GO FISHING.......

Next month - silver fat will have an affair at bear.
Tune in?
Set out below is a notice regarding the hearings on the Yuba River at the State Water Resources Control Board. Since the notice is reduced it may be a bit hard to read...but, please make the effort and assist in the campaign to get more water allocated to fish. If this does not occur now, other interests (development, agriculture, exporters of water and others) will most assuredly leap on the opportunity to grab what may be perceived as "excess" water [a true oxymoronic term]. Take the time and write a courteous, precise letter for the resource.

YUBA RIVER ACTION ALERT!!

For months now, the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance (CSFA) has been making the case for a fair share of Yuba River water for fisheries to the State Water Board. The hearings are slated to wrap up within the next two weeks. State Senator Leslie made a policy statement to the Board asking that no more water be allocated for fish! We need to let the Board know what fishermen think about no more water for fish.

The Yuba is the only central valley stream with a native chinook and some of the fighting qualities of Yuba steelhead and salmon are renown. The Yuba needs help now! Get out your pens and write:

Chairman Donald Maughen
State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Ms. Christy Escande, Complaint Unit
Division of Water Rights
PO Box 20000
Sacramento, CA 95812-20000

DFG has presented a lower Yuba management plan which asks for only 25% of the water for fish, but the Yuba County Water Agency wants all and recruited Leslie for support. Without opposing letters, the Board will think Leslie's statement represents the whole district. We need organizational, and more important, individual letters letting the Board know how we feel about the Yuba. DO IT NOW. The letters are needed by May 31, 1992. Send a second copy of your letter to CSFA, PO Box 357, Quincy, CA 95971.

Points to emphasis are that the Board should:
Adopt the DFG management plan
Adopt the DFG recommendation for fish screens at diversion point
Allow water not put to beneficial use in storage at Bullard's Bar to flow down the Yuba and Feather to the Delta and Bay
Demand enforcement action against YCWA for unauthorized river water diversions in 1991
Require that the Yuba Goldfields, Inc. file a water rights applications for their diversions of the flows of the Yuba and the goldfields
Require the YCWA to file a petition for a change in place of diversion for the south Yuba canal

Questions?—call Bob Balocchi at 916-283-3767. Also, the Yuba fight is exhausting their funds—send a check their way!

Your fellow Yuba fly fisher
Dave Ford

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GDF LIBRARY

The library records indicate that the following people have tapes and/or books overdue from 6 months to 90 days. So will you please search your houses, cars, fishing vests, waders, or whatever, and bring the club's property back by the June meeting.

Nicolai LaQuaglia, Don Cummings (anyone who knows the whereabouts of Don please contact me), Gary Morgan, Gray Allen, Cliff Steele, Bill Siska, Ed Pettyplace.

Videos 60 days overdue:
Tying Western Dry Flies, Nymphing

Books 60 days overdue:
Fishing Dry Flies for Trout.

Jim Holmes (967-6709) will be handling the library the first 2 weeks of June while I am on vacation.

Jim Hornberger

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The spawning channel remains closed to all fishing.

OWENS RIVER WILD TROUT AREA.
Owens River Wild Trout Area

New regulations are out for fishing this area. Pick up a flyer on this at the next two general meetings. The regulations and a map are set out below.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
407 West Line Street
Bishop, CA 93514

(619) 672-1171

At its November 1, 1991 meeting, the Fish and Game Commission concurred with fly-fishing organizations that recommended that

special restrictions apply to the entire 16 miles of the wild trout area. The purpose is to prevent the overharvest of the trout resource. This original proposal instituted

12 inch minimum, two trout limit with only the use of artificial lures or flies on the entire 16 miles of the river.

The Department has developed an alternative as a compromise which we believe will satisfy the fly fishermen, and yet allow bait fishing to continue. The upper 2.7 miles would be governed by a
two fish bag limit, a 12 inch maximum size limit and artificial lures only. The maximum size limit would protect large brown trout that spawn in this area. A zero limit and artificial lures only would be imposed on the next 1.4 stream miles which should provide high quality fly-fishing much like that afforded at Hot Creek. The remaining 8.9 miles would be open to bait anglers, and the bag limit would be increased from two to five. This would conform to the five fish bag limit on the Owens River downstream from Five Bridges Road.

The Owens River Trout Regulations as They Were
Adopted by The Fish and Game Commission are as follows:

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we raffle off at the annual dinner.

"Thank you!"
Many thanks have to go to Frank Stolten, Mark Neice, Steve Avery, Gray Allen, and the individuals and couples who made the Chinook Salmon Recovery Project a success. Without their help, and that of the landowners (Mr. & Mrs. Moore on Auburn Ravine Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Sargent on Coon Creek), the trapping could not have taken place. Thanks also go to Mr. Jim Fitzer, owner of Crystal Ice, who donated the biggest ice cubes I have ever seen (300 lbs. apiece) to help keep the fish cool during transport.

Request for Assistance From Trout Unlimited

A special project to clip adipose fins on 10,000—12,000 Lahontan Cutthroat trout fingerlings will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Nimbus Hatchery on Saturday, June 20, 1992. After this marking, they will be placed in Martis Lake to grow up and be counted in the future. This is the first phase in a series of experiments to be conducted by DFG. The next will be to monitor oxygen levels and water temperatures at various points in the lake this summer. Trout Unlimited is coordinating this activity and has asked for our help; approximately 8 to 10 people working about three hours each should do it. A luncheon is planned so call me (days: 732-5399; evens: 677-4263) and leave a message if you can help.
The traps were installed just before irrigation diversions began in early May, but by then the water temperatures in the Sacramento River, and Coon Creek were already getting too warm for the salmon. The fish we trapped in Coon Creek were larger than those of the same age found elsewhere, leading our DFG representative to conclude that our creeks provided such good habitat that the more than 100,000 baby salmon planted per creek in January had "eaten like little piggies" while becoming imprinted at the headwaters of the two creeks. As the baby fish matured and the water warmed up, the fish started their swim to the ocean. Since irrigation started late this year, the salmon got through without much help from us.

Although much work went into the project, and many people who were looking forward to the morning trapping activities did not have opportunity to participate, we feel the project was a great success. GBF lived up to its part of the contract, and the salmon got through to the Sacramento River safely.
A Safe and Painless Method of Removing a Hook

It can happen in countless ways - a fishhook suddenly burled past the barb in your anatomy. Removal can be a painful, even hazardous, procedure, especially if someone tries to cut the hook out. Here is a method that anyone can follow, and the only tool that you need is your fishing line.

First, remove the hook if it is attached to a lure, unless it is a single hook fly, or a spoon. Next you should have a piece of fly line, monofilament, or dacron backing that is about 30 pound test, and 20 inches long. This removal technique can be used with one strand of 30 pound test, two of 15 pound test, or three of ten.

Tie a knot in the loose ends of the line, forming about a ten inch loop. Place the loop around the back of your hand and bring it out between your thumb and forefinger as shown. Place the loop over the eye of the hook and center it in the hook's bend.

Apply pressure down and back on the eye of the hook, and simultaneously give a sharp jerk on the line. The hook will neatly pop out the same hole that it entered, causing no additional pain and leaving a minimal wound to heal.

Cleanse the wound with soap, or anti-septic, and apply an adhesive bandage. A topical antibiotic like Mycelexin or Neosporin will help eliminate the invasion of germs and promote healing.

Two cautions to remember: One, be certain to immobilize the finger or hand from which a hook is being removed. And, two, if a hook has entered the area near the eye, get the victim to a doctor, fast.

June Program

The June program will be Dave Simmons, with the Powell Fly Shop in Chico. Dave is a very entertaining person, an excellent fly tyer and fisherman, and will discuss the Sacramento River fishery. Don't miss this one!!!!

Conservation Report
by
Joe Bania, Conservation Chairperson

Chinook Salmon Recovery Project, Lincoln, Ca.

GREAT NEWS!!! The Salmon in Auburn Ravine Creek and Coon Creek are safely on their way to the ocean. After trapping for nine days and only catching a handful, instead of the thousands anticipated, it became evident that the salmon had already moved downstream, so we discontinued the trapping activities.