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Fly Fishing & the Internet– Part II

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The Internet is a marvelous place providing access to a wealth of information about almost any subject you can imagine. For those of us who fly fish, it gives us access to literally hundreds of sites devoted to our favorite pastime. Interested in old or new fly patterns; there are sites that provide detailed tying instructions. Want to try your hand at tying your own tapered leaders; there are sites that give detailed formulas and instructions. Want some help with your casting, tying knots, fishing wet flies; it's all there.

Unless you're an old retired dude (or dudett) like me with lots of time on your hands, you probably don't have the time, or inclination to search out all the good sites, so to help you, I've compiled a list of sites that might be of interest to you.

Fly Tying Sites – The following is a list of various sites devoted to fly tying.

Southeast Fly Fishing Forum – Lots of patterns at: <http://www.southeastflyfishingforum.com/flypatterns/index.php>

Charlie's Fly Box – Charlie Craven is one of the best fly tying instructors I ever met. Each pattern presented has a tutorial on tying that pattern, Check it out at: <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/flybox/index.cfm>

American Fly Fishing – Patterns and tying instructions. Check it out at: http://www.americanflyfishing.com/retail/common/tieit/pattern_home.asp?store_id=212&

Quest Outdoors – Patterns and tying instructions. Check it out at: http://www.questoutdoors.net/skills/ftying/patterns/fly_patterns_byname.html

Fly Fish Ohio – This site presents both step by step photos and videos for each fly. To see the videos you need to have Adobe Flash Player (free) installed. Check it out at: http://www.flyfishohio.com/Adventures_in_Fly_Tying.htm

Trout Flies.com – This site has a limited number of tutorials that are very well done. Check it out at: <http://www.troutflies.com/tutorials/>

Kalamalka Fly Fishers – In addition to pattern recipes and tying notes, each pattern also has a section on how the fly is fished. Check it out at: <http://www.kalflyfishers.ca/pages/flypatterns.htm>

Hans Weilenmann's Flytier's Page – This site currently has 3,708 patterns by 234 tiers. Each pattern is fully illustrated and described. Check it out at: <http://www.danica.com/flytier/index.html>

The Trout Underground - There are a lot of fly fishing related web logs or “blogs” on the internet and Tom Chandlers site is one of the better ones. A blog is a web site usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Tom lives up in the Mount Shasta area and covers the local waters around there. He also spends a lot of time reading other blogs and then adding links to their articles. A nice feature of this site is that you can subscribe to an e-mail version of the blog that comes out several times a week. Check it out at: <http://troutunderground.com/>

Fish First – This site is actually a fly shop up in Chico and while the web site isn’t anything special, the guys at Fish First put out one of the best weekly/semi-weekly fly fishing reports called “What’s Hot and What’s Not. You can subscribe to the report from their site and it’s worth having as they cover most of the Northern California waters as well as our local streams. Check them out at: <http://www.fishfirst.com/>

Fly Shops – As long as the subject has come up, here’s a list of shops that have information pertinent to the waters we fish.

The Angler’s Edge – This one should be bookmarked on everybody’s browser. Don and Liz keep us up to date on all things local, as well as providing an on-line store for the benefit of those who can’t get in regularly. Check them out at: <http://www.theanglersedge.com/index.html>

The Reno Fly Shop – Another source of fishing reports for local waters. Check them out at: <http://www.renoflyshop.com/fishingreport.html>

Ken’s Sporting Goods – A good site for information on the waters around Bridgeport. The fishing reports get updated regularly during the California Trout Season. Check them out at: <http://www.kenssport.com/>

Sierra Drifters – Located in Mammoth Lakes, Sierra Drifters provides information on what’s happening in the Eastern Sierra from Bishop to Bridgeport. Check them out at: <http://www.sierradrifters.com/fish.htm>

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TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Feb. 22	Sunday	Hinkson Slough
March 29	Sunday	Pyramid Lake
April 26	Sunday	Rosaschi Ranch
May 24	Sunday	Upper Twin Lake
June 28	Sunday	Fenchmen’s Reservoir
July 26	Sunday	West Walker River
August 23	Sunday	Spooner Lake
Sept. 27	Sunday	Heenan Lake
Oct. 25	Sunday	Owens or East Carson River
Nov. 15	Sunday	Indian Creek Reservoir

Kiene's Fly Shop – Located in Sacramento, Kiene's Fishing Reports not only provide information on what's happening on particular water, but also a lot of useful information about the waters themselves. Check them out at: <http://www.kiene.com/reports/index.htm>

IMAPS – This site, maintained by the California DFG is an interactive map site with access to maps and information on all most all of California's fishing waters. This is a real gem, so check it out at: http://imaps.dfg.ca.gov/viewers/fishing_guide/app.asp

NDOW and CDFG – Last but not least are our two local state agencies that have a direct impact on the quality and quantity of our fishing: Check them out at: <http://www.ndow.org/> and <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>

Well that does it for this newsletter. Hopefully you will have found something helpful or of interest in this list. If you have some sites of your own that you've found to be helpful, drop a line to the newsletter editor and maybe we can start a monthly column where we review a couple of interesting websites.

February Fish Out– A Magical Place Hinkson Slough by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there was a place where fly fishermen would gather. This place was known to miraculously correct a cast, and fish would bite at any fly that was placed in front of them. The wind would never blow more than two miles an hour, and only to refresh the air with the sent of pine and wildflowers. In this magical place, there was room for all; in fact, it seemed as though the lake would grow larger to accommodate the newly arriving anglers.

This is not where our club went.

The day we picked, two months in advance, blew about 15 miles an hour with gusts up to a good 20. Fish were caught by float tubers, and fish were missed by shore anglers. I heard the report for the day before from the Carson Fly Fishers: beautiful day, cooperative fish, took just about anything..... ahhh should of been there the day before....

A gathering of 15 - plus members came out for a very nice day of friendship and camaraderie. Mickey Kriethe volunteered to cook lunch for the gang, and boy did she have a spread. Wonderful chili, great corn bread, trout cookies, and hot sauces galore. Bob Taormina brought a great corn bread with jalapenos, and Bob Pinkerton brought chips and other goodies.

We'd like to thank new members Bob and Cye for joining the group out there and Norma, Bob Pinkerton's friend. We hope that just because this fish out was not at the magical place described above, that others will be.

March General Meeting– The annual dinner replaces the general meeting!!!!

Save the Date– HSFC Annual Fund Raising Dinner– March 14, 2009

Our 2009 Annual Fund Raising Dinner will be held March 14 at the C.V.I.C. Hall in Minden, so please mark your calendars accordingly. Ticket prices remain unchanged at \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. You can purchase tickets in advance at the Angler's Edge. Cocktails start at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M. The food should be excellent like it was last year, since we have the same caterer. As usual there will be a silent auction, 50/50 drawing, and a really good grand prize. This dinner is our **BIG** fund raiser for the year. In fact, it is our only fund raiser. The funds we raise and your dues cover the cost of all the things we do this year. We plan on continuing our involvement with adults and children struggling with cancer through Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery, so please make it a point to come and bring some friends!!! We need your help!!!

It's getting to be that time of year.....

I love the indicators we start to get at this time of year pointing towards better weather and all the things we do in spring. The Great Horned Owls are calling each other in the evenings. After I've hooted back and forth with them awhile, I'll hear Kelly, my wife, yelling from the kitchen, "Knock it off, you're not an owl." Also, the Bald Eagles are feasting on the afterbirth of calving season. My family of crows have returned to raise another bunch of rowdy offspring. My garden seeds are coming in the mail and spread out all over the kitchen table with us dreaming of the coming harvest. It's about time to apply for turkey tags, fire up the rototiller, turn on the sprinklers, and try a different way this year to organize my fly vest. The opener at Hinkson Slough, this year is the first I've missed in many years, and when I did go I struck out both times.....must have been the crutches.

Finally, the sure thing that spring is on the way is our annual banquet, March 14th at the C. V. I. C. Hall. Thanks to Roger and Don we have some pretty swell items to raffle this year as well as the feast our own Todd Wilkes has planned for us. There will be no club meeting this month at the church, so we'll see each other at the banquet if not sooner. Think Spring!

Nate.

March Fish Out- Pyramid Lake or Rosaschi Ranch- Sunday March 29

Our fish out spot for March is up in the air. We are going to fish either Pyramid Lake or the Rosaschi Ranch. Our master schedule originally had Pyramid Lake as our fishing destination, but so far fishing has been pretty spotty there. The fish have been hanging deep for the most part. We are hoping for an earlier spawn this year. Last year many of you may recall we did quite well there in April when the spawn was in full force. If the reports are good it will be Pyramid in March. If not then it will be the Rosaschi Ranch. We will save Pyramid for April. We will let you know at our annual dinner and/or through a special e-mail. If you do not get the word from either one of those then call Angler's Edge before March 29th.

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Upcoming HSFC Events

No General Meeting in March

HSFC Annual Fund Raising Dinner March 14
March Fish Out at Pyramid Lake March 29

General meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Carson Valley Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane in Gardnerville.

The HSFC Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at The Angler's Edge, 1506 U.S. Hwy. 395 N. in Gardnerville.
HSFC members are welcome to attend.

We welcome contributions, quotes, jokes, stories and articles to *fishstories*.....

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