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### **A Message from our President - "Your Help is Needed"**

by Nate Johnston, President HSFC

Hello to all and a huge thank you! Our annual fundraising dinner was a huge success! I would like to thank all of you that were there for your support and donations (see article below for specific thank yous to club members). With the tough economic times we have faced this past year and now in this state and country, it is amazing what we all did this year. We already are making plans for next year's dinner. We are going to streamline some things and add upon successes we saw this year, so with a little luck and a lot of work from the many that helped, we will have another great time.

I noticed a lot of faces I did not recognize that night, and I would like to ask the new faces and old for some help. We are going to put together a questionnaire to have all of you fill out and give us your thoughts. In the past the club has tried to survey its members and very few have responded. With the small number of responses, the board of directors was hesitant to implement any significant changes. We would like to be a club that responds to its members needs, so please help us out when we send out a new questionnaire. There are a lot of questions that could be posed, but the ones I wonder about the most are along these lines-

- What drew you to the club?
- What would you like to get out of it?
- What would you like to see more of? What would you like to see less of?

If you have any ideas please email them to me at [tomkinfish@netzero.com](mailto:tomkinfish@netzero.com). The more insightful and pointed the comments are the more information we will have to go in certain directions. I joined three years ago for no particular reason except to meet some folks and learn more about this area. Three years later the reasons are different and well defined, and I would not trade them for anything. In a conversation that started with, "What are you, a %\$#@\* hippy?" I found one of the best friends I've ever had in my life. I've learned some new tying tricks, but what really hooked me was a day in Pleasant Valley with a bunch of guys that had cancer. So being new in this position I will take all the help I can get, so send me your ideas. I look forward to the questionnaire in the next few months. Again, thanks.

### **Thank You from the High Sierra Fly Casters**

by Roger Arthur, Membership HSFC

The club would like to thank the following club members for donating items for our fund raising dinner: Dan Sedegren, Donna Cole, Ed Brannan, Barry Jobe, Sly and Deloris Clarkson, and Barbara Kowalski.

Also, the club would like to thank the following club members who tied flies and offered guided trips that were raffled or auctioned off: Peter Bauer, Cy Clarkson, Chuck Cummings, Jack Kowalski, Mike Matuska, Nate Johnston, Mike Kingston, Liz and Don Weirauch.

## April General Meeting– April 15

by Mike Phillips, Newsletter Editor HSFC

Our presenter for the April 15 meeting at 7:00 P.M. will be one of our own members Mike Sevon. His power point presentation will be on how to best photograph the fish you catch and how to record your fishing trips and vacations with a camera. Mike is a retired Nevada Department of Wildlife supervising fishery biologist who has a lot of knowledge of our fisheries. He is also a member and past president of the Truckee River Fly Fishers. He recently received the Presidential Award from the Truckee Club. Mike still teaches a number of classes to up and coming fly fishers on various topics. He is a professional photographer and specializes in images of Nevada and the Great Basin. You can see some of his work online at his website [mikesevonphotos.com](http://mikesevonphotos.com). Finally, it is important to note that when Mike worked for the Nevada Department of Wildlife he was one of the major players in getting our home river, the East Walker on the Rosaschi Ranch, declared a catch and release protected stream. It should be an informative and

## March Fish Out Results– East Walker River by Liz Weirauch, Fish Master HSFC

Wind? What wind? Oh that...that is to remind you that your casting needs to improve.

On March 29th the club went to its “Home Waters”, the East Walker on the Rosaschi. We expected a large turnout with the great reports that had been coming in to the shop and three recent articles in popular fly fishing magazines on the river. Though the wind in the Carson Valley continued to blow hard and cold, the wind at the Rosaschi stopped around noon, and it made it a pleasant day. The flies for the day were bubbleback midges and cooper johns. Everyone got fish even a few nice ones! Towards the afternoon, fish started to chase buggers. The water was at 125 cfs, so it was careful wading. The rainbows were starting to get their spawning colors and were beautiful! Being an eating club our President, Nate Johnston, made some delicious chili and corn bread. Tom Kriethe shared his stove to keep it toasty warm. Chips and other goodies from Bob Pinkerton were passed around. After filling our bellies, we went out for more fishing.

## April Fish Out– Pyramid Lake– April 26

by Liz Weirauch, Fish Master HSFC

This month’s fish out will be on Sunday, April 26th, the day after the California opener which we hope will bring the number of fishermen down. The moon will be in it new phase, so moonlight will not be a problem. As of this writing the cutthroats are not in like last year, the water has been colder this year. Cutthroats like water temperature in the 50 to 55 degree range. The last time Mike Phillips was out the water temperature by Pelican Point was 47 degrees. Our hope is that the temperature will be up by the time we go. We will tentatively meet at Pelican Point at 9:30 A.M. in an area south of the boat launch by the rocks. We met there last year. The rendezvous point may change if another spot proves to be better. Mike Phillips and Mike Sevon will be camping there for several days, so hopefully we will have some good information. (The Truckee River Club will be fishing there on Saturday on their fish out.) Bring a minimum of a 6 wt rod with at least a 3X leader and tippet. Zebra midges, other types of midges, and cooper johns work great on floating line with indicators. Beetles (green, brown, and black), bugger in sizes 4-8’s in olive, black, or white work great on reels that have lines with shooting heads on them. We will know closer to the date what the fish are taking. Thank you to all that have been coming to our fish outs. If you would like to fish another spot for future fish outs, please feel free to contact any of our board members.

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### TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

Feb. 22	Sunday	Hinkson Slough
March 29	Sunday	Rosaschi Ranch
April 26	Sunday	Pyramid Lake
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

## The Internet Fly Fisherman

by Dan (Grizzly Wulff) Sedergren, HSFC VP

As promised in the February Newsletter, each month I will review an internet website devoted to fly fishing and a blog site article that would be of general interest to our membership.

This month's web site to checkout is Westfly at <http://www.westfly.com/cgi-bin/home> Westfly is a non-profit website that serves Western fly anglers, and covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and western Montana. It provides current fishing conditions, fly patterns, feature articles, entomology and other fish food details, hatch charts for many western rivers, and other information.

This month's blog article is from the March 2009 edition of The Caddis Fly: Oregon Fly Fishing Blog found at <http://oregonflyfishingblog.com/2009/03/12/take-me-to-your-leader/>. The article is a discussion of leaders and leader lengths one might select given the line, fly, method, or water type.

## Reel Kids, Real Living

by Liz Weirach and Jim Norton

Fly fishing and cancer recovery, two seemingly disparate topics, but pairing them has worked wonders! For the past five years, the High Sierra Fly Casters has taken an active role in assisting with fly fishing retreats for men and women battling cancer. Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery are two remarkable nationwide organizations that have helped hundreds of men and women by introducing them to the tranquility and healing power of fly fishing. This past summer, our club, HSFC, partnered with the Keaston Raphael Memorial Foundation in Reno to provide a day of fly fishing for children battling cancer, along with their parents and siblings. Reel Kids was born.

HSFC members Todd Wilks, Bob Macias, and Jim Norton took the reins and secured donations of rods, reels, and lines from Sage and chest packs from Loon for each participant. The event was held at Pleasant Valley Fly Fishing Preserve (the magical place) a private stream near Markleeville, CA, on August 17. All members of the family were invited to participate and to learn simple fly casting techniques, taught by Bob Macias, A FFF certified casting instructor. Each of the five families were paired with three or four club volunteers to ensure that everyone received instruction and individual attention could be given to each family member.

"It is important to realize that when families are battling cancer, everyone is in the fight," said Jim Norton, education coordinator for HSFC. "Parents are concentrating on the child with the disease, and sometimes the siblings are not given the same attention. We wanted to make sure that all members of the family has a chance to experience the day."

Many of the families first tried their new-found skills at the casting pond, where the resident brook trout were most cooperative. Later in the morning, many families tried their hands at the stream, where the occasional large rainbow trout provided a lot of excitement. Transportation was provided by the now famous Wilcks and Denton ATVs.

Lunch was provided by the club and the HSFC "ladies' auxiliary" of wives, daughters, girlfriends, and even mothers-in-laws. Yes, a kid's menu of hot dogs, salad, fruit, and plate-sized cookies for energy, was enjoyed by all. Morning photos and fish stories were shared under the tall ponderosa and sugar pine trees near the ranch's rustic corral. A remarkable camaraderie began to develop.

Concluding the day, a circle was formed, with those children fighting cancer in the center. Backing them up were the parents and siblings, encircled by all the 60 or so HSFC volunteers, backing them up, letting them know that they were not alone in their fight. Fly boxes printed with the Reel Kids logo were distributed. These boxes were filled with flies tied by the local charter school, Sierra Academy, under the direction of club member Norm Williams and by the local fly shop, Angler's Edge.

The first retreat was an unqualified success! Five families, 23 folks in all, were able to escape the confines of cancer treatment and enjoy, some for the first time, the gorgeous environs of fly fishing. The smiles and laughter of the children, the joy of the parents, and the enthusiastic participation of the siblings was indeed good to behold. Thanks to the generosity of the number of donors and the volunteers of HSFC members and families, we will be able to put on two retreats this July, again at Pleasant Valley. We hope to make this a permanent, on-going event, and eventually to offer it other fly fishing clubs.

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### Upcoming HSFC Events

HSFC General Meeting	April 15
April Fish Out at Pyramid Lake	April 26

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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