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### My Poetic Contribution

by Bob Taormina, HSFC Member

We live in a place that's big on Cowboy Poetry, and being a big fan of poetry I figured why not Fishing Poetry? After all, there's great photography, sculpture, literature, and painting around this sport. But as far as I know not much in music or poetry. So, since I'm not given to musical composition here's my poetic contribution:

#### Day on the Water

A day on the water with fly rod in hand  
 Away from the noise of life's marching band  
 The sun is down low and the evening is nigh  
 My heart is a' pumping and my hopes are up high  
 The birds are all swooping down from the ridge  
 But there's nothing to see so it must be a midge  
 I tie on a gnat with a black zebra dropper  
 But all of a sudden a 'bow takes a hopper  
 I untie the gnat for the hopper is greater  
 And look in my box for a tan stimulator  
 By the time it is threaded and the clinch knot is set  
 The midges are landing all over my net  
 So back to my box for a fly that is right,  
 When the sun makes its exit, and calls in the night  
 The evening is nigh

After composing this little ditty I thought I'd see if this was a groundbreaking creation. Well, it wasn't. When I goggled it I found [flyfishingjoy.com](http://flyfishingjoy.com) and it had quite a few poems, this one dating from 1720.

Around the steel no tortur'd worm shall twine,  
No blood of living insect stain my line;  
Let me, less cruel, cast feathered hook,  
With pliant rod athwart the pebbled brook,  
Silent along the mazy margin stray,  
And with fur-wrought fly delude the pray.

~by John Gay in Rural Sports, 1720~

I guess that early fly fishing poems shouldn't be a surprise, given that Dame Julia Berners wrote her Treatsye in 1476 (there's still some debate about her) and Issak Walton produced The Compleat Angler in 1653. Fly Fishing Poetry is a long way from the status of Cowboy Poetry, and I haven't seen anything yet approaching a Shakespeare or Wordsworth Festivals for flyfishers. But, who knows, since fisherman are usually pretty creative with words and descriptions, it might be a short leap to take the descriptive prose and throw in a few rhymes.

We ask a simple question  
And that is all we wish:  
Are fishermen all liars?  
Or do only liars fish?

~by William Sherwood Fox, Silken Lines and Silver Hooks, 1954

## Membership Renewal is Here

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

We have included in this newsletter a membership renewal form. Simply fill it out (print it out first if you received it via email), make out a check, and send it to the address listed on the form. Dues for an individual or family are \$30 for the year. If you want to save the price of a stamp you can bring the form and check to our November or January general membership meeting. (Traditionally we do not have a December meeting and newsletter due to the holiday season). Those of you who selected email delivery of our newsletter this past year have helped the club save on newsletter mailing expenses. Please consider this form of delivery again and indicate it on the form. Those of you who used the postal system reconsider email delivery if you have high speed download capacity. If you do not have a high speed download capacity we will gladly mail you a newsletter. Remember that if you get your renewal form in by January 31st your name will be entered into our prize drawing that will be held at our February general meeting. There will be three gift certificates given out: one for \$100 at Angler's Edge, another for \$75 for Angler's Edge, and a third one for \$25 at Lira's Market. You do not have to be present to win.

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### TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2009

|                  |               |                               |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Feb. 22</b>   | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Hinkson Slough</b>         |
| <b>March 29</b>  | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Rosaschi Ranch</b>         |
| <b>April 26</b>  | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Pyramid Lake</b>           |
| <b>May 31</b>    | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Upper Twin Lake</b>        |
| <b>June 28</b>   | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Frenchmen's Reservoir</b>  |
| <b>July 26</b>   | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>West Walker River</b>      |
| <b>August 23</b> | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Spooner Lake</b>           |
| <b>Sept. 27</b>  | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Heenan Lake</b>            |
| <b>Oct. 18</b>   | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Indian Creek Reservoir</b> |
| <b>Nov. 22</b>   | <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Rosaschi Ranch</b>         |

## The Internet Fly Fisherman

by Dan (Grizzly Wulff) Sedergren, HSFC President

November 2009 –

This month's site is a combination web site and blog site called About.Com:Fly Fishing. The site contains a wealth of information for both the novice and more advanced in our ranks. Articles on fly fishing gear, fish species, and instruction can be easily accessed by clicking on the appropriate tab and following along. The blog portion of the site is written and maintained by Brian Milne, an award-winning writer, lifelong outdoorsman and author of books about fishing and the great outdoors. Check out both the web site and the blog at <http://flyfishing.about.com/>

## October Fish Out Results– Indian Creek Reservoir by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

As the fishmaster for three years out of four, I have to say, that it will be a nice thing when I'm not picking the dates for the fish-out. It seems that the Almighty, likes to see just how much weather we club members can handle on our monthly fishouts. So hey, the wind is blowing 25 mph, a steady whisp of water vapor is being lifted of the lake into your face and the gust blow you off your feet....but the fish are so dang cooperative! A great bunch showed up, fish were caught and some beauties, too. Chili was warmed up, Linda Gronski's green chili corn bread was gobbled up. And then... they went out for more! The best part of the fishout.. a dead-set-against stillwater fisherman has now been tying Martis Midges and it's been reported that his vehicle has been seen out there.

## November Fish Out– Rosaschi Ranch

by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

In November, the club will have its final fish out for the year in a river that is dear to HSFC's heart. Rosaschi Ranch fishes the way it does because of our club members efforts to turn it into a quality water. Now, as fishmaster, the date that has been picked is the 22nd of November. Mark that date down, if any of the previous dates are tell-tale, we should have snow, rain, wind, an occasional earthquake and perhaps a swarm of locusts should show up. If you *really* want to come, arrive about 8:30 am to the parking lot, dress warmly, bring a 5 weight with you, 4X tippet, and nymph patters: Hare's ear, Flashback PT, zebra, disco and bubbleback midges. We'll have Fishmaster's Chili and if you'd like to bring a little something to pass around, please do! Questions? Call Liz 782-4734.

A note: Being fishmaster is pretty easy and nice. The club is looking for one. You just have to organize somewhere to fish once a month.. for only 10 months. Think about it, it's a great way to support your club, and it's hassle free... unless you count weather.. and no one can blame you for that! Plus it is a built in excuse to fish. If interested call Dan Sedergren at 265-2767.

## Historical Society Christmas Tree

by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

In the last newsletter we mentioned that we were in need of help from our club members who tied. We are still waiting for that help. On that note: On Saturday, the 21st of November, at 1 pm, we are inviting club tyers to come into The Angler's Edge and have a **Big Fly - Tying Event**. We hope to get enough flies done to decorate the tree. If you don't want to come, and still would like to tye a large fly of your own design or a classic, please do!

In addition to flies needed for the tree, the Club would like to "Borrow" 9' fly rods. We will need about 20 of them in total. These will be used for the tree itself, and returned safely to you. I'm sure there are a few of you out there that have some Pfluegar, Scientific Anglers, etc rods that you don't need during the month of December. Any questions, please call Liz 782-4734.

## HSFC Annual Dinner Slide Show

by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

Just a quick reminder to start getting those pictures ready. We will be needing them soon! Copy pictures from this past year onto a disk and get it to Liz at the fly shop. Remember to write up some details to help Liz in the captioning process. If you can not transfer your pictures to a disk remember you can send them to Mike Kingston at Bar-rykings@msn.com., and he will do it for you.

## Fundraising Help Needed

by Roger Arthur, HSFC Membership Chairman

Although we are a few months away from our annual fund raiser and banquet March 13, 2010, we need to be thinking about writing letters to companies asking for donations to help fund our many on-going projects. We are also asking our club members to check and see if they have any "white elephants" in their fishing closets that they would be willing to donate to the club to be used for fund raising purposes. Furthermore, if any of you know of someone or a company that you feel that would be willing to make a donation of products or services for our annual fund raising banquet please let us know.

We could really use some help with this fund raiser, so anyone interested in helping on the March banquet, please contact one of the following: Roger Authur 265-2825; Don Stockman 265-2825; Liz Weirauch.

## November Meeting Presentation

by Dan Sedergren, HSFC President

Peter Bauer will be this month's presenter at our monthly meeting. The meeting will be held November 22 at 7:00 P.M. Peter will be doing a slide presentation on fishing local waters. Remember to bring some money for our raffle.

## Rise– Confluence Films Production

by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Fish Master

A benefit showing of a new fly-fishing film RISE, from the makers of the movie DRIFT will be showing for one night only on Thursday November 19th at 6:30 to benefit Trout Unlimited at the Patagonia Outlet Store. The film has fly fishing in Venezuela, Idaho, Florida, Alaska, New Orleans and Patagonia. Tickets are \$12 at the door. You can get more information on this film at [www.confluencefilms.tv](http://www.confluencefilms.tv)

## No Eastern Sierra Fishing Report

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Editor

Unfortunately there will be no fishing report from CJ this month. She has had a rash of computer and software problems and is playing catch up. She might post the report on her business web site, so it is worth a check if you are thinking of fishing in the area. Her web site address is [virginalakesresort.com](http://virginalakesresort.com) As of 11/08/09 there was no posting. We all hope she gets her computer issues taken care of because we look forward to her report.

## A Few Pictures from Our Indian Creek Fish Out



Liz and the biggest fish of the day



Ron Roman's nice rainbow



Mike Phillips and his brown caught after lunch



Some of our group seeking protection from the wind during lunch.



## High Sierra Fly Caster's Membership Application

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Are you a beginning fly fisher?  Yes  No

What kind of fly fishing do you enjoy?  Streams  Lakes  Both

Dues are \$30.00 per year for an individual or family  
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 The membership period is January 1 - December 31

**Membership dues are due by January 31**

High Sierra Fly Casters is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Please mail your completed application to:

**High Sierra Fly Casters  
 PO Box 3121  
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### Upcoming HSFC Events

|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| HSFC General Meeting                | November 18 |
| November Fish Out at Rosaschi Ranch | November 22 |

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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