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### **First Fish on a Fly**

by Don Stockman, HSFC Membership

At the May meeting of the HSFC our President, Dan Sedergren, gave a talk on fishing small streams. His talk reminded me of the first time I caught a fish on a fly, about 50+ years ago. A memory I cannot forget.

As we were preparing for a deer hunting trip, my friend Larry suggested that we bring our fly fishing gear. My aunt donated my gear, a 9' Wright & McGill 9 wt. fiberglass rod and a JC Higgins Reel with strange C to H markings on it. The rod seemed like a buggy whip to me, and I was able to produce whip like sounds during my practice. I trotted down to the local sporting store and bought a box of flies. They were brightly colored and did not resemble anything in the insect world.

We loaded up my jeep and headed up to the Eastern Sierras to Troy Meadows, which is reached by a steep dirt road off 395 north of Inyokern. The streams of the area form the headwaters of the Kern River. We crossed several streams and at one we saw fish darting all over. We stopped and Larry started catching one fish after another, while I flailed around with my line, tippet, fly and knots. Finally decked out in my new Herter's fishing vest, I got one, then another small trout. Once I learned that any fly with red on it was the key to catching them, the bite was on! I cannot remember if they were bookies or goldens, but I remember the hours of excitement and fun of the first day of fly fishing.

The deer must have seen our skill at fly fishing and decided to flee, as none were sighted. However, the memories of the trip remain vivid to me. And yes, I still fish with Larry. Maybe one of these days we'll get back there, sleeping on the ground, eating hash and stew and best of all catching fish on a red fly.

### **The Internet Fly Fisherman**

by Dan Grizzly Wulff Sedergren, HSFC President

**June 2010 –**

This month we will be looking at two sites; the first is an on-line magazine devoted to fly fishing called the Fly Fish Magazine and the second is a very useful site hosted by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

Fly Fish Magazine is a free on-line magazine and fly fishing blog. The site contains fly fishing related articles, photos, gear reviews, fishing reports, and more. It's easy to navigate and you will recognize many of the contributors. Check it out at <http://www.flyfishmagazine.com/index.html>

So, you've been pouring over topo maps, checking out the satellite views on Google or Yahoo Maps, or overheard someone talking about a stretch of water that sounds as if it might be worth checking out. Now the question is whose property is it? Is it private or public land? Fortunately Uncle Sam has made it easy to find out with an interactive

mapping program called the Public Land Survey System (PLSS). PLSS is available on a government web site called GeoCommunicator. It works similar to Google and Yahoo maps, allowing you to zoom in to a particular area in the United States and display township grids that identify public and private holdings. You can select aerial views, topo views or road views. To use the system you will need to set up your internet browser to enable pop ups and scripting. Instructions for Windows Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers and Mac Safari users can be found at [http://www.blm.gov/nils/GeoComm/internet\\_setup\\_for\\_GeoComm.html](http://www.blm.gov/nils/GeoComm/internet_setup_for_GeoComm.html)

Once your browser is enabled you can download the PLSS viewer and away you go. Start by opening the GeoCommunicator website at <http://www.geocommunicator.gov/GeoComm/index.shtm>. On the left side of the page click on Interactive Maps and then Download PLSS. Once you have the viewer installed on your system, return to the home page and click on Land Status. There are tutorials and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) available to help you get the most out of the system.

## May's Fish Out Results– Upper Twin Lake

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

If you recall May 23 was a cold and windy day in our beautiful little valley, and you can just imagine how it was at Upper Twin Lake a few thousand feet higher! Two brave and tough souls made it out to Upper Twin. They were Dan Sedergren, our club president, and Kurt Zeilenga, a member in good standing. When they arrived at the lake it was snowing and blowing. The lake was fuller than its been in years a good sign, but it was too cold to fish. Dan and Kurt decided to head to friendlier waters, Lower Virginia Creek. This creek flows from the Virginia Lakes area. It offered a spot to fish out of the wind. They were able to fish the creek and several beaver ponds. Between them they caught seven rainbows with the largest going 14 inches. Finally, around 2:00 P.M. they left for home vowing to return to Upper Twin Lake one day.



This is what Lower Virginia Creek looked like.



This is a shot of Upper Twin Lake.

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### TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Feb. 21	Sunday	Hinkson Slough
March 28	Sunday	Rosachi Ranch
April 25	Sunday	Pyramid Lake
May 23	Sunday	Upper Twin Lake
June 27	Sunday	Upper Twin Lake
July 18	Sunday	Silver King Creek
August	Sunday	TBA
Sept.	Sunday	TBA
Oct.	Sunday	TBA
Nov.	Sunday	TBA

## May Fish Out– Upper Twin Lake

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

Our fish out is scheduled for Sunday, June 27th. We will be fishing Upper Twin Lake in the Bridgeport area, since we were blown out and snowed out on the last trip in May. This was one of our most popular fishing destinations last year! Meet at the grassy area near the docks of Upper Twin Lake at 9 A.M. Bring your float tube, rent a boat (call and reserve it in advance), or bring your waders and fish from the shore. Bring a dry line and an intermediate line with you. At this time of year there are several flies that can work like buggers (black, brown, olive, and yellow tails), blood midges, zebra midges, hare's ears, princes, damsel flies, and zug bugs. Bring your own stuff to eat and drink and let's meet for lunch around 12:30 P.M. No one has volunteered to be fish master at this event. If anyone is interested call Dan Sedergren.

## Our Annual Club Picnic– June 16

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

In June we like to have a picnic instead of a general membership meeting at the Carson Valley Methodist Church. This is one of the times of the year for our club members to sit back, relax, and talk with one another. It's especially nice for the newer members to trade stories with some of our seasoned vets. The club provides the main course with great BBQing done by own member Todd Wilcks of Hew Ewe BBQ. The picnic is at Minden Park, in downtown Minden, starting at 6 P.M. Everyone should bring a dish to pass; the list of what to bring is below. The club will provide beer and soda, so if you prefer another beverage bring it. Also bring a lawn chair.

Another item that has been a tradition for our club will be the annual drawing for a 50% paid visit to Pleasant Valley Creek. The club pays half of your rate for one day. Ten members will be drawn. The rules are: (1) enter only if you're available for the date that the creek has been reserved, (2) no transferring the winning ticket to another person, the winner must go, (3) if you won last year, even if you didn't go, you cannot enter this year, and (4) winner pays 50% of the daily rate, in advance of the reserved date. Good luck to all those who enter to fish this great water! Finally, a winner will be chosen by a cast for the Reel Escape for Women fund raiser. There may still be some squares to purchase for the Bingo Raffle at the fly shop, so go check it out. You do not have to be present to win. The prize for the lucky winner will be new 9' 5 weight Scott E2 rod, the E2 being a faster action rod (Med/Fast/Fast) and a TFO #1 reel and a Rio Windcutter line. This package is valued at \$550!

For dishes to pass:

Last names begins with please bring-

A-D desert

E-H fruit salad

I-L pasta, rice or potato salad

M-P green salad with dressing

Q-T beans (baked or salad form)

U-Z chips and dip or veggies and dip or deviled eggs

## Eastern Sierra Focus

by CJ Webb, Virginia Lakes Resort Manager

### *Fishing tip:*

Charles Jardine and I think alike as far as dry fly tactics on still water. He believes that you should visualize your world as a triangle or fan, NOT a railroad track. Positioning yourself to take full advantage to cover more area (the fan) and target your prey can be best done in a boat; of course you can also use a high-sitting pontoon and have a similar vantage point. If anchored, I believe that the bow gives the advantage to cast downwind to trout in their feeding zone, and mentally mapping each cast as you would on a stream by clock positions starting at noon and working toward 3 pm. Each cast would or could vary in distance so as not to spook other trout in the immediate area. If drifting, “lifting your fly line from one position and return fire without any dalliance”, a repositioned cast in one smooth angular change of direction. The trick is to always maintain tension on the line and loading the rod throughout the entire cast. Smoothness! Ok, this may sound a bit hairy, but with practice in the local park you can perfect this move and also provide entertainment to all onlookers. It will soon become second nature, and your fishing success should soar.

### *Fishing Report:*

ROCK CREEK road is clear and the lake is 10% ice free but unsafe for ice fishing. Resort opens this weekend. Stream still has a lot of snow at the upper reaches with all lakes still wearing their winter gear.

HOT CREEK – water is good and somewhat clear, and temperatures are perfect for bugs. Flashback PT #18-20, San Juan worms, tiny zebra midges, black or olive WD 40's #20-22, flashback optimidge #18, gray or flashy scuds anytime, and Caddis Sparkle Pupa #18 should get tugs. The breezy afternoons always prevail so come prepared for everything. Please stay out of the water to prevent the spread of the New Zealand mud snail.

CROWLEY LAKE- clear and getting much warmer. DFG recently put in a load of 10” Coleman rainbows which are hanging in Whiskey Bay and North Landing Bay. Reports are to fish the same depth from 12 ft to 20 ft depending on time of day and use anything but streamers. Try red/black opti-tiger or optimidge.

MAMMOTH BASIN projected opening of Lake Mary Road is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mary, Mamie and George are frozen, and not safe for ice fishing. Twin Lakes is 50% ice free.

SAN JOAQUIN ROAD should be open by the 18th of June unless the heat cranks starting early June.

JUNE LAKE ~ June Lake marina cage culture program has been releasing trout this month. Tubing has been good near the reeds now that the water is warmer and a lot of nice fish are being taken on Matukas, olive spruce flies and olive woolly buggers. It's been the best spot for the past week.

SILVER LAKE ~ Most of the action is on the shore as the water is still fairly cold and if you dress appropriately you might be a big surprise near the weeds.

RUSH CREEK is probably your best bet, but temperatures might make it a bit tough, but if you have patience and work it, you'll see some nice browns.

GRANT LAKE – Boaters are doing the best on the south shore and around the south end of Alligator point with olive Matukas, olive woolly buggers and some rainbow Hornbergs. Water is still cool but should start to warm in the next week according to the forecast.

TIOGA PASS ~ More County equipment was taken in two weeks ago and they have plowed all the way through but are waiting for the avalanche issue to be lifted.

LUNDY LAKE ~ Road is open, and resorts opened the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Water is low due to one last major repair on the dam. You'll have a captive audience with the low water but wear an extra warm under-layer if you get in the water.

VIRGINIA LAKES road is open to Big Virginia Lake parking lot and ice is not fishable on both Big and Little Virginias, Little should be ice free in 4 days or less. Bait or rubber flies with a jigging motion is your only choice until more water opens up. Then try some streamers black/black olive woolly buggers.

EAST WALKER flows hit the 192 mark, and weighted nymphs are your best bet, so use any mayfly imitation, prince, and WD 40's or Zebra midges over a crystal tiger midge.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR water is fair and a bit off color due to light run-off. Season started off slow but those willing to endure the breezy conditions found great results near Buckeye Bay.

WEST WALKER flows are 2510cfs (not a misprint) and the conditions are blown out, but it will not get higher in the next couple weeks when night temperatures really start to crank. Good luck on this one, you'll need 50lb fluorocarbon tippet and do the 220 in under 6 seconds to keep up with your fly.

SONORA PASS – Open.

MONITOR PASS has been open then closed, open then closed, so check with CalTrans road conditions.

See you on the water, CJ

## **Unique Fish Out Coming in July**

**by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor**

Our board and president discussed last month a possible one day pack in trip to Silver King Creek in the month of July. Silver King Creek is a beautiful fishery for wild rainbow trout and brookies that one should fish at least once in their lifetime. As many of you know it will be poisoned for the reestablishment of native cutthroat trout this coming fall. Our president contacted an outfit that could take us in and out for \$85.00 a piece, a bargain. The date will be July 18th. This trip will cover an approximate round trip distance of seven miles. It is a difficult walk-in trip, but when packed in a much easier trip where one could avoid blisters and sore muscles. It is important to save your strength for the fish and not waste it on the hike as a pack in friend of mine as often told me. Participates will be able to get a good 1/2 day of fly fishing in this spectacular spot. Some trip tips for those considering it would be wear heavy boots, tough long pants for the ride in, pack a lunch, and bring a change of clothes to fish in once you arrive. Those club members interested can give Dan a call at 775-265-2767. Reservations have to be made ahead of time for this trip. Don't miss a trip

## **Error in April's Newsletter**

**by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor**

In April's newsletter I had incorrectly identified Jim Gronski as the author of "A Big Thank You from the HSFC". The author was Roger Arthur, HSFC Fund Raising. I apologize for any problems this may have created.

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### Upcoming HSFC Events

HSFC Picnic at Minden Park	June 16
Fish Out at Upper Twin Lake	June 27
No general membership meeting at the church this month	

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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