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Reel Recovery and HSFC 2012

by Jim Norton, HSFC Vice President and Education

Having been volunteered for the February newsletter and of course the normal amount of writer's block, I was casting about (excuse the pun) for a topic. I considered an article about how the use of power bait causes skin cancer, or even sharing my secrets of successfully nymphing Hoyo Canyon, but finally settled on the topic which is near and dear to my heart, carp fishing, I mean Reel Recovery .

As most of us in the club know, we have been closely involved with Reel Recovery almost since its inception, and because 2012 promises to be a banner year for these retreats, I thought it would be timely to share with the club membership what we are looking forward to this year.

This new year we will be doing a total of 20 retreats, including two at Pleasant Valley, one in July and one in August (replacing the October Clearwater retreat). The Northern Nevada team will also be going to Idaho twice, and possibly Oregon and/or Washington. Long range funding looks much improved, and we hope to be doing as many as 25 retreats annually by 2014. This of course leads to the need for more trained volunteers.

HCFC has always been at the forefront of Reel Recovery innovation, including the first program for training new coordinators (Dan Sedergren and George Liddell will be leading Pleasant Valley number 2). This has led to the creation of a new organization-wide training program which we will begin to implement this year. This program will probably be centralized in Utah for the western region. We have also begun some more formalized training for stream buddies. The training was very successful in Idaho last year (these guys rival us in the enthusiasm department).

All of us who participated at Pleasant Valley are aware of the special steps we take to prepare for emergency situations. Fortunately, this program responded brilliantly in the two events we have had over the past several years. However, nothing similar to this exists nationwide. Thanks to the perseverance of our mentor, Bob Macias, a medical emergency protocol is currently in the process of being adopted nationwide, based largely on the Pleasant Valley model.

Finally, I would like to emphasize the high degree of appreciation that the Reel Recovery Board of Directors and Executive Director, Stan Golub, have for the ongoing efforts of the High Sierra Fly Casters. So on behalf of the Northern Nevada team as well (Bob Macias, Todd Wilcks, Pat Williams, and myself) our heartfelt thanks. I will leave you with this quote from one of our Pleasant Valley 2011 participants, Stewart T., which eloquently sums up what we all do. "I felt a power flow through my spirit that I never felt before. I left the retreat having new friends and brotherhood. You all are incredible and caring men that walk with grace. I am so honored to have met you all, and thank you for what you do for others."

Be well! Fish on!

February General Meeting Presentation

by **Mike Phillips, HSFC Editor**

Our general membership meeting will be held on February 15th at 7:00 P.M. at the Carson Valley Methodist Church located at 1375 Centerville Road in Gardnerville. The club will feature two presentations that night. The first will be done by Bob Macias, a club member highly involved in our Reel Recovery Programs, former paramedic and a certified casting instructor. Those who know Bob enjoy his great sense of humor and skill as a magician with the fly rod. He will share with us his insight on safety precautions, first aid, emergency situations, etc. The second presentation will be done by Don and Liz Weirauch, owners of the Angler's Edge. They will talk about winter tackle tune-up and some of the new tackle for the 2012 fishing year. Do not forget to bring some money for our raffle. See you there!

Retreat Schedule for 2012

by **Jim Norton, HSFC Vice President and Education**

For those of you who like to volunteer for the club's retreats Jim Norton came up with the schedule, so you could mark your calendars and be ready to go. All retreats will be at Pleasant Valley. Reel Recovery will be July 17-19 and August 28-30. Reel Kids is set for August 18, and Reel Vets, a new retreat for us, is tentatively set for July 28 or 29. We are all hoping for a good deal of snow to help fill our rivers and streams this summer!

Items Still Needed for the Annual Fund Raising Dinner

by **Roger Arthur, HSFC Fund Raising**

This year our Annual Fund Raising Dinner will be held on Saturday March 10, 2012, at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Gardnerville.

If you have ever attended a Fund Raising Dinner you would have noticed the great variety of items that were offered at the Silent Auction and at the Raffle Tables.

Many of the items on the silent auction and raffle tables were donated by our generous club members.

Some of the items that have been donated were new and some of the items were gently used but in good condition. So while you are doing your winter and spring cleaning, and you come across an item that you are not going to need or use anymore, please consider donating it to our Fund Raising Dinner. These items do not have to be fishing related. The funds that we raise at the dinner go directly to the different projects that the club supports.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 265-2825

Thanks for your support!

Membership Renewal is Here

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

We have included in last month's newsletter a membership renewal form. So if you did not fill it out last month there is still time. Go to our club website www.hsfc.us and click on newsletters on the top. Then select January 2012 and print out the renewal form. Simply fill it out, make out a check, and send it to the address listed on the form. Please note the statement on the membership form to only put your name on the form if nothing has changed from last year. It saves us the time it takes to review all personal information on our membership list. We can use this time to fish! 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 February 15th general membership meeting. We will probably have blank forms available at the meeting, too. 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. There will be time this year and it is coming soon where if you do not renew you will no longer receive our newsletter and emails.

HSFC Annual Dinner Slide Show

by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Member

Just a quick reminder, to start getting those fishing pictures ready. They can also be pictures from our various events ie picnic, cancer event, Boy Scout group or just the beauty that surrounds us when we fish. We will be needing them ASAP! Copy pictures from this past year, from after the dinner last year to now, 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 then call Liz at the fly shop to see if other arrangements can be worked out.

HSFC Annual Fundraising Dinner Information by Roger Arthur, HSFC Fund Raising

Well our March Fund Raising Dinner is coming upon us very quickly and with some major changes. First our March 10th dinner will be held at St. Gall's Catholic Church in Gardnerville. The Church will give us the extra space that we have needed for the past few years and will enable us to adequately display our Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes.

Also when you purchase your Dinner Tickets at The Angler's Edge your dinner number will be your number for the Silent Auction and for the Raffle Prizes. When you purchase raffle tickets you do not have to look at your tickets during the raffle. All you have to do is remember your dinner number.

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TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2012

Feb. 19	Sunday	Hinkson Slough
March	Sunday	TBA
April	Sunday	
May	Sunday	
June	Sunday	
July	Sunday	
August	Sunday	
Sept.	Sunday	
Oct.	Sunday	
Nov.	Sunday	

December and January No fish outs held

Example; If your dinner number is 12, you will use this number for the Silent Auction, and when you buy Raffle Tickets tell the ticket seller, that your dinner number is 12.

The ticket seller will stamp a number 12 on each raffle ticket. Now you can place your tickets in the cups for the items that you would like to win. So now all you have to remember is the number 12. So instead of looking at a conventional six number raffle ticket, all you have to remember is your number 12. This should cut the time for doing the Raffle in half.

This year we will be accepting Major Credit Cards for Silent Auction Items.

We could use some help with setting up the Silent Auction tables, and helping with the Raffle Tables before the dinner.

February Fish Out– Hinkson Slough

by Kurt Zeilenga, HSFC Fish Master

Our first fish out will be 19 Feb. at Hinkson Slough. This water is well suited to float tubing, though you can fish it from shore. A 4-5 wt rod with either a floating line or a sinking line will do. For nymphing, zebra, blood, and other midge patterns, as well as pheasant tails, princes, and zig bugs should produce. For streamers use wooly or seal buggers. You might try a wet soft hackle, like a Leisenring Spider. A set of flies suitable for Hinkson Slough will be raffled off at our February general meeting!

We will meet at 9:30 A.M. at the slough. A warm lunch (chili or posole) will be provided by the club, but please bring your own drinks. Contact Kurt for more information at kurt@boolean.net or 775-790-2166.

Directions: Take Hwy 208 to Yerington from Hwy 395 (Holbrook Junction), 208 turns into 339, stay on 339 which skirts the west side of Yerington and turns into Alternate 95. Stay on Alternate 95 for 3.7 miles, turn right on Miller for 2.9 miles then turn left on Lux Lane (there will be a big gate announcing Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area). The signs will guide you to Hinkson Slough. Please park on the north side of the dirt road along the slough.

Some Background on Hinkson Slough

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Editor

Hinkson Slough is located in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area. This management area is situated in north Mason Valley in Lyon County, seven miles north of Yerington. The state purchased this area in 1955 for waterfowl management and wetland development. When the wetland was developed, ponds and sloughs were created which allowed for largemouth bass and catfish to be planted. Then in 1990 Mason Valley Hatchery was built, and this brought with it a constant supply of quality water. The availability of this water led to an expansion of fisheries at Mason Valley. Hinkson Slough was one of these. Hinkson Slough is approximately 26 acres in size. It is a series of canals and open water surrounded by a road to the north and cattails in the other directions. Hinkson is primarily a put and take fishery that includes rainbows, browns, cutbows, carp, and largemouth (black) bass. There are times when trophy sized trout are planted there. In 2010 the creel census showed anglers averaged 1.5 fish per hour and 11 fish per day. Early spring is the best time to catch trout, while late spring and summer are the best time to catch bass. The Nevada Trophy Book for the Mason Valley Area has these trophy entries: an 8-pound 4-ounce largemouth bass, an 18-pound catfish, and a 5-pound 5-ounce rainbow trout. The regulations at Hinkson are as follows: season opens the second Saturday in February and closes September 30, the limit is 2 trout that need to be at least 16 inches long, and 15 warmwater gamefish of which not more than 2 may be black bass. The minimum size for trout is 16 inches. Also, ***it is unlawful to possess black bass between 11 and 14 inches total length.*** Artificial lures can only be used at the Slough. Fishing hours are anytime during the day or the night.

Here are businesses that chose to support this club, so think about supporting them!

The Angler's Edge 775-782-4734 www.theanglersedge.com G'ville, NV

York Plumbing 775-782-5336 G'ville, NV Giving a 10% discount for mentioning this ad

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Put your ad on this page for only \$50.00 per year!

High Sierra Fly Casters
PO Box 3121
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Upcoming HSFC Events

- HSFC General Meeting February 15

- Fish Out at Hinkson Slough February 19

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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