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You're Welcome, HSFC

by Ken Baldwin, HSFC Web Master

Many members wonder why I belong to a fly fishing club that meets 42.3 miles from my home. The answer is quite simple, really, I joined the High Sierra Fly Casters when I lived in Sacramento.

After driving 325 miles round trip to attend a couple of fishouts at Rosaschi Ranch, according to meeting minutes I accidentally discovered in the HSFC library, the Board decided I wasn't fishing with a full fly box and should try to discourage my membership renewal.

I subsequently found a draft of a "Membership Questionnaire" that, quite frankly, seemed directed at me:

Question: *How many quality fisheries are located closer to Sacramento, California than Rosaschi Ranch, Nevada?*

Answer from test key: *More than you can possibly fish in a lifetime. Really. Just look at a map.*

But the Board ultimately decided I might be handy to have around as a member. A quote from yet another Board meeting minutes document I've stumbled across: "You know, that guy from Sacramento is only fishing with 4 pieces of a 5-piece rod, but he could provide some valuable comic relief for club members by doing dumb and/or harmful things to himself. We should keep him around."

And I'm proud to say I've lived up to that prediction. For those of you that don't know, here are just a few of my hilarious hijinks over the years:

I left several reels at Emma Lake, only to make the discovery after driving all the way back to The Angler's Edge. Yeah, I made the drive/hike to recover them.

I stumbled and took a pretty hard fall on the shale at Crater Lake, resulting in a sprained finger and, according to a concerned passerby, a broken nose. For the record, though, I was treated only for a sprained finger. (Alpine County 1, Ken 0)

I looked in my rear view mirror just in time to watch my rod and reel bouncing along on CA-89 in Woodfords and get run over by another vehicle. Amazingly, Subaru didn't issue a recall notice for unsecured items falling off the roofs of Foresters while in motion. (Alpine County 2, Ken 0)

Speaking of Subaru Foresters, I once topped off the tank with diesel fuel in Austin, Nevada, en route to do some fly fishing out in the Ely area. Amazingly, Subaru hasn't issued a recall notice because their gasoline engines won't run on diesel fuel.

I took a very nasty fall in the Carson River and ended up with an ugly bruise that effectively crushed my dream of becoming a male leg model. Fortunately, I was wet wading so my waders were spared. (We'll call that one a draw, Alpine County)

Three weeks to the day after the aforementioned fall, I fell while hiking in Yosemite NP and landed *on the exact same spot* on my leg. ("Daddy, did somebody just yell @&^\$?!" asked a young boy way down in Lee Vining.)
And you have my word that I'll work hard in 2010 not to let my fellow members down. Here's a sneak preview of just a couple of things I have planned for 2010:

At Hinkson Slough sometime this spring...

Liz: *"Hey, where'd Bladwin go?"*

Don: *"Hey, what are those bubbles rising to the surface over there?"*

Liz: *"Phillips! Carp at 11 o'clock!"*

Paramedic: *"Personally, I would've gone with a # 6 Woolly Bugger instead of a # 8."*

US 395 en route to Rosaschi Ranch next fall...

Ken: *"That's weird. I thought Holbrook Junction was north of Tioga Pass Road."*

So, you're welcome, HSFC. That's what I'm here for. Oh, and thank you very much for having me.

No March General Meeting !!

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Editor

The club will not have a general membership meeting this month. Our annual fund raising dinner is viewed as a replacement for the meeting. We will have a general membership meeting on April 21st.

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TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2010

Feb. 21	Sunday	Hinkson Slough
March 28	Sunday	Rosachi Ranch
April	Sunday	Pyramid Lake
May	Sunday	Truckee River
June	Sunday	Twin Lakes
July	Sunday	TBA
August	Sunday	TBA
Sept.	Sunday	TBA
Oct.	Sunday	TBA
Nov.	Sunday	TBA

The Internet Fly Fisherman by Dan Grizzly Wulff Sedergren, HSFC President

March 2010 –

This month's web site is Mike Mora's San Juan River Fly Fishing Site. Mike is an internationally known guide and fly tier and his site is full of useful information on the San Juan plus lots of good tips and techniques useful anywhere you fish for trout. Check it out at: <http://www.ifly4trout.com/>

This month's Blog site is Wayward Fly Fishing, written and maintained by Tony Sisk who writes for Fly Fisherman, Flyfishing & Tying, and Flyfisher magazines. Tony says, "I tried normal once, I got bored, so I stopped doing it." The site contains articles and book reviews of interest to the fly fisherman. Check it out at <http://www.waywardflyfishing.com/index.html>

March Fish Out– Rosaschi Ranch by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

Our fish out is scheduled for Sunday, March 28th. We will be fishing the East Walker River on the Rosaschi Ranch, our home waters! At this time we do not have a fish master, but who knows someone may volunteer yet. Flows tend to be reasonable in late March, so we suspect decent fishing conditions. For those of you who would like to meet for breakfast, we are planning on getting together at Rosie's Place in Wellington at 8:00 A.M. Rosie's is located on the right side of the highway as you come into town. The address is 2881 Highway 208, and the phone number is 465-0041. We plan on meeting at the parking lot by the bridge on the ranch at 9:30 A.M. to start fishing. Liz suggests using floating line with 4X or 5X leader and tippet. Red midges size 18 tend to be very effective. For a definitive description of conditions and what to use call Liz or Don at the Angler's Edge a few days before the fish out. Good luck!!

Membership Renewal is Here by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

You have missed the deadline for the renewal membership prize drawing at our February meeting, but it is not too late to renew your membership in our fine club. I have included an application form in this newsletter. **This month will be the last month newsletters will be mailed to non-paying members for the 2010 membership year.**

Life Cycle of Caddis Fly Tying by Liz Weirauch, HSFC Member

Bill Hammons, a local tier, who has been honored with Federation of Fly Fisher's "Teeny Tiny" award for tying a par adams on a size 36 hook, is giving a tying demonstration/class on the life cycle of one of Eastern Sierra's most prolific insects, the caddis. Bill will be tying a larva lace pupa/nymph, a biot emerger and the very effective E.C. Caddis. This tying event is open to those who would like to tie along with Bill, on Saturday, 9 am, March 27th at The Angler's Edge classroom. There is no charge for the class, (donations to Bill for gas and materials are appreciated) you will need to provide your own tools and space is limited to 10 tiers. The skill level for these flies are high beginner to intermediate. You may contact The Angler's Edge at 782-4734 by March 15th, to reserve your seat.

A Good Stamp For California Wardens by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

The 2010 California Game Warden Stamp can now be purchased for \$5. This inaugural stamp is a decal which can be proudly displayed to show your support for the work wardens do. All proceeds will be deposited into a special account and used to provide important tools for the 385 fish and game wardens statewide, including new communications and surveillance devices, protective equipment, training in specialized areas, and new law enforcement programs like the K-9 Program. Warden stamps support wildlife protection in the state of California. In recent years their department

budgets have been drastically cut. These reductions have overwhelmed the DFG's law enforcement division. Recognizing the dire situation, an advocacy group proposed the idea of selling a "Game Warden Stamp" to raise additional funds to support Game Wardens critical work on behalf of California's natural resources. Game Wardens are responsible for protecting:

- more than 1,000 native fish and wildlife species, 6,300 native plant species and 360 threatened or endangered species
- California's 159,000 square miles of land (414 square miles per warden)
- 1,100 miles of coastline, 30,000 miles of rivers and streams, 4,800 lakes and reservoirs and 80 major rivers. Game Wardens patrol on foot, by plane, boat, all-terrain vehicles, snow mobiles, and even on horseback
- There is one game warden for every 200,000 constituents

Game Wardens work hard to educate those they encounter in the outdoors, as well as school children in the classroom, about the importance of resource conservation, pollution prevention, and the importance of a healthy natural environment. These men and women dedicate their lives to ensuring our resources are here for future generations. You do not have to be an outdoor enthusiast to help, just someone who cares about protecting California's wildlife populations and conserving the habitats in which they live. You can purchase this stamp by going online at DFG.ca.gov

Hinkson Fish Out Results

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

Extra, extra two HSFC members braved near life threatening conditions to catch marginal fish!! Sometimes I wonder if fly fishermen are crazy when I watch them put themselves into horrible environmental conditions. Well Jim Norton and Kurt Zeilenga are the two iron men who braved the elements to fish the slough on February 21st. for the club and themselves. Their reward was about a 1/2 dozen fighting rainbows, and they had the place to themselves! When they arrived after breakfast at Dini's it was 28 degrees and snowing. After discussing the weather conditions, they decided to launch their tubes. Unfortunately Kurt's waders started to leak. Why is it that waders leak in really cold water instead of fairly comfortable temperatures? Ron and Jerry Myers dropped by for moral support and took several pictures of these tough guys. Thanks guys for being our role models.



Jim Norton fishing in a snowfall. Photo by Kurt Zeilenga



High Sierra Fly Casters Membership Application New and Renewing Members

(If you are renewing and none of your information has changed just put your name down)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Newsletter Delivery:	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Email
Are you a beginning fly fisher?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
What kind of fly fishing do you enjoy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Streams	<input type="checkbox"/> Lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Are you a new or renewing member?	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewing

Dues are \$30.00 per year for an individual or family
Individual membership for ages 16 and younger is \$10.00
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
Gardnerville, NV 89410**

For more information about Club benefits and outings, please join us at our monthly General Meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Rd., Gardnerville.

Name badges are available. Please see a Membership Committee member at the next General Meeting

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Upcoming HSFC Events

HSFC Annual Dinner	March 6
HSFC General Meeting	Cancelled
Fish Out at Rosaschi Ranch	March 28

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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