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A Fish Tale

by Peter J. Bauer, HSFC Member

As some of you may know, I am retired Navy. The reason that I mention this is because over the years, I have told many "Sea Stories" in the Angler's Edge, not to mention various other locations. The biggest difference between a Sea Story and a Fairy Tale? Fairy Tales start with "Once upon a time". Otherwise there may be very few other characteristics.



So here goes, and you can decide for yourself which is which. For those of you who didn't attend our recent outing at Pyramid Lake, you missed a day of great weather, camaraderie, and fishing. The afternoon started out slowly, then the bite picked up, and pretty soon, everyone was catching fish. After I had caught four or five, it was about 3:30 pm and I was about to leave, when THE FISH hit a red Zebra midge. What was interesting was that the fly was just suspended in the water, with just a slight ruffle, and I wasn't moving it yet because I had just cast it out about forty feet from shore. The strike indicator went down, and I was hard fast to an unstoppable object that started heading for the middle of the lake. I haven't had my knuckles rapped that hard since I was bone fishing in the Bahamas! The fish took out all my fly line, and was well into the backing before I finally was able to get it going in a big circle, dragging all that line with it. There was so much line out that it looked parallel to the water instead of going down into it. After what seemed like twenty minutes, with my arm twitching, Dan Sedergren and I were able to see the strike indicator, and a glimpse of a very large cutt. Unfortunately, the fish also saw us and went off on another ten minute tangent. As it was starting to tire, and we saw the fish, we realized none of us had a net big enough to corral it. I was lucky that a young man just down the cove from us had a large, long-handled net, and he came over and netted it so we

could get some pictures of what is the largest trout I have ever actually seen come out of the lake. It was 31 inches long, and weighed between eleven and fourteen pounds. Fortunately, this whole spectacle was witnessed by Dan, Kurt, Ken, Liz and Don, and my wife. I am most grateful to them for helping me land and get some pictures of my biggest fish out of Pyramid Lake. (Editorial note– Peter made the choice of releasing this fish. If he didn't he could of taken it to the Sutcliffe store received a 10 pound pin from the tribe and had his picture with his fish put on the Hall of Fame Wall in the restaurant portion of the store. Like a true catch and release fishermen he put the fish back in the gene pool to help keep big fish in Pyramid for a long time. Thanks, Peter)

The Internet Fly Fisherman

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

This month's featured website is flyfishingaddicts.com It is devoted primarily to those who fly fish in California. It was set up for fly fishermen and features no advertising. The contributors are just crazy about fly fishing. It features articles, gear reviews, and a forum for fly fishermen to write on a number of topics of interest. Of course I found the numerous entries on California's golden bonefish (carp) in the forum pretty interesting. For those who want to see someone over the top on carp fishing you have to check out the carp guide and his female client on a trip to catch some nice sized carp. Click on forum, go to golden bonefish on the fly (carp fishing), click on carp lovin', and pay close attention to the utube video of this guide at 2 minute and 40 second mark. Here is a man who takes his love of fly fishing for carp too far. At least one can say after viewing the video that there is someone crazier about carp fishing than yours truly, Mike Phillips.

April's Fish Out Results– Pyramid Lake

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

The club had a great turn out at Pyramid on April 25th; we had 23 members show! The weather was in the mid to high 60's, sunny with a light wind coming out of the east and southeast. I got up at 3:30am.,drove out to Pyramid, and starting fishing Pelican Point at 5:30am in the dark. I put my waders on at home to save some extra time! I kept telling myself not to turn on the truck heater during my drive. I caught a fish on my first cast and an eight pounder on my third cast. Before the sun came up, I had four fish. I had a tangle with "Big Red" about 7:30am on a no look take of my midge. Fortunately, I felt the take, and I was able to put up an attempt to catch the fish. He was almost into my backing when I decided I needed to adjust my drag. Unfortunately, my leader snapped and the fish was gone. The guy next to me took the loss of the fish harder than me.

Most of our club members caught fish. Howard Brown, who had been fishless on several trips to Pyramid, hooked five fish and brought in three. Peter Bauer, a fly fisherman who can catch a fish in a mud hole, hooked an 11 to 14 pound cutthroat at approximately 3:15pm. It was Peter's biggest and the largest fish caught by any of our members on any

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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	Sunday	Upper Twin Lake
June	Sunday	Little Truckee River
July	Sunday	TBA
August	Sunday	TBA
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of our fish outs at Pyramid. Big fish are what many people go to Pyramid for, so it was great that one was caught by our club! Dan Kaffer, one of our more prominent members, showed up later in the afternoon to carry on club fishing till dark. Dan and his friend also got into some fish. Dennis and Vickie Puccinelli attended their first fish out with the club. They took this fish out pretty seriously by bringing their RV and camping for a few days. Vicki worked on her casting which is not easy at the Pelican area with the rocks behind her, while her husband caught some fish. Ken Baldwin, our web master, started getting pretty vocal as he caught fish after fish on the rock point. Finally, Ron Roman also showed up and got into some fish. It is rumored that he has caught big red fever and has returned to the lake several times. When I left at 3:00pm our club members had the west face of the rocks area almost to themselves. They were talking, laughing, and catching fish standing side by side. This is one of the things that draws a lot of people to this stillwater. It gives people a chance to catch big fish and talk to their friends at the same time. Pyramid should continue to fish well through May and maybe into the first week of June. The nets area will open up in the middle of May and could be a hot spot with the later than usual spawn we have been experiencing.

Fish Out Pictures from Pyramid Lake



My eight pounder early in the morning.



Dan Sedergren fighting a nice fish on the west face of the rocks.



Dan Sedergren with a nice fish.



Some of the members eating lunch before going out again.



Club members fishing the rocks area southwest of Pelican Pt.



Howard Brown with one big smile on his face.



Ken Baldwin and Dan Sedergren have a double.



Liz has a nice cutthroat on.



After tubing around, Kurt Zeilenga caught several fish from the rocks.



Kurt and Peter with another double by the club.



Here's another shot with Peter and his big fish. Peter was fortunate that someone had a large enough net for this "Big Red".

May Fish Out– Upper Twin Lake

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

Our fish out is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd. We will be fishing Upper Twin Lakes in the Bridgeport area. 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.

May General Meeting Presentation

by Dan Grizzly Wulff Sedergren, HSFC President

The May meeting presentation will be on fishing small streams in the Eastern Sierra. Local streams, flies, tackle, and techniques will be covered. With runoff this year, the small streams will be the first available fishing water (other than the East Walker below Bridgeport) so come on out and get the lowdown on fishing these "jewels". The meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on May 19. Remember to bring some money for the raffle drawing.

Fund Raiser for Reel Escape for Women

by Dan Grizzly Wulff Sedergren, HSFC President

HSFC members Mickey Kriethe, Bonnie Koster and Liz Weirauch, the committee for Reel Escape for Women, is holding a "Bingo Raffle" to raise funds for the July 11th retreat to make sure it will be fully funded. We have 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. There are 100 chances to get these goodies. A patron paying only \$5 per square gets to put their name in the square(s), along with a phone number. During the June Picnic, we plan to have a larger version of the grid on the park grounds, draw a name of an attending picnic person, blind fold them and have them make a cast into the grid. The square that the fly lands in, wins the complete package. The package itself is worth over \$550.00. The "Bingo Raffle" Grid will be available at the HSFC meeting in May, the May fishout, the Kids fishing Derby and is available at The Angler's Edge during any other time. Get a favorite square right away!!!

A Plea for Some Help from Your Newsletter Editor

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

With a year and a half under my belt as editor of our fine newsletter I have made my share of errors no matter how many times I go over our newsletter before it goes out on our web site and to the printer. If those of you who receive it via our web site notice a error please let me know ASAP at 256-4610. Usually our newsletter is posted several days on our web site before it is printed and sent out snail mail. With that time lag I may be able to get a correction to the printer or at least hand correct it myself. I can easily change the web site version by sending the correction to Ken. So please help me and our club when you notice an error. Thanks!!

Our Club Picnic is Coming In June

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

Our club picnic is coming up June 16 at Minden Park, so please put it on your calendar. Most of us bring a side dish and soft drinks, while the club supplies the beer. You can bring your own wine, and there will be no corkage fee! Todd Wilcks will again supply the BBQed main entrée. There will probably be some fun and games. We will also hold a drawing for 10 lucky people to go to Pleasant Valley Creek to fish with the club paying half! We all hope to see you there.

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Upcoming HSFC Events

HSFC General Meeting	May 19
Fish Out at Upper Twin Lake	May 23

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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