



Ring of the Rise

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Gary Silveira, Newsletter Editor

President's Message: by Bill Darbee (Bill)

August is here already and summer is flying by. I hope most of you had the opportunity to get some fishing in and have had memorable vacations. The high flows of the Kern have been dropping steadily and some beautiful fish have been caught and released. Thunderstorms in the back country recently have muddied up the rivers and creeks for a few days but they are clearing. The Lions' Fire is still burning in the Golden Trout Wilderness and has caused the closure of many trails in the area but, hopefully, the rains have helped in extinguishing it.

School starts in a few weeks and the summer crowds will be gone. The fall fishing this year should be off the charts. There are some huge fish in the Kern now just waiting for the right offering. The rafters have had quite the season with the high flows lasting longer than usual but the raft traffic should diminish with the end of summer. There will be far less people on the river which makes it much easier for us to fish without dodging tubers and rafts.

Our annual Rendezvous will be here before we know it and once again should be a blast. We have several new members who will be attending for the first time, and I'm looking forward to meeting them. I'm sure they will enjoy all the activities and getting to know all of us. I think this will be the best fishing year we have had during the Rendezvous and fish counts should be high and a lot of big fish will be showing. Once again, we will have some really nice items for our raffle and auction. I'm hoping to see some of our Kids' Academy graduates participate in the youth division. From what I've heard some of these kids may well out fish some of the "veterans." It will be fun to see them putting their new skills to work on the river with those new rods they all received.

I'm really looking forward to the fall and getting out on the river. I should sit down and start tying some flies and restock my boxes.

With that said I'll cut this short and go do that. Hope to see you all at the Rendezvous! It's the one time during the year that we can all get together and re-new friendships and make new ones.

Take care everyone,

Bill

River Report: by Guy Jeans (Flyguy)

Hello anglers, this is a fly fishing report for the week of 8-8-11 written on Monday 8-8-11.

The 20 mile roadside section of the upper Kern The 20 mile section of the upper river is fishing excellent. The river is clear and the fish are very active in the 60 degree water. Wearing waders in the morning is a must, but wet wading in the afternoon is very refreshing.

There is some spectacular dry fly fishing from 5:30am till 8am and from 7pm to 8:45pm. The rainbow trout are keying in on the Yellow Sallies hatching as well as the Caddis and there are some BWO's emerging as well. Matching the hatch is the key and the rainbows are very selective on your offerings and your drift. "Drag is a drag my friends."

Rainbows are focusing on tiny nymphs in sizes 18-24 when the hatch is not going off. Attractor nymphs such as the Robo PT's and the BH Kern Emergers are getting grabs as well. Mike Mercers Pink Psycos Princes are doing well too.

There are some big trophy fish being caught and released up and down the river everyday. Remember to catch and release those trophy fish so somebody else has a chance to enjoy those big fish too. Somebody else has probably caught and released that fish so you could catch it. Pretty Cool!!!

Upper flows are at 1200 cfs = Excellent fishing!!!!

This is one of the times of year that the upper Kern fishes incredible. Once the river starts dropping and the water temps hit 60 degrees, it's on!!!!



Luke with a 20 inch rainbow

The 4 mile wild trout section Open year round. The fishing above the bridge is getting good! **Remember - Catch and Release, barbless hooks only!!**

Lake Isabella This is the place to be fly fishing right now. Fish are stacking up in the in the mouths of both rivers and the few creeks coming in. Big fish too!!! Bass are moving into the shallows (4ft-6ft of water). Carp fishing is excellent along Rock Point. They are up against the rocks and very shallow.

Lower Kern Evening hatches are coming off and fish are looking up. The lower river is fishing well. The lower river is 2088+cfs (above average cubic feet per second for fishing) and the fishing is ok. Be very careful wading/fishing the lower. The small mouth fishing is ok above Erskine creek.

Tributaries of the North and South Fork Kern Open

South Fork of the Kern from Rockhouse North Open

Guy



Conservation Report: by Shane Goslin (fishinXJ)

The following is a letter written and submitted on behalf of Trout Unlimited, California Trout, and the Northern California Council and Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. It's nice to see our council getting active in conservation again.

The Hon. Jim Costa
U.S. House of Representatives
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Fresno, CA 93721
1314 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
July 21, 2011

Re: HR 1581/S. 1087 -- OPPOSE

Dear Congressman Costa,

We write on behalf of Trout Unlimited, California Trout, and the Northern California Council and Southwest Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Californias leading trout and salmon conservation groups, to convey our strong opposition to the *Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011* (H.R. 1581, S. 1087). This legislation would harm our native trout restoration efforts and hunting and angling opportunities in California by removing protections for millions of acres of our state's best fish and game habitat.

Many of our members reside in the 20th congressional district, and depend on the public lands that would be affected by this legislation for their preferred sporting activities.

HR 1581 and S.1087 would change the classification and management of Wilderness Study Areas on Bureau of Land Management lands, and Inventoried Roadless Areas on Forest Service lands, that are not recommended for Wilderness designation, to allow new road building and other development. The lands most affected by this legislation are Inventoried Roadless Areas, of which 4.2 million acres in California would lose the protections currently afforded by the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

Roadless Areas provide essential fish and wildlife habitat and excellent backcountry hunting and fishing. Roadless areas are strongholds for trout, salmon and steelhead, and contribute clean, cold water that supports healthy fisheries downstream. For example, in California virtually all habitat targeted for recovery of the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout in its native range are in national forest roadless areas.

This legislation would affect favorite fishing grounds and native trout recovery efforts in places such as the Meiss Meadows Roadless Area (Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit -- headwaters of the Truckee River); the Castle Peak Roadless Area (Tahoe National Forest -- headwaters of the South Fork Yuba and Little Truckee rivers); and roadless areas in the Plumas and Tahoe national forests through which run the excellent trout fisheries of the Middle Fork Feather and North Fork American rivers, respectively.

Each year, our more than 20,000 members in California dedicate thousands of volunteer hours to conservation and education. Much of this effort is focused on restoring trout and salmon to historic habitat that has

been lost or compromised due to pollution and habitat degradation. In order for us to succeed in this work, there must be safe havens where trout and salmon can persist until they can return to restored habitats nearby. Roadless areas provide these havens, and must be protected if we are to achieve healthy and sustainable trout and salmon populations, sustain the economic benefits of healthy fisheries, and preserve our sporting heritage.

It's important to understand that the public already has full access to roadless areas, including access by motor vehicle in many areas. In fact, most roadless areas are not truly "roadless." Many Inventoried Roadless Areas have roads or trails that are open for motorized use. The primary difference between roadless areas and areas with classifications that allow for new development is that they have lower road densities. Numerous scientific studies have documented that trout and salmon populations are more robust in areas with lower road densities, and that large game animals such as elk and mule deer have larger populations and more animals reaching full maturity in roadless areas than in areas with higher road densities. Roadless areas often have longer hunting seasons and better hunter success rates, as well.

Healthy fish and game populations are good for the economy. Hunting and angling annually generates \$76.7 billion in economic activity nation-wide and some \$3.6 billion annually in California. Maintaining the high quality habitat found in roadless areas is essential to sustaining this economic engine.

We are not opposed to changing the classification and management of public lands as needed to better protect key habitat, water quality, and our fish and wildlife resources and to better provide recreational and even resource development opportunities. However, we are opposed to heavy-handed, top-down policy-making in Washington that is not driven by local consensus opinion and in fact takes away the opportunity for local citizens, interest groups, and resource managers to determine how their "back yard" public lands should be managed. HR 1581 and S. 1087 are exactly this kind of poor policy-making: disconnected from public opinion (which strongly supports keeping roadless areas as they are now), in conflict with the state's position (California formally petitioned in 2006 to keep national forest roadless areas intact and undeveloped), and preventing local input to decisions that affect rural communities and their economies.

There are currently more than 400,000 miles of roads on national forest lands in the United States. The Forest Service is unable to properly maintain this vast network of roads, and currently faces a road maintenance backlog of \$8.4 billion. Road-caused sedimentation from runoff and landslides is one of the least publicized but most widespread and damaging of the human-caused impacts on trout and salmon. Sedimentation caused by run-off from roads – even when well maintained – causes at least 15 different negative effects on trout and salmon, including reductions in growth and direct mortality. Given the budget cutting emphasis in Washington these days, it makes no sense to pass new laws that would add roads to our national forests. That kind of action should be made through a local public process, and only if agency budgets allow it.

Simply put, roadless areas are good for fishing and hunting. Anglers and hunters already have full access to and use of roadless areas – we don't need more roads or other development in these areas, which would ruin some of our best backcountry fishing and hunting opportunities. H.R. 1581 and S. 1087 would needlessly remove the balanced protections now in place for millions of acres of public lands in California. We urge you to oppose H.R. 1581/S. 1087, and help us keep our Inventoried Roadless Areas the high value habitat and great places to hunt and fish that they are today.

Sincerely,

Curtis Knight Gene Kaczmarek

Conservation Director President, Northern California Council

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Until next month,

Shane

Outings Report: by *Cris Miller (Dances with Bears)*

There are no currently planned Outings, but don't forget that the Rendezvous is fast approaching and will be held Saturday, September 17th! Applications for the Rendezvous and Membership will go out this month.

Cris

Rod Building: by *Pete Emmel (Pete)*

Modulus and Rod Makers

This month we are going to have a 10,000 foot fly over on modulus and how it generally effects graphite rod actions.

Modulus is fancy jargon used by engineers to discuss the stiffness to weight ratio of the graphite used to make a blank. Not taking any other design parameters into account, the higher the modulus, the faster the blank. The modulus of a slower action blank can be in the neighborhood of 30 million. Where with all the new technology the super Whamo-dyne blank can be as high as 60+ million modulus.

One advantage of high modulus rods is they are usually categorized as "fast action". Fast action rods can help power thru the wind. Who couldn't use the extra power to blast thru the afternoon winds on the Kern? Lower modulus rods are generally thought of as rods with a smoother action and work well in the shorter delicate dry fly presentations.

I can hear you now.....Yee Haw, I'm going to run out and buy the highest modulus blank I can find. Just remember, the higher the modulus the higher the price of the blank (generally). And no, it doesn't even matter the brand of the blank.

Reference the prices of a Batson 9', 4 wt., 4 piece blanks in various modulus:

Rx6: \$50 moderate fast action, Modulus= 33 million

Rx7: \$101 medium fast action, Modulus 43 million

Rx8: \$110 extra fast action, Modulus 54 million

Now keep in mind there are a couple of issues with the super high modulus blanks. They aren't all Peaches & Cream. High modulus blanks are more prone to impact fractures. That is to say that if the blank is nailed by a weighted fly, such as a bead head nymph, dropped, etc.... there is a good chance it will eventually break at the impacted location.

Will knowing the modulus of a blank make you a better caster or builder? Probably not, but at least it will help you be a more informed consumer. If the majority of your fishing

involves shorter casting with delicate presentations, why spend the big \$\$\$\$\$ on the latest and greatest high modulus rod when a lower modulus rod will serve you better?

Yes, I am a Bamboo first, fiberglass second fly fisherman, but that doesn't mean I stick exclusively to sloooooow action rods. For our coastal saltwater fishing I am going to grab a higher modulus graphite rod to punch thru our windy conditions. I also understand that with the high modulus, fast action, I am going to sacrifice a little durability when I hit the rod with a lead eyed fly. And it's guaranteed, that eventually, I will hit either the rod or myself.

Pete

Also, remember that SSFFC club members receive a 15% discount at Acid Rod. When you make your next rod building purchases please make sure to give Mark Griffin (Mark Griffin) a call at Acid Rod @ 909-394-7486 or stop by his shop at 910 N. Cataract Ave, San Dimas, CA and let him or Colleen know you're a member of SSFFC. - Gary

Check out the following link to see what Mark has to offer –

<http://www.acidrod.com/>



Club Meeting: by *Bill Darbee (Bill)*

The August general meeting of the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers will be Saturday, August 13th at 7:00 PM at the Kernville Chamber of Commerce building. There will be a board meeting at 6:00 PM prior to the general meeting and all directors and chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

This meetings presenter will be Zino Nakasuji, Chiaki's cousin, who will be sharing his adventures of **Fly Fishing for Oahu Bonefish**.



Zino Nakasuji started angling in the early '60's with his family on the local piers and jetties for an assortment of salt water fish, from white croaker to bonito. As he grew into his teenage years, so did his passion for fishing and he started to become a regular on the local open party boats, and eventually, the multi-day boats down to Mexican waters.

Zino landed his first trout on an Adams with a combination spin/fly rod while backpacking on the John Muir Trail during a summer vacation from college, and still remembers that first golden hybrid trout like it happened yesterday. It wasn't until 1992, on a vacation to Colorado with his wife, that he got revaccinated with the fly fishing bug. He hooked and lost a large Frying Pan River brown on a rented fly rod after getting some advice from the Frying Pan Anglers Fly Shop in Basalt. He still fishes with conventional tackle, but will always go with the long rod if the targeted fish will take a fly.

Ever since his friend, Peter Koga, showed him pictures of some stout Oahu bonefish (o'io) in 2004, he has fly fished for them every time he and his wife visit Hawaii. Peter steered him to Oahu guide, Oliver Owens on that first foray into Oahu bone fishing. Guiding with Oliver has been a great learning experience that has eventually led Zino to fish Oahu on his own. He still fishes with Oliver and welcomes his expertise and extraordinary fish stalking abilities. Other locations Zino has fished for bonefish are Andros Island, Belize, Yucatan Mexico, and just recently Christmas Island.

Fly Fishing for Oahu Bonefish

Zino will cover the most important aspects of fly fishing for large Oahu bonefish that are very wary due to the urban environment of Honolulu. Unlike other bonefish destinations, Oahu bones are a prized food source for the local community. Conventional, fly and net angling have pressured the fish to become highly sensitive to their surroundings while up on the inshore flats.

The average Oahu bonefish runs from 4 to 7 pounds. Zino usually doesn't fish more than 4 hours each day and will usually have shots at fish in the 8 to 10 plus range on each trip (4 days of fishing). You don't have 20 fish days on Oahu like other locations, but you have the chance at a bonefish of a lifetime and the satisfaction of landing some of the most difficult bonefish on the planet.

Blind casting (the most productive method), and sight fishing will be covered with an emphasis on sight fishing. How to determine the best tidal movement for blind and sight casting and how to determine optimum locations for each method will be discussed. Particular tackle and flies geared to Oahu will be covered. Fundamentals of spotting bones will be covered. No program description can substitute for on the water sight fishing experience, but he will try to convey what was taught to him by Oliver Owens. You're not really in the sight fishing game if you can't spot fish with or without a guide.



RENDEZVOUS

Date: September 17, 2011

Place: Mountain and River Adventure

15775 Sierra Way

Kernville, Ca 93238

(800) 861-6553

This is the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club major fund raiser and membership drive for the year and not to be missed. The morning starts with a partner C&R fly fishing tournament and river clean up. There will be El Jacalitos breakfast burritos and coffee for purchase at \$5. Upon your early afternoon return, try your skills at our casting contest. Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes galore and silent auctions for fantastic fly fishing items. Join in with our BBQ dinner and listen to great entertainment. The new 2011/12 SSFFC Board of Directors and Officers will be presented. This will be another fun filled day and always a blast.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: \$25 (dinner is included) plus new Sept. 2011 to Aug. 2012 membership is also required. One year membership fee is \$25 for an individual membership; \$35 for family membership. Rendezvous and Membership applications will be emailed directly to current Club members (2010/11). Non-members may request applications via PM or email to Treasurer/Membership Chair Steve Dobbins (*TechGuy*) at skdsrpd@charter.net or Chiaki Harami (*haramic*) at haramic@aol.com. The maximum number of participants is 79 and we expect to fill all 79 spots, so please return application as soon as possible.

Check in: 7:30 to 8:30 AM

Announcements: 8:30 AM

Start fishing at 8:40 AM until 2:00 PM Sharp

Return check in: 2:00 to 2:30 PM

Casting Contest, raffle ticket sales and social: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Dinner, entertainment and awards: 5:00 PM – ?

Rules of the Tournament:

- Areas to be fished are from the Johnsondale Bridge to the bridge in Kernville, this area maybe be expanded based upon the number of participants.
- Fly Fishing equipment and barbless hooks only
Catch and Release
- Maximum three flies at one time
- No flotation devices (No rafts, boats, tubes, bath tubs, etc.)
- Return with a bag of trash that you picked up from your location (we will supply the bags).
- All fishing will be done in pairs to verify catch (Please find a participating partner, if you can't, the tourney committee will do its best to assign a partner.)
- 10 inch minimum for qualifying fish, round down to the nearest inch.

*Trophy, prizes for biggest trout and most accumulated inches of trout. We will also have a kids division.

*Prizes for best and worst dressed participant. (You have to wear it all day until return @ check in)

*Prize for most trash collected

DINNER AND FESTIVITIES ONLY: \$10 FEE, for those who aren't able to participate in the Tourney, but want to attend the dinner, festivities and to support the SSFFC. SSFFC membership is not a requirement for this portion of the event.

We have many items for the raffle from a Guide Trip from Kern River Fly Shop, to books, hats, flies, discount coupons for Fly Fishing products and MORE! We will also hold a silent auction.

Applications will be out soon, so reserve the above date and I'll see everyone at the 2011 Vous. If you have any questions, please email me at haramic@aol.com.

Chiaki

IT'S ELECTIONS TIME!



As our Board of Directors for the year 2011 – 2012 is elected and announced at the Rendezvous, it's time for us to start the process.

All of our current elected officials are willing to keep their positions once again, however; if you are interested in any of these positions (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Conservation Chair, Outings Chair, Director - 2 positions) please offer your services to the club.

You can nominate yourself by submitting your name and the position you are interested in through an email to either President Bill Darbee at wdarbee@bak.rr.com or Newsletter Editor Gary Silveira at gfsilveira@chartrr.net.

Once the new nominations are received they will be submitted to all members through a special email for final voting.

The nominations and voting timelines are as follows;

Nominations – **Open immediately and closes August 28th**
Elections – **Open August 29th and closes September 11th**



This is a wonderful opportunity to take an active part in your club and help lead us into the future.

Bill

SSFFC Member Profile: by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)

Once again we have shyness running rampant amongst our ranks. Nobody has stepped up to share their story. This is a wonderful way to share a bit about who you are with the rest of our group. So how about it..... will you be the next profile? Maybe your submission will be the spark we need to really get this rolling!

If you are willing to present your profile in the next issue of the Ring of the Rise, please forward it to me at gfsilveira@charter.net.

Gary

Library Report: by Ryan Spanel (*Flyn Ryan*)

There will be no report this month.

Fly of the Month: by Rob Buhler (*clouserfreak*)

ANTS

The most numerous of all terrestrials, ants are of special interest to the angler and much more important in the trout's diet than most realize. Queen and male ants are usually winged with the commonly observed worker ants forming the bulk of the colony. Unexplained mating signals bring all winged ants into an aerial swarm, where after mating they fall by thousands to the water creating an occasional feeding frenzy for the trout. Workers are often blown into or fall upon the water while scurrying about in the foliage during the foraging season. This small but consistent supply of ants often goes unnoticed by the average angler, but trout eagerly await them.

Adults have a head, thorax, and abdomen, but the abdomen and head are often the only two sections featured in most ant patterns. We will tie the Parachute Ant, which can pass for all of the ants mentioned above and is easy to tie and see. A couple of wet-fly ant patterns will also be shown. Common colors are black, brown, and red or cinnamon.

Tyer Andrew Gennaro has noted that the small hair-like bristles on an ant's abdomen creates a grayish hue in and under the water. We will use gray Antron for the abdomen on this month's fly that has become a favorite of mine. Observe ants on your most fished waters and tie some up for your next adventure.

Materials (Parachute Ant):

Hook: Dry Fly 12-22

Thread: Black

Abdomen: Gray Antron

Head: Brown Antron

Post: Poly Yarn

Hackle: Grizzly(rooster neck or saddle, substitute brown, dun or furnace)

Tying Instructions:



Attach thread to the rear of the hook and start by attaching a small amount dubbing to the thread. Too much dubbing applied at once will result in a scraggly fly that will lose form after a fish or two.



Wrap a small level base of dubbing on the rear 1/3 of the shank.



Then add more dubbing as necessary to complete a tight football-like shape for the abdomen.



Move thread to the 80% mark and prepare a small section of Poly Yarn or other parachute post material and attach using an over the top wrap.



Bring thread under the shank and over the other side making a clean, tight x-wrap.



Pull up on fibers to prepare to set post. Note how clean tie in area is, no extra wraps or material bumps on the shank.



Use clockwise wraps of thread to lock post in place. You can even take a few wraps up the post to further secure if you like.



Apply a small amount of Brown Antron to the thread and wrap a small portion of the head in front of and behind the post, leaving thread hanging on the opposite side of the hook, behind the post.



Prepare a hackle 1 and 1/2 times the hook gape by stripping a few fibers off of the tie in area. Attach hackle with a couple

of thread wraps in front of and behind the post with the shiny side of the hackle facing down.



Dub another small amount of Brown Antron to the thread and cover hackle tie in wraps, moving the thread over the hook shank, but under the hackle stem on the last wrap, resting it on the opposite side of the hook.



Start wrapping the hackle clockwise around the stem, taking your first turn a little high and making succeeding wraps, each one under the last.



After three to five wraps, hold hackle towards you and wrap thread clockwise over the hook eye, under the parachute, and over the tag end of the hackle three times, leaving the thread on the opposite side of the hook.



Bring thread under the head and around the shank behind the eye, taking a couple of securing wraps at the head. Cut hackle and apply three half hitches or whip finish.



Finished Fly



Bottom View



Rod Yerger's Hard Shell Ant (Red and Black) Hook: Wet Fly 12-20, Thread: Red or Black, Abdomen: Thread, Hackle: Hen Neck, Thorax: Thread, Coating: Epoxy



Another Yerger Ant. Abdomen: Foam trimmed to shape and colored, Legs: Deer hair, Thorax and Head: Thread, Coating: Epoxy



P.S. Ants are a great tie for kids. My nephew Jacob's favorite fly to tie and fish on his home water the Little

Truckee River is the Black Ant. This is a picture of one of his flies.

Rob

Tips & Techniques: by Ryan Buhler (ryan)

It's Terrestrial Time!

It's summertime and you're walking through a beautiful meadow, the sun is shining, a cool breeze is blowing, and trout are rising. You watch the spot where the last rise was and bam, another big splashy take. A big smile grows across your face as you dig out your fly box with all your terrestrial patterns. You pick a medium-sized hopper pattern and tie it on your leader. Your first cast slaps the water a little too hard for mayflies but a perfect cast for a hopper. You watch it drift a few feet then wham, a big splashy take. You lift the rod and feel the weight of a sweet fourteen-inch wild brown trout on the end of your line. The smile grows bigger and bigger all day as you catch fish after fish. If only fishing could be this good all year, but then summer in the mountains wouldn't be as special if it was like that all year.

Summertime is terrestrial time. Most fly fishers think grasshoppers and that's as far as they go, but ants, beetles, lady bugs, moths, butterflies, and caterpillars can also bring fast fishing during the summer months. With that being said, the grasshopper is still the king of summer, so I will start with them.

I was looking at the grasshopper patterns in *Flies for Trout* by Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen. Out of seventeen patterns listed, only one had foam in it. This book was published in 1993, and since then, closed-cell foam has come to be the main material in hopper patterns. These foam hoppers are great for tossing against the banks of rivers and creeks. They are also a good choice for a hopper dropper rig.

John Barr has made popular the hopper-copper dropper set up. It's a big foam hopper with a copper john hanging off the bend and a smaller nymph hanging off of that. Another productive setup is to hang a drowned hopper off your foam hopper. Trout love a drowned hopper bouncing along in the current.

Grasshoppers start to appear about the beginning of July. Some years are fantastic, and the trout gorge on hoppers, and some years there just aren't enough hoppers to get the fish keyed in on them. Grasshopper nymphs emerge when the soil starts to warm and immediately start feeding on grasses and other vegetation. The nymphs are wingless but can jump very well and sometimes end up in the water as trout food. As summer moves on, they develop wings, and on hot days, they will be very active. The middle of the day is the best time to fish a hopper pattern.

In many alpine and sub-alpine lakes, insects will blow up on warm air rising from the valley floor and be deposited in

these waters. When visiting these waters it is always productive to have a fly box with a few terrestrials in it. Ants in black, brown and red, grasshoppers some foam and some parachutes and drowned hoppers, lady bugs, termites, beetles etc. If you had only one fly to fish the sierras with, an ant wouldn't be a bad choice. Especially in wooded or bush lined creeks. Parachute ants are great to fish and are easy to tie. Fishing one with another ant pattern off the back can lead to fast fishing on most of the creeks around.

These next few months are heaven in the Sierras. Get out with some family and friends and enjoy some of the year's best fishing. Remember to keep hydrated and be safe.

Ryan

Message from the Editor: by Gary Silveira (CopperDropper)



Well here we are again.... the wonderful **dog days of summer**. Can it really get any better? A leisurely stroll through some recent posts on the Forum tells the tale, or should I say tail?.

The flows are down and the fish are on the bite.....

Big fish to the net.....

Waders in the morning and wet wading in the afternoon.....

Ants... Hoppers... Beetles... Oh my!

Horse pack trips into the Golden Trout wilderness.....

Eastern Sierras... Trinity Kings... Yosemite... Sequoias...

Calico Bass... Halibut... Perch... Shovel Nose Guitar Fish... Weiner dogs??? Oh well that's the beach.....

Alaska... Montana... Utah...

Rendezvous... Rendezvous... Rendezvous!.....

From the looks of these posts, there really isn't a better way to beat these "Dog Days" than to spend some time on your favorite water, enjoying that sport that consumes us.

Nuf said,

Tight Lines, *Gary*



Quotable Quotes

"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish."

~ Herbert Hoover ~

"Ours is the grandest sport. It is an intriguing battle of wits between an angler and a trout; and in addition to appreciating the tradition and grace of the game, we play it in the magnificent out-of-doors."

~ Ernest G. Schmiebert, Jr. ~

"And finally, I fish not because I regard fishing as being terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant, and not nearly so much fun."

~ John Volker ~

SOUTHERN SIERRA FLY FISHER CLUB

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