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MEETING NEWS

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

DATE: June 18, 2003

PLACE: Senior Rec. Center
Santa Clara and Oak

PROGRAM

The Origins of Fly Fishing

with Charles Jardine

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

June 12th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

JULY MEETING

July 17th, 7:30 PM

At the Encino Club

See the Sierra Pacific Website for
specific details.

Dress code: No jeans

JULY BOARD MEETING

July 14th, 7:00 PM

Shakey's Pizza Parlor

Fellow Flyfishers:

In "The Bright Country" Harry Middleton wrote: "My addiction to moving water, to mountain streams, to trout rivers, has more to do with mystery and illumination than absolution and salvation. Angling gives me an excuse to wade into such water, into the world as it is, the inexorable push and pull of life's continuum, the participatory universe, life experienced instead of implied."

While perhaps more eloquently expressed than you or I could normally proffer, I think that the sentiment pretty well covers that which motivates many of us to "wade into such water". It is a fortunate person indeed who recognizes this about themselves, and facilitates the continuation of the experience. To this end, I hope that those of you who participated in the Lockwood Creek outing enjoyed the experience, and shared that "addiction" with others.

The Charles Jardine casting clinic, at the Pasadena Casting Club pond is also scheduled for Saturday, June 14; Mr. Jardine is our speaker for the regular club meeting on Wed. June 18, 2003. If you missed the casting clinic, please be sure to attend the meeting. Charles is an extremely knowledgeable, thoughtful, and entertaining speaker.

Jeff Hereford and I accompanied Gary Bulla to the Sea of Cortez the first week of June, for a 2 island foray kayak-fishing. While things were a bit slow due to wind and cool water conditions, fish were caught by all, and the always-consistent aura of Baja made for a wonderful (and intense) experience.

Due to certain academic pursuits, I was not able to attend the May meeting; this will also (regrettably) apply to the June meeting. My apologies to the membership, and my appreciation to Ty Stork for running things in my absence.

We are getting close to completing the raffle for the Echo Rod, Reel, and Flyline, and have many more items to go, so please make sure that you have made a raffle ticket purchase. See Charles Dewing for descriptions of our upcoming inventory, as well as for the many bags of feathers that the Club has for sale.

Thanks top you all for your continued support for the Club, and our wishes for a great summer of fishing.

Bill

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FLY TYING:

Our monthly fly tying sessions will be taking a SUMMER VACATION during the months of June, July, and August. We will resume in September and look forward seeing everyone again.

A very special thanks to Bill Blackstone for his patience, his generosity, and willingness to share his incredible skills.

Have a great summer!

JUNE SPEAKER

The Origins of Fly Fishing

with Charles Jardine

WFF will enjoy a special treat this month because we're going to learn how our sport was born, where it was born and when. Charles Jardine is the world acclaimed artist, author, conservationist, lecturer, fishing guide and fly casting instructor who will guide us during this fascinating history lesson. He was born in Kent, England, and currently lives in Wales, though his travels take him to fishing spots around the globe. He is currently the National Angling Director for Countryside Alliance, a venerated and active British conservation group, and was recently elected Chairman of All Game Angling, Coaching and Guiding in the U.K.

Appropriately, the U.K. is where his presentation will begin. Charles will utilize a lighthearted and intensely personal approach to the origins of fly fishing and its subsequent spread beyond English shores. Our journey will begin on the "Grand Dames" of the south, the hallowed chalk Streams, but then we will venture further afield and examine the cornerstones of the sport that have covered the globe in art and mystery. Charles tells us that he will make no apology for waxing both lyrical and misty-eyed about his passion.

No one is better qualified to present this program than Charles. He was born into a family of fly fishers and artists, his late father Alex being a world-famous artist and salmon fisherman. Charles started fishing when he was three and by the age of six was stalking trout with a fly rod. He attended Art College at Thanet, Canterbury and Medway and later obtained the Advance Professional Game Angling Instructors Qualification while guiding on the famous Test and Itchen chalkstreams.

It is not often that we can see a presentation by someone who has demonstrated the skills of fly casting inside London's Mansion House at a fund raising event for the Lord Mayor of London. Or someone who has demonstrated float tubing in the lobby of that city's famous Savoy Hotel. But those are just a couple of the amazing experiences enjoyed by our speaker.

In 1993 and 1995, Charles was a member of the winning English team in the Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships held in British Columbia and Scotland. He has been Manager of the English Ladies' Fly Fishing Team and is on the Council of the Handicapped Anglers' Trust. (In the 80's, Charles spent three years in Kent teaching art and sport to handicapped youngsters.)

Charles' paintings and watercolors adorn public art galleries and private collections around the world. His illustrations accompany most of his articles and books. He is in his eighth year of writing and illustrating for the magazines *Trout Fisherman* and *Trout and Salmon* and he is the author of several books, including

Dark Pools, Small Water Trout Fishing and **Sotheby's Classic Guide to Fly Fishing for Trout**. This **Classic Guide** is now in its fifth edition, having been translated into five languages and believed to be among the largest selling fly fishing books of all time. Charles has written two editions of **The Pocket Guide to Fly Fishing for Trout**, one edition focusing on the U.K. and one on the U.S. He did the watercolor illustrations for **The Illustrated Angler** (with text by the late Trevor Housby) and **Trout Fly Fishing – An Expert Approach**, with John Dawson and Martin Cairncross. Charles has illustrated more than 20 other books on fishing and wildlife for diverse authors ranging from the late Poet Laureate Ted Hughes to John Goddard, Tom Fort, Conrad Voss Bark and Dermot Wilson.

Charles has been the angling feature writer for the Kent Messenger group of newspapers and the illustrator for the German magazine, *Fliegen Fiescher*, and he writes and illustrates for American magazines such as *American Angler* as well as Italian and Scandinavian fishing magazines.

Charles holds the Federation of Fly Fishers Masters Certificate in fly casting instruction and, as you have often read right here in *Mending the Line*, he writes a casting column for the Federation's Newswire. Charles holds the coveted Society of Wildlife Artists' Honour, the Salmon and Trout Associations' Qualification in Casting and Fly Tying and is on the American Casting Board of Governors, the European Casting Board of Governors and a Vice-President of the Fly Dressers' Guild. Is he qualified as a professional fly fisher, instructor, guide, author, historian, artist and presenter of programs? No doubt!.

Today Charles lives in the countryside of Shropshire with his wife Carole and two children. He is currently combining his love of fly fishing with his love of cooking and often appears as a chef in such places as the famous London store Selfridges and on television.

Here is a unique opportunity to meet one of the most accomplished and respected artists and fishermen in the world, as well as to learn how our sport was born and then flowered.

FROM THE OUTING CHAIRMAN

LOCKWOOD VALLEY TRIP 14/15 JUNE

Ty and Sherea Stork will be leading a fishing/camping trip to the Lockwood Valley area to fish the Piru Creek area. The dates should correspond to the spanners moving up from Lake Pyramid.

The itinerary is as follows:

They will be spending Friday night of the 13th at the 1st. campground which is an easy _ mile down from the parking lot. They will be there about 2:00 p.m. Fishing is sometimes very good there. They are encouraging others to join them.

Saturday Ty will hike back to the parking lot to join others at 8:30 a.m. and lead the hike down to the 2nd campground. The hike is about 2 miles, follows the creek and is very easy. The second campground is great with picnic tables and fire pits. We will be fishing Sat. through Sunday morning and then hike out.

Driving time from Ventura to the parking area is about 1hr & 40 min driving through Frazier Park. Ty will have maps printed for everyone. Think this should be an excellent introduction to and a way to explore this local fishery. Call Ty at 639-0125 for details.

Green River Area with the Solitary Angler on 19/20/21 July

I have reserved six positions for three days of guided fishing with the Solitary Angler in southwestern Wyoming. As of now all six positions are filled. If others are interested let me know as there may be cancellations. If this trip proves successful will try and schedule again next year. Van Beacham of Solitary Angler was our guest speaker for the month of Oct., sounded like he offers a unique fishing experience in areas that many people have never heard about. See Oct newsletter for bio. The three days will include one day floating the Green River through the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge below Fontenelle Dam, one day of guided fishing on Ham's fork and one day of guided fishing on Smith's Fork plus a morning of fishing on out own. Both the Ham's & Smith's fork are tributaries of the Green and are on private ranch land.

AUGUST

At the present time I have no planned outing. Thinking of the higher Sierra's such as area around Mammoth Lakes (float tubes), Saddlebag Lake or Bridgeport area. If any members have any other ideas let me know and we can put a trip together.

SEPTEMBER BBQ ON THE 27th

The board has selected Sat the 27th to have our annual BBQ. Again it will be held at Lake Casitas. Details will be provided at a latter date. Reserve this day on your calendar.

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The End of Your Line by Drew Madrigal

There it is at the end of your line, a leader which costs less than the rest of your rig except maybe for the fly you have tied to it. How important is your leader? Because everything in your rig must perform in order to catch fish, perhaps no one item is really more important than any other but a leader is the one piece which we can adjust to become more successful. For those of us who tied leaders twenty years ago, dry fly leaders were tied of Maxima Chameleon for the butt and transition portions of the leader with the tip sections tied of Nylorfi. The formula for this dry fly leader was developed by George Harvey. Using these leaders flyfishers learned how to adjust leaders to on-stream fishing situations. If the tippet laid out straight, lengthen the tippet. If the tippet collapsed, shorten the tippet. If the leader did not turn over correctly, adjust the butt section. With all of this experience, flyfishers knew how to adjust so they could concentrate on putting the fly where they wanted with just enough slack for a drag free presentation. Do I still tie leaders? No, but I still use my Ned Grey Mike-Rite to adjust leaders.

The idea behind the Harvey leader was to have a stiff enough butt and transition leader to have it track straight and accurately to your target. Once a leader lays out on the water, you want some s-curves in the tip to help get longer drifts before drag set in. Maxima now produces a leader which uses Chameleon in the butt that tapers to the softer Ultragreen tippet. This is a knotless tapered leader that comes in a variety of lengths and tippet sizes. Gone are the unsightly knots of my hand-tied leaders and yet I have the desirable characteristics which make this a great leader. For dry fly fishing this leader is just about perfect. The only change I recommend is adding a flourocarben tippet. Having read "The Trout and The Fly" by Clark and Goddard, I have never forgotten the photograph on page 86. In that photo, a greased, floating tippet causes a series of semi-circular light patterns near the fly. Not greasing the tippet is better, but best is a subsurface tippet. The subsurface, flourocarbon tippet is least obvious.

Is that it for best dry fly leader? Almost. If you fish really fast (stiff) fly rods, you may need a leader that stretches during the fight. Randy Weir told a story about fishing the Green River several years ago. He and a local were identically rigged with the same fast action rods and using the same pattern. Though both hooked many fish, the local landed a lot more. Randy suffered many long line releases. Going over to consult with the local Randy found the local's leader was attached to a section of shock gum which was connected to the flyline. That was the difference. Once Randy added a section of shock gum to his rig, he began landing most hooked fish. I had the same problem with long line releases on the Walker River. To avoid that happening again, I packed a couple of shock gum segments in my leader wallet. I never liked the clumsily look of the shock gum in my rig. What I now carry is the "Lucky Dog" leader from Feathercraft in Missouri. It is a seven foot, tapered leader which has a good amount of stretch in it. With loops in both ends it is quick to replace on-stream. All I then have to do is add two foot of tippet and start landing more trout. Good Fishing!

MEMBER'S CLASSIFIED ADS

- 1-14 Wt. 2pc. Austin Flyrod \$ 125.00
1-Redington Large Arbor AL910-Gold finish \$100.00
DB Dunn "Payette" rod case for 10' 2-pc. rods (with reel attached). \$ 40.00
All items in very good to excellent condition. Call Bill @ 805.657.5566
- I have two Sage blanks I want to make into completed rods. 680GFL and 686FLRP. If anyone is interested, I will wrap them as per their color choice and reel seat choice. I'll be at the next meeting or call me at (805)649-5605. Ray Johnson

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