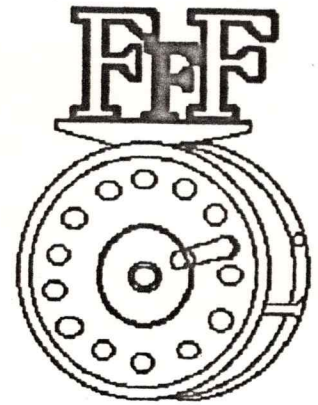
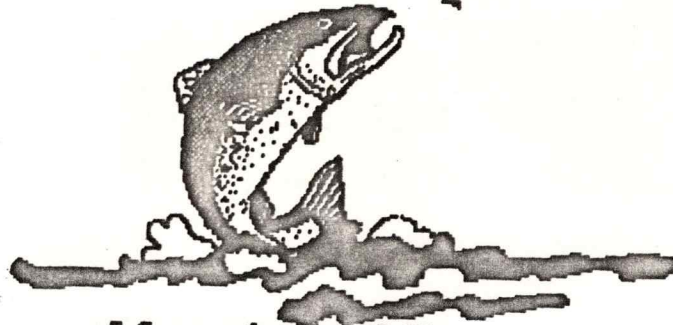
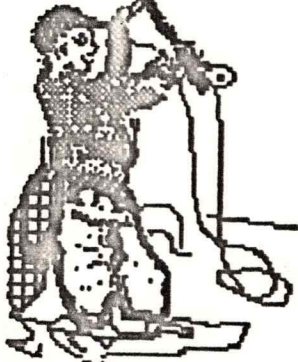


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Our targets were Grace and McComber Lakes. McComber is just a few miles above Shingletown. Its a fairly good sized lake, and most people like to fish it around the dam area. We made two discoveries. One... no matter what you wear, tubing in 38-degree water is cold. Two... a very slowly worked #8 or 10 leech will put you into fish.

Just a mile from Shingletown, on Wilson Hill Road, are Grace and Nora Lakes. Two, little jewels, owned by

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From now on, the Chico Flyer will try to feature the Fishouts a month ahead of time, with recommended flies. That way, those who tie their own will have time to do that. If you have more questions, just contact Pat at Powell's, and he will take care of you. On March 28th, the fishout will be at Manzanita Lake. Its up in Lassen Park, and in case the ice isn't off of it yet, there are several other lakes a little below it that we can use as a backup. Manzanita is a single, barbless hook, artificial only lake, with a two fish limit, no fish bigger than 10-inches. Seldom is a fish ever caught that is small enough to bring home.

Fishout Cont.

Here are the patterns:

Elk Hair Caddis

Hook...94840 or 94845

Size...14, 16, 18

Body...Brown or olive dubbing, brown, palmered hackle.

Wing...Elk Hair

Soft Hackle Emerger

Hook...94840 or 94845

Size...14 & 16

Body...Gray or olive dubbing

Hackle...Guinea or Partridge

Pheasant Tail Nymph

Hook...3906B #16...7948A #14

Tail, Body & Wingcase...Pheasant Tail

Ribbing...Bronze wire

Thorax...Peacock

Legs...Wing case material, tied back.

Zug Bug

Hook...3906B, 7948A or 9671

Size...10, 12, 14

Tail...Peacock Sword

Body...Peacock Herl (2 or 3 strands)

Ribbing... Small flat tinsel

Wingcase... Mallard or Wood Duck flank feather, tied in front only.

Hare's Ear Nymph

Hook...7948A #14...3906B #16

Tail... Hare's Mask guard hairs

Body...Hairline dubbing

Ribbing...Gold or wire tinsel

Wing Case...Lacquered Turkey quill

Thorax...Hairline dubbing

Calabatis Mayfly (dry)

Hook...94840 or 94845

Size...16

Tail...Grizzley of dun hackel fibers

Body...#6 or #1 Spectrum dubbing, or Silver Black Buggy Nymph

Wing...Wood Duck Flank or Grey Poly Yarn, tied as post.

Hackle...Grizzley or Dun, tied Parachute Style.

Leeches

Hook...9672

Size...6, 8, 10

Body...Front 1/2, 1-amp lead...Flat Wax thread to match color

Wing...Fairly heavy Maribou tied in full length of hook

Head...One wrap of Ostritch, same color as Leech

All of the Nymphs can be lightly weighted with 1-amp lead.

Tom Cont.

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Way to go Tom!!! We are proud to have a club member rise to such a level of national recognition.

17th Annual Trout Blow-Out

It's the Cal Trout Annual Fundraising and Awards Banquet. Saturday evening April 4, 1987, \$39.00 per person includes tax, and tip. Special Guest... Robert Rawstron, Chief of Fisheries, California Department of Fish & Game. For more info. call CalTrout (415) 392-8887.

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Hat Creek Cont.

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So, contrary to the article, tubes are not useful, and not pleasurable, on Hat Creek.

POTPOURRI...

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Vest, 6. Flies, and much much more.
Help the club support worthy causes
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