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### **Some Humor to Brighten the Day**

by Dan Sedergren, Treasurer HSFC

As the "winter without measurable moisture" continues it's time for a little humor to put a smile on our faces, so here's as little a humor as I could come up with.

#### **FLY FISHING DEFINITIONS FOR BEGINNERS**

Sometimes fly fishers use a lot of terms in their official fly fishing lingo that aren't easy to understand. They don't mean to be confusing; it's just that a lot of the expressions used by fly fishers are unique to the sport. For that reason, these expressions don't get used anywhere else. I hate to see people running around confused all of the time, (a mind is a terrible thing to waste), so I decided to attempt to define some of the more common fly fishing terms that might have you confused.

After studying these definitions, you should be able to speak fly fishing with ease, and have a better understanding of the strange things we fly fishers constantly talk about. Give it a try, I think you'll come away from this lesson with a new understanding of fly fishing.

**Baetis** - Something a bait fisherman puts on his hookus. Here's a Latin lesson for you. Add an "is" or "us" to the end of a word and you've got the Latin equivalent.

**Callibaetis** - A concoction I dreamed up by adding calamine lotion to my baetis. It didn't catch any fish, but it did a dandy job on poison ivy.

**Hackle** - Something that gets raised on my wife every time I tell her I need a new fly rod. This term is usually associated with "dog house" and "alimony."

**Free Drift** - The mode my mind is in when my wife is discussing my need for that new fly rod. It's also a common mental mode for any other unpleasant subject she wants to discuss with me.

**Drag** - A term I use to describe life without a new fly rod.

**Dry Fly** - That new fly you purchased before it hits the water.

**Wet Flies** - That same fly, moments after it hits the water.

**Fly Line** - A story you're going to hear about your buddy's fishing trip to Pyramid Lake. For more information on this subject, see "falsehood" and "bald faced lie."

**Fly Line Conditioner** - The words you use to lead up to the story about your fishing trip to Pyramid. This is a very important phase of telling a fly line. If you omit it, no one will believe a word you say. They probably won't believe you anyway, but we all have to try, don't we?

**Leader** - The best liar in your group. This guy has great potential as a writer for fishing and hunting magazines.

Tippet - Something your buddy always does when you take him fishing in your canoe. Why do you think they invented river boats?

Backing - Something you hope your fishing buddies will give you when you're telling one of your bigger fly lines.

Nail Knot - One of the many creative knots you can accomplish by allowing your back cast to get too low on a windy day. Some other knots in this category are 'twig knots,' 'bush knots' and the very dangerous 'rattlesnake noose knot.'

Blood knot - What you get on the back of your head when you execute a forward cast with a nail knot in your line.

Surgeon's Knot - Otherwise known as stitches. A common treatment for a severe blood knot.

Strike Indicator - That annoying guy you took fishing that was always yelling, "You got a hit, set the hook."

Waders - A piece of clothing you slip onto the lower half of your body that's always two inches shorter than the water you're going to wade. Other items in this category are sea anchors and concrete boots.

Wading Staff - The large group of people needed to haul you out of the water after you venture in over your waders. Some of the more affluent fly fishers keep a paid wading staff on hand at all times.

Royal Wulff - Something I've been known to do to a hamburger after a long day of fishing.

Stomach Pump - Some medical attention I had to get after eating at Taco Tim's the last time I went fishing on the Big River.

Snake Guide - That shifty eyed guy you hired to show you where the fish are. They call him snake for a reason. Good thing your wallet had a chain on it.

Stripper Guide - Hey, we all have to make a living during the off season. Some people are better adapted to this line of work than others.

Reel Seat - The one item of comfort you're looking for after a long day wading the river. Generally a lot more comfortable than the ant hill you sat on when you emptied the water out of your waders.

Float tube - That container of suntan lotion you just dropped in the river. It's the only thing you can drop that won't sink out of sight in an instant. Instead, it drifts away to be picked up by the game warden who'll ticket you for littering. This usually results in the loss of your fishing privileges for a year or two. Now you know why fly fishermen usually allow themselves to get cooked redder than a lobster rather than risk float tubing.

Fly Vise - A common miss-spelling of a term used to describe our addiction to fly fishing. Related habits might include smoking, drinking and telling fly lines.

Spinner - Another name for the teller of fly lines. If I had gone any further, you could say I was a spinner of lines. Some of you are probably saying that anyway.

Dun - Something you are when you finish all you planned to accomplish. That's exactly what I am at this moment, dun.

## 2014 Retreat Schedule

by Jim Norton, President HSFC

Here are our dates for some of our upcoming retreats. Please mark your calendars for these important volunteer dates. If you are interested in helping out as a fishing buddy or in some other capacity contact Jim Norton at 265-3121. Thanks!

Reel Recovery at Pleasant Valley will be July 9 & 10.

Reel Kids, also at Pleasant Valley, will be July 20.

No dates yet for Casting for Recovery or Reel Vets.

## February Fish Out - Hinkson Slough

by Kurt Zeilenga, Fish Master HSFC

Time to get fishing... Our first fish out will be Sunday, 23 Feb. at Hinkson Slough. This water is well suited to float tubing, though you can fish it from shore. A 4-5 wt rod with either a floating line or a sinking line will do. For nymphing, zebra, blood, and other midge patterns, as well as pheasant tails, princes, and zug bugs should produce. For streamers, wooly or seal buggers. You might try a wet soft hackle, like a Leisenring Spider. We'll meet for breakfast at 8:30am the diner inside the Dini's Lucky Club Casino in downtown Yerington, and at the slough around 10am. Contact Kurt for more information: kurt@boolean.net or 775-790-2166.

Directions: Take Hwy 208 to Yerington from Hwy 395 (Holbrook Junction), 208 turns into 339, stay on 339 skirts the west side of Yerington and turns into Alternate 95. Stay on Alternate 95 for 3.7 miles, turn right on Miller Lane, stay on Miller for 2.9 miles then turn left on Lux Lane (there will be a big gate announcing Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area). The signs will guide you to Hinkson Slough. When you reach the slough, please park on the north side of the dirt road (cross from the slough) to make it easier on folks fishing from shore.

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### TENTATIVE FISH OUT SCHEDULE FOR 2014

	Dates	
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Hinkson Slough</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>West Walker River</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Pyramid Lake</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Spooner Lake</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>East Walker River</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Virginia Lake</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Truckee River</b>
<b>Sept.</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Heenan Lake</b>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>East Carson River</b>
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Indian Creek Reservoir</b>

**December and January No fish outs held**

## February General Membership Meeting

by Jim Norton, President HSFC

Just for a little variety, and also because we haven't done this for a while, the Board has decided to do a swap/sell/donate meet for our February meeting. So if you have excess good stuff (don't we all), or need to raise a few bucks towards your new Sage, or just want to clean out your fishing cabinet, please bring to the February 12 meeting.

Please note that if you are bringing gear to sell, have a sign-in sheet like we use for the silent auction, showing description and minimum bid. We will have a table for sell, one for swap, and another for giveaway.

Please also note that we are looking for fly fishing related things only. Please DO NOT bring any toaster ovens, old Zebco reels, or cases of rainbow power bait.

And, because we have no place to store our library, we will be giving away books (although small donations would not be turned down).

The meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at the Carson Valley Elks Club Lodge on Kimmerling. Angling half-truth and socialization will commence at 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7:00 pm. Call Jim Norton at 265-3121 for more details.

## Membership Renewal is Here

by Mike Phillips, HSFC Newsletter Editor

We have included in this newsletter a membership renewal form on page 5. Simply fill it out (print it out first if you received it via email), make out a check, and send it to the address listed on the form. **Please note the statement on the membership form to only put your name on the form if nothing has changed from last year.** It saves us the time it takes to review all personal information on our membership list and check it against our rolls. We can use this time to fish! Dues for an individual or family are \$30 for the year. If you want to save the price of a stamp you can bring the form and check to our Feb. 12th general membership meeting. Those of you who selected email delivery of our newsletter this past year have helped the club save on newsletter mailing expenses. Please consider this form of delivery again and indicate it on the form. Those of you who used the postal system reconsider email delivery if you have high speed download capacity. If you do not have a high speed download capacity we will gladly mail you a newsletter. If you renew or join before January 31st your name will be entered into a prize drawing that will be held at our February general meeting. The prize will be a \$50 gift certificate from Angler's Edge. You do not have to be present to win.

## High Sierra Fly Casters Annual Fund-Raising Dinner

by Jim Norton, President HSFC

Members mark your calendar for the club's only fund raising event. It will be held on Saturday, March 29th at the Elk's Club. More details will be provided at the January's general membership meeting and in the newsletters for February and March.

## Wanted: Flies for Our Retreats

by Kurt Zeilenga, Fish Master HSFC

We'll need some 600 flies this year for all our cancer recovery and wounded veteran retreats. We need volunteers to tie flies, preferably by the dozen. We generally need patterns that work well, especially for beginners, on Eastern Sierra streams and ponds... as well as larger flies to fill gift boxes. Suggestions: Streamers: 8-12 BH/non-BH woolies in black and olive, 12-14 soft hackles. Dries: 12-14 Parachute Madame-X (green, yellow), 12-14 Simulators (royal, olive, yellow), 14-16 elk hair caddis (brown, olive, tan), 14-16 wulf/coachman/trudes (royal, tan, grey), ants. Wets: 14-18 midge patterns (zebra, disco, wd40, ...) in common colors. All purpose 14-18 nymphs, including pheasant tails, birds nests, hares ears in tan, brown, olive, copper Johns in copper and red, brassies. And 12-16 san Juan worms in red, tan, pink. Flies can be dropped off at any HSFC meeting. Thanks!



## 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 second Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Elks Lodge, 1227 Kimmerling Rd., Gardnerville, NV.

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

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High Sierra Fly Casters  
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### Upcoming HSFC Events

General Membership Meeting	Feb. 12
Fish Out at Hinkston Slough	Feb. 23
Fund Raising Dinner	March 29

General meetings are held at 7:15 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Elks Lodge, 1227 Kimmerling Rd., Gardnerville, NV.

Doors at open at 6:30 P.M. for those who want to socialize in the lounge.

The HSFC Board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Warren Reed Insurance, 1521 Highway 395, Gardnerville, NV.

HSFC members are welcome to attend.

We welcome contributions, quotes, jokes, stories and articles to *fishstories*.....

Please send to: Mike Phillips, 887 Marion Way, Gardnerville, NV, 89460 or [mikephillips61@charter.net](mailto:mikephillips61@charter.net)