

# FLY LINES & FISH TALES



May, 2013

## General Membership Meeting (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next meeting of the Tracy Fly Fishers will be on Wednesday, May 15.

Meeting location is the Transit Station at 50 E. Sixth St.

Meeting starts at 7:00.

Our guest speaker for February will be Hal Janssen.

Bring a friend or neighbor you might be surprised at the results!

### Prez says:

I hope you all were able to get out and enjoy the fine weather we have been having. It seems that spring was only a week long and now we are into summer full on.

We had our traditional outing to White Pines Lake for the opening of trout season and the weather was probably too good. The water temperatures were on the warm side and the full moon the previous night didn't help as the fishing was on the slow side. Rainbow trout were caught but persistence was needed.

Be sure to get up to the Sierra's early this year.

The lack of snowpack this winter means that the rivers and streams will be low and clear later in the summer and the fishing will be tough. Many of your favorite streams are probably in good shape right now. Sonora Pass is open so I plan on getting over to the Bridgeport area soon. Good reports are coming from the East Walker River and Bridgeport Reservoir. The West Walker should be coming into shape soon and the creeks such as Buckeye, the Little Walker and Green Creek will be rounding into shape over the next few weeks.

This month we are going to have an outing to a

new venue, Eagal Lakes located just east of Tracy. I am looking forward to fishing a new place so close to home. Be sure to sign the waiver form with Bruce and get your parking pass.

Get out, enjoy the nice weather, and spend time with your families and loved ones in the outdoors.

-Steve



## May's Guest Speaker:

Hal Janssen is a nationally known writer, artist, lecturer, and video personality. He has been fly fishing for over 50 years and has fished extensively throughout the North and South America for nearly every species of fresh and salt water fish. Hal's account of his first steelhead trip was wading wet in the winter because no one made waders for 9 year old kids in 1952. The old timers from the Golden Gate Casting Club adopted him, setting him up with a shooting head and teaching him to cast.

Hal has been responsible for developing significant portions of the fly fishing equipment and concepts in use today. He and Scientific Anglers founder Leon Martuch developed S/A's wet tip fly line. He and John Agnew worked on the development of Sunset Line Company's fly lines, Sunset's Cannonball, the first tapered lead core line, and the invention of the density compensated uniform sink line. Hal came up with the idea for the Mastery Stillwater series of clear fly lines, and was part of changing Amnesia from solid to fluorescent colors. In 1978 he created The Fly Tyer' Showcase Box to display flies, the Rac Wrench, a fly fishing shirt, as well as fly rods and nets. He designed a signature line of hooks with Partridge-U.K., and consulted with a number of companies including the J. Kennedy Fisher Rod Company, Cortland, and Rio Products.

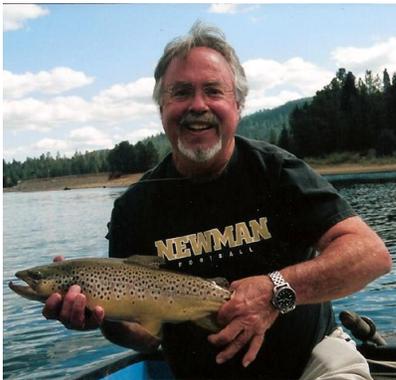
In 1979, he was one of the first in the Umpqua Feather Merchants contract tyers program. Today, over 70 Janssen fly patterns are manufactured and have worldwide distribution. Hal's patterns are on display at the William Cushner Fly Fishing Museum, the University of Idaho, and the Forestry Museum in Elvermum, Norway.

Hal's series of three 1980 videotapes: "Fly Fishing Secrets", was the first collection of instructional fly fishing videos ever produced and were in part responsible for the explosion of fly fishing video titles available today. Hal founded the Hal Janssen Company in 1979, the first exclusively fly fishing equipment distributor. For almost thirty years, until they retired in 2007, Hal and his wife Jane, worked with fly shops around the world.

As a fine artist, Hal Janssen has illustrated all the fly drawings and paintings for Anglers' Calendar for over 20 years and has illustrated many magazine articles. When Hal gets involved in anything he usually gets "Best of Show," as has been the case over the past ten years that he has been actively involved in carving exceptional fish, mostly of trout in special woods. He calls them "Living Wood" to describe their unique life-like realism. In his spare time, Hal restores classic cars and has professional pin stripper status through his induction into their Hall of Fame.

As a pioneer of saltwater, steelhead, stillwater, and float tubing techniques, Hal has written over 25 articles for leading fly fishing magazines. His June 1979 Fly Fisherman Magazine article kicked off the popularization of float tubing and he has contributed to 21 books as both an artist and an author. Hal gained broad recognition as an instructor for his still water fly fishing seminars and schools, for his many years of presentations to fly clubs, and for entertaining thousands as a member of the Coors Outdoor Team, and Ed Rice's International Sportsman's Exposition Pro Staff. He helped found the Diablo Valley Fly Fishers Club and is a fisheries consultant to Wilderness Unlimited, Cal Trout, the Smith River Advisory Council, Putah Creek Council, and the Alameda Creek Alliance.

Hal's book "*Fly-Fishing Secrets Stillwater*" is full of never before available Stillwater information and revolutionary fly patterns and instruction on how to tie and fish them. Hal is a member of the Federation of Fly-Fishing Hall of Fame and is a member of the prestigious California Outdoor Hall of Fame. He is an exceptional individual who has made significant contributions to the sport of fly-fishing.



The [Tracy Fly Fishers'](#) Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room at 1801 W. 11th Street. The next board meeting will be held on June 5, 2013, at 7:00 pm. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club!

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the [CSPA](#) website and sign up for their action alerts at:

[CSPA, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance](#) or [www.calsport.org/](#)

## *Events, Outings & other news:*

### TFF Club Outings For 2013:

We have a great line up of outings planned for this year:

- 1) ~~Season Opener at White Pines Lake on 4/27.~~
- 2) Fishing at Eagle Lake Bass Pond on ~~5/18~~. Moved to 5/25.
- 3) Davis Lake June 21 – 23.
- 4) North Fork of the Stanislaus River in July (final date will be determined once we see how the flows slow down.).
- 5) Alpine Lake Sept 27 – 29.
- 6) Davis Lake Oct 18 – 20.
- 7) Feather River in November.

Great unplanned outings also result from joining us at the monthly general meetings and just talking to other members about common interests and the opportunity to get in some fishing and share gas expenses.

### White Pines Lake :

Once again, TFF made its annual trip to White Pines Reservoir.

We had 12 members attend, which was a great turn-out for the event

Regretfully, the fishing was TOUGH!

The air temperature was easily 80+ which kept the Trout deep- but what was really driving the fish not to bite was a new resident of White Pines Reservoir- a River Otter!

This little chap was all over the pond, and made any attempts to fish for the stubborn Trout even more difficult... A few Trout were caught by almost all- Dan Lord had a great day with 3 keepers- including one measuring 17 inches plus- the biggest fish of the day!

I can say in past years a 10, 15-plus fish day was common.

White Pines should turn to a HOT spot as the weather cools- remember, the town of Arnold/White Pines has their annual 'Father's Day' Tournament and they will plant fish up to 10 pounds!

White Pines is free to fish and has very nice amenities:

BBQ pits, Playground, Picnic Tables/Benches, Horse Shoes and clean Restrooms.

It also has a very nice beach for easy access to swimming.

Remember- NO gas or electric motors are allowed.

I hope you get the chance to visit White Pines this Season!

Rick Clemens-

*(pictures below)*

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Genny Fadden getting ready for action.



Steve, Pat, Steve Potter and Rick discussing tactics.

## Pyramid Lake, Nevada

A Jeff Fadden and Steve Holtzclaw met up with Rich Lobrovich at Pyramid Lake.



Jeff landed this nice one.



Rich and Steve enjoying the day.

Rod Buchana and Bruce Germolus made it over to Kelsey Bass Ranch



## Education:

Rick and Stan have put together a great program for 2013. Remaining events are listed below.....

### Golden Trout Award is back.

Be recognized as a TFF Golden Trout recipient upon completion of selected tasks in some of the following categories: Literature (reading), Conservation, Entomology, Outing participation, contribute to club events, Casting, Knots, Fly Tying, Rod Building and Membership Drive. More details to follow!

Entomology. April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 mile Bar. **Date moved to May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Rod Building. June (3 days) exact date tbd.

Casting in the Park with Chuck is back, the second Wednesday of the month. Don't miss monthly fly casting instruction with the master. Dr. Powers Park at 6:00 pm. June 12th is the next session.

A priceless benefit included in your membership! Remember, your membership includes the whole family. Bring the kids out and see how they do.



### ***Support your local Parks and Recreation District***

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Check out our Parks and Community Services Video:

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