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## September's Program: Want to get rid of the winter blues, head down south to Chile

Sebastian Galilea is owner and manager of Cinco Rios Lodge and Estancia del Zorro, Coyhaique Chile. Sebastian is a native Chilean, born into a family with long and rich ranching history in the Patagonia regions of Chile and Argentina, raising both sheep and beef. One of those Estancias - Estancia del Zorro - located about twenty-five miles east of Coyhaique, is home to the fabled Zorro Spring Creek, which has been visited by many famous fly fishers and written



about in the fly-fishing magazines. Each year, Zorro produces catches of brown trout exceeding 26-inches using surface imitations. Sebastian has managed Estancia del Zorro for decades and upgraded the lodging and cuisine to five-star standards.

Sebastian recognized the potential of other local waters and proceeded to design, build, and operate a second lodge - Cinco Rios Lodge, located five miles south of Coyhaique. This new facility is strategically located near the rios and lagunas that made Coyhaique one of the top trout and salmon destinations in all of Patagonia.

Sebastian and his family connections provide Cinco Rios and Estancia del Zorro

unique fishing programs. Private access and well-rested waters are the rule, which make for more productive and peaceful fishing. The two lodges only employ English-speaking Chilean and Argentinian guides. The lodges also sponsor youth flyfishing and conservation programs.

Sebastian will describe the fish species, waters, seasons, and flyfishing techniques accessed from his lodges, along with non-fishing recreational activities around Coyhaique.

September's Meeting will take place at the John R. Williams School, 7pm, September 9th. The meeting is open to the public of course.

## Calendar

September 7, Labor Day

September 9, General Membership meeting, John R. Williams School

September 16, DFF Board Meeting

September 23-27 Bridgeport Outing

October 14, Annual Potluck

October 17-18, Lower Sac Outing

October 21, DFF Board Meeting

## September's Bridgeport Outing



The date for the outing to Bridgeport is being changed at the request of long time outing leader, Don Gillett. The new dates will be September 23 to September 27. Don says the traditional potluck will be held on Saturday the 26th. \

# Arktophobia: It's all Greek to me!

By Gil Parker

Hey bear .... Hey bear .... Back home again. Thought I would check in with the latest.

Glad to be back. My primary goal on this trip was to see as much of the famous Idaho and Montana rivers as we could in a two week period. The idea was this trip will set up the next

trip! And to share the experience with two good guys, who would enjoy the journey as much as one person can. The reoccurring word in the west these days is "Drought," not as bad as California, but clearly a product of the west. The pursuit of the elusive trout has left us challenged and baffled, plus as time progressed the challenge became not to fish the main rivers but to find the colder

feeder streams holding trout. The trout didn't pitch a shut out but they got the win. The win is based on the two handed fish I dreamed of landing, and didn't get. Score card: Trout 1, fly buddies 0.

My favorite was the Madison. This is the one river which wasn't so low that water temperature had changed the definition of the fishing. John, we could have camped 6 miles across the \$3 dollar bridge at two beautiful lakes instead of that over priced cabin in Island Park. Tom and I did, not a lot of camp sites but we got one and really enjoyed it. Serious bear country, with no bear boxes in the camp grounds. Warning signs on the tables.

Grades:

So Fork of the Snake River. C. A guide or drift boat is a must. 10,000 cfs too much River for single person craft even though it runs flat with no real white water. Error on the side of safety. It needs to be the theme of our club. The campground and creek at Palisades Creek was a total gem (B+). The site was out-

standing and the creek was both fun and productive. Only eight camp sites and takes the golden senior pass. Fished around the Hiese Hot springs bridge after a mile walk, and a wade till dusk, water temp issues, but volume not a problem. This River is massive and vital to everything it touches. Almost all the rivers in eastern Idaho feed the Snake, Henry's Fork, the Salmon and it eventu-



*But they're so cute. Photo courtesy of Alaska Fish and Game*

ally runs into the great Columbia in Oregon and Washington, allowing incredible salmon runs all the way up and beyond the town of Salmon ID. I think that has to be something close to a 7 to 800 mile journey.

We asked around about feeder streams like Palisades Creek, and was told about Bear Creek an isolated creek, pouring [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/species/speciesinfo/brownbear/images/brown\\_bears\\_450.jpg](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/species/speciesinfo/brownbear/images/brown_bears_450.jpg)

into Palisades Reservoir on the Unimproved side, sounded perfect, except for the name of the creek? We drove over a mountain and found ourselves in a small gravel parking lot. The stream was not reachable from the lot. When we arrived I open my door and heard what I think was a cow grunting. Envision this parking lot in the bottom of a canyon, with bushes 3 feet taller than my Chevy truck, it's windy, so their swaying, our antenna senses are fine tune machines at this point. We are the only car in the

lot. Inside my head, I am asking questions, like, howcome that cow isn't grunting anymore? Have you seen my bear spray? Damn it, it was here a minute ago. I paid \$40 bucks at Walmart for that crap? My thought process is interrupted by my friend announcing, "I am packing my 38!" At this point, I am actually exhaling. We don our waders gathered up our gear, headed into a trail that was thin

at best, with the swaying brush hitting both shoulders at the same time. My friend John is now barking, "Hey bear ..... hey bear ....., and my Hey bear is coming out of my mouth as the little league third baseman, Hey, batter, batter .... Who cares, the idea is to make noise, let the bear know we are in his neighborhood and not wanting to disturb him or her, and most of all not startle him .... Or her! So the trail is leading up the side of the canyon, and we are doing our best imitation of two macho guys, waddling up the trail in

waders, singing the chorus of our new hit record, Hey bear. Once on the stream, we begin to catch some very small fish on dry flies. I began to calm down and discovered I had a stiff neck, which I reason, had something to do with my whiplash reaction to sounds I heard or imagined I heard, coming from those damn swaying bushes. The morale of this story is their is price to pay for acting like your not afraid.

The Tetons are beautiful as you drive by. A for beauty but very populated and busy roads. Unless I was seeking to fish the area, not sure it was worth the time and miles. Jackson Hole, upscale, very crowded, heavy traffic issues. A shock to the system coming from the tranquil So. Fork of the Snake valley, the land of coffee shops with laminated wood paneling, and the standard greeting of, "Just sit anywhere you want."

Yellowstone Park. The attendance record prior to this year was 650,000, this year

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so far was 760,000. The impact was very little wildlife viewing, and traffic issues entering and mostly exiting the park. 20 miles out, exiting to West Yellowstone we were in standing bumper to bumper traffic. Unique beauty B grade, investment of time and miles, big question

sky. I saw no one catching fish including Ourselves! Esthetics A+, fishing C-

Madison River, arrived in a afternoon determine to fish the day and into the PM. Walked to the highway bridge looked down and saw a monster body roll and quickly followed by a tail torpedoing

A+, experience necessary, expertise is absolute, patience with the human race also necessary particularly with guides putting their customers on the fishing spot you are in the process of fishing! But lastly, take a moment and think about where you are, how incredibly blessed your life is, how fortunate that you chose

this simple sport and as a result, you have connected with something so much greater than yourself. This is the battery that drives our souls. Unbelievable experience! The following week, we returned to the Madison, having arranged a shuttle, and floated 8 miles of this fine River, in our pontoons, stopping to fish as we went. Easy, but a constantly working float. The competition with guides reduced our opportunities to about a 10% chance with our level of experience, since no stone or pool, or ripple is left unfished by the guides. Morale of the story: maybe get a guide, the rate I heard was \$370 half day, \$475 full day. I saw bigger fish landed from waders than I saw from guide boats. Would I trade the experience of floating 8 miles of the Madison with no fish, for a

guided experience with fish, probably. At this point do I care, not really. Cliché: the journey is the destination. Wow, what a place!

Let me remind you this is the first week of August, when we left Boise, it was 104 degrees, it rained almost everyday in the first week. Somewhat out of the sequence of rivers, the Gallatin River was on the road to Bozeman, a Saturday, and raining solid and on Sunday I dropped my friend John in the AM off at the airport, and in the afternoon, picked up my friend Tom, a complete novice to fly fishing, but always up for a challenge, for my second week. He was a natural, and a lot more coordinated than I gave him credit for, I said that for his sake. The Gallatin looked a lot like the Madison but was lined by beautiful forests, whereas the Madison is banked by Sage brush and bluffs.

I think in the future a late June or early July might be better time to go! Or fall as in late September or early October. In

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mark? If I did again I would advise an early, early, drive through.

Henry's Fork River, Harriman State Game Preserve Park, fished up till dark while the sunset. A for picture perfect setting, wading as the HF river meanders at a depth 2 to 4 ft, mirroring the the mountains, the trees, and the unbelievable

back to the safety of a pool behind a boulder. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, it's all I can do to keep from peeing my pants, I am so excited. Do not get between me, my waders and my rod, or your likely to be injured. I fished that rock so long, my friend, ask me if I wanted to have my mail sent to this rock, care of Madison River. I moved on and caught some smaller fish. This blessed place in America, is the Mecca for all of us who aspire to call ourselves fly fishers. Opportunity

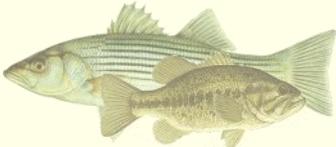
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either case, the weather still swings 30 to 40 degrees in the same day and at those times, could get chilly. During our early August stay, we saw a cool morning with a consistent rain, a hot hot clear mid day, a distant dark, dark thunder lightening afternoon with heavy wind gusts, followed by a tranquil evening and a gorgeous sunset, and went to bed with the wind and lightening directly over head. We awoke to what looked like fog around us and was actually major smoke. This was a camp ground on the Big Hole River, with no water or garbage, but with vehicle stalls and picnic tables and fire pits. Surprisingly no camp fee. The River was beautiful and clear, but could be walked across, with the water just barely running over my shoe tops. Shallow and warm. The fall season with some water would be incredible. The Big Hole which I had heard so many good fishing reports about was solid D. At that, I was becoming a bit cynical about the intrinsic nature and beauty of things and wanted to catch some fish?

Georgetown Lake near Anaconda, a considerable drive from where we were camped was rumored to be very good. This lake is similar to our own Davis Lake, in the Sierras, with similar water plants, shallow overall and considered an excellent fishery. We took the drive but arrived to a major wind storm with white caps, and really had no option but to pass. Georgetown doesn't get a grade, but when I returned home and spoke to Don Gillette about Georgetown L he said he had his best day there about a month earlier.

Visited briefly:

The Jefferson River - an excellent spring River that winds through farm lands of hay and alfalfa fields, in lower elevations, I am guessing a river best suited to float. Not my notion of a trout River.

The Ruby River was getting good reports but only up close to the dam. When we got there the River was really murky like maybe the upper reservoir had inverted. Heavy silk in the water. Again a River that runs through the hay fields at a lower elevation. The only camping available, was on the edge of town, with a KOA feel and look, lots of amenities but not the Montana experience either of us had in mind. We drove on!

The Cliff and Wade lake. Two lakes of equal distance from the main highway on the Madison River. You cross three dollar bridge, a fishing access off the main road, and drive for 6 or 7 miles thru the sage country to a fork in the road and the forest begins on your left is Cliff lake (has a very small campground, maybe 7 sites), and on the right is Wade lake, whose claim to fame is the Montana state record for a captured Brown trout at 38 lbs. Maybe 10 to 12 sites, no bear boxes, bear beware signs everywhere. Water, garbage, toilets, boat ramp, and both lakes are incredibly clear. And really beautiful settings.

Lastly, we headed home back over into Idaho, pray for me I drive Hwy 93 ( bumper sticker), following the Salmon River. Third fishing license. This River appears to be running south to north. Appears to be running uphill, it is the strangest River to follow. We found a really nice feeder stream holding trout but I will not disclose it's location, because as you know, everyone has a spot in there secret pocket. Not going to tell you! But it is definitely a good one.

Twin Falls to Stockton, 10 hrs straight, no lingering, couple fast food stops. Back home! Bod da bing, Bod da boom! This was the beginning trip from a very big bucket list. Next time I know where, how long, and maybe when I want to be there! I have been to Mecca, and I know what it looks like .... Hey batter, batter!

Resources for my trip, and a solid reason to be apart of DFF:

- Bud Heintz
- Charlie Reams
- Steve Von Berg
- Mike Nicholson
- Marty Kjelson
- Tim Costello
- Jim Rich
- Don Gillette

If I forgot someone I apologize. Thank you all, for taking the time and contributing to my trip.

Books - A no nonsense approach to fly-fishing Montana; Idaho; and Wyoming.

Also special thanks to my Fly fishing buddies John and Tom for pushing me and putting up with me. I could not have had two better friends to share this with!



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# Five Reasons to Renew Your DFF Membership Today

Here are five great reasons to renew your DFF membership today:

Staying connected to local fly fishing opportunities. These opportunities include knowledgeable speakers, club outings, club fishing reports, and social messaging postings.

Growing and maintaining your fishing network. Meet new members and maintain your relationships with existing members through monthly meetings, dinners, volunteer events, outings, and other special events.

Saving money through a variety of exclusive "members-only" programs. Our low cost membership allows you access to fishing outings, raffles, auctions, dinners, and monthly education programs.

Learning new skills and gaining exposure to a wide range of information through the free workshops, seminars and outings that our club offers – includes personalized casting instruction, fly tying sessions, guide speakers, watercraft safety seminars, and

annual outings.

Help conservation efforts and youth education or outreach programs – the club has supported such activities for many years. The Delta Fly Fishers have supported local environmental advocacy groups such as the Restore the Delta and been long sponsors of the Catfish/Trout Bouts for youth fishing and the Trout/Salmon in the Classroom programs.

If you haven't done so already, please take the few minutes to take out your pen and checkbook to vote for supporting the club by writing and mailing your 2016 membership dues today. The membership chair greatly appreciates those members who have already mailed in their 2016 membership today.

I also wish to thank those members who renewed their membership early during August. Those members include (but not limited to):

Jon Fetters

Jason Stapleton & Shelly Dildey

Jerry Barber

Tom & Pat Rut \

Bruce & Sallye Rollans

John & Shelly Highsmith

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## October, 2015 Lower Sacramento River DFF Outing

By Bruce Rollans

Delta Fly Fishers, Inc. members looking for large, wild rainbows on a scenic float need to get ready for the DFF October Outing on the Lower Sacramento River at Redding, California. This will take place Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Note the trophies landed by Bruce and Sallye Rollans. You can access these big shouldered beauties up to 24 inches. If you have done this float before, you know everyone on the water has an opportunity for a great experience.

Those not familiar with this water are strongly advised to hire a guide. While there are a number of independent local guides, they are usually booked far in advance of our October outing as this is when salmon are in the water and trout are feeding on eggs.

The best source for guides is The Fly

Shop in Redding at 800 669 3174. If you want to book a guide DO IT NOW! Do not wait. The current rate at The Fly Shop is \$500 per day for one or two anglers (if two you simple split the fee). This includes flies, tackle, equipment and



lunch.

If you want to use your own equipment, plan on a 6 wt. medium action rod about 9 ft. and one of the indicator lines from such companies as Rio or Scientific Anglers.

There is amply lodging available in and around Redding. Bruce recommends the following: Best Western Plus Twin View

Inn just off Interstate 5 on Twin View Blvd at the north end of town; Best Western Plus Hilltop on Hilltop Drive east of the interstate; Hampton Inn and Suites on Larkspur Lane just off Cypress east of the interstate, Hilton Garden Inn on just off Bechelli Lane west of the interstate at the south edge of town or the Oxford Suites on Hilltop Drive. Charlie Reames may be a god source of information about RV/camp grounds. The AAA travel guide is a good source of information about these and other locations in the area. For more information on lodging contact Fish Meister Bruce Rollans at 209 781 6408 or at [mbrsmr36@gmail.com](mailto:mbrsmr36@gmail.com)

The past couple of years those participating in this outing have met for dinner on Saturday night at The Olive Garden Restaurant. If you want to enjoy the association of fellow members over dinner, contact Bruce Rollans to add your name to the dinner list.

# Eastern Sierra Focus

by C.J. Webb

The inimitable Hornberg! This has been one of the best flies for the Sierra, unfortunately most people choose to use a woolly bugger or leech pattern over this most important food source in the alpine lakes. The Hornberg was originally tied as a dry fly to represent a large sedge caddis and is tied in many variations including its current variation as a streamer. When fished as a dry, it sits on the water surface until it gets soaked and then becomes an emerger which is when it produces the best. It should be cast upstream and drifted until it starts to swing below your position on the stream and then it can be pulled under the surface with a quick strip and used as a streamer riding just under the surface. With this approach you can move your position upstream a few feet and repeat the process. It is truly a versatile fly.

## News:

**STATE OF THE TROUT** - A report dedicated to the memory of "Dr. Trout", Robert J. Behnke (1929-2013) with six signatories on this report.

"Trout", the quarterly magazine published by Trout Unlimited provided an abridged version of the 75 page report on the nation's 28 native trout species, two of which are already extinct. The TU article is on page 44-72 which is a synopsis of the entire report; with the first 27 pages addressing the Pacific Coast and Central Valley region. You can access the full report by going to: [www.tu.org/stateofthetrout](http://www.tu.org/stateofthetrout) and download your copy to read at your leisure.

Chris Wood, President and CEO of Trout Unlimited wrote his usual "From the President" letter about this report which is excellent. If I were not a member, I would join due to the commitment of this organization and their dedication to native trout.

**EMERGENCY RIVER CLOSURE** - DFW reports the Merced River angling

was closed as of August 18th, 2015. This early closure affects only the Merced River from Crocker-Huffman Dam downstream to the Snelling Road Bridge, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles. The lower Merced River is typically closed from Nov.1 through Dec. 31 and still scheduled to be closed during that period to re-open to anglers on Jan.1, 2016.

Be sure and check with local fishing shops prior to fishing rivers in the Eastern Sierra. The East Walker is running in the high 60's early morning, and by noon the temp is above 70 degrees. It is recommended by those interested in preserving this valuable resource NOT to fish the river when temps are this high.

## **SIERRA NEVADA YELLOW-LEGGED FROG**

The dilemma for the Sierra Nevada yellow legged frog has found a niche in it's survival in alpine lakes within Yosemite National Park. The process has occurred for many years in parts of the Eastern Sierra by killing (netting or electrocuting) existing populations of trout to make way for the frogs. Much controversy was sparked due to this removal of trout from alpine lakes like First and Second Lakes beneath the Palisades up big Pine Creek along with other very high alpine lakes which are the frog's native habitat. Reports stated, that as time went by with the frogs gone, the sterile high country lakes proved to be a hard life for the trout, whose numbers dropped after depleting the easy food source of frog eggs and tadpoles where trout previously had a virtual buffet. Currently fisheries biologists in the Eastern Sierra have a robust frog reintroduction process in place and according to Yosemite officials; the park will soon have a similar process in place.

At this time, seven lakes are ready to support frog populations, officials said. Frogs have already been successfully reintroduced at two of those sites. Park scientists plan to reintroduce frogs at two more of these seven locations in the coming years and expect the frogs to re-

colonize the remaining three to lakes on their own from nearby sources.

Restoring the frogs to their native habitat is a two-stage process first to identify and restore suitable lakes usually where frogs are absent, then reintroduce about 20 adult frogs per site. The adults are then collected from well-established populations elsewhere in the park. They are given a microchip (similar to those used for pets) before being released into their new habitat lakes.

CalTrans finished the "Rock-Fall" on US Highway 395 August 12th along Mono Lake to improve safety for the traveling public by minimizing rocks falling from the steep adjacent slopes.

*Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water concerning limits, size, and other restrictions.*

**ROCK CREEK LAKE** road has been paved and work continues on the bridges with time delays only running 15-20 minutes but they will be working on Saturdays. Fishing has been good with some off days, but with less daylight by a couple of minutes will continue to cool the air and the surface water of all lakes at this high elevation. Use dry-dropper with standard attractors and keep it simple. Bottom fly try Pheasant Tails #18-20, Birds Nest #16-18, Micro Mayfly #16, Olive WD40 #18, and pocket water Baetis #16-28. Terrestrials are the big thing this time of year. Stream is also fishing fairly good using ants, hoppers, parachute Adams.

**CROWLEY LAKE** The fly fishing has still been on the slow side, but the fish caught have been very big. The top spot has been off of Green Banks Bay up in the North Arm. The fish can be found from the weed edges in 15-16 feet of water, all the way out to about 18 or 19 feet. Large Copper Tigers fished about 4 to 6 inches from the bottom early in the morning. Around 8:00am switch over to a small Copper Tiger, or a large Shaft, and putting it about 10 to 12 inches from the bot-

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tom. Stay with that till they stop biting around 10:00 or 10:30am, then go back to the bottom with that small Copper Tiger. The fishing is finally starting to pick up. The daphnia are long gone, and the fish are feeding on blood midges, and gray emergers. You can find the fish up in the North Arm, from right against the weeds in 14 to 15 feet and all the way out to 18 feet of water. It seems that more and more fish are moving up into the North Arm each day, along with a bunch of small stocker size fish. Today, Mickey fished just outside the weed beds in 15 to 16 feet of water. The fish were "on" Albino Barons, Red Barons, small Copper Tigers early. We then switched over to the gray Shafts, and Shaft Emergers around 9:00. Make sure you get your fly down to about 4 to 6 inches from the bottom early, and then raise it up to about 10 to 12 inches once you switch to gray. There are also fish over in McGee Bay, also along the weed beds. There are still fish being caught in Big Hilton, and along the weeds at Sandy. So, if you don't like the crowds, just hit one of these other places. Thanks for the report Mickey. Always talk to the Crowley Lake store, Trout Fitter or Sierra Drifters for more information as conditions change daily as do the fish locations.

**UPPER OWENS** conditions are good but low flows (40cfs) and aquatic weeds are an issue in the lower sections below the Benton Crossing Bridge. A few larger fish are moving up from Crowley. Dry dropper is the way to go now. A few nice Cutt's and browns are in the deeper holes. The sections from up Benton Crossing are much better. You can get into browns using caddis, crystal leeches fished with a sink tip in the deepest pools. Stimulators, hi-vis caddis and natural caddis are good calls for dry flies. Tom Loe suggests a tandem nymph rig in the deeper pools using his Assassin, flash back prince, crystal leech as the upper, or small Assassin as the dropper. McGee Creek proper has some small browns and a few decent rainbows. Dry dropper rigs and nymphing with flash-back Pheasant tails, Assassins, and olive crystal caddis below an Under-cator, or hi-vis caddis or hi-vis para BWO will work. Some really nice fish working the inlet to the lake. Use mayfly/callibaetis adults and sight fish to risers.

**CONVICT LAKE** is stocked by the resort and reports have been fairly good, but again due to the weather conditions it can be up and down, so fish deep with a full sink and a weighted fly. Try the inlet, outlets, south shore and hangman's for the best action. Dry Flies: Adams, Female Adams, Cutter's Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, Stimulators, Black/Red Ants,

Sierra Bright Dot, Royal Coachman and Hoppers. Streamers: Woolly Bugger (black, brown, olive, or green), Matuka (black, brown, olive), Hornberg, and Muddler Minnows. Wet Flies (Nymphs): Prince Nymph, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear, Zebra Midge (red and black), Copper John (red and copper) and San Juan Worm (brown or red). The list is fairly standard most of the summer.

**HOT CREEK** flume is at 25cfs, 6cfs less than last month with minimal water. Currently some caddis and micro mayfly activity with darker body caddis or natural colors are best in the afternoons and light olive to gray for the mayflies. Keep them riding high in the foam. For nymphs try pheasant tails and bird's nest. Midges: small parachutes or mayfly patterns with a 9 or 10 foot leader for dry presentation when fish are midges. There are a few sections that can be fished with a dry dropper nymph rig. Also, hoppers are here and a stimulator has a good profile and best used in the wind. Be observant and see what other "bugs" are present as the wind constantly knocks them into water and trout will cruise the shoreline for these appetizing dudes. Tom Loe's high-vis caddis works very well. Dead drifted zebras, scuds, flashback PT's or his assassin Bird's nest bead head size 18 for droppers as well as crystal olive caddis larva.

**SAN JOAQUIN** flow is low but still has great spots holding trout. Just below the "Falls" should bring in some nice fish. Trout will hit surface imitations sizes 14-18. Look for shady areas along the banks deeper than a foot. Always make upstream presentations. Try hi-vis para mayflies, stimulators, and hi-vis caddis patterns as the point fly. Tie a two foot dropper off the hook bend and add a blue winged olive or natural caddis adult. Dry/dry tandems are effective and can help you see your imitations in riffle water, or shadows.

**JUNE LAKE** water temp seems to be the same as most lakes above 7000 feet so use a fast sinking line and run your streamers down around 20 or 30 feet with buggers and leech patterns with soft hackle droppers, hare's ear, prince nymphs and Zug bugs should bring up some fish if you get your fly deep enough.

**GULL LAKE** - Gary is still putting in some really nice trophies so put on your favorite streamers, buggers and a dropper near the reeds. Check in at the shop and see what's hot. It can be good one day and off the next.

**SILVER LAKE** -Fishing has been slow mid day when it has been the hottest and they have seen the best results early in the morning and late afternoon when it is cooler and the shadows are on the water. They did get 400 pounds from DFW this week with roughly 100 pounds of the rainbows being over two pounds. Flies working well were Red and Yellow Humpies and Sierra Bright Dots along with black/olive streamers, rainbow Hornberg's. The Annual Labor Day Weekend Celebration to be held Saturday September 5th with the Horseshoe

Tournament and BBQ to begin at 11am. September 5th will also be a free fishing day throughout the state of California.

**RUSH CREEK:** Current flow is around 34-36cfs and clear with water temp in the mid 60's. Finding fish is the problem, but they are stacked up high by Silver Lake for cool comfort. Dries: Try Adams, Parachute Adams #16-20, Elk Hair Caddis #14-18, Stimulators #12-18 and Griffith Gnat #18. Nymphs: Pheasant Tail #14-18, Copper John #14-18, Prince Nymph #16-18, Zebra Midge #18-22 and Micro Mayfly #14-20. Don't bother with streamers as the water is too low.

**GRANT LAKE** is extremely low but still a lot of water to fish on the east side so try the south shore (drive) or the inlet (park and walk) for trophy's cruising for smaller fish. Check with Ernie's or the Grant Lake Marina for current info.

**LUNDY LAKE** has risen and the fishing is great. County trophy program will hit on the 27th and fishing will be good for tubing using buggers, black, brown, dark olive, Rickard's seal-bugger, stillwater water nymph in rust/olive along with Prince nymphs, Zug bugs, olive bird's nest and the rubber legged flashback Prince, my trophy special fly.

#### **LITTLE VIRGINIA - BIG VIRGINIA & TRUMBLE LAKE**

Water levels are great and holding at pretty close to normal. Big Virginia is down about 3" making it difficult for our boats, so bring yours and use the boat ramp (no gas motors). Try black beetles and ants size 14, burgundy/olive seal buggers, olive cone-head leeches, soft hackles and prince nymphs. Good dry fly action in early am and late evening if there's a ripple on the water. We've had mayflies, dragonflies, midges, moths, caddis, ants and hoppers when the air temp warms so bring it all including mini leeches, Matukas, soft hackles and Zug bugs. Fishing has been up and down as the rest of the county, but when it's on, it's really ON! Trophies are still coming out of both lakes, at least one or two a day. Don't forget the midges and emergers, very important items (VPI).

**GREEN CREEK** water levels are holding with a normal outflow from all the lakes above. The meandering creek above the "D" pond has a lot of small browns that are moving upstream to the undercut banks to keep from getting sunburned. Use your best "sneak" approach to get close enough for a precision cast above their nose. Tie on a small barbless terrestrial for some fun.

**EAST WALKER** The East is running at 26cfs, with water temps between the high 60's and low 70's so take care when releasing fish and stick around to assure their safe return to the water. Some anglers are reporting up to 15 fish per day with lots of smaller browns and

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some nice rainbows in the mix. The water is of course very low and there's lots of weeds to contend with but if you put in your time and keep your flies clean you should be able to have some fun. Both the Mile section and the section below the bridge are producing well but we haven't heard anything lately from the Rosachi section. Flies to try: Fox's Poopah, buckskin caddis,

Z-wing caddis, San Juan worm, rainbow warrior, silver streak, micro mayfly and zebra midge. Report courtesy of Ken's in Bridgeport.

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**BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR** Check with Ken's Sporting Good and Jeff Wenger at the marina for flies, boat rentals and current fishing info. You'll need to be out in a kayak or tube for any action and it's mostly terrestrials near the waters edge and look for bugs flitting around. Also try hoppers, ants, humpy's, prince nymphs, pheasant tails, Zug bugs and hare's ears. Keep your eyes open and be alert, stay deep and near the bottom of the dam as the water is low and warm.

**WEST WALKER** has been running better than most of the freestone creeks in the county



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(22cfs) and has been off and on so plan to put on a mile or two to find deeper pools. The water is low and clear so sneak up on them when you see a possible holding area and be sure to include ants, beetles, humpies, hoppers, stimulators, Copper Johns, Pheasant Tails, Prince nymphs and Hare's Ears in your fly boxes. Also work a 2-fly rig with a crystal tiger midge about 2 off the top fly.

See you on the water, CJ  
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