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**\*\* Statement of Purpose \*\***

The purpose of this organization is to foster and promote the sport of angling with artificial flies; to teach and share knowledge and techniques involved in fly fishing; to organize and lead outings; and to promote and support the conservation of fisheries.

**\*\*\*\* Announcements\*\*\*\***

The next AFF general meeting is Tuesday January 20. Our January meeting will be "Member's Night". We will have an equipment swap / sale / giveaway and free flowing discussion and question and answer session on fly fishing. If you got new equipment for Christmas and want to find a home for your replaced gear or your looking for a good bargain or a swap, this is the place. Got pictures of your latest trip? Tell us about the trip and share the pictures. Got questions about fly fishing or fly tying equipment, techniques or fisheries? We've got members who can help you out. If you have friends, or simply know someone, who wants to find out a bit more about fly fishing in general, this is the meeting. If you are an experienced member please put this meeting on your schedule to share your knowledge and experience.

**\*\*\* 2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES \*\*\***

It is time to pay your 2004 membership dues. The annual dues are as follows: Individual adult \$25, Family \$40, and student \$8. New members, be sure to ask for a club patch when you pay your 2004 dues. Additional patches can be purchased from Bruce Rollans for \$5.00 each. Make checks, for dues and patches, payable to **Amador Flyfishers.**

You may mail dues to:  
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\*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*

**Tuesday, January 20:** Next meeting of Amador Flyfishers. No fly tying class this month. General meeting and program at 7:00. The program is the "Members Night". Equipment swap, member discussion, Q&A on fly fishing.

**January 28-February 1:** International Sportsman's Exposition, San Mateo County Expo Center San Mateo.

**February 26-29:** International Sportsman's Exposition, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton.

\*\*\*General Club Information\*\*\*

**2003 Annual Dinner:** What a great end to a fine year of AFF activities. Our Annual Dinner at Teresa's on December 6<sup>th</sup> was a real winner. Good food, and a great raffle and silent auction. Our hats are off to the organizers who planned and setup the dinner and raffle, and to all the members who were so generous with their contribution of raffle and silent auction items.

Bruce and Sallye Rollans made all the dinner arrangements, setup and administered the silent auction, and provided the special "ladies raffle". Dennis Larson, put together and conducted the raffle, ably assisted by monthly raffle "Czar" Jerry Casessi. Congratulations on a job well done. Thanks to your efforts we enjoyed a very special evening. A special thanks to Randy Baxter for obtaining a computer projector for the AFF slide show. A big thank you also to those AFF members who were so generous with their raffle donations of very nice and valuable prizes. Joe and Barbara Bania donated a huge complement of prizes. In addition to the special raffle prize for the ladies, the Rollans donated a number of prizes to the regular raffle. Prizes were also donated by Ron Calvert and Dennis Larson. John Powers donated a hand carve wading staff to the silent auction. Thanks to you all.

Fly fishing commercial establishments that donated raffle prizes were: (alphabetically) American Fly Shop, The Fly Shop of Redding, Kiene's, The Reel Fly Shop, and the Teton Reel Company. We also received a raffle prize from the Cabbage Rose of Sutter Creek. AFF really appreciates the generosity of these establishments.

There were three changes in operation from previous years. One, we did not have speaker, opting to concentrate on a social evening. We did keep AFF fly fishing in the evening with a background slide show of the AFF year. Two, we used the money from the dinner ticket that used to go toward the speaker to purchase a door prize. This year the prize was a Fish Cat float tube. You could feel the anticipation and tension in the room when it came time to pull the winning ticket, and the buzz that occurred when the winner was from outside AFF. A non-fishing friend of the Rollans. The third change was the purchase, at reduced price by AFF, of three guided trips. These trips were not part of the regular raffle. Each trip had its own "can" into which tickets were placed and the winner drawn specifically for that prize. Again there was a lot of anticipation and excitement. The theory behind this suggestion by Dennis Larson is that we want our members to be more active fly fishers and this is a fun way to promote it. From the feedback that evening it was a success. We owe a special thanks to Andy Guibord of Kiene's Fly shop, Mike Weir, and The Fly Shop in Redding for the discounted trips. This extension of the raffle was very well received and added both suspense and a bit of raffle gamesmanship to the proceedings.

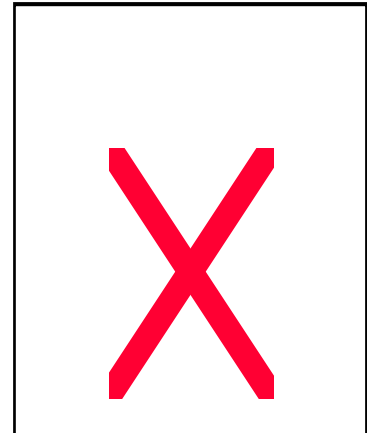
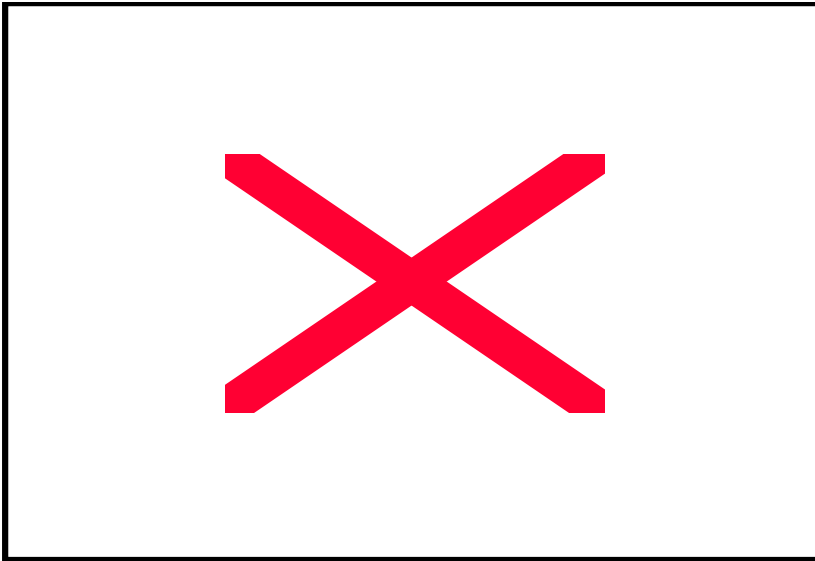
Gamesmanship also applied to the "big" item in the silent auction. Bruce and Sallye Rollans brought a very special item. Keith Koneko of *Adventurs on the Fly* donated an all day guided trip for two. That proved to be the contest of the evening, with continuous bidding right up to cut-off.

The evening was a lot of work for The Rollans, Dennis and those who helped them, but because of their effort 41 AFF members and guests had a great time.

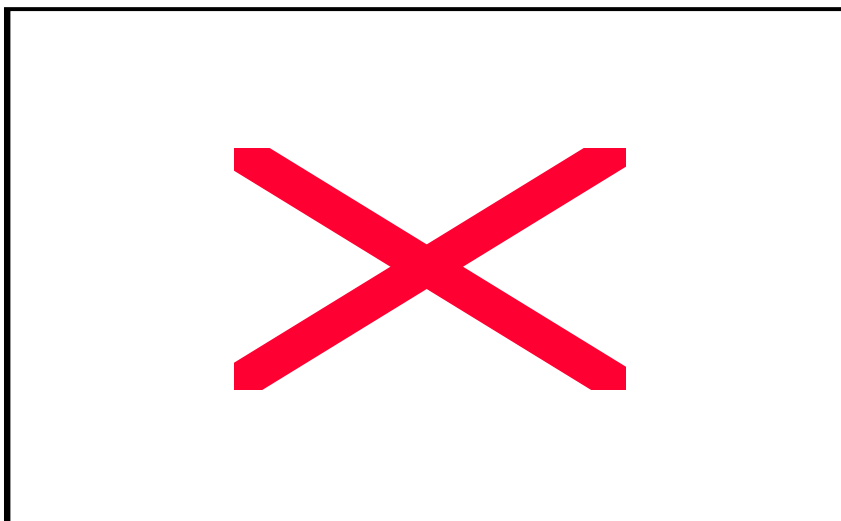
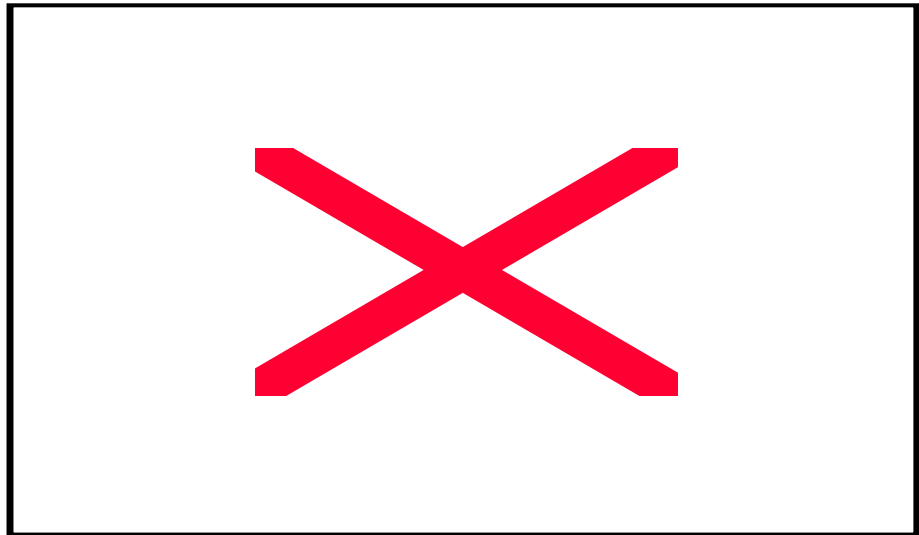
There was one disappointment. Two sons of Bill and Carol Bustillos are serving in Iraq, and Carol brought a CD she had received, put together by the Battalion of one of the sons. Because of my problems with the computer and projector the schedule for the AFF slide show moved right into the raffle and we didn't get the CD on the big screen. A few of us did

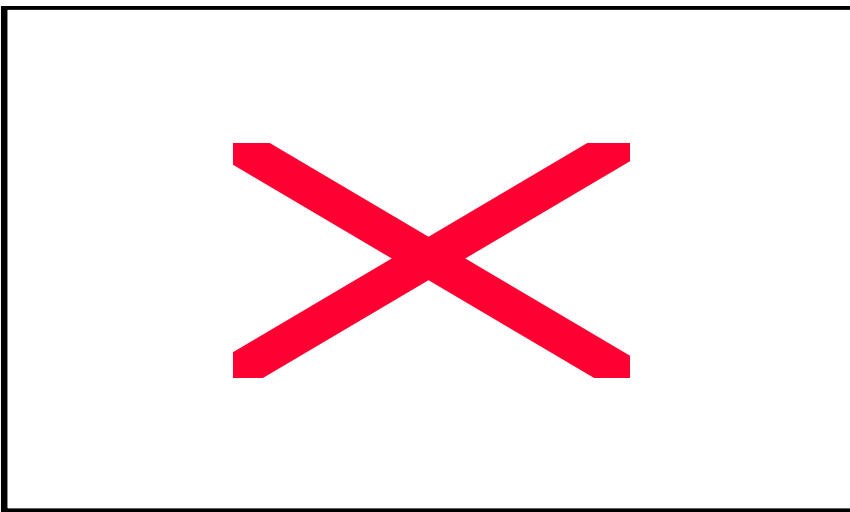
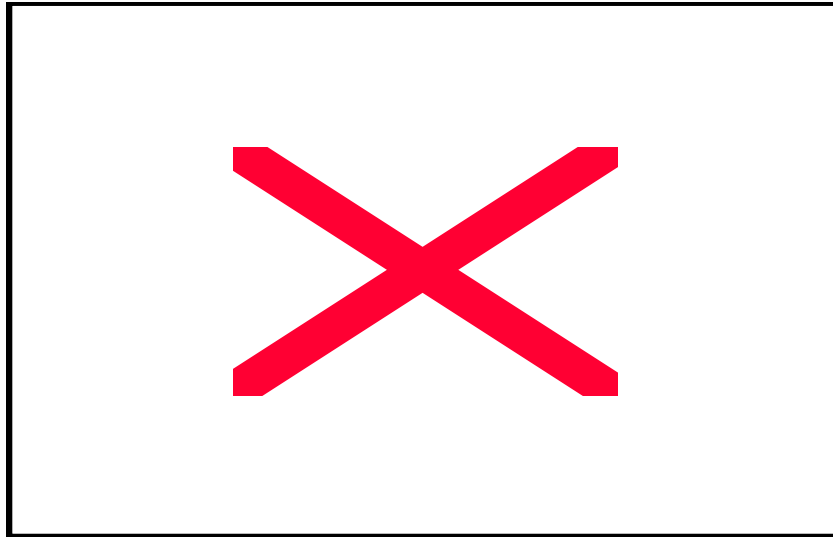
see portions on the laptop screen, but I am very sorry that we all didn't get the opportunity to see the pictures. I'm know we all hope and pray that these two young men return safely and unharmed from their tour of duty.

I had so much trouble with the slide show that I was a bit out of synch with my picture taking. I find I got a lot of the backs of heads. I'll do better next year.



Here fishie, fishie. Bill said he tried the Minnesota fish caller and it worked.





**\*\*\*MEETINGS\*\*\***

November Meeting:

The fly tying class tied the Clouser Minnow. Bill says you cast this fly with a softer cast with a more open loop. This fly works on both trout and small mouth bass.

Business meeting: Of course the topic of officers for 2004 came up. We will be dealing and hopefully resolving this issue when we “caucus” on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The November Treasurer’s report was included in the yearend report in the January meeting announcement I sent out.. The club has \$1982.32 in the bank at the start 2004.

Bruce reported that the school has requested a \$100 key deposit. He also reported that things were moving smoothly on the Annual Dinner. (Which as you know turned out great). He also reported that the “Fish in the Classroom” was up and running, and that AFF representatives and the teacher would be going to an orientation meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. To update, We just receive the following statement from Bruce regarding the status of this program.

.....Jerry Cassesi and I went back to school Saturday, January 10 along with Ione Elementary School Fourth grade teacher Carella Herberger. The class, sponsored, in part, by CDF, took place at the Nimbus Hatchery on the American River. Along with about 30 other teachers and fly fishing club members from Central California and the East bay, we learned about raising salmon and steelhead in aquariums from eggs to frye in preparation for release into the river.

The aquarium, funded by AFF, is ready. It just needs water then eggs. I have arranged to get steelhead eggs from the DFG Hatchery below Comanche in the next couple of weeks so the fish will be ready for students to release in early March before the Spring break.....

Sam Cooper, our youthful, Harley riding, octogenarian club historian, showed a collection of fly pattern of flies by famous fly tiers for the members to peruse. He also has fly tying videos members may borrow.

There were a number of fishing reports at the meeting:

Dennis Larson reported that a combination of sudden cold temperatures and very high alkalinity (9.6 fish die at 10) had really clobbered the fishing at Eagle Lake. He said, and I don't know if this was in jest, that there is talk of making the Eagle Lake trout an endangered species.

Glen Stiltz reported on a 23 day trip to Alaska in September and October. For some reason I didn't write down the details. Perhaps we can find out a bit more at the meeting. Sound like quite a trip.

Bill Bustillos reported on a nine day hunting trip to Idaho. We won't allow this report next year unless he wets a line. (just kidding)

The Rollan hit the Delta. Sallye caught more fish than Bruce. But that is usually the case.

Richard Hunt reported that the drought has really clobbered his "other home" area in Idaho. Last summer three rivers in the area were closed in July, August and September because of the water was low and hot.

Randy Baxter reported he spent two days on the Mad with some success on steel head and salmon. He also fished the Yuba up towards the dam. The salmon were thick. He estimated he lost at least 20 setups. There were also hatchery steelhead from the Feather in the Yuba.

Joe Bania went to Henderson Springs and did quite well. 24 inch brookies in Clear Lake and rainbows to 36 inches in Big Lake. He used 12 lb tippet and 7 and 8 wt rods. He also fished Heenan. Caught 6 or 7 fish to 29 inches fishing the back corner of the lake. He proposed a club trip to Heenan in 2004.

**Program:** This years AFF "Show and Tell" consisted of two very interesting and quite different photo presentations by Randy Baxter and Bruce Rollans. Randy had a power point presentation of his trip to the Golden Trout Wilderness area, in his quest of same, as part of the Heritage Trout Challenge. His pictorial travelogue took us out of Lone Pine to a trailhead at Horseshoe Meadows at 9950 feet. in the Inyo National Forest. From there it was up and over 11,000 foot Cottenwood Pass on a "24 mile circuit in four days to view a portion of the three streams that comprise the original habitat of the California Golden Trout." The 37 slides and narration gave us a captivating look at these fascinating fish in their beautiful mountain habitat, and the photographic evidence that Randy was successful in his quest.

If you are interested in doing the challenge Randy supplies the following information.

California Heritage Trout Challenge #1, Golden Trout

California is blessed with eleven native trouts, and many others that have been introduced to enhance our angling. These introduced trouts and a variety of other stressors threaten the viability of some of our natives through interbreeding and habitat destruction, respectively. Removing or reducing these threats, a goal of the California Department of Fish and Game, takes time, money and commitment, but before that can happen there has to be concern. In an effort to educate the angling public to the value of these native trouts and to begin enlisting our help to ensure their protection, the Department initiated the California Heritage Trout Challenge: catch and photograph 6 of California's 11 native trouts in their historic habitat, then submit pictures of each trout and application to receive a certificate recognizing the feat and bearing Joseph Tomelleri illustrations of the trouts caught.

More information on this and many other California Department of Fish and Game programs can be found on its web site (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>) or by visiting a Department office listed in the regulations. At the web site, select 'Freshwater Fishing' under 'Featured Links' and look for 'California Heritage Trout Challenge' mid-way down the center column.

This link provides much of what you need to know to get started, including an introduction to the 11 trouts and their historic habitats. Other nearby links present additional information on California trout, their habitats and efforts to protect both.

Once a decision has been made to stalk one or more trout, then investigation of their historic habitat is necessary to complete the preparation. In the case of golden trout, their historic habitat includes only their native habitat, the South Fork of the Kern River and several tributaries. Topographic maps of the Golden Trout Wilderness are available from REI and probably several other on-line outlets including the map vendor Tom Harrison (<http://www.tomharrisonmaps.com/>). Read the map, plot potential hikes, make a decision then contact Inyo National Forest about wilderness permits and regulations

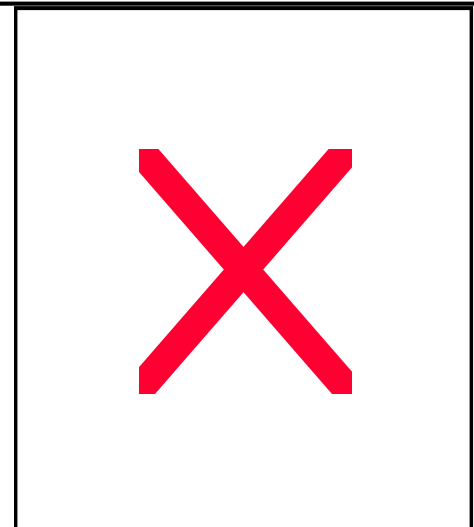
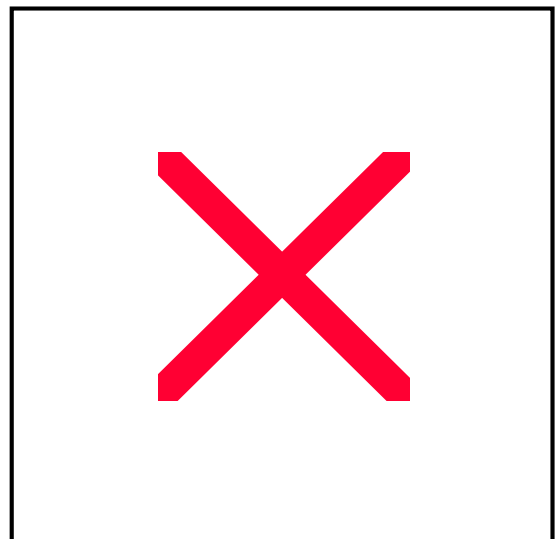
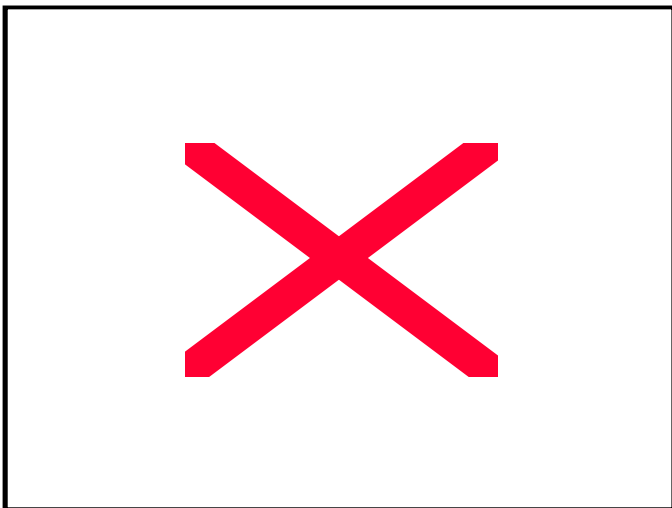
In his segment of the program Bruce took us on a potpourri of fascinating fishing trips that he and Sallye made this past year. His series of colorful slides were not restricted just to the fishing, but acquainted us with the locales as well. He transported us to Christmas Island and Hawaii (Diamond head) for bonefish. To the south fork of the Snake river in Idaho where they fished for five different species of fish at a single place on the river. To Baja for permit and marlin. To British Columbia for coastal cutthroats. To the Yuba for big rainbows and “half pounders”. Finally to New Orleans for Red fish and Black Drum. ( The Rollans really do get around.)

Thanks guys, it was an armchair traveler’s (fly fisherman’s?) delight. The pictures and narratives were absolutely great.

**Question Session:** none this month

**Special Fishing Reports:**

November 7-10, four AFFers, Ron Calvert, Dennis Larson, Don Mittelstaedt and your editor, (see right) braved the wind, rain, snow, cold and a bit of nice weather to make the annual club sojourn to Eagle Lake. We have to admit to one day as you can see from the picture of Don on Monday afternoon. The next morning in exactly the same place you couldn’t see 10 feet because of the fog over the water.



More typical of the weather was the picture at the right taken as we setup to fish on Sunday morning.

Since Dennis, Ron, and accompanied this time by Rich Owings, went back in to Eagle Lake in December, the weekend after the AFF dinner, I will summarize this visit. We had a great place to stay, enjoyed Monday

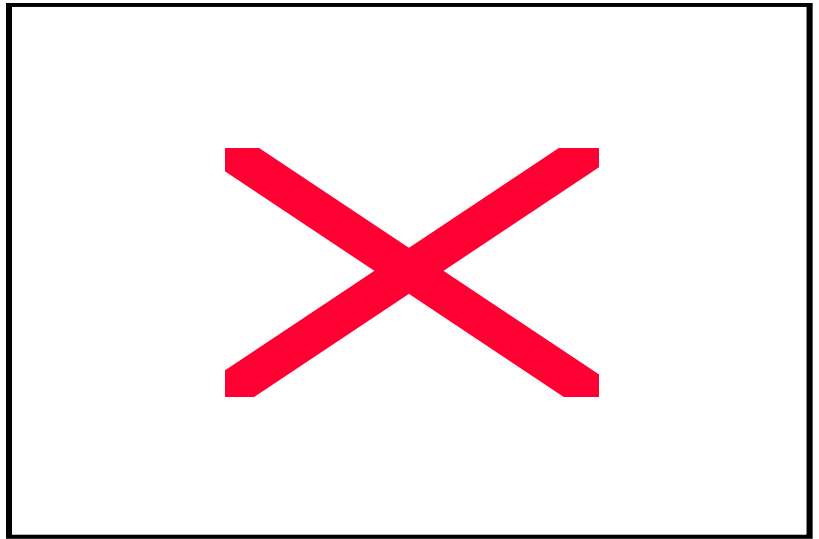
night football on big screen satellite TV, and caught very few fish. We fished for two complete days and parts of two others and things were very quiet. Maybe this is why Dennis and Ron braved the elements to go back.

### Return to Eagle

Rick Owings, Ron Calvert and I set out from Ron's house on Friday, midnite. Destination Eagle Lake via Interstate 80 over Donner Summit. Arrived at boat ramp in Spaulding about 7:30 am and were in the water by 8:30 am. Even though I have 4 wheel drive, since I was pulling the trailer we had to chain up for about the last 15 miles. About 200 yards out from the boat ramp the boat sputtered to a stop. Ron rowed us back to shore (now you know why I go with younger guys!) With no available marine repair store we went to plan B. We had planned on taking the boat around Pelican Point and south down to Shrimp Island. Reports were that fish were being caught in this location. We ended up walking to Pelican, fished there for a while without any hookups and proceeded to walk to Shrimp Island. A round trip of from 4-5 miles. The day was cold and windy. Temperature of 42 and gusts of wind up to 30 mph. Probably a wind chill factor of about 20 degrees.

Somebody up above was watching over us! While sitting in a rock duck blind on Shrimp Island and those gusts of up to 30 mph, we watched a boat, similar to mine almost get sunk as it tried to negotiate 4-5 foot waves as it was heading south toward the Gallatin Beach boat launch. They did make it, but better them out there than us! We did manage to get hook ups on the way back on the south side of Pelican Island. Rich O landed two fish and I lost my only hookup.

On Sunday we awoke to a power outage and the ground covered with 4-5 inches of snow. See picture at right. This really limited our fishing prospects. No boat available, any off pavement roads, even with 4 wheel. Couldn't walk back to Pelican Island. We drove down to Gallatin Beach to fish near the Ronald McDonald Summer Camp. Have you seen those TV ads where a 4 wheel drive SUV busts through the fresh powdered snow? Well, that's what we did. As we turned left out of Spaulding onto County Road 1A, we found the road had not been plowed. Both Ron and Rich were a little hesitant, but, the "Energizer Bunny" put the wading boot to the pedal and off we went. Just a georgous day, snow so white and clean, a clear blue sky and no, mind you, NO wind.



Count for the day: Rich five trout and another two broke him off. Ron landed one fish and I landed two and had another three on but they never got to the net. We had such a good time on Sunday that we didn't quit fishing until nearly 2 pm and didn't get started for home until 4 pm.

For those that are interested in the finer points: Rich used a floating line with a sink tip got from Air Flo at the Double Haul In the Fall. He used a short leader and caught the fish on a bead head leech pattern designed by Ron Calvert. Both Ron and I used intermediate lines and I caught my fish with the Jay Fair Wiggle Wooly Buggers that I won at the Annual AFF Dinner. Flies that were donated and I think tied by Sallye Rollans. Rich and I agreed that the fish were actually taking the flies after the stripe when the fly kind of sat. The grab was on the start of a new strip. He actually had with a problem of with the slack that was being created by the pause before the grab. It seems the fish were taking the fly as it started to rise to the surface.

Bruce sent me this report last September but there wasn't space in the newsletter. The pictures from this trip in Bruce's slide show were terrific.

BC R&R  
Bruce Rollans

Sallye and I made this trip to central British Columbia for the first time in 1998. Rainbow Lodge at Nimpo Lake. That was such an enjoyable fishery and relaxing vacation we agreed another trip was in order, but could not fit it into our schedule until a trip to Cancun was canceled this past August.

Richard and Coleen Haavik run a small, comfortable lodge on the North end of Nimpo Lake, a few miles south of Anahiem Lake, 300 air miles from Vancouver. Richard handles the fishing agenda while Coleen reigns in the kitchen. If you are not careful, this can easily be a 6 lb. Trip.

The first 3 days, Sallye and I had the lodge pretty much to ourselves. We trolled Nimpo Lake with flies and landed several 2 lb. Char. The next two days Richard guided us on various sections of the upper Dean, using 5 wt. Rods and WFF lines, we caught in excess of 20 fish each. Brilliant Rainbows and Coastal Cutthroat/Rainbow hybrids. These are not large fish—13 to 17 inches, yet they give you a workout. We used #14 sofa pillows for dries and #10 dark green/black streamers for wet flies. Both flies were readily torn apart by these aggressive fish.

The other two days involved fly-outs from the resort on DeHavaline Beavers into remote Provincial Parks. Our pilots claimed we were the only people in the parks for those two days. We caught more Rainbows and west slope Cutthroats. Never saw a bear, but were told they were around. Did see one large herd of mountain goats. The 3 billies were resting about ¼ mile from the 24 nannies and kids.

This is a great trip if you can tolerate a lot of wild fish, great views, excellent food and service, and quiet afternoons disturbed only by the sounds of Loons calling on Nimpo Lake. *I think we can assume he likes this place....ed*

**Board Meeting:** No Board meeting in December.

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