



The New Zealand Mud Snail



**Lower Sac. Fishing is good.** Slightly off color water is good and bad. The trout are less spooky, but the hatches of caddis and mayflies are more sporadic. Fish along the edges where water is clearer. Drifting a rubberleg stone with a bigger beadhead nymph or micro spawn egg will be more visible to rainbows looking for a meal.

**Truckee River Fishing is fair.** Best fishing is from 11am to 4pm when the water is warmest. On overcast days, look for hatches of midges and BWO mayflies and fish actively feeding for a couple hours. On sunny days, hatches are better and fish are feeding longer during the day.

**American River** Flows are steady at 2020 cfs. Half pounders are spread out. Reports are coming in from Watt Ave, Goethe Park and up to Sailor Bar. Some stripers are starting to show in lower sections of the river. tripping chartreuse and white clouser's and whistlers are catching a few fish

**\*\*ALERT!!!! -- NEW ZEALAND MUD SNAILS have been confirmed in California Rivers.** The snails are very tiny and highly reproductive. The problem is created by their high numbers - billions of them - soon they cover every stone, log or other object in the water. In the process they will consume all the algae that other, more desirable trout stream invertebrates need to survive, including Mayflies, Stone flies and Caddis flies which are vital parts of the food chain. A collapse of the food chain may result in a collapse of the fishery, plus the birds and otters that depend on the fish for food.

What can we do?

**Be sure to wash/bleach your wading boots and gear before heading out to another river.** Actually, a study was completed and here's what they found. Mix equal parts Formula 409 Disinfectant and water then soak gear for 5 minutes. If this method is not possible, spray gear with the same mixture from a squirt bottle and keep wet for 5 minutes. This has shown to kill 100% of the mud snails with minimal damage to gear. Pay particular attention to the inside of boots, under laces and inside tongue gussets! Let's help to stop the infestation whenever and wherever we can!! Educate yourself and take responsibility, assume there are snails everywhere. The future of our waters is in **OUR** hands! Let's do something about it!

## Kiene's Expo This Saturday April 18th from 9-5.

Thus far I have but one volunteer to help me out at our booth. This is a fun event and one we have participated in for many years. If you have some time to spare please come on down to Kiene's Fly Shop and lend a hand. We meet fun people and there are lots of things from the world of fly fishing to see. Maybe you might like to be in the women's casting contest. Our club has won it for the last 5 years. Thus far no one has come forward willing to be our next casting super star. You usually win a nice new fly rod.

## Presidents Thoughts.....

We will not have a meeting this month. I have something I must do this coming Tuesday evening. I am thinking we now need to do some casting lessons and get on the water to get ready for the new fly fishing season.

I am reaching out to one and all. I am seeing a real decline in members participating in events. Not many have paid their dues. Meeting numbers are down, fishing participants are down. No one is acting as though they want to do much with the club. This could be due to the sluggish economy, lack of interest or whatever. All I know is I have worked hard for 10 years now trying to keep this a small but active tight knit group. At this junction I am not so sure we are living up to our expectations.

Please help me out here. Let me know what you want from the club. I would be glad to have guest speakers, but if we don't have a decent amount of members come to the event the speaker might not think much of our organization.

I need your HELP!

*Nancy Siegler*



## Fly Fishing

Three members decided to float the Lower Sacramento River a couple of weeks ago. Beautiful day but very clouding and almost zero visibility in the water. This made for tough fishing. Only one fish caught.



## Indian Creek Reservoir: A Puddle Full Of Trout

It's not an especially pretty lake, and we like it that way. Shallow, muddy and weedy, it sits in a windswept bowl surrounded by dry, scrub-pine hills at an altitude of 5,600 feet off Airport Road, outside Markleeville in Alpine County. It's not a lake for water-skiing, or even swimming. It gets downright stinky in summer when the algae blooms, and if you are brave enough to wade in barefoot and let the mud squish between your toes, it's hard not to think about the fact that this lake was once used as a holding pond for partially-treated sewage effluent from South Lake Tahoe. That's right, poop. So why would anyone come here at all, down a rutted dirt road to a lake with no store, no services, no sandy beaches? Because Indian Creek Reservoir is an ugly little puddle loaded with big, beautiful trout.

**Fly Fishing:** Fly fishing can be very productive here. You can heave-it-and-leave-it, with a floating line, foam strike indicator, and midge larvae or any small attractor nymph, or you can throw woolly buggers on a full sink line. One technique popular on trout waters in Britain also works very well in Indian Creek and other weedy lakes. A very short leader (three feet or so) is attached to a full sink line, and a special floating fly is used, so that it rides up on the leader, just above the weeds, much like an inflated nightcrawler or a gob of floating Powerbait. I tie a woolly bugger with a closed-cell foam head for this purpose- it's not available in stores, but if you email me and offer me a ridiculous amount of money, I'll tie some up for you.

With the number of trout stocked here, there's enough for everyone, and this is one of the few places where bait-dunkers and dry-fly men coexist peacefully. The time to hit the lake with either method is now, before weeds and algae take over for the summer. The fish will still be here then, but they'll be hiding in the green goop, laughing at your slime-covered offerings.



**CLUB DUES**  
**Are Due Now!**  
\$25- single membership  
\$35- Family membership

### NEXT CLUB MEETING NO MEETING FOR APRIL



We meet at the Samurai Sushi House off Hazel and Folsom Blvd. We will meet in the private room in the back of the restaurant.

# 2009 Club Fish Outs and Activities



**February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Lake New Melones or Rancho Seco, **rained out**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** Monthly Club Meeting

**March 22** – changed to tubing Rancho Seco 10:00

**March 28** – Tubing Jenkinson lake Pollock Pines 9:30 at Chimney Stack.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - **Kiene's fly Shop Expo** Need Help!

**May 16** Indian Creek Reservoir ..... Shad date to come

**June 19,20,21** Lake Davis camping-Fly Fishing trip sign up now

**July**

**August**

**September**

**October 4,5,6,7** Trout Camp Fly Fishing for Golden, Rainbow & Brown Trout

**October** Henderson Springs

**November**



## **Join Our Call Out Fly Fishing List**

Our call out list is this, if someone is going fishing they can look at the list and call someone to go with them. This is a great way to not fish alone and get to possibly fish areas you have not fished before. So join our club and get fishing!

**~Remember, Fly Tying Wed. nights in Cameron Park~**