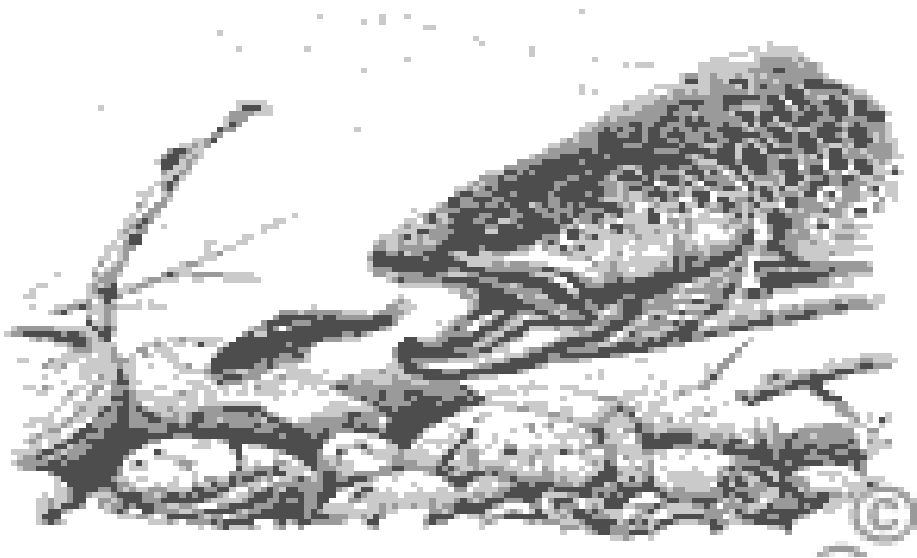


## December MEETING

The January meeting was well attended by about 15 members. The raffle made a couple of \$\$ for the club kitty as well as handing out over \$100 in prizes. Everyone was also eager to make sure their name got entered in the drawing for the float trip.

The presentation by Bjorn Strombness on his trip to the Bahamas Bonefishing was an excellent primer on the this destination fishery. Bjorn packed a lot information and tips into his slide show, both about bonefishing in the Bahamas and in Hawaii.



## 2009 in focus (Reprinted from January, just in case you missed last month)

**THE LEADERSHIP** (that's the guys that run the club) met last week to work up the plans for 2009. After reviewing 2008, and chewing through dinner, the following plan was belched out.

- Dave Angelo's plan for fish outs looks similar to last year, operating under the theory " Building on sucess" 2008's fish outs were all successes. Dave really knows what it takes to make this part of the program work, that's evident from the feedback. If you can only make one or two trips, I'd go for Morningstar and Indian Creek. Indian Creek Reservoir is scheduled for September and will also be the club weekend campout trip. A club barbeque is planned for the end of May at Fannon lake.
- Raffle prizes will be given out at every meeting.
- Two Two person guided trips will be given away this

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## THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Meetings for 2009 are being held at "OFF THE HOOK" fly shop on upper Broadway in Placerville.

**FLY TYING demo starts about 6:30.** This is a new feature that will present a guest tyer giving demonstrations on tying. It may be a standard, it may be something new.

**Raffle** - Tickets are a \$1 apiece. At least two prizes will be drawn at each meeting.

**Meeting starts at 7:00.** First, we'll have the fishing reports, followed by a brief discussion of some upcoming Club business . Then we hear from **California's Top Game Warden Nancy Foley** . You will be amazed at some the enforcement issues she and her game wardens tackle every day. The poaching stories rarely make headlines and you will get to hear them firsthand. Nancy will also bring us up to date on current issues facing the protection of California's fish & wildlife.

**Raffle Drawings and Float Trip Tickets** trip will wrap up the meeting.

See ya there

Look on the bright side, it's not that you can't catch fish, it's that you have a reason to buy a new piece of fishing equipment



## Remember, in the fly shop you are the fish

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year, one in the late spring and one in the fall. Every time you attend a meeting, fish out or other club event, you get a ticket in the drawing for the trips. You must be a club member to be eligible. Each trip is valued at about \$350. Alternates will also be drawn.

- More guest speakers are scheduled for 2009 meetings. There will also be a casting clinic and an "on stream" club meeting with the emphasis on entomology (bugs).
- April will be membership month and dues for the year are due. (due due due ba de due... I TOLD you I often drink when I write)
- The club web site will get more postings and the members section will have a better fishing blog, working to make it the place to go for news on local fishing.

So 2009 will be building on the successes of 2008.

Contact the leadership thru the website, or at one of the meetings to find out how you can help make Hangtown Fly Fishers a better club.

### 2009 Club Outings Schedule

January—24th, Rancho Seco

February—21st, Rancho Seco

March—20—22nd, Pyramid lake

April—17-19th, Pyramid Lake

May—15-17th, Morningstar

June—19/20, Lake Davis

July—18, Silver lake or ??

August—22nd, Silver or other

September—18-20th, Indian Creek Reservoir

October—16-18th, Eagle L or Davis L

November—21st, Delta for Stripers

Note - Cabin is reserved for Pyramid, this date will not change. Club campout will be planned for the September fish out.

A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday.

She doesn't know which one to get, so she grabs one and goes over to the counter. A Cabela's associate is standing there wearing dark shades.

She says, " Excuse me sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel ?

He says, " Ma'm I am completely blind, but if you drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes. "

She doesn't believe him, but drops it on the counter anyway.

He says, " That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 Reel and 10-lb. test line. It's a good all around combination and it's on sale this week for only \$ 20.00.

She says, " It's amazing you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter.

I'll take it !

As she opens her purse her credit card drops on the floor. " Oh that sounds like a Master Card ", he says.

She bends down to pick up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was she who tooted. Being blind he wouldn't know that she was the only person around.

The man rings up the sale and says, " That will be \$ 34.50 please ".

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, " Didn't you just tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00 ? How did you get \$ 34.50 ? "

He replies, " Yes Ma'am, the rod and reel is \$ 20.00, but the duck call is \$ 11.00 and the catfish bait is \$ 3.50. "

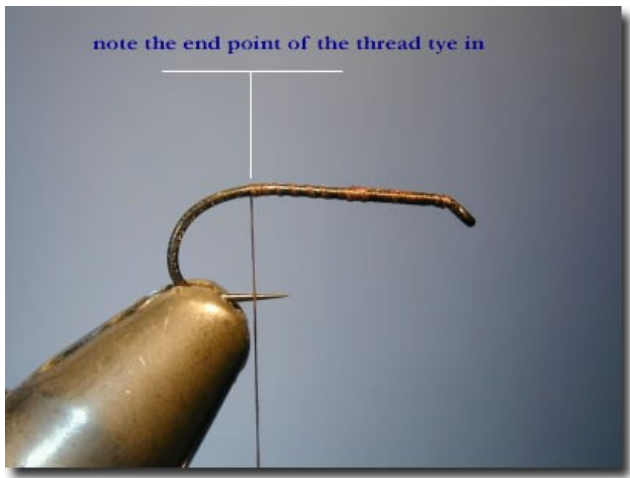


Hatches always happen in the past tense

# The Tying Bench

## The Pheasant Tail Nymph

1. If you want to add lead, do so and secure the lead under thread; if not, start the thread two-thirds up the shank, Tie in copper wire at the bend to ue a a rib.



2. Tie in a tail of pheasant tail fibers. Ecure and return thread to tail



3. Tie in a second bundle of fibers and wrap forward for the body. Do not trim. Because pheasant tail is fragile, wind the rib in reverse. That is opposite to the direction the body is wrapped. Tie off the rib at the front of the body.



4. Tie in 2 or 3 strands of peacock herl. Wrap forward to form the thorax. Stop the thorax at least one eye length behind the eye to avoid crowding the eye. Don't use more than a few wraps. Pull the pheasant tail over the peacock to form the wingcase. Trim off. Be careful not to crowd the eye of the hook

5. Finally, add 3 strands of pheasant tail to each side for legs, secure and whip finish

This fly, weighted and unweighted, in sizes 10-16, should be in your fly box. This is an all purpose nymph that will work almost all the time to imitate some nymph present in almost any stream.  
Fish this with an indicator all by itself. In the smaller sizes, it works well in the hopper dropper rig.



# This, That & the Other Thing

## SHOWTIME

Well, We are down to one show, but maybe the best. If you have not attended the Fly Fishing Show, and especially if you are new to the sport, you should make every effort to spend a day at this show.

February 27 - March 1st - The FLY SHOW in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds

Link: <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Pleasanton.html>

Off the Hook at 626.5041 has the sign up lists for all shows. Call or stop by and you can find a ride or some riders to share the cost. These are great places to soak up fly fishing. Good presentations and classes by nationally recognized experts, demonstrations and hands on experiences, AND tons of stuff to just look at, not to mention great buys and stealin deals. It's a lot of fun to go with some other club members.

Follow the links to the web sites, look at the schedules, pick a day you that works and then get on the list. Drivers will be looking for riders to share the cost of gas and parking. Then try and decide what you want to see, what seminars and classes to take, and all that fun stuff.

**Editor's Notes** - One of the best things about a Fly Club is hearing from other members. So let them hear from you. If you have a fly fishing, fly tying or other fly (housefly excluded) experience, consider putting it together in an article and submitting it to this august publication. Granted I don't think Hemingway or Steinbeck started this way, but on the other hand, they started somewhere, didn't they.....

I try to get the newsletter out the weekend before the club meeting, which is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Based on that, I would need the article from you, with pictures, if you have them, by the 2nd Thursday of the month,. More or less by the 10th would just about do it. Just text in a Word doc., any version. Title and author at the top, just like in grammar school. If you have pictures, just let me know the format.

Attach your article to an e-mail and send it to [Weiland@hughes.net](mailto:Weiland@hughes.net) and you could be on your way to that Pulitzer.

## Club Stuff

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Articles for the newsletter should be submitted to [Weiland@hughes.net](mailto:Weiland@hughes.net) and labeled so I know what it is. Pictures should be in GIF or JPEG format, but if you don't have that, send it anyway, and I'll make Tony and Jeff, the tech guys, earn their salary.

Never let an outboard motor know you are in a hurry