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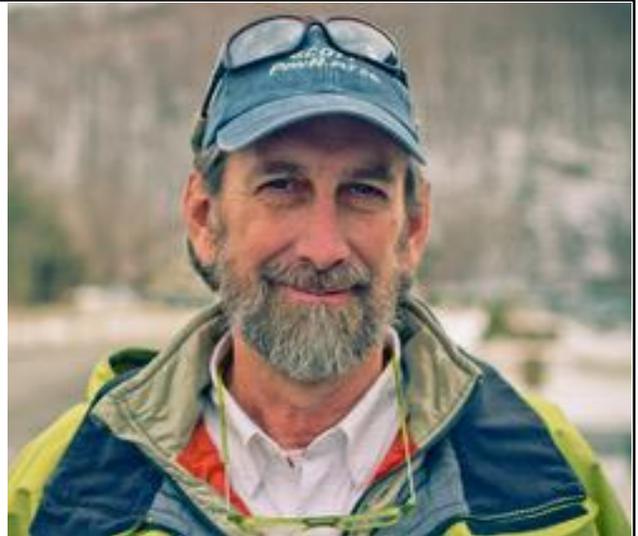
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Our speaker for the March 29th meeting will be Dusty Wissmath, a well-known guide, author, fishing/casting instructor, fly designer, and speaker. Dusty will speak about fly fishing in the Yellowstone region, where he regularly guides and teaches.

Dusty began fly fishing when he was eight years old. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the International Federation of Fly Fishers as well as an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor. Dusty is also a Simms Guide / Ambassador and a member of Scott Fly Rods, Hatch Reels, ARC Fishing, and Hyde Drift Boat Pro Staffs.



In 1973 he began instructing and guiding in Wyoming while working on a degree in Wildlife Biology at the University of Wyoming. After graduate school, Dusty lived in Jackson, Wyoming, tying flies commercially and guiding on the Snake, Firehole, Madison, and Yellowstone Rivers. Dusty has served as the lead instructor at the L.L. Bean Fly Fishing School in Virginia and still teaches at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing. Dusty writes about fly fishing and is a photographer for a number of fly fishing and outdoors publications.

“Dusty is one of the best casting/fly fishing instructors I know. You learn a lot while having a great deal of fun. I can guarantee he will make you a better fly fisherman.” - Lefty Kreh.

Please join us for this great presentation.

PRSC member Mark Myers with a brown trout caught while fishing with Dusty Wissmath in Montana in 2014.



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Upcoming Events

Join us Wednesday, April 26th, for our monthly meeting. Jeff Greene owner/operator of Shallow Water Fishing Adventures will discuss fishing the Upper Potomac river. 7:30-9:00 PM at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101.

South River Fly Fishing Expo, April 22-23, 2017. The Expo will be held in Constitution Park on the banks of the South River in Waynesboro, VA. Info is available here: <https://www.facebook.com/southernriverflyfishingexpo/>

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April Club Float Trip on the Cacapon River

Club Librarian Aaron Otte will lead our first float trip of the season on the Cacapon River in West Virginia on **Sunday, April 9th.**

The Float: Either nine or 12 miles, depending on the put-in at Capon Bridge, WV. The takeout point is at the Hwy 127 bridge. Please note that a West Virginia fishing license is required for this trip.

Meetup Time and Location: Sunday, April 9th, 7:00 AM, at the Courtyard by Marriott - Winchester Medical Center (about 20 minutes from the put-in). For those who would prefer not to make a long drive that morning, Aaron is planning to stay at the Courtyard on Saturday (rooms run around about \$115) and invites folks to join him for dinner, trip planning, and fish tales that evening.

Trip Leader: Aaron Otte - contact at 703-796-6060 or aaronreston@comcast.net.

More trip details from Aaron: The Cacapon River here is a fairly fast, small to medium river. There are three big ledges and a few rapids that can range from Class 1 to Class 2 depending on water levels. This river has many rocky shallow stretches which can be navigated at 2.4 feet at the Great Cacapon gauge, and the river is at its sweetest around 2.9 to 3.5 feet. Be prepared to portage the ledges with very short but rocky trails. There are many deep pools for smallmouth. The river is what I would call "HIGHLY scenic" with spruce covered hillsides closing in around the river on both sides. I've got one blue canoe with an empty seat - 16 footer.



Upcoming Events

Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival, April 8-9, 2017. The festival is in a new, expanded location this year at the Meadow Events Center, 13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047. Hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. More info is available here: <http://www.vafllyfishingfestival.com/>



Welcome!

The Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival is the largest event of its kind in the country and attracts fly anglers from across the United States and the Mid-Atlantic in particular. Nowhere else can anglers learn about the quiet sport in such a beginner-friendly environment.

Our unique event combines fine wine tasting, microbrewery beer, live music, and everything you ever wanted to know about fly fishing but were afraid to ask.

The mission of the Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival is to introduce as many people to the sport of fly fishing as possible, especially young families with children.

We do this believing that people, who are connected to the outdoors in their recreational activities, are more inclined to protect the natural resources they enjoy.

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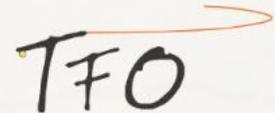
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The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

By Jamie Gold

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, I believe in sharing the truth of my fishing adventures . . . all of it, the good, the bad, and the ugly. In other words, bad things really do happen in threes. So grab your favorite (adult) beverage, and get ready to read about what turned out to be quite the (mis-)adventure.

The Good – Fellow PRSC members Rick Mrstik, Herschel Finch, and I decided to take advantage of the freakishly warm weather on Saturday, March 25, 2017 to go smallmouth fishing on the Shenandoah River. It seemed like a good idea at the time. We met at the boat ramp on the South Fork in Bentonville to decide which stretch to do. After a knock-down drag out verbal fight that consisted of “Which float do you want to do? I dunno, which float do you want to do?” at 8:00 am with all of us suffering from a lack of both sleep and caffeine, we decided to do Burner’s Bottom to Bentonville. So Herschel called up his buddies at the Front Royal Canoe Company, which had opened for the season the week before. Given that the water temps were in the low 50’s, they weren’t inundated yet with tubers or other boaters . . . so they graciously agreed to help us out. We drove down to their place, loaded our boats and gear on to their canoe hauler, followed back up to Bentonville to drop off our vehicles, and then rode up to the put in. After the usual hauling, sweating, swearing, sore shoulders, etc. we had carried our boats and gear down a long rocky, rutted path (seemingly purposely designed to trip fishermen hauling heavy boats and gear) to the water and were ready to put in. After gasping for air for 5 minutes and promising myself to get more exercise, I and the others launched.



I like this stretch a lot, but you need to hit it late in the season or early in the season, before or after the main rental time, to be able to really fish it. You see, there are at least two livery companies that run shuttles along this stretch during the summer, so it gets swamped with boaters. Don’t get me wrong, as a fly fisherman I like the bikini hatch as well as the next guy, but wave after wave of tubers and other drunken revelers on the river makes for darn poor fishing. Herschel had not done this float in several years, and Rick had never fished it, so they were game for it as well. However, I’m not sure any of us are going to be back any time soon. The floating part of the trip was great. The company was great . . . at least two of us anyway. (In the immortal words of Meatloaf – two out of three ain’t bad). But the clown in the canoe turned out to be a pain in the a\$\$\$. (Author’s note – that clown was me). The river was low, but floatable, the weather was spectacular with warm temperatures and overcast skies, and the water was very clear. It should have provided some good fishing.

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The Bad – The fishing was really slow. Given the time of year and the water temps, I knew it would be slow, and that we'd have to fish slowly with suspending jerk baits. So I had a few of those tied on, along with a spinnerbait to cover lots of water. So going in, I didn't expect a lot of fish, but was hoping for a few big ones to start the season. The real expert smallmouth fishermen (meaning the folks who really know what they are doing . . . i.e. not me) like to get out early in the season to chase the big fish because they are more catchable during the day at this time of year. But this day the fishing was nearly comatose, or at least had a serious case of the Mondays. The fish had all the enthusiasm of an office drone going back to his desk on Monday morning after a weekend long bender of bad booze and questionable women. I caught and landed one fish on a silver and black X-Rap suspending jerk bait, and got one bite on a white Salty Sinking Shad. He was a whopping 13" fish, but apparently had been feeding pretty well as evidenced by a belly that a middle-aged couch potato with a steady diet of potato



chips, Twinkies, and Coke would have been proud of. Herschel landed a very nice 16" smallie on a spinnerbait off of wood on river left. Rick . . . well he had an enjoyable float and provided good conversation during the day . . . and we'll leave it at that. We didn't even see that many fish . . . a few lone predator smallmouth, some carp in the slower, deeper water, and a smattering of catfish hanging out on the bottom. I expected to see some smallies in or around the deeper holes as they transition out of their winter hangouts and spread out, but saw very few.

And just to show that the river was slow and that we really aren't that bad at fishing, at the take out we ran into a local fishing guide. The day was tough for him as well, and he caught only one fish.

The Ugly – This trip was pretty much a total disaster for me. It started Friday night as I was preparing for the trip. I have a pickup truck with a bed cap on it, in which I keep a chaotic assortment of my fishing gear that's about as organized as a trailer park after a tornado has blown through. While working to loosen my wading staff from being trapped beneath a pile of stuff, the tip suddenly worked loose and smashed right into a side window on my cap. There is nothing quite like the sound of glass shattering into a million pieces and tinkling down to let you know that you've screwed up. Oh, this is going to hurt the bank account. So much for the new fishing gear I had been eyeing. After an hour or

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By Jamie Gold

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so of fun with the wet vac hoovering up broken glass while trying not to cut myself, and keeping my swearing to a minimum because of children out playing in the neighborhood, I got back to the preparation, this time trying to be more careful. Bad thing number one of three.

After an uneventful float in the morning, we pulled over for some lunch. This trip was the maiden voyage of my new high-end (meaning overpriced) cooler that promises to keep ice frozen until the second coming. That at least worked, because the ice was solid, the food and the drinks were cold, and I could sit my lazy butt on it while eating lunch. Later in the afternoon we came to the one serious rapid on this part of the river. Bruce Ingram's book on the 'Doah says it's a 2 foot drop, and it seemed bigger today in the low water conditions. It is located about one mile downriver of Overall Eddy. I got to it first, and after scouting out what looked to be a good patch, I started down. Well . . . I got caught by a side current and then my back end



caught on a rock . . . and over I went, right into that 55 degree water. Let me tell you, plunging your entire body into water that cold is quite the experience . . . and rather unpleasant. I'm kind of surprised that the initial shock didn't give me a heart attack or anything. After tweaking my shoulder and banging my leg on a rock, I was standing in the middle of the river holding on to my water-logged canoe trying to figure out which shore to wade towards. Meanwhile a sizable portion of my gear was floating down the river, an

oblation to the river gods . . . or perhaps the patron saint of damn fool fishermen (like me) who should have been more careful. Fortunately I did not lose any fishing rods or paddles or the new cooler, and the dry bag worked. But let's just say I'll be visiting the new fishing Cabela's in Gainesville to replenish my stock of lures.

This was not an ideal situation, to say the least. River left featured a steep bank and the current looked fast on that side. River right provided a good landing area, but I had to get through a patch of swift

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current without losing my boat. Did I mention how cold that water was?!?!?!? As I started to work my way towards river right, both Herschel and Rick paddled down and helped me out. After much struggle, and more swearing, we dragged the boat to shore, got the water out of the boat, and got the gear back in. We then waited a while for me to get my wits about me and my clothes to dry out. Fortunately I was wearing clothing made from artificial fibers, so with the warm temps and gentle breeze they dried out very quickly.

The lessons my dear reader, are multiple. This time of year, float with people. If I had been by myself, I would have been in a lot of trouble. Safety first on the water. Wear your PFD. I had mine on and it made righting myself in the water much easier. Less hubris and more wisdom on the water. I was much too cavalier in going through the rapid. Bad thing number two of three.

At the end of the float you go underneath a bridge and use a rough boat ramp/landing on river left. At this point I was standing in my canoe using a paddle board paddle so that I could stretch my leg. You see, by now my left leg was quite sore from banging it on the rocks when I tipped over. Standing up made it feel better. Unfortunately I was tired and not paying as much attention to the shore as I should have. I hit the shore, came to an abrupt stop, and fell down in the boat. I used the paddle to brace myself on the gunnels, unfortunately one rod was in the way and . . . snap, broken rod. Ouch . . . another blow to the bank account. I also landed on my left knee, the one that I had hurt earlier in the day. What had been sore since the dumping earlier now became downright painful. Sigh . . . can I just go home now? Bad thing three of three.

There is one other, very distressing item that I need to mention from this float. We saw lots of nasty algae in the water. A lot of rocks were covered with it, and clumps of it were floating down the river. Given how early it is in the season, all of us were quite surprised and upset to see this. I hope this does not portend bad algae conditions for the 'Doah for the rest of the year.



Speakers Share Fishing Tips . . .

Montana, Idaho, Wyoming By Bill Amshey

The following is Part 2 in a six-part series of articles on smallmouth bass fishing out West. At our April 2002 meeting, outdoor writer Charlie Most spoke to the Club under the title, "Vacation Out West Bass Fishing," which sparked my curiosity of smallie fishing possibilities west of the Mississippi.

Montana

The Montana Department of Fish & Wildlife reports that smallmouth bass were first transplanted to Horseshoe Lake near Bigfork in 1914 and are still being introduced in selected locations. Smallmouth, primarily a stream fish, are also doing well in reservoirs like Fort Peck and Tongue River where specimens over 5 pounds have been taken. The Montana state record smallie weighed in at 6 lbs 11 oz.



Idaho

In October 2015 www.scout.com -- Everything Smallmouth published an article titled: "Go After Idaho Smallmouth Bass on the Snake River."

The article reads in part: "You guys living in the states of Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, and Washington have one of the premier smallmouth fisheries in America.

"While many locals fishing this beautiful river tend to focus their fishing on salmon, steelheads, and trout, you're crazy if you're not fishing for smallies. They are plentiful, and due to lack of fishing pressure on this species many trophy size smallmouths are just waiting for your bait to come their way. And we are not talking about a dozen or two fish each day. The Idaho smallmouth bass found on the stretch of this river flowing through Idaho is full of one to four pound smallmouths. It is not unusual to have a day where 100 or more smallmouths are caught by one fisherman. Talk about an exciting day of fishing!"

There are some 20 major lakes with populations of bass from American Falls Reservoir to Spirit Lake. The Idaho state-record largemouth was caught at Anderson Lake, and the record smallmouth came from Dworshak Reservoir.

In what looks like a real adventure, the Hell's Canyon Jet Boat Charters offers guided fishing on the Snake River. They report you can expect to catch 100s of bass and multiple sturgeon, weighing up to 400 pounds. I don't think my smallie rods will handle anything quite that big!

Wyoming

Our speaker back in 2002 liked the Lower Platte River below Casper, the Big Horn River, and the South Fork Powder River. Writing in the *Wyoming Game & Fish* magazine in April 2014, Stephen Carpenter reported that the major lakes in Wyoming that contain populations of bass include Bighorn Lake, Flaming Gorge Reservoir (where the state-record smallmouth was taken), Grayrocks Reservoir, Guernsey Reservoir, and Keyhole Reservoir.

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North & South Dakota and Nebraska



“The Flaming Gorge Reservoir borders Wyoming and Utah. Ice covers Flaming Gorge until late April, but as soon as the ice clears, the water quickly reaches the 50-degree mark. The Wyoming end of Lake Bighorn has over 50 miles of accessible shoreline, including the Yellowtail Wildlife Unit. The Guernsey Reservoir covers 2,400 acres in the east-central part of the state created by the construction of an earthen dam on the North Platte River.

“The Flaming Gorge Reservoir is located in the southern part of the state near Green River. Flaming Gorge is a great spot for bass, trout, salmon, catfish, and panfish. All of these state records came out of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir; the smallmouth bass weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz., the channel catfish weighed 27 lbs. 15.5 oz., the brown trout weighed 25 lbs. 13 oz., the lake trout weighed in at 50 lbs. and the state record of the Kokanee salmon weighed in at 6 lbs. 4 oz.” Sounds like a great fishing hole!

North Dakota

The Associated Press in June 2012 published a report datelined Lake Audubon, North Dakota, by Brian Gehring. The story cites noted North Dakota fisherman Mort Banks, who is described as “likely having forgotten more about smallmouth bass fishing than most people have ever known.”

According to the article, “There are a lot of good smallmouth waters to choose from in North Dakota. They include Lake Audubon, Lake Sakakawea, Spiritwood Lake, Fish Creek, the McClusky Canal, and the Garrison Diversion canal lakes, Lake Darling and Fish Creek. The state record smallmouth was taken from Lake Darling in 2007, weighing in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Prior to that the record was 5 pounds, 15 ounces for a smallie caught on Spiritwood Lake in 2003.”



The Missouri River along with major lakes in the state including Bowman-Haley Lake, Buffalo Lodge Lake, Jamestown Reservoir, Lake Ashtabula, Lake Audubon, Lake Darling, Lake Sakakawea, and Lake Tschida all have healthy populations of bass.

Lake Audubon is great for smallmouth bass fishing as well as perch and walleye. It's not only a perfect spot for fishing but also a beautiful spot in general.

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South Dakota

The Hunting & Fishing Department reports you have some very fine choices for bass fishing in South Dakota. The Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir, Lake Francis Case, Lake Kampeska, Lake Madison, Lake Oahe, Lake Pelican, Lake Poinsett, Lake Sharpe, Lake Thompson, Lewis and Clark Lake, Shadehill Reservoir, and Waubay Lake all have healthy populations of bass. Additionally, bass can be found in smaller lakes, rivers, and ponds throughout SD. The state record for a smallie stands at 7 lbs 0 oz.

The April 2014 issue of *South Dakota Game & Fish* magazine carried an article by Jeff Samsel that in part reads: "Walleyes are easily the most popular species to target in the Lake Francis Case impoundment of the Missouri River, but that's not due to lack of smallmouth opportunity. In truth, while less than 4 percent of anglers fishing Lake Francis Case specifically target smallmouth bass, the population is outstanding, with large numbers of fish and great size distribution.

"And Lake Sharpe, which is located immediately upstream of Lake Francis Case on the Missouri River, also offers outstanding smallmouth fishing. Smallmouths were stocked in Sharpe in the 1980s, and the population has since become well established throughout the reservoir."

Nebraska

You can find bass in many places in Nebraska. Private ponds, rivers, and creeks are home to bass here. The most consistent stringers tend to come from major lakes, including Box Butte Reservoir, Branched Oak Lake, Elwood Reservoir, Harlan County Lake, Lake McConaughy, Lake Minatare, Lewis and Clark Lake, Merritt Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, and Sutherland Reservoir. The state record stands at 7 lbs, 4 oz.

In June 2014, Rick Windham published an article titled "Smallmouth Bass Are Nebraska's Clandestine Trophy Fish." He wrote: "In Nebraska, the Tri-Country Canal System stretches from Kearney to North Platte. These waters probably provide the most consistent smallmouth bass fishing. Elwood Reservoir, Johnson Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Lake McConaughy, and Merritt Reservoir provide some of the best angling.

"I asked Daryl Bauer, fisheries biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission about other smallmouth fishing spots in eastern Nebraska. 'Lewis and Clark Lake and that portion of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam down to about Sioux City where the channelization begins are great spots for smallmouth bass fishing,' Bauer said."

Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

Since the revelations of last month's column, my fingers have been worn down to the nub writing Congressmen and Senators in support or in opposition of one person's opinion, position, appointment, or action(s) at various agencies, departments, or offices thereof, as you can well imagine. I suspect this will be occupying my free time for the foreseeable future. What is interesting is I'm finding that an awful lot of folks agree with me. Even those who otherwise stand foursquare against every other position I may hold. Turns out people seem to like clean water, and clean air, and responsible use of the land and our resources. Those raucous town halls that are being held are not just folks angry about their health care being taken away. They're also not very happy with the selections being made at the Cabinet level, such as EPA and Education.

So the good people of this country, as divided as we may be on some issues, are pretty close in our views of the fundamentals: good health care with access to it, good public schools, not just for those who can afford it, and a clean environment seem to be right there at the top of the list for most of us. I suspect there are a lot of politicians who are going to find themselves out of a job come 2018, and 2020 if they don't get with the program.

On the local environmental front we have some good news for a change. A federal judge ruled in favor of the Southern Environmental Law Center's argument that Dominion Power's Chesapeake Energy Center was contaminating water wells and the Elizabeth River in Norfolk with their coal ash ponds. This ruling may have some bearing on the issues up here at the Possum Point site on the Potomac.

After that ruling, Governor Terry McAulliffe proposed amendments to the Senate Bill 1398 that would bring a temporary pause in the permitting of more coal ash ponds in Virginia.

From the Governor's website at Virginia.gov:

"My administration is committed to protecting water quality and drinking water sources for residents throughout the entire Commonwealth of Virginia as we address the closure of coal ash impoundments. While I support the Department of Environmental Quality's approach to addressing this issue and the agency is currently following the path laid out under state law and federal regulations, there has been tremendous public concern and outreach on this topic. As such, I am proposing amendments to Senate Bill 1398 that will provide the public with more information on the costs and benefits, risks, and recycling options for coal ash before a final decision on the permits is reached. My hope is that this additional process will increase the public's confidence in the path that Virginia ultimately takes."

So it would seem that all is not doom in gloom in the environmental area. A lot of states are also gearing to take on those responsibilities that the federal government may drop, simply because the citizenry demands it. Activism works, make sure your voice is heard too.

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The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has published its **Black Bass Annual Review**. It's 10 pages of good information and links to other resources. An easy read and well worth the time to review. Click here to read:
http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Documents/BBAR_Vol%209_final.pdf

2016 Fishing Contest Results

<h3 style="margin: 0;">Fishing Contest</h3> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">The 2017 Fishing Contest began on 1 January. Visit our contest page for rules or to submit an entry.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">http://prsc.org/fishing-contest/</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">2016 Winners</h3> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 1, Biggest Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">George Thurston</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">17"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 1, Best 5 Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">79"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 2, Biggest Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">20"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 2, Best 5 Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">76"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 3, Biggest Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">21"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Section 3, Best 5 Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Bill Pearl</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">85.5"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Largest on Fly:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Chip Comstock</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">12"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Best 5 Fish on Fly:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Chip Comstock</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">54"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">New Member Big Fish:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Hall</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">18.5"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">New Member Best 5:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Hall</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">75"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Grover Cleveland Award:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">21"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">William Shriver Award:</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">Randy Chandler</td> <td style="padding: 2px 10px;">232"</td> </tr> </table>	Section 1, Biggest Fish:	George Thurston	17"	Section 1, Best 5 Fish:	Randy Chandler	79"	Section 2, Biggest Fish:	Randy Chandler	20"	Section 2, Best 5 Fish:	Randy Chandler	76"	Section 3, Biggest Fish:	Randy Chandler	21"	Section 3, Best 5 Fish:	Bill Pearl	85.5"	Largest on Fly:	Chip Comstock	12"	Best 5 Fish on Fly:	Chip Comstock	54"	New Member Big Fish:	Randy Hall	18.5"	New Member Best 5:	Randy Hall	75"	Grover Cleveland Award:	Randy Chandler	21"	William Shriver Award:	Randy Chandler	232"
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