

Fly Fishing Popular With Club Members

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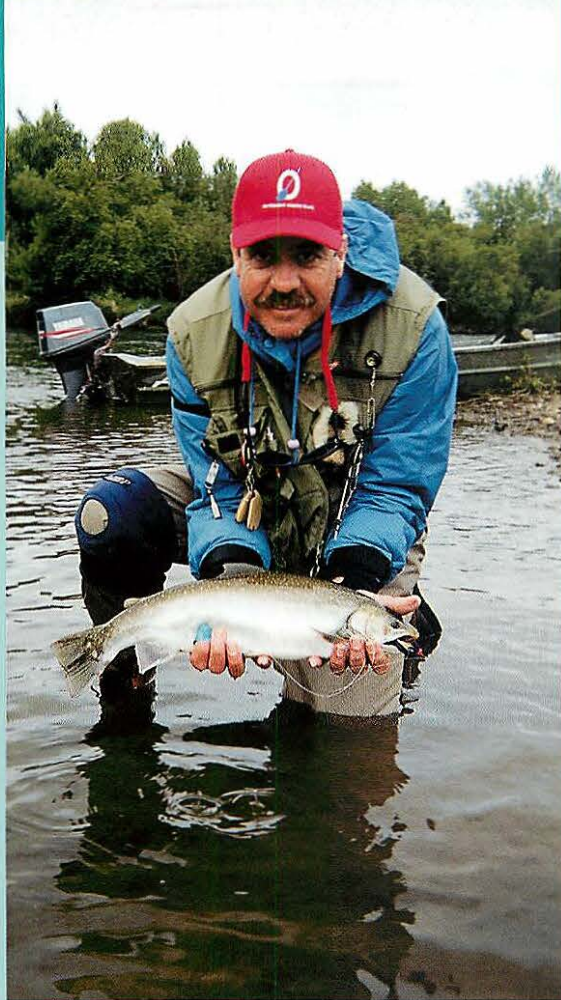
Outrigger Canoe Club fly fishermen and women are tossing around ideas for starting a new activity which would include monthly fly fishing outings, a Club fishing tournament and meetings to share our off-island adventures.

While we consider the possibilities and review a plan in its infancy, we'd like to share some of our secrets, stories, experiences and plans relating to the world of fly fishing. Most of our fly fishing members are primarily fresh water (trout, steelhead and salmon) enthusiasts. Living in Hawaii, they have found it difficult to turn away from the incredible opportunities for fantastic saltwater fly fishing action here in the islands.

Fly fishing is a unique sport that calls on the greatest skills to imitate and outwit nature. Most of our fly fishing members have been fishing for many years. . . long before the movie *A River Runs Through It* turned on thousands to the experience.

The mystique of fly fishing makes it an art form as much as it is a sport. It is also as soothing mentally as it is physically invigorating. We all have our own reasons and agendas as to why we consider fly fishing a vital ingredient in our lives. We all agree that fly fishing casts out all negatives in your life while you are on the water. As much as we all love eating fish, we are catch and release enthusiasts. We try our best never to kill a fish. We want those fat, healthy wild fish to spawn.

Arnold Lum has been fly fishing for years. He, too, is a "trout guy" like me. Look for Arnold to share his thoughts and experiences in an upcoming article in the *Outrigger*. We'll keep you posted on our plans to become an official activity of the Outrigger Canoe Club.



Jim Gaddis shows off a trout he caught while fly fishing.