



**Flyfishers of Davis
Annual Summer Picnic
Tuesday July 31
Davis Community Park, Picnic Area**

Once again the FFD will be having our come one, come all family BBQ and picnic. The event is always great fun and there is plenty of good food, fun and fellowship.

The club will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts, buns, plates, condiments, and the hot coals. There will also be some beer and water, but bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share. Take a look at what to bring:

Last name:
A- G: Salads
H- M Side dish (such as beans)
N- Z Wonderful deserts

The dinner starts at 6:00 PM, so be sure to bring your entire family and enjoy a nice warm evening with your fishing friends. Contact Gene Gantt at 707-590-3446 or fishinggantt@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Prez Says

I just returned from another fun outing at Lewiston Lake. The fishing was good, although the catching wasn't so hot. In conversations with other club members, though, several of us were wondering why we don't get better attendance at the fishing outings. Mind you, there were about 15 club members on this outing, but we usually see the same cast of characters at most of these trips. We're all a fun bunch, but come on now. There's something to be said for variety! Besides, I know a lot of you fish on your own. I hear the fishing reports at the club meetings. So I'm posing a new question this month. What's keeping you from joining the outings? There could be many reasons, and we thought of a few last weekend. But I'd really like to hear from anyone who has thought of going but hasn't, or those of you who used to go but don't now. Contact me at the phone number at the end of the newsletter, or by email, or send a note with a size 12 parachute Adams and the location of your favorite fishing hole... - [Lowell Ashbaugh](#)

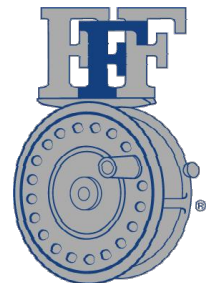
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Our club is only as great as its members, so please **circle one or more** of the following areas where you could share your expertise.

Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.

Please also **circle** if you would like to **teach, assist, or attend** any of our classes in **Rod building, Fly Tying, or Casting.**

For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings

Editor's Note

There will be no newsletter in August

A Tribute to Larry Kovi

Larry Kovi would turn out to be the best guide I have ever employed. He taught me to respect my gear and how to take care of it, how to read a stream, entomology, how to improve my casting, and to have a profound respect for the fly fishing merchants, clubs, organizations, other guides and the community of fly fishers.

About 1998 I started bugging Toby, the owner of Fly Fishing Unlimited in Vacaville, to help me refine my fly fishing skills. As a bellhop with free privileges on any Monterey golf course in the early 1970s, I had learned golf by simply going on any course Monday through Thursday, hacking away. With some vague minds eye of how to swing, my first 18 holes I shot 134, and that was not counting them all, and one day after terrorizing all the squirrels and deer on Spyglass at Pebble Beach, I decided it was time for lessons. My experiences with fly fishing were similar. I had a rod and reel, but I was "hacking" at it and the fish were not impressed.

So, one day I walked into Fly Fishing Unlimited and Jason Lozano was behind the counter. I said to Jason that I needed "someone" to teach me this sport and he said something to the effect, "I have just the right person for you". That "person" would turn out to be Larry Kovi. Before the day was out Larry was analyzing my loops at a local pond, teaching me about the sport and the equipment, and never displaying frustration or contempt, he helped me make some progress at casting.

One of the many things that Larry taught me that I still highly regard him today for is how to respect my equipment. Larry took great care in taking a rod out of a tube and replacing it, as he did all of his equipment. A care that all instructors need to teach their beginning and intermediate students. It is a respect for the rod, reel and equipment that I should have had, but it did not come automatically. As a result, all of the equipment I had nearly ten years ago I still have today.

Another thing that set Larry apart from the dozens upon dozens of other guides I have employed was that Larry always had a gift for me. To all you guides, the reason why Larry always received a 20% or more tip, was the little "helpers" he would hand me on each trip. The first gift was Mel Krieger's 1995 VHS tape on casting, and second gift was a Lafontaine pocket guide to knots, casting and flies. Another gift was Frank, "Thy Rod and Staff", Pisciotta's "Truckee Tips" and "Truckee River Major Hatches". As with all of his gifts, I have cherished and referred to these ever since.

No matter where we went, to the Upper Sacramento River, or to the Truckee River, Larry would go a day before and "scout the stream" for me. Furthermore, he always had a great, inexpensive, place to stay, knew where to eat fine local food, and he made a point of introducing me to places like Ted Fay's Fly Shop, or to Frank, "Thy Rod and Staff", Pisciotta, and to the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club ponds and clubhouse. To this day I am a proud member of the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club as well as a Board of Director and Raffle Chairman for the Fly Fishers of Davis. All of which I owe to Larry Kovi.

Recently, thanks to the Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club, and David Driscoll, John Daniels and Bob Zasoski of the Fly Fishers of Davis, I have been learning the art and of tying flies. When I saw Larry at the Marin show in 2006, working for Western Sport Shop, he said I should find the time to drop into the store and he would help me with tying flies. As it would be, I went into the store Saturday of Memorial Day, 2007, weekend hoping he would be in the store. As I was being helped I asked if Larry Kovi was in. It turned out the young man I asked was Larry's son, Alex Kovi. Alex said, my dad died about a month ago.

Words cannot express both my immediate sorrow that I had lost the greatest guide and my fishing pal, but that I had to hear the words from his son, Alex Kovi. Needless to say, the news and learning it from Alex was devastating. The next two weekends I found myself fishing the McCloud, Davis and Frenchman's Lake and sometimes just standing and staring at those little gifts that Larry had given me. I recently had a long conversation about Larry with the owner of the new Ted Fay's Fly Shop in Dunsmuir about what a great fly tier Larry was and how much I missed by not acting on his invitation for that tying instruction.

While I am not one who believes, I sincerely hope that Larry and Andre Puyans are "somewhere up there", smiling down, both at their vices, and waiting for us to join them. Thank you, Larry, for all that you have taught me, I will not forget. - [John Imsdahl](#)

From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List If you'd like to get timely notices of conservation issues such as the warden issue reported here join the FFD Conservation email list. Go to <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation> to join the group. I promise you won't get a lot of email – just a few important notices each month.

Reports from NCCFFF

NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishing The 2007 Festival of Fly Fishing will be held in Redding again on October 19 and 20, with on-the-water activities on Sunday, October 21. Mark your calendars now to attend this event and do some fishing in the north state. There are always a number of excellent programs included in the price of admission, plus an excellent raffle, silent auctions all day, and a banquet and live auction on Saturday evening. The casting instruction is excellent, fly tiers abound, and the whole event is just a few steps away from the excellent fishing of the lower Sacramento River. Numerous other venues are within an hours drive. There is a whole entire area devoted to fly fishing for kids, so bring them along. A couple of FFDers (John Reynolds and Lowell Ashbaugh) will be handling the pre-event registration this year so registration will be easy for you. Just give us a check and registration form! Even easier – NCCFFF is planning to make registration available through a secure web page. The form (and secure web registration) will be available soon at <http://nccfff.org/conclave/conclave.html>.

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION BREATHES LIFE INTO NCCFFF SMITH RIVER PROPOSALS This month the State Fish and Game Commission endorsed the idea that it is cheaper to preserve a river that appears to be in good condition, such as the Smith may be, than it is to restore a river that is in degraded condition. NCCFFF representatives Chuck Bucaria and Ben Taylor were asked by the Commission to work with DFG Deputy Director Sonke Mastrup and District 1 Regional Manager Gary Stacy to develop a program to preserve the unique Salmonid fishery of the Smith River for the benefit of future generations. This positive response is the happy result of close to three years of ground work by NCCFFF. And now the work really begins. Commission President Richard Rogers and the newest member of the Commission, Mr. Michael Sutton, have offered their assistance in locating foundations and groups from whom necessary working funds might be obtained. Commission Member Mr. Jim Kellogg indicated that the Taucher Committee of the Commission would work with NCCFFF in this endeavor. Mr. Judd Hanna, a member of the Commission's Taucher Committee, was a catalyst in asking the Commission to give the NCCFFF representatives a response to their long-standing requests. Commissioner Cindy Gustafson, acting President at the June meeting of the Commission in Truckee, had moved the issue forward at the request of Mr. Hanna, by asking for the opinions of DFG staff on the NCCFFF Resolution and Preliminary Draft Strategic

Plan. The NCCFFF submittals were placed on the Commission's July Agenda in Bridgeport. Starting with requests for strengthened anti-snagging regulations and those of NCCFFF for new regulations and heightened enforcement efforts, Ben Taylor and Chuck Bucaria have been working on Smith River issues since late fall of 2004. In Sacramento in February 2005, Taylor and Bucaria discussed the snagging problems on the Smith during the previous fall. In February of this year Taylor brought the snagging issue to the Commission at their Monterey meeting. After seeing that a new approach was required, a draft Strategic Plan was crafted. Bucaria and Taylor pursued the Commission and presented the draft at Arcata in April, Bodega Bay in May, Truckee in June and, finally, to Bridgeport in July. They have asked for development of Strategic and Management plans to assure the long term health of the Smith as a blue ribbon fishery and presented the resolution to the NCCFFF in June at Lake McCumber asking for the Commission to take a policy position on their requests. As of now they haven't received a policy statement. However, the door has been opened for interaction between the Commission, the Department and NCCFFF. This is positive progress, indeed.

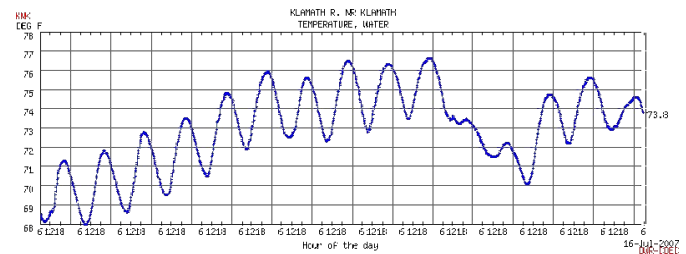
Deputy Director Mastrup presented the Department's response by saying that California is "in a state of siege when it comes to its aquatic resources." Money is scarce. And the Department would rather place its scarce resources in repairing "one-star" rivers than a "five-star" river, his rating for the Smith. Ben Taylor quickly responded that, "You don't really know if the Smith is a five-star river. ... No one knows, because no one has conducted a fish count." Perhaps motivated by Commissioners' comments advocating a position change, Mr. Mastrup expressed a willingness to work with NCCFFF in developing a program, along with his Regional Manager.

The next steps include working with Deputy Director Mastrup to set up a mechanism to receive grants, order fund disbursements, set up an accounting system and provide for auditing of incomes and expenses. It is understood that such services can be arranged through an existing organization at minor cost.

Coordination will take place with Regional Manager Stacy to develop lists of issues of concern, lay out a "vision" and flesh out a program. A list of prospective donors will be created and methods of obtaining funds from them will be developed in concert with Commissioners Sutton and Rogers. It is possible some State Bond money may be available. NCCFFF will coordinate with the Commission's Taucher Committee and the Smith River Advisory Council. These two groups meet in early September. Depending on progress, the Commission would like to have a written status report from Mr. Stacy at their October meeting in Concord.

We suddenly have a very full plate. And we can almost guarantee that progress will not be as rapid as we might like. However, we are very pleased to see such strong support from the Commission and the Department. It is welcomed.

Klamath River Water Temperatures near the mouth of the Klamath have reached dangerous levels for the salmon that are now entering the river to spawn. The graph below shows the temperatures for July 1 through early July 16, 2007. The minimum during this period was 68°F – the maximum was 76.6°F. According to the USGS report on the 2002 fish kill "Temperatures in the Klamath River above the fish die-off reach exceeded 65 degrees Fahrenheit for nearly all of September; multiple days of exposure by fish to temperatures at or above that level can greatly increase disease incidence." Temperatures have come down a bit in the last few days. Let's hope they continue to come down; otherwise be prepared for another big fish kill this year.

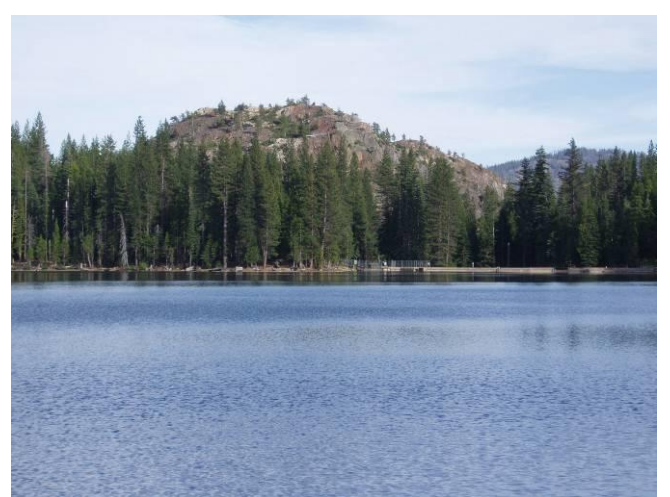


I just received word that NMFS prepared a recovery plan for Klamath River Coho salmon under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act Provisions. You can find a copy of it at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/klamath/index.htm>.

1st Annual Fuller Lake outing



On June 30th the first club outing to Fuller Lake occurred organized by John Daniels. After a hearty breakfast at Baker's Square we drove up the day use area. Fuller lake is a 69 acre lake that receives regular summer planting, and the conditions were clear with a light south breeze and the water was somewhat low. There were just a few other fisherman on the north end of the lake near the day use area. The early action was mainly stripping "buggers enticing many "bumps" on the fly--but few takes. Andan's frequent exclamations attested to vast number of near misses and no fish to hand early. He humbly claimed operator error, but as this was happening frequently to everyone--the consensus later was that these were browns "bumping" rather than grabbing the "buggers (you buy that, right?). I managed a few small browns in-between the many misses, as did John and Gene, and finally Andan managed to get one--and caught a couple more shortly thereafter. Meanwhile Tom (who launched his boat) went up to the top of the inlet and was frequently seen with bent rod. Turns out there were a number of rising fish there--and he worked and caught quite a few of them on various dries.



After hearing Tom's account of the action in the inlet, naturally John, Gene, and I raced to the inlet after an afternoon rest. We each took a couple (though I was only able to get them on nymphs), and John took a nice brown on a dry. I managed to take a nice brown from a little shelf in the subsurface rock with a depression surrounded by silt just downstream of the inlet. After I drifted back out into the main lake, Tom returned and I could hear the occasional exclamations as some more fish were caught. Then there was quite a bit of commotion as one of them (I will not divulge whom) hooked a duck (I'm sure this story will come up in the picnic). We also witnessed an Osprey take a nice trout from the upper end of the lake, only to be chased all over the lake by a large bald eagle (trailed by a couple more Ospreys).



When I got back out to the main lake later in the afternoon, I switched back to 'buggers and ran into Andan who was taking quite a few fish by trailing the 'bugger with a soft hackle. I did the same and caught several browns this way in a short time before leaving (they were taking the soft-hackle as none of them were foul hooked). As the rest of us called it a day and left, Andan stayed out and continued to fish--I presume adding a lot more fish with the very effective soft hackle setup. - Brian Bechtold

Here are a few more shots from the McCloud Outing



Loreto Baja California Sur

Seven fisher people traveled to Loreto, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the Baja, on the Sea of Cortez, on June 24 for 4 days of Dorado & sailfishing, eating wonderful food and telling incredible stories. Joining us was Don Childress of world record Dorado fame and former FFD member.

Turns out this year the water had not warmed up to bring the big ones close to shore. We had great times catching Dorado in the 3-15# range in sometimes huge schools with both flies and sardinas. The Dorado seemed fussier about taking flies this year and preferred live guys. One day we trolled for billfish and one of our group got a 140# marlin after a 45 minute fight. Ron Rabun hooked a sail that tail walked almost into the boat it but lost it after 3 minutes with a broken leader. We also caught squid and have enjoyed many calamari dinners. Rock fished for trigger fish (great ceviche), needle and trumpet fish, and sea bass. We had a great time fishing the beaches for small roosters too.

We will plan on going back again next year but will plan on mid-late July for more big fish action. Join us. The restaurants and fishing are wonderful at a reasonable price.







----- Outings Report -----

Lewiston was its usual wonderful get together, but the fishing was poor in the river and saved in the lake only by the arrival mid morning on Friday of the DFG truck full of what Daniels euphemistically refers to as finless wonders. There were about 4 half pounders taken in the river and one 17 incher in the lake along with a number of slightly smaller lake fish. Certainly a far cry from the last several years and the hundreds of 10-13 inch fish the river produced.

The October 13 trip did fill at 12 and attendees will be called in early September. Signups at the September will include stripers, Pyramid and a new trip to the Trinity in early November dubbed tote and float. The idea is a two day camping trip with members who have suitable floating devices (pontoon boats, rafts etc). We should have enough carriers to float various stretches presumably in the Junction City area while utilizing our own shuttle services. - [Cary Boyden](#)

2007 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 8 th - 9 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 2 nd - 4 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 17 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Mar 30 th - Apr 1 st	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch - (overnight)	Bass	Apr 30 th - May 1 st	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	CANCELLED - Low H2O
Shad	Shad	May 25 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Bass	May 26 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	CANCELLED - Low H2O
Frenchman Lake	Trout	Jun 1 st - 3 rd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	June 8 th - 10 th	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Loreto, Baja, Mexico	Dorado / Sailfish	Jun 24 th - 28 th	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	\$90 down by Feb 15 th
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jun 30 th	John Daniels 530-750-3511	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 12 th - 15 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Annual Picnic	Stories	Jul 31 st	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 10 th - 12 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Sierra Lake - Backpack	Trout	Aug 18 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
High Country - Backpack	Trout	Aug 22 nd - 25 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Aug 29 th - Sep 1 st	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Limited Space
Payne Ranch	Bass	Sep 22 nd	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	CANCELLED - No H2O
McCloud	Trout	Sep 28 th - 30 th	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Oct 5 th - 7 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Very Tentative
Redding/Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 13 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct/Nov	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 29 th - 30 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)

Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov/Dec	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056
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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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