

The Fisherman's Line**ANNUAL HOMEGROWN Meeting****Same time, same place, Tuesday December 11th****FFD Members will speak on some of their favorite Topics**

It's time for the annual "home-grown" meeting! We have a great lineup of activities for both new and experienced fly fishers. You can learn about fly tying from Bob Zasoski and John Daniels who will show their special flies this year. I'll be repairing a rod that I broke last year on the Lower Sac, so you can learn a little about rod building. We'll also have Cary Boyden making cheaters – an indicator that is easy to cast, is adjustable for depth, and releases when needed to land the fish. John Forsyth will show pictures of his trip to Baja. Tristan Leong will highlight the Fly Fishing 101 program for newcomers to the sport (and experienced fly fishers who want to learn more). Come join the fun!

Prez Says**By Lowell Ashbaugh**

On a different topic, I would like to encourage you to support a few programs that relate to our sport. In particular, our fledgling Fly Fishing 101 program could use donations of extra gear. If you have a spare fly rod or reel, waders, line, or flies that you could donate to the cause, we would like to start building a library of equipment that newcomers could use to try fly fishing without the high expense of getting started. Talk with Tristan if you have items.

Please take some time to visit the [Project Healing Waters](#) and the [Casting for Recovery](#) web pages. Casting For Recovery provides fly fishing retreats at locations around the United States specifically designed for women who have or have had breast cancer. Project Healing Waters is based on the same idea, and provides physical and mental therapy for wounded and disabled veterans.

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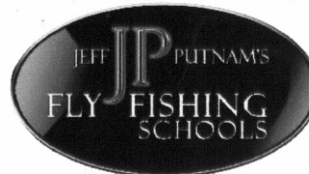
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FINAL NOTICE: Beginning next month, we will no longer mail hardcopies of the “Fisherman’s Line”.

The postal service has made changes along with the last rate increase that preclude us from using staples.

This actually benefits our club in several ways: First, it is much less of a load on your newsletter editor. Second, it saves money. Third, it is great for the environment. Forth, we are no longer limited to ten pages printed duplex. Fifth, there will still be hardcopies available at the meetings. Need I go on?

We will continue to notify all members in good standing via email with the newsletter attached as a PDF and a link to the latest version on our website.

Fly of the Month for January Size 12 Bird’s Nest

FOM description

HOOK: 1x long nymph hook such as TMC 3761

THREAD: 6/0 or 8/0 to match body

TAIL: Wood duck

RIB: Gold wire

ABDOMEN: Brown, gray or green dubbing

LEGS: Wood duck

THORAX: Same as abdomen

An interesting link to a picture and description of the Bird’s Nest is Ralph and Lisa Cutter’s site “California School of Fly Fishing” at http://www.flyline.com/fly_patterns/nymphs/birds_nest/

From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List If you'd like to get timely notices of conservation issues 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.

Prospect Island Fish Kill The Bureau of Reclamation miscalculated last month when it repaired broken levees at Prospect Island and pumped the water out to reclaim the land. They thought there would be only a few fish remaining, but thousands were stranded as the water dropped. A group of dedicated volunteers gathered at the site and rescued nearly all the surviving striped bass and many other fish, but thousands died before they got to them. There’s news and photos of the carnage at <http://www.rescuethefish.org/>. Sadly, the option to leave Prospect Island flooded as a prime fish habitat was abandoned due to lack of funding and safety issues regarding

the levee breaks. Apparently, it would have been a great place to fish – the striped bass certainly seemed to like it. A criminal investigation of the “wanton waste of sport fish” is ongoing.

The Conservation Column is taking a break this month. Reread the Prez Sez column if you need a little more inspiration!

News from NCCFFF

FFF Membership Opportunity at Discounted Rate From July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007 club members may join the Federation at the special discounted price of \$15.00 for a regular one-year individual membership. You may use current FFF applications and cross off the normal 35.00 rate and write in 15.00. **Your membership form must be signed by the club president** to certify that you are a member of the affiliate club. NOTE – this is not for FFF membership renewals. **This is a great deal folks – sign up if you’re not already a member!**

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Membership in the FFD requires an annual donation of \$25 for an adult/family and \$15 for individual youth/student members. Annual dues are \$25. At this rate you **MUST** provide an e-mail address and will receive the monthly newsletter as a PDF. You can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact: [John Reynolds](mailto:John.Reynolds@den.org), 530-753-2682 or jreyn@den.org – **Membership Chair**

Name _____ Address _____ Davis, CA. 95616 - Phone (530) _____

Occupation _____ e-mail: _____

Fly fishing interest and experience: _____

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

Pictures from the Delta outing



Pictures from the Trinity





Just look at those fish!

Fly Fishing 101

Due to the overwhelming amount of interest in our Fly fishing 101 program, I will be canvassing a booth at our homegrown meeting on December 11, 2007 to answer any outstanding questions, and to pass along a sign-up sheet for participants. I need to get an accurate headcount in order to reserve suitable facilities, make copies of lesson plans, and to plan for our outings. Please be sure to leave your name (and the names of any other participants in your party), a contact phone number, and a current email address on the sign-up sheet so that I may contact you with periodic updates and notifications about the course. In addition to your contact information, please provide me with a few comments on what you would like to learn most during Fly fishing 101, or about fly fishing in general. These comments will help me tailor lesson plans to better address everyone's personal needs. If you are not able to attend the December meeting and would like to sign up for the course, please email me at Tristan.leong@gmail.com. In your email please title it "Fly fishing 101", and include the requested contact information. I will also have an outlined lesson plan for you to look at and copies of the most current schedule of our fish-outs, which includes a brief summary about the various locations. I would also like to remind everyone, that although this course is meant as an introduction to fly fishing, it is also intended to introduce the well seasoned intermediate to different fisheries, techniques, and locations across Northern California. If you wish to attend only a few of the courses, such as the introduction to steelhead fishing in the fall, please sign up for the course and simply state the trips you might be interested in. See everyone at the meeting!

Special plea to those members who have already been bitten by the fly-fishing bug and have extra materials lying around unused... Fly fishing 101 in the near future would like to solicit donations to accept any equipment to assist our youth program. Thank you in advance (Not sure if this is premature) - Tristan

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

This year's Trinity/Klamath trip ended up at the Trinity. 2 days saw the 8 of us bring in excess of 56 fish to the net with the smallest being 22". Several were in the 9 pound plus category. Great trip and great company!! Best of all new member Jerry Schumaker and first guided steelie trip member Mark Woerner took very nice fish; Mark's being his initial 3 steelies. Mark's grin while announcing his success on Friday represents the type of pleasure one observes which makes organizing trips like this more than worthwhile. Particular thanks go the Fly Shop guides who put us into these fish.

Please note the Baum trip has been changed because of the change in the date in the annual dinner date. Those who have signed up will receive specific notice and the chance to provide input as to the final date and there will be a discussion of the date change at the December meeting. - [Cary Boyden](#)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2007 & 2008 SCHEDULE (tentative dates)				
EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
2007				
Upper Sac	Trout	Sep 28 th - 30 th	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 13 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
++ October Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Oct 23 rd	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Trinity Tote-n-Float	Trout	Nov 8 th & 9 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov 17 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage	Nov 17 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	FREE FOOD & DRINK
++ November Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Nov 27 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 29 th - 30 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 8 th if rain 15 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
++ December Meeting	Home Grown	Dec 11 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
2008				
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 7 th - 8 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Very Tentative
++ January Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Jan 29 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Baum Lake	Trout	Feb 23 rd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
ANNUAL DINNER	Fun & Prizes	Mar 1 st	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	Wine, Women & Song
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 15 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
++ March Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Mar 25 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 4 th - 5 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
++ April Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Apr 29 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 26 th 9 - 4	Bill & Marilyn 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
McCloud	Trout	May	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
** Private Waters	Trout	May 16 th - 18 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Beginners Spring Clinic
** American River	Shad	May (evening)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Shad Clinic
++ May Meeting	Speaker - TBA	May 27 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Shad	Shad	May 30 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	Jun	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Davis Lake	Trout	Jun 5 th - 8 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
** Upper Sac	Trout	June 13 th - 15 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Trout Clinic
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jun	John Daniels 530-750-3511	
Annual Picnic	Food & Fun	Jun 24 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	Wine, Women & Song
**	Trout	Jul 11 th - 13 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Advanced Nymphing
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 17 th - 20 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Loreto, Baja, Mexico	Dorado / Sailfish	Jul	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	
++ NO July Meeting	None	None		
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
High Country - Backpack	Trout	Aug	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	½ Pounders	Aug 27 th - 30 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Limited Space
++ NO August Meeting	None	None		
McCloud	Trout	Sep	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
** Pit River	Trout	Sep	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Advanced Nymphing
Payne Ranch	Bass	Sep	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
++ September Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Sep 30 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
** Klamath / Trinity	Steelhead	Oct 2 nd - 5 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Nymph Clinic & Float
Redding / Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 18 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
++ October Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Oct 28 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
** Trinity	Steelhead	Oct 30 th - Nov 2 nd	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Classic Clinic & Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov 7 th - 8 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage		John Reynolds 530-753-2682	FREE FOOD & DRINK
++ November Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Nov 25 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 21 st - 22 nd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
** American	Steelhead	Dec	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Winter Steelhead Clinic
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 6 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	

++ Regular Meetings ** Clinic Events

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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.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

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