

The Fisherman's Line**Regular Meeting Date****Same time, same place, Tuesday *March 25th*****Fly Fishing the Delta
Jerry Neuburger**

Jerry Neuburger has lived in the central valley of California for almost 60 years, fished for over 55 of those years and fly fished for close to 25. He has caught over 50 species of fish on a fly rod including, blue sharks, sailfish, dorado, skipjack, bonito, yellow fin, yellowtail, striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, piranha, bonefish, silver salmon, king salmon, chum salmon, pink salmon, steelhead, rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, triggerfish, pompano, grouper, jacks, the list goes on and on. He loves fishing and loves being on his boat, the "No Nonsense" where he is always looking for the ultimate striper.

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- 25 years fly fishing California, Alaskan, Mexican and Central American waters
- Five years guiding in California, Oregon and Mexico
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Prez Says

By Lowell Ashbaugh

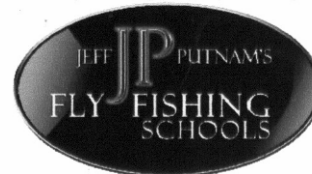
Fly fishers are generally a conservation-minded bunch. After all, without cold, clean water we would not have places to fish – at least not for trout. And the prized wild trout we love to catch and release can't thrive and reproduce in poor water quality. These days it seems there are so many issues threatening our sport that it can be overwhelming just to keep up on them all. Many of us have a desire to do the right thing, to tread softly on the land, to protect what we have for future generations. Many of us also have little idea how to help. I thought I'd put a few ideas in this space. First, get informed. An easy way to start is to sign up on the conservation mailing list – simple instructions are in the conservation report in this newsletter. I'll forward issues of interest as they come up. I also noted a couple of new blogs you can view in this month's column. There are a number of other mailing lists that will bring you issues of the day if you'd like to get them unfiltered by me. You can keep up with Klamath River and Trinity River issues on <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/env-trinity>. Once you're more informed, you can get more involved at the political level by making your views known to your state and federal representatives. Make no mistake, it takes this level of action to make things happen.

On a more personal level, here's some food (drink?) for thought. Bottled water can be found everywhere and is certainly healthier than soda. Many of us take a bottle of water when we go fishing. But consider the following. Bottled water is no healthier than tap water, and in some cases is less healthy. There are fewer regulations on the safety and health of bottled water than on municipal water. Bottled water costs about five cents per ounce. Got a complaint about the high cost of gasoline? It's only about two cents an ounce. Now we get to some real kickers. Bottle water produces up to 1½ million tons of plastic waste per year. That requires 47 million gallons of oil to produce, and it remains in the environment for decades. Finally, bottle water is produced by large corporations that are purchasing water rights wherever they can – including places like the McCloud River. See my note in the Conservation column. So what can you do about it? Buy a stainless steel water bottle and fill it from the tap when you go fishing. If you're at the upper Sac, fill it from the fountain in Dunsmuir for some of the best tasting water in the world! Do your part to make not only a smaller carbon footprint on the world, but a smaller footprint overall. It's the only way to a better world.

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FFD Yard Sale

Got gear? Need gear? Come to the March 25th meeting! We will have a Yard Sale table for members to bring items they wish to sell. So if you have any unused equipment, rods, reels, flies, tying materials, etc. to sell be sure to bring them. The Yard Sale will only occur twice per year, so be sure not to miss this meeting.

Here's how it works - you bring your gear (or money if you need gear). All sellers will contribute 10% of their sales proceeds to the club. The club will use the funds for club operations - programs, the aquarium project, and other club activities. The Raffle Chair will collect the 10% fee.

This is a great way to sell or acquire fly fishing, camping, or boating equipment or items while raising funds for the club. So clean out your storage shed, garage, workshop, or locker and turn those items into cash while helping us raise funds for our many projects!

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.

Return of the Peripheral Canal Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed in his recent budget to augment staffing for the Department of Water Resources to prepare an environmental analysis of a new "Alternative Delta Conveyance" system. This is an end-run around the legislature and California voters, who decided decades ago that the delta is too fragile to risk a canal. He plans to issue an executive order directing DWR to complete the feasibility studies. The governor apparently can't wait for his own **Delta Vision Task Force** to submit its report to him.

Klamath River Restoration Agreement Threatened The historic agreement recently made public on restoration of the Klamath River appears to be in trouble. First, the Hoopa Tribe decided to not endorse it because the agreement puts most of the drought year risks on salmon while the Klamath Basin farmers are ensured. The tribe is also concerned that the agreement does nothing to remove dams.

The Board of Directors of the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC) also decided in late February to not support the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement as it is currently written. The NEC, which has worked for 37 years to protect the Klamath River and its fishery, is concerned that the Agreement does not contain a guarantee of water for fish nor even a goal for fish recovery. Yet the Agreement would give farmers in the upper Klamath basin an unprecedented guaranteed allotment of water for irrigation.

On the plus side, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors voted last month to approve the agreement. It's not clear yet to me whether the agreement is the best thing to happen to the Klamath River in a long time or gives too much away. It's certainly not a sure thing. Stay tuned for updates.

Giant Salmon Road Show The Save our Wild Salmon coalition is planning to take a giant salmon (believe me, it's BIG) on tour from Washington State to Washington, DC next month to highlight the plight of salmon on the west coast. They are trying to set up a stop at the Davis Farmers Market on April 26, and we're working to get a stop at a school so our Fish in the Classroom participants can have a chance to see it.

Salmon Season Closure The Pacific Marine Fisheries Council indicated they may cancel the entire salmon season, scheduled to open on May 1, this year due to the low numbers of returning fall-run Sacramento River Chinook this year. The number of returning salmon was lower by 90% over 2002 returns. Only an estimated 59,100 chinook salmon will spawn this fall in California's Central Valley rivers, including the Sacramento, American and Feather. That low number is well below the minimum conservation goal of 122,000 fish,

leaving officials with few options. Interestingly, the number of returning fish in the Klamath seems to be unaffected.

California Coho Listing Upheld The California Supreme Court last month denied a petition by the California Forestry Association for review of the appellate court's decision upholding the Fish and Game Commission's listings of the CCC and SONCC ESUs of Coho salmon. This is the end of the line for CFA and the others who challenged these listings. It's a great victory for the fish! It not only protects the CESA Coho listing and ends any further legal attempts to undermine it, the decision also confirms four precedents under CESA: the ability to utilize ESU's, limiting consideration of "range" to CA only, excluding consideration of hatchery fish, and not being duplicative of the federal ESA. These precedents are case law and now can be applied to all species listed under CESA.

Nestle Changes Plans at McCloud Nestle Waters of North America agreed last month to change its proposed bottling plant in McCloud in response to public and community pressure. The changes include:

- Eliminating the potential use of groundwater wells at the bottling facility;
- Imposing a firm 1,600 acre-foot per year cap on the overall water use at the proposed facility, including amounts used for bottling and all other purposes;
- Conducting additional stream flow and habitat monitoring studies. Nestle is suggesting these studies, which will measure water flow quantity, water quality parameters and various habitat evaluations, will be designed with the help of experts including scientists at the University of California at Davis and Berkeley.

The project now goes to another round of evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act, so that the revised proposed project would be accurately evaluated and the public would have additional opportunity to provide input.

Steelhead May Be Spawning In Stonybrook Creek A pair of radio tagged steelhead trout that were given a helping hand last week past a barrier in lower Alameda Creek swam up Stonybrook Creek in Niles Canyon where they were observed traveling together and exhibiting spawning behavior last weekend. This marks the first time that adult steelhead have attempted to spawn in suitable trout habitat in the Alameda Creek watershed since the early to mid 1960s, a significant milestone in the decades-long effort to restore steelhead and salmon to Alameda Creek.

Bonnie (a female steelhead measuring 27 inches long and weighing 8.5 pounds) and Clyde (a male 28 inches and 8 pounds) were initially observed in the lower Alameda Creek flood control channel in Fremont on February 25th, attempting to jump the BART weir, an impassable fish barrier. They were netted by Alameda Creek Alliance volunteers, East Bay Regional Park District biologists, and Alameda County

staff operating under state and federal permits on February 26th, fitted with radio tags and moved upstream into Niles Canyon. The Alameda Creek Alliance has worked hard to improve fish passage for spawning steelhead and salmon in this watershed.

New Blogs Check out "On the Water Front," a new blog (<http://environmentaldefenseblogs.org/waterfront/>) operated by the Environmental Defense Fund. It's dedicated to protecting California's ecosystems and providing reliable water supplies for farms and cities. Klamblog (<http://klamblog.blogspot.com/>) is generally contrary to the Klamath River Restoration Agreement and will provide an alternative viewpoint on that issue.

News from NCCFFF

2008 Festival of Fly Fishing Mark your calendars for October 10-11, 2008. The Festival will be in a new location this year—Lodi, California. While Lodi is close to some great fishing, it's also convenient to the major NorCal population centers. So make the dates—We will have details later.

Speaking of wardens They are in short supply in California and shrinking in numbers. As the enforcers of fish and game laws, without wardens, the laws become scofflaws. There is no branch of law enforcement more likely to encounter someone who is armed than the wardens. Yet when it comes to pay lines, the wardens go to the back in terms of their pay rate. And much of the force is in the boomer generation, nearing retirement.

If you want a real eye-opener, contact chief warden Nancy Foley and ask her to speak to your club. Her presentation highlights what the wardens do, which is a heck of a lot more than checking fishing licenses. Her contact information is listed on the speakers list on the NCC club support page.

Because of the tenuous situation with the wardens, the NCC, along with several others, is contributing funds for a documentary film on what wardens do. The filmmakers have shot film on more than 70 hours of ride-alongs with wardens. The resulting footage will be turned into a documentary to help educate the public to the role of the wardens. Maybe someday soon this will result in fish and game laws having real deterrent power.

Annual Jeff Putnam Casting Clinic

The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held at the Northstar Ponds from 11 am to 2 pm on Sunday May 4. Jeff Putnam noted local casting instructor will be there to help solve your casting problems. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net or phone 753-2241. There will be a sign up sheet at the March and April meeting.

Kiene's Fly Shop Annual Expo - April 19, 2008

Put this Saturday event on your calendar so you don't forget.

We will have lots of the top manufacturer's representatives here with all the new products for 2008. There will be many local fly fishing guides, top fly tiers and local fly clubs here too. We will have raffle prizes and casting contests with prizes too. We always have free sodas and hot dogs so bring the entire family and some friends too.

Intermediate Fly Tying/Seminars

The intermediate fly tying class will begin this coming Thursday March 6 and continue until April 10. Bob Zasoski will tie and discuss the use of CDC for trout flies Thursday. Classes will be held at the Viticulture Field Headquarters from 6:30 to 9:30 on Thursday evenings. Participants bring their own materials and therefore there is no charge for the class. If you do not have some of the materials, come anyway as the instructors and other class members are always willing to share. The class schedule is shown below. If you need directions to the Viticulture Center contact Bob Z. (rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net) (530) 753-2241).

March 6 – Bob Zasoski – Tying with CDC – Dries and Emergers

March 13 – Tom Burton – Soft Hackle Flies

March 20 – Cary Boyden – Flies for local Lakes

March 27 – John Daniels – Crayfish and articulated damsel fly

April 3 – Jack Norland – Foam Hoppers

April 10 – Bob Zasoski – Tube Flies

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@dcn.org) , 530-753-2682 or jreyn@dcn.org – **Membership Chair**

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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

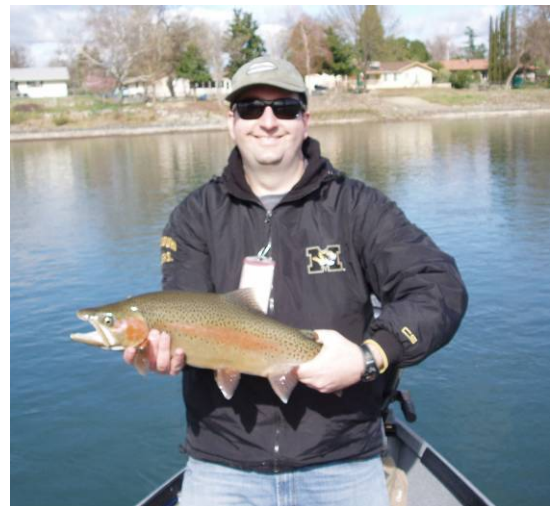
Dues *Over-Due* . . .

The cut-off date for renewing your membership has now past. The membership roster is being trimmed and some of you will wonder where your wonderfully informative newsletter has gone. Should you choose to crash the next meeting, you will be shaken down by our membership chair ([John Reynolds](mailto:John.Reynolds@dcn.org)) who will be happy to take your dues. One big change this year is discontinuation of the newsletter in hardcopy format so you will either have to provide us with a valid e-mail address OR download the newsletter from our [web](http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/ffd/newsletter.html) site <http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/ffd/newsletter.html>

Also, any new members who joined since September of 2007 are automatically paid up thru the end of 2008.

New Newsletter Editor – Brian Bechtold

Bob Beverlin is stepping down as the Fly Fishers of Davis newsletter editor. Since I have the same first and last initials as Bob, it was only natural that I would take over production of the club's monthly newsletter. I worked with Bob over the last month to learn his tips and tricks (scary huh?), and I am responsible for the newsletter you are currently reading (even scarier). Pictures, stories, and ideas can be sent to me at bechtold.brian@gmail.com for consideration. For those of you who don't know who I am, here is a picture of myself on the club's Lower Sacramento float trip from this last Saturday, March 15, 2008. - [Brian Bechtold](mailto:Brian.Bechtold@dcn.org)



Fly of the Month for March

Muddler Minnow

By Bob Zasoski



Body: Flat gold tinsel
Rib: Oval gold tinsel(optional)
Underwing: grey squirrel tail, calf tail can be substituted
Over wing: Matched mottled turkey quill

The Muddler Minnow is probably the most well known streamer fly in the United States. Almost every one has a muddler minnow or variation in their fly box. The pattern was developed by Don Gapen for large brook trout in the Nipigon River in Northern Ontario, Canada where muddler is a local name for a flat head minnow. It was popularized by Dan Bailey and is a staple for large trout in Montana and other places. Variations on the muddler theme include the marabou muddler, spuddler. Most sculpin patterns are closely related to the original muddler minnow. The muddler can be fished as a minnow imitation, stonefly nymph in smaller sizes, a hopper imitation and other terrestrial critters.

Hook: size 2-12 on 2-4x long streamer hooks

Thread: brown or black.

Tail: Mottled turkey quill

Topping: Deer hair collar

Head: Clipped deer hair.

Nice photos and instructions are available at
www.charliesflyboxinc.com

Tying Instructions:

Place a de-barbed hook in the vice and start the thread near the tail position. If you are adding lead wire to weight the fly, lay down a thread base, and coat the shank with head cement or fleximent, then wrap the wire from the wing position back towards the tail. Having lead near the eye will complicate spinning the head and collar. Tie in two slips of mottled turkey quill for the tail. They tail should be about 1/4-1/3 of the shank length. Tie in a length of medium or large oval tinsel at the tail. The oval tinsel and butt sections of tail should be wrapped down along the shank up to the wing position to form a smooth body and base for the flat tinsel. At the wing position tie in a length of flat gold tinsel and wrap it to the tail and back to the wing position. Counter wrap the oval tinsel in about five revolutions to the wing position and tie it down. Coating the body will help secure the oval tinsel and prevent tarnishing of the tinsel. (Assuming it isn't mylar that does not tarnish). At the wing position, tie in a clump of grey squirrel tail with the tip extending to the mid pint of the tail. (Some substitute calf tail for the underwing). Cement the base of the squirrel tail and tie it securely as the squirrel tail is slippery and does not compress well. Tie in matching slips of mottled turkey wing for the over wing. The tips of the wing should extend to the tips of the tail or slightly less. Bind down the butts of turkey quill. The collar of the fly is made from deer hair spun around the hook shank with the tips flowing toward the hook point. Cut a moderate sized clump of deer hair, even the tips and clean the underfur. Measure the hair so that the tips extend to the mid point of the wing. Tie the hair on the shank in front of the wing with a couple of loose wraps and then tighten the tying thread. This should cause the deer hair to flair and distribute around the shank. If it does not distribute well, use your thumb nail to coax around the shank until it is uniformly distributed. Then apply tighter wraps to secure the deer hair. Next spin another bunch of deer hair on the shank in front of the collar and secure it with additional wraps. Work the tying thread to the eye and whip finish the head. Trim the butts of the deer hair to fashion a bullet shaped head. The tips of the first bunch of deer hair are not trimmed. Trimming the deer hair butts with out cutting some of the collar can be tricky. Double edged razor blades work well (and much better than single edged) for trimming the deer hair. I find it easier to measure the first clump of deer hair so that the butts are only 3/8 to 1/2 inch long in front of the tie in point. That way they are more easily distinguished from the collar tips during the trimming exercise. This is important since trimming off the collar after all the previous steps is exasperating to say the least and even after a proper verbal blessing the tips will not regrow. As you tie this pattern be sure to leave a lot of room for the collar and head. Struggling to spin deer hair on a little bit of shank near the eye can be time consuming.

As a fishing version, there are some simplifying steps that can be used. You can tie in the flat tinsel at the tail and wrap the body in one direction rather than down and back. This is likely to result in some gaps in the tinsel cover. Alternatively gold flat braid can be substituted for the oval and flat tinsel combination. A single rather than two slips of turkey for the tail and wing will also speed up the tie. This pattern can be tied with other color combinations. Olive deer hair and darker turkey would be closer to the coloration of sculpins in many rivers. A purple version is a great steelhead pattern.

Fly of the Month for April

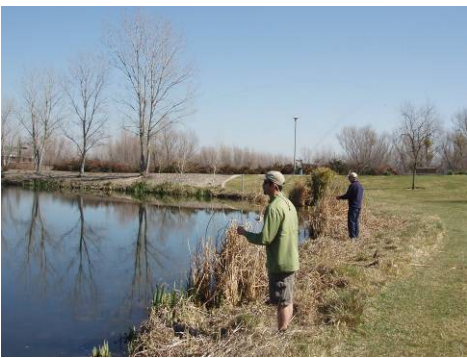
In anticipation of the damsel hatch this spring, the fly of the month for April will be a damsel nymph pattern. So dust off your favorite damsel imitation and tie one up for the April 29 meeting in size 12. A standard damsel pattern will be in the April Newsletter.

Annual Dinner Pictures



101 Update

Casting Clinic Pictures



What a First Steelhead!!!!



Isaiah West, our club's youngest member and student of the Fly Fishing 101 program, pictured with his first steelhead on the Trinity River Friday February 22nd, 2008.

He hooked it on a red copper john using 5X tippet on his 6/7 weight fly rod.

It was the first fish he has ever landed with his fly rod.

This was caught one week after the Fly Fishing 101 casting clinic which Isaiah attended.

Be sure to congratulate Isaiah when you see him.

Matching the Hatch 101

By [Tristan Leong](#)

So you get to the river at first light expecting a swarm of insects to rise off the water. Unfortunately, no emergence of insects is coming off today. The fly shop the day before said "try such and such fly because it's been a hot producer lately." Seems that you're a day late and a dollar short, and after an hour or so of not even a nibble, you begin to question your fly selection. What flies should you choose now?

This is a common scenario that all fly fishers face. Much of the time we lay the fault of a lousy fishing day squarely on our fly selection. "It must be the flies fault because I must be using the wrong bug!" Now I hate to turn your fly fishing world upside down, but 99% of the time it isn't the fly that influences whether you are going to catch a fish - it's the fisherman. There are so many other controllable factors that dictate whether or not a fish is going to bite your fly that fly selection should be the last thing you should worry about. (i.e., reading the water) But, since you do worry, I am going to take the fly selection factor completely out of the scenario by giving you a list of flies that are sure fire producers under all situations. If fish don't bite these flies, it's because either they are a) not hungry/active or b) you're doing something else wrong.

Insects are the most diverse and successful group of animals on our planet. They occupy every niche in our environment, and your slick fly catalog probably has a pattern that replicates almost every species out there, plus a bunch that haven't been discovered yet. The common adage goes, some flies were meant to catch fish and some were meant to catch fishermen... As you fish more often you begin to realize that you have a few top producing patterns in your box you'll use with regularity. Look at a guide's selection; it won't change much from year to year or season to season. They probably use only a handful of patterns to mimic the seasonal changes in the river, and you should too because they have to put people on fish or they lose business. So here they are, without further hesitation, the top flies that will work on any river anywhere for trout all over the world.

Mayflies:

Notes: Mayflies can be roughly segregated into 4 groups depending upon how they spend their juvenile years, ie: crawlers, clingers, swimmers, and burrowers. For the most part only the crawlers and swimmers are available to trout as nymphs. The families Baetis and Ephemerella are the most commonly distributed mayflies throughout the west and make up the majority of the available mayfly biomass. You know them by their common names, blue wing olives (Baetis, although in the east coast BWOs are a different family) and green drakes / pale morning duns, (aka Ephemerella). To a lesser degree other hatches are important in specific situations and environments. They include Heptageniidae (March Browns) earlier in the year, Callibaetis on lakes and stillwaters (Baetis), twilight Hexagenia hatches such as on the Fall River and Lake Almanor, and Tricorythodes (tricos) spinner falls. Mayfly nymphs are typically very small, with tapered bodies, and three tails. They come in a variety of colors that match their environment, the most common being browns, greys, greens, blacks and tans. Typically, the greatest hatches occur from spring through early summer, though there is always some form of mayfly activity occurring throughout the year. The most productive imitations for baetis and ephemereella are listed below.

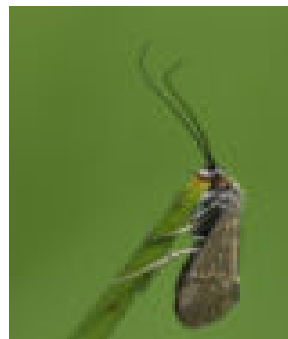
Nymph:

Pheasant tail	(size 14-18)
Micromayfly	(size 16-20)
A.P. Nymph	(size 14-18)
Birds Nest	(size 14-18)
Red/Black/Copper John	(size 14-18)

Dry:

BWO Parachute	(size 14-18)
Adams	(size 14-18)
PMD Parachute	(size 14-18)

*Cripple patterns tied for BWOs and PMD are also highly effective, during emergence. Specific patterns such as March Browns, Hexagenia, etc. should be used only when one anticipates fishing during a specific hatch.

Caddis:

Notes: Caddis are grub-like insects that live underwater scavenging detritus. Some are free-living, others build cases out of sticks and rocks to protect themselves, while still others build silken webs like spiders to trap floating debris. The immature nymphs are always tan, green or brown headed with a pale cream grub/worm like body. Adults resemble moths with tented wings. Caddis go through a complete metamorphosis like butterflies with a pupa stage. Pupa a generally cream/yellow/or light tan colored and are a favorite meal of trout when they swim for the surface. The most common caddis in the west are Hydropsyche (spotted sedge), Rhyacophila (green rock worm), and Limnephilidae (October Caddis, various others). Caddis are a very important food source on all of our western rivers, and in many cases make up the majority of insect biomass found throughout a stream.

Nymph:

Birds Nest: (size 10-18)
 Gold Ribbed Hares Ear: (size 10-18)
 Green Rock Worm: (size 14-18)
 Pupae Patterns (size 14-18)

Dry:

Elk Hair Caddis (tan/green) (size 12-16)
 Tent Wing Caddis (tan/green) (size 12-18)
 October Caddis (orange) (size 10+)

Stoneflies

Notes: Stoneflies are large crawling insects that scurry across the bottom of cobbles and rocks underwater. Their long, thin, lobster-like profile and 2 tails easily distinguish them. Generally, stoneflies have long juvenile stages before reaching adulthood. (1-3 years) Stoneflies are fairly big and trout eat them with reckless abandon when they are available. They are poor swimmers and even poorer fliers. The 3 most common species across the west are Golden Stones, Salmonflies, and Skawala stoneflies. Both Skawala and Salmonflies hatch early in the year, generally before most people are out fishing. Golden Stoneflies commonly hatch during mid summer and have a long emergence window. Because they are available during somewhat select timeframes, one should hold off on stonefly adults patterns unless you know that they will be available during your fishing. However, fishing stonefly adults is an exhilarating thrill, as trout aggressively attack large gaudy patterns fished carelessly on the surface. It might be worthwhile to pick up some larger nymph patterns especially golden stones as their long juvenile lifespan and affinity for fast water makes them available to trout year round. (This does not necessarily hold true for Skawalas and Salmonflies).

Other Flies

Note: You should always keep a few of these patterns in your box. They are top producers but are not necessarily the famous hatches one often hears about.

Ant patterns: (small sizes in brown and black)
 Foam Hopper Patterns: (Tan/Grey various sizes)
 Midge Larvae/Chironomids (WD-40/ Brassie size 16 and below)

More Lake specific patterns, but good patterns to have regardless:

Scuds
 Wollybuggers

These patterns will produce trout in moving water environments all over the west and throughout the world. Tie some or pick a few up and watch for results.

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

The one trip since last edition was the delayed one to Baum Lake. Day 1: Not bad with about 15 landed, all 12-15 inches plus or minus. Day 2: A bit slower with 10-12 in the net. Day 3: The barometer crashed as did the fishing. 0 unless one counts the one at the end of the leader Jim Wright snagged. Most successful fly: #20 candy cane. Unfortunately no hatches came off that did much good. The highlight was again Tom Burton's structure and side flaps which created a wonderful atmosphere for several very pleasant evening get-togethers.

Changing gears rapidly, there will be several new trip signups at the March meeting. First, there will be one for Gene Gantt's McCloud outing from May 30-June 2. Also signups will be out for the Old Fogies hike scheduled for August 8-10. AND NOTE FOR THOSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE SHAD TRIP: The date has been moved up a week to Friday May 23, which is Memorial Day weekend Friday. This avoids a conflict with the McCloud trip and may provide a better shot at closer waters. - [Cary Boyden](#)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2008 SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
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 19 th 9 – 4	Bill & Marilyn 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
** Private Waters - Yuba	Trout	May 23 rd – 25 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Beginners Spring Clinic
** American River	Shad	May (evening)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Shad Clinic
Shad	Shad	May 23 ^h	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May 24 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
++ May Meeting	Speaker - TBA	May 27 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
McCloud	Trout	May 30 th – Jun 2 nd	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
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
++ NO June Meeting	None	None		
**	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 27 th – 31 st	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	\$100 deposit due by 2\4
++ July Meeting	Speaker - TBA	Jul 29 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 8 th – 10 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
High Country Backpack	Trout	Aug	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	Cancelled
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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