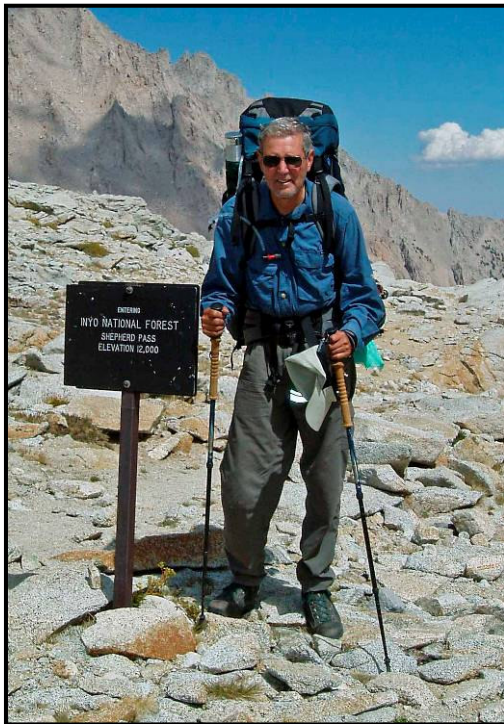


The Fisherman's Line**May Meeting, Tuesday May 27th, 7:30pm****Harper Jr. High****Fly Fishing the High Sierra****George Bouvoin**

For more than 35 years, fly fishing instructor George Bouvoin has hiked and backpacked the High Sierra in search of the best places to fly fish for trout. Join George, a frequent REI speaker, for slides of premier destinations in late summer/fall for Goldens, Brooks or Browns: The lakes and streams of Emigrant Wilderness, Mono Creek and Fish Creek in John Muir Wilderness, and the South Fork of the San Joaquin River in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Make the most of your next Sierra vacation with George's expert tips on fly fishing gear, flies, fishing techniques and safe backcountry travel.

**Useful High Sierra planning links:****Westside Sierra Pack Stations**

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Eastern High Sierra Pack Stations

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US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

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Wilderness Permit Information

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Prez Says

By Lowell Ashbaugh

It's starting to warm up so I'm getting anxious to get out on the rivers. But the weather also reminds me that the Board of Directors decided to move up the date of our annual potluck picnic this year to avoid the heat of July. The picnic will be held in June this year, so mark your calendars for the picnic on June 24 this year. We'll be at Community Park near the Art Center, as usual, and the club will provide the burgers and hot dogs. Watch the newsletter to find out what dish you should bring to share. We'll hold a regular meeting at Harper Jr. High in July, and then take August off to go fishing.

If you are a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, please go get your copy of Rivermouth right now, find the ballot on pages 7-8, put a check mark beside every name on it and send it in. If you're not a member of FFF you should be. The only way fly fishers can have the clout it takes to push for healthy rivers and streams is to band together and deliver our message with numbers. Believe me, we have to push hard. There are powerful forces working to take the water for purposes other than fisheries. There's enough water to go around, but it costs more to do it that way and those powerful water forces don't want to spend the money for fish.

I had a great time at the Giant Salmon Road Show last month. It was truly gratifying to see all those kids enjoying the short program and answering Nate's questions about salmon. They really learn a lot in the Classroom Aquarium Education Program. Kudos to Adney Bowker for getting it to so many classrooms in the area!

Donating Raffle Gifts!

Though there is a club budget for purchasing raffle items for each meeting, members are always encouraged to donate additional items to make to raffle more interesting and enticing to our members. Fishing items are encouraged but not necessary. Bring your donations to the meeting and we will gratefully accept them.

FFD Picnic – Coming June 24th

Be sure to put Tuesday, June 24th on your calendars for the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual picnic. In the past we've had the picnic the last Tuesday of July, but the board decided to move the picnic up to June with the hopes of somewhat cooler temperatures (so naturally we'll have the hottest June and coolest July on record—but that's how it goes sometimes). This will take place of the regular June meeting.

Announcing Committee Chair Changes – Raffle and Programs

At the May Board of Directors meeting John Insdahl agreed to take over the vacant Programs Chair position. This change also opened a position in the Raffle Chair position that John has handled so well. So in his place, Bob Brodberg has agreed to take over the Raffle Chair that is critical towards the club's budget. Please be sure to thank both Bob and John as they take over these important tasks.

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Giant Salmon Road Show in Davis!!!

FIN visits Korematsu Elementary and Davis Farmers' Market

The Save Our Wild Salmon Road Show arrived in Davis on Friday, April 25, 2008 and visited Korematsu Elementary School. Korematsu Elementary has five classrooms participating in the Club-sponsored Classroom Aquarium Education Program, and the traveling Giant Salmon Road Show was a perfect addition to the classroom program to help spread awareness of the plight of wild salmon. Teacher Sharyn Lieth took the lead and coordinated with the school principal Rob Rodden, and with Joseph Bogaard, who runs the Giant Salmon program. Lowell Ashbaugh and Adney Bowker were instrumental in getting the parties together to help arrange this event, and Joseph and the others with the Road Show arranged for a Davis Enterprise photographer to arrive for the event (see Sunday, April 27, 2008, front page article).

After arriving at Korematsu, the Giant Salmon program representatives spoke to the kids for a few minutes about the plight of the salmon, and then all got to climb into the salmon. The inside was large enough for the kids to stand up in, and was finished with outdoor scene mural decorations. All classes at Korematsu got to listen and participate, and it seemed to be a big hit, since virtually all the kids had just finished raising and releasing steelhead as part of the Classroom Aquarium Education Program. Lowell Ashbaugh, Adney Bowker, and Jack Norlyn all attended the event at Korematsu elementary.

On Saturday, April 26 the Road Show visited the popular Davis Farmers' Market and set up shop at the north end of the Market. The Save Our Wild Salmon representatives discussed the issues with residents and allow kids an opportunity to climb into the Salmon and view the mural. Nate Grader, one of the program representatives, indicated they were getting a continuous stream of visitors, with several members of the Fly Fishers of Davis making a showing. Lowell Ashbaugh set out club literature for people to take with them.

Check out the Giant Salmon blog for Davis at <http://saveourwildsalmon.blogspot.com/2008/04/fin-hits-davis.html>. Clicking the logo on the top of the page will take you to the full blog that documents other stops for the Road Show.





Adney feeding Lowell to the Giant Salmon



From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Water issues continue to top the list of environmental and political concerns in California. 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.

Giant Salmon Road Show The Save our Wild Salmon Fin to Davis on their tour from Washington State to Washington, DC last month to highlight the plight of salmon on the west coast. Look for the story elsewhere in this newsletter.

More Salmon Season Closure The California Fish and Game Commission closed salmon fishing on all 14 Central Valley rivers and streams except for a one-salmon bag limit in the Sacramento River from Red Bluff Diversion Dam to Knights Landing from November 1 to December 31. The Feather, American, Yuba and other popular salmon rivers will be closed to the take of spring run Chinook salmon also. This unprecedented action comes a month after closure of the ocean to salmon fishing. There's some evidence the few returning fish are about 90% hatchery raised; i.e. only 10% of the fish are wild. It's time we take better care of our rivers before all the fish are gone! Hatcheries are not the answer. If they were we wouldn't be in this position now. We've been operating them for 100 years but the fish population is suffering. It's about the habitat!

New head of Fish and Game Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday appointed Donald Koch of Redding to be California's new director of the Department of Fish and Game. Koch, 55, retired in December after a 30-year career with the department as a biologist and supervisor. Since 1998, he served as North Coast regional manager, where he represented the department in complex Klamath River water negotiations. He replaces L. Ryan Broddrick, who resigned in August and now is executive director of the Northern California Water Association.

Koch, a Democrat, has a master's degree in biological sciences from Cal State Sacramento and a bachelor's degree in zoology from UC Davis. The position requires Senate confirmation, and the pay is \$142,965.

Trinity River Flow Upheld The Bureau of Reclamation considered recategorizing this year from a normal year a dry year, a move that would have allowed them to take more water from the Trinity River to send to the south state. BOR decided against the move, though, because it was illegal. The Record of Decision clearly calls for the decision to be made on April 1, when conditions indicated it was a normal year. There is no

justification, and no legal basis for setting the water year in May as the Bureau desired. Furthermore, a project is now underway to place spawning gravel in the river, and that requires higher flows to distribute it downstream.

FFF members please vote! All members of the Federation of Fly Fishers (and if you're not a member you should be) should have received the latest Rivermouth in mid-May. In it you'll find a ballot for the board of directors. Please tear it out, vote for the directors and officers, and put it in the mail. It's the only way we elect directors and officers, and we need your vote. Note that I'm on the directors list and I'm also running for Secretary.

News from NCCFFF

2008 Festival of Fly Fishing The Festival of Fly Fishing will be held in Lodi, California on October 10-11 this year. While Lodi is close to some great fishing, it's also convenient to the major NorCal population centers. So save the dates—details will follow later.

FFF Conclave (Whitefish, MT) On-line pre-registration is now open. By now FFF members should have received their Spring Issue of the Flyfisher Magazine which includes the insert for registration and Conclave events. Questions in regards to Conclave can be directed to Jessica at <mailto:conclave@fedflyfishers.org>.

Discounted FFF Membership Rate The special rate for new memberships is in effect until June 30, 2008.

Membership forms have been created for the special rate promotion. All information is now posted to the web site and can be found on the following page

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4676>

The rod incentive program information is also available on the same page.

New memberships will qualify for credits towards Rod New Member Incentive Program during this promotion period. Not for use with pre-paid version of incentive program

This is not for FFF renewal memberships – only for those new to FFF!

Pebble Mine/Abel Reel promotion The Sportsmens Alliance for Alaska has a promotion for an Abel reel that will benefit the campaign against the Pebble Mine in Alaska. Opponents of the potentially environmentally devastating Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay region will benefit from an Abel Super 5N trout reel. Watch for a full update on the campaign in the upcoming FlyFisher Magazine this June. To purchase an Abel reel that will support the "No Pebble Mine" campaign visit <http://www.sportsmansalliance4ak.org/>

Fly Fishing Classic of the Month

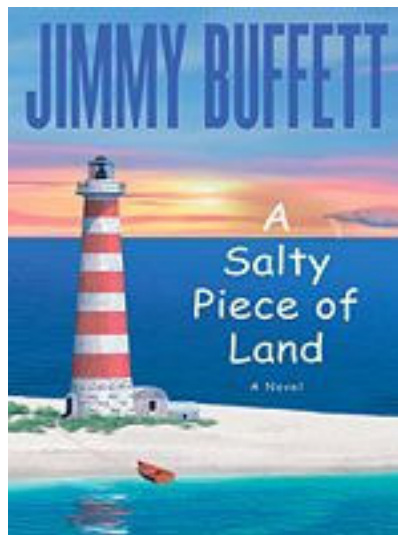
By Gene Gantt

A Salty Piece of Land, A Novel

By Jimmy Buffett

Summer is coming on us fast. Well maybe not fast enough, and when our minds start to wander off this book is a great escape. You can read it at home while sitting in the backyard waiting for the next fishing trip or while sitting around the campfire while next to the river. Where ever you are just read it and enjoy.

There are times when we just need a book that takes us away from the everyday problems and stress we face. Jimmy Buffett's novel *A Salty Piece of Land* does just that. It takes you away to far away places and makes you forget your day-to-day struggles for a short time. Buffett is known by many for his singing and song writing talents. There are many fly anglers that are "Parrotheads" and follow Buffett through his music, and may not know about his books.



In this book, we meet Tully Mars, a cowboy, a beach bum, and a fly fisher. Tully Mars runs away from problems in Wyoming and finds his way to the Florida Keys, the coast of Alabama, to a fishing lodge called The Lost Boys on the Yucatan, and eventually on an island called Cayo Loco where he restores an old lighthouse. He does all of this with his fly rods and his horse Mr. Twain.

You will be taken fishing for permit on the flats, you will go sailing, drinking, singing, have some sex, restore a lighthouse on an island and have plenty of adventures while reading this book. You will meet many colorful people and see many wonderful

places. This book is just a read to get you away from it all for a while. As Jimmy Buffett says at the end of the book, "I'm done. Time to go fishing."

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families are \$25/year. Student rate is \$15/year. Due to problems and difficulties with the U.S. Post Office we are phasing out the hardcopy option for the monthly newsletter. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address so that we can get the newsletter to you in Adobe Acrobat format. 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



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Water4Fish.org Coordinating Committee - email action@Water4Fish.org

Fly of the Month for May

Mercer's Micro Mayfly – By John Daniels



Mike Mercer of The Fly Shop in Redding is one of the most influential tyers in Northern California for one simple reason – his patterns catch a lot of fish. The Micro Mayfly is another gem from Mercer's fly box, although like so many of his commercial patterns, it is a bit more complicated than it really needs to be. The variant described below is a slightly simplified version I learned from Dave Sloan of American Fly Fishing (who picked it up from Dave Schaffer, I believe). While the original calls for an epoxy wing case, a signature Mercer feature in so many of his patterns, I usually omit this step.

Micro Mayfly Pattern

Hook:	Dai Riki 075 #14 (TMC2488H would work, original used TMC921)
Thread:	6/0 Danville brown (12/0 Benecchi for smaller sizes, flat thread best)
Bead:	Copper
Tail:	3-4 strands pheasant tail
Rib:	Small copper wire
Abdomen:	Thread (original used stripped peacock herl)
Flashback:	Flashabou
Wingcase:	Mottled turkey tail fibers (treated with fixative or head cement)
Thorax:	Superfine brown dubbing
Legs:	Mottled brown Indian hen saddle
Collar:	Superfine brown dubbing

Place bead on hook, tie in wire and wrap a smooth and even thread base to bend. Tie in 3-4 pheasant tail fibers at the bend, and advance thread to ¼ shank length behind the eye with even wraps to form a smooth abdomen. Trim feather butts, and rib abdomen with 4-5 even wraps of wire. Tie in single strand of Flashabou and a section of mottled turkey at thorax (wingcase about ½ gape in width) before dubbing the thorax with Superfine or similar fine dubbing. Prepare single hen saddle feather by stroking barbules of feather perpendicular to the stem to even the tips (soft-hackle style) before removing a clump from one side of the feather and tying it down on far side of the thorax behind the bead for legs. Length of the legs should be a just bit past the thorax. Repeat for the near side of the hook, before pulling the turkey forward over the thorax. Tie down the turkey, pull the Flashabou forward and tie it down as well, and trim both (an X-Acto knife can be handy here to make a nice clean cut). If you were going to epoxy the wingcase, this is when you would do so (Mercer uses 2 sections for turkey for the wingcase when using epoxy, to prevent seepage). Finally, dub a fine collar behind the bead and whip finish. Pattern is effective in sizes #14-20, with copper or gold beads, copper or gold ribs, in brown, olive, and black. Mercer also ties the Micro Mayfly with wire bodies like a Copper John. A detailed discussion of this and other Mercer patterns can be found in his book *Creative Fly Tying*.

More Lower Sacramento River Photos

Photos courtesy Jim Wright and Jack Norlyn



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

The trip hiatus that was April after the first weekend at Pyramid is over beginning Memorial Day weekend. First there will be a shad trip that Friday. As of press time this year shapes up as the best in years and hopefully will continue to be so.

The next day John Reynolds has another Payne in the Ranch hike and fish for smallies venture. Last year's outing succumbed to low water and with a bit of luck this means even more and bigger smallies will be available.

The following two weekends also are on the schedule. Gene Gantt has another McCloud outing for the carryover weekend and promises at least one of his unbeatable culinary treats. Presumably the water level will be good, and the trip will produce good results for all. The next weekend has the Davis Lake trip on tap. This is a bit of knock on wood but could be tremendous. Notwithstanding the fish kill of last Fall, there should be a good damsel hatch and hopefully plenty of fish in good shape. There will be a tying session to be announced at the meeting for members interested in tying blood midges, damselflies and other likely successful flies for Davis and Frenchman (whether we will hit the latter depends entirely on how Davis fishes).

For members who either want two days at a reduced rate or want to fish the Sac with guides during the week, we have 2 more boats reserved for the Friday before the October Fly Shop trip. Actually there are 3, but one is taken. There will be a signup at the May meeting for these boats. The guides are Mike Parker and Brian Balag, both very good guides. - [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	
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 19 th 9 – 4	Bill & Marilyn 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
++ April Meeting	Speaker: Phil Fischer	Apr 29 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	Shad
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	May 4 th 11 – 2	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	
** Upper Sac	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: George Bouvoine	May 27 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	High Sierra
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	
** Private Waters - Yuba	Trout	June 13 th – 15 th	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Trout Clinic
Annual Picnic	Food & Fun	Jun 24 th	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	Wine, Women & Song
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jun	John Daniels 530-750-3511	Cancelled
++ NO June Meeting	None	None		
** Mid-Stanislaus	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 - Lincoln Gray	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 - Jeff Putnam	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	

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