

**The Fisherman's Line****September Meeting, Tuesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**  
**Harper Jr. High****Lincoln Gray – Lake Almanor and other Stillwaters**

Lincoln Gray is the Sales Manager for Sierra Stream and Mountain. Companies include Sierra Stream Fly Shop, Jay Fair's Eagle Fly Fishing and Tie-Fast Tools. Lincoln not only handles the day to day operations of the retail store, but also the manufacturing and distribution of all sales. Lincoln came to Sierra Stream and Mountain in 2003 after a long career as a sales representative, guide and sales manager for numerous companies in the fly fishing industry. Lincoln's love for the sport of fly fishing started at the age of 6 by his father on the well known Rogue River in southern Oregon and has grown into his lifelong passion. Lincoln continues this passion by instructing other anglers in our casting classes and Lincoln Gray's Fly Fishing School. His knowledge and love for the sport of fly fishing has sent him to many different locations through out the world in search of the ultimate hook up. Lincoln will present on fishing Lake Almanor and other Stillwater venues for trophy trout.

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***Prez Says***  
**By Lowell Ashbaugh**

I hope you all had a great summer – and that you got out fishing as much as you wanted. I got out a few times, and it was enough to remind me why I love this sport. We visit such beautiful places! And there's just nothing like that feeling when the line tightens and the fish starts tugging at it. I thought about writing more here about why we need to get involved, but you can read the conservation column for that. Now I'd just like to make an appeal to each and every one of you to bring a friend to one of our meetings. Have you noticed how good our programs have gotten in the last few years? Our program committee has done a great job of bringing in interesting and entertaining speakers. They're just too good to keep to ourselves. By the way, we're set with programs for several months, but if you'd like to hear anyone in particular just let any board member know. Fly Fishing 101 has brought in new members, and has shown there's a great need for high quality instruction in fly fishing. So bring a friend to the meeting. Young or old, male or female, experienced fly fisher or someone who just wants to see what it's all about – it doesn't matter. Just bring 'em!

**Raffle Board – Continued at September Meeting**

Raffle Board has forty-one squares left, so be sure to get in soon if you haven't already (or even if you have). Sales continue at the September Meeting, and will continue until all 100 squares are sold. The price is \$5 per square or \$20 for 5 squares. **THE PRIZE:** One day guided trip for 2 persons on the Lower Sacramento River with Mike Parker. Don't miss out, Fall on the Lower Sac is near—and this would be a great way to experience it! If you have any questions, e-mail Bob Brodberg at <mailto:rbrodberg@sbcglobal.net>.

**Boat for Sale – Proceeds to the Club**

John Imsdahl has a donated boat with wooden oars and a three horsepower two stroke motor, measuring 48" wide by 8 ft long. The boat is light weight fiberglass, no holes, ready to go and with clear title. Proceeds go to the Fly Fishers of Davis. Asking \$175, or best offer. Those interested should contact John at 707-685-1582 or <mailto:imsdahl@castles.com>.



**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 <mailto: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**

## **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.

**Endangered Species Act Under Fire** The Endangered Species Act has been highly successful at preserving species, including fish that we all care for. Over the past eight years the Bush administration has tried again and again to weaken, destroy, or ignore it. Concerned citizens and the Congress have preserved it. Now, though, the Bush administration is trying a new tactic – Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne proposed a regulatory change. Under the proposal federal agencies that wanted to start a new project – a road, say, or a dam – could decide on their own that it wouldn't harm an imperiled species, in which case they wouldn't have to consult with the wildlife biologists at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service who are the experts on these matters.

The department allowed only a 30-day comment period in an obvious attempt to limit public input and to put the rule in place before the November election. This is yet another cynical move by the Bush administration to destroy our country's natural resources. The comment period ended on September 15, but you may still be able to have an impact by commenting at

<<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocumentDetail&o=09000064806c5826>>.

**Harvest of Cash** Mike Taugher wrote an interesting article in the Contra Costa Times last month ([http://www.insidebayarea.com/argus/ci\\_10152127?source=email](http://www.insidebayarea.com/argus/ci_10152127?source=email)). I mentioned this practice a few months ago in this column. If you're interested in delta water issues, you should read the entire article. It starts out like this:

Delta fish suffered a crippling decline while taxpayers paid nearly \$100 million to a Kern County water wholesaler for an environmental protection program that was largely ineffective, a Contra Costa Times investigation has found.

In the process, the wholesaler sold water to the state for as much as \$200 an acre-foot and last year bought water from the state for as little as \$28 an acre-foot.

The Kern County Water Agency was the biggest buyer in a program that delivered discounted Delta water in a way that now appears to have been particularly harmful to the environment. It also was the biggest seller of water to an ill-fated, publicly-financed state program meant to protect the same environment, the investigation found.

The Kern agency collected \$96 million in taxpayer money — nearly all of it borrowed on the bond market — for sales to an "environmental water account" that was shelved after seven years at the end of 2007, records show.

**Delta Water Transfers** There have been two reports in the last few weeks that bear upon water transfers in the Delta. The first, published by the Public Policy Institute of California, was written by Jay Lund, Ellen Hanak, William Fleenor, William Bennett, Richard Howitt, Jeffrey Mount, and Peter Moyle of UC Davis. It concluded that building a peripheral canal to carry water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the most promising strategy to balance two critical policy goals: reviving a threatened ecosystem and ensuring a high-quality water supply for California's residents. Although it would be best for fish populations if California stopped using the Delta as a water source altogether, this would be an extremely costly strategy, according to the report. Read the report at <http://www.ppic.org/main/publication.asp?i=810>.

Interestingly, the Pacific Institute also published a report, "More with Less: Agricultural Water Conservation and Efficiency in California – A Special Focus on the Delta" ([http://www.pacinst.org/reports/more\\_with\\_less\\_delta/index.htm](http://www.pacinst.org/reports/more_with_less_delta/index.htm)). You may have read Peter Gleick's op-ed piece on this report in the Sacramento Bee earlier this month. Peter is one of the authors. The report concludes that California farmers can grow more food and fiber with less water. The report offers a comprehensive analysis of how to maintain a strong agricultural economy while improving the efficiency of water use and reducing groundwater overdraft and water withdrawals from the critically threatened Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The study finds agricultural water-use efficiency can be improved through careful planning, adopting existing, cost-effective technologies and management practices, and implementing feasible policy changes. The report also provides recommendations to overcome some of the financial, legal, and institutional barriers that can hinder farmers from implementing such adaptations and investments.

Here's an excerpt from the Executive Summary: "Water savings achieved through conservation and efficiency improvements are just as effective as new, centralized water storage and are often far less expensive. For example, the savings we find in these scenarios can be compared using "dam equivalents." Assuming that a dam yields 174,000 acre-feet of "new" water, our efficiency scenarios save as much water as provided by 3 to 20 dams of this size. Furthermore, these savings could be achieved without adversely affecting the economic productivity of the agricultural sector."

**Improving Ocean Conditions** A federal oceanographer says a flip-flop in atmospheric conditions is creating a feast for salmon and other sea life off the West Coast, reversing a trend that contributed to a virtual shutdown of West Coast salmon fishing this summer.

Bill Peterson of NOAA Fisheries in Newport said Tuesday the change in cycle of an atmospheric condition known as the Pacific Decadal Oscillation last fall has brought cold water flows from the Gulf of Alaska, which are carrying an abundance of tiny animals known as copepods that are the foundation of the food chain.

It's unknown how long the good times will last, but Peterson said ocean surveys of Chinook salmon in June found lots of

yearling juveniles, which should grow up to be plentiful stocks of adults by 2010. Coho surveys start in a couple weeks.

### Global Warming - NASA Images Show Northwest Passage Opened.

The UK's Daily Mail

<<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1050990/The-North-Pole-island-time-%20history-ice-melts.html?ITO=1490>> (9/2, MacRae) reports, "Startling satellite pictures taken three days ago show that melting ice has opened up the fabled North-West and North-East Passages – making it possible to sail around the Arctic ice cap." According to the article, "The pictures, produced by NASA, mark the first time in at least 125,000 years that the two shortcuts linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans have been ice-free at the same time."

## *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 Northern California population centers. It's important to support the NCCFFF. Profits generated from the Festival help provide funding for club educational and conservation grants. For example, grants to clubs during 2007 totaled \$9,800.

During the same year, donations to conservation organizations like the North Coast Environmental Center, the Urban Creeks Council and the Endangered Species Coalition totaled \$7,900. Add to that the NCC's participation through Earth Justice and the Natural Resource Defense Council in lawsuits that achieved major water-issues victories for the fish (\$8,500). An additional \$2000 went to efforts to help strengthen the ranks of DFG game wardens. Then there was \$1300 that went to the Healing Waters-Fly Fishing, the program to help wounded veterans rehabilitate through fly fishing.

The great thing about the Festival of Fly Fishing is that in addition to being a fundraiser, it is a fun event! The show starts at noon on Friday. Daytime events on Friday and Saturday include vendor displays, fly tying (about 20 tyers working two-hour shifts) and classroom presentations. There will be ongoing silent auctions both days of the Festival. And Friday night there is the Chili and Sausage feed, a great social event. On Saturday, the floor activities continue, and the gala Saturday night dinner, with its spectacular live auction, wraps up the "indoor" activities.

On Sunday, things switch to the outdoors. There are "on-stream" events on the Mokelumne and Tuolumne Rivers, Czech nymphing on Putah Creek and spey casting on the Feather River. Plus fishing with Pontoon rigs on the Delta and Beardsley Afterbay fishing for Rainbow and Brown Trout.

Lowell Ashbaugh is doing the pre-registration so if you want to save the price of a stamp you can bring your registration form to the club meeting. The form is at

<http://www.nccfff.org/conclave/documents/ConclaveRegistrationRevE.pdf>, and there are more details about the festival at <http://www.nccfff.org/conclave/conclave.html>.

**Warden Documentary** The NCCFFF contributed to funding for a documentary on California Fish and Game Wardens last year. The documentary is nearly finished now and may be shown at the Festival of Fly Fishing. There's a blog on it at <<http://snowgooseproductions.blogspot.com/2008/08/dramatic-recreation-on-budget.html>>. Here's an excerpt: "When we first got involved with working on this documentary over a year ago, we found out about the story of a warden (Kyle Kroll) working a marijuana grove eradication who got shot. The bullet went through both his legs, and he was starting to lose a lot of blood before other wardens got to him. The incredible part of the story is that the helicopter that was supposed to come pick Kyle and his buddies up didn't come for **three hours**, and it only came in after one of the other wardens (Adam Kavanaugh) cut a landing strip out of the surrounding brush using a machete.

"When it came around to telling this story, we joked about doing a huge recreation on a Michael Bay scale. Obviously, we didn't have the money to do anything close to this. However, as it came time for the documentary to be finished, we found that we really needed some sort of visual sequence to help tell the warden's story. One of the wardens who helped save Kyle's life (John Norres) had been offering to help us do a recreation for months, so we decided to go ahead and shoot something. Our limitations were somewhat daunting:

- We couldn't use any marijuana plants.
- We could only get one warden (John).
- We couldn't pay anybody anything.

"So we did what all independent film/video people do in this situation: we improvised. We got two friends to come out, and ended up with enough people to play all the wardens and one very cool guy (Paul Rubio) to play **both** growers. We found a place that had similar foliage, dressed up two guys in wardens outfits, and had two outfits (with guns) for the guy playing the growers."

This documentary is shaping up to be a really good production. I'm eager to see it. Read more about it on the blog.

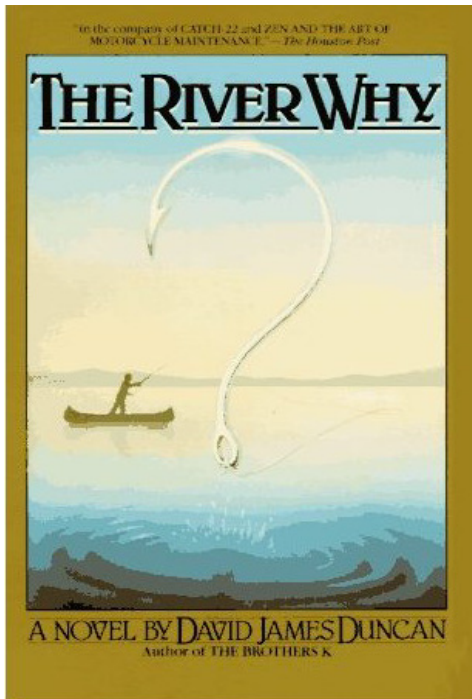
**Striperfest** The 2008 Striperfest will be held Saturday November 1, 2008 at Sugar Barge Marina (<http://www.sugarbarge.com>). This is a fund raiser for striped bass conservation efforts and supports the Bay-Delta Committee of NCCFFF. The Bay-Delta Committee is very active in supporting youth programs and intervening in legal issues in the Delta. Check out past years at [http://www.danblanton.com/striperefest\\_2005.html](http://www.danblanton.com/striperefest_2005.html).

## Fly Fishing Classic of the Month

By Gene Gantt

### The River Why

By David James Duncan



It looks like they are making another fishing movie. This time it is based on the novel by David James Duncan... *The River Why*. This book was the first novel ever published by Sierra Club Books.

Set on the banks of a wild river, *The River Why* is the story of 20 year old Gus Orviston, the Mozart of fly fishing, who leaves his big city home in rebellion from his family. In the process he comes in contact with an assortment of eccentric characters that help him in his journey to adulthood.

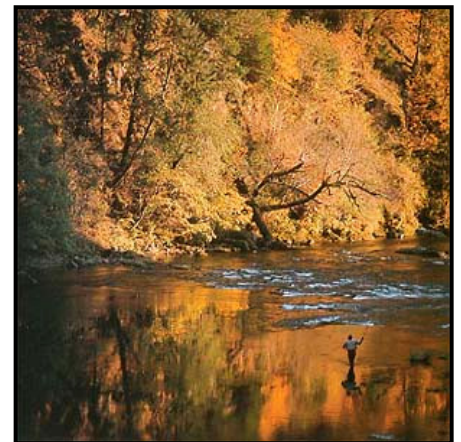
Most of all, this book is a love story. I guess that is the point of making it a movie. I just hope we don't see a whole bunch of new (meaning "pain in the ass") folks taking up fly fishing. I remember the last time a movie came out on fly fishing.

The story about Gus, his love for the wilderness, and the beautiful woman who comes to share it with him.

A San Francisco Chronicle poll ranked *The River Why* as the 35th best novel of the 20th century west. Perhaps the most important acclaim has come from readers, whose overwhelming heartfelt response is best demonstrated on Amazon.com, where the average customer review (5.0 stars) ranks it higher than any of the last 25 Academy Award adaptations.

Gus goes looking for fly fishing bliss, but what he finds is the natural world around him is in big trouble. He starts looking for answers to his questions and some meaning to his life. You will meet a whole bunch of characters during your reading. These include Bill Bob, Gus's water-phobic and precocious brother. A Warm Springs Indian named Thomas Bigeater, a flamboyant self-styled philosopher and his old wise dog. Of course there is the beautiful Eddy who by the way is an angler.

I have to admit, I had a hard time reading this book, but it takes you many places and if you plan on seeing the movie when it comes out in 2009, you should first read the book. Enjoy!



Fly Fishers of Davis 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
March	Jerry Neuburger	Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Fishing the Delta
April	Phil Fischer	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	Shad
May	George Bouvoin	May 27 <sup>th</sup>	High Sierra
June	None – Annual Picnic	Jun 24 <sup>th</sup>	
July	Russ Kanz	Jul 29 <sup>th</sup>	State Water Board
No August Meeting	None	None	Go Fish
September	Lincoln Gray	Sep 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lake Almanor Trophies
October	Jeff Putnam	Oct 28 <sup>th</sup>	
November	Brian Slusser	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Truckee Area Fishing
December	Home Grown Meeting	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	
January 2009	Ron Rabun	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bonefish
February 2009	Annual Dinner	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Food, Fellowship, and Fun
March 2009	TBA	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	
April 2009	TBA	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	
May 2009	TBA	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	
June 2009	Annual Picnic	Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
July 2009	TBA	Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	

## The Mohair Leech

Fly of the Month for September - by John Daniels



**Pattern:**

**Hook:** TMC5262 #10

**Thread:** Danville 6/0 black

**Tail:** Marabou black

**Flash:** Pearl Flashabou

**Body:** Black Angora Goat

**Tying Instructions:**

Ever since I got to inspect the stomach contents of some very hefty trout from Baum Lake, I have been fascinated with leech patterns. The Mohair Leech is one of the most venerable of the ties out there. It is a very simple pattern and a very effective one. I have heard some very good reports from Heenan Lake this year using the Mohair Leech, so I thought it an appropriate choice for this month's fly. Start by tying in a tail of marabou, shank length, cut the butts to just behind the eye, and wrap down for a smooth underbody. Next, tie in a strand of pearl Flashabou on each side of the tail, and cut to length. Here a little flash is better than a lot. For the body you have two choices. First, you could find some Mohair yarn (a yarn made of Angora Goat) and use that as the body material by tying it in at the back of the hook, palmering it forward, and then tying it off at the head. Rough the body up with a stiff brush to make the fibers stand out from the body, and the fly is done. This produces a serviceable if un-amazing fly.

An even better method, which allows you much greater room for creativity and produces a better looking fly, is to form a dubbing loop at the back of the fly, fill the loop with Angora Goat dubbing, twist the loop tight until the dubbing stands out, and then palmer the dubbing forward to the eye. As you wrap the loop forward, you can stroke the fibers back towards the rear of the hook to help build the body and prevent them from being trapped as you advance the loop. Whip finish the head of fly, trim off the remaining loop, and again brush the body to make the fibers stand out even more. I use an old toothbrush that has the bristles cut at a diagonal so that the front bristles are short and stiff and the rear ones are long and softer. This gives you a very useful tool that can be used to either brush heavy or light materials depending on the effect you are trying to achieve. This method is superior to using mere yarn because you get a fuller body and you can mix different colored dubbings into the loop for a wider range of patterns. Black with a little red, olive with a little black, and either with a bit of Flashabou dubbing can be particularly effective choices. Any dubbing with long heavy fibers can be used as a substitute for Angora, such as Jay Fair's Seal Sub, Hareline STS Trilobal, Arizona Simi Seal, or even real seal if you happen to have any. There are ton of modern variants of this simple pattern, but the original probably fishes just as well as the newer renditions.

**Special Note:** Interest in the Fly of the Month seems to be lagging and we have not had any participants for the last couple of meetings, so this month we will award the top TWO patterns. Considering how few folks have been entering, this means your chances of winning this month are EXCELLENT, so be sure to try this pattern this month!

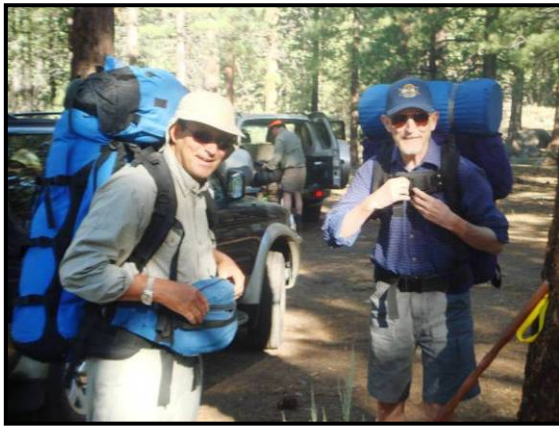
## Old Fogies 2008 – The Chair

By John Imsdahl, Photos contributed by Donn Erickson



This will mark my fifth consecutive year on the Old Fogies outing, and in the past, we have written about Wilma Jean, bamboo rods, “the train”, fellowship, bears, coyotes, Gin drinking cowboys, Cassiopeia, and John Reynolds’ favorite, “is this love or just another big...”. So, it would only be right to tell the tale of “the chair” for this year’s article.

Due to its overwhelming popularity, the Tom Burton led 2008 Old Fogies was split into two weekends. The first weekend included the “first party” consisting of Jack Norlyn, Dick Bellows and myself, all of whom came in a day early. The second party included Rollie Simons, Mike Neumann, John Lutch, Jim White, Jack Berger, Donn Erickson, Bob Brodberg, and Tom. The following weekend was a much smaller group consisting of Arlen Feldman, John Reynolds, Hank and Tom.



Despite having a 24 hour head start, and the advice of exiting fly fisherman who had spent five days in this region, Jack, Dick and I, for some unknown reason, decided to leave the best fishing spots and the larger fish for the second party. We fished the “EC” for the afternoon of the first day and the next morning before the second party’s arrival. Our successes were minimal and the fish were not large. Almost immediately

upon arrival, Lowell, John Lutch, Bob Brodberg, Jack Berger and Tom were into more fish that were much larger on the “SK”. Rollie, Mike and Jim all reported similar successes while Jack, Dick and I looked at each other with perplexed expressions.



Over the years Tom has been very generous with his time and knowledge in instructing me on many things about fishing, the outdoors, fly tying and selection, rod quality and construction, rowing down a river on a pontoon, backpacking, signs along a trail and entomology. He either took pity in me, or hated my failures, so he



had me join him on the SK the next evening. There we reviewed “reading water”, fly selection, hatches and swallow activity, and fly placement. With a “start here” I was soon into larger and more fish than before and only the oncoming darkness halted the success. In all I caught more fish this year than all of the other Old Fogie trips combined.

Tom loves the site that he and Hank found for the Old Fogies,



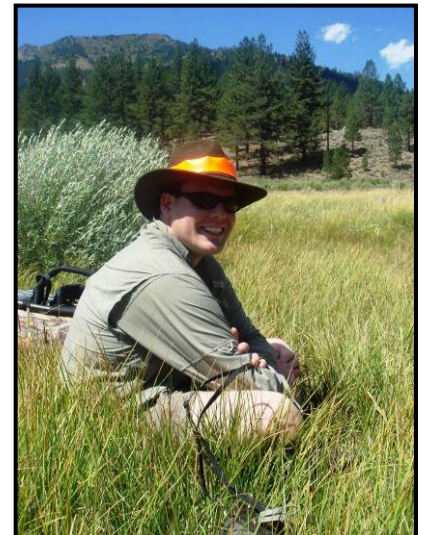
and the logs we arrange for seating around our campfire and meeting place. Being the backpacking minimalist that he is, Tom is not fond of “furniture” being dragged on the Old Fogies trip. Once “that door” is opened, who knows what hammocks, tables, electronic gear and other detractors would be brought into this gorgeous natural setting. This place should not become the “Riviera”. Being unaware and slow to realize this, I thought it would be a “great idea” to bring in a



folding camping chair for comfort and for all to use. To compound matters, I did not receive his emails which suggested I place the chair anywhere, including a part of my anatomy, but not on the Old Fogies trip.



Let us just conclude by saying that “the chair” lives on in a special place in all of our Old Fogie hearts, which shall never be revealed outside of us, and no more chairs or “furniture” will be added.





# More Fogies Photos

Contributed by Michael Neumann



## FF101 Extreme – North Stanislaus

By Paul Berliner, Pictures Contributed by Robert Brodberg

**Dateline: July 12, 2008.** It was a dark and stormy night. No, wait ... it was a bright and smoky morning, California was on fire, and Tristan Leong's ace fly-fishing 101 class was about to set out on their most challenging journey to date — the dreaded Hell's Kitchen descent on the upper north fork of the mighty Stan! In addition to Tristan at the helm, the brave newbies in attendance were Dave and Roberta Burke, John Baird, Robert "Rattlesnake" Brodberg, Dana and Lyn Hooper, and yours truly, Paul (how can my line get so tangled) Berliner.

"It's a simple journey," promised Dana, who had fished the canyon on many occasions with tales of glory, and wild trout leaping into his net.

"It's just down this dirt road," promised Dana. Three miles later, amidst the debris of broken tires, clouds of trail dust, two head gaskets and a blown differential, we arrived at the designated trail-head and suited up.

"The river's about 10 minutes down this trail," promised Dana. An hour later, the team was *still* bush-whacking their way down what "pretended" to be a trail.

"Here, trail trail trail — here little trail," pleaded Roberta.

"The trail used to be pretty well-marked," noted Dana. Folks, even Sir Edmund Hillary would have given up on this one ... but the brave marched on!

At long last — tired, exhausted, muscles aching, dehydrated, mosquito-bit, sun-burnt and "major" grumpy, the pioneers arrived at Hell's Kitchen, at the confluence of the mighty Stan and Highland Creek. "Hey Tristan, fly-fishing is fun, isn't it?" queried Paul.

But folks — Dana was darn right on one account. This was *remarkably* excellent fishing — especially since we were the first group in over 20 years to survive the descent. The river was fast and cold, we had the entire canyon to ourselves, and just about every fly in the fly-box caused a rise or a strike. Tallies of 10 or more were the norm.

But by mid-afternoon, yet another dark cloud loomed over the day — the parking lot was 1000 vertical feet of knee-bending muscle-tearing bush-whacking swearing-under-my-breath slogging back up the trail. Here's a toast to a successful day with good friends — now, please pass the Motrin.



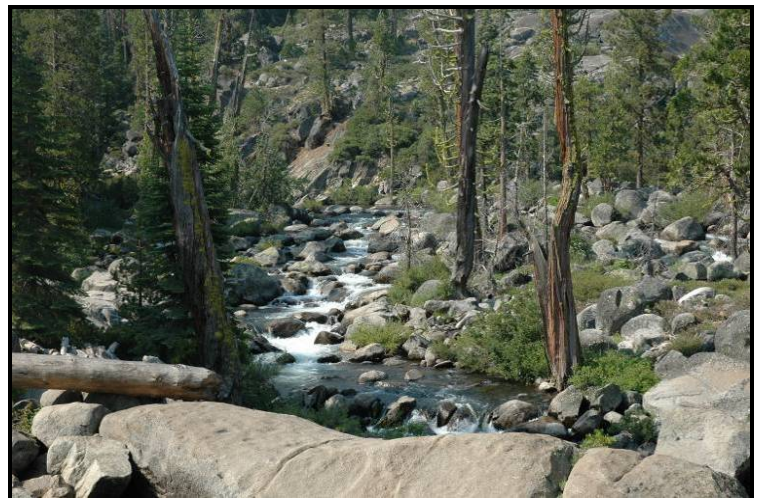
The search party – The quest to find the river...



Well, there it is—way down there. Can we cast from here?



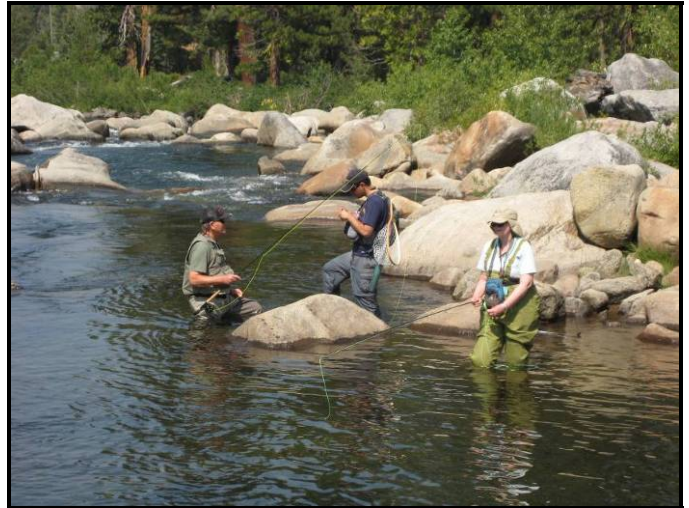
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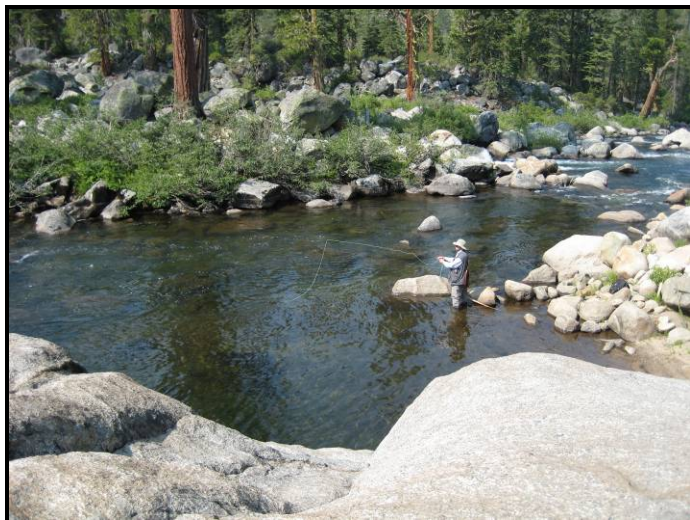
The North Stanislaus—worth the Hike.



John cooling his feet, "I have found the river!!! Now what?"



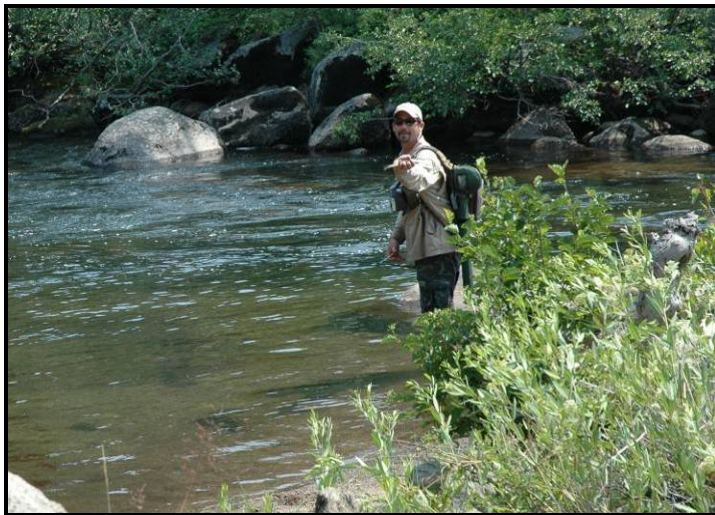
Tristan's Classroom in a worthwhile pool. Will there be a test?



It doesn't get much better than this.



I call it Crane technique—if do right, no can defense.



Pay Dirt!

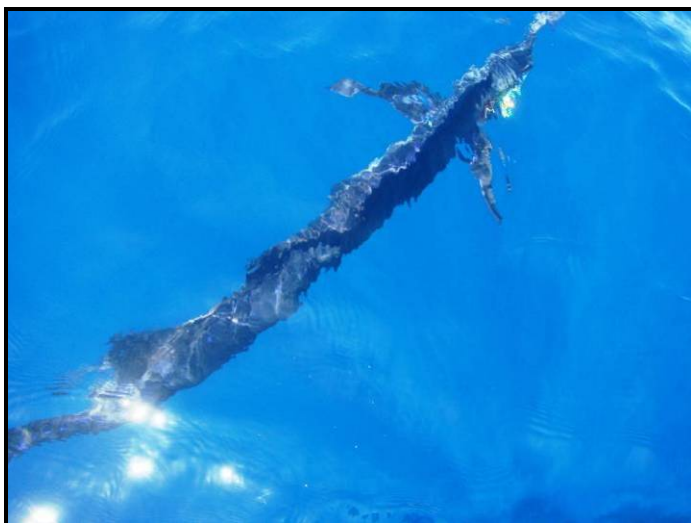


Hey, the Boards Crossing is fishy too!

# Loreto Mexico

By Donn Erickson

The July trip to Loreto was fantastic, with big dorado in close as well as lots of sails. We hooked several dorado in the 40+ pound range and even broke a #12 and a #14 on them. Ron caught a 120# sail on a #12, and Donn and Ron had a double on sailfish on two occasions. Montezuma reared its ugly head a bit, but the seafood was wonderful nonetheless. What a great place to do world-class fishing at a third of the cost of Alaska.



## ----- Outings Report -----

Since last newsletter there have been 3 scheduled outings, the Klamath one being cancelled when the 2 owners of available jet boats attended a wedding in which their respective younger sons were ushers.

The Fuller trip went off as scheduled. Lowell Ashbaugh and Bob Brodberg joined Brian Bechtold to have fun with the planters. Fuller is a wonderful place to go as it is relatively close and can produce great numbers if not size. There was one lesson learned by all on this trip—Lowell is resourceful. Bob suffered a left behind pump for his float tube (which had a non-standard nozzle)—but Lowell managed to improvise a way to get air in the tube. Then Lowell himself suffered multiple leaks in his tube—but he had his repair kit. It took a little while—but everyone got on the water. The best excitement on the water came when the power generation kicked up the inflow to the lake around noon, and many rainbows started feeding in a section of 2-3 feet of water about 100 feet out in the lake where the current was strong. For the next two hours there were periods where every cast would produce a hit, usually on dead-drifted pt's or prince nymphs.

The third trip was to Davis and a new camping spot at Grasshopper. Flush toilets, pay showers for the more fastidious and most important a place to park the boats overnight. The one drawback was nocturnal visits from Wiley (coyotes for those unfamiliar with the Roadrunner). The fishing Thursday was pretty good. Friday was tough but not without some success. Saturday was real slow with Jim Wright catching one and a few other ldrs/whiffs. All in all a great trip with Bill Rains's home vintner the cap. Future Davis trips will certainly follow this format as the advantages of the amenities plus being able to leave the boats overnight were obvious to all. And with the old timers passes abundant (not surprising) and doubling up on sites it comes out to \$4.50 or less a person a day, including launch fees.

At the meeting there will be new signups for the Tote & Float November 7 and 8 and the Amador breakfast get together on December 6. We will probably have a signup sheet for the March Fly Shop trip and Baum Lake a bit earlier.

Finally, I think I will have one more slot for the October 17 Fly Shop guided day and have not heard from all for the 18th, so if anyone is interested please call me at 753-3826. - [Cary Boyden](#)

### Fly Fishers of Davis 2008 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Very Tentative
Baum Lake	Trout	Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 19 <sup>th</sup> 9 – 4	<a href="#">Bill &amp; Marilyn</a> 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	May 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 – 2	<a href="#">Bob Zasoski</a> 530-753-2241	
** Upper Sac	Trout	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Beginners Spring Clinic
Shad	Shad	May 23 <sup>h</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	Cancelled – no fish
McCloud	Trout	May 30 <sup>th</sup> –Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">Gene Gantt</a> 707-451-3262	
Davis Lake	Trout	Jun 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
** Mid-Stanislaus	Trout	Jul 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Advanced Nymphing
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Loreto, Baja, Mexico	Dorado / Sailfish	Jul 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Donn Erickson</a> 707-718-7724	\$100 deposit due by 2\4
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tom Burton</a> 707-678-3850	
Fuller Lake	Trout	Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Brian Bechtold</a> 530-574-5157	
Klamath	½ Pounders	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Limited Space
Payne Ranch	Bass	Sep	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	Cancelled – no fish
Davis Lake	Trout	Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
<del>Klamath / Trinity</del>	<del>Steelhead</del>	<del>Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup></del>	<del><a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826</del>	Cancelled
McCloud	Trout	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Gene Gantt</a> 707-451-3262	
Redding / Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip
** Trinity	Steelhead	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Classic Clinic & Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage	Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	FREE Food & Drink
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$150 + tip (per day)
** American	Steelhead	Dec	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Winter Steelhead Clinic
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	

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