



**November Meeting, Tuesday Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**  
**Harper Jr. High**

**November Speaker – Brian Slusser**  
**Truckee Area Fly Fishing**



Brian Slusser is an outdoor enthusiast who was drawn to the Truckee-Tahoe area for the outstanding skiing. However, he got a bonus in the excellent fly fishing for wild Rainbow and Brown Trout in the Truckee River. During the winter months, Brian works as a full-time Professional Ski Patroller. During the summer, a fully addicted fly fishing nut. Brian does Wade and Boat guided trips and even a Fly Fishing School!

For our November meeting Brian will discuss fly fishing opportunities in the Truckee Area. Where to stay and the difficulty of wading the Truckee River. Brian is finishing his twelfth season on the water, and will share some of his tactics gleaned from many days on the water. He enjoys watching difficult fish eat dry flies, and the surprise of fishing subsurface and not knowing what exactly may take you fly.

You can find out more about Brian's Guide Service, Four Seasons Fly Fishing at <http://www.flyfishingtruckee-tahoe.com/>.

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***Prez Says***  
By Lowell Ashbaugh

We've had some really good programs lately, haven't we? Our programs committee deserves a big "thank you" for some great speakers for us. Remember that at this time of year we change our schedule a bit to accommodate the holidays. Be sure to come to the home-grown December program on the 16<sup>th</sup> - mark your calendars. This is one of my favorite programs of the year, produced by some of our many talented club members. We'll have members tying flies, building rods, showing you how to use GPS, tying knots, a display of our Classroom Aquarium Education Program, and more! But there's another important reason to come. The December meeting is our annual meeting when we elect new officers. The slate is announced below, so come make your vote count. There won't be any campaigning or signs or anything, so don't miss it!

### Putah Creek Cleanup – Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday, November 22, will be the date of the annual Putah Creek cleanup. We will be joining forces again with our good friends from the Napa Valley club as well as the folks from 'Putah Creek Trout'. We will gather at 'Fishing Access #1' at 9 AM, muck around 'til noon, and then break for lunch. The Napa club will provide the barbeque lunch, Sweeneys will be supporting the event with some raffle prizes, and our own John Reynolds will be making his famous Road Kill Chili. Word is out on the Putah Creek bulletin board, too, so there may be some extra help. There is road work scheduled on Hwy. 128, so if they are working near parking area 1 and you don't see us there, look in the other parking lots (there's only five total) and you'll find us. In the last few years the creek area has been pretty clean so we should only be working for an hour or two. Those interested should come prepared with boots/galoshes and gloves. For more details contact John Reynolds at <mailto:jreyn@dcn.org>.

### Notice of Annual Meeting – Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

This is to notify all members that the Club's annual meeting will be held at the December monthly meeting on December 16, 2008 at Harper Junior High School. There are two matters on the agenda:

- 1) Election of the officers for the next year and 2 directors to serve three year terms.
- 2) Consideration of revised Bylaws as approved by the Board.

The following is the slate to be presented by the Nominating Committee for the members' consideration:

**President:** Tom Burton  
**Vice President:** Gene Gantt  
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**Board Members:** Michael Neumann  
                             Dick Bellows

### Mark Your Calendar – Annual Dinner is Saturday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

The Annual Dinner this year will be on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The directors have started planning the details which will be forthcoming in the December and January Newsletters.



## **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.

**Seminar on the future of the Delta** I attended a seminar at UC Davis this month by Jeff Mount, one of the authors of the report on the delta published recently by the Public Policy Institute of California. The report is at <http://www.pplic.org/main/publication.asp?i=810>.

The delta provides water to 25 million people in California and supplies irrigation for millions of acres of agricultural land. It's also in serious environmental jeopardy. A major issue with the delta is that it has undergone irreversible change (at least on our timescale) over the past 100 years. By draining the islands for farming and building levees to prevent the seasonal flooding that used to occur, the land has now subsided as much as 20 feet. Most of the subsidence is not because of water loss, but is due to sublimation of the peat soils. A side effect of this process is the injection of tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as the peat breaks down – so the delta is a greenhouse gas source, too.

Now that the rivers are channeled throughout the delta, the natural processes that kept it alive and dynamic no longer take place. Modeling studies now show that it would be more economical and better ecologically to allow some islands to flood occasionally (when levees fail) and then repair them than it would be to strengthen the levees to prevent all flooding. There are some levees that must be strengthened, though to prevent infrastructure loss. And the modeling shows that some islands should not be reclaimed if they flood.

The delta is at a critical tipping point now. The PPIC report concludes that a peripheral canal is the best way to manage the delta – a very controversial idea. You can expect this issue to dominate water use in California for the next few years.

**Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Report** Governor Schwarzenegger's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force finalized and adopted the Delta Vision Strategic Plan; a comprehensive set of recommendations designed to ensure long-term sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The result of nearly two years of intensive work, the Strategic Plan broadens the focus of past efforts to recommend actions that address the full array of economic, natural resource, infrastructure and governance issues necessary to achieve a sustainable Delta. Task Force Members urged the stakeholders and legislators to consider the package as a single plan, not a collection of recommendations. Notably, the report also calls for improved "water conveyance" through or around the delta. This is the new term

for a peripheral canal. The complete report is at <http://deltavision.ca.gov/>.

The Task Force recommended two co-equal goals: Restore the Delta ecosystem and create a reliable water supply for California. To achieve a healthy Delta and a more reliable water system for Californians, Task Force said policy makers must:

1. Legally acknowledge the co-equal goals of restoring the Delta ecosystem and creating a more reliable water supply for California.
2. Recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural values of the California Delta as an evolving place, an action critical to achieving the co-equal goals.
3. Restore the Delta ecosystem as the heart of a healthy estuary.
4. Promote statewide water conservation, efficiency, and sustainable use.
5. Build facilities to improve the existing water conveyance system and expand statewide storage, and operate both to achieve the co-equal goals.
6. Reduce risks to people, property, and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses, and strategic levee investments.
7. Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability, science support, and secure funding to achieve these goals.

**Tom Stokely retires** Tom Stokely retired last month after 23 years as a Trinity County Planner. Tom was widely known as having an encyclopedic knowledge of Trinity River issues. He worked with the Trinity River Restoration Program toward the original signing of the Trinity River Record of Decision in 2000 that allocated greater flows to restore salmon and steelhead fish populations. He was also instrumental in completing the supplemental environmental review and legal defense required to ultimately clear the decision through the appellate courts four years later. He then worked on the environmental documents to build four new bridges and modify another on the Trinity River to make way for higher flows. Although he leaves Trinity County, he promises to continue his Trinity River advocacy work on a larger scale with the nonprofit California Water Impact Network (C-WIN) of which he has become a director. As he will not be replaced at the county, he said it's more important than ever for the county to be involved in the Trinity River Restoration Program, adding "nobody can look out for our interests but us." So true.

**Endangered Species Act In Danger** As I reported at the October club meeting, the outgoing Bush administration is working overtime to undermine the Endangered Species Act. In mid-August, the administration proposed two regulatory

changes. One would free the government from considering the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on imperiled wildlife. The other would eliminate some expert scientific reviews of federal projects that could harm endangered species.

Under the law, such proposed rules changes must be opened for public comment before they take effect so the public can weigh in on proposed changes. Even though the administration allowed only 30 days for comments, the agency received 300,000 of them from concerned Americans.

Last week, the Fish and Wildlife Service summoned 15 employees from their field offices to Washington to read the comments. Unfortunately, the employees were given less than a week to do so. These unfortunate souls had to read over 7,000 comments an hour to finish them all.

Why the rush? Because rules only go into effect 30 to 60 days after they are finalized, and if they are not in effect when the next president takes office, that chief executive can decline to put them into practice – as Bush did with many rules finalized at the end of the Clinton administration. The White House has imposed a Nov. 1 deadline for finalizing all of the regulatory changes it wants to make before Bush leaves office.

**Change we deserve!** The Obama camp is examining the vast array of executive orders implemented by George Bush in the last eight years, prioritizing those that can be reversed immediately with a new order. Many of those are environmental disasters that will soon be reversed. It can't happen soon enough. Executive orders are carried out unilaterally, with no input by congress or the public.

**Upcoming Conferences** There are a couple of conferences coming up that you might find interesting.

**Sixth Annual Berkeley River Restoration Symposium** The symposium (free and open to the public) will be held Saturday, 6 December 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wurster Hall Auditorium, UC Berkeley campus.

Features include a keynote talk "The Trinity River, the Peripheral Canal, and the Future of Water in California" by Tom Stokely, recently retired from the Trinity County Planning Department, who draws upon his two decades of experience as an active player in restoration of the Trinity River.

The symposium will include graduate student research projects on diverse topics and a panel discussion of issues raised by student research projects featuring leading professionals in the field, including Stephanie Carlson (Dept Environmental Science, Policy, and Management UCB), HanBin Liang (WRECO Consultants), and Manny DaCosta (Alameda County Public Works).

For an updated schedule and abstracts see [http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/227\\_08.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/WRCA/227_08.html).

**27th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference** The 27th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference, Elements of

Watershed Restoration, will be held March 4-7, 2009 in Santa Cruz, California. This year the conference will feature workshops on topics including estuary restoration, fish passage design and implementation, coho use and restoration of off channel habitat, and watershed monitoring and management. All day field tours will include tours of the lower San Lorenzo River: Balancing Habitat, Flood Control, and Public Use, Carmel River restoration projects, Southern Coho Streams and the NOAA lab and broodstock program, Coastal and Santa Clara Valley salmonid creeks, and Coho Salmon and Steelhead Enhancement projects. Concurrent sessions include Water Diversions & Water Wars in California, FERC Relicensing Restoration Opportunities, Central Coast Coho Salmon & Steelhead Conservation, Fire Ecology, Forests, and Fisheries, Dam Removal and Modifications for Salmonid Recovery, Restoration at the Crossroads, Central and Southcoast Steelhead, Hydrologic and Geomorphic Legacy Issues: Solutions for the Past and the Future and Coho Salmon Recovery and Restoration: Putting Theory into Practice.

This is the premiere habitat restoration conference in the Pacific Northwest and hosting the conference in Santa Cruz affords wonderful opportunities to view projects on the Central Coast and highlight issues that pertain to coastal watershed and coho salmon recovery. The Plenary session will focus on the state of commercial fisheries in California and elements of watershed restoration. To see the conference agenda or to learn more about the conference, please visit <http://www.calsalmon.org/>.

## **News from NCCFFF**

Here is a summary of the remedies required by and strategic advantage gained from two recent court decisions by Judge Oliver Wanger. The Bay-Delta Committee of NCCFFF supported these court cases.

**Earthjustice/NRDC Smelt Case** Conservation groups sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, arguing that its conclusion that increased pumping wouldn't harm the delta smelt ignored a steep decline in the fish's numbers and was not supported by science. The court: ordered that a new biological opinion be prepared (currently due Dec. 15, 2008), along with the following:

- required increased monitoring for presence of smelt at the federal pumps, so that monitoring takes place a minimum of 25% of the time, at regular intervals;
- required monitoring for juvenile (<20 mm) smelt at federal and state pumps from the onset of spawning through June 15, something that had not been done before;
- established minimum flows on Old and Middle Rivers from the smelt's pre-spawning migration (late Dec.) through the end of smelt presence near the pumps (late June), in order to keep smelt away from the pumps (this is the part of the

order that water users really howled about, claiming it would reduce annual pumping by up to a third);

- required the installation and operation of in-stream agricultural barriers in the Delta to be delayed until late May to aid in keeping the smelt away from the pumps; and
- held the Bureau in its order to a series of things it had said in its briefs it would not do in order to protect the smelt pending a new BiOp, including not entering into more long-term water contracts, not approving or constructing any new Delta water facilities (S. Delta Improvement Project, Intertie, and the like), and not increasing exports beyond recent historical levels.

We are still awaiting a ruling on our challenge to the long-term contracts that were executed based on the now-invalidated BiOp before the court ruled that it was invalid.

The strategic advantages we gained by this case were not only those remedies, but (1) forcing the FWS, at a time when the smelt are teetering on the brink of extinction, to revisit their proper protection in the light of biological, not political, science, and (2) making the plight of the smelt and, by extension, the ill-health of the Delta far more prominent in the news.

**Earthjustice/NRDC Salmon Case** The most frustrating aspect of this case has been that, notwithstanding Judge Wanger's tossing of the biological opinion and his findings that Project operations have contributed and are contributing to the jeopardy of the salmon, the judge has refused to order any of the operational remedies we have requested. In some cases, e.g. our original Shasta carryover storage and upper Sacramento River temperature remedies, this was because the judge believed that, given the hydrological conditions we find ourselves in, the requested relief was physically impossible; in others, e.g., our RBDD remedy, it was because by the time we finished the trial the adult spring-run trying to swim upstream to spawn were no longer there and in any event the Bureau had promised to raise the gates early; in still others, e.g. our Folsom remedy, it was because the Bureau had sworn to the

court that it was going to do exactly what we requested, so, the judge said, there was no need for a court order.

Still, I think it's fair to say that the suit has motivated the Bureau and DWR to modify Project operations in several ways to improve conditions and lessen impacts on salmon and steelhead. These include: Raising the Red Bluff gates two weeks earlier than usual, on September 2 (good for out-migrating juvenile winter-run chinook); providing six additional miles of winter-run spawning habitat by moving the Sac. River temperature compliance point six miles downstream from where they originally intended at Clear Creek to Airport Road Bridge; and maintaining flows of at least 85 cfs in Clear Creek in May-July instead of their initial plan of limiting flows to 50 cfs, which threatened to wipe out entirely the Clear Creek spring-run population. In addition, the agencies have stated to the court that they will limit Folsom releases on the American to 4,000 cfs or less this coming January and February, will seek to build up Shasta carryover storage to 1.9 MAF at the end of January and 2.5 MAF by the end of February, and will limit combined Federal/State Delta pumping to 7,600 cfs in January and February. These latter three are what we wanted to lock in with a court order; we'll have to wait and see if the Bureau/DWR stick to their word.

**STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE.** The "strategic advantage" we gained with the court's finding that the existing biological opinion is illegal and its further findings that Project operations are a contributing factor to the salmon's jeopardy is that 1) NMFS has to prepare a new BiOp and 2) NMFS has to do so in the context of those jeopardy findings, which should make it very difficult for the agency to come up with another "no jeopardy" opinion in March. Ultimately what we want is a "jeopardy" opinion, which will trigger the requirement that NMFS come up with "reasonable and prudent alternatives" to running the Projects as usual that will in turn force the Bureau and DWR make substantial changes in how they operate the Projects in order to avoid jeopardy and begin allowing the salmon to recover. The lawsuit has been an important contributor to that goal.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
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>	

## Fly Fishing Classic of the Month

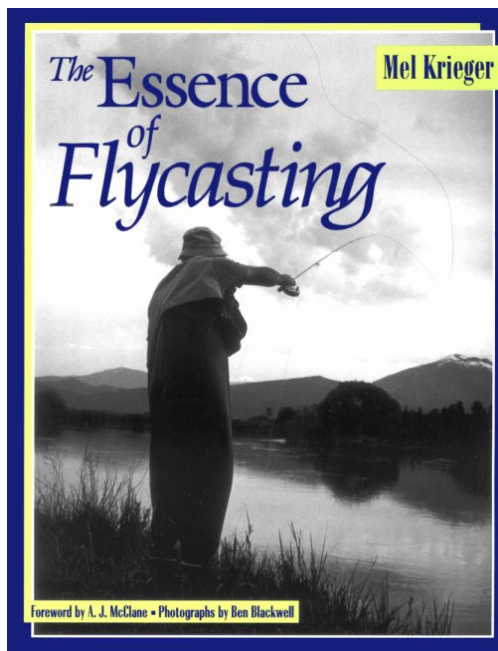
By Gene Gantt

With the recent passing of our friend and fellow fly fishing buddy Mel Krieger, I decided to pull this classic, *The Essence of Flycasting*, off the shelf and give it a re-read.

My copy is a first edition and it was published in 1987 by Club Pacific in San Francisco. I was very fortunate to have Mel inscribe my copy some time back. He wrote “Gene, to our fishing fairy tales, the best of luck new friend...Mel.”

In this wonderful book, Mel covers all aspect of flycasting. Many of us in the club have had the opportunity to watch and learn casting from Mel and the book just reminds me of some things I need to remember when on the stream.

He starts with the mechanics of flycasting. Covers equipment needed which is very basic, but is good for anyone just starting out in our wonderful sport. He then goes through form, roll casts, basic flycasting, how and when to apply power to your casting stroke. He also covers other presentation casts such as the double haul, Belgian cast and others. Each cast is covered in separate chapters and there



are great pictures and diagrams to go along with what Mel is writing about. He writes about the cast and the photos and diagrams follow right along with the lesson. Mel makes each cast easy to follow and I would suggest you take the book with you when you go to your local park to practice your casting. In the final chapter of the book, Mel walks you through many ways to cast and mend your line. Try something new with your casting techniques.

In the conclusion of this great and wonderful book, Mel writes; “*I felt I could practically will the fly to the distant targets. Orange light moved over the barren hills and flickered on the moving water. The colors deepened and the magic of the casting and the hour became more intense. Exultant and feeling*

*completely alone, I started to sing loud snatches of songs, unthinking and a bit wild as I fished through the pool. I knew that I did not want a fish to disturb my fishing.*”

Remember Mel Krieger by re-reading this book, or if you have never done so, read it and learn.

### 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**

## Fly of the Month for November

### *Size 8 Seal Bugger*

By Bob Zasoski

*Remember—there is new format for the fly of the month contest. Submit 6 flies—a winner will be drawn at random from among those entering flies.*

From *Fly Fishing Stillwaters for Trophy Trout* – D. Rickards 1997

The Woolly worm and its various incarnations are very effective patterns that suggest a number of stream and lake dwelling invertebrates. The pattern in different colors can represent stoneflies, dragonfly nymphs, hellgrammites, leeches, diving beetles and others. This month we are tying a variation of the Woolley Bugger that Denny Rickard developed for Southern Oregon's Upper Klamath Lake where the fish can be very large. He calls this creation a Seal Bugger.

This fly is relatively easy to tie and is an effective pattern. Denny ties it with an underbody of lead on the forward portion of the fly so that it has a diving/jigging action when retrieved. It is also effective as a trolled fly on an intermediate or faster sinking line and a good searching pattern. Note that the Seal Bugger it is tied relatively sparsely.

#### Pattern

**Hook:** Size 6-10 3x or 4x long.

**Thread:** Black

**Weight:** 0.020 lead wire from the eye back.

**Tail:** Black marabou (somewhat sparse). Some versions incorporate a few strands of flashabou.

**Hackle:** Purple died grizzly palmered over the body.

**Body:** Black seal fur mixed with a pinch of red or a suitable seal substitute, pick out after ribbing.

**Rib:** Copper wire.

**Head:** Black thread head.



**Tying Instructions:** Debarb the hook and mount it in the vice. Lay down a thread base to help keep the lead from rotating on the shank. Coat the base with superglue, fleximent or head cement and wrap an underbody of lead (or lead substitute) on the front 2/3 of the shank. This will be about 20 to 25 turns of 0.020 lead on a 3 x long 6. Start the lead about an eighth of an inch behind the eye to leave sufficient room to finish the head. Wrap the lead down with the tying thread and build a tapered section from the hook shank to the lead at the front and back of the lead wraps. This taper will make it easier to form a neat body and head. Bing the thread to the rear of the fly and tie in a sparse marabou tail that is about 1.5 times the body length. Tie in a length of copper wire for ribbing and a purple dyed grizzly saddle hackle. Dub a body with black seal fur (or angora goat is a good substitute) mixed with a little red dubbing. A dubbing loop is an easy way to make a dubbed body that can be picked out. Rib the body with the copper wire and tie it off at the head. Pick out the dubbing after you rib the fly to develop a very shaggy body. Wrap the hackle to the eye in four equally spaced wraps. The hackle fibers should be about one to 1.5 times the gape width. Tie off the hackle behind the eye and make a neat thread head. Cement the head. This pattern can be tied in black, burnt orange, burgundy, and olive and on 3 or 4x long streamer hooks (3x long version of streamer hooks are more commonly available e.g. Tiemco 5263, Mustad 9672). Alternative colors for the body, tail and hackle are acceptable for submission this month.

Variations on this theme are numerous. On his web site, <http://www.flyfishingstillwaters.com/>, Denny lists some variations on the original. He now sells a multi-tailed Seal Bugger with mixed colors and holographic flashabou in the tail. He also adds some ice dub in the body mix. With variations in the tail, body and hackle colors you could be tying for quite a while to fill your box with the possible combinations. At other web sites, you can find bead head versions.



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# Redding Sacramento River Float

Photos contributed by Lowell Ashbaugh and Brian Bechtold



Bob Brodberg with Fish on!



BINGO!



JACKPOT!!



YAHTZEE!!!



But there were other fishermen on the River...



...and his fish was bigger (sorry Bob).





Guide Brian Bommarito with Jack's Rainbow.



Jack in the obligatory photo of the distinctive red bluff.



"Dude, I have seen the sun!"



That's right, fishing is patriotic!



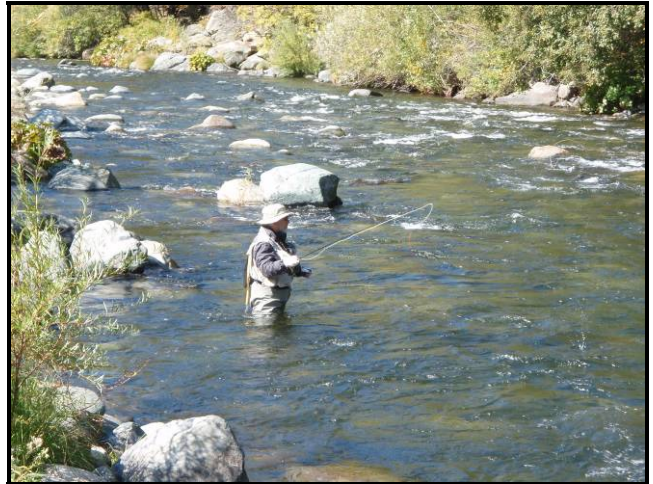
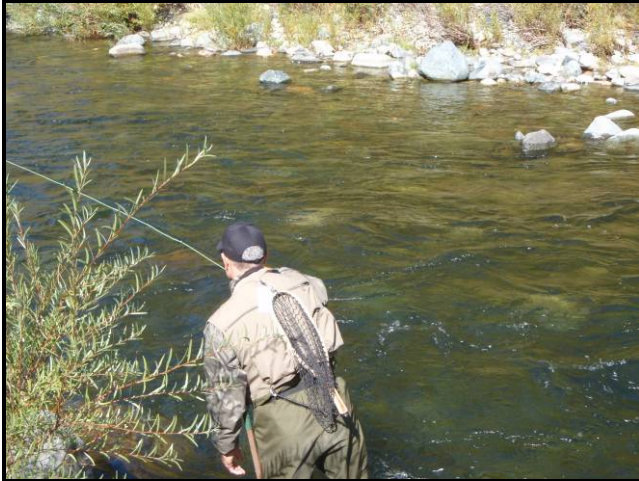
Some fall colors starting to peek through.

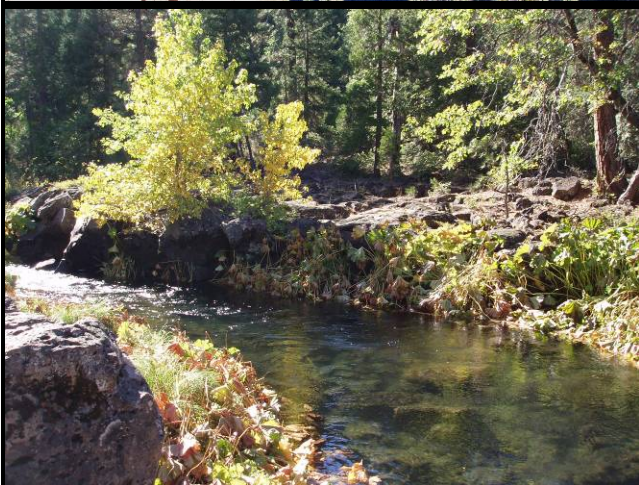


The sun sets on another successful Sacramento River Float.

# Upper Sac/Upper McCloud

Photos contributed by Gene Gantt and Brian Bechtold





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

Since last report we had the outing on the Sacramento. It was an outstanding success!!! The numbers of fish landed ranged from very nice to obscene, and the Friday/Saturday format suggested by Jim Wright proved a great success and will be followed in the March trip. In the next newsletter we hopefully will be able to provide similar reports on the several steelhead trips to the Trinity to be held in the interim.

The second Tote and Float was held Friday the 7th and Saturday the 8th. However the trip ended up starting Thursday with 3 of the 4 attendees fishing that afternoon. Chris Berardi started things off with a 29 inch hatchery buck which he soon followed with another about 27. The rest of the afternoon saw 2 other steelies netted along with a brown of 15 inches. One of 24 inches and a hog of about 7 pounds and 27 inches; in addition we collectively lost 5 steelies including 2 that straightened out golden stones tied on trout hooks, 1 that snapped 10 pound tippet and 2 that simply came unbuttoned..

Friday found us at the Evans to Skye run in Junction City. The floating was great; the fishing less successful with a half pounder and another 27 inch hatchery buck taken. Friday evening found us camping at Steel Bridge, a much quieter locale than the Junction City campground where we had spent the prior evening.

Saturday morning we found a flotilla of boats had already launched at Steel and so we went down to Indian and rowed up. Even there we had unbeatable competition, particularly in Chris's case where his riffle which had been so productive Thursday was filled with several fishermen who were hammering them. The results were one brown lost for Chris and another large brown which came unbuttoned for me. And there were 4 or five other "whiffs." All and all very enjoyable but a bit too much on Saturday as far as competition.

As reported last month, there were various signups at the October meeting, including a new one for Almanor with Lincoln Gray. That trip had 14 signers at that meeting, which was really outstanding. There is likely to be a numbers limit on this trip, and so any more interested members should make sure to sign up in November. And, at that meeting, there will be several additional trips to think about as reflected in the updated calendar found in this newsletter. - [Cary Boyden](#)

### Fly Fishers of Davis 2008 - 2009 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
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	
Klamath / Trinity	Steelhead	Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	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="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Tote & Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
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	\$160 + 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	
<b>2009</b>				
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Redding / Sacramento	Trout	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (Fri or Sat)
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 18 <sup>th</sup> 9 – 4	<a href="#">Bill &amp; Marilyn</a> 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
Shad – Sacramento River	Shad	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Road 48
Lake Davis	Trout	June 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Thurs - Sun
Lake Almanor	Trout	June 19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Chris Berardi</a> 530-759-1968	Lincoln Gray School
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Early August	<a href="#">Tom Burton</a> 707-678-3850	

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