

January Meeting, Tuesday Jan 27th, 7:30pm
Harper Jr. High

Bill Carnazzo – Trophy Largemouth Bass Fishing in Mexico



Bill has been fly fishing for nearly 50 years, and guides on the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, Middle Fork American drainage (including the Rubicon, the North Fork of the Middle Fork, and all other streams and tributaries of this drainage), and North Yuba rivers. His guiding career began approximately 15 years ago when he bought his first home in Dunsmuir. Bill is also a master fly tyer who ties at many fly fishing shows. He was recently awarded the coveted “Ned Long Fly Tyer of the Year” award by the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has created many original fly designs that are known as “fish catchers,” including Bill’s Stick Caddis and other October Caddis imitations. Bill also works part time at Kiene’s Fly Shop in Sacramento, and teaches fly fishing and fly tying at Sierra Community College. He has authored a number of articles for California Fly Fisher magazine on a variety of topics, the latest of which was on the Middle Fork American drainage. He was a founding member of Granite Bay Flycasters and has been club president twice.

When not guiding, Bill teaches fly tying classes for GBF, beginning fly fishing at Sierra College in Rocklin, California, and clinics on nymphing and pocket water fishing.

Bill’s program is called “Trophy Largemouth Bass Fishing in Mexico;” he will introduce you to Lake El Salto as well as Mateos Lake, both big impoundments teeming with very large bass. The bass feed principally on tilapia, a common baitfish. In this protein-rich environment, the bass grow quickly into very large specimens. At certain times during the year it’s mostly topwater-oriented fishing, characterized by huge blow-ups and hard fights. During the late morning and early afternoon, it’s mostly sub-surface fishing, using flashtails, clousers, and other baitfish imitations. The grabs are vicious and at times anglers get bit on every cast. The setting at both lakes is beautiful, with plenty of cover and structure—just what ambushing bass love.

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Prez Says

By Lowell Ashbaugh

I've enjoyed being club president for the past few years, but it's time to make a change. I have to say I'm really happy with the way our club members step up and do what needs to be done. We have a new board with several new faces that will serve the club well. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped this club operate over the past years – I know it's in good hands for the future.

I'm especially pleased to have so many new members, and to have the Fly Fishing 101 program that has introduced so many newcomers to the sport. This program has succeeded far beyond what I hoped when I first asked for someone to run with it – Tristan Leong deserves a big thanks for all he's done! We now have an opportunity before us to bring our sport to young people in particular. Thanks to the Federation of Fly Fishers and the Sierra Club we've just received a donation of five fly rods, reels, and lines to be used for a youth program. These are Temple Fork Outfitters combos that look really sweet! I can't wait to try casting them. Tristan and I have already started talking about a youth program and I'd like to encourage anyone who wants to help out to participate.

The Annual Dinner is coming up February 21st when we'll make the formal handoff to the new board positions and officers. And we have another example of a member stepping forward to help out. I can say without a doubt that you'll love the program put together by Paul Berliner this year – don't miss the dinner, you simply have to see it!

We have a very active club – thanks to everyone for a great experience. I look forward to many more years of active fishing, conservation, fly tying, and fellowship.

Prez-Elect Says

By Tom Burton

I want to thank the Fly Fishers of Davis for their show of confidence in electing me president. I especially want to thank President Lowell Ashbaugh for mentoring me over the last three years. He has been very patient and understanding as I've come through the learning curve. I also want to thank all the past presidents for their contributions in developing the fine organization we enjoy today. All that hard work makes it easy for me to follow in their footsteps.

I am looking forward to working with the excellent officers, directors, program chairs and special committees. Without them it would not be possible to accomplish the good work this club does during the year. A special thank you to all the club members who step up to the plate to organize and lead the myriad outings all of us enjoy during the year. I just counted them and there are 26 outings scheduled for 2009.

Be sure to attend the Annual Dinner on February 21st. It is going to be the best one yet. See you all there. Thank you again for your vote of confidence.

New Fly Shop Outing Sign-up Sheets

NOTICE: the Club has set up its schedule through January 2010 for Fly Shop trips. The first is in March (20 and 21) and should be reserved at the January meeting if you want to go and have not yet signed up. The other one to consider now if you are interested is the January 2010 Trinity steelhead trip which is filling up very fast and will almost invariably be to the waiting list stage by the end of the pre-meeting sign-up period. The other two trips are the October trip which is always very productive numbers wise and presents a fair shot at some steelies and the November 2 day trip to either the Trinity and/or Klamath. As to the November trip, those signing up will be asked their preference and, to the extent we can with the Shop's concurrence, we will plan for either one or both locations. Please note in that regard that we will need to split up, if that is the preference, in groups of 2 for the boats. - [Cary Boyden](#)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
No August Meeting	None	None	Go Fish
September	Lincoln Gray	Sep 30 th	Lake Almanor Trophies
October	Jeff Putnam	Oct 28 th	Steelhead
November	Brian Slusser	Nov 25 th	Truckee Area Fishing
December	Home Grown Meeting	Dec 16 th	
January 2009	Bill Carnazzo	Jan 27 th	Trophy Bass - Mexico
February 2009	Annual Dinner	Feb 21 st	Food, Fellowship, and Fun
March 2009	Ralph Wood	Mar 31 st	Yuba River
April 2009	TBA	Apr 29 th	
May 2009	TBA	May 26 th	
June 2009	Annual Picnic	Jun 23 rd	
July 2009	TBA	Jul 28 th	

Fly Tying Classes – Starting January 29th

Introductory fly tying classes will begin Thursday, January 29 and continue on Thursday evenings February 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5. A \$15 materials fee covers the cost of materials and handouts. The Club provides vices, bobbins, and other tools for the class; however participants are encouraged to bring their own tools. Classes will be held at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near the University Airport. Classes begin at 6:30 P.M. and will continue until 9:30 P.M. Maps with direction to the class room and a sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting. You may also contact Bob Zasoski at 753-2241 or email <mailto:rjzaoski@sbcglobal.net>.

The introductory class will cover the basics of tying and entomology of important aquatic and terrestrial insects. Streamers and bait fish imitations will also be covered. Sessions will cover equipment, materials and techniques for making flies. Techniques for fishing these patterns will be included in the discussions.

Intermediate tying classes will be held on Thursday evenings March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 and 16. At these sessions, club members present their favorite flies and the techniques for fishing and tying these productive patterns. Additionally, patterns that are useful on club outings will be presented. Since the participants supply their own materials and equipment, there is no charge for the intermediate class. A sign up will be available at the January meeting.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Techniques and Concepts</u>
January 29	Introduction to tools and materials Tying wooly bugger and San Juan Worm	Tying the jam knot, adjusting tools, the half hitch and whip finish. Making a thread head. Working with chenille, krystal flash and marabou, Using vernille.
February 5	Partridge and Orange soft hackle Gold rib hare's ear nymph	Floss bodies ribbing, dubbing, selecting and wrapping soft hackle, dubbing bodies, counter ribbing with oval tinsel and making wing cases.
February 12	Grey hackle peacock, Pheasant Tail nymph	Using hackle fibers for tails, peacock herl bodies, wrapping dry fly hackle, using fibers for bodies, ribbing with copper wire, nymph legs.
February 19	Elk hair caddis and Goddard caddis	Hair wings, dubbing, reverse palmering, spinning deer hair, tying dry fly hackle.
February 26	Parachute Adams, and bunny leech	Dubbing, synthetic fiber tails, Wing posts, wrapping parachute hackle, wrapping rabbit strips, weighting flies.
March 5	Matuka streamer, flying ant	Matuka wings, chenille bodies, weighting bodies with lead wire and eyes. Wet fly hackle collars. Loop wings, dry fly hackle and dubbing with synthetic materials.

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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.

Restore the Delta The delta is in serious trouble, and a concerted effort is building to construct a peripheral canal – the idea is to convince people that a canal is the only way to preserve the delta. The water interests are saying that the canal will be operated to provide sufficient fresh water to keep the delta fish alive. Promises like this have been made before, though, and have been broken every time. The delta is in trouble, and it's not at all clear that a canal is necessary to preserve it. There's a great deal of information at <http://www.restorethedelta.org>. I hope to have a stack of bumper stickers for you at the January meeting. They look like this and will help raise awareness of delta issues. Please take one and display it.



Help Stop an End-Run to Build the Peripheral Canal

Restore the Delta is asking you to take special action on behalf of protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Dear Restore the Delta Supporters,

Governor Schwarzenegger has asked President-elect Obama to suspend or otherwise eliminate National Environmental Impact Review (NEPA) for the economic stimulus package projects for California, including some \$8 billion in unnamed water and sewer projects. (The letter can be viewed at the Governor's website.)

The Governor has also been attempting to weaken the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) during the state budget process. It is the assessment of advisors working with the Restore the Delta staff that the Governor is trying to weaken federal and state environmental review standards in order to ease the development and construction of the

peripheral canal, rather than following existing environmental laws and processes.

Please call Senator Diane Feinstein and Senator Barbara Boxer today and ask them to protect NEPA and all essential environmental laws while helping to develop the Federal economic stimulus package. Their numbers are below. And if you have time, please drop me an email to let me know that you called: Barbara@restorethedelta.org.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Campaign Director

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Senator Barbara Boxer: Washington Office: 202-224-3553 -- San Francisco: 415-403-0100 -- Los Angeles: 213-894-5000

Delta Slide Show You can find the slide presentation the PPIC gave to the SWRCB on the delta at

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2007/march/0320_04pres_lund.pdf.

You'll need to "read" the slides yourself as they were designed to have a verbal presentation to go accompany them, but the conclusions are important, especially on slide 25.

DFG funds to General Fund? Jeff Shelito, former CalTrout representative in Sacramento, wrote the following letter to the editor of the Bee about the Governor's plan to transfer Fish and Game funds to the General Fund. No doubt there will be more on this, so watch for it!

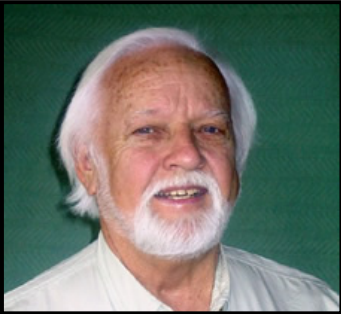
"Buried in the just-released 2009-10 governor's budget, there is a \$30 million loan from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the general fund. This is equivalent to one-third of all the revenues the fish and game fund annually receives from hunting and fishing license fees, money that California Department of Fish and Game is supposed to use for management and protection of fish and wildlife (i.e., wardens, fish hatchery operations, endangered species, etc.). However, there are no details about these program impacts, or if or when the loan will be repaid.

"This year, the cost of a resident fishing license is over \$40, up from \$38.85 in 2008, which was already the most expensive in the United States.

"If the Legislature is going to approve this \$30 million loan, it should immediately cut license fees or at least suspend further inflation increases in license fees until the loan is repaid. Otherwise, anglers and hunters will be continually paying more and getting less. Combine that with the new hatchery fish planting cutbacks, it should come as no surprise if fewer Californians buy fishing and hunting and licenses in 2009."

– Jeff Shellito, Sacramento

News from NCCFFF Hall of Fame 2009



NCCFFF is proud to recognize Chuck Echer as the 2009 Hall of Fame Inductee for his contributions to the art, science, literature, techniques, enjoyment and conservation of fly fishing.

In 1977 Chuck Echer began teaching fly fishing at the American Sportsman Club, and the Piedmont Adult Education School, the Wilderness Unlimited Youth, and Adult Educational programs and the Becoming an Outdoor Woman Educational Program. His speaking engagements on stillwater tactics and demonstrations of the Paraloop "V" Hackle play to packed rooms at FFF Conclaves, ISE and the Fly Fishing Shows. European Angling Shows have also shared his talents at venues such as Holland's Fly Fair and Netherlands Fly Fishing Guild, and the Angling Fair of Chatsworth, England.

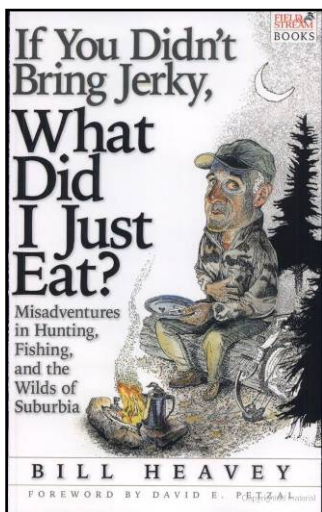
We know Chuck as a skilled angler recording IGFA records. In the company of legends, Chuck received the most prestigious award in fly tying, the FFF Buzz Buszek Award, in 1993.

Chuck's contributions to the art and sport of fly fishing will be formally recognized as he becomes the 29th inductee into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Attend the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show and then join us for dinner. **Advance reservations are required.**

The Hall of Fame will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton, California. The Social hour and silent auction start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner will be followed by a live auction, and all proceeds go to conservation issues.

For reservations to this special event please use the Registration form at <http://www.nccfff.org>. Payment must be received by February 15, 2009 to reserve your space. Seating is limited so don't delay.

Fly Fishing Classic(s) of the Month By Gene Gantt



2008 is finally past and it really wasn't a great year for all involved. Money (or lack of it), the stock market, wars, politics, and such, BLAH!

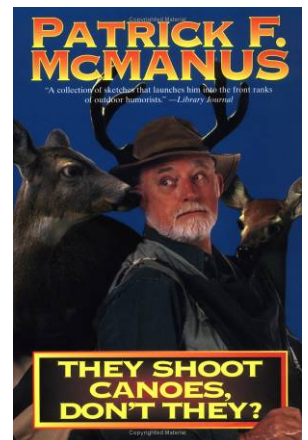
I was thinking about some books that are just fun to read for this issue of the FFD newsletter and here are some of my suggestions:

If You Didn't Bring Jerky, What Did I Just Eat?
Misadventures in Hunting, Fishing, and the Wilds of Suburbia. Bill Heavey, Field and Stream Books. Heavey is

the editor-at-large for Field and Stream Magazine, which he has written for since 1993. This book has a bunch of short stories dealing with lots of hunting, some fishing and just laugh out loud stuff. Stories on family, bass fishing, Cabalas (feels the same way I do... Can't wait for the next catalog), hunting and just getting out into the woods kind of stuff. This book is not a flyfishing book at all and I am not even a hunter, but it is a great book to sit, read, and laugh.

The next writer I hope you take some time to read or re-read is Patrick F. McManus. Pat McManus is the author of many books and by their titles you can tell they are just loads of fun and silliness. Some of his titles include: *The Grasshopper Trap*, *Never Sniff a Gift Fish*, *They Shoot Canoes, Don't They?* and many others.

In Pat's books you get to meet some many crazy and zany characters such as: Miss Deets – Pat's third grade teacher, Retch Sweeney – Pat's good buddy and cohort, Rancid Crabtree who teaches Pat and Retch many things. There is also Eddie Muldoon and Pat's wife "Bun." Tom Burton and I had the chance to meet Pat back in 1993 and when Tom asked Pat how he came up with the characters and stories, he said they were all real people and mostly real stories. Read Pat McManus for a good time and to forget about the world around you.



The other person I love to read just for the story and to get away for awhile is John Gierach. Most of us know his writing and books from the many years he has be around writing. From *Even Brook Trout get the Blues, Sex, Death, and Flyfishing*, to *Flyfishing Small Streams*, John always has a good tale to offer and even some flyfishing advice. Go fishing with Ed Engle, AJ Best, John and others through these wonderful books.

One reason to read is to get away from it all and boy-O-boy do I need to get away from time-to-time. Pick up some of these books, sit back, and enjoy. Be sure to be somewhere where you can laugh out loud without too many disapproving stares!

Speak Your Piece: Time for a 'Conservation Conversation'

Let's begin the discussion by agreeing that even a high-tech consumer culture is based on the land, air and water it uses.

By Johnny Sundstrom



A huge shift is occurring in the social consensus regarding the protection and productivity of natural resources.

The necessary transition from exploitation to sustainability, if successful, will result in a transformation of human purpose and expectations as momentous and far-reaching as the evolution of our species from hunter/gatherers to agriculturists. Balancing human

accounts with Nature's budget is every bit as essential to our survival as it may be difficult to fully realize.

The North American experience of the past several hundred years has clearly demonstrated the limited capacity of the land, air and waters to fulfill the constant demand of economic habits founded on an ever-advancing frontier, unmanaged growth, and constant profit. We are running out of the free and easy resources that supported and fueled this nation's expansion, its excesses and its unparalleled power.

Looming scarcities, combined with factors such as climate change, population growth, the highest per capita consumption rates in the world, and the growing antagonism of many of the world's less privileged peoples, are driving our country toward a future where Nature and most of the rest of the world's inhabitants will be calling in our debits and demanding a new kind of economic and environmental justice from the United States.

And yet, there is very little attention being paid to the inevitability of this all-encompassing process, and to the reality that whether we, as a nation, participate in this shift voluntarily and with intent, or whether we are forced into it by far-flung reactions to new forms of poverty, subjugation and conflict, our survival as a people and as a nation is becoming an extremely critical issue.

Comments and positions espoused by the candidates for national office during this year's election season have been nearly silent on the issues of natural resource management, agency budgeting, and the challenge of re-directing the focus of our assistance to the privately held, working lands of this country. When statements concerning the future of policy and management relating to so-called "environmental issues" are put forth, they are usually limited to a discussion of public lands use and preservation, farm subsidies, alternative energy or pollution caps.

The Republicans pledge to continue rolling back regulations they see as harmful to the marketplace. Democrats promise increased protection and set-asides.

The choice seems to be between more perks or more parks.

No candidate addressed the necessity of and opportunity for managing the nation's land and water resources in the pursuit of production and protection in this era of global impacts, emerging national shortfalls and inter-locking dependencies. And none of them advanced a programmatic platform for resolving the polarization, litigation and gridlock that characterize our national land use and landscape debates.

It is past time to call for the question in this critical arena. A serious and substantive "conservation conversation" must be initiated to transcend the diatribes and pendulum swings of the past decades.

Landowners and managers must be accorded the respect and roles they deserve as stewards of our nation's basic resources and most of the landscape, private and public.

Responsible agencies must seek out, create and implement clearer mandates for their activities.

The urban population of land-poor, but vote-rich consumers, must accept responsibility for the excessive impact of their livelihoods as they affect, define and limit the options that will be available for the future.

If we cannot develop dialogue and consensus in these matters, our hitherto rich and abundant natural bounties will waste away, dry up or disappear in the background as we continue to dally amidst futile exercises of confrontation and blame.

If our political leaders ignore or avoid the hard choices of balancing our transactions with nature through the restoration of a healthy resource base and an equalization of emphasis on harvest and habitat, there is little hope for any resolution of these divisive and destructive conflicts, and even an "ecological revolution" will be too little too late.

The key to this resolution of interests and objectives will lie in the private sector where individuals, families and corporations manage the value and embody the values of working lands' assets and liabilities. The decisions they will make and the opportunities and threats that must be faced on a daily basis are the cornerstones of this fundamental recognition, and no amount of public land acquisition and lock-up will ultimately solve the growing crises of the planet's health and society's well-being.

Conservation and improved productivity, reinvestment instead of skyrocketing profits, and resource security now and in the future are today's issues. Without the realization that even a high-tech consumer culture is based on the land, air and water it uses, and without a coherent approach to these matters, no president will succeed in redirecting the ship of state, and no Party will be much fun in a future of depletion and want.

Whether we are moved forward by choice or by necessity, our future and our impact on the world's resources demand this great shift in consciousness from our nation and its leaders. Balancing our accounts with Nature requires that we adapt ourselves to its budget in order to protect its functional capacities and provide for the needs of generations.

Productivity and protection are both possible and essential. We are all the stewards of our homeland and the caretakers of our only habitat. Like justice and freedom, sustainability must become embodied among our nation's hallowed ideals and the campaign to achieve it must engage us all.

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Fly of the Month for January *Two Feather Midge/May*

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, and you can win as many times as you enter.



Midges are an important food for lake dwelling and stream trout. While, these insects are called midges they can reach size 10 or 12 proportions. The midges are members of the diptera order and share their lineage with the common House Fly and Crane Fly. As diptera, adults have one set of functional wings and very reduced set of wings called halteres. Midges have down wings swept back along their back and no tail. The size of midges can be truly small (size 32 or less), but they are only a practical fly in sizes down to 24. However, this does not stop some from successfully fishing flies down to size 32's and 8x tippet. This month's fly can be tied and fished as a midge, but small changes make it into a reasonable Mayfly imitation. Thus, you get a two for one fly of the month. Prefer that those submitting flies tie size 16 or 18. The entire fly is made from two (or three if the herl is used for the thorax) feathers. The body and wing are made from duck flank feathers. Given the variation in barring on different species of ducks and the possibility of dyeing the feathers, the potential variations of this pattern could keep you busy for a long time. Duck flank has been used extensively for wings, but it is a very good body material as well.

General Pattern

Thread: 8-0 or finer in color appropriate to the insect.

Hook: Dry fly hooks or 1x short to gain a larger gap in small sizes (16 or 18 for those submitting flies). The straight eyed TMC 101 works well.

Tail: Duck flank feather fibers for the Mayfly version; none for the midge.

Body: Wrapped with duck flank fibers.

Rib: Fine copper wire, or fish hair.

Wings: Duck fibers.

Hackle: Standard hackle in color to match natural.

Thorax: (optional) Dubbed fur, peacock or ostrich herl.

Head: Thread head.



Tying Instructions: Two Feather May Debarb the hook. Attach the tying thread to the hook shank near the tail position and wrap it towards the tail position. At the tail position tie in about a dozen duck flank fibers. Each duck species has a distinctive barring pattern and using different kinds of duck flank feathers will result in subtle variations in body and wing colors. Attach the duck fibers by taking three wraps over the material. The tips should be pointing back. Hold up the fibers and bring the thread in front of the fibers. Attach the fine copper wire and wrap back to the base of the duck flank fibers. Take one wrap over the duck flank and copper wire at the hook point position. Wrap the body with the duck flank and tie off at the wing position. The fibers must be long enough to make the tail body and wing. For a size #16 fly the fibers should be about 1.25" long. If the fibers are shorter than this, tying in the tail from a separate bunch of flank material is easier (as shown in the photo). Counter

wrap the body with copper wire. Super hair, either in clear or a color appropriate to the body, is a good alternative ribbing material. Post the duck flank upward to make wings. Since the duck flank fibers are less barred and lighter colored near the base of the fiber,

the wings will be a lighter color. Clip the ends of the flank fibers to resemble a wing. The wings should be sparse because large wings on sparsely-tied small flies tend to twist fine leaders. In larger size flies, using enough flank fibers to get a decent size wing results in a tail with too many fibers. In this case, pull some of the tail fibers forward and warp them down as you counter wrap the body with the ribbing. Tie in the hackle and wrap in the normal style. Alternatively, you can tie the hackle in parachute style. Keep the hackle sparse. Make a thread head and whip finish. Adding a little dark dubbing around the wing or wrapping small ostrich or peacock herl builds up the thorax as is the case in the natural. It's an extra step, but one that helps the appearance of the fly. Wood duck makes an especially nice fly. The photo above is tied with wood duck flank and grizzly hackle. Badger hackle, with its dark center also makes a nice looking fly.



Tying Instructions: Two Feather Midge Debarb the hook. Attach the tying thread near the tail position. Select a flank feather with straight fibers. You will use a strip about 1/4 to 3/8 wide. Cut section from the feather and attach it at the tail position with the fine ends pointing toward the hook eye. Tie in the ribbing at the tail position and advance the tying thread to the wing position – about 2/3 the way up the hook shank. Wrap the body with the flank fibers. Tie off the flank fibers and stand them up above the hook shank. Counter rib the body with the copper wire or a fish hair fiber. With the fibers all upright over the hook shank trim them to the same length. The wing should reach to the tail when it is folded back. Fold the wing fibers back over the top of the body and tie them down. Push down on the top of the wing to splay it out to the sides of the body. Dub a small thorax or wrap the thorax area with small ostrich or peacock herl. Tie in a hackle and wrap the hackle through the herl or dubbing toward the eye. Tie off the hackle and make a thread head. (In small sizes the wing can be tie back with out the dubbed thorax or herl). I often trim the hackle top and bottom to get the fly to sit in the surface film.

Modifications/Variations:

1. Purists in the crowd who object to trimming the ends from the duck flank for wings can tie the wing in the normal style – tip rather than butts as the terminal end of the wing. Tie in the wings before wrapping the body. However, the butts give a nice dense wing that is difficult to achieve with the fine tips.
2. In small flies, ostrich herl can substitute for the hackle.
3. The posted duck flank can be used for a parachute hackle post.
4. The wings can be tied down style clipped short and an enlarged thorax added to make a nymph/emergent. The tail should be shorter for the nymphs.
5. The flank fibers can be pulled over the dubbed thorax toward the hook eye to serve as a wing case. Soft hackle added at the eye completes the nymph.
6. A few strands of krystal flash or flashabou can be added to the wing to increase visibility of the fly – especially good for smaller sizes. Add the krystal flash before wrapping the body. Don't over do the krystal flash as it can cause the fly to twist the leader.

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families are \$25/year. Student rate is \$15/year. The monthly newsletter is distributed by e-mail only. 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 Fishing 101 – 2009

By Tristan Leong



As I look forward to a promising 2009 fishing season, I am reminded of Fly Fishing 101's enormous inaugural success. Not only was I able to meet a fantastic group of individuals, whose company and friendship I will cherish for years to

come, but we were able to visit some remote California locales while catching a few fish in the process. I must admit that the students weren't the only participants to learn something, as I too quickly discovered some areas of the program that were ripe for improvement.

This year's course promises to be even better than 2008, offering more opportunities and greater flexibility to choose outings that will fit your busy schedules. All of this will be accomplished while providing more



hands-on instruction than before. In order to meet these lofty goals, I have employed additional help, and fellow club member Dana has also offered his aid. The 2009 schedule and participation information appears on the next page.

Please note that there are some changes and requirements to



participating in FF101 for 2009. These changes were made to foster organization, ensure that everyone interested can participate, and receive plenty of individualized attention. Details are as follows:

1) Sign up sheets will be issued for all FF101 outings starting in February. For outings where we will be joining another club-

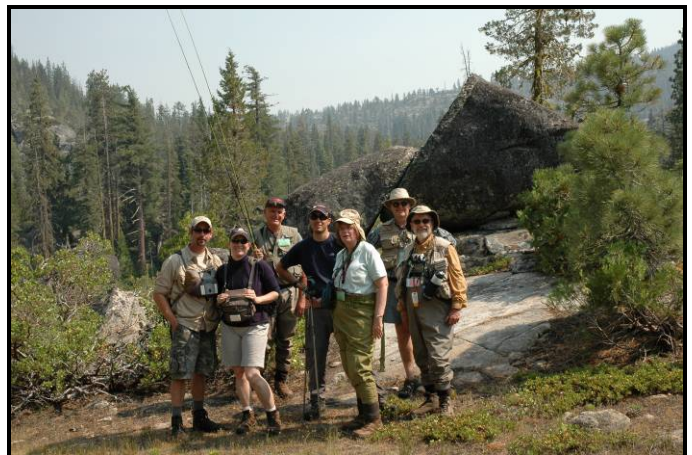
sanctioned trip (ie. Spring and Fall McCloud), please sign up on that respective sheet and include "FF101" next to your name and contact information. Please also notify me if



you intend to go on these trips, so that we can coordinate transportation and logistics with the fishmeister.

2) I will be sending a check-in notice/status update to all those who had signed up for an outing 1.5 weeks in advance of the outing date. Please promptly inform me at that time if your schedule has changed. Fence-sitters must notify me at least 2 weeks in advance of an outing, and may be put on a waitlist.

3) There is a now a participation limit for all FF101 trips to improve individualized instruction. This is easily offset by the increased opportunities available. For day trips we are looking for a maximum of 6 participants, while for overnight trips the maximum target is 12 people. Our goal in instituting these rules is to have a maximum of 3 people per instructor per day with a potential introductory lesson at the start of each outing for everyone on the trip. (Assuming two instructors for every outing.) **Note:** If you do not want or require individualized instruction, you may still participate on any trip, however preference for accommodations (if there are any constraints) will be given to those who are newest and still learning the basics.



FF101 and Youth Program Schedule 2009

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Confirmation Deadline</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location/Terrain</u>
<i>Lower Yuba</i>	March 21st	2 weeks in advance (All trips have sign up sheets).	On river introduction, timed to spring stonefly emergence. Nymph / fly fishing in a large open river setting.	The Lower Yuba River is approximately 1.25 hours from Davis near the town of Marysville. 90% of the terrain consists of open cobble bars, with easy wading.
<i>Local Waters Day Trip</i>	April (24-26) & May 8 & 9 th	2 weeks in advance.	This small stream offers willing wild trout that average 8-10 inches. Robust insect life and cold water enables a robust population of trout to thrive in this steam.	Without divulging all the secrets, the outing will travel each day to a select stream approximately 1.5 to 2 hours away from Davis. This small stream fishes best in the spring and fall, so we will try to take advantage of the seasons. The stream is similar in setting to Putah creek.
<i>Upper Sacramento</i>	Memorial Day Weekend	Confirmed. Snow-pack and water levels in the spring will likely dictate conditions.	Enjoy fishing for trout on the beautiful Upper Sacramento River, and the hospitality of fellow club members' spacious cabin. Likely stops will include various points along the river and nearby creeks. (Pray for warm weather and clear skies...)	The Upper Sacramento River near Mt. Shasta requires approximately a 3 hour drive from Davis. Various stops along the highway grant access to the river, while train-tracks generally provide easy walking along the river's edge.
<i>McCloud</i>	Early June (1 st weekend usually)	Confirmed. Snow-pack and water levels in the spring will likely dictate conditions. Must sign up using club sponsored outing sheet.	A wonderful trip on the rustic and stunningly beautiful McCloud River. This place has areas for both dry and nymph fishing, and can result in decent catch rates.	The McCloud is situated in a rugged, dense, and heavily forested setting approximately 30 minutes east of Mt. Shasta. Varied and often steep terrain, combined with a limited trail system limit access along the stream. Snakes, poison oak, willing fish, excellent company, and good times/bbq are common. Camping is required.
<i>Local Waters Day Trip</i>	Mid June (12-14)	2 weeks in advance.		
<i>Native Trout Challenge</i>	Aug (6-9 or 13-16th)	2 weeks in advance.	Want to catch a golden trout, marvel at the majestic Sierras, or enjoy catching some of the rarest trout on the planet? Come prepared to hike, drive, backpack, and learn about these elusive and threatened fish. As a double bonus you will be rewarded with a unique certificate from DFG!	Pending interest, the group will walk into the Golden Trout Wilderness for a 3 day overnight backpacking experience. Fish majestic high elevation creeks, where catch rates less than 100 fish are rare. Adventurous folk should apply. Terrain may involve hiking approximately 9 miles of the PCT (one way), up ridges, and climbing/descending 1000 of feet in elevation.
<i>Potential Guided Outing</i>	Sept. TBD	TBD	Numerous opportunities available during the fall.	
<i>McCloud</i>	October	Confirmed – use club sponsored outing sheet.	Same as spring/summer, but during the changing of the seasons, and October Caddis hatch!	

Winter Trinity River Steelhead

Photos contributed by John Imsdahl, John Hodgson and John Forsythe, and Bob Zasoski

Editor's Note: There are two requirements in order to appear on the following two pages: You are playing/holding a big Trinity River Steelhead; and your name happens to be John...



Wait for it, wait for it...



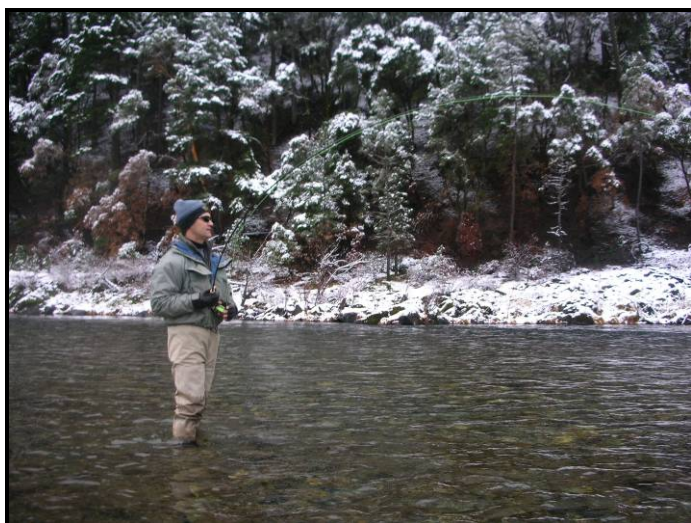
...Finally, TRIUMPH, a HUGE Steelhead!!!



Another nice Steealie!



A fresh Chromer near Junction City in December!



Nothing like playing big Steelhead after a fresh snow...



Another Monster for another John!



These guys are good.



Another Magnificent one!



They just 'em keep coming...



[Editor's note:] I give up, I've run out of adjectives.



Hold it, hold it. That's NOT a Steelhead! Ok, still a nice fish.



Cary, I hope you named that fish John, otherwise you are in violation of the requirements to appear in this story!

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

With the fishmeister and on the second day one of the guides MIA due to colds, the Club's January Trinity outing still came off overall quite well. While not producing the consistent numbers of prior years, several attendees did quite well, and, most important, John Imsdahl and Jim Luschwitz were baptized with in the first case his first steelie ever of some 33 inches and in the latter with his first West Coast steelie (having taken numerous Great Lakes fish in New York). Everyone else caught fish, and Jon Knapp was literally baptized when he pirouetted out of the front of Mike Parker's raft into the river, quite fortunately surviving the experience of a swim in high 30 degree water with nothing beyond a very cold rest of the trip to the car.

At the January meeting there will be a large number of new trips for which signups will be out, including Fuller Lake in July, the McCloud in October and perhaps the Spring, Davis Lake in September, the November float and tote and Amador in December. There will be various other trip signups including the Payne Ranch ventures and the various backpacking jaunts as the dates become closer and the fishmeisters select a firm date.

Please note that because of the Annual Dinner and no February meeting, this is the last chance to sign up for the March Baum Lake and Sac trips at a meeting. The latter particularly is one that should be reserved for at the meeting if you want to go, as we need to commit to guides and collect the checks starting in early February. - [Cary Boyden](#)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2009 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Trinity Fly Shop	Steelhead	Jan 5-6 (M-Tu)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan (tentative)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Cancelled
**FF101 Meeting	Kickoff meeting	Feb 19 (Th)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Meet, gear and logistics
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 5-8 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding / Sacramento	Trout	Mar 20-21 (Fr & Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip
**FF101 Lower Yuba	Trout	Mar 21 (Sa)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Class on the River
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 3-4 (Fr-Sa)	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 18 (Sa) 9 - 4	Bill & Marilyn 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
Christmas Island	Bone Fish, etc.	Apr 13-21	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	4K, 1 slot available
**FF101 Day Trip	TBA	Apr 24-26 (Fr-Su)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	May	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	
**FF101 Day Trip	TBA	May 8-9 (Fr-Sa)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Shad - Sacramento River	Shad	May 22 (Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Road 48
**FF101 Upper Sac	Trout	May 22-25 (Fr-M)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Memorial Weekend
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May/June	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
McCloud	Trout	Early June	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	Also an **FF101 event
Lake Davis	Trout	Jun 4-7 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
**FF101 Day Trip	TBA	Jun 12-14 (Fr-Su)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Lake Almanor	Trout	Jun 19-21 (Fr-Su)	Chris Berardi 530-759-1968	Lincoln Gray School
Trinity Alps	Trout	Jun 25-28 (Th-Su)	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jul 11 (Sa)	Brian Bechtold 530-574-5157	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 16-19 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
High Sierra Pack Trip	Trout	Late Jul	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	Horse Pack Trip
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 7-9 (Fr-Su)	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
**FF101 Backpack	Golden Trout	Aug 6-9 or 13-16	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Pending Interest
Klamath	½ Pounders	Early Sep (tentative)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Limited Space
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	Sep	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
**FF101 Guided Trip	Trout	Sep	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Lake Davis	Trout	Sep 11-13 (Fr-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Oct	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	Also an **FF101 event
Redding / Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 16-17 (Fr & Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip
Tote & Float	Steelhead	Nov 5-7 (Th-Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Tote 'n Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage	Nov	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	FREE Food & Drink
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 19-20 (Th-Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 5 (Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Jan 7-8, 2010 (Th-Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)

** FF101 Clinic Events

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