

# The Fisherman's Line

## April Meeting, Tuesday Apr 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Harper Jr. High – Ron Rabun Presents:



### *A Salty Piece of Land:* There are no Bonefish in California

**Program by Ron Rabun, 1-800-FLY-FSHN**

Ok, there are Bonefish in California; they are just very few and far between in the San Diego area. So where do you go to catch a Bonefish or the 'Ghost of the Flats'? "A Salty Piece of Land" comes from the book written by Jimmy Buffet. The principal character ends up traveling from Montana to an island bordering Mexico and Belize, where he becomes a fly fishing guide in 3 weeks having never fished for Bonefish before. The irony comes from the fact that all Bonefish live in these places, but learning to fish for and catch them is no meager task.



I created this program for the fly angler who has never fished for Bonefish and for those who have become a Bonefish addict like myself. My program is not represented by any fly shop or travel service but is just being presented by another angler like you. I'll discuss the intrigue; world Bonefish locations; places to go; techniques; gear; flies; costs related to locations; other fishes to catch; finally, how this all enters your bloodstream.

We will travel to Christmas Island atoll, probably the first stop for any first time Bonefish angler; Los Roques, Venezuela, a popular destination and unique archipelago; then, Aitutaki Island Manuae atolls of the Cook Islands, where Bonefish are large but extremely difficult with the potential of catching a world record (38 inch, 16 lb+) on the fly rod.

So plan to relax and catch the sights of the serious dedicated Bonefish angler. The one thing you will agree upon is that these beautiful tropical locations are so invigorating that Bonefish are just a wonderful added benefit. –Ron Rabun

#### About the Presenter:

A lifelong resident of California, Ron Rabun has been fly fishing Northern California waters for over 33 years. During this time, the Shasta Area has been home waters to his trout fishing. After 18 years of docent fly fishing education and clinics, Ron began guiding professionally in 1994. Ron can be found tying at the International Sportsman's Expositions and Federation of Fly Fishers conclaves and events in Northern California. Ron has been an active participant as a Director and Conclave organizer with the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers since 1980. Articles written on Ron's specialty approach to Short Line Nymphing have appeared in both California and English fly fishing publications. Although, his prowess for trout angling has extended throughout the West, British Columbia and Alaska, his angling has extended to salt water angling in Mexico, Hawaii, Christmas Island, Venezuela, Cook Islands, Coastal California and the Osa Peninsula of Southern Costa Rica. Over a three year period, Ron has spent 12 weeks fly fishing for the large Bonefish located in the Cook Islands.

## ***The Prez Sez***

**By Tom Burton**

Last month I attended a Club Presidents workshop in Sacramento that was hosted by the Northern California Council of the Federated Fly Fishers. The main reason for this workshop was to introduce new club presidents to the workings of the NCCFFF and brainstorm on ways NCCFFF could be of more help/service to individual clubs.

I made many new friends and established a good networking base that will surely benefit our club. I came away from that workshop with a new founded respect and admiration for their involvement and work they do for all of us. I look forward to a strong, close working relationship with them.

I urge all our members to become a member of the NCCFFF and support their good work.

### **Raffle Board Almost Full - \$400 Kiene's Gift Certificate**

Raffle board is almost full, may be last chance to get some squares on the board. The board should fill up at April meeting where we will select the winner. Just think of all the sweet gear you can get at Kiene's with \$400! \$5 per square, or \$20 for 5 squares. Good Luck! - [Bob Brodberg](#)

### **Annual Jeff Putnam Casting Clinic on May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held at the Northstar Ponds from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday May 3. Jeff Putnam, noted local casting instructor, will be there to help solve your casting problems. Jeff is very good at finding and correcting those frustrating problems that affect you accuracy and distance. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at <mailto:rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net> or phone 753-2241. Northstar Ponds are located just west of the Pole Line (Rd 102) and Anderson intersection in north Davis. Bring your favorite casting outfit and eye protection. Don't forget sunscreen and bug juice as the gnats could be out by then.

#### **And now a few words from our Sponsors**



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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.

**Action needed on AB 2853** Assemblywoman Jean Fuller (R), Bakersfield has proposed legislation to remove game fish status for striped bass throughout the entire state of California. The legislation is a blatant attempt to quash the vocal striped bass fishers - fishers who have ardently supported decreased water exports from the Delta and reduced the water that Fuller's district receives. The not-so-hidden agenda is to attempt to split the angling community into agreeing to sacrifice one fish to save another. Striped bass and salmon coexisted for over 100 years in the delta, and thrived until recently. This cynical attempt to eradicate one fish will be followed by another until all the fish are gone. If that happens, the water exporters believe there will be no further opposition to their plans to ship water south.

Here's what you can do right now, and it won't take long. Go to <http://www.saveourstripers.org/> and sign the letter opposing the bill. You can see an excellent video at <http://savedeltafish.wordpress.com/>. It takes ten minutes, but it's well worth it. That site also has a petition to sign. Finally, if you can spare the time, attend the hearing on April 28 in Sacramento. The more people who attend the better - the legislature listens when people care and show up!

**Game warden shortage** I've written before in this space about the lack of support for game wardens in California. Our club recently received a copy of the documentary supported by NCCFFF, "Endangered Species: California Fish and Game Wardens," that highlights the work and working conditions of game wardens in the state. It's in our library – take it home and watch it. Read about it at <http://www.jamesswan.com/snowgoose/wardendoc.html>.

**Delta crisis needs comprehensive plan** The delta continues to be the biggest conservation issue in the state. Representative George Miller and State Senator Lois Wolk published an op-ed in the S.F. Chronicle this month that called for the state to rescue the delta by first setting the right policies. Here's an excerpt:

"We need this vital region - its ecosystem and its economy - to thrive. Working together, we can use new tools to meet our clean water needs, overhaul the responsible agencies, and implement a new management plan that is grounded in science - and gets results.

"But first we must realize that there are no silver bullets that will solve all of California's water woes. Suspending the federal Endangered Species Act certainly won't do it. Nor will sprinting to commit billions of taxpayer dollars to dig a water supply ditch the size of the Panama Canal around the delta.

"Our years in California water policy have taught us that you've got to put the right policies in place before you decide to build expensive and divisive water20infrastructure.

"Yet the state Department of Water Resources is now spending more than \$1.1 billion on canal and water project planning - off budget, with no legislative oversight or public accountability - while Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Cabinet has asserted that the state could break ground on a canal before the governor's term expires.

"There are better answers, both short and long term, that have a greater chance to bring back our fisheries, deliver reliable clean water, and bolster, not threaten, the delta region, including its \$35 billion economy with more than 200,000 jobs. These solutions include the region's communities as partners, not adversaries. "

The two legislators also called for a Delta Stewardship Council bound by legal obligation to restore and protect the delta ecosystem and adequate funding for operations.

**War Dance for justice** The Winnemem Wintu Tribe is filing a lawsuit against Department of The Interior; Department of Agriculture; United States Forest Service; Bureau of Reclamation; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bureau of Land Management; Ken Salazar, Secretary of The Interior; Assistant Secretary for Water and Science; Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in The Department of Agriculture; and Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture asking for redress for decades of injustices and harm related to federal land management policies which have destroyed Winnemem cultural practices and sacred places.

The Winnemem have been fighting for years to sustain their culture and address generations of broken promises by the federal government. Winnemem war dancers and tribal leaders will perform a traditional ceremonial War Dance at Camp Pollock, 1501 Northgate Blvd, Sacramento at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 and will then march from Old Sacramento to the State Capitol building on Monday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. The March and War Dance initiate the federal lawsuit the Tribe is filing, asking for compensation for damages done by federal land management policies, including the construction of the Shasta Dam.

The Winnemem began a journey to justice in 2004 with a War Dance at Shasta Dam. They will continue that journey with another War Dance and this lawsuit.

## *News from NCCFFF*

**NMFS report on Sacramento Chinook** Here's a bit of the NMFS report on the collapse of the Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC) fishery in 2007 and 2008. This report brings into question the impacts of diversions on the out-migrating smolts. The report pins primary cause on ocean conditions, with secondary causes of a long history of declining fresh water habitats and loss of genetic diversity. We've tended to highlight high diversion levels in 2005 and 2006 as primary cause, but the evidence of average numbers of smolts at Chipps Island does not support that well. Additionally, in the report is a statement of salmon yearlings in the Gulf of the Faralones, which were test netted, were in very poor condition and under nourished. One important finding of this report is the need for greater genetic diversity, less reliance on hatcheries in the long run, and better restoration of fresh water habitats for spawning and rearing. The below copied lines comes from page 15 of the report. You can find the full report online at:

<http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/media/SalmonDeclineReport.pdf>.

“Near-average numbers of SRFC smolts were released from state and federal hatcheries Hydrologic conditions in the river and estuary were not unusual during the juvenile rearing and outmigration periods (in particular, drought conditions were not in effect) Although water exports reaches record levels in 2005 and 2006, these levels were not reached until June and July, a period of time which followed out migration of the vast

majority of fall Chinook salmon smolts from the Sacramento system Survival of Feather River fall Chinook from release into the estuary to recruitment to fisheries at age two was extremely poor Physical and biological conditions in the ocean appeared to be unusually poor for juvenile Chinook in the spring of 2005 and 2006 Returns of Chinook and coho salmon to many other basins in California, Oregon and Washington were also low in 2007 and 2008.”

“From these facts, we infer that unfavorable conditions during the early marine life of the 2004 and 2005 broods is likely the cause of the stock collapse. Fresh water factors do not appear to be implicated directly because of the near average abundance of smolts at Chipps Island and because tagged fish released into the estuary had low survival to age two. Marine factors are further implicated by poor returns of coho and Chinook in other west coast river basins and numerous observations of anomalous conditions in the California Current ecosystem, especially nesting failure of seabirds that have a diet and distribution similar to that of juvenile salmon.”

“In the remainder of this section, we follow each brood through its lifecycle, bringing relatively more detail to the assessment of ocean conditions during the early marine phase of the broods. While we are confident that ocean conditions are the proximate cause of the poor performance of the 2004 and 2005 broods, human activities in the freshwater environment have played an important role in creating a stock that is vulnerable to episodic crashes; we develop this argument in section 4.”

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2009 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
January	Bill Carnazzo	Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trophy Bass - Mexico
February	Annual Dinner	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Food, Fellowship, and Fun
March	Ralph Wood	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Yuba River
April	Ron Rabun	Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bonefish
May	Andrew Harris	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Trout
June	Annual Picnic	Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
July	TBA	Jul 28 <sup>th</sup>	
August	No Meeting	Aug	Go Fish!!!
September	TBA	Sep 29 <sup>th</sup>	
October	Ryan Miller	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	
November	Michael Colberg	Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	NW Montana/Kootenai R.
December	Home Grown	TBA	
January 2010	TBA	TBA	
February 2010	Annual Dinner	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Food, Fellowship, and Fun



# Save our CA Stripers!



## AB1253 will decimate our striper fishery

Jean Fuller, assemblywoman from Bakersfield, has introduced legislation (AB 1253) to remove gamefish status for striped bass. Passage would allow unlimited, indiscriminate harvest of striped bass and prohibit regulation of striped bass by the California Department of Fish and Game.

AB1253 would devastate the striped bass recreational fishing industry throughout the Bay and Delta region, along with the economy upon which it depends. Fuller claims that AB1253 would help Delta Smelt and Salmon by decreasing striped bass predation. The science is exactly opposite - striped bass have been studied extensively and have been categorized as an insignificant predator. Fuller freely admits that water contractors, who receive subsidized water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta estuary, drafted the proposed legislation.

Dan Blanton, a nationally-recognized author and striped bass expert sums up AB1253: "This legislation is a blatant attempt by certain greedy irrigation farmers to remove anglers from the water equation. Remove the fish, the anglers lose interest, and our vocal opposition to irresponsible water exports ends."

Please help the Federation of Fly Fishers, California Striped Bass Association, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and other conservation organizations defeat this bill while it is still in Assembly committee.

**We need individuals to step up and be counted. Sign the opposition letter at**

**<http://www.saveourstripers.org>**

**<http://www.savedeltafish.org>**

## Fly Fishing Classic of the Month

By Gene Gantt

### *Trout Madness: Being a Dissertation on the Symptoms and Pathology of This Incurable Disease by One of its Victims.*

Robert Traver; 1960 St. Martin's Press

Robert Traver is the pen name for John D. Voelker. You may know this author because of his book *Anatomy of a Murder*. This and three other murder mysteries made Mr. Traver very famous in the novel reading world many years ago.

In *Trout Madness*, he writes about his addiction to fishing for trout. In the introduction he writes, *"The true trout fisherman is like a drug addict; he dwells in a tight little dream world all his own, and the men about him, whom he observes obliviously spending their days pursuing money and power, genuinely puzzle him, as he doubtless does them. He prides himself of being an unbribed soul. So he is by the way of being a philosopher, too, and sometimes he fishes not because he regards fishing as being terribly important but because he suspects that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant."*

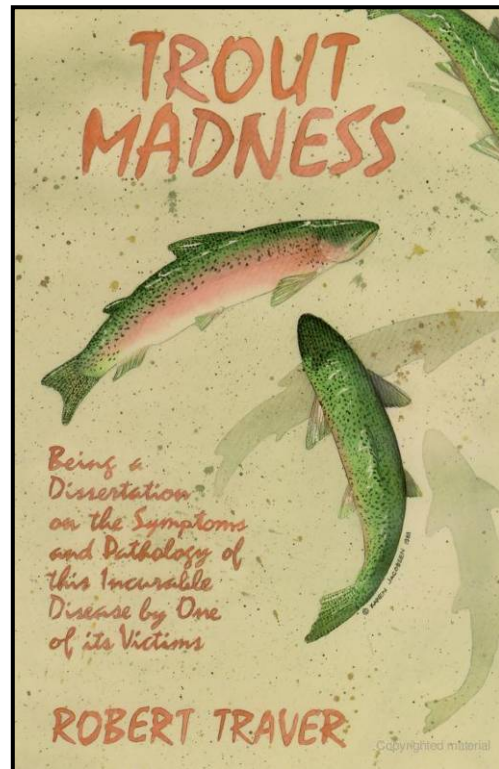
Sounds like some of the souls I fish with!

Traver (Voelker) lived in the Upper Peninsula area of Michigan, where he learned to fly fish from his father. His stories cover such thoughts as fishing *The First Day*.

*'Twas the night before fishing  
When all through the house  
Lay Dad's scattered fishing gear  
As through strewn by a souse....'*

There are great stories on *The First Car*, *Trout Heaven*, *Back-Yard Trout Fishing*, and being his first chapter was *The First Day*, the final chapter in this wonderful book is aptly titled *The Last Day*. *"After all, we can sadly croak, it's only eight more months till the magic First Day!"*

You probably have this book somewhere around your library. So pull it down and give it a read. If you don't have this book, check around and find a copy. Be sure to read this book as it is a must read for any fly angler.



### 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:JohnReynolds), 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.  
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 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 April*

*By Bob Zasoski*

### Stonefly Nymph of Your Choice

Stoneflies come in a variety of sizes and colors. They vary from the size 4 giant Salmon Fly to a size 16 Yellow Sally and smaller dark small species. Stoneflies need well oxygenated waters and are a trout staple in high-gradient free stone streams. They can spend several years as a nymph and are available to trout year around but they are more important as they migrate to shore to become adults usually in the spring. As they migrate stone flies travel close to the bottom and fishing near the bottom is most productive.

Consequently stone fly nymphs patterns often have added weight. The Salmon Fly hatch is much anticipated on many western streams, but the golden stone is also an important trout food on western rivers such as the Deschutes and Yuba. So submit 6 stone fly nymphs of your choice and get in the drawing for the gift certificate from American Fly Fishers Co. The fly that follows is a relatively simple stonefly nymph that is based on a number of different patterns.



### *Golden Stonefly Nymph*



**Hook:** Mustad 9672, or TMC 200R

**Thread:** Tan or light yellow

**Tail:** Amber goose biots

**Body:** Olive-brown dubbing topped with yellow scud back over lead wire.

**Rib:** Small oval gold tinsel

**Wingcase:** Yellow scud back

**Thorax:** Dubbed olive-brown

**Hackle:** Hen neck hackle

**Head:** Gold or black bead

**Antennae:** Goose biots

**Tying Instructions:** Debarb the hook and slide a bead onto the shank. Attach the tying in front of the bead and tie in two biots pointing forward over the hook eye and angled outward. Whip finish and remove the thread. Slide the bead forward over the butts of the biots and tight against the hook eye. Attach the thread near the tail and wrap the shank with lead wire. Attach a length of oval gold tinsel and a section of scud back to the hook at the tail position. The scud back should be about as wide as the abdomen. (If the scud back is too wide, it is much easier to cut to width if you stick it down to a piece of masking tape and then cut it with a scissors.) Dub a small section of the shank at the tail position and tie on two amber or golden goose biots on opposite sides of the shank separated by the dubbing. Dub a plump olive-brown body that covers the stubs of the biot tail and a little more than 1/2 of the hook shank. Leave room for the thorax, wing cases and legs. Pull the scud back over the abdomen and tie it down at the back of the thorax. Rib the abdomen with the gold tinsel and tie it off at the thorax. Tie in another section of scud back extending over the tail. Alternatively, if the piece is long enough, you could fold back the remaining scud back used for the abdomen. Attach a hen neck feather by the tip just in front of the scud back. The feather should be on top of the shank with the butt of the feather toward the tail. Dub a plump thorax between the abdomen and the bead head ending with the tying thread at the bead head. Pull the soft hackle forward to the bead and tie it down. The hackle fibers should extend from the thorax on each side of the fly. Fold the scud back over the hen hackle and secure it behind the bead. Then fold it back toward the tail tie it down and cut a v-shaped wing case. Cover the tie in point behind the bead with a small collar of dubbing and whip finish behind the bead. Alternatively, put a little super glue on the thread and take a couple of warps behind the bead. Hold the thread for a couple of seconds and cut the excess. The super glue will hold it all together and neither half-hitches nor a whip finish are needed. You can embellish the abdomen and wing case with colored markers as is shown in the second picture above. Darken the scud back along the segments formed by the ribbing and along the edges with a dark brown marker. The folded wing case can be darkened with a black Sharpie around the margins and down the center to simulate the natural. The black Sharpie works well to draw eyes on the gold bead.



## Fly of the Month for May Shad Fly of Your Choice

By Bob Zasoski

In celebration of spring and return of the American Shad to the local rivers, the Fly of the Month for May will be a shad fly of your choice. Shad flies are easy to tie and there are a number of shad patterns to choose from. The pattern below has worked well, if it's presented at the right depth.

### Super-hair Special:

**Hook:** Nickel plated # 4, 6, 8 3x long

**Thread:** 3/0 white or chartreuse

**Head:** Bead chain eyes or dumbbell eyes

**Tail:** Krystal flash green/yellow

**Body:** 10-12 strands of chartreuse super hair wound around the shank.

(coat the body with head cement, or brush on super glue)

**Rib:** (optional) Medium silver oval tinsel

**Hackle:** Chartreuse strung roster neck wound as a collar

**Tying Instructions:** Debarb the hook and mount in the vice. Attach the tying thread near the tail position. Dub a rounded body. Tie in two lengths of mylar ribbing material and form a loop wing from each. Use a bodkin in the loop to even the wings. Tie off the wings and then attach a hackle. Wind the hackle in the middle of the hook shank. Tie off the hackle and dub the front body with ice dub. It can either be the same color as the rear body or red. Form a small thread head, whip finish and cement. The body can be dubbed with any dubbing and color to match the ants of interest. It could also be constructed from acetate floss and dipped in acetone to make a hard, shiny body. If you wish, you can dub the middle section and wind the hackle through the dubbing. This is closer to the natural that has three segments to the body, but probably not necessary to catch fish.





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## FF101 – Class on the Yuba

By Tristan Leong

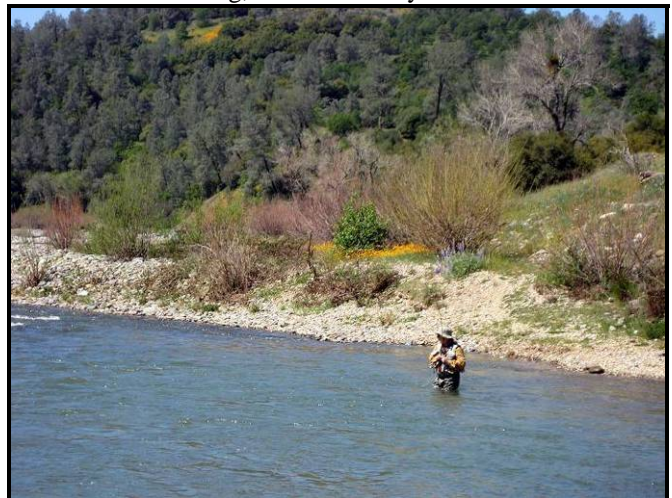
One could not have asked for a nicer day to hold our first 101 trip of 2009. The Lower Yuba River was our destination, and from the moment we arrived it was apparent that the day would be special. After giving a brief overview about knots, equipment and discussing entomology, the group broke up to fish and practice casting. Bob Brodberg managed to put 2 to hand during this period while the rest



of us simply enjoyed the scenery. As daylight grew shorter the fishing dramatically improved and several hookups were reported. While pursuing several large fish that managed to jump out of the water, Dana Hooper finally hooked into a monster, and nearly brought it to hand before it shook the hook loose. Unfortunately, I was unable to net the beast, but did get to witness its massive



size, which we estimated to be about 22 inches. Dana's suggestion to switch flies to the trusty San Juan worm paid massive dividends, as demonstrated by the accompanying photos. If it weren't for the sun setting, I am sure many of us wouldn't have left...







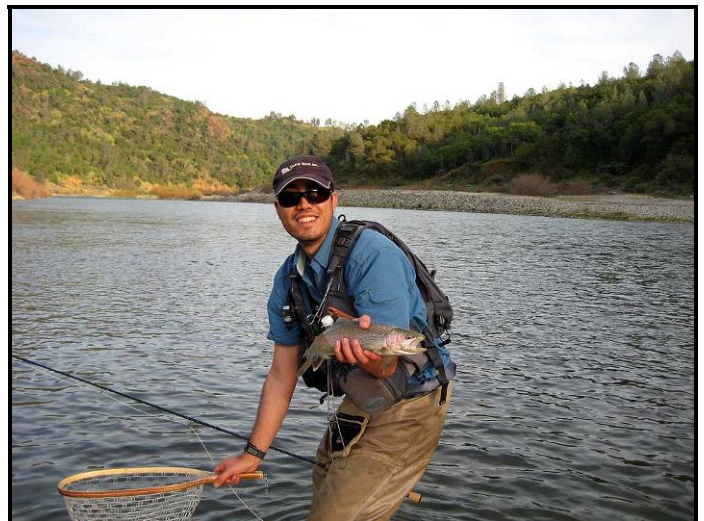
FF101 Sophomore Bob Brodberg gets it going...



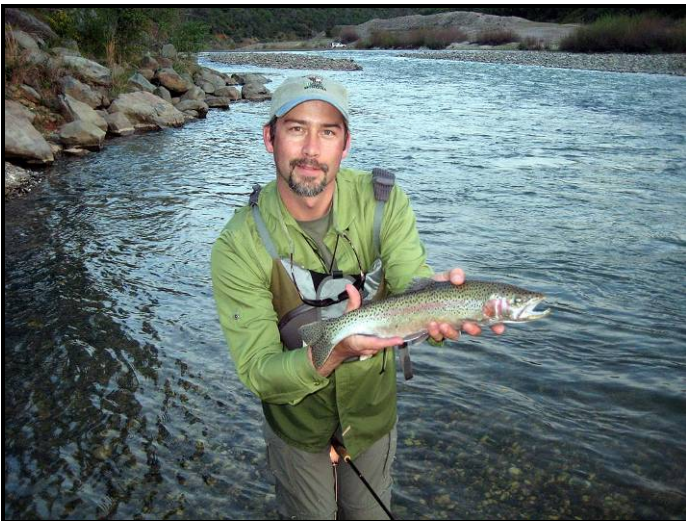
The Yuba Rainbows always put up a great fight!!!



As the day went on, Tristan starting bringing the fish up...



...and again.



Dana caught this nice one just as the Sun went down...



...and the sun went down on the wonderful day.



# March Lower Sac – A Tale of Two Days

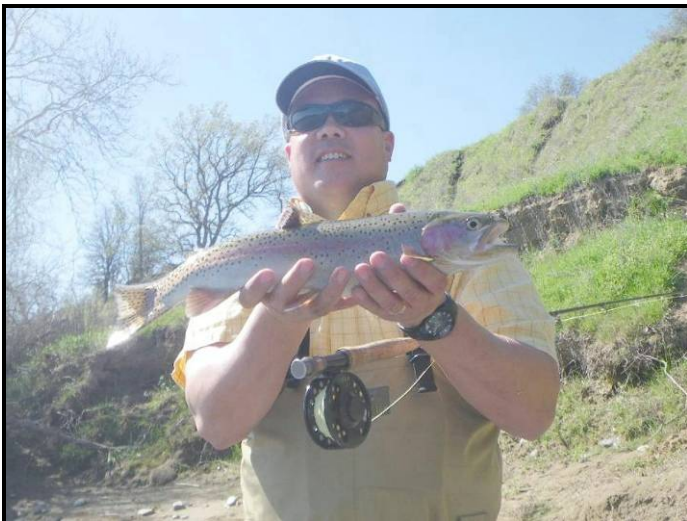
Photos contributed by Joe Melendres, Jack Norelyn, and Brian Bechtold



Day 1—A beautiful bow on a beautiful day...



Day 2—Windy, Rainy, and more...



Day 1—Big 'Bows in the bright Sun...



Day 2—Um, maybe we should find cover...



Day 1 Dangers—Beware the Osprey!

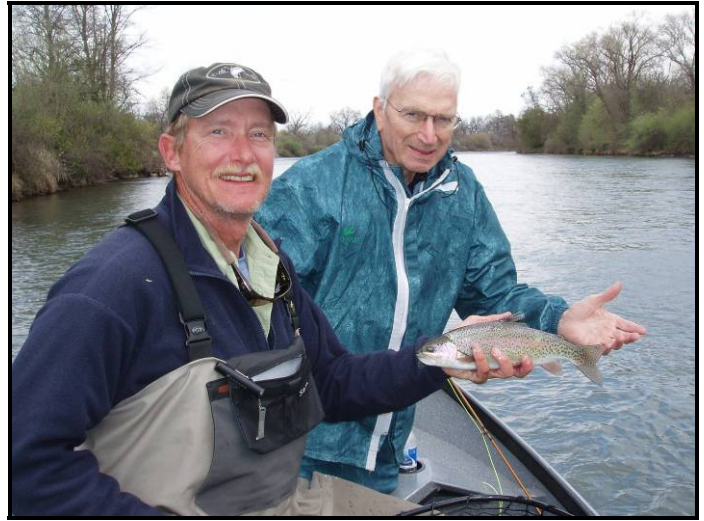


Day 2 Dangers—Why does this remind me of the Midwest?

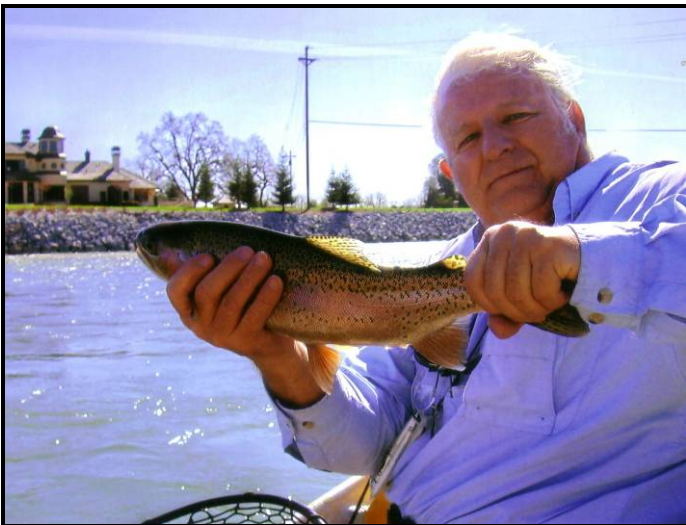




Day 1—Still Great weather, and Kevin's on Fire...



Day 2—Don't be fooled, fishing was still good in bad weather.



Day 1—The cure to cabin fever...



Day 2—Jack with another one.



Ha! A Trinity defector, with a nice wild Steelhead!!!



Wind, rain, and a broken rod—but Day 2 did have its privileges.



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

There have been 2 outings since last report. The First with the Fly Shop guides was discussed at the meeting. Friday the 20th was the better of the 2 days because of weather, but in each case everyone took some fish with Brian Bechtold and Wayne Wrights appearing to be the largest-both in the 22 inch range and with Wayne's a wild steelie in the Trinity.

The second was the Pyramid Outing on the first weekend of April, which had 5 attendees, all of whom caught fish. A number were in the 5 pound category, and there was one that went in the 8-9 pound range. Hopefully Jon has a further report elsewhere.

At the March meeting there was a rush for signups, and the same trips signups will be out in April. There is still some space for the October 17 Sac trip which always offers a good shot at steelies. The other Fly Shop trips are at the wait list stage but any member interested should sign up as invariably there is a drop or two. And there are of course numerous other trips available including the McCloud, shad, Davis, Yuba of more immediate timing. - [Cary Boyden](#)

### Fly Fishers of Davis 2009 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Trinity Fly Shop	Steelhead	Jan 5-6 (M-Tu)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
<del>Feather River</del>	<del>Steelhead</del>	<del>Jan (tentative)</del>	<del><a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826</del>	Cancelled
**FF101 Meeting	Kickoff meeting	Feb 19 (Th)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Meet, gear and logistics
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 5-8 (Th-Su)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Redding / Sacramento	Trout	Mar 20-21 (Fr & Sa)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip
**FF101 Lower Yuba	Trout	Mar 21 (Sa)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Class on the River
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 3-4 (Fr-Sa)	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2008	Apr 18 (Sa) 9 - 4	<a href="#">Bill &amp; Marilyn</a> 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
Christmas Island	Bone Fish, etc.	Apr 13-21	<a href="#">Donn Erickson</a> 707-718-7724	
<del>**FF101 Day Trip</del>	<del>TBA</del>	<del>Apr 24-26 (Fr-Su)</del>	<del><a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563</del>	Cancelled
Jeff Putnam Spey Clinic	Watt Ave. Access	Apr 25 (Sa)	<a href="#">Bob Zasoski</a> 530-753-2241	\$50
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	May 3 (Su)	<a href="#">Bob Zasoski</a> 530-753-2241	North Star Ponds - Free
**FF101 Outing	Trout	May 8-10 (Fr-Sa)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Possibly Middle Yuba
McCloud	Trout	May 15-18 (Fr-M)	<a href="#">Gene Gantt</a> 707-451-3262	Also an **FF101 event
Shad - Sacramento River	Shad	May 22 (Fr)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Road 48
**FF101 Upper Sac	Trout	May 22-25 (Fr-M)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Memorial Weekend
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May/June	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	
Yuba River	Trout	May 30 (Sa)	<a href="#">Joe Melendres</a> 530-304-0480	Tentative date
Lake Davis	Trout	Jun 4-7 (Th-Su)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
**FF101 Outing	Trout	Jun 12-14 (Fr-Su)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	North Yuba River?
Lake Almanor	Trout	Jun 19-21 (Fr-Su)	<a href="#">Chris Berardi</a> 530-759-1968	Lincoln Gray School
Trinity Alps	Trout	Jun 25-28 (Th-Su)	<a href="#">Donn Erickson</a> 707-718-7724	
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jul 11 (Sa)	<a href="#">Brian Bechtold</a> 530-574-5157	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 16-19 (Th-Su)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 7-9 (Fr-Su)	<a href="#">Tom Burton</a> 707-678-3850	
**FF101 Backpack	Golden Trout	Aug 6-10 (Th-M)	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	Pending Interest
Klamath	½ Pounders	Early Sep (tentative)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Limited Space
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	Sep	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	
**FF101 Guided Trip	Trout	Sep	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a> 530-747-0563	
Lake Davis	Trout	Sep 11-13 (Fr-Su)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Oct	<a href="#">Gene Gantt</a> 707-451-3262	Also an **FF101 event
Redding / Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 16-17 (Fr & Sa)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip
Tote & Float	Steelhead	Nov 5-7 (Th-Sa)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	Tote 'n Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage	Nov	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	FREE Food & Drink
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 19-20 (Th-Fr)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 5 (Sa)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Jan 7-8, 2010 (Th-Fr)	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)

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