



July Meeting, Tuesday July 28th, 7:30pm

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Lisa Thompson, Ph.D. Presents:

“Factors in the Recent Decline of Central Valley Fall Chinook Salmon”



For the Fly Fishers of Davis July Meeting our local Fisheries Specialist from UC-Davis, Lisa Thompson, will discuss the factors involved in the recent precipitous decline of Central Valley fall Chinook salmon, including ocean conditions, hatchery effects, harvest rates, terrestrial climate, freshwater habitat alterations, and the potential role of climate change.

Dr. Lisa Thompson is a Fisheries Extension Specialist at UC Davis, in the Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology Department, focusing on the adaptive management of anadromous and inland fish populations. She completed her B.Sc. at the University of Toronto, M.Sc. at McGill University in Montreal, Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia, and did her postdoctoral research at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In California she has conducted studies of fish response to environmental factors such as flow and temperature in the South Fork American River, Cow Creek (Sacramento Basin), the Shasta River (Klamath Basin), the Upper Salinas River Basin, and Pine Creek (Eagle

Lake). She is currently involved in projects to predict the effects of climate change on Butte Creek spring-run Chinook, and to restore a naturally spawning population of Eagle Lake rainbow trout. She has been a member of the Shasta-Scott Coho Recovery Team, Southern Steelhead Technical Recovery Team, Spring-run Chinook Workgroup, and the Lower American River FISH Workgroup.

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The Prez Sez

By Tom Burton

Here we are at the middle of the year with the Independence Day celebration over and the July weather about as close to perfect as it can be. The Wounded Warrior fish day far exceeded everyone's expectations with almost 40 veterans participating and... catching fish. Many thanks to all those who helped make this event a success and a huge thank you to John Imsdahl for putting it all together. The picnic this year was a success as well. There were over 50 members attending and all had fun eating, playing horseshoes, lawn casting, telling fishing lies and just plain visiting. We will work on better driving directions and easier to see signs next year. Gene outdid himself this year with his "conflagration burgers" and last year's left over hot dogs. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the Pot Luck table. Everything was delicious.

There have been about 15 outings so far this year with many more remaining. The Lewiston outing will be underway this month and judging from the past reports and photos it is an outing you don't want to miss. I, for one, am really looking forward to it. Make sure you have all your home chores completed so you don't run the risk of having your Kitchen Pass revoked then get out there and fish.

See you at the meeting on the 28th.

"Rivers of a Lost Coast" Returns to Sacramento July 25th

The documentary film *Rivers of a Lost Coast* is returning to Sacramento for two special engagements at this year's Sacramento Film & Music Festival. *Rivers of a Lost Coast* will be playing at the Crest Theatre (10th & J) in downtown Sacramento at 11 am on Sat. July 25th and again at 11 am on Sat. August 1st. The filmmakers will be present at the screenings. The film will be screening in high-definition in the big room of the Crest Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door or at <http://www.sacfilm.com/> by clicking on the schedule link on the left hand side. If you missed it the first time here's your chance!

Trout Unlimited and the Western Rivers Conservancy will be giving short presentations about current restoration projects in the area.

For the past three months *Rivers of a Lost Coast* has been playing to full houses from San Diego to Seattle. The Seattle Times recently called *Rivers of a Lost Coast* "a must see", and the Sonoma News said "When you watch *Rivers of a Lost Coast* and see what it was like, and then see it now, it is enough to make you cry." The San Francisco Chronicle wrote "if it was needed before, its more needed now, if only to know what we had, before so much of it was taken away." The Napa County Register wrote "Two thumbs up: *Rivers of a Lost Coast* is a must see" and Fly Fishermen magazine reported "'the film portrays an insatiable flyfishing feast complete with egos, camaraderie, triumphs and trials that flourished.'" All and all the verdict is in and you do not want to miss this opportunity to see this engaging documentary.

In the 1940s and 50s a group of wild-spirited fly fishermen carried their rods into the magical redwood forests of California's north coast and discovered a passion that would ultimately define their lives.

Leading the pack was the mythical, Bill Schaadt, an off-kilter angler famous for his ruthless pursuit to be 'in the fish'. The new endeavor was ruled by a demanding, unspoken code, which made 'breaking in' almost as difficult as 'breaking out'.

But by the early 1980s, the Golden State's coastal fisheries found themselves caught in a spiraling decline. As California searched for its disappearing salmon and steelhead, these men foraged for their souls.

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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.

New Study: Hatchery fish may hurt efforts to sustain wild salmon runs

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Steelhead trout that are originally bred in hatcheries are so genetically impaired that, even if they survive and reproduce in the wild, their offspring will also be significantly less successful at reproducing, according to a new study published by researchers from Oregon State University.

The poor reproductive fitness – the ability to survive and reproduce – of the wild-born offspring of hatchery fish means that adding hatchery fish to wild populations may ultimately be hurting efforts to sustain those wild runs, scientists said.

The study found that a fish born in the wild as the offspring of two hatchery-reared steelhead averaged only 37 percent the reproductive fitness of a fish with two wild parents, and 87 percent the fitness if one parent was wild and one was from a hatchery. Most importantly, these differences were still detectable after a full generation of natural selection in the wild.

The effect of hatcheries on reproductive fitness in succeeding generations had been predicted in theory, experts say, but until now had never been demonstrated in actual field experiments.

“If anyone ever had any doubts about the genetic differences between hatchery and wild fish, the data are now pretty clear,” said Michael Blouin, an OSU professor of zoology. “The effect is so strong that it carries over into the first wild-born generation. Even if fish are born in the wild and survive to reproduce, those adults that had hatchery parents still produce substantially fewer surviving offspring than those with wild parents. That’s pretty remarkable.”

An earlier report, published in 2007 in the journal *Science*, had already shown that hatchery fish that migrate to the ocean and return to spawn leave far fewer offspring than their wild relatives. The newest findings suggest the problem does not end there, but carries over into their wild-born descendants.

The implication, Blouin said, is that hatchery salmonids – many of which do survive to reproduce in the wild– could be gradually reducing the fitness of the wild populations with which they interbreed. Those hatchery fish provide one more hurdle to overcome in the goal of sustaining wild runs, along with problems caused by dams, loss or degradation of habitat, pollution, overfishing and other causes.

Aside from weakening the wild gene pool, the release of captive-bred fish also raises the risk of introducing diseases and increasing competition for limited resources, the report noted.

This research, which was just published in *Biology Letters*, was supported by grants from the Bonneville Power Administration and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. It was based on years of genetic analysis of thousands of steelhead trout in Oregon’s Hood River, in field work dating back to 1991. Scientists have been able to genetically “fingerprint” three generations of returning fish to determine who their parents were, and whether or not they were wild or hatchery fish.

The underlying problem, experts say, is Darwinian natural selection.

Fish that do well in the safe, quiet world of the hatcheries are selected to be different than those that do well in a much more hostile and predatory real-world environment. Using wild fish as brood stock each year should lessen the problem, but it was just that type of hatchery fish that were used in the Hood River study. This demonstrates that even a single generation of hatchery culture can still have strong effects.

Although this study was done with steelhead trout, it would be reasonable to extrapolate its results to other salmonids, researchers said. It’s less clear what the findings mean to the many other species that are now being bred in captivity in efforts to help wild populations recover, Blouin said, but it’s possible that similar effects could be found.

Captive breeding is now a cornerstone of recovery efforts by conservation programs for many threatened or endangered species, the researchers noted in their report. Thousands of species may require captive breeding to prevent their extinction in the next 200 years – which makes it particularly important to find out if such programs will ultimately work. This study raises doubts.

“The message should be clear,” the researchers wrote in their report’s conclusion. “Captive breeding for reintroduction or supplementation can have a serious, long-term downside in some taxa, and so should not be considered as a panacea for the recovery of all endangered populations.”

Truth drought: California's real shortfall By Peter Gleick, President of the Pacific Institute

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar came to California this month to hear firsthand about California's drought. Unfortunately, some of what he heard was misleading or false. Certainly farms and farmers are suffering, and so are fish and ecosystems. But so is the truth. Here are three oft-repeated falsehoods.

Myth 1: Farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley are receiving "just 10 percent of their allocation this year."

Myth 2: Water shortages are causing massive new farm unemployment.

Myth 3: Farmers are bearing disproportional impacts of water shortfalls because of court rulings in favor of fish.

All three of these statements are false, and they've been shown to be false so many times that continuing to repeat them verges on intentional deception on the part of those who repeat them to gullible politicians or lazy reporters.

1. Farmers in the Central Valley get water from many places, and when one source dries up, another temporarily takes its place. In a remarkable letter sent by DWR Director Lester Snow to Senator Dianne Feinstein on May 15th, official data show that the major Central Valley districts will use at least 75% of their average water use by mixing sources, using stored groundwater, participating in water transfers, and so on. Not 10%. And the biggest moaner is the Westlands Water District. Yet Snow points out that they will apply at least 86% of their normal water. On the other hand, the San Joaquin Valley wildlife refuges will get 75% of its promised water, less than many of the agricultural districts. Some farmers get less than others in dry years because of their junior water rights -- and they always have. Are they arguing to revamp the water rights system? That would be a worthy discussion to have.

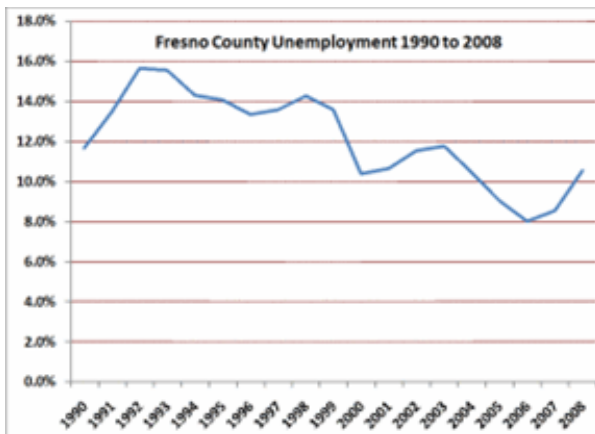


Figure 1. Fresno County civilian unemployment rate from 1990 to 2008, from the California Employment Development Department, Sacramento, California. While unemployment has grown in the past two years, it is far below what it was in the past decade.

2. The overall job problem is not a water problem -- it is a result of a global and national economic crisis. Increases in unemployment are worse, by far, in non-farm industries. In Fresno County, unemployment today is substantially lower than it was just five and ten years ago (see Figure 1) and farm employment grew; non-farm employment shrunk. Indeed, the only sector showing increases in employment in May 2009 was the farm sector. In some of the hardest hit areas, unemployment is much higher—but it is always much higher. Unemployment rates in Mendota are above 30% now, but nine years ago, unemployment in Mendota was also 30%.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/columnists/mcewen/story/1501334.html>

Six years ago, it was 36%. The problem in Mendota isn't just the current drought. The Central Valley of California has been plagued by poverty and lack of access to reliable jobs and basic services, like clean drinking water, for decades. Turning the pumps back on will do little, if anything, to address the systemic injustice that farm worker communities endure in both wet years and dry.

3. It's not the fish. Two months ago, DWR director Lester Snow testified before Congress that if there had been no court order to protect fish, CVP deliveries to the San Joaquin Valley would only be 5% higher.

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2009/06/24/18603781.php> The problems farmers are facing aren't due to the tiny portions of water offered up for ecosystems; they are due to a drought and a dysfunctional water management system that has been slowly collapsing for decades.

The longer misleading arguments and facts are put forth to politicians and the media, the longer it will be before a serious and effective solution can be found to our water challenges.

Peripheral Canal or Panama Canal? Dan Bacher recently posted a comparison between the proposed peripheral canal (aka "through Delta conveyance") and the Panama Canal. Here's a summary and a photo of the Panama Canal.



According to recent comments by Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan when she and other legislators were asked to vote on a bill to fund a committee to develop a plan to implement the Delta Vision recommendations the peripheral canal would be very similar to the Panama Canal in width and length.

The recommendations call for a "conveyance" that will transport 15,000 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from the Sacramento River around the Delta, according to Buchanan. This is smaller than the proposed 1982 canal that was intended to transport 22,000 cfs.

During drought years, the Sacramento River does not have 15,000 cfs flow for over half the year. In 2007, the flow exceeded 15,000 cfs in three months with the highest month at 22,500 cfs.

"Based on an engineering report completed in 2006, a conveyance to transport 15,000 cfs would be between 500 and 700 feet wide requiring a 1300 foot right-of-way," said Buchanan. "That's the width of a 100 lane freeway! The length of the conveyance would be 48 miles. By comparison the Panama Canal is between 500 and 1000 feet wide and is 50 miles long."

The Governor's Delta Vision Task Force and Bay Delta Conservation Plan both recommend the construction of a "peripheral canal" and more reservoirs designed to export more water from senior water rights holders in the Delta and Sacramento Valley to junior water rights holders that irrigate drainage-impaired, selenium-filled land on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Although the Delta Vision Task Force's report recommended that less water be exported out of the Delta to help the estuary's collapsing ecosystem, canal opponents note that the construction of a canal with increased water export capacity would inevitably be used to export more water out of the system.

News from NCCFF

Here are comments from Dick Pool of Water4Fish on the meeting with Interior Secretary Salazar in Fresno earlier this month.

The meeting was held in a large auditorium at Fresno State. It was packed with farmers, water agencies, politicians and at least 100 farm workers dressed in red shirts. Secretary Salazar opened the meeting indicating he was there to help. He outlined his farm background in Colorado and told stories of his struggles in getting water over the years. He introduced his staff of Mike Connor (Bureau Commissioner) David Hayes (Deputy Secretary) and Mike Chrisman representing the governor. Each said a few words.

Salazar then introduced Congressmen Cardoza, Nunes and Costa. The three of them talked for probably 45 minutes and put the crowd in a complete frenzy. They demanded immediate resumption of the pumping and called for Salazar to convene the god squad to reverse the terrible damage being done to the people of the valley [*Note – the "god squad" would revise listing of species under the Endangered Species Act*]. Over and over they blamed the fish and misguided policies for all the problems. They called for the immediate overturns of the two biological opinions and asked for new opinions based on "true science". Cardoza called the biological opinions "insanity". Nunes said there in no drought - only a regulatory drought. Costa said the ESA has failed. He said if it had been working the fish would not now be endangered.

The congressional talks were followed up by more of the same by mayors, water agencies and farm workers.

Salazar then took over the meeting again. When people entered the meeting they were given a large card where they

were asked to fill out their name and contact information. On the back of the card they were asked to express their concerns or questions. Salazar separated the cards into five piles depending on the interest the person had expressed. He then selected people at random to speak. We were fortunate in that four members of our group were invited to speak. Every one of our speakers did an excellent job in making our points without responding to the attacks. Mike Hudson did an excellent job of talking about the plight of commercial fishermen being out of a job for two years. Barbara Parilla and Jane Tyack discussed the fishing, businesses and farmers of the delta. They indicated these people have been totally ignored in the BDCP and other evaluations. I talked about the economics of the salmon shutdown and indicated we should be looking for new sources of water (conservation, etc.) for all the interests of the state. I also stated we support the biological opinions.

Salazar gave an excellent summary.

He indicated Interior has made it a high priority to help solve these California water problems. He has assigned Deputy Secretary David Hayes as his point man. He called on all the interests to work together. He said we will never solve the problems shouting at each other. He placed equal emphasis on solving the delta, environmental and fish problems along with the others. He discussed the similar problems that have occurred in the Everglades and Chesapeake Bay and how these have been solved by working together. He said people should not expect instant results. It will take a long time. Salazar did not commit himself on specific issues. He did not commit either way on the peripheral canal and he said he did not feel the god squad was appropriate in this instance. Our biggest risk in his comments was the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Several times he indicated he felt the answers lie in this process. We all know this is not going to solve the salmon and delta problems.

Those of us involved felt good about our participation. The atmosphere was about as hostile as you can get yet we were able to be recognized and make our points. This morning's San Francisco Chronicle ran a story by Tracie Cone of the Associated Press. In referencing our participation she said. "*Lost in the chorus of catcalls and applause were the voices of environmental groups, fishermen and coastal communities impacted by the collapse of the salmon season. They were there to remind Salazar that the North Coast fishing industry had been hit hard by the decline of salmon in the delta, which has resulted in the cancellation of commercial fishing season for the past two years. Zeke Grader, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, said that 23,000 commercial and recreational people were unemployed because of California's salmon fishery is shut down, which has cost the economy \$1.4 billion.*"

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

By Richard Bellows

On June 16th the Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) hosted **Project Healing Waters** for several wounded veterans. **Project Healing Waters** was a fly fishing experience held at a small private lake west of Vacaville. This was a feel good event. Everything ran smoothly and everyone had a great time.

Jeff Putnam, a renowned Sacramento-based fly casting trainer, began the day with a fly casting clinic. Next, FFD club members worked with individual veterans one-on-one to improve their casting skills. Club members helped select and tie on flies. (FFD also provided a few spinning rods for diehard plug throwers – we just looked the other way.) At lunchtime, the club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, drinks and desserts. About 15 FFD members volunteered to help during the event.

Fish On! The air was filled with Woolly Buggers, Pheasant Tail Nymphs and Copper John flies. Skills levels among the vets ranged from never fished before to experienced fly fishers. Most of the vets caught fish.

The event was especially satisfying for first time fishers. Ron was from Detroit and he had never fished before in his life. Lowell Ashbaugh and Tom Burton worked with Ron, revealing the secrets of their fishing. Soon, Ron caught a fish. And he just kept fishing. By the end of the day, Ron had caught 23 fish. He was the high man for the day – not bad for a first timer! The largest blue gill of the day was caught by Rita, another first time fisher.



Jeff Putnam instructing veterans in fly casting.
Photo by Lowell Ashbaugh

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is an offshoot of the **Wounded Warrior Project** which encourages community events that provide “tangible support for the severely wounded and help them on the road to healing, both physically and mentally.” Thirty-four human veterans and one canine veteran attended. (The dog chose not to fish!) They

were veterans of Iraq, Afghanistan and the Gulf Storm campaigns. They are currently at Veterans Administration (VA) rehabilitation facilities in Palo Alto and Martinez.



A view of the lake during Jeff Putnam’s Fly Casting Clinic
Photo by Lowell Ashbaugh

John Imsdahl, a FFD board member, championed the event. Ron Hill from the VA’s Palo Alto-Menlo Park facility was his co-organizer. John believes that this was the “largest and most successful Wounded Warrior fly fishing event to date.” John and Ron worked for more than a year to develop this event.

John did an incredible job to make this happen. He approached Dennis and Timmy Hammer, owners of TriCity Fence Company, to donate the use of their private lake. He asked Jeff Putnam to donate a day of his time to teach a fly casting clinic and then to provide individual instruction. FFD re-stocked the lake with bass, blue gill and catfish. Prior to the event, John had contacted several local authorities. As a result, Solano County Supervisor Mike Reagan and Solano Sheriff Gary Stanton stopped by to show their support.

FFD President Tom Burton said “This has been one of the most rewarding and inspiring events that the Fly Fishers of Davis has participated in. It was an honor for the FFD to host the Wounded Warriors and it was exciting to watch disadvantaged veterans, some of whom had never fished, be able to use a fly rod and catch fish. I heard many comments from veterans indicating that this event was the most fun and relaxing time they’ve had for years. Judging from the success I can only expect we will try to do the same next year”.

Articles about **Project Healing Waters** have appeared in the Davis Enterprise and the Vacaville Reporter. A press release was sent to FlyFisher Magazine and we expect another publication.

Note: To protect confidentiality of VA attendees, photos where the veterans cannot be identified were chosen.

Fly of the Month for July

Charlie's Wiggle Damsel

With Guest Columnist John Daniels



Hooks: TMC101 #14 & TM2488H #12

Thread: Danville 6/0 olive or brown

Tail: Olive or brown marabou

Rib: Fine copper wire

Joint: 10# monofilament

Eyes: Melted monofilament eyes or small bead chain

Body: Olive or brown marabou

Rib: Fine copper wire

Wing case: Marabou butts

Imitating the undulating action of a damsel "swimmer" can be a daunting task. One interesting solution to the problem is to use an articulated pattern which uses two hooks joined by monofilament (or something strong for larger game). The pattern presented here is a minor variant of Charlie Craven's Wiggle Damsel (<http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com/>).

First, put the straight-eye dry fly hook in the vise, and dress the hook with thread. Take a clump of green or brown marabou (select color to match vegetation) and tie it down at the bend of the hook, along with the copper wire rib, leaving a gape length tail (pinch off excess if necessary). Lift the marabou out of the way, and advance the thread. Palmer the marabou around the hook to the eye, tie down, counter-wrap the wire rib, tie down, and whip finish at the head. Remove the finished rear part of the fly and place the TMC2488H in the vise, and dress with thread. It should be noted that Charlie uses a standard nymph hook (TMC3761, same size as rear hook) here but I prefer the larger gape of the TMC2488H (TMC2499SPBL would be even better).

Take a 4-6" section of 10# monofilament, thread it through the eye of the rear section just completed, double the monofilament, and lay it on top of the hook in the vise, and anchor it to the front hook with a few wraps of thread. Pull on the monofilament until the rear hook is above the bend of the front hook, and then wrap down tightly to the eye of the hook, and then trim the excess mono. Leave a small loop that allows the rear section to wiggle, but make sure the loop is not too big or the fly will foul with each cast. A bit of superglue or head cement could be used to further strengthen the bond. Tie in the eyes at this point with figure-eight wraps (I personally prefer monofilament eyes so the fly can be fished shallow or deep), before returning the thread to the rear of the hook. Take another clump of marabou, size it so it runs to the eye of the rear hook, tie it down, lift out of the way and advance the thread to the eye. Palmer the marabou to the head and if you have included eyes, wrap across the eyes going forward and then back across them again going back. Whip finish either behind the eyes or at the head, but wrap the marabou butts down such that they are sloping towards the rear of the hook. Tie off at the eye of the hook, or behind the eyes, and trim the butts to about half the length of the shank. Remove the fly from the vise, and cut off the rear hook at the bend with a pair of wire cutters. Damsels work year round in still water, so tie some up and give them a try. [PHOTO by Charlie Craven]

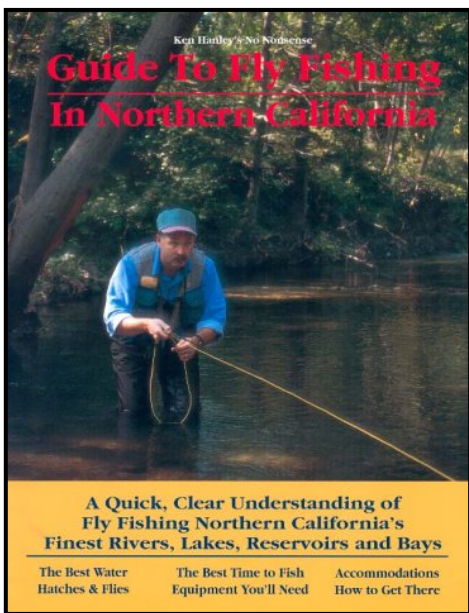
Fly Fishers of Davis 2009 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
April	Ron Rabun	Apr 28 th	Bonefish
May	Andrew Harris	May 26 th	Heritage Trout
June	Annual Picnic	Jun 23 rd	
July	Lisa Thompson	Jul 28 th	Central Valley Salmon
August	No Meeting	Aug	Go Fish!!!
September	Carson Jeffres	Sep 29 th	Shasta River
October	Ryan Miller	Oct 27 th	
November	Michael Colberg	Nov 24 th	NW Montana/Kootenai R.
December	Home Grown	TBA	
January 2010	TBA	TBA	
February 2010	Annual Dinner	Feb 20 th	Food, Fellowship, and Fun

Fly Fishing Classic of the Month

By Gene Gantt

Fly Fishing California, No Nonsense Guide to Top Waters

By Ken Hanley & Friends



I recently received this book as a gift and I started using it right away. The book is put together by Ken Hanley who many of us know through local flyfishing shows and at times he has been at the FFD club meetings as a speaker. He has gotten many local guides and fly anglers to put information together in a single book that covers many of the great fishing spots we have in California. Hey, the government and economy may be going to hell, but we do have great fishing!

The book takes these great fishing spots and puts them in alphabetical order, which makes it easy to find information on many great fishing holes. The book starts as many do with covering some of the basics and it has some great pictures of common game fish in California. There are also some wonderful full color photos of lots of the flies we use.

Each fishing area covered has a nice map, some information on the area. Each area also has a side bar that covers the types of fish, known baitfish and/or hatch. Equipment to use, flies to use, when to fish (NOW!!!), season and limits, accommodations and services in the area. They also give each area a rating, and we all know that ratings are only as good as the moment you are there. I suggest that if you find an area where you have not fished, give it a try and give the area your own rating in the book.

Some of the fishing areas covered in this great book include: McCloud, Lake Berryessa, Iron Gate Reservoir, Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta, Yosemite National Park, many ocean/beach spots, and just about all the other major fishing spots you may think of. There are photos of all of the areas described and just some fantastic pictures of beautiful fishing holes that we have around us.

He ends the book with resources such as fly shops, clubs and organizations, a map of the state showing major highways and even some basic fishing knots.

A good book to read and keep in your fishing vehicle when you travel. I got mine as a gift, but I would suggest if you don't have this one, go get it.

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

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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



Put a HEX on me!

Photos by Lance Gray, Donn Erickson, and Brian Bechtold



Chris Berardi started a new, unique outing by organizing a large group to attend the Lincoln Gray Stillwater School on Lake Almanor in June during the peak of the famous Hex hatch. The first morning consisted of general instruction on equipment, fly selection specific to the Hex hatch, followed by a casting session and tying sessions to brush up on those skills.



Do you have any 8's? ... Nah, Go Fish...



I agree, let's GO FISH!!!



Ok, no sleeping, there WILL BE a test of this material.



New Fishmeister Chris Berardi helps Bob launch his Pontoon Boat.

Then as evening neared we went out on the lake for on the water instruction from Lincoln, Lance, and Kirsten. A handful of large Rainbows and Browns were caught right up to and past dark. The Hex started emerging about an hour before dark and continued until the bats showed up just after dark who cleaned the flies off the water (and, no, they didn't care if the fly was real or fake)...



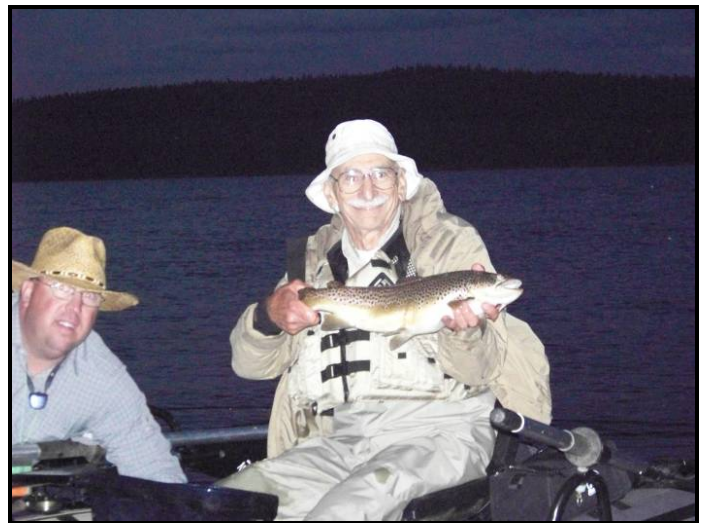
Race you to the other side of the lake.



Bob Zasoski working the slow retrieve...



... for this HUGE Brown!



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Bobber plays a large rainbow in front of Lassen at Sunset...



...and he lands it. Was there any question?

This page shows some of Almanor's striking scenery, with forested shorelines, and storm clouds visible to the south...



The sunset was amazing, with Lassen Peak in the backdrop, and lots of Davis Fly Fishers. [The next four photos are in chronological sequence.]



Annual Picnic

Photos contributed by Bob Beverlin



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

As we head into the summer season we have 3 outings to report on and one to think about. The first (actually second) Club Almanor trip was held on June 18 and 19. Thursday the 18th most attendees arrived, and we tried for fish during the hex hatch with more hope than confidence. Nevertheless, there were fish caught and several impressive ones included. Friday for most of the day we were in Lincoln Gray's class. Each member attending found the session extremely valuable no matter what their level of stillwater knowledge. That evening we went out en masse and experienced more grabs, landed fish and ldr's with Darwyn leading the numbers game and running a close race with various others as to size. Chris Berardi did a spectacular job as to trip organization and one would anticipate the recidivism rate at nearly 100% next year (yes, Chris you are commandeered as Fishmeister). In 2010 we will forego the class absent a critical mass of new attendees. For those attendance will be mandatory as it is really a session not to be missed.

Donn's Trinity campout was a success, as was Brian's Fuller Lake day trip, which leaves Lewiston. The first members trickled into Poison Oak Hollow on Wednesday. With people trickling in through Saturday, and pot luck meals each night. Saturday saw the dinner at the Old Lewiston Hotel Restaurant with some excellent food and wine. Finally the Mountain Valley Grill for Sunday breakfast. The fishing was decent in both lake and river this year, even with the afternoon temps around the century mark. Lake fisherman had to contend with the tournament on Saturday morning, but it didn't seem to give too much trouble for our expert fisherman.

Before the September meeting there will have been four outings. Joe Melendres's trip to the Yuba will be further discussed at the July meeting. The annual Old Fogies trip in early August has long been full and should be another great success. The first annual FF101 Golden Trout backpacking trip. And finally the Davis trip in mid September, and based on June's experience, should be very productive. - [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)
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	
Jeff Putnam Spey Clinic	Watt Ave. Access	Apr 25 (Sa)	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	\$50
**FF101 Outing	Trout	May 8-10 (Fr-Sa)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Possibly Middle Yuba
McCloud	Trout	May 15-18 (Fr-M)	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	Also an **FF101 event
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May 16 (Sa)	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
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
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	May 24 (Su)	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	North Star Ponds - Free
Lake Davis	Trout	Jun 4-7 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
**FF101 Outing	Trout	Jun 12-14 (Fr-Su)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	North Yuba River?
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	
Old Fogies - Backpack	Trout	Aug 7-9 (Fr-Su)	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
**FF101 Backpack	Golden Trout	Aug 13-16 (Th-Sa)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Yuba River	Trout	Aug 22 (Sa)	Joe Melendres 530-304-0480	Postponed from May 30
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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