

April Meeting, Tuesday Apr 27th, 7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High**Peter Cranston Presents:*****“Midges”***

For the April Fly Fishers of Davis meeting we present UC Davis Entomologist Peter Cranston. Peter's research takes him often to the Southern Hemisphere, where he samples the trout food in some of the world's most famous fly fishing streams, from South Island New Zealand, to Tasmania, to the Patagonian Andes. He will tell us something of the biology of midges in relation to fly fishing, relate some of his travels, and he encourages lots of questions (even those he may not be able to answer)!

Peter Cranston grew up in the United Kingdom in the 1950s when children were allowed, encouraged even, to roam the countryside free of adult constraints. With like-minded friends and younger siblings, he gravitated towards water – of which there is plenty in ever-wet England. Although some of the group of budding delinquents had the patience to fish (coarse perch, tench and pike) his interests were more in watching birds, mammals and the larger aquatic insects. Thanks to an enthusiastic high school biology teacher, formal education was built on these outdoor pursuits, with ample

opportunity for fieldwork looking at the biology of a local sewerage works, and counting nests of crows.

After a false start or two, Peter qualified from the University of London while in paid employment at London's Natural History Museum. Here he studied flies and curated the enormous national and global collections of these insects. When it came to specialization for a PhD, Peter was encouraged to study the early development stages (the larvae and nymphs) of the dominant group of flies in freshwater; the midges (Chironomids, bloodworms).

Although remaining a bystander alongside those that fish, he became aware of how much biological knowledge these people had concerning these insects that they used as bait, or in fly-fishing. He studied midges as nuisance in Eastern Africa, USA and England (beside reservoirs), and has traveled widely seeking midges in order to understand their biology and evolution. After 17 years in London, he relocated to Canberra, Australia for 13 years, and has now been in Davis in the Faculty of the Department of Entomology for the past decade.

**“A Spring Tune-up” April Casting Class with Sam Yee**

Sam Yee will again be holding Casting “Tune-ups” before the monthly meeting. Arrive an hour early (6:30 pm) to the April 27th meeting at Holmes Jr. High to take part. Please Bring your favorite trout rod or switch rod and we can do a quick demo on 40-50 foot roll cast, side casts and single and double handed spey cast that can be used in tight quarters where backcasting space is limited and casting under and around obstacles is required. If time allows Sam will also provide personal coaching to help with double hauling, getting rid of those tailing loops and getting tight loops.

We will have another casting contest in April. We will have a obstacle casting contest, casting around obstacles to get to our target. In March we had a backcasting contest to improve our backcasting. The winner of our March Backcasting contest was Fly Fishing 101's very own Tristan. His backcast was 72'6". Second was Chris B, his backcast was 69'. Kudos to the Davis Club, the California Fly Fishers also had a back casting contest where Brian S. was the backcasting winner with a cast of merely 62 feet.

The Prez Sez **By Tom Burton**

I am back from an outstanding trip to New Zealand and yes I did get to fish. I was on the West Coast of the South Island at a town called Greymouth. It was in an area of New Zealand that gets an average of 365 inches of rain a year. That's right, 1 inch a day. It had been raining for a couple of days before I arrived and the rivers were white with glacier melt and the fishing was off. I contacted a guide and we fished a beautiful lake called Brunner which is home to some scary big brown trout. The day was perfect, warm and no wind. I was able to hook 3 browns over 6 lb (according to the guide) but did not land any. The first fish took me into the backing before I knew what had happened. It came out of the water 3 times and on the last jump it came unbuttoned. The second brown took my fly and started jumping right from the start and after about 2 minutes broke the 3X tippet. The last brown I had on the longest (maybe 5 minutes) before the hook straightened out it was gone. Had 3 other take downs but did not hook up. You can bet I'm going back soon.

Spring is here and Summer is not far away. The club has plenty of good outings lined up so be sure to sign up at the meeting. Don't miss out on a good time with lots of fishing.

Continuing Raffle Board – A Day Fishing with Lance Gray

Win a guided drift for two on the Feather or Lower Sac with Lance Gray. Lance will be our speaker in May. The certificate will be good as long as Lance is guiding. He suggests that on the Feather the best winter months are October & November and March & April in the spring. The Sacramento is good most of the year. There are still lots of squares available on the raffle board for this trip. Be sure to hunt down Bob Brodberg at the raffle table at the April meeting and make sure that you purchase a healthy amount of real estate on the board. There are 100 squares - \$5 per square or \$20 for five squares.

Annual Jeff Putnam Casting Clinic on April 25th

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 April 25th. 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 at 3434 Anderson Rd just west of the F Street and Anderson Road 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.

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Call for Members to Volunteer for Program Presentations

From time to time the Club has "home grown" programs with short presentations on various topics and from time to time the Club either plans a full-blown member-presented program or needs a fill-in program because of a speaker cancellation. John Reynolds's very well received "Smallies" program of a few years ago is an example of the latter. Previously these slots have always been filled on an as needed basis.

At the April meeting we will have a sign-up for members who might be willing either to give a short 10-15 minute program (or e-mail the program chair at <mailto:derickson219@comcast.net>) on either a topic relevant to fishing or has a slide show which would interest members or who might have a full blown program to present. The slide shows would presumably be on trips made which could be both fishing and non-fishing (like a cruise). Examples of past topics for short general fishing programs include matters like knots, vest contents, campers, back packing equipment, boats, directed fly tying demos, etc. Full length programs could cover any of the types of topics which an outside speaker might present at a typical meeting.

Hopefully there will enough interested members to develop a substantial back log of topics to have available both as mini and full blown programs around which the Club can plan longer term as well as pull out for emergencies.

FFD Yard Sale – May Meeting

Do you have fishing and camping gear you don't use? The FFD will be hosting a yard sale and swap meet for all members at our regular meeting May 25, 2010. If you have gear you want to give away, sell, or trade, bring it to the May 25th meeting. The yard sale/swap meet will be held outside and will start at 6:30 p.m. Just bring your stuff, a table or work off your tail gate and get rid of gear you no longer need. If you have any questions on this event, contact Gene Gantt at <mailto:fishinggantt@comcast.net>.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
October	Ryan Miller	Oct 27 th	Nymphing
November	Michael Colberg	Nov 24 th	NW Montana/Kootenai R.
December*	John Gantner	Dec 15 th	"Bugology 101"
January 2010	Peter Moyle	Jan 26 th	Putah Creek/San Joaquin River Fish Restoration
February 2010*	Annual Dinner	Feb 20 th	Location: West Plainfield Fire Station
March 2010	Rick Martin	Mar 30 th	Outdoor Photography tips and tricks
April 2010	Peter Cranston	Apr 27 th	Midges
May 2010	Lance Gray	May 25 th	Stillwater Fishing
June 2010	Annual Picnic	TBA	Food, Fun, and... Horse Shoes?
July 2010	Craig Nelson	Jul 27 th	Fly Fishing Stone Creeks
August 2010	No Meeting	Aug	Go Fish!!!

*Except where noted, all meetings will now take place at Holmes Jr. High School

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FROM the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>. I promise you won't get a lot of email – just a few important notices each month.

Delta Water Diversions A panel of experts from the National Academy of Sciences released a report just after deadline last month saying the limits on water diversions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are scientifically justified. The report was ordered at the urging of Senator Dianne Feinstein, after she received a request from a wealthy landowner and farmer in the San Joaquin Valley who also happens to be one of her largest contributors. The report added that water diversions are not the only cause of fish declines.

“The committee concluded that in winter, high reverse river flows from high levels of pumping probably adversely affect smelt. Therefore, reducing the high reverse flows to decrease mortality of smelt is scientifically justified,” the NAS report says. “However, the data do not permit confident identification of when to limit reverse flows of the rivers or a confident assessment of the benefits fish receive by reducing reverse flows. ... As a result, the implementation of this action needs to be accompanied by careful monitoring, adaptive management and additional analyses.”

The NAS panel, composed of 15 scientists, is led by Robert Huggett, a professor at the College of William and Mary. The research team expects to continue studying the delta and issue more detailed evaluations through November 2011.

In the end, the council appears to be asking stakeholders to calm down and exercise patience as the process unfolds.

“Reversing or even slowing the declines of the listed species cannot be accomplished immediately,” the study says. “Even the best-targeted methods of reversing the fish declines will need time to take effect.”

Attempt to set aside ESA Just before the NAS report was released, Senator Feinstein announced she would introduce legislation to set aside provisions in the Endangered Species Act to send more water to the San Joaquin Valley. Among others, I was astounded by this attempt to bypass all environmental protections and her request for scientific review. Several people, including me, wrote to Senator Feinstein regarding her decision. We compared replies and found we all received the following letter. I was offended by the Westlands party line that came through loud and clear.

Dear Mr. Ashbaugh:

Thank you for writing to express your support for the biological opinions that govern water flows in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. I appreciate hearing your thoughts about this issue, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand your concern that pumping additional water to South of Delta agricultural water users will negatively impact the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem, and I appreciate hearing your thoughts about the Endangered Species Act protections currently governing water flows. I share your commitment to finding a long-term solution to improve the reliability and quality of California's water supply that will protect threatened and endangered species that rely on the Delta. In the meantime, however, I cannot sit idly by while the State's agricultural economy is on the verge of collapse.

Three consecutive years of severe drought in California has resulted in more than 400,000 acres of farmland being fallowed and has left thousands of farmworkers unemployed. Many Central Valley agricultural communities face unemployment rates as high as 40 percent. While winter storms have boosted storage capacity at key reservoirs and replenished the Sierra Nevada snowpack to between 90 and 129 percent of average, hundreds of family-owned farms in the Central Valley still may not receive sufficient water allocations to plant, hire and harvest this growing season.

On March 16, 2010, the Department of the Interior announced an updated allocation for Central Valley Project water supplies. Based on a conservative precipitation forecast (with a 90 percent chance that there will be more water available than currently forecasted), farmers on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley will receive 25 percent of their contract water supply, and farmers in the Sacramento Valley will receive 50 percent. Both of these allocations are up from 5 percent. The Department also reaffirmed that they are working to secure the equivalent of an additional allocation of 8 to 10 percent for South-of-Delta agricultural users through administrative measures. Given the important progress made on this issue administratively, I believe that legislation on this subject is not necessary at this time.

Please know that I share your commitment to protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue working toward a long-term, sustainable solution that balances the needs of environmental, agricultural, and urban uses and ensures that California can meet its current and future water needs.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have other questions or comments, please contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

Fact-checking the Senator After reading the letter from Senator Feinstein Mark Rockwell, Conservation VP of NCCFFF, investigated the total farm lands in California and the resultant percent of that land impacted by drought and water restrictions to protect Delta fisheries (<http://www.farmlandinfo.org/california/>). This is what he found:

- Total farm land in California - 25,364,695 acres
- Farms - 81,033
- Market value of California Agriculture - \$33.9 billion (approximately)

From Senator Feinstein's letter:

- 400,000 acres affected - this represents 1.6% of California's farmland. Other reports show 156,000 acres fallowed in

Westlands - about 0.7% (7/10 of 1%) of California farm lands (<http://www.hcn.org/issues/42.1/breakdown>).

- Hundreds of "family-owned" farms affected. Even if there were 500 farms (numbers vary due to secrecy by Westlands) that results in only 0.6% (6/10 of 1%) of total farms in California.
- It is reported that Westlands produces about \$1 billion in products in an average year, or approximately 3% of all of California. However, if they fallowed an average of 230,000 acres (an average of the two statistics of 400,000 and 156,000 acres), that represents about 1/3 of their total 605,000 acres. This means their production in 2009 was approximately \$670 Million, and a loss of \$330 Million, which is 1% of total California production.

So we are looking 1.6% of state farmland out of production, 0.6% of total farms affected, resulting in a 1% loss of total farm output of California. The losses to protect fish are not anywhere near as dramatic as Senator Feinstein suggests they are. This does not factor in what part the drought played in these statistics, which we can take from [Reality Check on California Water Crisis](http://www.doi.gov/documents/CA_Water_Reality_Check.pdf), from the Bureau of Reclamation http://www.doi.gov/documents/CA_Water_Reality_Check.pdf. It says only 25% of the reduced water deliveries is caused by fishery protections. Hence, we could make a good case that of the numbers above, small as they are, 75% is due to drought and only 25% is due to protections for fish. Salmon are iconic in California; it seems a small price to pay to keep important fisheries from going extinct.

I would like to point out, too, that the thousands of unemployed farmworkers is not a new phenomenon, and is not caused by pumping restrictions. It's a chronic issue for that part of the San Joaquin Valley, and is caused more by reduced construction jobs than by lack of farm work. In fact, agricultural employment is the sector in the valley least impacted by the recession. Westlands is just using the statistics to attempt to sway voters to approve a delta water bypass. Don't fall for it!

[San Joaquin Flows Again](#) The San Joaquin River has been completely dry throughout 60 miles of its historic stretch since the completion of Friant Dam in the 1940s. The river is now connected to the ocean again, after an agreement was reached between environmental groups, farmers, and the Bureau of Reclamation (and championed by Diane Feinstein – go figure). The goal is to restore the historic Chinook salmon run to the river. That will take longer, but the first step has now been taken.

News from NCCFFF

[NCCFFF Board Nominations](#) It's time for board nominations at the NCCFFF. I've been on the board for quite

a few years now, and I would welcome the opportunity to back off a bit and let someone else get involved. The NCCFFF is active in conservation issues and there are many wonderful people involved. If you'd like to be on the board, please let me know by email (<mailto:Ashbaugh@ucdavis.edu>) or by phone (530-758-6722). I'll be glad to give you more information on the time commitment, the duties of board members, and the fun places you'll get to go. It's really a good experience and you'll learn a lot!

[Smith River Salmon and Steelhead](#) The Department of Fish and Game has funded the proposed DIDSON sonar fish counting study on the Smith River for a two year period. Our thanks to John McCamman, Director of the Department, for selecting to include this project for funding, and to the Fish and Game Commission for its strong support of our continuing efforts to get a basis in science for the longer term Strategic and Management Plans that NCCFFF advocates for the Smith.

Several people should be singled out for their help in getting this project going. Ben Taylor, a stakeholder in the Smith whose grandfather pioneered the fishery many years ago, was particularly helpful in this achievement. Zack Larson, former Watershed Coordinator for the Smith, obtained a grant that was used as an on-river demonstration of the potential for using sonar to count the salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout that are found there. Tom Weseloh, Cal Trout's North Coast Manager, is a member of the DFG Advisory Committee that recommends salmon and steelhead funding projects to the Department of Fish and Game.

The Smith River has been designated a "Salmon Stronghold" by the Wild Salmon Center. NCCFFF has been working closely with the Center to advocate new federal funding to protect and enhance the fishery populations of the few remaining prime salmonid waters that remain on the west coast. We will continue to do so, because having a two year fish count, although outstanding in and of itself, will need to be followed with further studies. The large salmon and steelhead there have longer life spans than are provided for in the proposed funding. And, we will, of course, want to follow-up with Strategic and Management Plans for the river.

This past year saw great progress on the regulatory front for the Smith. A new salmon punch card system will help with the work of tracking angler success. Once more, the Smith will join the rest of the North Coast in having barbless hooks used for steelhead fishing. And the Fish and Game Commission has adopted a regulation requiring release of wild steelhead on the Smith.

Balancing at a high level among all of this progress is one of the most important elements of all. A new warden has been hired to live in the Crescent City Area. This should improve regulation enforcement, a key element of any of the work we have done. We again thank the Department for its having moved the marker a long way forward this past year. We look forward to continuing this work in coming years.

A Very Classic Fly Fishing Book of the Month

By Gene Gantt

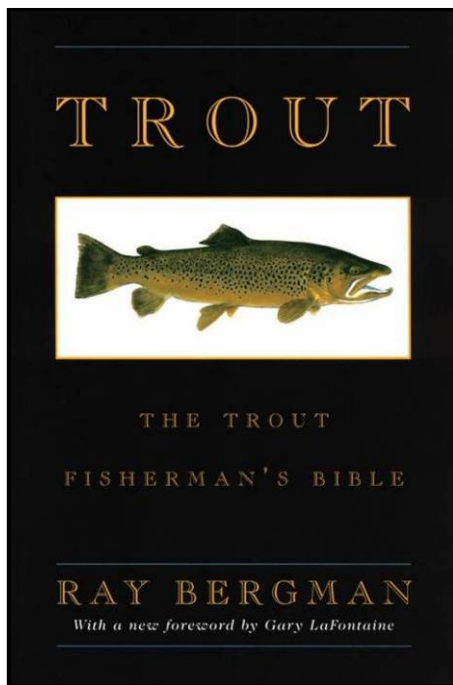
Trout

By: Ray Bergman (First Edition 1938)

This is a book that I am sure most of you have and probable have not pulled off your bookshelf in a while and blown the dust off of it. If you don't have it in your collection, go online and get it!

In his dedication of this book Bergman writes, "To you all. The many good fellows I know and have fished with and those whose paths may never cross mine except through the medium of these pages. This is my visit with you, our fishing adventure together. I trust it will be enjoyable, instructive, and memorable. When I am gone, when all who now read these pages have passed beyond, I hope the TROUT will continue to live, perhaps to instill in future generations a love and understanding of angling."

This book was first published in 1938. Ray Bergman was born in Nyack, New York in 1891 and died there in 1967. He wrote for



Outdoor Life magazine for 26 years. Bergman revised and expanded his masterwork in 1952. This wonderful book continues to be published and is available today. The first editions and earlier editions are still around but as you may guess very costly.

I am not going to cover the contents of the book in this review. He covers information on flyfishing that many others have done before and since. Some of what we do today as anglers has changed as has the tackle and gear we use today, but Bergman takes the reader through the entire world of flyfishing and does it so well. There are absolutely beautiful color plates of flies in the book. Be sure to just look at these flies and think about the numbers of trout that have been caught on them over the years.

Get this book out and enjoy it once again.

UC Davis Picnic Day Fly Tiers

Photos contributed by Paul Berliner

A big thanks to those Davis Fly Fishers that demonstrated at UC Davis Picnic Day. There was a huge crowd with lots of delighted kids and adults. As you can see below, John Daniels, Jack Norlyn, and Rollie Simons and others helped budding young tiers!



Outside the Box - First Aid

By Roberta Burke

If you yank your fly hook out of riverbed muck, only to then find it then stuck in your arm, you know the pain of embarrassment. If you push back your sunglasses to get a closer look and get the sun lotion on your hand in your eye, you really feel the sting. Accidents happen regardless if you are on a big-ticket trip, or just out for a relaxing week-end.

"It's just one more case of thinking outside the box," said Jeanne Enos. "First aid kits carry the basics, but anglers need more."

Jeanne knows from experience what can go wrong at river's edge and how to fix it. She has a PharmD in pharmacy and is also a 12 year member of San Francisco based Golden West Women Flyfishers and a 20+ year member of the Davis Flyfishers. Although retired from her clinical and retail pharmacy career, she keeps up with trends and knows how to troll pharmacy shelves for new practical, portable first aid items.

Jeanne's picks can help you self-rescue if your fly fishing adventure goes adrift. With a few of the items she has tucked away in the cab of her pickup, you can be on the mend in no time. Make your own "outside of the box" addition to your first aid kit considering some of these items:

- Alcohol Free Moistened wipes exist for just about every situation from travel packs for sensitive skin to eye soothing wipes.
- Eye drops can ease the burning sensation and flush out offending matter. Several small vials of sterile saline solution can be alternatives for eye drops. It may take several rinses to stop the sting.
- Sterile fluid is used to flush debris out of a wound. The 8 oz size saline bottle from most contact lens eye-care kits gives you enough sterile liquid to use if you don't have a clean water source.
- Instant hand sanitizer decreases bacteria on the skin, and comes in bottles weighing less than an ounce.
- Disposable gloves help safeguard your own immune system while you help others or have them help you. Medical grade nitrile gloves may help protect the wearer from parasites or bodily fluids.
- Splinter tweezers, unlike the larger blunt end regular tweezers, have fine points and are designed to get at a small area without pinching the surrounding tissue. Most of the time barbless hooks come loose easily.

"Clean up with a couple of moist wipes first," Jeanne said. Use them to clean off your hands, the area surrounding your eyes to keep more lotion from getting in them, or to clean the area around a hook snag. "Keep in mind that once opened, sterile solutions are no longer sterile." Like the eye drops, even unopened these solutions have a shelf life after which time bacteria grow.

Bottled drinking water is a necessity for keeping hydrated even when you are out in the lake or stream, but most bottled water is not sterile.

Before your next trip review the contents of your first aid kit to see if it meets your current needs and takes into consideration the often overlooked basics.

"I once accompanied a bus of 5th graders on a trip, and one of the kids needed a band-aid. There were none in the first aid kit, but there was enough gauze to mummify the entire class. Resisting the temptation to give it a try, all I really needed was enough gauze for a child's scrape. Unfortunately there were no scissors in the kit to cut the gauze," Jeanne said.

Most any kind of scissor will do, but bandage scissors with their serrated edges work well with the open weave of the gauze. They also have blunt tips that protect the skin when the gauze is being removed.

"Sanitary napkins can even become makeshift alternatives to gauze," Jeanne says. Because they are highly absorbent, they can help control bleeding and come in sterile, single item packages. "Even medics in Desert Storm used them on the battlefield to treat wounds."

"Like the fluids, bandages have a shelf life. Remember when they are too old, they won't even stick to glass," Jeanne warns. Check the dates and keep a variety of sizes. You can always use scissors to cut a band-aid to shape.

Lastly she suggests having a waterproof headlamp to free up your hands for first-aid tasks. Use your regular flash light for ordinary evening chores conserving the high beam headlamp for when you need strong illumination. Headlamp features and weights vary, so pick one that is practical for your typical fishing adventure.

No matter where she has been, being practical has been Jeanne's lifelong habit. "I was brought up knowing to choose a degree program that would help me get a job," Jeanne said. Not all pharmacists have PhD's, but in gaining her doctorate, she had time to see first-hand the effects medications had on their subjects and to manage health tools wisely. Over the years she has seen an evolution of health practices.

Certain antidotes though, have timeless appeal, especially if you are fighting off the doldrums.

On one fishing trip, Jeanne recalls that she and her family had an acute Snicker's attack. They paddled to a nearby waters' edge store only to find a "closed" sign. Peeking through the window they were teased by the sight of boxes of chocolate bars set just inside the door to lure shoppers. Disappointed and exhausted, they slumped back to the boat. Chocolate is a curative that Jeanne is now never without.

Thankfully most fishing hang-ups are more irksome than disastrous; having the right items on hand can keep a good trip safe and provide a fishing tale that ends well.

Lower Sacramento in March Photos contributed by Paul Berliner and Brian Bechtold



Lots of doubles on this day in March!



Dana proves the fish bite right in front of the Sun Dial.



Paul asks if a fish in the hand...



...is worth two in the net? I think not!



Anden and Chris preparing for a perfect drift...



I AM GUIDE!!! [...of course Chris caught the fish.]



Fisherman weren't only ones enjoying this glorious day.



A great look at one of the wild Rainbows.



Don't worry, we'll get away from those guys.



Meanwhile down river Lowell and Bob fished with Greg Kennedy.



Jack also got in on the action, playing this nice fish...



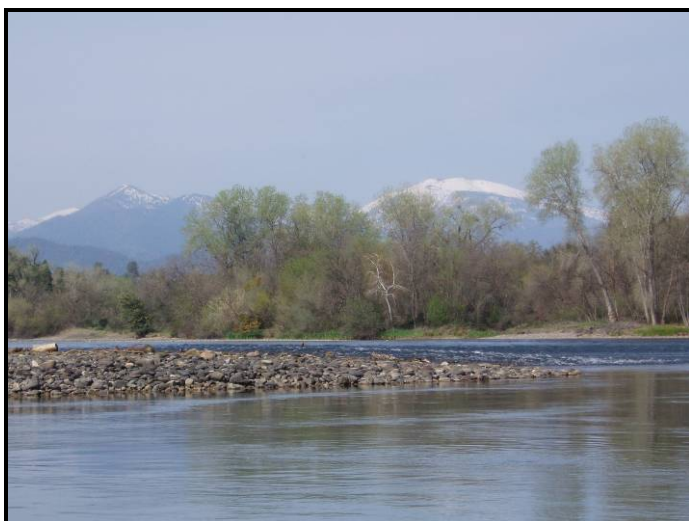
...and lands it too.



All these fish...and guess what?



It's FOR SALE!!! [Note to directors...building fund?]



Fresh snow was visible on the surrounding mountains.



Why's everybody always pickin' on me?

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For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings

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

There have been two outings since last report. The Fly Shop Sac River trip is best characterized by one word: Fish. Small fish were the catch generally down river, except in the drift just above Red Bluff, while bigger fish were more common closer to Redding, presumably because of the spawning run. In any case all attendees went home having had a significant amount of action, including for some with bugles and squaws. The Pyramid trip was almost the exact opposite. Thursday night was ok in the few minutes before dark. On Friday, however, the winds were up to 50 mph plus and the fishing slow, real slow. Saturday was not so hot early, but finally after noon (when I left naturally) the floodgates opened for Jon particularly on foam beetles dredged at Pelican. The water temperature was a balmy 46 indicating likely improved conditions down the road.

As members may have noticed there was a significantly larger number of signups at the March meeting. Given the dearth of outings until mid-May the same number will be out again this month. Of particular near term interest are the Shasta, Yuba and McCloud outings in mid-May. Also in May are the Payne-in-the-Ranch hike and the shad trip, which may be limited as to openings by the boats available and where we decide to go. Road 48, where we historically have gone, is indefinitely closed to access. Currently the Feather below or above Shanghai (depending on flows) looks like the likely target location, with maybe a meal afterwards at Casa Lupe in Yuba City, which is a real treat. There is also a chance we will go to Woodson where we historically went as early as mid-May, but as the Sacramento has cooled because of releases patterns the shad seem to arrive there later and later each year and thus it may be too early to go that far up river. - [Cary Boyden](#)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2010 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Trinity – or – Klamath	Steelhead	Jan 7-8 (Th-Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
American or Feather	Steelhead	Jan 30 (Sa)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Yuba River	Trout	Feb 27 (Sa)	Joe Melendres 530-304-0480	Reschedule
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 4-7 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Jeff Putnam Spey Clinic	Spey Casting	Mar 14 (Su)	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	Watt Ave. \$50
Redding / Fly Shop	Trout	Mar 19-20 (Fr & Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
FF101 Wilmes Ranch		Apr	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 2-3 (Fr-Sa)	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Kiene's Fly Shop	Exposition 2010	Apr 17 (Sa) 9 – 4	Bill & Marilyn 916-486-9958	2654 Marconi Avenue
Jeff Putnam Clinic	Casting	Apr 25 (Su) 9:30-12:30	Bob Zasoski 530-753-2241	North Star Ponds–Free
John Gantner/Lake Shasta	Bass	May 15-16 (Sa-Su)	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	See Page 4 – Feb issue.
Yuba River	Trout	May 22 (Sa)	Joe Melendres 530-304-0480	UC Davis Property
McCloud	Trout	May 21-24 (Fr-M)	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Shad – Sacramento River	Shad	May 28 (Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Location TBA
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	May 29 (Sa)	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
FF101 Hat Creek/Cassel	Trout	May 28-31 (Fr-M)	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Hereford Ranch
FF101 Upper Sacramento	Trout	Jun	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	
Trinity Alps	Trout	Jun 3-6 (Th-Su)	Paul Berliner 530-753-3886	
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jun 12 (Sa)	Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722	
Lake Davis	Trout	Jun 17-20 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lake Almanor/Crater	Trout	Jun 25-27 (Fr-Su)	Chris Berardi 530-759-1968	Lincoln Gray School
West Carson	Trout	Jul 9-11 (Fr-Su)	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 15-18 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Old Fogies – Backpack	Trout	Aug 12-16 (Th-M)	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Yuba River	Trout	Late Summer	Joe Melendres 530-304-0480	UC Davis Property
Lake Davis	Trout	Sep 16-19 (Th-Su)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
FF101 Lower Sacramento	Trout	Oct	Tristan Leong 530-747-0563	Guided Float
McCloud	Trout	Oct	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Payne Ranch	Smallmouth Bass	Oct 16 (Sa)	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Redding / Fly Shop	Trout & Steelhead	Oct 22-23 (Fr & Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$160 + tip (per day)
Delta “Striperfest”	Striped Bass	Oct 30 (Sa)	Donn Erickson 707-718-7724	Need Volunteer Boats
Tote & Float	Steelhead	Nov 4-6 (Th-Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	Tote ‘n Float
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	Big Lahontans
Trinity - or - Klamath	Steelhead	Nov 18-19 (Th-Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$320 + tip
Putah Creek Cleanup	Garbage	Nov 20 (Sa)	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	FREE Food & Drink
Lake Amador	Trout	Dec 4 (Sa)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Trinity / Fly Shop	Steelhead	Jan 6-7, 2011(Th-Fr)	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$320 + tip

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