

The Fisherman's Line**Annual Dinner, Saturday Feb 19th, 7:00pm****Ticket Sales/Cocktails at 6 pm – West Plainfield Fire Station**

The Fly Fishers of Davis' Annual Dinner is coming up on Saturday, February 19th. We'll serve dinner at **7 p.m.**, but the doors will open at **6 p.m.** for raffle ticket sales, cocktails, and general hobnobbery. This year we return to Lillard Hall (West Plainfield Fire Station) located at 24905 County Road 95, near Davis. (Between CR's 29 & 30—

see map below). Hickory Hank will be the chef preparing his usual hearty fare for our dining pleasure. The no host bar will be located in the same corner of the room as in the last several years. We are streamlining our raffle ticket sales

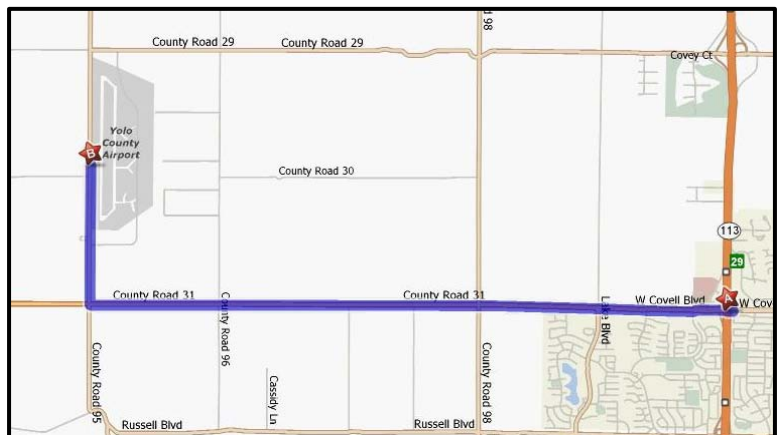
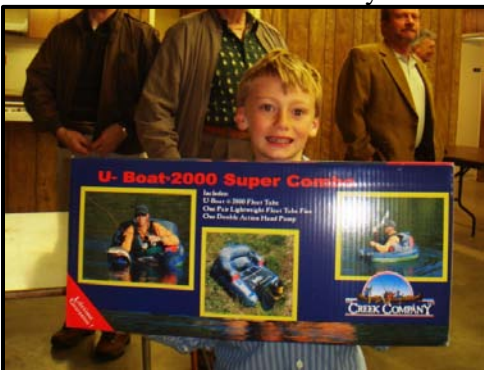
so it shouldn't take long to buy your giant bundle of tickets. You can still buy dinner tickets at the door (\$30 adults, \$15 children).

We'll have the usual General Raffle, a multitude of Bucket Items as well as several Silent Auctions, Live auction, and a high-roller raffle. The "high roller" raffle ticket is given for every \$100 in raffle tickets bought. Steve Ohrwall will be the Master of Ceremonies for the raffle and auction and promises to make the evening exciting.

Paul Berliner has produced a new video program again this year, and if you recall from last year it was one of the highlights of the dinner.

Again, make sure you mark this date on your calendar and please attend as this is FFD's only fundraiser during the year and the major source of club income to pay for speakers, conservation efforts, and the classroom aquarium education program.

If you have items to donate to the raffle, please bring them to the dinner. It would help to notify Gene Gantt about it, but bring it anyway.



The Prez Sez

By President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as president for the last two years. My term has been fun and rewarding but I have served my time and now I get to go. I'm passing the gavel to Gene Gantt at the annual dinner so don't forget to be there.

The Annual Dinner is Saturday February 19th and will be at Lillard Hall (same as last year). The doors open at 5:00 p.m. If you have not pre-purchased your tickets you can do so at the door. Also, for those of you have not yet paid your 2011 FFD dues you can do that at the same time. John Reynolds will be happy to see you.

We are expecting a great turnout and I'm sure the food will be great as always. We have an outstanding assortment of raffle prizes that Steve Ohrwall will graciously distribute. Paul Berliner has produced another; I am sure, award winning show for us.

You will find more information and maps elsewhere in this newsletter.

This is our big fund raiser for the year so bring plenty of \$\$\$\$\$. See you at the dinner.

California Duck Days 2011

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 45211 Road 32B, Davis, CA.

California Duck Days, a wetlands festival in the heart of the Pacific Flyway, will be held on **February 25th** and **February 26th**. A gala reception and Wildlife Art Show will launch the festivities on Friday evening February 25th at the **Davis Arts Center**, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. This event is free to the public.

On Saturday February 26th the festival will feature one full day of field trips, workshops and other activities at the Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters facility in South Davis. The Flyfishers of Davis are going to be part of this event this year. If you can help, please contact Gene Gantt at 707-590-3446 or by email fishinggantt@comcast.net.

For more information on this event: www.yolobasin.org.

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Meeting Schedule

I hope you all got a chance to fish during September. Be sure to send pictures of your trips for future newsletters! There are a couple of outings, so be sure to see the Outings Update elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to note that the Striperfest has moved to November 13.

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set through next July, with the speakers named through February. Note that all our meetings except the one on December 14 will be at Holmes Jr. High School. Holmes is not available for our December date, so the Home Grown Meeting will be at Harper Junior High School. Be sure to thank the program chair, Donn Erickson, the next time you see him for continuing to find high quality program speakers.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
January 2011	Dennis Lee	Jan 25 th	American River Steelhead
February 2011 *	Annual Dinner	Feb 19 th	Location: West Plainfield Fire Station
March 2011	Jay Murokoshi	Mar 29 th	Baja fishing
April 2011	John Gantner	Apr 26 th	Lake Shasta bass
May 2011	Phil Rowley	May 24 th	Stillwater fishing
June 2011 *	Annual Picnic	June 28 th	
July 2011	Mark Rockwell	Jul 26 th	Klamath Basin Settlement
August 2011	No Meeting		Go Fishing
September 2011	Lance Gray	Sept 27 th	Feather River
October 2011	Lincoln Gray	Oct 25 th	Floating the Lower Sac
November 2011	John Sherman	Nov 29 th	The Delta
December 2011	Club members	Dec 13 th	Home Grown Meeting

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

Classroom Aquarium Education Project

Leslie A. Whiteford, the Science Teacher at Robert E. Willett Elementary School sent these writing samples from her 6th grade class. Here's a student paragraph about the plight of the salmon in California:

Salmon are now a threatened species because of humans. We have poisoned them with pesticides, fertilizers, and even industrial waste. We have also stopped them from breeding by overfishing them, and creating man made obstacles. We have created huge dams. Some farmers let their cows or other animals graze along the river banks, killing the vegetation. Our logging and mining leads erosion, causing muddy waters. Even the people reading this paragraph could be hurting salmon. You could hurt them by flushing chemicals down your toilets, or draining bad water down your sink. One simple way to help salmon is to pick up garbage wherever you see it: flying on the wind, floating in a river, or lying on the ground. Pick it up! We need to watch how much pollution we create or else we might destroy the whole salmon population. If we can't save the salmon, can we save ourselves?

Here are a couple of poems:

Life of a Salmon

Cold water is their habitat
Herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers are threats
Incredible miles they travel
No dams provide an entrance for spawning
Overseas they travel
Once in shallow area, female digs a redd
Killed by difference in water

Torn from their parents
They are born
Then as alevin
Very forlorn

They are fry
To eat and sometimes die
For there are dangers
Along the way

Skin changes color when traveling
The Salmon Run
Agriculture uses 75% of California's water
Less than an inch long when born
Males fertilize eggs with milt
Over 100 dams in California
Now's the time to save them!

Living in estuaries
They smolt
To go to the salt
Of the sea

They stay in the ocean
For years and years
Only to go back home
To face their fears

Blame the humans
For what we do
We are killing the salmon
And eating them too

Along the way
They turn bright colors
To light
Another's day

Hope these writing pieces encourage you to continue the important work you do on behalf of salmon, and all species that depend on our waterways. Thanks again for all your support in the classroom.

Sincerely, Leslie

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>.

Restore the Delta Benefit Restore the Delta, a local broad-based coalition including Delta farmers, environmentalists, fishermen, business leaders, and concerned citizens, will be introducing its new board members to the Delta communities at its **Art, Wine and Edible Delight Benefit on February 26, 2011. The event will be held at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg, California from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.restorethedelta.org.**

Over the last four years Restore the Delta has grown from a Stockton-centered organization of 75 members to a widely recognized regional and state organization of over 7000 members, who recognize that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a natural treasure.

Restore the Delta's new Board President Joy Baker is part of a sixth-generation Delta pear farm family located in Courtland. Ms. Baker believes that the strength of the newly organized Restore the Delta organization is the diversity of its board. Baker says, "Our 18-member board includes representatives from four of the five Delta counties, in addition to the East Bay. Our group includes farmers from the North Delta to the South Delta, representatives from the A.G. Spanos Corporation and Food 4 Less, fishermen, renowned environmentalists like Bill Jennings, lawyers, accountants, and others with a deep understanding of what is at stake for the Delta's future."

The event, sponsored by Carvalho Family Winery, will feature the artwork of Delta photographer Mike Pieretti. Pieretti, a North Delta residents has had his work exhibited throughout the Delta, most recently at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg. The Stockton-based musical trio, Mom's Chili Boys, will be the evening's featured musical artists.

Wine tasting, a silent auction, and a raffle will all be part of the evening's festivities.

Action Alert from Restore the Delta Last Friday, the U.S. House of Representative passed the 2011 Continuing Resolution, a must pass spending bill, to keep the Federal Government funded. Language included in this base bill, however, would defund the implementation of biological decisions made for reduced Delta pumping, thereby allowing record level of water exports from the Delta to resume.

While some House Representatives, like Congressman Devin Nunes (CA - 21st District), are calling it a water restoration measure, this backdoor attempt to thwart the implementation of sound Delta management principles, would bring the final death blow to several Delta fisheries which are on life support presently.

The Continuing Resolution, however, must now go to the Senate and pass through the Senate before March 4, 2011. Please call Senator Feinstein and ask her to strip this Delta killing provision from the 2011 Continuing Resolution.

Remind her that the California and Oregon salmon fishing industry is tied to the health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Please also tell her that the Delta farming community, a multi-billion dollar annual economy, is also tied to Delta water quality. We cannot fix the water challenges in Central Valley communities by destroying working Delta farms and California's fishing communities. Available State and Federal funding resources must be used to create water self-sufficiency in each region of California and to reduce dependence on Delta water exports.

Senator Feinstein's office numbers are as follows: (202) 224-3841, Washington D.C.; (415) 393-0707, San Francisco; Los Angeles (310) 914-7300; (619) 231-9712 San Diego; and 559-485-7430, Fresno.

Peter Moyle Article There's a great article on the idea of controlling Striped Bass (e.g. no limit on take) to reduce predation on other fish (salmon, in particular) on the California Water Blog at <http://californiawaterblog.com/2011/01/31/stripped-bass-control-the-cure-worse-than-the-disease/>. Dr. Moyle outlines a number of assumptions that would have to be true for Striped Bass control to work, including

- Striped bass predation is the major regulator of salmon and other threatened species
- Other predators would not increase their predation rates if Striped Bass populations were reduced

- Other species that Striped Bass prey on would not increase their populations and cause further harm, and
- Reducing the Striped Bass population would measurably compensate for harm to the estuary caused by other impacts such as water diversions and loss of habitat.

Dr. Moyle goes on to show why each of these assumptions is unlikely to be true, and he concludes that the key to restoring desirable species in the Delta is to return it to a more variable estuarine environment. He also concludes that reducing Striped Bass numbers is more likely to have a negative than a positive effect on the species such a program would be designed to protect. I highly recommend reading the post.

U.S. EPA Launches Investigation into Toxins and Stressors Impacting Fish in the Bay Delta

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will take action on an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) seeking public input on the effectiveness of current water quality programs influencing the health of the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary. The ANPR identifies pivotal water quality issues affecting Bay Delta fisheries, describes regulatory measures currently underway, and initiates an information-gathering process on how the EPA and the State of California can achieve water quality and aquatic resource protection goals in one of the West Coast's most ecologically diverse and important aquatic habitats.

This ANPR is part of a comprehensive set of commitments made by the Obama Administration to address California water issues under the Interim Federal Action Plan released in December 2009.

In its ANPR, EPA notes that it will be coordinating its review of water quality issues with the on-going development of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, which currently is being developed through a collaboration of federal, state and local agencies, environmental organizations, and other interested parties.

Deputy Secretary of the Interior, David J. Hayes, who has been helping to lead the BDCP effort for the federal agencies, welcomed EPA's action, noting that "EPA's attention to a variety of water quality stressors and the role they play is an important complement to the science-based analysis that is going into the Bay Delta Conservation Plan effort."

The ANPR will be published to the Federal Register within one week. EPA encourages interested parties to read the ANPR and provide additional information and suggestions for actions to improve Bay Delta Estuary water quality and aquatic resource protection. Comments can be submitted electronically at the Federal Rulemaking Portal (www.regulations.gov) identified by docket EPA-R09-OW-210-0976 or in hardcopy addressed to Erin Foresman, US Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

News from NCCFFF

Action Alert from NCCFFF Secretary Laird of the Resources Agency quickly stepped forward over the weekend to address the House Continuing Resolution (see above), and the anti--ESA language it contains. In particular he communicated to Senator Feinstein the negative impacts it can have on a multitude of California issues - Bay-Delta negotiations, San Joaquin River restoration, etc. A call to her office, 1-202 224-3841, in support of Secretary Laird would help. If you can, give her a call. They need to hear from us all over the state. Issues of concern are:

- Congress should make decisions based on science to protect listed species under the Endangered Species Act.
- Congress should not interfere with state agency efforts to solve the California water and Bay-Delta issues.
- Congress would be overriding legal agreements on the San Joaquin River restoration with this CR
- Congressional meddling promotes future lawsuits

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Book of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

“Barr Flies

How to Tie and Fish the Copper John, the Barr Emerger and Dozens of Other Patterns, Variations, and Rigs.

The Copper John and Beyond ”

By John Barr

The first twenty chapters of Barr Flies focus on a single pattern for each chapter, with a number of pattern variations at the end of each chapter.

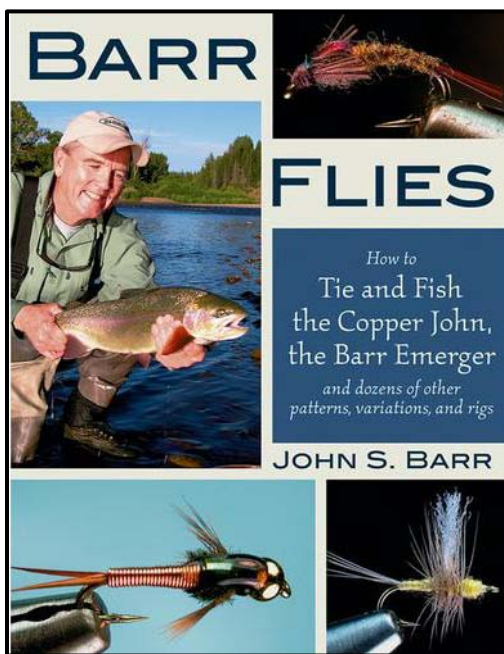
All combined, this makes for more than six dozen fly patterns with very detailed tying instructions. The author adds value by providing tying tips while describing the complex tying steps. Fly patterns include Barr's most successful flies, including the Copper John and its variations, Barr Emerger, Caddis Larva, Graphic Caddis, Vis A Dun, Web Wing Caddis, B/C Hopper, and others. In addition to the tying instructions, he provides the background on how he developed these patterns. Many tiers will find the evolution of his well known patterns fascinating. You'll also find tips on fishing Barr's flies. The final chapter provides instructions for fishing multiple fly rigs to maximize

fish-catching potential. He treats subjects such as combinations of duns, emergers, hoppers, streamers and

other flies in combinations with the same enthusiasm and careful teachings as he does his fly tying. Barr's approach to fly combinations, such as his instructions and tips for fishing a three-fly rig, enlightens anglers with the techniques he uses to hook more fish.

The Bottom Line

If you want to be well-armed while on the trout stream, look at John's fly boxes at the end of the book. The photographs and notes on his hatch box, nymph box, and other well stocked fly boxes provide a good model for any angler who wants to catch trout. This book is outstanding; it leaves me wanting more of Barr's patterns and further notes on his approach to fly design.



How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families are \$25/year. Student rate is \$15/year. The monthly newsletter is distributed by e-mail only. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address so that we can get the newsletter to you in Adobe Acrobat format. You can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact: [John Reynolds](mailto:John.Reynolds@dcn.org), 530-753-2682 or mailto:jreyn@dcn.org – **Membership Chair**

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Our club is only as great as its members, so please **circle one or more** of the following areas where you could share your expertise.

Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.

Please also **circle** if you would like to **teach, assist, or attend** any of our classes in **Rod building, Fly Tying, or Casting.**

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

Photos from last year's dinner

Photos Contributed by Brian Bechtold, Jim Lushwitz, and Donn Erickson



What do you bid for this fine bottle of wine?



Perusing the menu?



Happy winner of a fly rod



Digging in to some might good BBQ!



Enjoying good company



And a great raffle to keep you supplied

More photos from last year's dinner

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Loading up the plates



Board members enjoying a good time



Doing a brisk business at the bar



And at the raffle table – be sure to get your tickets!



Chris and John at the dinner ticket table



Anna Stephenson asking for volunteers to fish

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

With no regular meeting this month and no outings not already covered, this edition's column will focus on the trips upcoming before the March meeting. The Club was able to fill the usual void of February with two outings. The first is a shot at the Fly Shop's Luk Lake in Corning. Reports indicate the potential of trout to double digits and bass averaging 3-4 pounds. If this works out, it may become a regular repeat. The second February venture is another of the hopefully very successful Yuba forays. Obviously at this time of years flows pose a potential issue, but hopefully we will be between storms and have reasonable water levels.

The first weekend in March is the now annual Baum trip. Jim Wright reports significant recent stocking which bodes well for another good session. Baum can be very technical and does require some sort of floating apparatus. Several weeks later are the Friday and Saturday March Fly Shop trips in the Redding area. These trips generally are quite successful as to numbers and sometimes size also. Interestingly, this time there are more boats on Friday than Saturday for the first time.

At the March meeting there will be signups for a few new trips starting in August and running into the Fall. In this regard and as a note for those planning on going to Davis in June: the campgrounds near the ramp are closed. Depending on numbers we may try to reserve the Grizzly Store facility, but this is a long shot. There may also be camping in the overflow area above the Honker ramp which will not be as pleasant as were the campgrounds. Hopefully we will find a place to all be together but that may not work out.

If you have any ideas you wish to put forward and organize into Club outings please contact any Club Board member or Cary Boyden at ccb819@sbcglobal.net. Anyone interested please contact me at <mailto:ccb819@sbcglobal.net> - [Cary Boyden](#).

Fly Fishers of Davis 2010 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
Amador/Trout	Trout	December 4, 2010	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Amador/Trout
Trinity	Steelhead	January 6-7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 160 per day + tip
Yuba River	Trout	Jan/Feb	Joe Melendres Sam Yee	530-304-0480 916-505-7722	Depends on flows and may be reset
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 2-6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	March 18 and/or 19	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 160 per day + tip
Pyramid	Cutthroat	April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	April/May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
McCloud	Trout	May	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Sacramento River	Shad	May 27	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 15-17	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	
Lewiston	Trout	July	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity Coffee Creek	Trout	July 21-24	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Kennedy Meadows	Trout	August 26-28	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Yuba	Trout	August	Joe Melendres Sam Yee	530-304-0480 916-505-7722	
Old Fogies	Trout	August	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	
Mammoth Lakes	Trout	August	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Lake Davis	Trout	September	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	September	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	October	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	~\$160 per day + tip
Delta	Stripers	November	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity Klamath	Steelhead	November 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	~\$160 per day + tip
Putah Creek Cleanup	Trash	November	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Amador	Trout	December 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Fee area / cost varies

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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