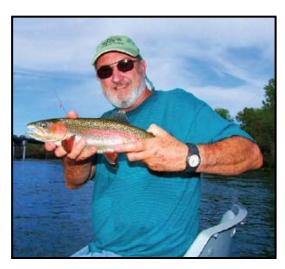


7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High

John Gantner Presents:

"Shasta Lake Bass"



John has been fly fishing for over 40 years and fly tying almost as long. He has had over 50 articles published in national fly fishing and fly tying magazines. He does demonstration fly tying at various venues including the FFF national conclaves and The Fly Fishing Show. He is on the Dr. Slick advisory staff. He has been presenting a number of various fly club programs for a few years. John is a writer, photographer, and full-time fly fisher, and presents all of his programs as an angler and for anglers. He has guided, and managed a fly fishing lodge. John lives in Redding with his dog Riley. He is a long time member of Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers.

Shasta Lake, near Redding, is one of the finest public fly-fishing

lakes in the state for bass. In the spring and early summer, the bass

move to the shallows and offer the fly angler a great opportunity to catch many bass in a day using either top-water flies or shallow running streamers. Shasta is a huge lake providing the angler ample coves and shoreline to feel like he has a lake all to himself. This program gives you all the information you need to plan a successful fishing trip to Lake Shasta. John has been fly fishing this lake for over 35 years and will divulge his techniques for catching Lake Shasta bass.



Lake Shasta Smallmouth on Sat, June 3

By (Pastor) Donn Erickson

We have a "fishout" with John Gantner on Friday, June 3, to test out the techniques we hear about at the meeting.

There will be signups at the Apr and May meetings for his experience. Several of us will be going up on Thursday night, June 2, and camp out (or motel for the wimps!), to be ready for the Gantner-guided "fishout" on Friday, June 3rd. Some of us may stay over on Sat to fish another day, if the fishing is great.

Sign up (this month is best)! Note if (1) you have a boat and would like to take another member, or (2) if you do not have a boat but would like to go on this trip. We will marry the boaters and non-boaters, and hopefully have a great fit, and a great time.

The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt

April is here and we all know what that means, stream fishing season opens! Well let's not get too excited yet. There is lots of water out there and we haven't yet seen the snow pack melt off. If you do decide to fish the rivers and streams around us, do so with care. Don't fish alone! Call up a fishing buddy and take them along with you. As a suggestion, contact local guides or fly shops before you head out to check on the flows and fishing.

FFD will be at Kiene's festival in Sacramento on April 23rd. If you can spent an hour or so in the booth, please contact me at fishinggantt@comcast.net.

Until next time, happy fishing and tight lines!

Tune Up Your Casting

The Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring two clinics aimed at honing your fly casting skills for the upcoming season.

Annual Spring Casting Clinic

The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held at the Northstar Ponds from 9:00 am to12:00 pm on Sunday, May 1. 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 your accuracy and distance. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at <u>rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net</u> 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. There is no fee for this clinic.

Spey Casting Clinic at Watt Avenue

The club is sponsoring a Spey Casting Clinic with Jeff Putnam on Sunday May 22. The clinic fee is \$50 for the four hour session lasting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Since moving water is important to properly demonstrate and practice the different spey casts, the clinic will be held at the Watt Avenue Access on the American River in Sacramento, CA. Remember that spey casts can be used with both single handed and two handed rods. Class size will be limited to 8 participants. If you are interested, contact Bob Zasoski (530-753-2241, email: <u>rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net</u>), or sign up at the April meeting. If the class is oversubscribed, we will develop a waiting list and investigate having a second session.

Picnic Day Fly Tying

by John Daniels

On April 16th, an intrepid band of FFD fly tiers hosted a fly tying marathon at the UC Davis Department of Entomology for 97th annual campus open house known as Picnic Day. This mighty band of tiers included Peter Hawes, Warren Caldwell, Jack Norlyn, John Hodgson, and the author. Attendance for Picnic Day this year was estimated to be 70,000-75,000 people, and it seemed that most of them descended on Briggs Hall to learn about fly fishing and fly tying. For five frenzied hours, the FFD tiers, with the help of Scott MacConnell (graduate student in Entomology) fielded questions about fly fishing, aquatic insects, fly tying, and just about anything else that was asked of us.

While originally the FFD provided simple fly tying demonstrations for Picnic Day, over the last couple of years a more hands-on approach has been adopted. The tiers taught anyone who was interested how to tie flies, and believe me there were a LOT of people who were interested. Our students ranged from 3 to 73 years old, and they all had a great time learning how to tie their first fly. The tiers were originally slated for a short session, but ended up staying to the bitter end, demonstrating a heart-warming level of commitment and zeal that was deeply appreciated by the participants and the Department. As the coordinator of the tiers, I would like to personally thank everyone for helping with this great event.

Picnic Day happens every year in mid-April, typically on the third Saturday, and it has always been tough recruiting tiers. Considering that this is one of the few club outreach programs, and considering the large number of eager students we get each year, I would like to encourage all the club tiers to keep an eye on the calendar next year and lend a hand if you can.

Steelhead in the Classroom!

Paul Berliner

In the last two newsletters we've seen pictures and stories of our Classroom Aquarium Education Program. The classrooms released their fish last month. Here are a few pictures of the release, courtesy of Paul Berliner.





Young steelhead fry in the bucket

Off we go to the river



Young scientist at the river...



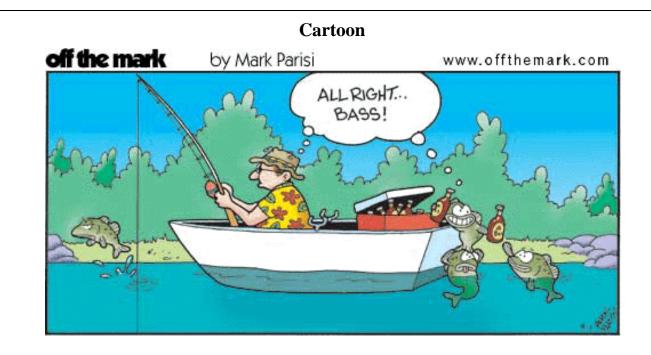
Equalizing temperature before release



...and more from the other classroom



And they're off!



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Pyramid Lake Photos

By Bob Beverlin



Winter fishing at Pyramid is a challenge



Storm's coming



Fish on!



But it doesn't stop the diehard angler!



Beautiful sunrises



They're big!

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 2011 Meeting Schedule						
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC			
April	John Gantner	Apr 26 th	Lake Shasta bass			
May	Phil Rowley	May 24 th	Stillwater Fishing			
June*	Annual Picnic	June 28 th	Food, Fun, and Horseshoes???			
July	Mark Rockwell	Jul 26 th	Klamath Basin Settlement Agreement			
August	No Meeting		Go Fish!			
September	Lance Gray	Sep 27 th	Feather River			
October	Lincoln Gray	Oct 25 th	Floating the Lower Sac			
November	John Sherman	Nov 29 th	Fishing the Delta			
December	Home-Grown meeting	Dec 13 th	Come share your tips!			

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

<u>CONSERVATION UPDATE</u> By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at

http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffdconservation.

Delta Family Farms And Fisheries Are At The Heart Of California's Economy! Restore the Delta, a local broad-based coalition including Delta farmers, fishermen, environmentalists, business leaders, and concerned citizens, reminds Central Valley Congressional Leaders that they have left Delta family farmers, who make up a \$3.6 billion economy for California, out of the discussion regarding water management practices in California.

At a recent field hearing in Fresno, entitled "Creating Jobs by Overcoming Man-Made Drought: Time for Congress to Listen and Act", Committee Chair Rep. McClintock of the House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Water and Power attempted to the make the case that a man-made drought is the reason behind record unemployment in the Central Valley.

Restore the Delta advocate Brett Baker, a sixth generation pear farmer from Courtland, reminded Representative McClintock that Delta farmers are "California's oldest farming families and to take water from our family farmers, who feed Californians, so that West side growers can export crops to China, is deeply misguided ."

Baker added, "To say that moving water from the Delta to Westside growers will help to make more jobs for Californians is wrong. Job losses in the Central Valley have been attributed to the burst bubble in the housing market. Even if Westside growers were to receive 120% of their water allocation, it would not make more construction jobs in the Central Valley. But by Westside growers taking all the water they want from the Delta, commercial fishing families will continue to experience extreme hardship as fish numbers plummet, and Delta farmers will be impacted negatively by insufficient water flows."

Restore the Delta maintains that Federal and State political leaders are fixated on yesterday's water plan as a way to solve today's water needs. Executive Director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla points out "In wet years, there is surplus water that can be put back and stored underground for future use by Central Valley growers." Depriving the Delta of the water it needs is not the answer. Barrigan-Parrilla adds, "We cannot solve the Central Valley's economic woes by destroying Delta communities, Delta agriculture, and Delta fisheries. The Delta is a gem, and sufficient water will bring it back to abundance." Chinook salmon may be endangered NOAA's

Fisheries Service announced that it will decide whether or not to list Chinook salmon in the Upper Klamath and Trinity rivers basin as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act after the agency found that a petition to list the fish contained substantial scientific information that warrants federal review.

NOAA's Fisheries Service received the petition from the Center for Biological Diversity, Oregon Wild, Environmental Protection Information Center and The Larch Company, on January 28, 2011. Under the ESA, if a petition presents substantial scientific information, a status review of the species must be conducted by a biological review team of federal, state and academic experts.

As part of the review, NOAA's Fisheries Service is asking the public for information pertaining to this species and its habitat to assist in completing the status review. The review team, composed of scientists with diverse backgrounds, will use the best available scientific and commercial information to evaluate the status of the species.

By January 28, 2012, NOAA's Fisheries Service will make a finding, which will be published in the *Federal Register*, as to whether or not Chinook salmon in the Upper Klamath and Trinity rivers basin should be listed as threatened or endangered. If so, a proposed rule will be published requesting public comment on the proposed listing and any proposed critical habitat.

Submissions supporting or opposing the action without supporting information will be noted but not considered in making a determination based on the best available scientific and commercial data.

Written comments, data and information must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. local time on June 13, 2011 and identified by the RIN 0648-XA272 by any of the following methods:

- Electronic submissions: Via the eRulemaking portal, <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>, and follow instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail or hand-delivery to:

Assistant Regional Administrator Protected Resources Division, Attention: Rosalie del Rosario National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200 Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 **Fremont Weir strands fish** You may have seen this picture in the Sacramento Bee of game wardens rescuing a magnificent Green Sturgeon from the Fremont Weir at the head of the Yolo Bypass.



It would take about \$100,000 to put a fish passage on the weir; that's a small price to pay to assure fish can get back to the river. Given the millions of dollars the state and water users are spending to try to take water from the delta and northern California, why can't they find such a relatively small sum to do something that's actually good and useful?

We have an opportunity to push for fish passage on the Fremont Weir, possibly with the California Fly Fishers United of Sacramento. If you'd like to help on this as a conservation project, contact Lowell Ashbaugh

We have another sponsor!



Lower Sac Pictures

Photos Contributed by Lowell Ashbaugh, Jack Norlyn, and Paul Berliner



Jack Norlyn with a fine Lower Sac rainbow...



One happy angler...



Dave Yarbrough shows off another rainbow



And one for Jim Luschwitz, too



And another



A beautiful day on the lower Sac

More Lower Sac

Photos Contributed by Lowell Ashbaugh, Jack Norlyn, and Paul Berliner



Brady Bush (a new club member) has one on the line



Smile, baby!



Paul's 19 incher



And Brady releasing another

Luk Lake Pictures

Photos Contributed by Jason Umphress



Lots of trout in the 18"+ range



Here's Jason with his first fly-caught bass

Book of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

"Fishing Small Flies"

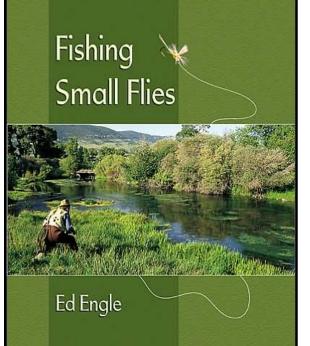
By Ed Engle

With "Fishing Small Flies", Ed Engle has given us the 2nd half of h is theory on small fly fishing, joining his prior work "Tying Small Flies" to give readers complete picture on the topic of angling with small flies.

"Fishing Small Flies" follows a logical progression starting off with a discussion of the waters where small flies are typically found, moving on to tackle and techniques, and finishing up by taking us through some of his favorite small fly hatches – olives, tricos, microcaddis, etc. He spends a lot of energy telling us what he does, and why he does it, and then leaving it up to us to make up our own mind, which in my mind is far better than taking the approach where there is little room for a reader's interpretation.

My favorite chapter of the book was the third, appropriately named "The Power of Observation", where he gives us the benefit of his years of experience as a professional guide. The number one job of any fishing guide is to find fish, and, once found, determine from the trout's behavior u

determine from the trout's behavior which fishing techniques will work best for their client. Even if you decide to skim



through the rest of this book, make sure you stop and read this chapter carefully. It's a condensed course in streamcraft, with the emphasis on small fly situations, and is good reading for even the

> most experienced fly anglers. For example, he advises attaching a tiny amount of strike putty to a knot twelve inches from the fly in order to improve visibility, a great tip for those with aging eyes or little experience with small flies.

> His focus on "seeing" fish and reading rise forms is gratifying, as are the number of line drawings, pictures and graphics designed to make his explanations clear. He lays out the different indicator-less nymphing and "in-the-film" techniques that are often critical to success, and clearly describes the rigging changes needed when fishing on top, in the film, and near the bottom. Fishing a tiny fly isn't easy, but Engle makes it clear it's not as difficult as many would like you to believe, and that success is often a matter of paying attention to details.

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 , 530-753-2682 or mailto:jreyn@dcn.org – Membership Chair

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Our club is only as great as its members, so pleas	se circle one o	r more of the foll	lowing areas where you could share your expertise
Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speak	kers, Putah C	reek Cleanup, M	lembership, 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

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

April involves an upswing in outings activity. Over the weekend of the 8th Jon Knapp's Spring Pyramid outing was held. Bobber and Mark Latham preceded the rest of the attendees amidst driving snow and tough fishing. On Friday the rest of the crew arrived and fished the North and South Nets areas which had recently had the spawning closure removed. The fishing in both locales was sporadic but not without highlights. Cal landed one in the 25 inch range and several others took fish almost as large. A total of 9 members joined the trip at some point, and it appears that the numbers for both the Fall and Spring Pyramid get togethers are increasing.

Just after presstime the rescheduled Sac River trips are set to go. The Fly Shop reports better flows and good fishing which will hopefully prove to be enjoyed by the group. And at the end of the month the well-attended Yuba trip is planned. Given the conflict with Kiene's Expo there may be a quick hook if the water conditions are less than favorable.

There will be some new signups at the meeting assuming dates are set by the fishmeisters. In that regard, because of the June picnic, the August dark month and potential summer vacations in July, members planning on the Fall Sac River trip should consider signing up now or in May, as September may be too late given the short gap between that meeting and the trip itself. As with any of the fee trips, members are, of course, encouraged to attend, but because of the issues caused by last minute dropouts, please do not sign up unless you plan to attend absent some real issue arising. This is not at all true of non-fee trips where if a last minute issue arises, serious or otherwise, dropping out is not a problem.

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

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
Trinity	Steelhead	January 6-7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 160 per day + tip
Yuba River	Trout	February 26	Joe Melendres	530-304-0480	Depends on flows and
		-	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	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 8-9	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Yuba River	Trout	April 23	Joe Melendres	530-304-0480	Depends on flow and
		-	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	may be reset
McCloud	Trout	June 5-8	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Shasta Lake	Bass	June 3	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Sacramento River	Shad	May 27	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	May 28	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 16-19	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lake Almanor	Trout	June 24-26	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	
Alturas/Kernville	Trout	June 22-24	Phil Reedy	530-902-2504	Location tbd; search
					for Heritage Trout
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell	530-758-6722	
			Ashbaugh		
Lewiston	Trout	July 14-17	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity	Trout	July 21-24	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-
Coffee Creek					101 trip
Kennedy Meadows	Trout	August 26-28	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-
					101 trip
Old Fogies	Trout	August 11-14/15	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Moderate backpack –
					12 person limit
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 16	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding	Trout	October 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
Sacramento	Steelhead				
Delta	Stripers	November	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity/Klamath	Steelhead	November 21- 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 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

Fly Fishers of Davis 2011 Outings Schedule

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