

Fly Fishers of Davis

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The Fisherman's Line



Fly Fishers of Davis 39th Annual Picnic
Tuesday, June 28 at 6pm – Silveyville Tree Farm, Dixon

Once again the FFD will be having our come one, come all family BBQ and picnic. The event is always great fun and there is plenty of good food, fun and fellowship. Come find out who is the “Addled Angler” for this year – Darwyn has been reviewing the entries. The picnic will be at the same place as last year: The Silveyville Tree Farm at 6208 Silveyville Road in Dixon.

The club will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, plates, condiments, and the BBQ and we will even cook for you.

Bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share. Take a look at what to bring:

Last Name	Dish
A - G:	Salad
H - M:	Wonderful Dessert
N - Z:	Side Dish or Chips



The dinner starts at 6:00 PM, so be sure to bring your entire family and enjoy a nice warm evening with your fishing friends. Contact Gene Gantt at (707) 678-3850, <mailto:fishinggantt@comcast.net>, if you have any questions.

Directions from Davis: Take I-80 West to the Pitt School Road Exit in Dixon. At the stop sign turn right (North) and proceed 1/2 mile to Silveyville Road. Turn Left (West) and the Ranch is approximately 1/3 mile on the left side of the Road. We will have a sign marking the entrance. If you see the Smiling Red Barn, YOU'VE JUST PASSED US. Turn around and go back a short distance and turn right at the Dixon Ridge Farms service road.

It's a Jungle out there!

www.hogencartoons.com

By Hogen



The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt

Just a reminder to join us at the annual picnic. We'll have lots of good food and fun for all.

I will say more about this in the coming months, but I wanted to give you a heads up. The FFD Board has started to form working groups to expand member participation and input. The club has chairpersons for many of the club's activities and we are hoping to get more members involved in them. Some of the committees we need input on are: Speakers, annual dinner, conservation, fundraising, along with a few others. If you would like to get more involved in your club, be sure to talk with me or any of the FFD Board. I can be reached by phone at 707-590-3446 or email me at fishinggantt@comcast.net.

I am also proud to announce the FFD is sponsoring a participant at this year's Casting for Recovery. As a reminder, Casting for Recovery is a program where breast cancer survivors get a chance to learn to flyfish. Peg Miskin from CFR spoke to the club in October 2010 about this wonderful program for women who are going through breast cancer treatment. The FFD is extremely proud to be part of this program.

Get out there and fish!

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Wanna fish with Mike Parker?

We're continuing to fill the raffle board we started last month for a day trip for two with Mike Parker. Bring \$5 for a square or \$20 for five squares. We'll draw for the winner as soon as the board is filled. You could be the lucky winner, and Mike's a great guide!



Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set through next December. Note that all our meetings will be at Holmes Jr. High School. Next month is the annual picnic, so look for the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. 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
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

CONSERVATION UPDATE

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>.

HR1837 Threatens Bay-Delta Protections In his most outrageous performance yet, Congressman Devin Nunes has introduced a new bill that would eliminate or weaken most protections for the collapsing Bay-Delta ecosystem.

HR 1837, the [San Joaquin Valley Reliability Act](#), would completely upend the existing system of environmental safeguards and water rights law. The bill, co-sponsored by Representatives Jeff Denham and Kevin McCarthy, proposes to:

- Shield federal and state contractors who export water from the Delta from any requirements to protect endangered species that are stronger than the Bay-Delta Accord of 1994, which was negotiated before the population collapse of Bay-Delta fisheries beginning in 2000 that led to the adoption of stronger new protections for Chinook salmon, delta smelt, and other species. HR 1837 would jettison these protections, override numerous state and federal environmental laws, shift the burden for protecting the Delta environment and water quality from junior export contractors to more senior water rights holders, and pull the rug out from current efforts to develop a comprehensive ecosystem and water supply solution for the Delta.

- Repeal the historic agreement to restore fisheries and flows to the dewatered [San Joaquin River](#) below Friant Dam. HR 1837 would substitute a “restoration” program to release a mere trickle of water – a tiny fraction of what is needed to bring back the river’s once great salmon run – and prohibit the state of California from adopting its own restoration requirements.
- Gut key provisions of federal water reform law – the Central Valley Project Improvement Act – by blocking the Act’s most significant reform, the allocation of 800,000 acre-feet of project supply to ecosystem restoration, unless a substitute supply is provided to contractors by 2016; removing the requirement to use tiered pricing to promote conservation; and putting constraints on the use of the Restoration Fund created to support salmon restoration and other projects.

“If enacted, HR 1837 would have us tackling the looming extinction crisis for the Bay-Delta with little more than a band aid and a get well card,” said Gary Bobker, program director at The Bay Institute. “Californians deserve better from their elected officials than recipes for undoing a generation of environmental reforms.”

“California continues to face statewide water challenges, but the solution has never been to arbitrarily waive all federal laws, nor is the solution to ignore decades of science,” said Senator Dianne Feinstein in a statement issued by her office in response to the introduction of HR 1837.

Fallowed farm acreage on the Westside SJV

California Water Research Associates of Santa Cruz and Restore the Delta of Stockton have released a new paper calling into question the real

causes of fallowed farm acreage on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley.

According to Restore the Delta senior policy analyst Jane Wagner-Tyack, "Reduced water deliveries to the San Joaquin Valley growers are not the primary cause behind fallowed fields. In fact, the majority of San Joaquin Valley lands fallowed starting in 2003 are still fallowed presently, despite west side valley growers receiving 85% of their 2011 water deliveries."

The report, entitled *Mendota: Evidence that soil and groundwater salinization is the predominant cause of land fallowing*, concludes that land and groundwater salinity must be taken into account when one looks at how to ameliorate the effects of long term agricultural unemployment in San Joaquin Valley. [Click here](#) to read the report.

Senior researcher Deirdre Des Jardins, of Santa Cruz based California Water Research Associates adds, "Mapping imagery points toward soil and groundwater salinity as the primary cause of land fallowing near Mendota. This evidence, along with record of previous legal settlements, indicates that high levels of unemployment in the Mendota area are more likely the result of land fallowing that occurred prior to the most recent drought than any type of protections set in place for Delta fisheries."

Restore the Delta's Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla explains, "Congressman Devin Nunes's hearing today for his proposed legislation, HR1837, continues the false narrative of how Delta protections have been the major cause behind San Joaquin Valley unemployment. Job losses in the San Joaquin Valley can be attributed to the crash in the housing market, as well as to the removal of lands from agricultural production that cannot be sustained due to drainage problems."

Exporting more and more water from the Delta as proposed in HR 1837 will not solve the drainage problem or the employment problem for the San Joaquin Valley. But exporting more and more water will destroy Delta agriculture and Delta fisheries, thereby creating greater unemployment overall in California.

[Herger opposes water bill](#)

Rep. Wally Herger came out against [HR 1837](#), the San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act. Critics

said it could have also been called the North State Water *Unreliability Act*, and they apparently got the congressman's attention. Herger is taking a stand contrary to some of the state's most powerful Republicans in this statement:

"After carefully reviewing H.R. 1837 and discussing it with water users in our area, I have strong concerns that the bill, as currently drafted, would negatively impact Northern California water rights and preempt state water law. As I have long stated, California's area of origin protections are clear and unambiguous - our water needs must be met first, before excess water is allowed to flow south.

"I agree with Congressman Nunes' desire to address the ESA-driven water shortages that have needlessly devastated family farmers and the economy of rural California. However, my primary responsibility in Congress is to the North State, and any legislation designed to address these problems must fully protect and respect Northern California's superior water rights.

"Congressman Nunes has committed to work with us to address these legitimate concerns. In addition, the Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee, Congressman McClintock, who shares my concerns as well, has committed that he will not move any bill that in any way weakens local area of origin water rights or undermines senior water rights holders."

[NCCFFF Report](#)

Mark Rockwell

In a recent *Capital Press* Editorial (<http://www.capitalpress.com/print/CS-ESA-pricetag-edit-060311>) on the "costs of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)" the Editor attributed not only the need for likely dam removal, but *all the costs of Klamath dam removal* to the Endangered Species Act.

Unfortunately, not only is this blatantly untrue, but this just feeds more misinformation and rumors into efforts by folks like Rep. McClintock to blame the nation's environmental laws for Klamath Dam removal or to otherwise discredit dam removal per the KHSAs as unnecessary, also feeding current Congressional efforts to disable these kinds of

environmental protections generally -- by implication and innuendo -- as somehow connected to these "massive" costs. Given that *Capital Press* has a great deal of influence in some of these circles, this unfounded assertion should not go unchallenged.

Both Glen Spain and I are part of a fishing community regulated by the ESA, but both of us felt we had to respond to what is not only a blatant error, but a statement that is likely to be picked up by Settlement opponents and used unfairly in the media rumor mill or in Congress unless quickly rebutted.

This is a "rapid response" LTE to the Capitol Press (attached), we are sending this LTE just submitted to you all to let you know there is at least some response -- though not necessarily the response all on this list might have written -- to the Klamath Settlement-related misstatements in this *Capital Press* Editorial. Any errors are ours alone.

Whether *Capital Press* prints it or not is, of course, up to them.

Mark Rockwell

Former VP Conservation, NCCFFF

(Note-for an update on the Klamath Settlement Agreement, be sure to come to the July meeting!)

New Officers and Board of Directors

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Rubicon River

Photos Contributed by Paul Berliner

Paul, Sherrod Deverse and Tristan scouted out the Rubicon River on May 29 for possible 101 trips in the summer. We fished in the rain, snow and fog, and hiked miles up this beautiful and rugged canyon. Paul was frozen solid, and unable to appear in any pix! There were waterfalls at every switchback on the trail.



Rubicon River canyon



Nice perch

Payne Ranch

**Photos Contributed by Paul Berliner, Lowell Ashbaugh
Reported by Paul Berliner typing with eight fingers**

Paul and John Reynolds scouted out Payne Ranch on May 30. It was Paul's first trip, and together they hauled in over 40 bass at Big Fish pond and Brophy pond. John caught the bass that ate Milwaukee ... here's what he wrote:

On Monday Paul Berliner and I snuck in for an unofficial test of the area. It was quite cool, gray, and breezy. Met an interesting couple of hunters on the hike in, one from Ukraine, the other Moldavian. I tried to interest them in purchase of experienced Russian military binoculars without success.

We made it to 'Big Fish Pond' at about 11 a.m. I caught a small fish on my first cast . . . not THAT unusual when the weather and water are warm. After about 15 minutes Paul caught his first fish, about 14 inches, very nice. I believe he was hooked at this point. About 5 minutes later while fishing the southeast corner of the dam I hooked into the mother of all smallmouth, whooping and hollering I managed to drag it up into the weeds, tried TWICE unsuccessfully to thumb the damn thing, finally had to throw my fish pole down and use BOTH thumbs to lift it up and show Paul. We guesstimated the weight at 4 pounds, as big a smallmouth as I've ever caught. So, there are at LEAST two nice big fish in 'Big Fish Pond'.

We then hiked over to 'Brophy Pond' where Paul proceeded to administer a lesson in fish catching. Using an olive woolly-bugger and sink-tip line he was catching fish on EVERY SINGLE CAST. Out of frustration I finally threw my pole down, walked around to where he was fishing and broke both of his thumbs to equalize the situation. It was obscene. He must have caught 40 fish. Reminded me of Bob Brodberg last fall doing his 'Japanese industrial tuna fisherman' thing.

... someday my thumbs will heal ...



Big Fish pond



Paul still looking for Ms. Milwaukee



Reynolds hooks a monster



Lots of nice wildflowers

More Payne Ranch

Photos Contributed by Lowell Ashbaugh

After the ill-fated scouting trip, five intrepid club members made the trip again on June 11. Lowell Ashbaugh schooled the rest of the crew by catching the most fish (ha!) but everyone had a great time, caught fish, and enjoyed a beautiful day in Capay Valley.



Aptly named Roadkill Café – we did not stop for lunch



Was this bear stalking us?



Or this mini velociraptor?



Uh, Bob, the pond is in the other direction.



Oh, yeah, that's what we're looking for...



but those clouds are starting to look ominous

Book of the Month

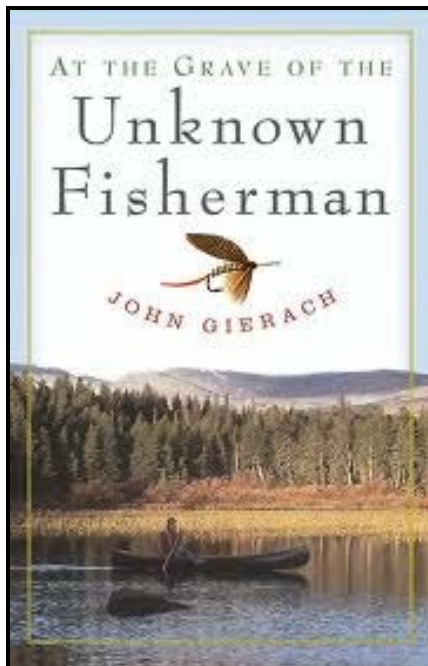
By Jim Luschwitz

“At The Grave of the Unknown Fisherman”

By John Gierach

Just when you thought America's favorite trout bum had gone on too many fishing trips and was tardy from his word processor, he comes out with another charming series of personal fishing lore. Gierach stands in a class by himself. Not the sort of writer to bore us with technique (Lord knows, we have enough books to keep us well educated for another half century) Gierach instead gives us a delightful mixture of good humor and fun as he reflects on a single year's worth of fine and not-so-fine fishing season, from the raw beginnings of early spring to an iffy New Year's Eve float.

However, this is not just a regurgitation of his fishing journal. Sometimes a current fishing trip is disposed of in a few sentences which then serve as a launching pad into a long discussion of some aspect of fly fishing. The details and experiences accumulate, and while you could read the chapters out of sequence and still make sense of it all, the book takes on more meaning when read from first page to last.



In the progress of the season, Gierach reveals a few more personal details than in previous books. For example, his fans will recall how Gierach lived across the street from a trout stream in a simple house (imagined to be a quaint log

cabin) heated by a wood stove. It may have seemed idyllic and even enviable to his readers.

However, in this new book we find that the trout stream's gotten crowded, the fishing's gone to hell, and a landowner has put up "No Trespassing" signs on the best parts. Further, his house was at one time the cheapest dwelling in the county (read: run-down, not quaint log cabin) and is inexorably falling into rot and ruin because Gierach is into fly fishing, not house maintenance.

This book, more so than his past books, gives us glimpses into Gierach's perspective on the philosophy, sociology and politics of fishing. You never get too much fishing strategy from this trout bum. This book is for those who simply

want to be entertained while educated on appropriate attitudes toward the sport.

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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Occupation _____ e-mail: _____

Fly fishing interest and experience: _____

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

McCloud River

Photos Contributed by Paul Berliner

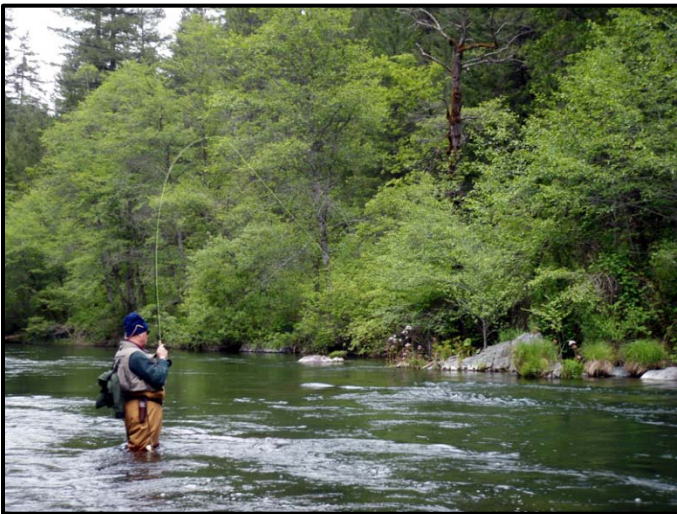
Giant boulder in the road between Ah Di Na and the conservancy ... yes, we tried to move it ... :) Methinks the forest service was gonna blast it to smithereens. There were bugs, flowers, rain, show, more rain, fog, oh, did I mention rain? Water was fast and beautiful, but very fishable. Fields of wildflowers! Gorgeous dogwoods in bloom.



Roadblock - let's move it!



Here's what we came for



Fish on!



Paul lands a nice one



The Dogwood was in bloom



Bob ties on one

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

Since last presstime there have been two outings, the latter of which was scheduled to the Yuba (this column was actually written earlier than usual because of scheduling issues) for the 23rd and is hopefully reported on elsewhere in this month's edition. The former was the rescheduled Redding area Fly Shop trip. In one attendee's word it was "silly" with fish everywhere and all seeming to be more than happy to accommodate the members in attendance. The number of whiffs and ldr's far exceeded the fish landed which were clearly very numerous. Needless to say, the drop from 50,000 cubic feet a second from the time originally scheduled for the trip to the 6-9,000 cfs level at trip time was well worth the wait and waiting was the only rational choice to have made.

Between the April and May meetings there are two scheduled trips. The trip to Hat Creek is a FF101 excursion and a first timer for the Club. The other is the annual shad trip to a location to be determined closer to the scheduled date of the 27th. At the May meeting there will be more information on the trips for June which will include at least the McCloud, Shasta Lake, Lake Davis and Lake Almanor, with several others potentially coalescing. Also expect some new signups at that meeting for later on in the year.

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 2011 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
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	
Hat Creek	Trout	May 13-15	Dana Hooper	530-758-1991	FF 101
Shasta Lake	Bass	May	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Sacramento River	Shad	May 27	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	May 29	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
McCloud River	Trout	June 3-6	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 16-19	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping this year will be an issue
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
Yuba	Trout	June 25	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	
Yuba	Trout	July 9	Sam Yee	916-505-7733	
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	
Lewiston	Trout	July 14-17	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	September 2-4	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Old Fogies	Trout	August 11-14/15	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Moderate backpacking
Mammoth Lakes	Trout	August	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Lake Davis	Trout	September 22-25	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping this year will be an issue
McCloud	Trout	September	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	October 16	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
Delta	Stripers	November 5	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 19	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Luk Lake	Trout	December 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Fee area / about \$120

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