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T h e F i s h e r m a n ' s L i n e

July Meeting, Tuesday July 26th,
7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High

Mark Rockwell Presents:
“The Klamath River Settlement”

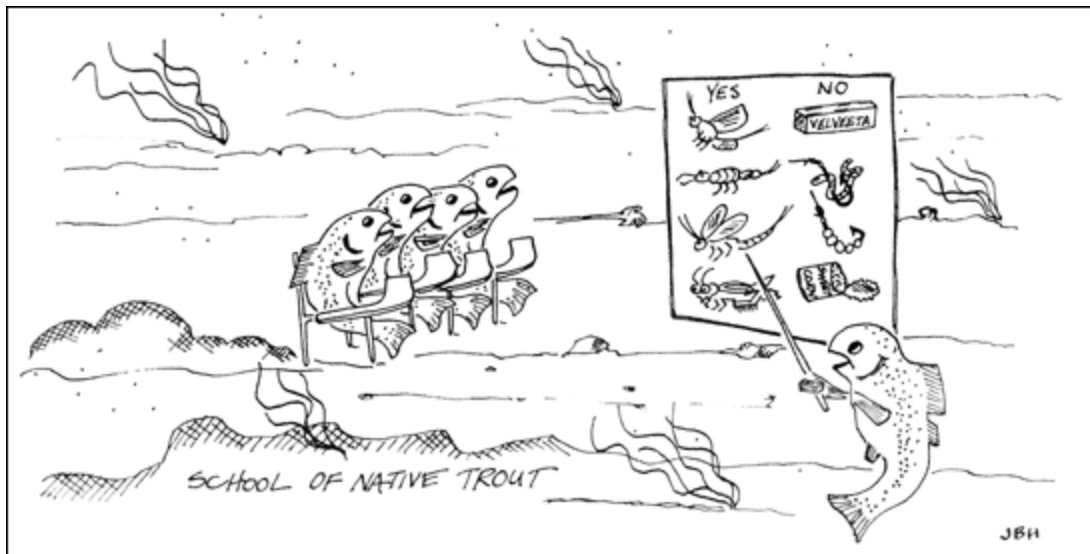
Mark Rockwell has been on the forefront of the defense in California's "water wars," playing a key role in fighting efforts by agricultural interests to roll back the Endangered Species Act. Powerful Agribusiness interests continue pushing to loosen water restrictions that currently prevent them from dewatering major California rivers and killing off ESA-listed aquatic species, including runs of once abundant Pacific salmon, which desperately need more water in the rivers and whose populations have crashed in the last two years.



Mark has been the VP Conservation for the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers, for the past 6+ years. He also works on water and Delta issues with the Delta Stewardship Council, and he works part time for the Endangered Species Coalition, a national coalition of over 450 groups concerned with endangered species protection, and the ESA. He retired 11 years ago after 25 years as a practicing Doctor of Chiropractic in Redwood City. He has been married for 41 years, has 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He is passionate



about fly fishing, fishery and environmental protection of our wild places and their inhabitants. He currently is working on California Bay-Delta recovery, California water policy and several other state fishery issues. He also works on national environmental policy, and how it relates to California. He spent 6 years working on the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and the Klamath Hydropower Settlement Agreement. Both of which are moving forward toward both restoration of the Klamath fisheries and removal of 4 dams.



The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt

Well, as you know by now, our FFD picnic was canceled due to rain and cold of all things. We have decided to postpone it until September. We will have the picnic at a site to be announced prior to our September general membership meeting.

Have you thought about getting more involved in the FFD? Now is your chance! We are in need of a PROGRAM CHAIR. This position sets up speakers, introduces the guest speaker at the meeting and arranges the speaker dinner. If you want to have input on who we listen to at the meetings, now is your opportunity. Please contact me at fishinggantt@comcast.net if you are interested.

Fishing is great out there but the water is still high, so get fishing but be very careful.

Fish often and fish soon!

LAST MINUTE opening for the Mammoth Lakes backpacking trip Aug 25-29

Six of us will be leaving for Mammoth Lakes about noon on Aug 25. We will stay in a motel, trek in on August 26, fish until am of 29th and trek out, getting home 29th late pm. We will be going out of Agnew Meadows with Bob Tanner's Pack Station. We will be fishing Shadow Creek and Shadow Lake. Could fish middle fork of the San Joaquin. We will be staying midway between Shadow Lake and Lake Ediza. Most beautiful scenery in the world. Lots of RB and Brookies.

We will be trekking in. Mules will take our packs in. We are limited to 75# per person. We need bear canisters for our food. Everyone is responsible for their own meals.

Cost: share gas, hotel about \$25, packer and permits \$164, plus wrangler tip.

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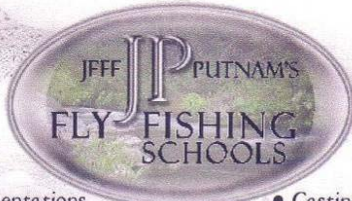
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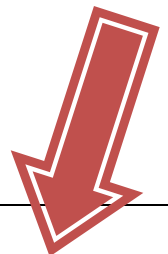
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Meeting Schedule

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	Moved to September!	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





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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!



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>.

Environment Under Attack The Republicans in the House of Representatives are launching an all-out attack on the environment. They're using the appropriations bill as a weapon, attaching riders to remove dozens of environmental protections.

The EPA is the biggest target – proposed policy changes would prevent additions to the Endangered Species List (but money would be available to remove them), elimination of water pollution initiatives, with a specific provision to end federal enforcement of water pollution rules in Florida, and removal of regulations on mountaintop mining. Closer to home, another rider would block funding for reintroduction of salmon into the San Joaquin River.

The proposals would severely weaken the EPA's ability to mandate clean water and clean air, including protection of waterways from pollutants like herbicides and pesticides, and toxic in-flows from mining and other extraction actions. They would restrict the Forest Service from regulating what happens in our national forests relative to off-road vehicles, timber harvest and mining operations, all of which may affect our fisheries. They would reduce the right of the public to participate in the management of public lands and block grazing permits on federal lands from NEPA review (think California Golden Trout). They would prohibit rules to protect rivers and streams from surface mining, eliminate all oversight to protect Big Horn Sheep, halt travel management plans for California forests (opens all to roads and off-road vehicle travel), block EPA from making polluters pay the costs of clean-up from mining (you and I will pay), and block regulations on management of toxic waste from manure, fertilizers and sewage getting into waterways.

A separate bill would weaken the 1972 Clean Water Act by preventing the EPA from setting

water pollution standards if it finds state standards are too lax.

If you oppose these measures, call your House member now and say so!

Celebrate the Delta on Friday, July 29, 2011 at the San Joaquin County Administration Building: 44 North San Joaquin Street, Stockton. This Community Forum, organized by Restore the Delta, is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. The program will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Featured speakers include Stockton City Council Member Susan Talamantes Eggman, Retired State Senator Mike Machado, Water Attorney Dante Nomellini, Delta Chambers Executive Director Bill Wells, outdoor writer Pete Ottesen, and Delta land owners Mike Robinson and Rogene Reynolds.

Restore the Delta describes the forum "as part of our education and outreach effort. Our goal is for area residents to grow in appreciation of the historical, cultural, environmental, and economic importance of the Delta. We also want the public to understand what is happening presently with Delta planning processes, and to think about what is at stake for the future of our region."

Topics covered at the forum will include a history of Delta agriculture and reclamation, a look at the history of water exports, the impacts of new conveyance on Delta communities, the value of the Delta recreation and fishing communities, and a dialogue on the future.

For more information, visit www.restorethedelta.org.



NCCFFF Report

Dave Ford, VP Club Outreach

The Festival of fly fishing (Conclave) is back!

Mark your calendars for the weekend of **October 7-9, 2011!** This year, the Northern California Council is staging a full-blown Conclave! The event will be held at the Nugget Hotel and Casino in Sparks, Nevada. It looks to be a fine venue, and the timing couldn't be better, fishing wise! That's prime time in the Sierra, and there are plenty of great waters nearby to fish—Pyramid Lake in Nevada, The Truckee River in both California and Nevada, the Little Truckee, Davis and Frenchmen's Lakes to name only a few.

There are discounted rates for those wishing to stay at the Nugget, and plenty of other accommodations in the area.

The Conclave will consist of continuous casting and fly tying demonstrations on Friday and Saturday (where you can watch top California tyers tie), take classes and catch lectures on various aspects of fly fishing. A strong turnout of Fly Fishing manufacturers and retailers exhibiting the newest fly fishing gear is expected.

There is a Friday night cocktail get-together, and Saturday is the main event, with tying and casting continuing, plus the dinner and a big raffle in the evening. On Sunday, there will be on-stream/lake classes for all levels of fly fishers

Push to keep the Yuba open The Gold Country Fly Fishers and others have put forth an initiative to make sure the Yuba River stays open to the public. An earlier message was sent to you concerning your club joining in the coalition to make sure it stays open—one club has already responded and joined the coalition, which is being organized by the Gold Country club. The more clubs that join, the better!

Let me kick in my two bits worth here--I spent seven years in Germany in my Army career. One of the things I most disliked about being in Europe was "owned" water. With a few rare exceptions, the great bulk of streams are owned—meaning they are private. If landowners so choose, they can let people fish on a fee basis, and those fees were usually high. European fly clubs often get a long-term lease on a stream, then establish exchange agreements with other clubs to let their members fish more than the one stream. Even with that, access is highly restrictive.

On returning to the States, the thing that hit me was the comparative freedom we have to fish here in the USA. And it has made me extremely sensitive to the loss of public access to fishing lakes and streams. I see a lot of it happening here now. Right now, in Truckee on a club outing to fish area lakes and streams, I notice one of the stretches of the Truckee River I fished now has big "No Trespassing" sign, and I've seen several other examples of loss of access.

So without actions by groups like the Yuba Coalition, we could go the way of Europe. Then we become poachers, or hang up our rods—so please consider joining the coalition!

FFF Request The FFF is asking for donations for the auction at the 2011 Fishing Fair (Conclave). Donations are down & the auctions generate needed revenue for FFF operations. Here's what they would like:

1. New items or items considered antiques/collectibles.
2. Items that having a value of \$25.00 or more.

The FFF needs to list auction items by August 1. Donated items can be shipped to the office or brought to the event. The point of contact is:

Rhonda Sellers
Office Manager, Federation of Fly Fishers
406-222-9369 X101
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Yuba River

Photos Contributed by Bob Beverlin



Shelter with Krista Fire in the distance



Strategizing



Look at those two...



Water's high – be careful out there!



Bob Brodberg in the boulder field



Tying on one

Lake Davis

Photos Contributed by Bob Beverlin



The fish are beckoning, fellas...



Time to get the net!



Jim's got one...



...and now it's a double



The drift lineup



Nice rainbow

Lewiston Lake

Photos Contributed by Bob Beverlin and Jack Norlyn



Bob Beverlin and Tom Ritchie in the fly section



Tom gettin' serious



Stream art



Lowell relaxing



Huh – what's that in the net?



Oh, my gosh. Where did that come from?

Book of the Month

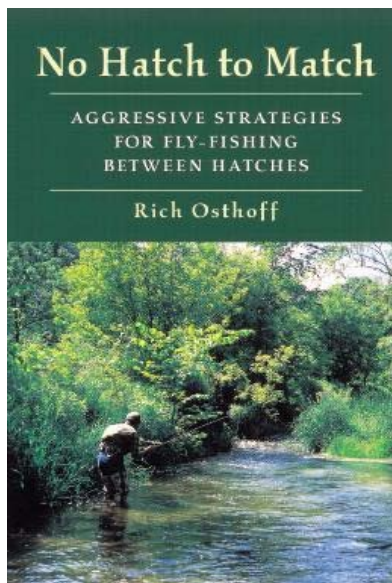
By Jim Luschwitz

“No Hatch to Match”

Aggressive Strategies For Fly-Fishing Between Hatches

By Rich Osthoff

The bulk of fly-fishing literature is centered on matching the hatch, when in reality on most waters, most of the time there is no hatch to match. This eye-opening book provides a wide range of strategies for fishing resourcefully between the hatches. These include subtle techniques of presentation, such as micro-nymphing for inactive trout; aggressive strategies such as long-line nymphing with precision for active trout; using prospecting dry flies and streamers effectively; and a wealth of practical advice on reading the water. It includes chapters on seasonal movements of trout, temperature-induced feeding binges, beating the heat, dealing with dirty water, and targeting big, carnivorous trout. It will expand your repertoire and make you a more successful fly fisher.



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**

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

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

Delta Bass trip

Photos Contributed by Andon Bailey



Got a big one!

Steve Orhwall and I went topwater bass fishing in the delta about three weeks ago. We met with some success. The fishing was a little slow, but we had our chances. When the tide was good...about an hour from the bottom...we caught a few fish. I have attached photos of a couple of fish. I frequently don't have photos because I often fish alone or I forget to



Looks like a twin...

take any. But Steve got some shots of a couple of fish. We probably caught 10-15 that day with these as some of the biggest.

Payne Ranch

Photos Contributed by John Reynolds



Happy camper

Fished Payne Ranch on Tuesday. Got a nice early start (left Davis at 4:30 a.m.) and got to Big-Fish Pond at 7:30 a.m. Fishing was, in a nutshell, unbelievable. Between the two of us, Tom Burton and I probably got close to 200 fish. On my first 5 casts I got 5



Angry smallmouth

fish. There wasn't much of anything in the fly box that wouldn't -roduce a grab or a fish though the most consistent producer for me was a floating-rubber-leg pattern. Saw no one 'til we walked out at noon so it was like a private preserve. CalFire(???) seems to have recently burned the meadow at Road Kill Cafe. The needle grass is all resprouting anew. Counted 19 elk at Cowboy Camp and observed a redtail hawk overflight with a freshly caught snake in its beak.

I'm looking forward to the next cool spell and even further to the fall club outing.



Typical Payne Ranch smallmouth

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

As members are aware, the dates for outings have been flip flopping with great regularity for flow and other reasons. Hopefully there is a report on the July 8 Yuba trip elsewhere in this edition. Presstimee will presumably precede the remaining three set July trips to Lewiston, the Upper Trinity and for Heritage Trout receiving coverage in this month's letter. Perhaps also the Fuller trip will happen this month depending on snow removal and DFG plants.

And presumably this is the last time to remind members of the Old Fogies and Kennedy Meadows trips absent further publicity from the fishmeister. Interested members should consult the website for further details and/or contact Bob or Paul directly.

On other topics, we have some openings for the October 21 Friday Fly Shop trip. This is usually a very productive trip offering a shot at an adult steelie. The Saturday session is full. Another popular trip is the Fall McCloud cookoff. This year Gene has set it later than usual with the dates of November 4-7. This leaves early November as a very active time with this trip, stripers and Pyramid, the date for which has not been set.

Finally, if any members might be interested in a float trip on the lower Trinity in early October, please contact me at ccb819@sbcglobal.net. This outing would involve two days of floating several sections of the river and both nymphing and swinging with classic steelhead/half pounder flies like brindle bugs, assassins, mossbacks and silver hiltens. A pontoon boat or the like would be needed, and some minor portaging could be involved. The probability of half pounders is near 100% with the chance also for an adult or two assuming the ability to cast over 50 feet at a minimum.

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
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	
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
Fuller Lake	Trout	August 6	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	
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 21-25	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be an issue
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
McCloud	Trout	November 4-7	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Delta	Stripers	November 5	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity/Klamath	Steelhead	November 17-18	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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