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The Fisherman's Line

October Meeting, Tuesday October 25th,
7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High

Lincoln Gray Presents:

“Drifting the Lower Sac”



The Lower Sacramento River is one of the West's premier rivers. It is noted for the huge number of native rainbows per mile! There are days that you will boat over 30 of these gems. If you are looking for the classic drift boat fishing experience this is the trip for you. This program details the equipment needed, fly set up and fishing techniques. We'll cover the Dead Drift, the Indicator and swing.

Lincoln Gray has been fly fishing for 34 years. His passion for the sport began early, with his father and brother learning




the sport on the well-known Rogue River in Southern Oregon. Lincoln continues that passion with his Stillwater Fly Fishing Adventures business that includes schools and guided trips.

Lincoln lives in Chico, CA and has fished Lake Almanor for over 19 years, and the Feather River and Lower Sacramento River for over 25 years. Lincoln will now be guiding both rivers along with many private water venues. Lincoln is a well-known instructor, guide, writer and fly tier. Several of his Hex designs were featured in the summer 2008 issue of Fly Tyer Magazine. Lincoln also works as a manager for Sierra Stream & Mountain, a company that includes Sierra Stream Fly Shop, Tie-Fast Tools and Jay Fair Eagle Fly Fishing.

Found at the picnic!

Two items were left at the picnic last month. They will be available at the October meeting.

- Green bill cap from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame,
- Stainless large fork/spoon with yellow handles.



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Wanna fish with Mike Parker?

The raffle board we started a few months back for a day trip for two with Mike Parker is nearly filled. If you want a chance to win bring \$5 for a square or \$20 for five squares. We'll draw for the winner as soon as the board is filled – maybe this month. You could be the lucky winner, and Mike's a great guide!



The Prez Sez

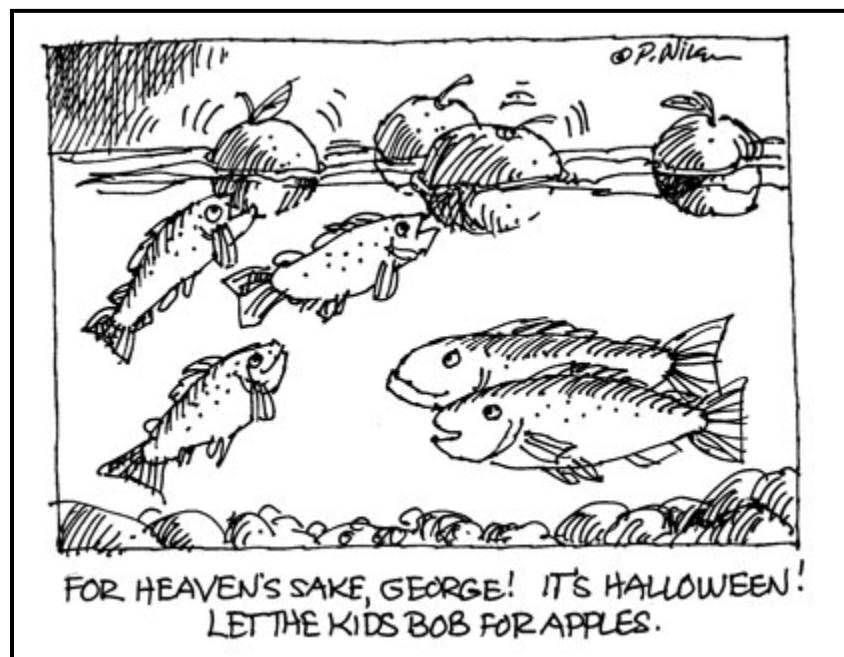
By Gene Gantt

We are well into fall and some of the best fishing of the year. Take a look at the fall and early winter outings and come along and fish with your fellow FFD members.

Some upcoming events and meetings that will interest you include the December "Home Grown" program. We will have many different stations where there will be demonstrations and hands-on where you can learn some other aspects of flyfishing that you may have some interest in. More on this program in the November newsletter. It is not too early to start think and planning for our FFD annual dinner and fundraiser in February, 2012. We are always looking for raffle gifts and prizes. If you make rods, tie flies, or have a special hobby and would like to donate to the club for this event, please contact me.

The FFD is need of some help! We are looking for someone who would like to get involved with club as a program chair or taking over our outings chair. Both of these positions are great fun. So, if you have thought about getting more involved with the club and its activities, now is your chance. Again, contact me at fishingantt@comcast.net or see me at the club meeting and we can talk.

Go fishing and rip a lip!



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STRIPERFEST - Saturday, November 12

We need guys with boats to volunteer to take out a non-boater on the Delta for the day. We will hook up with cell phones and/or radios. Start about 7 a.m. and fish until about 5 p.m. (no daylight savings then). Maybe we'll stop for supper on the way home. Share expenses with your fishing mate. Last year a great time was had by all 8 fisherpeople. Launch site TBD--maybe Brannan State Park off of 160 just south of Rio Vista. If you're interested, contact Donn at (707) 718-7724.

Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set through 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
October	Lincoln Gray	Oct 25 th	Floating the Lower Sac
November	Mark Rockwell	Nov 29 th	Klamath Basin Settlement Agreement
December	Home-Grown meeting At Harper Jr. High	Dec 13 th	Come share your tips!
Coming in 2012	Mike Leach	TBA	Yellowstone
	Nancy Foley	TBA	What a DFG Officer does
	John Squires	TBA	Do-it-yourself Alaska

*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>.

Public meeting to be held on State Water Project encroachment permits The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will hold an informal public informational meeting on October 26, 2011 from 6 p.m to 8 p.m. at City of Fairfield Community Center, Lakeside Room B, 1000 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss proposed regulations that will specify requirements for obtaining a permit to encroach on right of way property surrounding the State Water Resources Development System ("State Water Project"), including open canal systems, underground pipelines and related facilities.

The State Water Code authorizes DWR to control access to the right of way of property adjacent to, over, or under the State Water Project. DWR has been attempting to gain access to private property in the Delta – this meeting seems to be a step in the process of gaining access.

DWR will be creating regulations setting forth specific requirements for obtaining the encroachment permit including fees to be charged, requirements for mitigation of adverse effects to State Water Project property or facilities, and requirements for preventing or mitigating existing or continuing encroachments that interfere with access, inspection, repair, operation or maintenance of the State Water Project facilities.

DWR welcomes comments, questions, or suggestions from any member of the public, or representatives of public entities who may be affected by the regulations.

If you cannot attend and would like to submit questions or comments these should be sent to: Leroy Ellinghouse, Department of Water Resources, Room 641-2, 1416 – 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

DWR Pushes Access to Delta Properties As part of its effort to obtain access to the Delta for surveying work the Department of Water Resources has begun serving legal notices to acquire land in the Delta by eminent domain. The department seeks easements for surveys and full ownership of small plots (sixteen square feet) to drill for soil samples. All this work is to lay the groundwork for a canal or tunnel as the key feature of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, even though such a conveyance has not been authorized by the legislature or the people.

The process server used by the department has served some eminent domain papers using tactics that could rightly be called strong-arm. In one case an 83-year-old woman received a knock on her door at 8:30 p.m. at her home near Walnut Grove. The process server frightened her at that hour. Further, the land she was on was owned by her son's business – the papers could have been served there during business hours. Other actions have been equally egregious.

Interior Secretary Salazar Badly Mistaken About the Situation in the Delta Interior Secretary Ken Salazar used remarks delivered at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on September 19th to link building ill-conceived conveyance in the Delta to the American Jobs Act the administration has put before Congress.

"It doesn't make sense to put people to work building infrastructure that will destroy jobs," said Jane Wagner-Tyack, policy analyst for Restore the Delta. "Close to 23,000 jobs in the Delta region are linked to Delta agriculture that is threatened by plans to move Sacramento River water under the Delta."

Salazar praised as "open, collaborative, and transparent" the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) process driven by water contractors who are fighting to ensure continued high levels of exports from the Delta.

"Exports from the Delta are the primary cause of the destruction of habitat in this estuary," said Bill Jennings of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and a Restore the Delta board member. "The process the exporters are using to plan for the Delta's future has been anything but collaborative."

Restore the Delta Executive Director Barrigan-Parrilla noted that the state and federal water contractors have held required meetings soliciting public input but have continued for three years to move forward with the plan they have always intended to build, ignoring input from Delta locals.

Salazar threw the weight of the federal government firmly behind moving quickly on the BDCP, which aims for a draft environmental analysis by June 2012 and a final plan by early 2013.

"They're pushing this habitat conservation plan through in one-third of the time that similar plans have required for much less complex natural systems elsewhere," said Barrigan-Parrilla. "If Interior is serious about respecting Delta science, they should be putting the brakes on the process instead of urging haste."

NCCFFF Report

Assault on Wild Rivers Last Thursday, the Republican dominated House Natural Resources Committee approved several bills that weaken federal protection for the Merced Wild River and other rivers in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. The Committee approved by a party-line voice vote Rep. Jeff Denham's bill – H.R. 2578 – which adjusts the boundary of the Merced Wild River to allow for possible expansion of the New Exchequer Reservoir.

If approved by Congress, H.R. 2578 would allow nearly a mile of the Merced Wild River downstream of its confluence with the North Fork to be permanently flooded by future reservoir expansion. The expansion is proposed as part of the Merced Irrigation District's hydroelectric license application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The bill is the first attempt by anti-river forces in Congress to remove federal protection for a Wild & Scenic River to allow for water development. The House Committee approved other bills with similar intent, including a bill by Presidential candidate Michele Bachman to allow for the construction of a massive freeway bridge over the St. Croix Scenic River in Minnesota and another bill that adjusts the boundary of Crooked Wild & Scenic River in Oregon to allow for local water development.

The bill is expected to move to the House floor for a full vote soon.

Environmental organizations have been fighting this, but the political climate is really unfavorable for environmental issues.



Striperfest Striperfest is the major fundraiser for the Bay-Delta Committee of NCCFFF. The funds raised are used to support environmental defense actions to protect the Delta, including legal action. The committee has been very successful in its work. Please support the Delta by participating in Striperfest. Here are the details:

Friday November 4, 2011

6:00pm Welcome Cocktail Hour
Hosted by [Sugar Barge Resort](#)

Saturday November 5, 2011

4:00pm BBQ
6:00pm Raffle

Buy tickets at the event or if you want to buy raffle tickets in advance of the raffle:

1. Contact Marcus Schroers by email at mschroers1@yahoo.com.
2. Purchase tickets over the counter at the California Fly Shop (985 Industrial Road, Suite 106, San Carlos, California).
3. Make a credit card purchase over the phone via the California Fly Shop (800.470.0002).

Contacts:

Chairman – Dan Blanton
BBQ/Event/RSVPs – Matt Havelock
Grants Chair – Dave Sellers
Raffle Donations – Noel de Guzman
Raffle MC – Jay Remley
Raffle Ticket Sales – Marcus Schroers
Member – Mike McKenzie

Payne Ranch

Photos Contributed by Bob Brodberg and Lowell Ashbaugh

Payne Ranch is a nice hike close to Davis, but it's best done in the spring or fall. It's pretty hot most summers. Here are some recent photos submitted by Bob Brodberg and some older ones to fill out the page.



Here's a pretty smallmouth caught at Big Fish Pond



And Bob with a good-sized fish – way to go, Bob!



John Reynolds earlier in the year



Big Fish Pond



Wildflowers along the way

Want more pictures? Send them to me and I'll publish them! This newsletter is only as good as the contributions of the club members (Sound familiar? Perhaps you've been listening to public radio...)

Book of the Month

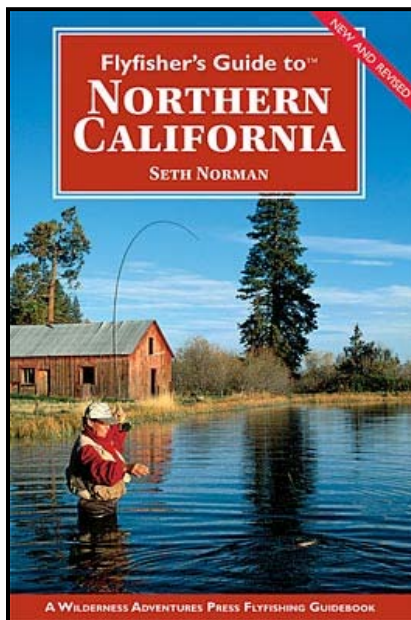
By Jim Luschwitz

“Flyfisher’s Guide to Northern California”

By Seth Norman

When I first came to California 5 years ago, I had no idea what rivers to fish, where to access these rivers, and how to fish them. I looked through a lot of books and maps. This is one of the better books I found, and covers the more historic waters of California.

This is a very comprehensive guide to flyfishing Northern California. Seth covers the rivers, spring streams, lakes, ponds, and private waters, including the Upper and Lower Sacramento, Yuba, Owens, Fall, McCloud, and Trinity rivers, among many others. There are detailed river maps for each river, showing



mileage, access, and camping facilities. Seth gathered a collection of northern California experts to write the most detailed and comprehensive fly fishing guidebook to the waters they live and fish, from the best of spring creeks to the wilder freestone streams and rivers. They cover the fish, tackle and technique, hatches, patterns, water flows, wading, fish per mile, and much more. A complete listing of fly shops, guides, outfitters, lodges, motels, restaurants, along with airports, car rental and repair, and hospitals is included. Illustrated with maps and photographs.

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

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

The only outing since last presstime was the Fall Lake Davis trip. It was on all accounts a great success. Everyone caught fish, although nobody came close to matching Ron Hedrick's 35 plus or minus day. While most were in the 13-15 inch range, John Imsdahl landed several in the 18-19 range and others also caught fish of nearly the same size. And once again the food quality and quantity were outstanding. Clearly large dinners have become an integral part of various outings including Baum, Davis and the McCloud. But the best part of this trip was the presence of so many first timers at a Lake Davis outing. The newbys included (and hopefully I remember them all) Paul Berliner, Bob Brodberg, Cal Kado, Ron Hedrick, John Legakis, Steve Ohrwall, Rick Wallinder and Cal's guest Jonathan Sakikabara and represented over half the attendees. Given that the primary goal of the Outings Program is to involve as many Club members as possible, this turnout was indeed gratifying.

At the September meeting the Luk Lake and Trinity January 2012 trips filled up. That said, dropouts on at least the latter are a possibility and accordingly any members still interested should sign the waiting list. October is the last chance to sign up for the McCloud, Pyramid and the Striperfest. At the November meeting there will be additional signups for the first part of 2012. 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 Outings Schedule (updated for most of 2012!)

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
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 12	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
Trinity	Steelhead	January 5-6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 320 + tip
Amador	Trout	Jan/Feb			Day use fee
Yuba River Float	Trout	Jan/Feb	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	Depends on flows and may be reset
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 1-4	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	April 13 and/or 14			\$ per day + tip
Pyramid	Cutthroat	April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Hat Creek	Trout		Dana Hooper	530-758-1991	FF 101
Sacramento River	Shad	May 25	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
McCloud River	Trout	May/June	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 7-10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping this year may still be an issue
Lake Almanor	Trout	June	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	iffy
Heritage Trout	Trout	June	Phil Reedy	530-902-2504	Location tbd; search for Heritage Trout
Yuba	Trout	May 5	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	
Yuba	Trout		Sam Yee	916-505-7733	
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Date depends on winter snow
Lewiston	Trout	July 13-15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity/Coffee Creek	Trout	July	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Kennedy Meadows	Trout		Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Old Fogies	Trout	August	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Moderate backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout	September 20-23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	October	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 19 and/or 20			\$ per day + tip

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