

The Fisherman's Line

November Meeting, Tuesday November 29th,
7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High
Mark Rockwell Presents:
“The Klamath River Settlement”

This program was originally scheduled for last July but was postponed to November due to illness.

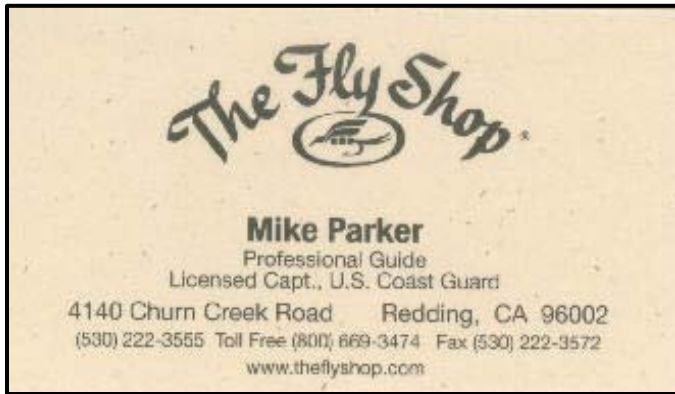
Mark Rockwell has been on the forefront of the defense in California's "water wars," playing a key role in fighting efforts by agricultural interests to roll back the Endangered Species Act. Powerful Agribusiness interests continue pushing to loosen water restrictions that currently prevent them from 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.



Wanna fish with Mike Parker?

The raffle board for a day trip for two with Mike Parker has only 14 squares left. 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

Great Program this month. We will be hearing about the Klamath River dam removal agreement. This has been a long awaited process that will improve a wonderful Northern California River system.

Our December meeting is our "home grown" program. Many different activities to view and some hands on. This program is given by members of the club and you will walk away from this meeting with some new skills and knowledge.

Remember, winter is just another season to fish. Be sure to check the weather and river conditions before you head out and be sure to take a fishing buddy along. We are so fortunate in California to have many year-round streams and many still water lakes that fish well during this time of the year. We have our wonderful Delta to fish and going after those wild steelhead here in the northern part of the state is an experience that you should not pass up. Talk with other members of the club to see where they are fishing, ask to tag along. Check out the FFD outings and keep fishing all winter.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you and get a tight line!

Home-Grown meeting coming up!

Make a note that the December meeting will be on December 13 at Harper Junior High School. Our usual Holmes location was not available on that date. We always meet early in December to avoid conflicts with the holidays.

Here's a preview of the December "Home-Grown" meeting. We'll start with Alexandra giving a 10 minute talk on fishing in Germany. Don't miss this – you'll gain a new appreciation of fishing here. Then members have the opportunity to "graze" as they see fit at any or all of the following stations.

- Station 1 - Knots (especially Duncan loop and furred leaders) - Donn Erickson and John Reynolds
- Station 2 - Fly tying - Tom Burton
- Station 3 - Using the Go Pro HD camera - Dana Hooper and Chris Berardi
- Station 4 - Stillwater fishing, indicators - Cary Boyden
- Station 5 - Joining and splicing lines and attaching leaders to lines - Bob Zasoski

Notice of Annual Meeting

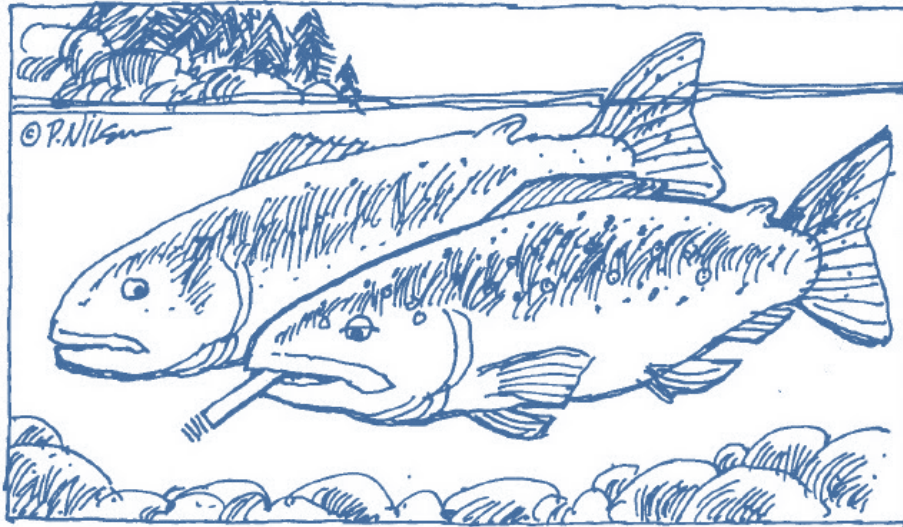
The Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 13 during the business portion of the meeting. The sole order of business on the agenda is the election of officers for 2012 and two new directors to serve three-year terms.

The following officer slate has been nominated by the Board:

- President: Gene Gantt
- Vice President: Donn Erickson
- Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Brodberg

The following nominees are presented for the Board positions:

- Jack Norlyn
- Kurt Arens



"I FIGURE WITH ALL THE TOXINS, ACID RAIN,
WHIRLING DISEASE AND LOW-WATER FLOWS...
WHAT'S A CIGARETTE NOW AND THEN."

Delta Fishing Report by Sam Yee

Here is the biggest 10 inch striper in the Delta - it got rid of our skunk on Saturday. It was a beautiful day and Bobber & I had plenty of time to work on our casting strokes. Bobber added 20' to his cast by the end of the day throwing that shooting head. Thanks Donn and Andan for showing us how it was done.



Bobber – that's a hat, not a fish...



Sam – BIG 10" striper!

Fly Tying Classes 2012

Yes, it's time to begin thinking about next year. Fly tying Classes will begin January 4, 2012 and continue in February.



Introductory fly tying class will begin Thursday January 4 and continue on January 11, 18 and 25. The class is limited to 10 participants. Preference will be given to those that have not taken the class previously, but repeat students are welcome. The introductory class will cover the basics of tying and entomology of important aquatic and terrestrial insects. Sessions will cover equipment, materials and techniques for making flies. Techniques for fishing these patterns will be included in the discussions.

Intermediate fly tying classes will begin on February 1, and continue on February 8, 15 and 22. The Intermediate Class will cover construction of more

involved patterns that utilize more advanced techniques.

A \$15 materials fee for each class covers the cost of materials and handouts. The Fly Fishers of Davis Club can provide vices, bobbins, and other tools for the class; however if participants have your own tools bring them



along. Classes will be held from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near the University Airport. Signups will begin at the November meeting. Signup sheets will also be available at the December meeting. Those interested in the



Intermediate class can register at the January meeting as well. You may also contact Bob Zasoski at (530) 753-2241 or email rjasoski@sbcglobal.net. Participants will receive a map to the Viticulture Field House and tying instructions by email.

Fall Trinity River Guided Outing

By John Imsdahl

This year's fall Trinity River outing consisted of members Cary Boyden, Donn Erickson, Jon Knapp, Jim Luchwitz, Joe Melendres and yours truly. We had three boats and three guides from the Redding Fly Shop for two days, Thursday, November 17th, and Friday, November 18th.

This year we all arrived at the Lewiston Motel between 5 and 6 PM on Wednesday night.

We typically have a "cocktail party" of hors d'oeuvres and wine before heading for the Mountain Valley Grill. But, learning that the Lewiston Hotel was under new ownership, and that the restaurant was now open on Wednesday nights, Joe, Jon, Donn and I did a "recon" of bar and new menu. The menu now consists mainly of salads, sandwiches and pizza and there is a full wine list with full bar. There are 5 rooms above the bar that have "group discounts" that club members might consider while steelhead fishing this winter.

Thursday morning we traveled the 20 to 25 minutes and met our guides in Weaverville. The decision was made to travel some 50 miles west of Weaverville, put in at the South Fork, and drift to Willow Creek. Joe and Donn, because of guide Parker's raft, would be able to fish an additional 3 miles farther up stream. It took the rest of us a good hour to get to our parking area at the confluence of the Trinity River & South Fork.

As the "shuttle vehicle" I drove us through the "Chilean Trail", a steep, rocky, muddy, four-wheel driving only, to our launching point on the South Fork. Once the drift boats were launched, Cary, Jim and Jon were able to fish along the banks of the South Fork while I followed the guides to drop off their trailered vehicles at Willow Creek. Then back and back down the "Chilean Trail" to drop off the guides, and then back to the original parking pick up spot.

As the two guides and Jon, Jim and Cary drifted, I waited for them to arrive at the confluence of the South Fork and Trinity. Following the guide's advice, I first fished the clear jade green colored Trinity with several drag free drifts but no takes.

I then moved over to the lime green, brownish and milky unclear South Fork. My first cast was a modest twelve foot drift in a set of bubbles that made their way toward the confluence. The first 6 drifts all yielded chrome sided fish, but without a net, I held and released only 2 of them. By the time our guide Matt and Jon Knapp had arrived to pick me up, I waited there for over an hour and I hooked 13 fish, landing five that I held and released. This was already a good day.

Jon Knapp had landed two while waiting for the guides to launch and Cary and Jim had already caught fish, too. I eventually stopped counting how many fish we netted, but Jon estimated that we had "over 40 hookups". Jon and I, guided by Matt, spent about 3 hours in one run catching fish after fish in it. By the end of the day we were 2 miles from takeout and we were in pitch black darkness that last several hundred yards.

By far Thursday was an exceptional day of half pounder and adult steelhead fishing as all of us caught great quantities of fish. We shared our successes with dinner at the La Grange restaurant in Weaverville, but dining at 9 PM makes for a shorter nights sleep.

Friday was colder and wetter as we all fished different portions of the Trinity, and for what steelhead fishing is all about, each had different fortune and experiences. Jim and Cary each had adults and so did Donn and Joe. Jon and I had only two browns to the net all day.

By Friday night we had driven 606 miles in 57 hours (Wednesday 1PM to Friday night at 10 PM), fished about 14 miles of the river, and caught an incredible amount of fish. It was a great outing.

Trinity River Trip

Photos Contributed by John Imsdahl



Cary getting his rig set up



Ready to get on the water...



Cary sets the hook



Bright steelie



Jim Luschwitz with a nice steelhead



No, Donn – that's the guide. Hook fish, not the guide!

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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 2011-12 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
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!
January	Steve Karr	Jan 31	
February	Annual Dinner	Feb	Food, Fun, Raffle!
March	Charlie Bisharat	March 27	Topwater Fishing for Stripers on the Delta
April	Michael Leach	April 24	Fishing Yellowstone
May	John Squires	May 22	Do-it-yourself Alaska
June	Annual Picnic	June 26	Food, Fun, Addled Angler Award

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



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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>.

Proposed Striper Regulations The Department of Fish and Game proposed new regulations on striped bass on November 8 at a workshop held in Rio Vista. Several hundred citizens spoke out against the proposal, while no one from the public spoke in favor. The proposal would raise the daily bag limit for striped bass from two to six fish, raise the possession limit from two to 12 fish, lower the minimum size from 18 to 12 inches and establish a striper "hot spot" in the South Delta where anglers would have a daily bag limit of 20 fish and could possess up to 40 fish.

The proposal is the result of a court settlement of a lawsuit by the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta against the Department of Fish and Game. Despite its name, the coalition is by, of, and for agribusiness in the San Joaquin Valley. The only thing the coalition wishes to sustain from the Delta is the flow of water to the SJV. It's what is known as an "Astroturf" group representing corporate growers, i.e. it's not a real grass-roots movement, but is designed to look like one. This group is housed in Stewart Resnick's headquarters for Paramount Farms in Kern County. Resnick is the politically connected Beverly Hills billionaire and largest tree fruit grower in the world who has made tens of millions of dollars annually from buying and reselling water back to the state for a big profit.

The coalition claims that striped bass are a major reason for the decline of Chinook salmon and Delta Smelt. They don't mention the fact that striped bass, salmon, and Delta Smelt coexisted (and, in fact, thrived) in the Delta for over 130 years. There used to be a thriving commercial striped bass fishery in the delta and the bay. All fish, including striped bass, have suffered from the increased pumping of northern California water to the San Joaquin Valley. The vast majority of the water has

gone to agriculture, and most of that to a small number of large growers who make fortunes off water that belongs to all of us.

According to a letter by Dr. Peter Moyle and Dr. William Bennett to the Fish and Game Commission on August 26, 2010, "Reducing the striped bass population may or may not have a desirable effect (<http://calsport.org/news/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Moyle-and-Bennett-to-CFGC-20100826.pdf>). In our opinion, it is most likely to have a negative effect. While the ultimate cause of death of most fish may be predation, the contribution of striped bass to fish declines is not certain. By messing with a dominant predator (if indeed it is), the agencies are inadvertently playing roulette with basic ecosystem processes that can change in unexpected ways in response to reducing striped bass numbers."

If you would like to write a letter opposing the DFG's striped bass proposal, send it to:

California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Phone: (916) 653-4899

Fax Number: (916) 653-5040

E-Mail to Submit Comments on Proposed Regulations: fgc@fgc.ca.gov.

For more information about upcoming Fish and Game Commission meetings, go to:

<http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

NCCFFF Report

We'll hear this month from the NCCFFF Conservation VP on progress on the Klamath River.

To connect and learn about wild steelhead and salmon visit the website of our steelhead committee - <http://www.ospreysteelhead.org/>

Learn more about the Federation of Fly Fishers or join online at <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/>.

If you would like to get monthly FFF Member E-newsletter sign up at <http://fedflyfishers.us2.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=d28b2db781f34121dd311fb8f&id=917545c60e>

Stipers and Steelhead!

Photos Contributed by Cary Boyden, Andan Bailey

Andan and Alexandra caught 12 fish; 8 stripers (7 legal fish...5 fish from 4-7lbs) and 4 largemouth to about 1.5 lbs.



Jim Luschwitz with his first steelie of the fall



Hey, Sam – how do you like that striper?



Andan with a good-sized striper



Bob Zasoski with a nice striper



Alexandra with a large-mouth bass...



...and a striped bass!

Eastern Sierra Fly Fishing
Photos Contributed by Philip Reedy



Wood's Creek Rainbow



Aspens along Highway 88



Red Lake Creek



Fine Eastern Sierra Brookie



Hope Valley

Product Review of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

“2012 Fly Lines”

As Seen on “MidCurrent”

THE LINE AN ANGLER uses can dramatically influence the distance, accuracy, and fish catching ability of any rod. Think about it—a ratty old fly line on an expensive fly rod will yield a lesser cast than a good line on a cheap rod (in the right hands) any day.

When you factor in things like the types of flies you fish, the depth at which you must present those flies, and how well you are able to shoot, mend, and otherwise handle lines, fly line selection might be the most under-appreciated factor in fishing.

2012 is a very good year for fly lines, at least for those who appreciate different applications for different lines.

RIO is introducing a number of great options. First, drawing from the expertise of its own resident casting guru, Simon Gawesworth, RIO has simplified the whole (sometimes utterly confusing) aspect of Spey casting by introducing the UniSpey, touted as the ultimate all-around line for most Spey situations. RIO also has a “Hover” line that sinks extra slow—it’s for lakes and other situations where you don’t want a dramatic drop, but you do want to get under the surface.

Scientific Anglers also launched some “Mastery Textured” lines for Spey casting, namely “Distance Spey” and “Skagit Extreme.” “Mastery Textured” is a kinder, gentler version of “Sharkskin.” If you love Sharkskin, you’ll love the Mastery Textured. If you don’t, the Mastery Textured goes a long way toward solving some of the skin-abrading problems of its predecessor.

Orvis has applied its “Hydros” handle to a new series of lines that cover the full gamut of weights and applications, from freshwater to saltwater. Orvis says this is the first time since 2006 that they have found a technology worthy of a new product launch. Common to all of the new lines except the textured lines (those with 3D Micro-Texturing) is a new coating named Wonderline Nexgen, which they claim increases slickness by 20% over their previous Wonderlines.

Royal Wulff is launching two lines: The “Ambush” clear head, which sinks at 1.25- 1.75 feet per second, and the “Bermuda Shorts,” which has a compact head section, and is good for banging repeat casts at short ranges, a la casting at snook in mangroves.

Rajeff sports is offering an “Echo/Sphere, Streamer/Nymph” line with a beefy front taper that’s designed to help anglers hoof big flies. There’s also an “Echo Solo” that Tim Rajeff helped design (and Rajeff knows a bit about casting), that’s super-functional and durable, for \$30.

Eye catchers? RIO’s UltraSpey is going to make serious headway, if for no other reason than those dabbling with Spey casting want someone else to do the thinking for them;

Orvis is going to sell a ton of Hydros lines because they’re solid, reliable, and they match various situations. (They also feel incredibly slick in prototype.)

Echo is going to steal a lot of thunder at the lower cost level, because most everyday anglers don’t want to spend \$70 for a WF5F fly line, and Royal Wulff is right in the wheelhouse with a short head, fast-loading line for the salt. If you haven’t fished a Tri-Taper design at all, trout or otherwise, it’s worth looking into Royal Wulff.

Further Reference and Product Links:

[Scientific Anglers New Mastery Textured, Distance Spey, and Skagit Extreme Intermediate Lines](#)

[2012 Orvis Fly Lines](#)

[RIO Introduces Three New Fly Lines](#)

[Airflo’s Ridge Floating-Tip Tropical and Streamer Max Fly Lines](#)

[Royal Wulff’s Bermuda Shorts Triangle Taper and Ambush Fly Lines](#)

[Rajeff Sports Eco Sphere Streamer/Nymph and Echo Solo Fly Lines](#)

More photos...

Photos Contributed by Bob Brodberg



President Gene on the McCloud – is that snow???



Lowell ties on a fly without an opposable thumb



John Reichel with a Montana Rainbow...



...and another, bigger one!

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 _____

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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

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

There will have been 4 outings since the last report. The first was the Fall Fly Shop trip to the Redding area which was generally successful. Jim Luschwitz took the largest fish designation with a 23 inch steelie, and a number of other members took half pounders and native trout not too far behind. The next two: the McCloud and the Striperfest are hopefully reported on elsewhere. The final, a Klamath/Trinity split trip, is covered in John Imsdahl's story.

At November's meeting there will be the remainder of the signups through April. The 2012 trips scheduled for the first third of the year are the Trinity in January, the Yuba float in January or February, Amador in February, Baum in March, and Pyramid and the Spring Sac trip in April.

These will be the final signups I will handle, as Dana Hooper has graciously agreed to assume the Fishmeister position phasing in over the first few months of 2012. The December newsletter column will still be mine, with Dana taking over that role and the meetings outing discussions in January. If you have any ideas you wish to put forward and organize into Club outings please contact any Club Board member.

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	June 2	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 13	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 19 and/or 20			\$ per day + tip

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