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The Fisherman's Line



April Meeting, Tuesday April 24th, 7:30pm @ Holmes Jr. High Michael Leach Presents:

"Yellowstone's Lifeblood: The Waters of Yellowstone"



Get Inspired!

Join us for an inspiring look into the enigmatic water world of Yellowstone National Park. *Yellowstone's Lifeblood* is a celebration of the famed waters coursing throughout our world's first national park and the Yellowstone ecosystem. Sharing the story of the longest free flowing river in the lower 48 states, the Yellowstone River, this presentation will inspire those who already know and love Yellowstone to re-visit this rugged and majestic region, while motivating others to discover the raw power of one of North America's wildest landscapes and most precious aquatic environments.

Uncovering the heartbeat of the Yellowstone Ecosystem, this presentation showcases the Yellowstone and Snake River watersheds, while emphasizing the importance of native species such as the Yellowstone cutthroat trout, mountain whitefish and arctic grayling. *Yellowstone's Lifeblood* shares the past, present and future threats to one of the most important watersheds in North America while introducing anglers and wilderness travelers to the seasons of Yellowstone's finest rivers. Join us as we explore the waters of Yellowstone and learn how Michael and his organization work on the ground to inspire a commitment to this important landscape and watershed.

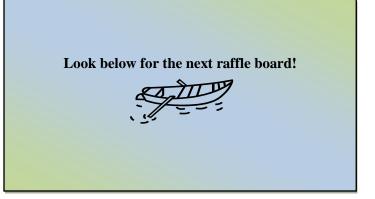




Presenter Michael Leach, Executive Director and Founder of Yellowstone Country Guardians, has worked as a naturalist, fly-fishing guide, and head boys' basketball coach in Gardiner, Montana. His work as a ranger naturalist and, more recently, as the Bear Education Ranger in Yellowstone National Park helped inspire his vision to start a Yellowstone-based nonprofit. Michael travels the nation as a keynote speaker presenting on an array of topics ranging from grizzlies in Yellowstone to motivating youth to action. Michael also works as a freelance nature writer with a diverse portfolio of essays, Op-Ed's and natural history pieces that have appeared in regional publications.

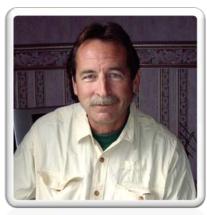






The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt





I have had a major loss in life recently and I am dedicating my article this month to a great friend and a crazy angler, Mark Latham. Even though Mark lived in Salinas, he was a member of FFD. He only made a couple of meetings but he made many outings. Mark left this world sometime during the last week of March. As many know, Mark was living his dream traveling around in his Hi Lo trailer fishing as many places as he could. He died while fishing on the Guadalupe River in Texas. He was only 56 years old and he sure had a lot more fishing left, but I guess it was not meant to be. I first met Mark through our common careers and while talking to him many years ago, I found out he was also a fly fisher. I invited him to fish with me on the McCloud and I'll be damned - he showed up. That was a long time ago and since then we have fished together all over the west. Please keep Mark's family in your thoughts and for those who knew Mark and fished with him, be sure to have a scotch and throw a line in his memory.

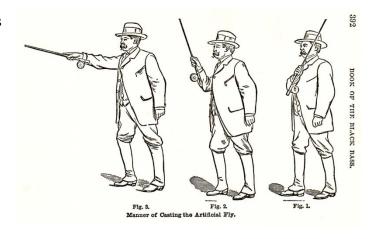
"Friendship is like whisky, the older, the better." Anonymous

Note: Details of Mark's memorial service are at http://obit.struveandlaporte.com/obitdisplay.html?id=1058554 &listing=Current#.T39n9N3rH1c.facebook

Fly Casting with Sam Yee before the Monthly Meetings

Join us for free casting demos and coaching before the monthly meeting. FFF Certified Casting Instructor Sam Yee will hold fly casting demos before the monthly meetings every month starting now until the time changes again and it is too dark to do them before the meetings. Fly Fishing 101 students are encouraged to attend. Demos start 6:30 p.m., 1 hour before the monthly meeting, (The location will be on the lawn at the school where the meeting is held. Demos will be canceled if rain is forecast or if there is no monthly meeting).

- Bring your favorite rod or Sam will have a few rods available
- Try out a 11 ft. 6 weight switch rod
- Try out a 12 ft 6 inch spey rod
- Quick demos: We can cover any of these topics if you choose.
- Roll casting/ single hand Spey casting demo
 - o get more distance with less effort
 - o get rid of that tailing loops & wind knots
- Distance: 3 tips for more distance
- Casting in the Wind
 - o 3 tips for casting in the wind
- Single Haul/ Shooting line demo
 - o The first steps to double hauling
- Double haul demo, casting 80+ft with a 5 wt
 - putting it all together, more distance, less effort, fish all day long
- Casting Shooting Heads, 100+ ft
- Improve your casting stroke
 - Individual coaching depending on the group size
 - We usually only have a few casters so you should get plenty of casting tips and practice skills to work on. Learn, practice, learn practice learn practice in 3 months you will be casting like a pro and catching more fish and it is all for Free.



Private casting lessons available \$50 per 1.5 hr lesson, 1-4 students, <u>Sam4Homes@aol.com</u>, <u>916 505 7722</u>, Sam Yee

Third Annual Spey Fest

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers will be holding their 3rd annual Spey Fest on Saturday, June 9th on the "Barge Hole" Gravel Bar on the Sacramento River near Anderson, CA (just south of Redding). This event will feature spey and switch rod casting instructions, lessons, fly tying, and much more. The event will be attended by several suppliers, so attendees will have a chance to test several different types, models and makes of spey and switch rods as well as reels and spey and switch fly lines.

There is no cost for the event...and it includes a free lunch.

If you would like to try spey or switch rod casting for the first time, this is an event you don't want to miss. If you are an experienced spey and switch rod user, this is definitely the event for you!

Email <u>rdrservices@frontiernet.net</u> for more information.

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 April 29. 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. Our own Sam Yee and Bob Zasoski will also be there to assist you. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net 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. There is no fee for this clinic.





Albert J. Henle Jr.

1924 — April 6, 2012

Albert J. Henle, Jr. — known to his Blue Devil athletes as Coach A.J. "Bud" Henle — passed away Friday morning, April 6, 2012, at his Davis home, with loving family members by his side.

Coach Henle was a fourth-generation member of the Henle family, which settled on the North Putah in 1860. His great-grandfather, Albert Henle, gave land on his farm to the school district in 1866, for the first Fairfield School, on the northeast corner of Road 31 and Road 95.

Bud loved to fly-fish, tie flies and make popper bugs and fish in his bass boat with son Mike and friends. He was a longtime member of the Davis Fly Fishers, the Davis VFW Post 6949 and the Davis Genealogy Club.

Club member Jon Knapp recalls winning a box of his famous bass poppers at one of the annual meetings a number of years ago and said "they are so nice that I have been hesitant to use them (although I used a couple of them with success)." Jon recalls that "he would always come to the annual picnic with his son, Mike,

and we would have a chance to visit about his fly tying and he would ask about my fishing trips. He enjoyed coming to the meetings and hearing about my and other club members' adventures."

The family requests that any memorial contributions be sent to the Sutter VNA & Hospice Foundation, 8330 Ferguson Ave., Sacramento, CA 95828.



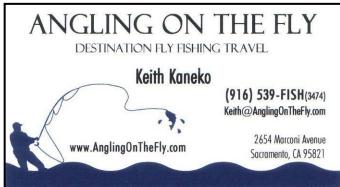
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Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Note that all our meetings will be at Holmes Jr. High School. Next month is the annual picnic, so look for the annual cement 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			
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			
July	Craig Nielsen		Fly Fishing the McCloud River			
August	No meeting		Get out and fish!			
September	Bill Forward	September 25	Lake Davis			
October	Steve Cooper	October 30	Fishing eastern Oregon and the Owyhee River			
November	Jason Hartwick	November 27	North coast steelhead			
December	Homegrown meeting	December 11	Come learn from other members			

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



You could win the amazing Fish Cat 9! This pontoon boat is the perfect combo of size and performance — and an all-around favorite of anglers. The boat's longer pontoons accommodate more gear without sacrificing compactness and portability. It's a great choice for fishing any body of water — and we're going to raffle this one off!



Specs



- Inflated Size: 54" x 108" (4.5' x 9')
- Tube Diameter: 16"
- Fabric: 500 PVC/500 PVC
- Load Capacity: 375 lbs.

- AireCell Material: Vinyl
- Seam Construction: Sewn
- Weight: 65 lbs.
- Frame: 6 piece steel

Fly fishers, we'll start the raffle board at the next meeting, and select the winner after all 100 squares are filled. The cost per square is only \$10.00 — and considering that this pontoon retails for over \$700.00, this is a raffle you simply can't pass up!

CONSERVATION UPDATE

By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation.

State shenanigans Governor Jerry Brown is proposing to make the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) part of the Resources Agency, where the Department of Water Resources is pushing the peripheral canal that the DSC is supposed to have the power to veto. The 2009 legislation that created the Stewardship Council made it an independent body reporting to the administration. With the Governor's proposal, any semblance of autonomy will be gone if it becomes just another unit of the Resources Agency.

This proposal was tucked inconspicuously into a larger plan to streamline government, one of Brown's ongoing initiatives.

A review of this proposed structural switch will be taken up by the Little Hoover Commission.on April 25, 2012 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the EDD Auditorium, 722 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. It is listed as a public hearing. Meeting specifics are found here.

<u>Federal shenanigans</u> Meanwhile, in Washington D.C., Senator Feinstein is reportedly trying to attach a rider to the appropriations bill that would allow more exports south of the Delta, remove Wild and Scenic River status and protections for a portion of the Merced River, and renege on promises made in 1992 under the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. Rules governing water sales would be further relaxed.

Slipping language benefiting San Joaquin Valley export interests into federal legislation addressing other matters is classic Feinstein.

Save the Delta

STOP THE CANAL

<u>Action Alert</u> Two important pieces of legislation are currently making their way through the legislature.

AB2000 (Huber) calls for the Delta Stewardship Council to report finding and declarations regarding the environmental consequences resulting from incorporating the Bay Delta Conservation Plan into the Delta Plan.

AB2421 (Berryhill) calls for the Legislative Analyst's Office to conduct a cost benefit analysis prior to the construction of the peripheral canal.

Restore the Delta is asking supporters to write two simple letters supporting these bills to the Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee, Honorable Jared Huffman. They are asking that you send these letters as soon as possible as both bills are scheduled for a hearing review on April 24, 2012.

For AB2000, please add a sentence or two regarding your concerns over the environmental impacts on the Delta resulting from implementation of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

For AB2421, please add a sentence or two as to why you believe tax payers and water rate payers should know the true costs for the construction of the peripheral canal and the impact of the project on the Delta area economy.

You can find an example of a simple letter that you can personalize at

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&shva=1#label/Conservation/13683dc831c0cc92. You can fax your letter to Assembly Member Jared Huffman, (916) 319-2106, and you should send a snail mail copy as well.

From the NCCFFF

Note from Ben Taylor If any of you would like to see your Smith River advocates in action, there is a F&G Commission video of the April 11 and 12 Commission meeting in Eureka now available.

Zack Larson gave an excellent presentation of the twoyear DIDSON pilot program, and Chuck Bucaria (Director of NCCFFF), and I made a case for some new regulations aimed at curtailing the snagging. Hope you will note how vigorously we demonstrated that DFG's proposal (simply raising the low-flow closure level to 600 cfs) would do *nothing* to stop the snagging, since the Sand Hole stays open during all low-flow closures.

To see the video, you will first have to bring up the F&G Commission web site, and then click on "Meetings," and then click on 2012, and April 12. You will have to scroll around to find us, and if you have

any problems, let me know. I can tell you to the minute and the second where to look. It was only a half-day session on the 12th, so not too hard to find us.

BDCP Predation Control The current draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan contains a section on controlling non-native predators (e.g. Striped Bass). The issue here is that fish agencies are on record stating that predation is a part of the decline, and this is their attempt to address this part of the problem. The counter argument is that 1) salmonid populations have been very healthy in the past with stripers in the system, and 2) reducing the numbers of both stripers and black bass will have a very serious negative impact on the Delta and its economy. Recreational fishing is a key economic driver for the Delta.

One alternative that should be considered would be to use these "destruction funds" to reacquire and rebuild lost salmonid habitat. Such a practice would likely provide greater recovery and sustained population results. Science has shown the reduced salmonid populations are more likely due to habitat loss than predation. In addition, the "cover" that would be removed by the proposed riparian sterilization is part of the necessary habitat for down stream migration of salmonid smolts.

Here's the relevant section.

8.4.15 CM15 Predator Control This conservation measure addresses the local effects of nonnative predators on covered fish species by supporting focused predator control in high predator density locations. The BDCP will conduct focused predator control using a variety of methods in locations in the Delta that are known to have high densities of predators (predator hot spots). Locations of hot spots in which focused predator control will occur and assumptions used to estimate predator control costs for these sites are listed in Table 8-38.

Table 8-38, Focused Predator Control Locations in Delta

Delta Nonnative Predator Hot Spot	Assumptions for Cost Estimate		
1. Old structures in or hanging over Delta waterways, such as pier pilings or other artificial structures, that are no longer functional or have been abandoned but affect flow fields and provide shade	Up to 20 structures removed per year		
2. Vessels that were abandoned throughout the Delta	Up to 10 vessels removed per year		
3. New intake structures of the North Delta Diversions	Daily predator harvest using large purse seine nets at 5 locations from October through May.		
4. The deep hole just downstream of the Head of Old River in the San Joaquin River	Daily predator harvest using large purse seine nets at 1 location from October through May.		
5. Specific locations in Georgiana Slough, as identified by fishery agencies	Daily predator harvest using large purse seine nets at 3 locations from October through May.		
6. Specific locations in Sutter and Steamboat sloughs, as identified by fishery agencies	Daily predator harvest using large purse seine nets at 4 locations from October through May.		
7. Release sites of salvaged fish from CVP/SWP facilities	Weekly predator harvest using large purse seine nets at 4 locations from October through May.		

Book of the Month

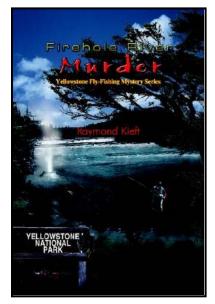
By Jim Luschwitz

"Firehole River Murder"

By Raymond Kieft

This book is for those of you that love murder mysteries, the Yellowstone area, and fly fishing.

This murder mystery is by an author that knows a great deal about a geographical area and a specialty subject area and shares that with the reader while solving the mystery. Raymond Kieft has Yellowstone as the focus and fly fishing as the subject matter expertise. I suspect future stories will continue to explore why otherwise reasonable people give up perfectly good careers to spend their time fly fishing. I like mysteries that treat the reader as an intelligent person, not spoon feeding everything, and with an emphasis on current detective science, all of which Kieft has put in this Firehole River Murder. It is an easy read, with just enough false leads to make the mystery realistic.



Former university president, Parker Williams, opens a fly shop in West Yellowstone, Montana. While providing fly-fishing guide services on the Firehole River in Yellowstone National Park to a group of university presidents, he discovers the body of one of the presidents. An autopsy reveals the dead president was murdered. Considered a prime suspect, Parker sets out to clear his name and find the killer. Aided by a female Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park and often one step ahead of the FBI agent in charge of the investigation and the local Sheriffs department officer assigned to the case, the murder seems to be a perfect crime until Parker is led to an unexpected and bizarre conclusion.

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families are \$30/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**

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

Lower Sacramento River Photos

Photos by Jim Luschwitz and Paul Berliner



Jim Luschwitz with a fine rainbow



And Arthur Chu with a beautiful hook-jawed rainbow



Jim with another one!



A gorgeous day on the Lower Sac with guide Shane



Doubles for Paul Berliner and Stew Teal



Smile, darlin'

More Lower Sacramento River Photos

Photos by Bob Brodberg





Bob Brodberg gets in on the action...

...and another one!



As usual, fishing isn't the only attraction of the Lower Sac. A storm the day before dusted the surrounding peaks with snow.



Trip Fish Fishmeister Comments Dates Contact Trinity Steelhead Guided Jan 5-6 Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 \$320 + tipTrout Jan / Feb Amador Day use fee Lower Yuba Float & Tote **Trout** Jan / Feb Chris Berardi 530-759-1968 Flow Dependent Trout Baum Lake March 1-4 Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 Camping Putah Creek Trout March 24 Sat Steve Karr \$25 lunch Trout Guided April 13 &/or 14 530-753-3826 \$170 per day +tip Lower Sac Float Cary Boyden Trout 530-756-9056 **Pyramid** April 6-7 Jon Knapp Lower Yuba UCD prop. Full Sam Yee Trout May 5 Sat 916-505-7722 Limited Space Trout Hat Creek May18-20 Dana Hooper 916-343-9732 Fly 101 Sac River Shad Shad May 25 Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 Payne Ranch **Smallies** June 2 Sat John Reynolds 530-753-2682 day trip Trout McCloud River May / June Gene Gantt 707-451-3262 Camping **Trout** June 7-10 Lake Davis Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 Camping issue? Lake Almanor Trout June Chris Berardi 530-759-1968 Hex dependant Upper Sac / McCloud Trout June / July Fly 101 Dana Hooper 916-343-9732 Fuller Lake Trout June / July Lowell Ashbaugh 530-758-6722 Day trip Search for Heritage Heritage Trout Trout July 5-8 Phil Reedy 530-902-2504 530-753-3886 Trinity Coffee Creek Trout July 19-22 Paul Berliner Fly 101 easy wade. Lewiston Trout July 13-15 Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 Camping \$1,995 Kenai Pennisula Trout Guided Dave Yarborough 707-252-8279 August 4-11 Mammoth/Ansel Adams Wilderness Trout 530-758-6942 August 11-15 Jack Berger Moderate backpacking, **Trout** 530-756-9071 Old Fogies August 9-12 **Bob Brodberg** meteor showers Trout Paul Berliner 530-753-3886 Kennedy Meadows Sept 6-9 Fly 101 easy wade. 530-753-3826 Rock Creek Lake Trout Private Sept 8 Sat Cary Boyden \$100 a day private Lake Davis Trout Sept 20-23 Camping issue? Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 Smallies Payne Ranch Oct 13 John Reynolds 530-753-2682 day trip Trout Lower Sac Float Guided Oct 19 &/or 20 Cary Boyden \$170per day +tip 530-753-3826 McCloud River Trout Oct / Nov Gene Gantt 707-451-3262 Camping Delta Striper Nov Donn Erickson Boat or Nonboater Striper 707-718-7724 Pyramid Trout Nov Jon Knapp 530-756-9056 Nov 8-9 Trinity / Klamath Steelhead Guided Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 \$340 +tip Putah Creek Cleanup Nov / Dec John Reynolds 530-753-2682 day trip Trout Private Luk Lake Nov 11 Fri Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 \$120 a day Private Luk Lake Trout Private Dec 1 Sat Cary Boyden 530-753-3826 \$120 a day Private Trinity Steelhead Guided Jan 3-4 530-753-3826 \$340 + tipCary Boyden

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