

The Fisherman's Line



Fly Fishers of Davis 40th Annual Picnic
Tuesday, June 26 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. There will be a new "Addled Angler" for this year - come find out who did what to receive the award. 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: Salads
H - M: Wonderful Desserts
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.



The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt

Well, you should be fishing! But not on June 26th. Remember we have our annual picnic coming up, so be sure to show up.

We are now half way through 2012 and the past few months at the FFD have been fun. There have been many outings with lots of fish caught, great speakers at our meetings and our annual dinner was a great success. I am looking forward to the next six months and the exciting events and outings we have planned. Be sure to join in on all the fun!

Speaking of the annual dinner, your board of directors has decided to move the 2013 dinner to March. This will give more members the opportunity to attend. There have been too many conflicts with holidays and such in February, so the move to March should simplify things. Keep an eye out for more on this as we get closer.

Go fishing and have fun. Be safe!



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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 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 2012-13 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
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
January	Trent Pridmore	January 29	Fishing upper water column bass

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

CONSERVATION UPDATE

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List 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>.

AB 2421 Defeat Consumer and environmental advocates responded to the failure of the Assembly Appropriations Committee to pass AB 2421, which called for an independent cost-benefit analysis before committing the public to pay tens of billions of dollars to build a peripheral canal or tunnel to divert the Sacramento river, by asking ‘How much would water rates rise? Who benefits?’ “Urban water users would pay billions of dollars for a massive Peripheral Canal or Tunnel. Those who’ll pay deserve to know the cost and how ratepayers would benefit,” said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director of Restore the Delta. “We will continue to pursue this important taxpayer and consumer safeguard.”

Adam Scow, California Campaigns Director of Food & Water Watch, said, “The Assembly Appropriations Committee’s failure to pass AB 2421 to require a basic

cost-benefit analysis of the peripheral canal demonstrates the power of Corporate Agriculture over our State representatives. The peripheral canal, estimated to cost between \$14 and \$30 billion, will allow Westlands Water District and the Kern County Water Agency to grab more water at the expense of California taxpayers and the environment. It is incumbent upon the people of California to put an end to this wasteful and unnecessary canal, as they did 30 years ago in June of 1982.”

Build It, Then See If It Works Restore the Delta and an array of consumer and environmental leaders today protested the announcement by the Brown Administration that it plans to ignore massive negative impacts and go ahead and build a Peripheral Canal or Tunnel and figure out the damage afterward. In a series of phone calls with Delta local county representatives and environmental groups, the Resources Agency is announcing a framework based on "decision trees" that will determine how much flow and habitat is needed in the Delta over a fifteen year evaluation period after the project is under construction.

"The water contractors associated with BDCP have spent a quarter of a billion dollars of California water rate payers' money to create a project that was



supposed to restore the Delta." said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director of Restore the Delta. "They failed to produce such a project. So instead, the State is preparing to announce a project that has the potential to divert the majority of Sacramento River water without first ensuring protections for the Delta."

"Resources Secretary Laird has the audacity to say that the canal will be built first, and they will figure out the good science after it's built. The administration is selling this new BDCP Plus Plan as an improvement because BDCP partners are willing to wait to see what 'new' science will decide regarding project operations. But what is clear that the biological science does not support the project, so they are hoping that political science will solve the problem. All in all, they are simply going to throw more money after bad money," said Barrigan-Parrilla. "Gov. Brown proposes to continue the draining of the Delta, imperiling the Delta environment and communities, and would take prime Delta farmland to make up for habitat lost by serving unsustainable huge corporate agribusinesses on the west side of the valley."

"This is the exact opposite of good public policy or protecting water consumers' pocketbooks, which requires that you study the costs, the benefits and the potential harm BEFORE building a massive public works project, not afterwards," said Kristin Lynch, Pacific Region Director of Food and Water Watch.

"The proposed project, which some estimate will cost upwards of \$50 billion, is not necessary and would result in massive ratepayer hikes and put our state even further into debt. Further, the major proponents of this infrastructure are corporate agriculture and others with financial interest in obtaining more of our state's water, giving them additional powers to control our most valuable resource."

"It's outrageous to go ahead and try to build a Peripheral Canal and say you will decide how to operate it and address the problems it causes afterwards," said Bill Jennings, Executive Director of California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. "A Peripheral canal or tunnel will kill striped bass, salmon, Delta and longfin smelt and other fish. The striped bass, like salmon and Delta smelt, will be sacrificed on the altar of massive and unwise water exports. The administration's actions would result in declining water quality and would be colossal mismanagement by the state and federal government."

"After you spend many billions of dollars to build the canal or tunnel, there will be enormous pressure on the agencies to operate it to the maximum capacity. The blatant refusal by the state to conduct the fundamental critical analyses crucial to informed decision making that would protect the Delta and equitably and economically allocate limited water resources is a travesty," said Jennings. "The absence of these analyses sabotages the entire planning process and the administration is now ignoring science to serve huge corporate agriculture and other water takers."

Letter to U.S. Interior Secretary Restore the Delta released a letter last month from thirty-eight environmental, fishing, consumer, Native American and other groups alerting the U.S. Interior Secretary and the Obama Administration that it is "poised to make an enormous mistake...and potentially drag the American people along with it," by backing "construction of a world-record-size tunnel or pipes capable of diverting 15,000 cubic feet per second from the Sacramento River - nearly all of its average freshwater flow." The broad coalition sounded the alarm after the Brown Administration informed them that the State intends to proceed with construction of a Peripheral Canal or Tunnel that the groups write "would have devastating ecological impacts." The groups said the "\$20 to \$50 billion dollar, highly controversial project will primarily serve to deliver Sacramento River water, through State and Federal pumps, to provide subsidized irrigation water to corporate agricultural operations of the western San Joaquin Valley." The letter is noteworthy in placing on record a powerful coalition that could delay or defeat the proposed water-export project. The letter was signed by Sierra Club California, Environmental Water Caucus, Friends of the River, California Water Impact Network, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Food and Water Watch, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, the Planning and Conservation League and the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, as well as twenty-nine other organizations.

"The Department of the Interior has a duty to protect the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast of the Americas. Diverting its largest fresh water source through a pipe or tunnel will destroy this amazing tapestry of fisheries and family farms. Supporting the State of California in its aim of building a \$51 billion canal or tunnel and then figuring out how to operate it

later simply cannot be defended in the eyes of the public. Restore the Delta calls on Secretary Salazar to do the right thing and to ensure that the public trust is protected," said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Executive Director of Restore the Delta.

"We urge you to ... reject these unsustainable water demands and their high public costs, and instead invest in more efficient use of our scarce water resources through cost-effective water conservation and recycling. This will not only protect the pocket books of millions of California ratepayers and U.S. taxpayers, but will help ensure that legally-required salmon doubling goals, estuary restoration, and public trust values are honored for future generations. The planning for California's water future must return to a lawful, science-based, inclusive, and transparent process. The San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary must not be stripped of the freshwater flows upon which so many vital public trust resources and West Coast communities depend. From its inception, this plan has been crafted by, and for, South-of-Delta exporters. They have used their economic power to influence and rush this half-baked, multi-billion dollar water tunnel," the groups urged.

"The idea that you're going to commit to building a \$50 billion tunnel around the Delta that current science demonstrates won't protect the estuary, and only later revise the science, develop assurances and decide how to operate it simply doesn't pass the smell test," said Bill Jennings, Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. "You can bathe this pig in perfume and apply lipstick, but it still won't fly." The letter is posted at www.restorethedelta.org.

From the NCCFFF

Appeals Court Ruling In a highly-anticipated decision earlier this month from the En Banc panel of 11 judges of the federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, the Court held that the U.S. Forest Service violated the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) when the agency approved a slew of mining operations in salmon habitat in and along the Klamath River system in northern California. The new decision, issued by a majority of seven judges on the En Banc panel, reversed a lower court decision (issued in 2005) and a previous decision of a 3-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit (issued in 2011). The earlier decisions had affirmed the federal government's actions in approving

numerous "suction dredge" and other mining operations, such as "highbanking" and "motorized sluicing," in designated "critical habitat" for the Coho Salmon, listed as a threatened species in Southern Oregon and Northern California under the ESA. The case was brought by the Karuk Tribe, which initially filed the lawsuit in 2004 in federal court in Oakland.

As described by the Court's decision, "These miners use gasoline-powered engines to suck streambed material up through flexible intake hoses that are typically four or five inches in diameter. The streambed material is deposited in a tailings pile in or beside the stream. Dredging depths are usually about five feet, but can be as great as twelve feet." The Court detailed the scientific studies that found that suction dredging in critical species habitat "can directly kill and indirectly increase mortality of fish — particularly ... salmonid eggs and early developmental stages." "Highbanking" and "motorized sluicing" occur mainly outside the river, where mining operators pump water out of the stream to strip the riverbank of materials for processing in sluice boxes, then dump the remaining materials in tailings waste piles along the shore.

Beginning in 2003 and 2004, the Forest Service allowed suction dredging and highbanking/sluicing on more than 35 miles of the Klamath River and its tributaries, without conducting any public environmental reviews, without subjecting its actions to any public notice, and, importantly for this case, without any compliance with the ESA. The agency had approved all of the mining via its "Notice of Intent" (NOI) process, which the agency argued exempted itself from compliance with federal environmental and wildlife protection laws.

The Court rejected that claim, concluding that: "We therefore hold that the Forest Service violated the ESA by not consulting with the appropriate wildlife agencies before approving NOIs to conduct mining activities in coho salmon critical habitat within the Klamath National Forest."

"To the Karuk people, salmon and free-flowing clean water are essential elements of our culture and heritage," said Leaf Hillman, Director of the Karuk Tribe's Natural Resource Department. "With today's decision, we can begin to repair the damage caused by irresponsible mining and look forward to a brighter future for the salmon and our people." concluded Hillman.

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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

Book of the Month

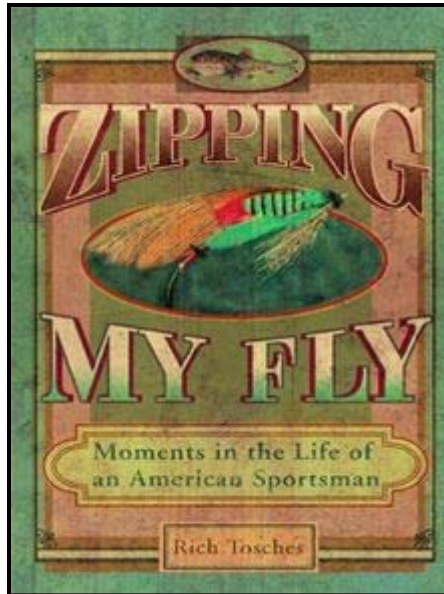
By Jim Luschwitz

“Zipping My Fly”

By Rich Tosches

Rich Tosches has written for a number of national magazines and makes his home with his family in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to take advantage of excellent fly fishing and other outdoor activities. A former *Los Angeles Times* and UPI writer, Tosches has been the metro columnist for the Colorado Springs Gazette since 1993.

Imagine **A River Runs Through It** seen through the eyes of Dave Barry and you'll get an idea of Rich Tosches' sharp-eyed reflections on the art, hobby, and obsession of fly



fishing. Armed with a rod, a pen, and an eccentric sense of humor, Rich Tosches begins his globe-trotting exploration in the Grand Teton Mountains, site of the World Fly Fishing Championship. From the choices of a creek in Massachusetts, where he was first introduced to fly fishing, to the wilds of Alaska and New Zealand to his Colorado home, Tosches offers up a side-splitting collection of observations on every angle-and angler-of one of America's favorite pastimes.

Payne-in-the-Ranch

By John Reynolds

The spring installment of 'Payne-in-the-Ranch' went off with hardly a hitch. Due to the warmer weather forecast we met at Guinda two hours earlier than usual. This year's army included Marc Yablon, Mark Tebbutt, Paul Berliner and John Baird. Sam Yee cheated and rode his mountain bike. There are some photos on the next page.

Paul and I did a little diversionary trek up to 'Turkey Pond'. We were fishing by 9 a.m. and within 30 minutes manage to take five fish . . . no dinks. By the time we joined the rest of the crew at 'Big Fish Pond' the wind was a blowin' and making life miserable for fly flingers. Everyone seemed to be catching fish; we saw two big spawners cruising in the shallows but were unable to hook 'em.

By noon I was letting it be known that if we were to avoid the searing afternoon heat we would have to start hiking out. That's when the bickering, whining, bitching, moaning, and carping began. God was it AWFUL! We managed to survive the hike down the hill to 'High Bridge Trailhead' without any fist fights and even managed to squeeze in a few minutes of certified couples counselling. By the time we reached the parking lot we'd pretty much HAD it.

Each year this outing just seems to get worse and worse. As hard as it might be to believe a day spent trekking around in the hills chasing 8" smallmouth could actually be WORSE than spending the day with family. (How's THAT for promoting club participation!)

Be sure to sign up for the fall installment in October. (HA!)

Payne Ranch Smallies

Photos by Sam Yee



Lots of these little guys around



Paul Berliner shows off his catch



Posing for photos



And some big ones, too!

Casting Call at the Capital

Photos by Lowell Ashbaugh



Bob Zasoski teaches a passerby to cast



Sarah Mae Martens gets tips from Curtis Knight

Steiner Lake

Photos by David Yarborough



Ross from The Fly Shop with a new casting technique



Dave's first bass

Spenceville Pond

Photos by Sam Yee



John Reynolds with a monster catch



Lookin' good, John!



Spenceville Pond



Full of bass

Lake Davis

Photos by Paul Berliner



The fun includes more than fishing



Now which one of these is the hot fly?



Boats are ready and waiting



Fish on!



Here's a nice Lake Davis Rainbow



And another – what a nice day!

Hat Creek 101 Outing

Photos by Dana Hooper



Nothing like a great BBQ after a day of fishing



Gourmet Bacon Blue Cheese sirloin Burgers



The adventurous group at Hat Creek Power House riffle



Not bad for a beginner. Tim's first outing on Hat Creek.



The famous Hat Creek Power House Riffle



Salmon flies everywhere but in the fishes mouths

Hat Creek 101 (continued)

Nothing like a great Salmon Fly hatch with no fish coming up to eat them!



Great camping, great company and great views

Pay to Play

By Cary Boyden

It is time to put out another of the periodic pay to play updates. First, there was the Steiner Lake trip. Spectacular bass habitat but fishing slow at best. Mike Henle did take a few nice ones but the rest of us caught little or less. May have been the eclipse ?? as the locale was really bass heaven.

The next fee trip is Rock Creek Lake in early September. The reports from this venue are very enticing, and hopefully members will sign up soon so this trip is not lost for lack of attendees. The press indicates many fish near 20 inches.

Then we have the usual October Fly Shop trip to the Redding area. This trip usually produces lots of fish and a good shot at a steelie or two. So far we have 4 boats taken, but there are plenty more available and a good choice of guides. Signups for this one will be at the meetings including the picnic.

While at it a report on the Davis trip is probably appropriate. Fish, fish and more fish!! Everyone caught fish and most many: Paul Berliner with 21 on Saturday and Lowell Gossell with 24 out of the other end of the boat that day deserve special mention. Once again the blood midge was the fly of most success. And the food/refreshments: fortunately Saturday's cook could not make it as we ended up with too much even with a leftover meal. Members who have never been to Davis and are interested in stillwaters and catching 14-17" fish should seriously consider a future Davis outing. And on that point: this year the fish are significantly bigger than the last few years' 12-14 inchers.



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Trip	Fish		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	Comments
Trinity	Steelhead	Guided	Jan 5-6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$320 + tip
Amador	Trout		Jan / Feb			Day use fee
Lower Yuba Float & Tote	Trout		Jan / Feb	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	Flow Dependent
Baum Lake	Trout		March 1-4	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Putah Creek	Trout		March 24 Sat	Steve Karr		\$25 lunch
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April 13 &/or 14	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170 per day +tip
Pyramid	Trout		April 6-7	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Hat Creek	Trout		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
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lake Davis	Trout		June 7-10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping issue?
Lake Almanor	Trout		June	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	Hex dependant
Lower Yuba UCD prop.	Trout	Full	June 30 Sat	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	Limited Space
Upper Sac / McCloud	Trout		July 13-15	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101
Fuller Lake	Trout		July 28	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Heritage Trout	Trout		July 5-8	Phil Reedy	530-902-2504	Search for Heritage Trt
Trinity Coffee Creek	Trout		July 19-22	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	Fly 101 easy wade.
Lewiston	Trout		July 13-15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Kenai Pennisula	Trout	Guided	August 4-11	Dave Yarborough	707-252-8279	\$1,995
Mammoth/Ansel Adams Wilderness	Trout		August 11-15	Jack Berger	530-758-6942	
Old Fogies	Trout		August 9-12	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Moderate backpacking, meteor showers
Kennedy Meadows	Trout		Sept 6-9	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	Fly 101 easy wade.
Rock Creek Lake	Trout	Private	Sept 8 Sat	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$100 a day private
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 20-23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping issue?
Payne Ranch	Smallies		Oct 13	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	day trip
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	Oct 19 &/or 20	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170per day +tip
McCloud River	Trout		Oct / Nov	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	Camping
Delta Striper	Striper		Nov	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	Boat or Nonboater
Pyramid	Trout		Nov	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity / Klamath	Steelhead	Guided	Nov 8-9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 +tip
Putah Creek Cleanup			Nov / Dec	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	day trip
Luk Lake	Trout	Private	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	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip

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