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

March Meeting, Tuesday March 26th,
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:
“Highway 395 – California’s Trout Highway”



This month we'll hear from Greg Vinci on fly fishing the Eastern Sierra along Highway 395. The eastern Sierra Nevada is home to lots of fly fishing waters. The presentation begins at the East and West Carson Rivers and covers the best fly fishing waters along Highway 395 down to the Owens Gorge. Among the waters visited are the East Walker, West Walker, Rush Creek, Upper Owens, Hot Creek, McGee Creek, San Joaquin and Owens Gorge.

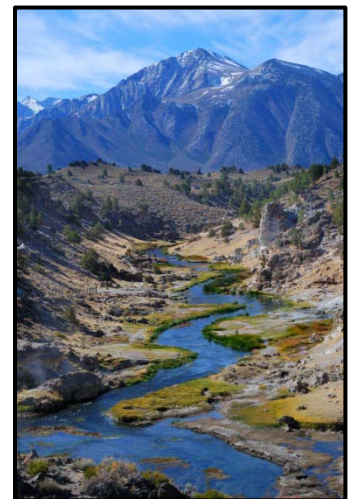
Growing up in Southern California during the 1950s and 1960s, Greg Vinci looked forward each year to his annual fishing trip to the Sierra with his dad. Because he had so few opportunities in SoCal to fish for fresh water fish

such as trout, trying to do so became a passion. When he moved out of SoCal to attend college in Sacramento, he found himself residing in a college dormitory that was only 75 yards from one of the most prolific Steelhead waters on the west coast. It was the first time in his life that all the stars were aligned as within that 75 yards there existed everything that was important to him at the time, a place to live, a swimming pool, a dorm with about two hundred co-eds and trophy trout fishing.



In the twenty-three years that Greg has been in the fly tackle industry, his career has taken him down many paths. In 1989, he started Sierra Pacific Products, which became one of the major wholesale distributors in the fly tackle industry. Greg developed several best selling product lines that are still being sold today. Greg sold the business in 2010. Since then he has been able to re-establish a relationship with his first loves, writing and photography, that can be now seen in many fly fishing and outdoor magazines such as Fly

Fisherman, American Angler, Flyfishing & Tying Journal, Salmon & Steelhead Journal, Northwest and Southwest Fly Fishing magazines, California Fly Fisher, Sierra Heritage and Runner's World. His photography has appeared on the covers of California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishing & Tying Journal, and Sierra Heritage. One of his most recent endeavors has been to develop the *California-FlyFishing.com* web site which is a portal to California's most popular waters. As a *signature fly tier* for Umpqua Feather Merchants, the fly tackle industry's most prominent fly manufacturer, he has developed fly patterns that can be found in most fly shops around the country.



The Prez Sez

By Bob Brodberg

Our annual dinner was once again a fun event. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the club by purchasing raffle tickets or joining in the silent and live auction. Dana did a great job securing donations and selecting tempting prizes. I hope you went home with one, had a great time talking with other members, and enjoyed watching Paul's latest photo montage. I did. Thanks to your generosity we are able to continue supporting Casting For Recovery, eggs in the classroom, a full calendar of speakers, and can expand our conservation efforts.

Opening day for stream fishing is rapidly approaching. This is a good time to look at all of your gear and make sure everything is in working order. And if you find anything extra think about the Yard Sale planned for May. We have plenty of outings this year. Take a look at the list and sign-up for a couple.

Hope to see you at the next FFD meeting or out fishing.



Spring Fly Fishing Yard Sale/Swap Meet

Do you have fishing and camping gear you don't use? The FFD will be hosting a yard sale and swap meet for all members at our regular meeting May 28, 2013. If you have gear you want to give away, sell or trade, bring it to the May 28th meeting. The yard sale/swap meet will be held outside and will start at 6:30 p.m. Just bring your stuff, a table, or work off your tail gate, and get rid of gear you no longer need. If you have any questions on this event, contact Bob Brodberg at rbrodberg@sbcglobal.net.

Picnic Day Fly Tying

UCD Picnic Day is April 20 and John Daniels is recruiting members to mentor young and old novice fly tiers. This is a very popular event at Picnic Day and you will have a great time teaching the kids how to tie woolly buggers, and answering questions about flies, bugs and fishing. The event will be 11-3pm (or thereabouts) at the UCD Department of Entomology. The club will provide the materials. You will need tools and thread. You can help for a couple hours or the whole time. Sign up at the Outings Table or contact John Daniels at jedaniels@ucdavis.edu.

From the Way Back Machine

Lowell Ashbaugh

John Salido gave me a few items from the early years of the club just before he retired and I've gotten around to scanning a few of them. I'll occasionally reprint something that may be of interest. There are a few scattered throughout this issue. This first one is from the very first club newsletter in March 1972 (Issue No. #01).

A WORD FROM STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MORT SCHWARTZ:

If you were one of the more than 110 persons attending our first meeting and watching the superb program put on by our friends, The California Fly Fishermen Unlimited of Sacramento, then perhaps you will agree that there is plenty of interest and enthusiasm for fly fishing in Davis. We have about 35 members signed up so far and where we go from here will depend on the action of the membership. To take care of all those who wish to sign up as charter members, The Steering Committee has designated February, March and April as our charter period. Our objectives seem reasonable and realistic: TO PROMOTE FLY FISHING AND GOOD CONSERVATION PRACTICE. Shortly, you will be called upon to work on committees and help out. You should also be getting acquainted with fellow members so that we can come up with a good slate of candidates for election. Our Fly Fishers of Davis is off to a good start, with members reflecting a variety of backgrounds and interests such as inexperienced and experienced, young and not so young, singles and families, males and females, politicians and otherwise, those who do and those who let others do, etc. What we all have in common, I hope, is a love of fishing in its broadest sense. Let that be our guiding force!

And here's an item from Newsletter #03 – July 1972

R. HAIG-BROWN, A RIVER NEVER SLEEPS 1944 (Flycasters San Jose, June 1972)

"I still don't know why I fish or why other men fish, except that we like it and it makes us think and feel. But I do know that if it were not for the strong, quick life of rivers for their sparkle in the sunshine, for the cold grayness of them under rain and the feel of them about my legs as I set my feet hard down on rocks or sand or gravel, I should fish less often. A river is never quite silent; it can never, of its very nature, be quite still; it is never quite the same from one day to the next. It has its own life and its own beauty, and the creatures it nourishes are alive and beautiful also. Perhaps fishing is, for me, only an excuse to be near rivers. If so, I'm glad I thought of it."

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If you have early newsletters cluttering up your fly fishing room (you DO have a fly fishing room, don't you?) I'd be happy to take them so I can scan them and put them in the archives to fill in gaps in the record. I'm really only interested in the ones we don't already have in the archives (<http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/ffd/news1.html>), so please check that out first. I'll be posting the ones I have on our club archive as I get around to scanning them. You should be able to get to them at the URL above.

-Lowell Ashbaugh

Loreto!*Baja July 7-12, 2013, Sunday – Friday*

This is prime Dorado season and also Sailfish with an occasional Marlin thrown in. Also some small rooster fish/trigger fish and squid (think calamari). Conventional and/or fly fishing. Rentals are available and gear to borrow from club members. Flights From LAX to LTO (#2601 and #2602) run \$441 (Alaska Air only on Su, Tu, We, Fr, and Sa). Delta flights from SAC to LAX run \$199 and connect well: leave 620am on the 7th; back 659pm on the 12th.

Fishing July 8-11 at \$180 per person per day plus tip. Optional fishing on Sunday night and Friday morning. Includes all cleaning and packing of fish, permits and taxes. Check it out at www.bajabigfish.com.

Hotels run about \$50 per day in a nice cabana (5 nights) with two persons per room. I'm thinking of Las Cabanas de Loreto or Coco Cabanas. These are among the best 2 hotels in Loreto, with breakfast and happy hours. Check them out on the internet.

There's great food and shopping, so this is great for non-fishers as well. A wonderful time for a fraction of cost of Alaska. See attached pictures.

Get your airline reservations, then I will get us the hotel and then we can book with Baja Big Fish. Deadline: Feb 1.

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Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Kurt Arens is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2012-13 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
March	Greg Vinci	March 26	Highway 395 – California trout highway
April	Ken Hanley	April 30	California surf zone fishing
May	Stephanie Mehalick	May 28	Wild and Heritage Trout Program
June	Addled Angler	June 25	Annual Picnic
July	TBA	July 30	
August			No meeting – get out and fish!
September	Curtis Knight	September 24	CalTrout
October	Hogan Brown	October 29	Local warm water fishing
November	Jeff Bright	November 26	BC Steelhead
December	Club Members	December 24	Home Grown

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



FLY TYER'S CORNER

by Tom Burton and John Reynolds

The first is a fly tied by Tom Burton, the "yellow Lisbon". This fly works well throughout the summer when the fish are keying in on hoppers, dragonflies and damselflies. The key is to throw it out there, be patient, just let it sit, and DON'T DO ANYTHING . . . Sooner or later a fish will stumble onto it and grab it (remember, these fish are IDIOTS). I get more strikes when there is a very slight breeze creating a little bit of chop on the surface. Tying techniques are fairly obvious. Packages of closed-cell foam in sheet form in a variety of colors are/were available from 'WalMart'. The rubber leg material can either be the standard material available thru fly tying suppliers or replacement skirts for spinner baits that the bass guys use.

Yellow-Lisbon Payne Ranch Smallmouth Bass Killer

HOOK: Allen #2312 size 8

THREAD: Color to match foam

BODY: Yellow closed cell foam (Wal-Mart)

LEGS: Small diameter 'Silli-Legs' from favorite fly shop

UNDERBODY: Tan closed cell foam

1. Fasten hook in vise and wrap shank with thread from eye to above hook point and return thread to behind eye.
2. Select yellow foam ¼" wide by 2" long and tie in behind eye on top of hook. Bind foam to hook by winding thread using tight wraps to rear of hook stopping over hook point.
3. Select ⅛" wide 2" long underbody foam and tie in at rear of hook and wind thread back to eye.
4. Wrap underbody with tight wraps to behind eye and tie off and cut excess.
5. Stretch yellow foam to behind eye and tie off.
6. Make one or two wraps with thread at approximately ¼" behind eye and stretch excess yellow foam rearward and secure with two wraps forming a round head. This now forms a wing behind head.
7. Fasten 'Sili-Legs' on each side at rear of head and secure with two wraps.
8. Move thread to just behind eye and whip finish.
9. Use fine pointed scissors and trim wings to desired shape and snip wing down middle making a split wing.
10. Turn fly over and apply super glue to keep body from rotating around hook.
11. Fish with a floating line and a short (not more than 6') leader.
12. Cast as far as you can and let fly sit still. Do not move. Set the hook when the fly disappears in a large boil.



Fugger Bugger

Here's an old favorite that seems to work well if and when the fish decide to ignore what's going on at the surface. I call it the "fugger-bugger". Imagine a traditional "woolly worm" with rubber legs added . . . well, that's pretty much IT! Tie up a few of these on #6 & #8 hooks, some with lead wire, and some unweighted and you should be all set. On larger size hooks I don't bother with fly tying thread, I just use regular sewing machine thread. (much more efficient when it comes to building up the body for that natural "buggy" shape . . . and the fish don't seem to give a BLEEP!) If you're looking for something easier a simple rubber legs pattern with chenille body much like what folks use on the Yuba for trout works quite well also. I tie in the materials in the following order:

1. Tie in a base layer of thread
2. Tie in optional lead wire for weighted version
3. Tie in rubber legs
4. Anchor chenille, hackle and optional strand of 'crystal flash' at hook bend
5. Wind thread forward to eye of hook (be SURE to leave yourself enough room to finish . . .)
6. Carefully wrap chenille forward and capture at head
7. Carefully wrap hackle forward and capture at head
8. Carefully wrap optional strand of 'crystal flash' forward and capture at head
9. Throw in a couple of half-hitches or whip finish
10. Slop on some cheap fingernail polish (or head cement . . .)

You're DONE!



Finally, here is another masterpiece from the mind of Tom Burton

Blonde Booger Bugger

HOOK: Any 2x long hook and size of your choice

BEAD: Any color sized to hook

THREAD: Any thread will do but preferably cheap

TAIL: Any color marabou you want

BODY: Same as tail

RIB: Small to medium wire (extension cord innards or whatever you have)

HACKLE: Dyed chicken feather to match marabou

COLLAR: Peacock herl



1. Pinch down barb and slide on bead
2. Start thread wrap behind bead and tie in rib
3. Wrap hook shank and rib to rear of hook stopping over barb
4. Select marabou feather and stroke back feather until you have enough of the tip to tie in as tail
5. Make several turns to lock tail in and then raise the remainder of the marabou feather up and wrap thread forward to behind bead
6. Using hackle pliers clip on base of marabou stem and twist remainder of feather into a rope
7. Wind marabou rope to just behind the bead and tie off
8. Clip excess marabou stem
9. Wind rib through the marabou body and tie off behind bead
10. Select hackle feather and tie in behind bead
11. Make 3-4 turns tie off and trim excess
12. At this point stroke hackle feather and body feather towards back of hook then make several turns of thread to make sure hackle remains pointing to rear of hook
13. Select 3-4 peacock herl tie in behind bead and make several wraps
14. Tie off the herl and trim excess
15. Whip finish and you are done

Should only take about 5 minutes.

Baum Lake Fishing Report

By Cary Boyden

Tom's camp was even more "happy" than ever. The chefs, Gene, Dana, Jim W and Marc, outdid themselves, and Warren as saladmeister and Hump and Adney as culinary introductory edible specialists along with all the providers of other edibles and drinkables (again led by Kurt) made for a great time!!!

The fishing was clearly a mixed bag. Sadly many did not find Baum as accommodating as in years past (due in no small part to no stocking since December), and this ran counter to the real goal of a trip like this of putting members into fish. Dana did get his 20 incher, Tom R enjoyed the same boat and reports have it more numbers and the author took a 23 incher on a 2 weight. Dave had some good days along with Hump, and Donn hammered them at the dam as did JI, Paul and yours truly. But overall from a fishing viewpoint the trip was a letdown.

That in turn resulted in some significant Club discussion which led to the following results. The 2014 annual dinner will be the first weekend in March. Baum will follow the next weekend assuming the stocking program is in place. The annual Spring Pyramid trip will be moved up to mid to late March. And, finally Tom will reinstitute an Iron Canyon trip before the Spring Fly Shop get together the third week in April. Needless to say, this period will be very active from a trip viewpoint and offer members a wide variety of fishing outing options.

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>.

Sundial Bridge May Endanger Salmon Redding's iconic Sundial Bridge may be endangering the winter run Chinook Salmon. The number of salmon returning to spawn has dropped from over 15,000 in 2005 to 824 in 2011. Of course, there are other causes of salmon population decline, but the lights on the Sundial Bridge (and other bridges, as well) may be slowing or stopping the migration of young salmon downstream. When the young fish stop at the lights, other fish (including those Lower Sac trout) are there to eat them. The lights on the bridge point upward, but much of it reflects off the bridge and lights up the river below. City of Redding officials are working with DFW to reduce the light on the river and assess the effect on salmon.

Help needed The Delta Tunnels issue remains the most important conservation item in California. It's really important to understand the issue and be ready to talk to anyone about it in an intelligent manner. I ran into someone just last week who talked about how "they" were going to restore the delta by building the tunnels. It was apparent to me that he did not understand the issue at all, but had just heard the PR about it and thought it would be OK. If you believe in conserving California's natural resources and fisheries, you simply must educate yourself on this issue and talk to anyone who will listen. It's only by the activities of well-informed citizens that this boondoggle tunnel plan can be stopped. With that, here's this month's installment of Delta issues.

Alternatives to Peripheral Tunnels Restore the Delta reports there are now four proposals besides Peripheral Tunnels for achieving the coequal goals of ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability while protecting the Delta itself:

- Restore the Delta proposes its "There's a Better Solution" plan for managing the Delta.
- The Environmental Water Caucus's plan posits a reduction in exports and increased outflows, and also calls for Delta levee upgrades. The Restore the Delta "There's a Better Solution" plan, and the EWC plan

are simpatico views, with the EWC plan being more detailed in specifics.

- Dr. Robert Pyke's Western Delta Intakes Concept (WDIC) moves the diversion point for export water to the western Delta and calls for various in-Delta modifications of the system.
- A portfolio plan put forward by a coalition of business groups, certain urban water agencies, larger environmental groups, and local elected officials in California proposes reduced diversions in the Delta and investment in water supply improvements around the state with a smaller tunnel.

Restore the Delta favors its own platform, and by extension, the EWC plan for fixing the system we currently have so that it works for the environment, local communities, and state water needs. But any and all alternatives to BDCP should be considered. In fact, that has to happen as part of the environmental review for the project. And there certainly won't be a meaningful benefit-cost analysis until that analysis includes alternatives to the twin tunnels.

Arkstorm? Faced with a growing number of reasonable alternatives to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, and faced with growing evidence that recent doomsday scenarios about the vulnerability of Delta levees have been exaggerated, the Department of Water Resources and Jerry Meral have come up with a new reason to write off the Delta as we know it: the ARkStorm.

That's AR as in Atmospheric River and k for 1000, as in a 1-in-1000 year event. Storm odds are such that we can't write off this kind of storm happening next winter, even though we just had an Arkstorm-type flood in the winter of 1861-62. (Similarly, we can't dismiss the possibility that a bus-sized meteor will take out Shasta Dam.) One hundred and fifty years ago, 45 days of pretty much continuous storms caused severe flooding in California, creating a lake in the Central Valley that, Meral said, "dwarfed San Francisco Bay." It caused loss of life and millions of dollars in damage. Meral blogged about the Arkstorm and then talked about it to the Delta Stewardship Council. He's talking about "permanent inundation." His argument seems to be that it would be impossible to strengthen Delta levees to withstand that kind of super storm, especially if we have sea level rise as well. The answer: build those tunnels under the Delta and get ready for an inland sea.

Now, you may have noticed that the 1862 storm did not result in permanent inundation of the Delta region. Eventually, the water went away. Predicted sea level rise does change the 21st century picture. But so does the fact that we have a system of dams, levees, and flood bypasses that didn't exist in 1862. Part of that system was designed specifically to withstand a flood like the one in 1862. And we have many more people and investments to protect: a much greater incentive.

If an Arkstorm is a serious possibility, and if it were even stronger than the storm of 1862, then both BDCP and the Delta Plan are missing the boat, so to speak, with the Peripheral Tunnels. The tunnels wouldn't be much use if the areas above the intakes and below the pumps were flooded for weeks or months.

For instance, here's what we know about the 1862 Arkstorm:

- In the great flood of 1862, one-third of taxable property in California was lost, one-fourth of all cattle were drowned and one house in eight was destroyed (virtually all other homes were damaged).
- San Francisco received 24.36 inches of rain in January 1862 and Sonora recorded over 72 inches of rainfall between 11 November 1861 and 14 January 1862. The American River ran at more than 250,000 cubic feet per second. The bed of the Sacramento River at Sacramento was raised 7 feet by sand and mud and boats floated the streets of the city.
- The flood created a lake in the Central Valley some 300 miles long by 20 miles wide encompassing approximately three and a half million acres. For a week, the tides at the Golden Gate did not flood and freshwater fish were caught in San Francisco Bay for several months.
- Southern California did not escape. Great lakes formed in Orange County and the Inland Empire. The Santa Anna River ran at an estimated 314,000 cfs.

Planning for this kind of event is already happening elsewhere. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, cities in the Northeast are beginning to look at coastal infrastructure such as sea walls. The Dutch have mobile storm-surge barriers and strategies for retaining regions below sea level for farming.

While we can and should plan and create infrastructure to protect people and property from earthquakes, floods, and sea level rise, we cannot counter every potential cataclysmic event that could take place in California. Californians being asked to invest billions

of dollars in infrastructure deserve a public discussion about whether to spend it on:

1. Peripheral Tunnels in a single region that will deliver over-priced water, primarily for agriculture, and be useless in a prolonged drought, which will be even more likely with climate change, and then rendered useless when underwater during an Arkstorm:

OR

2. Infrastructure enhancements that have a reasonable chance of protecting people and property in many parts of the state from the effects of potential sea level rise, drought, and California's inevitable floods, in addition to projects that will make each of the state's regions as water independent as possible.

Tunnels Would Not Prevent Fish Kills Last month, DWR director Mark Cowin announced that computer modeling showed an additional 700,000 acre-feet of water could have been sent to exporters since November 1 if the peripheral tunnels had been in place. The argument is that with North Delta diversions, less water would be pumped from the South Delta, so smelt would not be harmed and pumping would not be restricted.

That's nonsense, according to Bill Jennings, Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. Jennings has produced a white paper showing why the peripheral tunnels being advocated by BDCP will NOT eliminate massive fish kills at export facilities.

The fish screens in the South Delta are obsolete, based on 60-year-old technology that has resulted in massive fish losses year after year for decades. The CALFED Record of Decision required construction of state-of-the-art fish screens at existing South Delta facilities, and these were supposed to be in place for operation and testing by mid-2006. But the State and Federal Project Contractors refused to pay for them, rejecting a strategy that might have allowed for the reliable exports they wanted with less harm to fish.

The most recent BDCP documents available estimate that even with the tunnels, 50% of State and Federal Project exports would come from the existing South Delta diversion facilities in average water years and as much as 75-84% in dry and critical water years. That's because of flow requirements and biological constraints affecting diversions from the Sacramento River. But even recognizing that exporters will

continue to rely on South Delta diversions, BDCP does not contain new South Delta fish screens.

BDCP does provide for fish screens at the new North Delta diversion points. But no one knows if these screens will actually work. The design is experimental and has never been used anywhere else. Nearly two dozen studies will be necessary to determine if the design will work and can be legally permitted, and half the studies can't be done until after the facility has been constructed. If the screens don't work at that stage, experience tells us that the diversions will go ahead anyway.

The peripheral tunnels plan does nothing to reduce fish kills. Not only that, but the draft Effects Analysis Summary of Effects says that under BDCP, for some runs in some years, we could actually see INCREASED entrainment in the South Delta of juvenile steelhead, Chinook salmon, Longfin smelt, and Sacramento splittail. The BDCP Effects Analysis for the proposed North Delta pumps is cursory and speculative, not supported by feasibility studies or design work and with no established operational criteria.

Whatever other benefits the peripheral tunnels might claim, there is just no evidence at all that they will benefit fish. And if they don't benefit fish, how can the state and federal fish agencies issue permits for the project?

The complete White Paper, "[BDCP and Fish Population Losses at the Pumps](#)," is posted to RTD's web site.

BDCP Plan Released The preliminary draft chapters of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan will be available for viewing on the [BDCP website](#) on the days of release listed below. The release will occur in three stages and each release will be followed by a public meeting. The anticipated schedule is as follows:

STAGE 1

March 14 BDCP release:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Existing Ecological Conditions

Chapter 3: Conservation Strategy

Chapter 4: Covered Activities and Associated Federal Actions

March 20 Public Meeting on Chapters 1-4

Ramada Inn, West Sacramento, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

STAGE 2

March 27 BDCP release:

Chapter 5: Effects Analysis

Chapter 6: Plan Implementation

Chapter 7: Implementation Structure

April 4 Public Meeting on Chapters 5-7

STAGE 3

Week of April 22 release:

Chapter 8: Implementation Costs and Funding Sources

Chapter 9: Alternatives to Take

Chapter 10: Integration of Independent Science into BDCP

Chapter 11: List of Preparers

Chapter 12: Glossary

Week of April 29 Public Meeting on Chapters 8-12

And now for some good news Fishing prospects this summer off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington would appear to be quite rosy, due to forecasts of large runs of fall chinook headed to the Columbia River, the Klamath River and other spawning destinations.

Those forecasts are assembled in a new report made available this week by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council. You can find it at:

<http://www.pcouncil.org/salmon/stock-assessment-and-fishery-evaluation-safe-documents/preseason-reports/2013-preseason-report-i/>

The preliminary forecast for 2013 upriver bright fall chinook ocean escapement is 432,500 adults, about 145 percent of last year's return and about 160 percent of the recent 10-year average of 270,880, according to the PFMC report. The URBs are fish headed to destinations upstream of Bonneville Dam.



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Baum Lake Outing

Photos by Dana Hooper, John Imsdahl



Kurt Arens with a nice brown at the top end of Baum



Dana Hooper with a nice rainbow



Tom Burton in his new boat



Paul Berliner hooks up



John Imsdahl's rainbow



Carl's peach cobbler

Great news for Baum Lake and Burney

By Gary Heffley

02/28/13 -- I had an opportunity to visit the Baum Lake area today, briefly wet a line and to visit with some of the PG&E workers in the area. While the fishing was unsuccessful, the news from the workers was outstanding. So was some news I picked about a new sporting goods to open in Burney.

First, Powerhouse 1, which feeds into Baum Lake, is due to be reactivated in the next couple of days. The powerhouse has been off-line for many months due to a sink hole above the penstocks in the Cassel Forebay which fed the unit. The sinkhole has been repaired and the Forebay and canal have been flooded. Within the next couple of days the flow into the natural creek channel will be lessened and the main flow will divert through the Forebay, into the penstocks being released below the powerhouse.

The immediate result will be that the sediment buildup below the Powerhouse outflow should scour quickly. This will help the trout return to this popular run at the beginning of the lake. The Powerhouse often supplies great quantities of feed as insects and small bits of food are pushed through the turbines into the current releases below. It is quite common to see trout from the walking bridge above the discharge flow working back and forth in the current feeding.

The other great result is that the very popular Forebay and canal should be ready, accessible and stocked in time for the General Trout Season opener at the end of April. For those who have not fished this stretch, this is a great place for anglers with limited mobility or those who like to just put out a chair and take a chance on a cruising trout. There are areas where you can park the car just yards from the water put out a chair and relax. There is also an adjacent campground providing anglers with great access as well.

While I just took a couple of minutes to toss some spoons without success I did speak with some fly anglers who while noting the fishing was slow did share some fly tips. Egg patterns and very small size 20 and 22 brassies and midges under an indicator were supplying some success. Brown trout still outnumber rainbows in creel counts about 8 to 3.

Second, another good "sign" for the Burney area is about the opening of the Burney Sporting Goods and Variety Store adjacent to Burney Rite Aid Drug Store. While there was no other information as to when the store is to be opened this will be welcome news to area residents and visiting outdoor enthusiasts who were left with few local options after the roof collapse due to snow load at the Ben Franklin in December and the closing early last year of longtime favorite Vaughn's Sporting Goods and Fly Shop. We hope that this new location will be of good service and outdoor information and supply source to the area.

Click here for more information about [Burney and Intermountain area](#).



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Bill Schnathorst

The club lost another long-time member recently. Bill Schnathorst was a USDA researcher in Plant Pathology stationed at UCD. He was a long time club member and long time conservation chairman for the club. He was especially interested in the lineage of Lahonton Cutthroat Trout in Pyramid lake. Bill fished with Cal Kado and Mike Hoffman for many years. He passed away on February 6, 2013 at the age of 83. Here's a report from September 2000 that mentions him.



Special Fall Outing to Pleasant Valley Creek Preserve - Report FFD members ventured to PVCP and were treated to fantastic small stream trout fishing. Jim Crouse, Preserve Guide gave us an orientation on the some three miles of stream and pointed out the best spots. This saved us time in locating the best water. With eleven anglers we had to spread out some, but, found the fish cooperative after a thirty minute rest from another anglers approach. Adney Bowker, Bill Carnazzo and myself were accompanied to the upper Preserve by Jim. My first hookup was a 22 incher on a 20 Micro Mayfly Nymph. After a minute or two of battle the fish came unbuttoned. Same hole, I hooked three more fish in the next 10 casts. Over my Talk-About a voice proclaimed, "just landed one 18 plus", Bill proclaimed from the big log hole just upstream. With the water a little off color early in the day, nymphing seemed most productive. As we moved downstream we ran into Adney and he have landed three fish on a dry fly in the 16 to 19 class. Bob Percy, Jim Ferguson, Tom Vail and Lowell Ashbaugh began in the middle section. Jim found success with both dries and nymphs. Bob Percy landed several midclass trout. Tom, who had fished the Creek for many years and before the preserve, found several spots with numerous trophy size fish and landed them in the 20 inch class. Lowell started right at the guide hut and hooked 18 and 20 inchers without moving more 50 yards from the lunch chest. Cal Kado and **Bill Schnathorst** started at the lower part of the Preserve and began with hookups on 18 inch fish. All this before lunch.



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ALASKA FISHING TRIP 2014!



July 29 - August 5 2014

(Date is set at this time based on best time to fly)

This is prime time for Silver Salmon, Sockeye Salmon and Halibut. You will also have a chance at Pink Salmon, King Salmon, Trout and Dolly Varden, conventional and fly fishing expect to do both. Trip includes 7 nights lodging and 6 days guided fishing, 2 days of Halibut fishing in the Cook Inlet, 2 days of fishing on the Lower Kenai River for Salmon all varieties, 1 day of fishing for Big Trout and Dollys on the middle Kenai River and a fly out to a wilderness area to the spawning grounds for Silvers.

The cost is \$2100 which includes lodging and guides. Accommodations are in 5 star cabins that include two large bedrooms set up with extra-long-twin or king-size comfort beds, fully equipped large kitchens, full tub/shower bathrooms, large living area, color TVs, and a huge front covered deck, along with kettle barbeques for "catch-of-the-day" grilling. One processed box of fish is also included and ready to take home the day you leave (other boxes can be processed at the company rate). Your airline tickets and rental car (shared w/others on trip) and food are not included.

Take a look at their web: <http://www.rodnreal.com/home.html> and learn more about your guides. You can talk with Dave or Bob Yarborough who has been fishing with them for 25 years (so he will be a little biased) but can give you good info. Check us out at the Outings table or contact Dave at 707.252.8279 or email Navyskc@att.net. Come and go with us, you won't find a less expensive way to fish Alaska.

Miscellaneous Photos

Photos by Tom Robinson, John Imsdahl



Tom Robinson on the Lower Sac



Cary and Suzanne Boyden and John Imsdahl enjoying the annual dinner

Let's have some more fishing reports like this one from October 1972!

Our historic first outing, to Dunsmuir to fish the Upper Sacramento River, was successful enough to start us talking about the when and where of our next one!

Twelve members, plus spouses and children, made the trip. The weather was good and fishing mixed. Those who had any skill with upstream nymph fishing generally did the best. Two of the largest fish caught measured $14\frac{1}{2}$ and $15\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length and weighed over a pound each. Most everyone camped out at the Railroad Flat Campground, a place with excellent facilities and in a beautiful setting, where we had a most enjoyable barbeque on Saturday night.

The all around success of the venture is due in great part to the help of some of our members who scouted the area for several weeks in advance and advised us accurately where to camp and where to fish. Special note should be made of the fine help of member Jack Clark, who also took a lot of pictures which we hope to see at the next meeting.

Of equally great help was friend Frank Raymond, who took care of local arrangements, public relations, and the important task of leading some of us to his favorite fishing spots. Frank, as some of you know, is a professional fly tyer now living in Dunsmuir. Frank arranged with The Big Sporting Goods and Liquor Store in Dunsmuir, to serve as our official weigh-in station, and they also kindly contributed a \$5.00 merchandise certificate to be used as our first prize. Frank added to this five packets of his expertly tied flies, and all awards will be presented at the next meeting.



Book (DVD) of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

“Trout Grass”

By David James Duncan

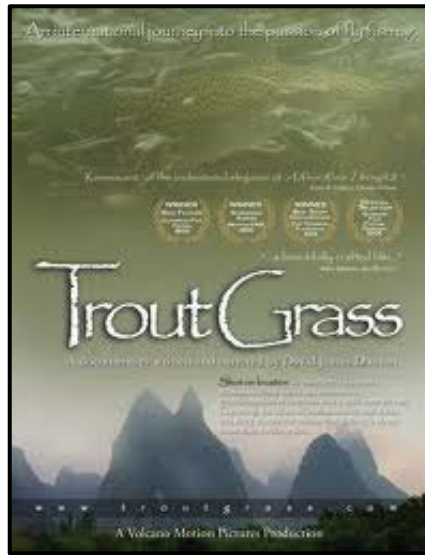
If you have always wondered about bamboo rods.....

A journey like no other, for a flyfisher anyway, may soon meet your DVD player. There are a number of books on the construction and history of bamboo fly rod making, and they are all impressive tomes for any bookcase. David Duncan's documentary, Trout Grass, is the perfect companion to these because it puts faces on the art of splining, planing, wrapping and ultimately bending bamboo over our favorite crease in the current.

It's one thing to find photos of bamboo growing along the hillside, or see bamboo adorning a neighbor's garden. It is an entirely different matter to see footage of laborers in China's Guangdong

Province harvesting hillsides of cane, wheeling half-ton loads down hillsides at frightening speeds in ancient carts, and then sorting, drying and packaging the material in preparation for a 10,000 mile trip around the planet. And the difficult work

hasn't even begun. Fly rod artisans now must split and whittle the cane, only to join it later as part of some 4,000 individual procedures before a flyfisher can take the art one final step further in the act of casting fur and feathers toward his prey.



Nature informs art, which returns us to nature--that would seem to be Duncan's well-balanced perspective he wants us to appreciate throughout his film. At this he succeeds admirably. Guest star appearances by Thomas McGuane and Hoagy Carmichael help deliver the message along the way by reminding us that the cultural heritage of our sport has roots deeper than we might have imagined.

Duncan doesn't demystify the bamboo fly rod. No one wants to be demystified when it comes to art.

Instead, we want the mystery illuminated. This is what motivates us to pursue or abandon a sport or any other activity. Duncan's work will not bore, even if your fancy doesn't incline you toward bamboo.

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. Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or 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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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



UTINGS FFD 2013

Trip	Fish		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	Comments
Putah Creek	Trout	Guided	POSTPONED	Steve Karr	530-753-8885	Limited, lunch @ \$15
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April 11, 12, 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170per day +tip
Pyramid	Trout		April 5-6	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Lower Yuba UCD property	Trout		May 4	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	limited space
Hat Creek	Trout		May 17-19	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad		May 24	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May 25	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Hiking, day trip
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lake Davis	Trout		June 6-9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Loreto – Baja California	Dorado		July 9-13	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	www.bajabigfish.com
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston	Trout		July 12-14	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		Aug 8-11	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Payne Ranch	Smallies		Oct 12	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Hiking, day trip
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	Oct 17-19	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 per day +tip
Trinity	Steelhead	Guided	Oct 31- Nov 1	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$320 + tip
Striperfest – Delta	Stripers		November	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Luk Lake	Trout		Dec 6-7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity 2014	Steelhead	Guided	Jan 7-8	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$320 + tip

There is a google calendar you can browse to at

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=ai9vq0f19c6hf0p4dgmhc9b0kg%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles.

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