

May Meeting, Tuesday May 27th, 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School Tristan Leong Presents: "Fly Fishing For Olympic Peninsula Winter Steelhead"

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will host one of their own, Tristan Leong, on May 27th who will discuss his experience fly fishing for Olympic Peninsula winter steelhead. Tristan recently returned from another successful fishing expedition to Washington's Olympic Peninsula this past March, and will provide insight (and pictures) to plan your next adventure. In 2003, Tristan joined the Fly Fishers of Davis. Although his work as an interdisciplinary scientist for the US Forest Service has limited his ability to regularly attend the monthly meetings, Tristan has remained connected to the club and active in his pursuit of fish on the fly rod. Having recently moved back to the area, he hopes to see his club friends and to share in his passion for fly fishing. Tristan enjoys traveling throughout the Pacific Northwest in search of large wild and native rainbow trout and their anadromous counterparts.

Audience members who participate during the presentation will have the opportunity to win free fly fishing related prizes.



Tristan Leong fishing the Willoughby Campground run on the Hoh River

THE PREZ SEZ

By Bob Brodberg

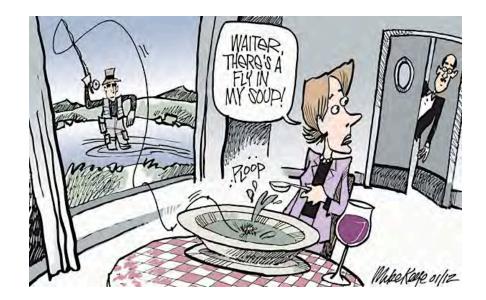
This month we will have a brief presentation by Mathew Young from the Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture (CABA) at UC Davis. Mathew is the first recipient of the FFD CABA Research Scholarship. He will introduce us to his research project.

Summer is approaching and so is our annual picnic. This year we will go to Pioneer Park on June 24. Look for details elsewhere in the Newsletter and expect an email invitation. Please respond to help us order enough for the chefs to cook.

We had a good schedule of outings in May. It was more than a bit windy on Lake Manzanita and McCumber, but the scenery was inspiring, we caught fish, and a great time. We have several outings planned in June including the 1st Annual Delta Bass n Fly Festival. Join one of them.

Bob

Now, who can solve my problem, And grant my lifelong wish, Are fishermen all big liars? Or do only liars fish? -Theodore Sharp-



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 2014 Meeting Schedule				
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC	
April	Gary Slade	April 29	Trout Unlimited Projects	
May	Tristan Leong	May 27	Olympic Peninsula Steelhead	
June	Annual Club Picnic			
July	Mike Weir	July 29	Truckee River	
August	NO MEETING			
September	Jay Clark	September 30	Pyramid Lake	
October	Kit Mulin	October 28	Pit River	
November	George Revel	November 25	Casting	
December	Home Grown	TBD	TBD	

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

CLUB LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP

By Dave Yarborough



We need your help in upgrading our book and DVD libraries. At present we have only 4 books and 9 DVD's (that are mostly documentaries). If you have any books or DVD's on fly fishing or tying that you would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated.

In the next few months we will be buying some new DVD's and books but in the mean time we would like your input on what type of items to purchase for your reading and viewing pleasure. So please stop by at the next meeting and see what we have and make a suggestion.

All books and DVD's can be checked out at no charge for one month, so take out one meeting, return the next.

Happening Soon! FFD Annual Picnic





<u>Fly Tying Corner</u> Hogan's S&M by Dana Hooper

Hogan came up with the Brown S&M nymph when he felt the fish on the Lower Sacramento River and the Lower Yuba River were getting tired of the Military May. He wanted a small mayfly with an accurate silhouette but without a lot of flash. He has stated many times that sometimes the fish just don't like the flash. He also recommends using it in the spring and summer when an olive mayfly isn't as productive. Fish seem to like it when the PMD's or PED's are coming off too.

This is a great all around versatile fly you can take anywhere west of the Rockies and catch fish consistently when you have BWO, PMD's and PED's present on the river you are fishing. This fly comes in three colors Brown, Olive and the newest Tan. I have caught fish on all three colors but brown seems to be the best overall with sizes ranging from 14 - 18. Talk to your local fly shop and pick up a half dozen of these flies they really catch lots fish.

Hogan's S&M

- **Hook:** TMC 3769 #16-18
- Thread: Uni-thread Dark Brown 8/0
- Tail: Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Abdomen: Uni-thread Dark Brown Thread 8/0
- **Ribbing:** Brown Ultra Wire
- WingCase: Brown Goose Biot
- Thorax: March Brown Antron
- Legs: Pearl Krystal Flash
- Weight: Copper Bead

Tying Suggestions

- 1. Slide a small copper bead onto the hook to the eye. Attach the thread behind the bead and lay a foundation
- 2. Attach 3 ringneck Pheasant Tail fibers to the top of the hook shank with length of tail equal to shank length.
- 3. Splay tail fibers by lifting fibers with you thumb and applying thread tension to base of the fibers.
- 4. Attach the ultra wire for ribbing along side of shank. Start from within bead cavity and secure down to tail.
- 5. Wrap the ribbing forward about 4 evenly spaced wraps to the mid shank.
- 6. Secure a goose biot just behind bead. Biot should have concave side facing down. Secure down to midpoint of shank.
- 7. Dub thorax using Antron. The thorax should be twice the diameter as the abdomen. Wrap dubbing up to the head.
- 8. Attach a few strands of Krystal Flash just behind bead with figure eight wraps so that the strands will secure along the sides of the shank. Trim the strands so they do not exceed the rear of the abdomen.
- 9. Bring the biot over the thorax and secure with thread wraps. Whip finish. Trim of the tag end over the bead.



CONSERVATION REPORT 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.

BDCP comments are due June 13! If you've been putting it off, now is the time to get your comments in. If you're opposed to building the Twin Tunnels but don't quite how to write it down Save the California Delta Alliance (STCDA) has compiled a set of comments and guidelines that you can use to make a strong statement. Just scroll through them to find what resonates with you and copy it. Edit it as you see fit to make it your own statement. Go to http://nodeltagates.com/about/ to get started. I highly encourage you to make a statement. It's extremely important that our voices are heard.

Restore The Delta has also put together some tools, too, starting with an excellent PowerPoint summary of the BDCP. Go to <u>http://restorethedelta.org/how-to-comment-on-bdcp/</u> to find it and to find links to the entire BDCP. The final PowerPoint slide has some good advice:

- Be sure to reference the section of the document you are referring to.
- These documents are supposed to enable the public to comment. If you are a reasonably intelligent citizen and you can't figure out what they are talking about, then the documents are inadequate. Don't hesitate to say "This doesn't make sense."
- Be civil and rational.
- Get your comments in by June 13, 2014.

Senator Feinstein has been working on drought legislation that would undo critical environmental protections for salmon and other fish. S2918 would allow more water to flow to Westlands and Kern Water Districts than is currently allowed. The current allotment has been thoroughly vetted through public hearings and debate. "It is disappointing that Senator Feinstein has chosen to rush harmful legislation with no public hearings, debate or scrutiny, so that industrial growers who have planted tens of thousands of acres of almonds and other permanent crops in the midst of the past several very dry years," said Barbara BarriganParrilla, executive director of Restore the Delta. "Sen. Feinstein is using every tactic she can to aid these growers at the expense of the rest of California. <u>There's</u> <u>a better solution</u>, despite Sen. Feinstein's statement that she has received no useful input on alternatives. She has received the input, but has ignored it."

In an extremely dry year like this one, existing protections allow the pumps to divert all of the water flowing down the San Joaquin River (a 1:1 ratio of inflow to exports). However, as hydrology improves, the ratio increases (less outflow than inflow) to better protect migrating salmon from being pulled into the pumps. Sen. Feinstein's bill locks in the high 1:1 export ratio that is very harmful to salmonids. S 2918 could allow those exports to continue despite a significant increase in precipitation, either this year or in future years as long as the Governor's drought declaration is in effect.

S 2918 adopts weaker reverse flow protections for Old and Middle Rivers, two channels of the San Joaquin River that feed the Bay-Delta. These rivers can be made to flow in the reverse of their natural direction by the operation of the federal and state pumps that export water south, and pull millions of salmon and other fish to their deaths each year. S 2918 restricts reverse flows to levels prescribed in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) biological opinion <u>for delta smelt</u> without mentioning the stricter limits prescribed by the courts' biological opinions <u>for salmon and other native Bay-</u> <u>Delta species</u>.

There's a petition on Credo Action to let Senator Feinstein know you want our fisheries protected. The petition reads "Don't give agricultural interests special access to water at the expense of rivers, streams, and the wildlife that rely on them. Please respect existing environmental protections in any drought response legislation."If you'd like to make that statement to Senator Feinstein go to

http://www.credomobilize.com/petitions/senator-feinsteindon-t-destroy-california-s-rivers-to-benefit-bigag?sp_ref=41751020.4.7648.t.0.2&source=tw_sp and sign the petition.

<u>NCCFFF REPORT</u> By Lowell Ashbaugh

"What does NCCFFF do for me?" This is a valid one, as much of what NCCFFF does goes unnoticed. Here are a couple of projects that affect our fisheries that NCCFFF has supported.

Obama Adminstration Agrees to Stronger Protections for Salmon Against Pesticides

Conservation and fishing groups (with support from NCCFFF) have reached a significant agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency that will reinstate protections for salmon and steelhead from five highly toxic pesticides. The settlement agreement restores no-spray buffer zones for aerial and ground application of five broad-spectrum organophosphate and carbamate pesticides – diazinion, chlorpyrifos, malathion, carbaryl, and methomyl.

The buffers reinstated under the agreement were previously required in 2004 after the federal courts ordered EPA to consult with the Fisheries Service over the impacts of these chemicals on salmon. That injunction expired when the Fisheries Service completed its analysis in 2008 and 2009. While the Service required EPA to adopt permanent protections within one year, EPA failed to take action. The settlement agreement resolves litigation filed in 2010 to compel EPA to adopt permanent protective measures in line with the Fisheries Service's findings.

"This is a huge step forward for the health of our rivers and salmon fisheries," said Steve Mashuda, an Earthjustice attorney representing the conservation and fishing organizations. "Before this agreement, nothing prevented these poisons from entering our rivers and streams. The agreement will make a real difference by protecting salmon and steelhead from the most severe impacts of these deadly chemicals and will provide clarity to farmers and others while federal agencies work together toward permanent protections."

The buffers prohibit aerial spraying of the pesticides within 300 feet of salmon habitat and prohibit ground-based applications within 60 feet. The agreement provides detailed notice to state regulators, pesticide applicators, farmers, and the public about the required no-spray buffer zones. These buffers will remain in place until the EPA implements permanent protections grounded in the Fisheries Service's findings.

Putah Creek trout study The NCCFFF has provided funding to augment a study of trout in Putah Creek being conducted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The study aims to tag at least 100 trout with telemetry devices that have a small antenna. DFW and volunteers will monitor their movement and location in the creek at least once per week. NCCFFF provided funds for a radio receiver to do additional monitoring that would augment the DFW monitoring.

Earlier this month I made the trip to Putah Creek to observe the tagging operation. The photos here show DFW staff measuring a rainbow trout, and then surgically implanting the transmitter. This study will provide valuable data on trout movement and behavior in Putah Creek and will support efforts to designate the interdam reach as Wild Trout water. It will also be useful to determine appropriate restoration actions such as side-channel enhancement.



FFD Outing: Manzanita Lake w/ McCumber Lake Photos by FFD Members

The first annul FFD Manazanita Lake Outing was well attended wth eight members. We setup base camp at Mount Lassen KOA which had such amenities as a playground, pool, volleyball court, and heated toilet seats. None of which were used except of course the heated toilet seats. Prams and pontoons were launched in the majestic little lake, which is located near the entrance in the Lassen Volcanic National Park, and in good time beautiful 12-14" rainbows and browns were pulled into the net caught on zebra midges, callibaetis nymphs (and the occassional dries), and stripping nymphs and leech patterns. Saturday was a bit gusty, but the beautiful backdrop of Mount Lassen made up for the tangled lines and out of control pontoons. The group headed to McCumber lake on Sunday which was more sheltered from the battering winds. Browns, rainbows and often bait fish were hooked, mostly stripping various patterns. As always the group was well fed by Dana Hooper and Paul Berliner and the campfire raged on late into the night with fish tales and laughter.



The Manzanita Group

You could not beat the backdrop.



Chris Berardi got a workout rowing against the wind



Beautiful Mount Lassen looming in the background



Tom Robinson shows dispays one of his brown trout



Fishmeister Chris Berardi with a very nice brown trout



Bob Brodberg was red hot at Lake McCumber



Another nice brown for Bob





FFD Outing: Hat Creek 101 & Burney Creek

Photos by FFD Members

Hat Creek was a great turn out with 13 attendees and one dog. The weather was great and the fishing was tough but most caught fish. The fish were extremely quick to spit your fly out if you where not fast on the strike. We fished Hat Creek on Saturday and Burney Creek on Sunday. Burney Creek had multiple hatches going from Salmon, Golden Stones, Caddis and PMD's hatching all at one time. We did find a great place that had a bunch of wild rainbows that were very grabby at the base of Burney Falls pool. Every body gained probably 5 pounds from all the great food we ate. We had great company and everybody learned a lot.

If you have never been to Hat Creek or Burney Creek plan on signing up for next years outing.

Thanks All that Attended.

Dana Hooper



Dan Kathan with 101 Instructor Dana Hooper



Curse? What curse Paul Hadley? Nice Rainbow



Claudio Sorrentino with his first rainbow on the fly

Fish On!



Giacomo Sorrentino with a bigger rainbow than his Dad



Tom Robinson with one of the smallest trout that day



Elly May wants to fish to



The pelicans are wondering what all the excitement is all about





That's the life! Where my bone?



The 2 Burger Club!



Dana even made brownies to cap off the evening... Where's the



Dana Hooper prepares another epic meal for the group



Some of them made it the 3 Burger Club....



Tom starting a new fad... watermelon beer. Refreshing!



Dana Hooper on Burney Creek.



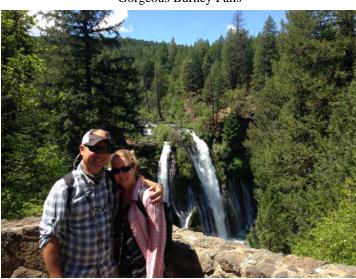
Rick Kennedy and other observe Dana down below



Gorgeous Burney Falls



Dana, Lyn and Elly May. Aren't they cute!







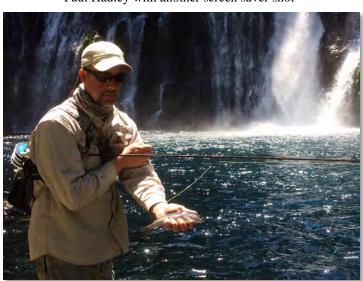
Paul Berliner poses with the Falls. Screen saver material



Paul Hadley with another screen saver shot



Dana and Giacomo fish the pool at the bottom of the Falls



Dana landed a few fish... they were quite blue in color



Claudio and Giacomo... our newest fly fishers



Another great 101 Hat Creek Outing. Thanks Dana!

Book/DVD Review of the Month By Jim Luschwitz

"The Little Red Book of Fly Fishing"

By Kirk Deeter and Charlie Meyer

I had seen this book on the shelf at the bookstore but resisted reading it. It wasn't like any "how to" book that I'd read before and I just couldn't get my head around how this deadly little tome might actually contain enough knowledge to warrant the seventeen dollar purchase price (\$11ish on Amazon).

The book is organized into five sections covering casting, presentation, reading water, rigging flies and then the final section on everything else. Each section contains some of the book's 250 tips written in a very direct and conversational style. Each tip is penned by either Charlie or Kirk (their respective initials are at the end of each) and provides a unique point of view on each subject.

What I liked most about this book is the style and intent of the authors. As opposed to some academic version on the subject of fly angling it feels like you're sitting around the fire at the end of a long day on the water, drinking beer and listening to your buddies talk about what worked and what didn't during the day.

Like most advice, especially from your fishing buddies, it's a take it or leave it sort of thing. Some ideas immediately click because you've been there

> before, experienced the problem and can see how the tip might just work. Other's work because you've heard them twice before and now on the third try it's starting to sink in. Still others provide food for thought.

So, I give this book a solid recommendation with one caveat. I don't think this is a book for the beginner. You need some fly fishing context

for the lessons contained within. You have to get out and make a bunch of mistakes and learn a few hard knocks lessons before I believe the advice will

have the most positive impact. But I would highly recommend this book for someone who's on the journey to becoming an experienced fly angler.





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2014 - 2015

<u>Trip 2014</u>	<u>Fish</u>		Dates	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lake Davis	Trout		June 5 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be issue
1 st Annual Delta Bass n Fly	Bass		June 7	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Rules to be announced
Fuller Lake	Trout		June 28	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 10 - 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		Aug. 7 - 10	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 18 - 21	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be issue
Payne Ranch	Smallies		Oct 11th	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lower Sac Float	Trout		Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2014	Steelhead		October 30 - 31	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2014	Stripers		November 15	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	Share gas with Boat
Luk Lake	Trout/bass		December 5 – 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2015</u>	<u>Fish</u>		Dates	Fishmeister	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2015	Steelhead	Guided	Jan. 12 - 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		ТВА	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170per day +tip
Pyramid	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr	sk60@putahcre	ektrout.org
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout	Float	April	Chris Berardi		Camping
Hat Creek	Trout		May	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		May	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
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Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip





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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.

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