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The Fisherman's Line

June Meeting, Tuesday June 24th, 6:00pm @ Pioneer Park (5035 Hamel St, Davis, CA) FFD Annual Picnic



THE PREZ SEZ

By Bob Brodberg

Don't forget our meeting this month is the annual picnic at Pioneer Park on June 24. Look for details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

I recently participated in the 1st Annual Delta Bass n Fly Tourney. Dana picked a hot weekend – weather-wise – for the event. I expect to take home the prize for the smallest fish of the day – slightly bigger than the crease fly I was using. Still it was a fun day. We have a day-trip to Fuller Lake coming up June 28, and two trips in July. Lewiston Lake is scheduled for July 10-13. You can fish on the lake or a section of the Trinity River. Due to water conditions I have moved the Old Fogies outing to July 10-13. This outing is for those who like to hike before they fish.

Bob

There ain't but one time to go fishin'
And that's whenever you can.

-Diron Talbert-



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					
June	Annual Club Picnic	June 24	Pioneer Park					
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

FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS CLUB LIBRARY

By Dave Yarborough



BOOKS

1. ALL ABOUT TROUT

2. CONCISE HANDBOOK FLY TYING

3. FLY FISHING HANDBOOK

4. MODERN FLY CASTING METHOD

5. PURSUING WILD TROUT

DVD's

1. ENDANGERED SPECIES
CALIFORNIA FISH & GAME WARDENS

2. FLY FISHING DVD SAMPLER

BY: JOHN HOLT

BY: SKIP MORRIS

BY: D. WHITLOCK

BY: LEFTY KREH

BY: BOB MADGIC

BY: SGP

By: Various

3. FLY TYING DISC 1 & 2 BY: LANI WALLER 4. FLY FISHING SCHOOLS BY: JEFF PUTMAN 5. IMPROVE YOUR FLY CASTING BY: JACK DENNIS 6. RIVERS OF A LOST COAST BY: 7. SALMON RUNNING THE GAUNTLET By: PBS 8. SAVING THE BAY BY: 9. THE WAY OF A TROUT By: TU 10. TYING DEER HAIR BASS BUGS BY: J MURAKOSHI

DVD INSTRUCTIONALS

DRIFT BOAT BASICS
 PONTOON BOAT PARADISE
 STILLWATER TIPS
 BY: CLCKACRAFT
 BY: D. SCADDEN
 BY: VARIOUS

VHS TAPES

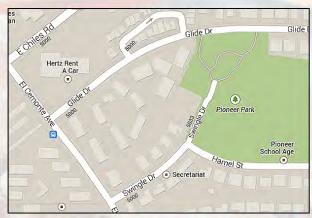
1. ALL ABOUT COLORADO'S TROUT BY: CO OUTDOORS 2. CASTING APPROACH TO NYMPHING BY: J. HUMPHREYS By: Co Outdoors 3. COLORADO FISHING HOT SPOTS 4. Essence of Flycasting II BY: M. KRIEGER 5. FLY TYING BASICS BY: JACK DENNIS 6. FLY FISHING PACIFIC STEELHEAD BY: LANI WALLER 7. PAN FISHING BY: 8. TROUT STRATEGIES BY: DAVE EMBRY 9. WET FLY & NYMPH SECRETS BY: HAL JANSSEN

Happening Soon! FFD Annual Picnic

On Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00pm we will hold the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic. This year the picnic will be held at Pioneer Park in Davis. Pioneer Park is a nicely nicely shaded park next to Pioneer School, accessible via Swingle Dr.

The Annual Picnic is a great time for families to get together, discuss their summer plans, and of course swap fishing stories. We will also announce the winner of the 1st Annual Bass and Fly Tournament!

The Club provides the main dishes which include: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breasts. Bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share using the following guide:



Pioneer Park • 5035 Hamel Street, Davis CA

LAST NAME: DISH

A - G: Side Dish or Chips

H - M: Salads

N - Z: Wonderful Desserts

Fly Fishing 2.0 Fly Fishing in the Information Age

By Dan Brugger

PART ONE: Internet Resources

I fondly recall when I first started fly fishing with my father in the mid 80's. We would plan our forays into Northern California trout country by gathering information from helpful members of our local fly fishing group and experts at the local fly shop. Maps in hand, we

would travel to areas marked by red circles and yellow highlighter. It was a bit of a journey into the little known. After fishing, my father and I would jot down notes in the spiral bound fishing log complete with little scrawled pictures indicating just where that fish was juxtaposed to that log. Learning to tie knots was passed down through photo-copied sheets or taught at the streamside. Fly tying was demonstrated at the bench or through books.

Perhaps this was a simpler time?

Whether we like it or not, we now live in the

information/internet age. Expertise and information is now readily available at the click of a hyperlink and is often free or relatively cheap to obtain. In this first part, I would like to review some of the internet websites that I have found particularly entertaining or helpful.

Internet resources about fly fishing are now quite comprehensive. Chances are if you have an interest in some minutiae of fly fishing, there will be a website that will cater to you. Do you want to find out more about Tenkara fly fishing for carp in Colorado? You'll find it on the internet. A Google search



should get you on the right track (just don't follow the pop-ups!) I have found the following websites particularly informative. Some of these are on my daily "surf" list and they have sucked up an inordinate amount of my time between actual fishing outings.

For the breadth and

Kutzer hosts some fantastic casting instruction videos. Of course if you would like to pick up the latest and greatest Helios 2 rod, they will make it easy to find but there really isn't as

much product pushing as one would think.

depth of fly fishing

interest, not many sites

Learning Center. For a

person who is just

beat the Orvis Fly Fishing

breaking into the sport or

even for someone who

advanced techniques, I

wants to learn some

cannot think of any

better place to start.

Tom Rosenbauer is

featured on many of

these online learning

of knowledge. Peter

videos and he is a wealth

Stevan Ojai's Fly Fishing the Sierra is a comprehensive site about fly fishing in the Sierras (surprise!). On this site you will find everything you will ever need to plan your foray into the Sierras. This includes flies to try (including many tying instructions), maps, techniques and even camp grounds to stay when visiting.

Zeroing in to the Sacramento area internet resources, there are two fantastic message boards which allow fly fisherman to get connected locally. One of the most



active message boards anywhere is Bill Kiene's Kiene's Fly Shop Forum. Most people probably know that Kiene's was sold and the physical store is now Fishwest Sacramento. The forum however is still going strong as ever and is a great resource for Northern Californian fishing information and helpful site enhanced by a thriving community. Our home water of Putah Creek has a wonderful message board as well. The site is sponsored by local guide Greg Bonovich and is called the Putah Creek Fly Fishing Forum. If you are interested in testing your mettle on this technical tailwater, a simple search or inquiry on this site will set you on the proper path. May I suggest that you shouldn't post a hero shot of a spawning fish in winter on this board. Many regulars have toiled hard to bring this water back from the brink and they have no qualms in setting perceived transgressors straight. I met one of the directors of Putah Creek Trout, Steve Karr, through this board. After he graciously shared the water

with me one day, I went from getting routinely skunked on the Putah to feeling much more confident.

I'll end this part with a few miscellaneous sites I have found worthwhile. Moldy Chum is a provocative, informative and entertaining website catering to the extreme, perhaps adventurous fly fisher. It is more of a lifestyle site. Two good websites for fly tying enthusiasts that I have found are Global FlyFisher and videos hosted on the website Vimeo by Tightline Productions. Tightline Production videos have excellent production values and are the best fly tying videos I have ever seen. Orvis has recently begun to host their videos on their site by the way.

These suggestions are by no means exhaustive. They are heavily biased to my particular interests and experience. I hope this was informative and stimulating. The second part will concentrate on the use of smartphones (especially the Apple iPhone) to enhance your fly fishing endeavors.

American River Stripers is ON! By Toby Uppinghouse



American River Stripers are ON! Try to get out in the next couple weeks! The flows are up for at least the next week and the striper fishing has opened up big time. The hatchery is suppose to release all of their smolt and this could create even more of a feeding frenzy. Don't miss out on this striper fishery, it may not last as long this year because of the low and warmer waters. Very limited dates left.

June 26,27 July 1,2,7,8,10,11 August 5,6,7,8,11,12,19,20,21

Toby Uppinghouse Edgewater Outfitters 916-505-4773 flyfishtoby@yahoo.com

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 comment period extended to July 29! OK, if you've procrastinated and didn't get your comments in on the BDCP there's still time. The Implementing Agreement was released on May 30 with a 60-day comment period. For the sake of consistency, and because the Implementation Agreement is part of the BDCP, the resources agency declared all comments will be due on July 29. So you still have time to get your comments in. You can find the Implementing Agreement (as well as the entire BDCP) at http://www.baydeltaconservationplan.com.

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 http://restorethedelta.org/how-to-comment-on-bdcp/ 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 July 29, 2014.

Senator Feinstein pushes S 2918 Senator Dianne Feinstein pushed S 2918 through the Senate last month. The bill would allow more water for Westlands' and Kern Water Districts' mega-growers in the midst of a severe drought.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein's S 2918 uses the current drought to make changes to water law that undo critical protections for our salmon and other fisheries, and the

people who rely on our river system. While it makes sense to take prudent steps to address the drought, it is unwise to use the current lack of water to do the bidding of mega-growers who want more and more water for permanent crops on unsuitable lands. That's who gets most of the water in our public projects: huge industrial farming operations in the Westlands and Kern Water Districts. Sen. Feinstein is responding to the urging of these growers, many of whom have contributed mightily to her campaigns.

Better Water Resources Solution Restore the Delta (RTD) recently released "There's a Better Solution" in response to Sen. Dianne Feinstein's claim that "environmentalists are no help" in solving California's water resources challenges. Restore the Delta's storyboard video describes what water efficiency would accomplish for the Delta and for meeting California's water and jobs needs. RTD has long offered a sustainable water policy.

"Sen. Feinstein is carrying water in S 2198 for huge industrial mega-growers who have planted thousands of additional acres of almonds on dry lands in Westlands and Kern Water Districts in the midst of our three-year dry spell," said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director of RTD. "Sen. Feinstein's response to this unsustainable overplanting of permanent crops on unsustainable lands without their own water supply is to strip sustainable farms and fisheries of protections so these huge growers can water their unwise plantings."

"During times of drought, people think about big water projects as the solution because most people have seen large canals or dams that hold and convey water. We decided to create a storyboard that shows what water efficiency looks like with easy to understand facts so that people can learn why water efficiency is the better value for each dollar spent on water infrastructure. The water efficiency story will be turned into a feature video in the months ahead -- and it will tell the story of how water efficiency throughout California is the solution for the Delta and the citizens of California."

The video is at http://youtu.be/Ml pCr2uMaE.

BDCP misleads California The Environmental Water Caucus has responded to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and its associated Environmental Impact Report with a stinging 250-page critique of BDCP's inadequacies and multiple failures to conform to state and federal laws. Among the criticisms detailed in the Caucus' review are that it is contrary to the Delta

Reform Act of 2009, it fails to provide adequate ecological assurances under state and federal endangered species laws, it fails to assure funding for the project, and it fails to analyze reasonable alternatives to the preferred plan for huge tunnels under the Delta. Other points highlighted by the Caucus include:

- Exporting more water out of the Delta was a foregone conclusion for the main proponents of the plan, which are the powerful water districts south of the Delta. BDCP has cherry picked the science to support that objective and has created 40,000 pages of biased analytical findings to support that predetermined goal, trying to hide the real intent in the process.
- Federal and state laws require that a permissible project must contain a solid financing plan precisely the kind of plan that BDCP lacks. Even after seven years of planning and debate, BDCP fails to spell out who will be responsible for the \$50 to \$60 billion cost. Tax payers can expect to pick up most of that tab.
- The Bay Delta "Conservation" Plan has little to do with conservation. In an effort to mislead the public, BDCP disingenuously characterizes the eight-lane expressway sized tunnels that will drain the Delta of life sustaining freshwater as a "Conservation Measure".
- Purporting to restore Delta ecosystems and protect its most vulnerable fish species, BDCP would instead further reduce natural Delta flows to San Francisco Bay, helping push listed, vulnerable salmon and resident fish species into oblivion, and officiate at the demise of California's salmon industry.

- BDCP proffers the snake-oil hypothesis that physical habitat can substitute for water flows, while ignoring the fact that water is aquatic habitat. While BDCP analyzes the tunnels at a specific project level, habitat is only analyzed at a conceptual level. BDCP only promises to restore some acres of habitat somewhere at sometime in the future, if funding can be secured, while ignoring that most habitat restoration efforts in the past have failed to achieve predicted results.
- BDCP will degrade water quality and harm beneficial uses of water in the Delta, along with promoting wasteful and unreasonable uses of water south of the Delta, contrary to numerous state and federal water quality laws and the California Water Code.
- While BDCP trumpets the risks to California's water supply from massive Delta levee failures due to earthquakes, BDCP lifts not a finger to address these supposed seismic levee issues.
- The current plan heightens opposition to the project, reinforcing the view that this project must not go forward.

Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, of Restore the Delta, characterizes the BDCP as "a construction project masquerading as a habitat conservation plan". "The plan is an omelet of distortion and half-truth intended to mislead and deceive", according to Bill Jennings of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. The Environmental Water Caucus proposes an alternative that reduces water exports to a more sustainable level, in order to permit recovery of the Delta while maintaining water supplies for both Delta and south of Delta water users.

See the detailed Caucus comments at: www.ewccalifornia.org.

NCCFFF REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Here's a summary of actions taken by NCCFFF and supporters working with NCCFFF to help protect our fisheries.

<u>S 2918 opposed</u> NCCFFF sent a request to all members with information on how to oppose Senator Feinstein's S 2918, a drought bill that would harm Bay-Delta fisheries. See the note above for more information on that bill.

Salmon protections from pesticide use A coalition of advocates for alternatives to pesticides, conservation organizations, and fishing groups have reached a significant agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The agreement restores reasonable no-spray buffer zones to protect salmon and steelhead from five broad-spectrum insect killers – diazinon, chlorpyrifos, malathion, carbaryl, and methomyl.

These insecticides, some of which are derived from nerve toxins developed during World War II, can harm salmon in a number of ways. They can kill the fish directly, obliterate their habitat, and impair their ability to swim or interfere with their ability to navigate back to their home streams to spawn. They can also kill the insects salmon need to eat to survive.

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 National Marine Fisheries Service (Fisheries Service) completes analyses of the impacts of these five pesticides on the fish. Then, the EPA must

implement permanent protections grounded in the Fisheries Service's findings.

"We have many areas of overlap in California between farming and imperiled salmon and steelhead runs, including many coastal river valleys, wine-growing regions, and the Central Valley," said Lowell Ashbaugh of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. "Many farmers in these areas are already engaged in fish-friendly practices, and these measures will ensure that all farmers keep poisonous chemicals out of sensitive rivers and streams. Preventing the release of these chemicals into the environment is the most sensible and cost-effective way to ensure the health of our fisheries."

The buffers reinstated under the agreement were previously required by a2004 court order after the federal courts ordered the EPA to consult with the Fisheries Service over the impacts of these chemicals on the imperiled salmon. That injunction expired when the Fisheries Service completed its analysis of these chemicals in 2008 and 2009. While the Fisheries Service required the EPA to adopt extensive permanent protections to keep these deadly chemicals out of salmon streams within one year, EPA failed to take action, leaving salmon and steelhead with no protection from these neurotoxic chemicals. The agreement resolves litigation filed by these groups in 2010 to compel EPA to adopt permanent protective measures in line with the Fisheries Service's findings. This settlement will end years of litigation and save taxpayer money by allowing the EPA to focus its resources on permanent solutions.

Forest Service road repairs supported The NCCFFF signed on to a TU letter in support of the Forest Service Legacy Roads and Trails (LRT) Program. The Forest Service has about 375,000 miles of roads, nearly 8 times

more miles than our nation's Interstate Highway system. Many of these routes haven't been maintained in decades and are prone to failure or are bleeding sediment into waterways that can clog critical trout and salmon spawning beds. In many cases, poorly constructed stream crossings create fish passage barriers and washout problems. The LRT has helped make significant progress to address our aging road system. By repairing needed routes, replacing culverts to benefit trout and salmon and decommissioning redundant and environmentally damaging roads, LRT funding has helped secure public lands infrastructure and improved habitat for wildlife that future generations of sportsmen are counting on us to preserve.

Anadromous fish plans The NCCFFF is pursuing actions requesting the Fish and Game Commission to establish strategic plans to manage anadromous fish throughout the state. This process may take some time, but is progressing and may take the form of a public – private partnership.

Smith River snagging A task force working with the NCCFFF is working on preventing salmon snagging on the Smith River. Currently, many salmon are illegally snagged near the mouth of the Smith. We also may be able to establish an automatic fish-counting system on the Smith to obtain reliable counts of returning salmon on that system.



FFD Outing: Shad on the Sacramento

Photos by FFD Members

The Club's annual shad outing was held on May 23 on the Sacramento River in Chico where two years ago we went because of low water at the usual spot upriver a few miles. Unlike the prior trip, in this case everyone caught something-this fishmeister's definition of a successful outing.

There were a few tense moments early on when basically nothing was happening. About 5:30 the switch went on and slowly the fish began being landed. The bite held up until dusk, particularly in the area near shore where in the last half hour swinging flies produced at least a grab every other cast.

High boat by a fish or so was the Hump/Lutch combo with about 20. Rookie Newsletter editor Tom caught his first and 4 more and in the process seems to have both acquired an appreciation for why the Club has a small but committed coterie of shad fishers and substantially enhanced his already well developed interest in acquiring a boat of his own for Delta and river use. The sawbones Donn and Dan overcame anchoring issues to have a good time, and Tom Martens and Dan Kathan, also boating neophytes as to shad, enjoyed the strong pull of these king sized herring.

The catch included both bucks and hens. Fortunately I think I was the only one to catch a real dink with the remaining males of reasonable size. The hens seemed to be in the three to 4 pound range. Overall a good outing well worth the drive and late hour return.



Launching at Scotty's Boat Landing



Jim Humphrey nets another John Lutch Shad

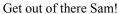


Carey Boyden finds the pod of Shad. Sam approves!



Tom Robinson land his first shad... and it's a HEN!







Another great meal and Nancy's Airport Cafe

FFD Outing: Lower Yuba UC Davis Property

Photos by FFD Members

A beautiful day at the Lower Yuba UCD property. Many had never seen the water so low, which gave access to some holes that had never been fished before and yielded some nice rainbows.



The group rigs up in style. A good turnout.



Bernie Weston is the first to rig up and hit the water.



The river was low, but temperature and flows were perfect



Dana Hooper with one of many rainbows landed that day



Tom Robinson nets a nice Lower Yuba Rainbow



Bob Stewart fishing the perfect drift









The river was low, but temperature and flows were perfect

Bernie lands a nice 12 inch rainbow

FFD Outing: Delta Bass and Fly Tournament

Photos by FFD Members

For those that did not keep up with us on Twitter the FFD First annual Bass N Fly Tourney started off with 5 and a half teams launching at the crack of dawn on Saturday June 7th. Weather was forecasted to be blistering hot and it was. Almost everybody caught some fish or had chances at catching some black bass on top water flies. Team 1 had a great day boating over twenty fish and with an entry to gain second place with a 4.2 lber, but the winner and also boating over twenty fish for the day was Team 6 with a 6.3 lber.

I want to thank all the participants for attending the first FFD Annual Bass N Fly Tourney.

Stay tuned for next years Tourney.

For those that would like to learn there will be a Bass Class in the Fall. Look for the sign up at your next meeting. Dana Hooper



Tournament team materials



Chris Berardi of Team 6 is the first to check in



Team 1 is on the move on a hot Saturday on the Delta



Tom Robinson with a nice large mouth



Dana Hooper is ready to set the hook with some top water action



Dana Hooper measures one of his many Delta Largemouth

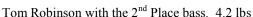


Bob Brodberg shows off the winner of the smallest bass



At 11 cm it is barely larger than the popper he was fishing







Chris Berardi with the Winning Bass. 6.3 lbs

FFD Outing: Davis Lake

Photos by FFD Members

The annual Spring Davis trip was held from the 4th to 8th. It was another successful trip with up to 14 attendees on one day. As has become the norm, the meals were sumptuous. The weather was incredible with only minimal times of bothersome winds. And, most important, everyone caught fish. In that regard see Paul Berliner's account of the trip's truly unique highlight elsewhere in this edition.

Probably the most pleasant surprise was that a smaller numbers of fish in the net overall was more than compensated for by the size and strength of the fish. The FWD has gone to planting triploids (sterile) in all venues where escape to a steelhead stream is a theoretical potential (in the case of Davis obviously extremely so). These fish not having the next generation in mind tend to grow fast, be heavy and fight very well. For the group the fish landed probably averaged 18 inches with several up to 22. For those looking ahead to September's trip (assuming there is one which will depend on launch facilities in light of the dropping lake levels) this means a viable shot at a 5-6 pound fish.



Davis Lake in the Spring. Blue skies and crystal clear water



A thick Davis Lake trout



Cary Boyden's 22 inch Rainbow



Davis Lake Happy Hour with Dr. Donn as your host



We always eat well at these outings



Where is my dinner?



The Davis Lake crew talks over the day's happenings



Beware what happens when sitting around an FFD campfire

Jack and Paul's Excellent Adventure

As retold by Paul Berliner

The fishing was pretty tough at this year's June outing to Lake Davis, although the weather was superb, as Cary has noted. I fished with Jack Norlyn the entire weekend, and we managed to land a few, and lose a few on Friday.

Saturday was no exception, and by the time 5:00 PM rolled around, I had managed to land one, and Jack was still empty handed. We saw Cary and Jim Humphrey motor on by (in his Tin Can), headed for the area called "Catfish," and we decided to follow. When we got to Catfish, Cary told us to back into this small island right beside him, and cast out to the drop-off. At this point, Jack had already cast out, and as he spun the boat and put it in slow reverse, his indicator was about 10 yards off of the bow.

As we backed up, Jack set his rod down beside him. At that moment, his indicator took a dive (Jack's first grab of the day), and the trout headed east — taking Jack's rod and reel with him. It happened so fast that Jack couldn't grab it to hold on. As I dropped anchor, I heard Jack say, "I lost my rod."

"Excuse me?" I said? "What?"

"I got a take-down, and he dragged my St. Croix off of the bow, and it's now at the bottom of Lake Davis," Jack said.

I was upset, and Jack was even more upset, but what could he do? We relayed this to Cary and Jim, and Jim decided to rig up for a rescue, which was very much appreciated. He put on heavy sinking line, and he and Cary trolled back and forth across our bow for about four passes — hoping to snag the line. However, they came up empty, said Goodbye, and left for Honker Cove.

So by now, about 30 minutes had gone by, and Jack and I reeled in and packed up to head for camp. I asked Jack, just on the slimmest of chances, to motor forward slowly due east (in the general direction of the thieving trout). We knew that his indicator floated and his St. Croix was rigged with floating line, so I held out some hope (pretty slim at this point). I stood up as we moved forward, scanning down in the water, left and right — 50 yards, 75 yards, 100 yards, 150 yards ...

... and I screamed "Jack! I see something! Turn the boat around!"

Jack turned the boat, and there was the floating line! I leaned over the stern, reached into the water, grabbed the line, and pulled. "Holy crap!" (That's not exactly what I said ...) "There's the rod!"

I pulled in the rod, perfectly intact, and handed it to Jack. I then untangled the floating line from under the prop, and continued pulling in the remaining line. About 30 seconds later, I yelled "Get the net!" The thieving trout was still hooked on the bottom Ice Cream Cone fly, and seemingly no worse for wear.

We netted him, revived him, took the trophy picture of the day (with Jack's biggest smile ever), let him go ... and laughed all the way back to Honker Cove.

I love a happy ending.



Book/DVD Review of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

"Tippet Shootout"

By James Anderson

The full article appeared in Fly Fisherman magazine last year, so some of you may have seen it. This is always an interesting subject as new materials come out. This is a condensed version, but you can read the full article with much more data at:

http://www.flyfisherman.com/2012/05/07/2012-tippet-shootout/.

Lee Wulff was once asked, "What is the greatest improvement you've seen in fly fishing?" His reply, "The tippet."

In A. J. McClane's The Practical Fly Fisherman, published in 1953, the author included a tippet chart that rated 0X as 2-pound-test! Today, the best 6X tippets have tested nearly double that, with an average breaking strength of 3.78 pounds.

Here in the US we designate an "X" to our tippet sizes, based on thousandths of an inch. The X system itself can be confusing to beginners. For example, 6X does not mean the tippet is 6-pound-test, it means that tippet diameter is .005 inches. 0X tippet is .011" and each step "up" in X size is .001" in diameter smaller. Most extruded monofilaments are produced in Germany or Japan, and some tippet labels designate materials in millimeters.

Testing Procedures

Chances are, you work for a living and have neither the time nor the resources to test tippet all day. We took the time, and after a month of testing more than 30 products and tying 2,500 knots, we have come to some conclusions.

Here are a few summary charts of the final data, and the conclusion chart, but there is much much more interesting data, including knot testing, contained in the full article.

Final	Results	Best in Test	Price \$	Tippet Spool Design	Adv. Size VS Tested Size	Adv. Strength vs Tested Strength	Tested Diameter vs Industry Avg.	Avg. Tested Diameter	Avg. Tested Breaking Strength	Tippet to Tippet Knot Strength	Tippet to Fly Knot	Wind Knot Strength	Abrasion Resistance	Invisibility to the fish	Casting Accuracy	Expert Angler's Preference	Grand Total
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1	TroutHunte	r Fluorocarbon	13	#	#	18	17	17	18	17	17	17	20	#	#	#	254
2	Seguar Grai	ndMax Fluorocarbon	10	19	19	17	17	17	19	17	17	17	20	#	#	#	249
3	Rio Powerflex Nylon			19	19	19	19	#	17	#	#	#	14	10	15	15	243
4	Stroft GTM	18	13	16	20	18	18	#	18	18	17	15	10	#	14	235	
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	Standard Industry Average	dvertised Diameter (in mm)	Average Tested Diameter (in mm)	Advertised Breaking Strength (in lbs.)	fested Breaking Strength (in lbs.)	Weraged Diameter (in mm)	Averaged Breaking strength (in lbs.)	Stretch before breaking (in inches)	Stiffness / Suppleness	Country of Origin	Meters per spool	Retail cost / price per unit	Guide Spool Meters per Spool	Guide Spool Price Per Unit	Canal Profes
NYLON BRAND TESTED		1				¥	¥		•	,				_	
Stroft 2X	0.229	0.229	0.239	11.2	11.53			1.9	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$5.95/.24¢	100	.09¢	
4.5X	0.178	0.165	0.175	6.6	8.13	0.182	7.87	1.9	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$5.95/.24¢	100	.09¢	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.133	10	3.96			1.9	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$5.95/.24¢	100	.09¢	
Rio Powerflex 2X 4X	0.229	0.229	0.228	10 6.4	10.67 6.6	0.175	6.93	2.2	Medium Medium	Japan Japan	100	\$4.50/.16¢ \$4.50/.16¢	100	.09¢	
6X	0.178	0.178	0.175	3.4	3.52	0.173	0.55	2.1	Medium	Japan Japan	100	\$4.50/.16¢	100	.09¢	1
Dai Riki GTS 2X	0.229	0.229	0.236	11	10.83			2.3	Medium	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A	.034	
4X	0.178	0.178	0.168	6	5.64	0.178	6.53	2.3	Medium	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A		
6X	0.127	0.127	0.13	3.5	3.14			1.7	Medium	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A	-	
Frog Hair 2X	0.229	0.223	0.251	11.1	9.48			2	Stiff	Japan	30	\$7.95/.26¢	100	0.33¢	
4X	0.178	0.178	0.182	6.2	6.22	0.189	6.49	2.3	Stiff	Japan	30	\$7.95/.26¢	100	0.33¢	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.134	3.7	3.78			2.6	Stiff	Japan	30	\$7.95/.26¢	100	0.33¢	-
Cortland Precision 2X	0.229	0.23	0.237	10	9.41			2.1	Stiff	Japan	27.4	\$4.25/0.15¢	N/A	-	
4X	0.178	0.18	0.183	6.2	6.63	0.184	6.44	1.9	Stiff	Japan	27.4	\$4.25/0.15¢	N/A	-	
6X	0.127	0.13	0.131	3.2	3.29			2	Stiff	Japan	27.4	\$4.25 / 0.15¢	N/A	-	L
Orvis Super Strong 2X 4X	0.229	0.23	0.245	11.5 6	9.6 5.84	0.187	6.3	3 2	Medium Medium	Japan Japan	100 100	\$4.25 / 0.14¢ \$4.25 / 0.14¢	100	.09¢	
6X	0.178	0.17	0.181	3.5	3.47	0.167	0.3	1.8	Medium	Japan Japan	100	\$4.25 / 0.14¢	100	.09¢	
Umpqua Nylon 2X	0.127	0.13	0.24	10.7	10.45			1.9	Medium	Japan	27	\$4.25/.15¢	92	0.10¢	П
4X	0.178	0.18	0.171	6	5.29	0.18	6.28	2	Medium	Japan	27	\$4.25/.15¢	92	0.10¢	Н
6X	0.127	0.13	0.128	3.5	3.11			2	Medium	Japan	27	\$4.25/.15¢	92	0.10¢	
Trout Hunter 2X	0.229	0.235	0.239	10	9.49			2.8	Supple	Japan	50	\$6.95/13¢	N/A		-
4X	0.178	0.185	0.186	6.9	5.96	0.187	6.27	2.7	Supple	Japan	50	\$6.95/13¢	N/A	-	1
6X	0.127	0.14	0.135	3.3	3.36			2.7	Supple	Japan	50	\$6.95/13¢	N/A	-	-
Dai-Riki Dynamic 2X	0.229	0.229	0.241	11	10.17			2.5	Supple	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A		
4X	0.178	0.178	0.172	6	4.95	0.181	6.06	2.1	Supple	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A	-	L
6X	0.127	0.127	0.13	3.5	3.08			1.8	Supple	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A		L
Varivas Master Spec 2X	0.229	0.235	0.235	9.1	9.53	0.170		2.2	Medium	Japan	30	\$14.00 / .46¢	N/A	-	
4X 6X	0.178	0.165 0.128	0.169 0.129	5.1 3.5	4.94 3.59	0.178	5.9	1.8	Medium Medium	Japan Japan	50 50	\$14.00 / .28¢ \$14.00 / .28¢	N/A N/A		
Scientific Anglers 2X	0.127	0.128	0.129	10.5	9.48			2	Supple	Japan Japan	30	\$4.65/.15¢	N/A		Н
Scientific Anglers 2X	0.229	0.229	0.234	6.8	5.36	0.178	5.78	2	Supple	Japan Japan	30	\$4.65/.15¢	N/A	-	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.172	3.7	1.5	0.270	3.70	1.5	Supple	Japan	30	\$4.65/.15¢	N/A	-	Н
Climax 98 2X	0.229	0.23	0.224	9	8.57			1.9	Stiff	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	N/A		
4X	0.178	0.18	0.173	6	5.34	0.173	5.55	2	Stiff	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	100	.09¢	
6X	0.127	0.14	0.121	3.8	2.76			1.9	Stiff	Japan	30	\$3.95 / .13¢	100	.09¢	ı
Hardy Marksman 2X	0.229	0.2	0.2	7	7.7			1.8	Medium	Japan	50	\$6.99 / .13¢	N/A	-	
4X	0.178	0.16	0.159	5	5.19	0.159	5.26	1.6	Medium	Japan	50	\$6.99 / .13¢	N/A	-	
6X	0.127	0.12	0.119	3	2.9			1.9	Medium	Japan	50	\$6.99 / .13¢	N/A		L
Maxima Clear 2X	0.229	0.229	0.256	6	7.64			1.9	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$4.95/.20¢	N/A	-	
4X	0.178		0.198	4	5.07	0.2	5.21	1.7	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$4.95/.20¢	N/A	-	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.145	2	2.92			2.1	Stiff	Germany	24.7	\$4.95/.20¢	N/A	-	

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eaguar GrandMax 2X 4X	0.229	0.235	0.238	7	7.01	0.186	7.31	2.2	Stiff	Japan Japan	22.8	\$15.95/69¢	N/A N/A	-	1
6X	0.178	0.128	0.133	3.7	3.79	0.100	7.51	2.1	Stiff	Japan	22.8	\$15.95/69¢	N/A	-	
rout Hunter 2X	0.229	0.235	0.234	11	10.45			2.8	Stiff	Japan	50	\$22.95/45¢	N/A	-	
4X	0.178	0.185	0.191	7.1	7.06	0.186	7.11	1.8	Stiff	Japan	50	\$22.95/45¢	N/A	-	
6X	0.127	0.14	0.133	3.6	3.83			2.1	Stiff	Japan	50	\$22.95/45¢	N/A	-	L
cientific Anglers 2X	0.229	0.229	0.245	9.8	10.67			2.1	Stiff	Japan	25	\$14.95/59¢	N/A	-	L
4X 6X	0.178	0.179	0.187	6.2 3.2	6.95 3.46	0.188	7.02	1.9	Stiff Stiff	Japan	25 25	\$14.95/59¢	N/A	-	L
rvis Mirage 2X	0.127	0.127	0.132	12.5	11.03			2.7	Medium Stiff	Japan Japan	30	\$14.95/59¢ \$9.95/33¢	N/A 100	.29¢	H
4X	0.223	0.178	0.187	7	6.61	0.188	6.97	2.1	Medium Stiff	Japan	30	\$9.95/33¢	100	.29¢	ı
6X	0.127	0.152	0.127	3.6	3.29	0.200	0.57	1.9	Medium Stiff	Japan	30	\$9.95/33¢	100	.29¢	ı
rog Hair FC 2X	0.229	0.223	0.249	10	9.97			2.6	Stiff	Japan	25	\$13.95/56¢	100	.33¢	Г
4X	0.178	0.178	0.191	6.6	6.81	0.191	6.76	2.3	Stiff	Japan	25	\$13.95/56¢	100	.33¢	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.132	3	3.5			2.2	Stiff	Japan	25	\$13.95/56¢	100	.33¢	L
eaguar GrandMax FX 2X	0.229	0.235	0.233	12.5	9.98			2.2	Supple	Japan	22.8	\$15.95/69¢	N/A	-	
4X	0.178	0.185	0.195	7	6.59	0.188	6.71	1.9	Supple	Japan	22.8	\$15.95/69¢	N/A	-	ı
6X tio FluoroFlex 2X	0.127	0.128	0.136	3.7 12	3.76 11.19			2.9	Supple Medium	Japan	22.8	\$15.95/69¢ \$14.95/54¢	N/A 100	.39¢	H
4X	0.229	0.229	0.238	7	5.62	0.191	6.73	2.4	Medium	Japan Japan	27.4	\$14.95/54¢	100	.39¢	H
6X	0.127	0.127	0.129	3.6	3.4	0.232	0.75	2.3	Medium	Japan	27.4	\$14.95/54¢	100	.39¢	t
/arivas Super Tippet 2X	0.229	0.235	0.238	9.6	9.87			2.3	Medium stiff	Japan	30	\$15.00/50¢	N/A		t
4X	0.178	0.165	0.164	5.1	5.32	0.178	6.23	1.9	Medium stiff	Japan	30	\$15.00/50¢	N/A	-	ı
6X	0.127	0.128	0.131	3.4	3.51			2.1	Medium stiff	Japan	30	\$15.00/50¢	N/A	-	L
P-Line Shinsei 2X	0.229	0.26	0.252	8	11.09			1.9	Stiff	Japan	25	\$8.99/35¢	N/A	-	L
4X	0.178	0.17	0.172	4	5.72	0.184	6.72	1.9	Stiff	Japan	25	\$8.99/35¢	N/A	-	H
-Line CFX 2X	0.127	0.13	0.128	2 8	3.36 11.04			2.3	Stiff Stiff	Japan	25 25	\$8.99/35¢ \$7.99/31¢	N/A N/A		H
4X	0.225	0.20	0.164	4	5.66	0.183	6.7	1.9	Stiff	Japan Japan	25	\$7.99/31¢	N/A		ı
6X	0.127	0.13	0.129	2	3.4	0.203	0.,	1.9	Stiff	Japan	25	\$7.99/31¢	N/A		ı
Jmpqua Super Fluoro 2X	0.229	0.229	0.232	11	9.87			2.1	Medium	Japan	30	\$13.9546¢	91	0.41	Г
4X	0.178	0.178	0.179	7	5.88	0.178	6.04	1.9	Medium	Japan	30	\$13.9546¢	91	0.41	
6X	0.127	0.127	0.122	3.5	2.39			1.7	Medium	Japan	30	\$13.9546¢	91	0.41	L
Airflo Sightfree G3 2X	0.229	0.21	0.225	8	8.93	0.101		1.8	Medium	Japan	50	\$16.99/33¢	N/A	-	l
4X	0.178		0.185 0.148	6	5.84	0.186	6.29	2	Medium	Japan	50	\$16.99/33¢ \$16.99/33¢	N/A	-	
6X Climax 2X	0.127	0.14	0.148	9	9.26			2.1	Medium Stiff	Japan Germany	50 30	\$9.95/33¢	N/A N/A	-	۲
4X	0.223	0.23	0.185	5.5	5.64	0.192	6.32	1.7	Stiff	Germany	30	\$9.95/33¢	N/A	-	H
6X	0.127	0.12	0.151	3	4.08			1.9	Stiff	Germany	30	\$9.95/33¢	N/A	-	t
Cortland Precision 2X	0.229	0.23	0.239	8	9.29			2.1	Stiff	Germany	27.4	\$10.95/39¢	N/A	-	T
4X	0.178		0.186	5	5.39	0.192	6.23	2	Stiff	Germany	27.4	\$10.95/39¢	N/A	-	ı
6X	0.127	0.13	0.151	3	4.02			1.9	Stiff	Germany	27.4	\$10.95/39¢	N/A	-	L
Dai Riki 2X	0.229	0.229	0.228	11.3	9.34	0.176		1.9	Medium	Japan	30	\$8.95/30¢	N/A	-	L
4X 6X	0.178	0.178	0.172 0.13	5.6 3.4	5.2 3.08	0.176	5.87	1.9	Medium Medium	Japan	30	\$8.95/30¢	N/A N/A	-	H
Hardy Mach 2X	0.127	0.127	0.13	7	7.26			1.9	Supple	Japan Japan	50	\$8.95/30¢ \$14.99/29¢	N/A	-	H
4X	0.225	0.216	0.165	5	5.16	0.168	5.24	1.9	Supple	Japan	50	\$14.99/29¢	N/A		ı
6X	0.127	0.137	0.127	3	3.31			1.9	Supple		50	\$14.99/29¢	N/A		

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2014 - 2015

<u>Trip 2014</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
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		July 10 - 13	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 18 - 21	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be issue
Payne Ranch (Cache Creek)	Smallies		Oct 11th	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip Venue changed to Cache Creek
Lower Sac Float	Trout		Oct. 15 - 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>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2015	Steelhead	Guided	Jan. 12 - 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 4 - 8	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April 8 - 11	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170/day (check only) + tip
Pyramid	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr	sk60@putahcro	ektrout.org
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout	Float	April 17 - 19	Chris Berardi		Camping
Hat Creek	Trout		May 15 - 17	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Bass N Fly Tournament	Delta Bass	Boat	May 2	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBA	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Sac River Shad	Shad		May	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip





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