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

**July Meeting, Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>,  
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School  
Mikey Wier Presents:  
“Fly Fishing The Truckee River”**

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will host Mikey Wier, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, for a program called “Fly Fishing The Truckee River”. The Truckee is a high Sierra freestone that slices through mountains and canyons as it complete a long descent from Lake Tahoe to Reno and the Nevada desert. Mikey will discuss this technical scenic river, with its classic riffles and pools holding rainbows and browns up to 20 inches.



Growing up in the Sierra Foothills Mikey was always close to Nature. Spending a lot of time at the Lakes and Rivers he learned to fish and tie flies at a young age. Once he moved to Lake Tahoe he began to split his time between snowboarding in the winters and fly-fishing in the summers. Mikey spent 15 seasons fishing and guiding the waters of the Truckee, Carson, Walker rivers and surrounding waters. In 2001 he started BURL Productions specializing in adventure and outdoor films. Notable titles to his credit include FISH EYE Videos, Trout Bum Dairies 1, SOULFISH 1&2 and CALI RUSH. Mikey now works for California Trout helping to protect California's Trout Salmon Steelhead and blue ribbon waters. Mikey is an Ambassador for Patagonia Fly-Fishing, Loon Outdoors, Galvan Reels and Outcast boats.

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## **THE PREZ SEZ**

By Bob Brodberg

We had a great turnout for a rain-free Annual Picnic at Pioneer Park in June. Many stories were told and the winners of the Addled Angler Award and 1<sup>st</sup> Delta Bass n Fly Tourney were announced. Congratulations Jack and Chris. Thanks to Chefs Dana and Chris and the set-up crew.

Mike Weir will be talking about the Truckee River at our July meeting. This is a timely topic since the fishing reports for the Truckee have been good. We take a break in August – no meeting. Go out and fish with family and friends. Enjoy and stay hydrated!

Bob

Rainbow trout fishing is a different from brook fishing as prize fighting is from boxing.

-Ernest Hemingway-



## **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.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2014 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
July	Mike Weir	July 29	Truckee River
August	NO MEETING		
September	TBD	September 30	TBD
October	Kit Mulin	October 28	Pit River
November	George Revel	November 25	Casting
December	Home Grown	TBD	TBD
January	Jay Clark	January 27	Pyramid Lake

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

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## **FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS CLUB LIBRARY**

**By Dave Yarborough**



Thanks for your help in upgrading our book and DVD library. New books and DVD's are coming in from members each month. We are still accepting any donations.

**Remember that we need you to return them so that other members have a chance to check them out as well.**

The new book in July will be Fly Fishing the Delta and the DVD's are J. Fair's Sure Fire Trolling Flies and A Kid's Guide to Fly Fishing. In the mean time stop by the library table and give 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.





**Proposed Class Dates for 2014**  
**Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm**  
**UCD Horticulture Room**

Day 1	Wed. Sept. 10	Gear, Rods, Reels & Lines. How We Determine What to Buy
Day 2	Wed. Sept. 17	Bugs VS Flies
Day 3	Wed. Sept. 24	Knots and Rigging Techniques
Day 4	Wed. Oct. 1	Reading Waters and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. Oct. 8	Indicator and Dry Fly Techniques Review & Questions
Day 6	Wed. Oct. 15	Bass Fishing Techniques on the Delta
Day 7	Wed. Oct. 22	Striper Fishing Techniques on the Delta
Day 8	Wed. Oct. 29	Still Water Techniques by Cary Boyden

*Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at [TroutHookup1@gmail.com](mailto:TroutHookup1@gmail.com) or 916-343-7732*

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## *Fly Fishing 2.0 Fly Fishing in the Information Age*

By Dan Brugger

### Fly Fishing 2.0 – Fly Fishing in the Information Age

#### PART 2: Smartphone Fly Fishing Resources

Technological advances occur rapidly (not quite as rapid as a trout can spit out a fly fortunately). Many of us carry in our pockets powerful computers which are in turn connected to other powerful computers allowing us to hold virtual libraries in our hands. I suspect that many fly fishers have not leveraged these powerful devices to assist them in one of their true passions of life: fly fishing. In this part, I will discuss how the use of smartphones can potentially enrich your fly fishing experience.

First, I want to discuss the foibles of having a delicate electronic device near and over water. My kids remind me that I have destroyed more iOS devices than the rest of the family put together. I can personally attest that once an iPhone is immersed in water it is GONE BABY GONE. Instant paper weight, just add water. For this reason, I am a huge proponent of protecting my phone using a waterproof case. While you could risk putting your phone in a zip lock sandwich bag or a small dry sack, by far the best solution I have found are the cases by [Lifeproof](#). They are an investment but their piece of mind and functionality are worth it. They even have a floating accessory if you don't mind the bulk. A smartphone offers a lot of functionality in one small package. They really have become an all-in-one device. Sure, they are not quite as good as stand-alone cameras, GPS mapping devices, flash lights, or walkie talkies but they can do all of this serviceably. If you have cellular service where you fish you can even use it as a phone (but who really does that anymore?!).

In between my fishing (mis)adventures, I like to listen to podcasts on my iPhone. Podcasts are audio or video files that you can listen/view on your commute or while weeding the garden. Tom Rosenbauer's "[The Orvis Fly Fishing Guide](#)" podcast is a consistently good listen. Rosenbauer answers readers' queries and then typically delivers great information on a particular topic in a self-deprecating manner. He doesn't come off as a know-it-all although he certainly knows-it-



most. "[Ask About Fly Fishing - Internet Radio](#)" by D. Roger Maves is a fantastic, almost weekly, internet radio show featuring interviews with the preeminent people in fly fishing such as Kelly Galloup, Gary Borger and Davy Wotton. He hosts a library of past shows on his website (<http://www.askaboutflyfishing.com>) you can access for a nominal charge. New shows are freely available as podcasts through iTunes.

There are a many programs "apps" that can be loaded on your smartphone that can help prepare and improve your time on the water. One of the better applications to find out about local water conditions such as river flows, tides and weather is [FishHead](#). While you can get each piece of information through separate sources, it is handy to have one go-to app. There are multiple fishing log programs but most cater to gear/bass fisherman. The best one for fly fishing that I have found is, funny enough, [FishTales - A Fishing Log Book](#). Some of the highlights of this app include the ability to take photos of your catch, automatically record the GPS coordinates and record details such as flow rate, tide state, hatches and much more. What makes this app stand out is the ability to personalize your "tackle box"

by adding a list of the lures/flyes you typically use including photos. You can then select one of the flies from your tackle box to associate it with each catch. The other powerful feature is the ability to do searches according to species of fish, dates, lure used and location. The location search will show you a map of the body of water with a pin representing a recorded catch. Go out and place those pins!

The last couple of apps are fabulous wastes of time. If you want to be productive, DO NOT load these on your phone. You've been warned. [Fly Fisherman - Fishing News, Guides, Videos & Chat](#) is a sort of portal that funnels blogs, news and videos that may be interest to fly fisherman. If you ever wanted a pet trout to play with, check out [Trout River](#). You can

change the virtual trout's environs and even feed the little critters mayfly morsels. I haven't tried the myriad of fly fishing simulators – everyone has their limits.

This is by no means an exhaustive of fly fishing resources that can be found on the Internet or loaded on a smartphone. It is merely the portion I have found



valuable, interesting and amusing. Nothing here is going to significantly enhance the pleasure of actually being on the water but it may help you pick up some new

techniques, allow you to learn from your experiences, perhaps find the most productive water and at least amuse you in between your fishing adventures.

**RALLY!**  
**AT THE CAPITOL**

JOIN THE  
**SAVE**  
 the **DELTA**  
**STOP** the  
**TUNNELS**

RALLY ON:

Last day of BDCP comment period!

Don't let Brown drain us out!

**JULY 29 • 11:30AM**

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## **CONSERVATION REPORT**

***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>.

**Last chance to comment on the BDCP!** If you haven't yet commented on the BDCP this is your last chance. 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 not sure how to voice your opposition to building the Twin Tunnels you can get some help from Save the California Delta Alliance (STCDA), which 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, starting with an excellent PowerPoint summary of the BDCP. Go to <http://restoredelta.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.

**Secret Ravine Restoration Project** Those of you who were at the club meeting in April when Kevin Mather gave an overview of Trout Unlimited projects may recall the Secret Ravine project near Roseville. Secret Ravine contains a small stream that is used by salmon and steelhead for spawning grounds. The stream has been impacted by activities that have increased siltation, reducing the available spawning beds. In conjunction with the Dry Creek Conservancy, Trout Unlimited has

put together a restoration project that shows promise to increase spawning habitat. Permits are already in place for the proposed activities, and most of the labor needs and other problems have been addressed. TU has applied for funding to the NCCFFF, and FFD has also contributed \$400 to the project. I visited the site a couple of weeks ago to see personally what it looks like. Here's what I found.

Secret Ravine is in the middle of an urban area, but it's wild and has a year-round stream flowing through it. There's been restoration work downstream of the proposed project, but the sites you can see in the photos contribute silt that affects the stream further down. This work would be of immense importance to the entire streambed.

I was surprised to see how much water is currently flowing. I was also very surprised to see two fairly large fish (~6" and ~8"). The water temperature seems to be cold enough to support them. There were several pods of fingerlings – I've included one photo below.

There are two restoration sites in the short section of creek that is most impacted. Restoration Site #1 is shown below:



The bank here is severely eroded and continues to dump silt into Secret Ravine Creek. This is a prime salmon and steelhead spawning stream so the silt is a serious impediment to successful spawning. You can see some spawning gravel just upstream from the eroding bank. The work plan here calls for moving soil back from the bank, sculpting it to the "angle of repose", and creating a ledge to trap any soil that erodes later. This work is planned for a backhoe if it can be moved to the site. There are two options for getting it there, but if it becomes impossible the work will be done manually.



TU is not allowed to work in the creek itself, so the bank will be sculpted only up to the water's edge.

Restoration Site #2 (shown below) is at a road crossing used by a local ATV club.



The road enters the stream at the upper right and crosses to the middle left of the photo. There's also a foot trail right at the stream's edge. The trail here is too close to the bank and contributes additional silt at this location. There is another trail about 10-20 yards away from the stream so the streamside trail is not necessary. At this site, the road crossing will be eliminated with brush and debris, and the trail will be rerouted so hikers will use the upper trail. The lower trail will be removed and covered in debris, and the berry vines will do the rest. Some manual shoveling will be necessary here to obliterate the trail before covering it.

The next photo illustrates the damage done by ATVs in the area. The ATV road circles this large oak tree to a foot or more below the natural surface, potentially damaging its roots. TU plans to work with the ATV community to get their buy-in on the site restoration. This is necessary so the work done here will not be undone by continued ATV use.



In the background, behind the oak tree, you can see a slope that's one possible route to get a backhoe into the area for use at Site #1. That site is directly behind me as I took this photo.

The photo below shows one of several schools of fingerlings I spotted in the creek. I also saw two larger fish, about 6" and 8" at the site of the road crossing.



There's an opportunity for hands-on conservation work here if you have the desire to count salmon in the fall. TU conducts fish counting surveys when the salmon spawn. Let me know if you're interested.

**Hatchery fish released early** (credit to Dan Bacher)  
The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) evacuated about 1 million rainbow trout from the American River Fish Hatchery and nearly 430,000 fingerling steelhead from Nimbus Fish Hatchery in Rancho Cordova by June 30.

This was due to concerns that the cold water pool in Folsom Lake will become depleted, resulting in lethally warm water conditions in the American River below Nimbus Dam that supplies the water for both hatcheries. The evacuation of the hatcheries and the depletion of the cold water takes place after 2013, a record drought year when the Bureau of Reclamation drained Folsom Lake to a record low level, 17 percent of capacity and 32 percent of average, in order to export water to corporate agribusiness interests, oil companies conducting fracking and steam injection operations in Kern County, and Southern California water agencies.

The impact of the plants was obvious on recent trips to Silver and Caples Lakes. Both lakes were planted with big loads of rainbows by the American River Fish Hatchery - and boat and bank anglers were catching lots of rainbows on a variety of lures and baits. Anglers fishing lakes and streams throughout the region planted by



this hatchery are seeing a similar boost in fishing success.

While these plants will produce an immediate upswing in fishing at many lakes and streams, it means that fish won't be planted later in the summer as they normally are at many waters.

You can see more of this story at <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/07/01/1311032/->

[California-Evacuates-Fish-At-American-River-And-Nimbus-Hatcheries.](#)

**Rally at the Capitol for RTD** There is going to be a Rally in Sacramento on Tuesday, July 29, the last day of the BDCP comment period. There should be a poster elsewhere in the newsletter with details, but the rally will start about 11:30 on the west steps of the Capitol. Join Restore the Delta for live music and speakers, and help make a statement of opposition to the Twin Tunnels!

## **NCCFFF REPORT**

***By Lowell Ashbaugh***

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

**Support for 100% Salmon tagging** NCCFFF signed on to a letter supporting tagging all hatchery-raised salmon to differentiate them from wild fish. This is a key recommendation of a scientific commission formed to examine measures that would improve management of salmon fisheries.

The California Scientific Hatchery Review Group (CHSRG) was funded by the federal government to evaluate the effect of hatchery salmon and steelhead on California's wild stocks. The group released a report, entitled the California Hatchery Review Report (CHRR) in June, 2012. One of their key recommendations is identification of hatchery fish so they can be easily differentiated in real time from wild salmon. The CHRR was a consensus report - meaning that all members of the CHSRG agreed with all of the recommendations - and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife participated in the development of the report.

Managing fisheries and operating hatcheries under the Endangered Species Act and within Hatchery Genetic Management Plan guidelines will be required should the Central Valley fall run Chinook be listed under the

ESA. Without the ability to identify all hatchery salmon, the State of California is susceptible to third party lawsuits. Currently, the fall run Chinook salmon are not listed under the ESA but all evidence suggests this is going to happen in the near future unless California becomes aggressive in recovery of wild fish efforts. This is why the CHSRG report was so critical and why a key recommendation of the CHSRG was 100% tagging of the fall run Chinook salmon in California.

The Commission and the Department are updating their respective policies on Chinook salmon. This issue may be on the Commission's agenda for the August 6 meeting. For the protection of the wild and native fish and for the fishery, the Commission and the Department should follow the science and adopt policy to coded-wire-tag all hatchery Chinook salmon.

You can help by writing a personal letter to the Commission and the Department supporting 100% tagging of hatchery salmon. Send letters to Mike Sutton, President, California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 9th St., 13th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and to Charleton Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1416 9th St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## ***FFD Event: Annual Picnic***

**Photos and Story by Tom Robinson**

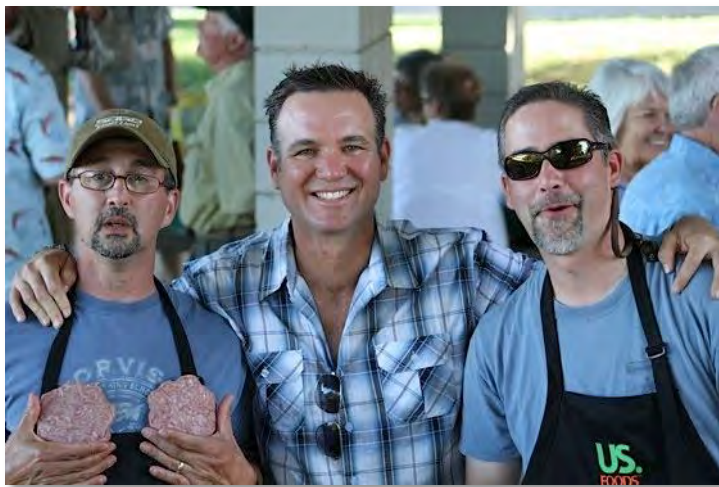
This year the annual FFD picnic was held at Pioneer Park in South Davis. The new venue easily accommodated the 70 + guests that gathered on a sunny June afternoon, very different conditions compared to the rainout the previous year. Members gathered around the numerous attractive side dishes and desserts, sharing summer travel plans or telling a fish tale or two, while Dana Hooper and Chris Berardi manned the barbecues cooking up quarter pound burgers and chicken. The food was terrific which was corroborated by the sudden quietness of the group. Afterwards, we indulged ourselves with sweet goodies while Dave Yarborough, the current Addled Angler recipient, told the stories of this year's candidates. The perpetual plaque was presented to Jack Norlyn, who was a very good sport about it. Next, Dana Hooper presented the winner of the First Annual FFD Bass and Fly Tournament with a certificate of accomplishment. Chris Berardi was all smiles reminiscing about the winning 6.3 pound black bass he hooked while fishing for stripers. The overall consensus was to hold the event at Pioneer Park next year. Thanks to everyone for making it another great FFD social affair.



FFD members brought many tasty dishes to share



The Annual Picnic is always a great time to discuss summer plans



Tom Robinson with Chefs Dana Hooper and Chris Berardi



Serious eating going on





Dave Yarborough passes on the Addled Angler perpetual plaque to Jack Norlyn



Dana awards Chris Berardi, the winner of the FFD Bass N Fly Tournament.

## **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.

August 5,6,7,8,11,12,19,20,21

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***FFD Outing: The Old Fogeys Trip***

Photos by Lowell Ashbaugh



Tom Burton with a nice Brown Trout



Tom on the East Carson above the confluence with Silver King



Spring flow into Silver King Creek



Nice place to take a short break on Silver King Creek



Mammatus clouds in a thunderstorm that just passed us



Camp at Splinterville



## **FFD Travels: La Ventana Baja Mexico**

**Photos by Sam Yee**

June 22-29, Amazing Fly Fishing with Gary Bulla in La Ventana Baja Mexico, after a full day of fishing, we are heading full speed towards the beach.... we hit the sand and glide to a rest about 30 feet from the water. then it is back to Baja Joe's for a shower and some drinks before dinner served to us by a pair of Local Chefs who make us breakfast and a bagged lunch before heading home. We were lucky when a school of Large hungry Dorado came into the area we fished.... We had 5 personal best Dorado that day 4-5 feet long and up to 40 lbs. Even though Rooster Fish are becoming scarce, there were enough to be found, only 2 of our 18 anglers caught Roosters and Sam Yee was lucky enough to catch the 2 biggest ones. long accurate casts were the difference. Sorry to have missed casting before the June Picnic but Sam will be there casting before the July meeting.



Sam Yee with a nice Dorado



Garry Bulla shows off his Dorado



Sam showing off one of his Roosters



The second of the largest Roosters caught by the group



### **FFD Outing: Lewiston Lake**

**Photos by Cary Boyden**

The attending club members for the 2014 Lewiston outing included Miyoko & Jim Wright, Dave Yarborough, Tom Marsten, John Imsdahl & Cary Boyden. Joining them were John Legakis, Steve Ohrwall and their pal Art from Steve's Weaverville home.

The Club's annual Lewiston trip saw 1 fish taken in the river (the high water flushing seems to be quite effective) and well over 300 in the lake. While most were in the foot long range Dave Yarborough and the Wrights took fish running from 18 to 22 inches. This was obviously successful overall and individually as all caught multiple fish, most an impressive number.

Lewiston Lake's famous bald eagle, "Bandit", was ever present as he buzzed boaters like a 747 and stole rainbows before they were netted. He is quite a sight to see, as is his partner in crime or mate, and both never disappoint.

At the same time there were elements of sadness as well as future anticipation. Absent some truly out of the blue occurrence this was the last trip at Poison Oak Hollow. The facility unfortunately has reflected the tough times of its owner and no longer offers the ambiance that once saw it host the Club's signature outing. The memories of those trips past ran through the minds of us all. Sarge's cot etc etc, Geno and Old Clear and their 1.75 litre bottles rapidly declining, not to mention the many large trout which were surreptitiously kept, Reed and Jeannie's introduction to outings of the meal before the meal and so on and on. Great times indeed!!!!

It is indeed sad to see the crumbling bench that Adney once set up for our wash rack and to remember the good times it represents. Or to remember the first time we all saw Rollie's "duck blind" boat, or the perfect loops that Tom Burton would throw from the river bank or the time Bob Z. took a picture of all of the liquor bottles and quipped: "We came here to fish?". There was laughter and stories, broken chairs and memories that will forever live in the large oak trees of Poison Oak Hollow.

But there is also a chance for a nice future for this outing. As is obvious, the lake at least is coming back in a big way. And there are several very clean federal campgrounds on the lake which could handle any size group we will likely see in the near term. 2015 same time is on the calendar. And with the prospect of netting at least 300 fish on a bobber, chances are we will have a larger turnout next year.





John Imsdahl waiting for a strike



Cary Boyden with another trout



Jim did you see that?



Not the biggest trout



Another nice fish



Steve Ohrwall with an INDICATOR !!



## **FFD Travels: Central Oregon**

**Photos by Phil Reedy and Others**

Club members Andan Bailey, Sam Chamberlin, David Inns, and Phil Reedy returned to Central Oregon again this year for five days of lake and river fishing. We upgraded from the somewhat seedy motel last year to a nice house in Sunriver, which is centrally located to many lakes and rivers. The fishing was a bit slower than last year, and once again East Lake was the most productive water, yielding quite a few fish over 16 inches. In addition to East Lake, we fished Little Lava Lake, Hosmer Lake, the Fall River, and the Crooked River. As usual, Andan was the most successful in racking up numbers of fish caught, but all of us caught fish and enjoyed spectacular scenery. And unlike California, there was plenty of water everywhere. Definitely a great fly fishing destination!



Our rental house at Sunriver



After a long day kicking his float tube against the wind, David unwinds in the hot tub



Sam and Phil got up early to enjoy fishing and photography at Fall River Falls



Slow fishing, but beautiful scenery at Little Lava Lake, the source of the Deschutes River





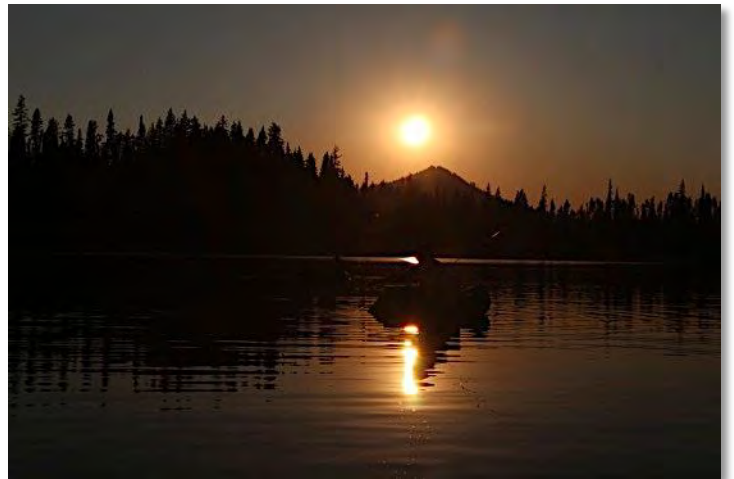
Time for a different fly



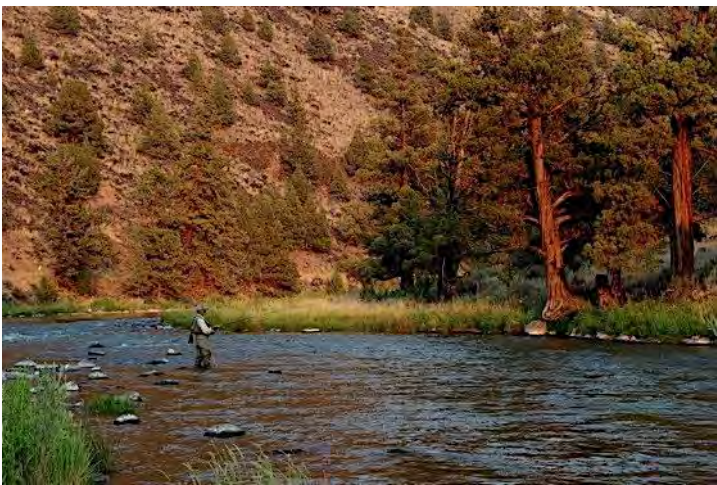
Check out Andan Bailey's loop!



Outa my way! I saw that fish first!



Sunset at Hosmer Lake



Evening on the Crooked River



Phil Reedy with an East Lake Rainbow





Andan with a nice East Lake bow



Ready for one last morning at East Lake

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### **FFD Reports: CA Stillwater School**

**By John Imsdahl**

Jack Norlyn and John Imsdahl attended the 2014 CA Stillwater School hosted by Phil Rowley and Bill Forward at Davis Lake. The program had an aggressive agenda of lectures on Friday night, Saturday afternoon to late Saturday evening, together with a Sunday casting clinic and fishing on-the-lake practice session.

Jack and I "graduated" from the school with an increased awareness, knowledge, together with several new tactics and strategies for fishing Davis Lake and Stillwater fishing in general. The program covered all four seasons at Davis Lake, fly selection, rigging, trout activity analysis, lines, leaders, knots, lake types, and even fisherman psychology and attitude.

I believe we would both highly recommend the school to members interested in increasing their fishing skills on our lakes and reservoirs in 2015.



## Book/DVD Review of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

### *“Bug Water”*

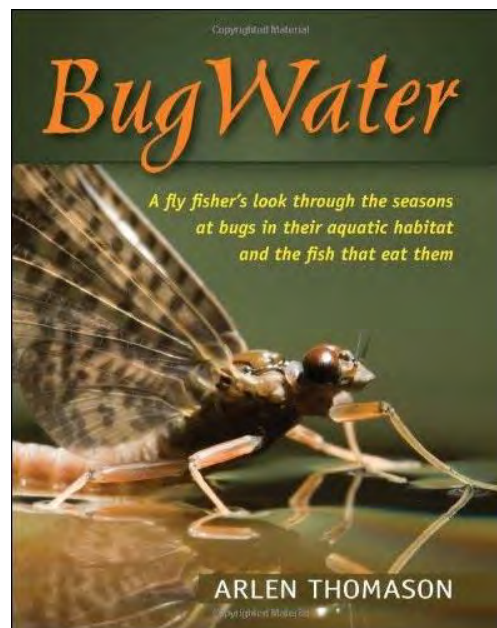
By Arlen Thomason

Bugwater details "that soggy place inhabited by creepy, crawly, hopping, flying, wiggling creatures we call . . . bugs." In seventeen chapters, Thomason takes us through the yearly cycle of insects and other critters eaten by trout. The focus is on western species, so the book is well suited to anyone fly fishing in this territory.

However, Bugwater is not in the traditional form of an angler's entomology reference. In each chapter, Thomason describes the life cycle of the bug or bugs in question, often asking (and answering) insightful questions about the "why" of that life cycle. For example, why do the adults of most caddisfly species resemble each other, when the larval forms do not? Why do bugs have wings, and how did they evolve? And--most importantly--what has any of that got to do with fly fishing?

Anyone familiar with Thomason, knows what to expect from the photographs. They are magnificent

close-ups that reveal the world of insects like you've never seen it. Insects are shown in their habitat--in all stages, and sometimes in the transition from one stage to the next. You'll see amazing, fascinating detail and gain new insights. In all, there are 337 color photos, many of them full page or half page.



I expected the photos to be stunning, and they are. They are magnificent close-ups that reveal the world of insects like you've never seen it. Insects are shown in their habitat--in all stages, and sometimes in the transition from one stage to the next. Having so many in one place at one time is almost overwhelming, and that should translate directly into better fly tying. But there's more to this book than the photos: Thomason's text is excellent. He knows just what subjects to bring up, which to leave alone, and when to stop writing and move on to the next topic.

To be a good fly angler, you have to understand both the trout and what they prey upon; you must understand "bugwater." It will make you a better fly angler and a better fly tyer.





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## 2014 - 2015

<u>Trip 2014</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
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 - 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>	<u>Contact</u>	<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
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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	
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