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The Fisherman's Line

**July Meeting, Tuesday July 28, 2015
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:
“The Half-Pounder, A Steelhead Trout”**

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Dennis P. Lee who will describe the origin of steelhead and half-pounder names. The presentation will cover half-pounder evolution and distribution, life history, and important half-pounder rivers. Information is based on Dennis' new limited edition, full color hardback book, *The Half-Pounder, A Steelhead Trout Life History and Fly Fishing*.



Dennis P. Lee retired from the California Department of Fish and Game in 2006 as a Supervising Fishery Biologist. He began his 36-year career in 1970 at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery helping spawn and rear Chinook salmon and steelhead. Throughout his career, he was promoted to various positions, and supervised and worked on a variety of programs, projects, and studies. These included the Russian River Salmon and Steelhead Study, Trophy Trout Program, North Coast Fisheries Management and Timber Harvest Review, Central Valley and Sierra Fisheries Management, Klamath River Salmon and Steelhead Study,

Heritage and Wild Trout Program, Lake and Reservoir Program, and Central Valley Angler Survey. He also acted as the Department's liaison to the Klamath and Trinity Restoration Advisory Committee, the Director's Warmwater Fishery Board, helped promulgate sport fishing regulations, and reviewed legislation pertaining to management of California inland and anadromous fishery resources.

During his career, Dennis was awarded the Director's Superior Achievement Award for his work on northern pike control, and development of an interactive fisheries information system. In 2010, Dennis was appointed by the US Fish and Wildlife to the California Hatchery Review Group, a nine-member science committee, tasked with reviewing California's anadromous fish hatchery programs and providing recommendations for improvement. He continues to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and a Retired Annuitant and is a member of Hatchery Coordination Teams for the Feather River, Nimbus, and Mokelumne River hatcheries.

Dennis and his wife Wendy live in Folsom, California, and continues to fly fish his favorite steelhead rivers, and tie flies.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Dana Hooper

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

I hope everybody has enjoyed most of their Summer and has had a chance to get out and wet a line. With cooler temps coming into the last part of Summer we just might have a great Fall season upon us to get some great California fly fishing in before our hopeful wet winter comes. We have some great outings coming up with Lake Davis in September and the Lower Sac drift trip, so make sure you get your day and guide picked for one of the four days in October.

Dana Hooper
President



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
July	Dennis Lee	July 28, 2015	Half Pounders
September	John Macmillian	September 29, 2015	Steelhead Initiative
October	Mike Costello	October 27, 2015	Delta Stripers
November	Leslie Ajari	November 17, 2015	Hat Creek or Trinity Spey
December	Home Grown	TBD	TBD

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



FFD Annual Flea Market

The Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Flea Market will take place in the Harper Junior High parking lot before the July Meeting, Tuesday July 28th at 6:00 pm. It is a great venue to buy or sell all types of fishing paraphernalia and equipment. If your trying to cleanup your garage ,sell some older equipment to buy new, or looking for a way to get into the sport without breaking the bank, don't miss this event.

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<i>101 Topics</i>		
Day 1	Wed. Sept. 16	Gear, Rods, Reels & Lines. How We Determine What to Buy
Day 2	Wed. Sept. 23	Bugs VS Flies
Day 3	Wed. Sept. 30	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. Oct. 7	Rigging and Techniques B
Day 5	Wed. Oct. 14	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 6	Wed. Oct. 21	Indicator Techniques and Review
<i>201 Topics</i>		
Day 7	Wed. Oct. 28	Striper Fishing Techniques on the Delta
Day 8	Wed. Nov. 4	Streamer Techniques for Trout

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FFD Events: Annual Picnic
Summary and Photos by Tom Robinson

We had another great turn out at this year’s FFD Annual Picnic with over 70 Club and family members. While it was a bit on the HOT side at 103, the shade at Pioneer Park and the fans that Dana Hooper provided made it tolerable. Dana and Chris Berardi cooked up the burgers and hot dogs, while kids chase one another, and plenty of fish stories were being bantered around. Others were caught up with friends’ recent travels or up coming travel plans. The spread of tasty side dishes made it difficult to not overfill the plate. Once dinner was done, it was time for dessert and presentations. Jack Noryln passed on the Addled Angler torch to Donn Erickson, who apparently lost a camera on an Old Fogies trip from years’ past, but was apparently rediscovered on the last trip, still intact with pictures to show. After that, the winners of the 2015 Bass and Fly Tournament were introduced. Chris Berardi and Kurt Arens, aka Team Lip Ripper, were awarded certificates and crowns. It was another wonderful picnic, celebrating friendship and of course fly fishing with fellow Club members.



Plenty of fish stories being told



Dana Hooper is manning the barbecues



Chris Berardi shows off the first round of burgers and dogs



Nice turn out this year



Plenty of tasty sides and desserts for everyone to enjoy



Jack Norlyn passes the Addled Angler torch to Donn Erickson



Kurt Arens & Chris Berardi aka Team Lip Ripper winners of the 2015 Bass and Fly Tournament



Chris and Kurt even had their own float and parade



FFD Outings: Lewiston Lake

Story by Cary Boyden & Paul Berliner Photos by Members

The Club's annual Lewiston outing was held during the period of July 8-12. Because the fishmeister had to leave early to prepare for Montana, this report will be co-written by Cary and Paul (hopefully as he was not forewarned). In several other ways the trip did not follow its usual format.

First, after many years at poison oak hollow we changed the camping area. In sum the situation at the old area had become simply too weird. Instead we went to the Old Lewiston Bridge RV Park, which worked out much better, including a bathroom contiguous to the campsites versus up the hill. Aesthetically poison oak when equipped with newer tables may have been better, but all in all this was a step up. Second, while Wednesday was the usual baking experience, Wednesday night brought an incredible storm with 2 1/2 inches of rain and Thursday remained cool with showers, an tremendously pleasant change from the norm.

However, the most unusual aspect of the outing was that the lake was steelhead green to muddy as opposed to the usual crystal clear. This had lead to several well meaning members who had been there strongly recommending cancellation. This in turn caused an early cancellation, which on reflection was rescinded. It just seemed wrong after so many years to cancel when the reports we had from members were bleak but there was at least one report from the marina of a few fish indicating, which is what we all planned to do. That and the challenge was too much for at least the fishmeister to ignore. So the warnings were ignored and off 6 of us went at varying times. The next 2 paragraphs have been written by Cary and, as noted, Paul will hopefully write in Harveysque terms "the rest of the story."

Wednesday afternoon Dave Yarborough and I were in the lake around 2:30 pm. With little real hope based on the Club's prognosticators but certainly a determination to show it could be done, we headed down to where last year we had landed close to 70 each of the days we fished there. The water was not too attractive. After each of us had made around 10 casts 5 fish had been netted out of around 18 grabs. Clearly the reports of the lake's total demise were meadow muffins and spirits were buoyed. The day's count was around 15 landed in the boat and well over 40 grabs in around 2 1/2 hours. Dan Kathan was also there and took some in other areas of the lake.

Dave and I quit just before the heavens opened up. Mercifully Dan had left his trailer open so we drily awaited his arrival. The drowned rat showed up about an hour later and we spent a pleasant dinner hour listening to pounding rain and spectacular thunder (4 fires were started in the area and 3 were extinguished by the rain). Thursday, as noted was overcast and wet. All 3 of us went back to where Dave and i had done well Wednesday to find the water a deep rich brown. Fortunately about 100 yards away there was greener water- and jumping fish. Until around 12:30 that party continued, and collectively the three of us took close to 30 fish. We then moved back up the lake and picked up Paul on the way. Surprisingly the fishing became better: not in the sense of grab after grab but in the sense of landed fish numbers and size. Dan's 18 incher was the biggest, but there were others in the 14-16 inch range. The total count for the day probably approached 60 fish netted (or since I left the nets in the truck in Davis in the case of Dave and I to hand literally). Jim and Myoko, who had left to avoid another squall, served up a great taco salad to cap a great day.

Paul: you are on.



Dan Kathan landing another fighting Kokanee

Ahhh ... the rest of the story. This was my first trip to Lewiston, and strongly desiring to add a new venue to the wonderful northern California inventory of boating locations, I was gonna go, regardless of the countless mysterious cryptic emails from Cary ... the trip's on again, off again, on again (you get the picture).

Arrived early afternoon Thursday, met up with Cary and Dave, and headed out onto the Lake, and followed Cary to the first fishing hole. Note to self: Your boat has a kill switch. Remember to check this when the engine won't start. (Grumble grumble, problem solved finally.)

Might I add that this lake is an absolute jewel, set in a canyon, pine trees and steep mountain cliffs, eagles flying overhead, and very easy navigation with calm waters. With the crazy weather patterns, the contrast between the blue sky and thunderheads was pretty dramatic. The little Pine Cove Marina is a delight, and for a modest fee, you can park your boat in a slip overnight, saving all the hassle of on-the-trailer, off-the-trailer.

Fished side-by-side with Cary and Dave, and caught a few rainbows and kokanees, some fairly small, some up to 15 inches, but the kokanees sure put up a nice fight for a small fish. Rigging is easy: 4 or 5 weight, tiger midge and an albino, end of story. Around 2:00 PM in the afternoon, Dave yells over ... "Paul, bring your raincoat?" ... I had about enough time to replay "Huh?" when the sky unleashed a major downpour that lasted about an hour. I look over, and of course, Cary and Dave are lounging under their bimini top, laughing at me because I look like a sponge at the car wash. I stuck with it, though, and when the rain let up, this gorgeous mist rose above the water that was stunningly beautiful ... and I fished until around 6:00 PM and headed back to camp.

On Friday, Dan and I (the new Klamath brothers), headed down-lake around 9:00 AM. I have to say, the ride on down, through glassy water and morning mist, was one of the most beautiful trips I've ever spent on a lake. Apparently, this mist is quite common on Lewiston, and I highly recommend an early morning outing. Dan and I did quite well, and reports from Jim and Miyako (who fished a few hundred yards from us) said they caught 26 that morning ... 13 each! So ... whoever said something about the lake not fishing well ... and poor conditions ... what were you smoking?

Saturday morning, another gorgeous misty, glassy lake morning. Lot of jumpers, too. Dan and I each caught 3 or so, and headed back home in the early PM. We never did run into "Bandit" ... the legendary trout-stealing eagle, but I'll visit his habitat next trip.



Early Morning mist on Lewiston Lake

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An advertisement for Edgewater Outfitters. The background is a photograph of a man in a cap and sunglasses, sitting in a white boat and holding a large striped bass. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "EDGEWATER OUTFITTERS" in large blue letters, with the tagline "Mountain Streams to Ocean Blue Waters" below it. To the right, there is a list of fishing locations: California Delta, American River, Yuba River, Feather River, L. Sacramento River, and Trinity River. At the bottom right, the phone number 916-505-4773 is listed, along with the website Edgewateroutfitters.com and the email flyfishtoby@yahoo.com. At the bottom left, the name "Capt. Toby Uppinghouse" is written in a cursive font.

FFD Outing: The McCloud River

Summary and Photos by Dana Hooper

While driving through Redding on the way up to Dunsmuir with a 116 degree temps it was not looking good for the 2015 McCloud outing. We all met at the Dunsmuir Brewery where some of us enjoyed some of what was left of the Dunsmuir Brewery Beer and vittles. We then had just enough time to go and throw some dry flies on the Upper Sac , which was not bad except for the size of fish was on the small side.

Saturday we headed over to the McCloud to try our luck. The river had just a slight milky color starting to show from the melting glacier off Mt Shasta but green enough to fool the fish with brown rubber legs and black copper johns.

I believe everybody caught some fish with some more than others but all and all a great trip for what looked to be a soon to be unfishable McCloud river within the next couple weeks.

With out even knowing it, we had some visitors at the house in Dunsmuir that night that seemed to be really fond of Dan Schweissinger's car. Luckily he had no food inside and the falling apples from the trees above his car had taken care of their appetites.

Sunday was a morning of relaxing and great conversation with all the attendees. Some went to try some of the upper McCloud while the rest of us prepared to head down the hill into the dead heat of Summer.



The McCloud slightly milky with a green tint



Dan Schweissinger fishing a run on the McCloud



Dan Schweissinger with his first McCloud rainbow trout



Eric Kapucinski has his eye on a trout



Dunsmuir friendly bear in front of Dan's car



It will not be fishable in the upcoming weeks due to glacier melt

Book of the Month

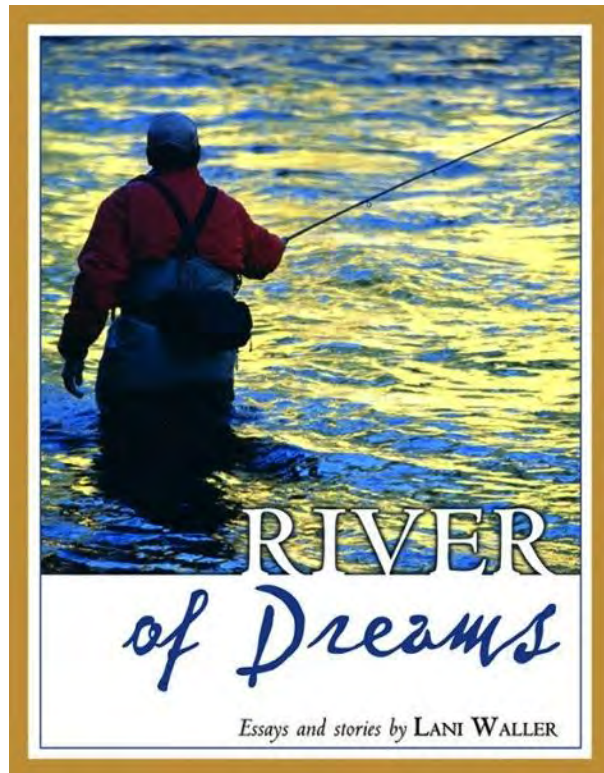
By Jim Luschwitz

“River of Dreams”

By Lani Waller

A wonderful and poignant collection of stories written by one of the most recognized names in steelhead fishing and angling travel. The author has weaved the fishing experiences that have impacted him most into a compilation that is rich in descriptive prose.

No frills: a personal journey of Lani Waller, the story of a 60's Generation West Coast free spirit who wandered here & there to find himself and finally did so on the waters where wild fish are making their last stand. In the process he became a true conservationist, a leader in the fight to save some of nature's most beautiful & fragile creatures."



Wading into Lani Waller's book *River of Dreams* is to share in this understanding through his lifelong romance with the sport. It is a progression of that journey and the ways in which it spills over into other parts of his life.

There is the coming of age of a boy who delights at first being included in the northern California fishing trips of his father and friends, even though he must spend some time alone while they engage in strictly adult pursuits. It is about an adolescent's romantic fantasies with the opposite sex, a young man's reckless pursuit of adventure in the 1960's, and the eventual maturity that provides him with true love and appreciation of his parents.

Waller's prose is sometimes almost spiritual, as when he describes being the lone survivor of a small plane crash into his beloved British Columbian steelhead river. That tragedy took the lives of three companions and changed the course of his life forever. Now, when he's fishing Trotter's Pool, he is reunited with them "...by a beautiful river and dreams unknown to others."

In another of the book's 15 essays and stories, the reader will travel to the mountain wilderness of New Zealand and a "high-class, drop-your-waders-and-fork-over-the-bread, helicopter fly-out trophy trout river." In recounting this day-long, guided trek with a close friend, Waller reveals his trademark abundance of humor and humility - all while trying to achieve the elusive perfect cast.



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Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		September ?	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 17-20	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout		October 14 - 17	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2014	Steelhead		November 2 - 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		October - November			Lodge/Trailer
Striper Fest 2015	Stripers		November 7	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		Dec 3 - 5	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2016	Steelhead		TBA	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 2 - 6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 13 - 16	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170/day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	Lodge/Trailer
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBA	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 13 - 15	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad		May 20	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Day trip
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		June	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Payne Ranch	Smallies		June	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping


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