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April Meeting, Tuesday April 24, 2018 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School Jay Murakoshi Presents: "Fly Fishing Tactics Pursuing Saltwater Species in Baja Mexico and Christmas Island"

his month, Tuesday April 24th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Jay Murakoshi who will give a presentation on fly fishing tactics and destination information for salt water species in Baja Mexico and Christmas Island.

If fly fishing in salt water is on your bucket list, then the Sea of Cortez should be your destination trip.

The Sea of Cortez had more than 700 species such as dorado, marlin, wahoo, yellowfin tuna, jack crevalle, roosterfish, grouper, skipjack, yellowtail and the list goes on. These are seasonal species so you have to pick the right time to target them. Christmas Island (Kiribati) is located 1,200 south of the Hawaii and south of the equator by a few hundred

miles. The fact that virtually every flats fishing angler in North America has heard of Christmas Island is far from coincidence. Endless hard sand



flats fishing, remarkable numbers of cruising bone fish and trevally and consistent year round weather await all who visit this unique atoll. Christmas Island bone fish average two to four pounds, although some larger fish in the five to ten pound class are not uncommon. Whether you're a veteran saltwater angler or a novice who wants to hone their flats fishing skills, Christmas Island offers the finest angling experience.

Jay Murakoshi has been in the fly fishing industry for 46 years, having tied commercially for the past 45. He has tied flies for many notable fly fishers including the late Lefty Kreh and Trey Combs, and his patterns have been featured in numerous magazines including: Fly Fishing Salt Waters, California Fly Fisher, Western Outdoors, Southwest, and Northwest Fly Fishing. Since the early 80's Jay has spoken and presented to thousands of people at a number of sporting events throughout the country. Jay is on the pro staff for Rio, TFO, Hatch Reels, Smith Optics, Gamakatsu and Dai Ichi hooks.

When he isn't discussing fly fishing, you will find Jay running his travel business, Flies Unlimited – aka Murakoshi's Fly Fishing Adventures

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

Get Out There and Make a Difference

May is here and the fishing is starting to get into full swing as the days warm up. This last month I attended the annual Orvis Guide Rendezvous in Asheville, North Carolina. If never ceases to amaze me how carrying a fly rod tube through an airport terminal can be the incentive for sparking up a conversation with a complete stranger. I've met so many great people through this sport.

I've been part of many organizations, movements, hobbies etc, but of all of them, the fly fishing industry, and the people that are passionate about the sport, seem to be more engaged in more far reaching interests than just the act of catching a fish on the fly. At the event we learned about conservation issues such as Alaska's Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine, saving Florida's Everglades, and local North Carolina Trout Unlimited conservation projects. We heard from the plastic pollution coalition and the Kick the Plastic campaign, and the amazing work that Casting for Recovery, Project Healing Waters and others are doing. I always leave this three day event so inspired, not just to catch fish, but to get involved with the many organizations that use fly fishing as a conduit to making a difference in this world of ours. Locally, the Fly Fishers or Davis Club can be your gateway to getting involved. Make sure and read Paul Berliner's article on Northern California's Casting For Recovery Spring retreat, and of course Lowell Ashbaugh's Conservation Report where he talks about California's water storage, gives a tunnels update, and the Klamath River.

Unfortunately I don't have any fish pictures to show you from our trip. The one day that we had organized a guide to take us fishing for smallies on the French Broad River, turned out to be a bad weather day, so the trip was canceled. Instead we walk waded through some beautiful country on the Davidson and the Nantahala Rivers and caught some small trout.



Make sure and show up at the meeting early for the annual FFD Swap Meet. It's a great opportunity to get rid of equipment that has been lying around for years or if your new to the sport, it is the perfect time to find inexpensive items to round out your fly fishing gear.

Jan Roll

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

	Fly Fishers of Davis 2018 Meeting Schedule							
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC					
April	Jay Murakoshi	April 24, 2018	Fly Fishing Baja California					
May	Brent Hublitz	May 29, 2018	Fly Fishing Klamath Lake Trophy Redbands					
June		June 26, 2018	FFD Annual Picnic					
July	James Sampsel	July 31, 2018	Fly Fishing The Rogue River					
August	Maury Hatch	August 28, 2018	Fly Fishing CA Delta For Striped Bass					
September	Mike Pease	September 25, 2018	Fly Fishing Journey- Feather River Options					

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



Looking to turn your lightly used Fly Fishing gear or that unused boat into CASH?... or just getting into the sport and looking to expand your fly fishing arsenal or buy that first boat? This event is for you! Bring your items to the Annual FFD Spring Swap Meet April 24 at the Harper Junior High parking lot at 6:00 pm. Show up early to score that great bargain!





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 <u>http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation</u>.

Water Storage for the Future For the past year or so I've been working with a group of conservationminded folks interested in water storage issues. The Storage Response Group, as it's called, was formed in part to track water storage issues related to the passage of Proposition 1. We usually have telephone meetings, but last month we got together in Sacramento to discuss water storage. One of the highlights of the meeting for me was a presentation by Barry Nelson on 21st Century Storage Strategies. I'll summarize a few of these strategies here that counter some of the prevailing arguments that we desperately need more surface storage. In particular, there are vocal assertions that the voters Proposition 1 to pay for dams, and that three projects deserve special attention. These are raising Shasta Dam by 18.5 feet, building the Temperance Flat Dam on the San Joaquin River, and building the off-stream Sites Reservoir to store Sacramento River water during winter high-flow periods.

For reference, the snowpack in California averages about 15 MAF (million acre-feet). Although reservoir water storage in California totals about 42 MAF, only about 5-8 MAF is active storage, i.e. stored during the wet season for dry season use. Another 3-6 MAF of active storage is in groundwater. So the total surface and groundwater active storage is comparable to (slightly less than) the average snowpack. About 75% of the water demand is in the south, while 70% of the precipitation is in the north. California's year-to-year climate variability is among the highest in the world. In the 55 years between 1923 and 1978, we built 800 dams (more than one per month for 50 years) -95%of the surface storage is held behind only 14 of them. Nearly all the current water storage is instream, i.e. we built a dam on a stream or river to create a reservoir. The storage is increasingly farther from the end users, is operated to maximize yield, and comes with environmental damage. The "holy trinity" of planning has been water storage, flood control, and hydroelectric generation.

It's widely thought that we haven't built any water storage projects in California in the last 40 years. But a more careful look shows that we've built hundreds of storage projects since 1978, with total storage exceeding that of Lake Shasta. But instead of damming free-flowing rivers, water managers have focused on other strategies. These non-traditional strategies include restoring wet mountain meadows, expanding floodplains, and jointly operating reservoirs and groundwater aquifers, and off-stream reservoirs. New water sources include stormwater runoff and recycled water. These projects are distributed closer to end users, and the focus in on dry year water supply. There is great potential for environmental benefits, too.

One question that comes up is "how much water can non-traditional sources provide compared to building dams?" For reference, the State Water Project delivers approximately 2.6 MAF of water each year. Developing urban stormwater could yield as much as 2 MAF per year. Recycled water could deliver another 1 MAF each year. I haven't yet been able to find the estimated cost of developing these sources. On the other hand, raising Shasta Dam would yield 0.05 MAF at a cost of \$1.3 billion. Temperance Flat Dam would yield 0.07 MAF at a cost of \$2.6 billion. Sites Reservoir would yield 0.447 MAF at a cost of \$4.67 billion. Another comparison of scale shows the annual discharge (into the ocean) of the Hyperion Treatment Plant in southern California is 294,000 acre-feet. The Santa Ana River average annual flow is 322,000 acre-feet. So reusing the outflow of the treatment plant would add nearly the equivalent of the average Santa Ana river flow.

Regarding specific projects, raising Shasta Dam is currently illegal under California law. It would have adverse impacts on the McCloud River, and would also inundate Winnemem Wintu sacred Tribal sites. This has not stopped the federal government from allocating \$20 million for preconstruction work. The Centennial Dam

2014 Water Bond projects We heard updates at the meeting on several specific water projects proposed in response to the 2014 Water Bond, Proposition 1. The Water Bond provided for \$2.7 billion of funding

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for water projects to meet certain public benefits. All projects using water bond funds had to measurably benefit the Delta. An important concept is the Public Benefit Ratio (PBR), which is the total requested cost share from the Water Bond divided by the monetized Public Benefits of the project. This ratio cannot be less than one, i.e. the requested funding must be less than or equal to the defined public benefits. More competitive projects will have a PBR greater than one. Twelve projects were submitted to the California Water Commission for evaluation. None of them met the PBR requirement (some had PBR=0), and most were required to make revisions. At least one proposed project, the Centennial Dam on the Bear River near Oroville, has been eliminated.

An important feature of the Water Bond funding is that the projects will be ranked in order of PBR. All funding requested for a higher PBR project must be allocated before moving to the next project. Some of the proposed projects are worthy of consideration and provide good benefits. If these project receive higher PBR scores they could eliminate projects that provide poor environmental benefits by taking sufficient funds.

The timeline for reviewing projects is moving ahead rapidly. Appeals of the initial scoring will be available April 20. The California Water Commission will be May 1-3 to set the PBR scores, and it has discretion to modify scores as they see fit. On May 25 preliminary scores will be released for the entire project. There will be two more commission meetings, on June 27-29 and July 24-26. The projects should be funded at those meetings, starting with the highest ranked projects and working down the list.

Tunnels update California WaterFix came back from the dead this month. For a short while, its funding was on a thin tether, as the Metropolitan Water District announced it would only fund one tunnel at a cost of \$6.7 billion. Met had tried to obtain assurances from San Joaquin Valley water districts that they would pay for water if Met funded the tunnels, but they were reluctant to do so. At the last minute, though, Orange County district officials pressed for full funding of \$11 billion (of the total estimated cost of \$17 billion) with no assurances of repayment from the agriculture community. Over the objections of Los Angeles and San Diego district representatives, the district board voted to fully fund both tunnels with no assurance of being able to offset the cost by selling space in the tunnels to agricultural interests. The tunnels still have hurdles to overcome, but the financing plan is on much firmer footing with this action. Southern California residential water users will pay just under \$5 per month to fund the tunnels.

Klamath River status Irrigators in the Klamath River Basin have asked for a reprieve from a court decision that set aside 50,000 acre-feet of water to be used to increase Klamath River flows to protect threatened Coho salmon from disease outbreak. They are arguing that drought conditions in the basin this year threaten their livelihoods so the water should be used instead for irrigation. U.S. District Court Judge William Orrick heard arguments on April 11 and will make a decision as soon as he can.

Meanwhile, the Klamath River salmon season will open again this year after two years of closure. Returns were so low last year that the Yurok Tribe closed its commercial fishery and harvested only 216 fish for ceremonies and tribal elders. The Yurok and Hoopa Valley tribes were allocated only 800 fish last year; this year they are allocated 18,000 fish. Low returns on the Sacramento River are threatening those fisheries with closure once again. So even though the Klamath River fishery will be open again, salmon fishing in the San Francisco and Fort Bragg areas will be limited.



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FFD TRAVELS: Baum Lake for Wuzzes

Summary by Cary Boyden • Photos by Dave Yarborough

As most of you know, the Baum Lake trip this year weeded out the boys from the men leaving only 6 members ultimately attending the snowfest. During the last week of March five less intrepid souls decided to see if they could remotely equal Dana's success during the earlier outing. The weather reports were real nice, and having just returned from Havasu where for 2 plus months I avoided both cold weather and downpours, the author had 0 interest in the life of a survivalist. Given the others: Dave Yarborough, Jim and Miyoko Wright and former member Ron Hayashi who came down from Medford were all septegenarians or very close, it seems virtually certain everyone had the same level of desire to prove their toughness in the face of anything remotely unpleasant.

We arrived Wednesday afternoon on the 28th and enjoyed the weather if not the catch rate. Not many, if any, more than 4 total for the crew. I did manage to break off the first three hooked with hook sets reminiscent of the sets for stripers and bass at Havasu with 10-15 pound leader (a problem after the third eliminated after a bit of relaxation technique). However, the fish were all much bigger than has been the norm (most in the 15" range). Wednesday night was another of the Wrights' pheasant stews accompanied by salad, corn bread and peach cobbler. Another wonderful non Dinty Moore/hash/spam/Franco American meal of old.

Thursday again dawned clear. Fortunately the early morning frost quickly evaporated, and by 9 or so (reflecting our ages none of us are into early starts or late quitting times) we were all on the water. This day proved to be as Dana and Bobber said it would be. Over 50 fish were netted by the 5 with the largest being 17" and a goodly number of 16 inchers. The fly of choice: Tiger Midge!!!!!! as Dana had advised it would be.

Friday saw a slightly lesser number landed and Dave with top rod at 16. Again the weather held with only intermittent wind. Definitely shirt sleeves were in order.

It was nice to see the fishing remained comparable to that of the Club's official outing. Unlike the earlier trip the fish were not concentrated just below the launch but seemed to have settled in the deeper slot and flats below the island. Indicating was the norm for all, although during a brief baetis hatch Ron did entice a few to take dries. During the same hatch i tried a mayfly pattern which historically has been productive to no avail, When the Tiger was re-attached, bang.

All and all a great time and suggests that Baum may still be worth a later visit for any interested members.



She's got another

Dave Yarborough's nice fish

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Ron Hayashi has one in the net

Jim and Miyoko Wright



The Group



Another one in the net





FFD TRAVELS: Payne Ranch Hike

Summary and Photos by Lowell Ashbaugh

My wife and I took a hike in the Capay Valley this month to the three bass ponds in Payne Ranch. The hike totaled 9 miles, and we did it in six hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), including time for lunch, breaks, and fishing. We parked the car on Highway 16 at coordinates 38°58'52.25"N latitude and 122°20'48.15"W longitude. There's a pullout on the north side of the highway there and a few more just beyond it. The hardest part of the hike is crossing Bear Creek that runs alongside Hwy. 16. It was running high enough that we had to wade it. We hiked the loop clockwise, getting to the first pond around noon. There were lots of bullfrogs there, but no fish took my wooly bugger. After lunch we started toward the next pond. As usual it was surrounded by reeds and pretty much inaccessible so we pushed on toward the big pond. That one was low enough that there was at least 5' of mud bank between the water and the reeds, with several clear areas to fish. I caught at least a dozen bass, and some quite large ones, in forty minutes!



Google Earth view of the hike



Small pond – no fish, just bullfrogs



Middle pond - no easy access



There are lots of bass in Big pond



Big pond – the fish are here!



Stay on the trail!

FFD OUTREACH: Casting For Recovery Spring Retreat

Summary and Photos by Paul Berliner

As many of you know, our club is a very proud sponsor of Casting For Recovery (CFR), a national organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through fly-fishing retreats. Each retreat combines breast cancer education with an immersive weekend of fly fishing education and on-the-water practice. CFR serves women of all ages, in all stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery, at no cost to the participants.

Last weekend, the Northern California CFR chapter held its first retreat of the year at the beautiful Indian Creek Lodge, on the Trinity River just outside of Douglas City. On Sunday morning of the retreat, CFR invites a group of volunteer "river helpers" to guide the participants for several hours on the water, and one-on-one guidance, conversation and fun. I've been a river helper for four years now, and for this retreat, my partner was Cass from Auburn, an amazing woman with a great spirit and strength.

The entire group fished at Steel Bridge, and the rain thankfully held off. No, not a single trout or steelhead was caught, but that's not the point. It's about relationships, new friendships, and a wonderful way to put aside one's troubles and concerns, and focus on the sound of the river. Cass told me that she has a pond in her back yard the just might be full of bass. I'm hoping she's gotten jazzed about our sport, certainly enough to toss a line into that pond and see who's home.

For more information about CFR, please visit https://castingforrecovery.org/.











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<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Hat Creek	Trout		May 18 - 20	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	Мау	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 6 - 10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 12 - 15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2017	Stripers	Boat	October 21	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	January	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater





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