

April Meeting, Tuesday April 30, 2019 7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School Cary Boyden Presents: The Stillwater Option- Bobber and Other Stillwater Fishing

his month, Tuesday April 30 at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will be hosting guest speaker, hosting guest speaker and FFD Member Cary Boyden. This program is aimed at the stream trout fly fisherman who, for one or more reasons, may be considering stillwater options. The program will cover equipment, some strategies and various venues the Club frequents during the year with a side trip or two to other locales worth exploring. Dry fly fishing will be given short shrift, but is clearly an option in most of the venues mentioned. Streamer fishing will be mentioned, but the clear focus will be on indicators and nymphs of various kinds. There will be several copies of his recent self published book: "Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider" in the raffle

Cary Boyden has been a FFD member since 1978. He was a Board member, Secretary and President and also the Outings Coordinator prior to Dana Hooper. Cary grew up in Deerfield Massachusetts and in his early years spent his summers Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire. He started his life long fishing obsession at age 5 when he caught a sunfish in Sunapee. His initial trout was a 10 1/2 inch brookie out of a brook in Deerfield. Fortunately Deerfield and Sunapee offered numerous fishing opportunities for both trout and other fish. At age 12 he bought his first fly rod and several years later started tying flies, an art he still enjoys but in which he clearly exhibits a skill level way below several of the Club's better tiers despite 61 years of effort.





Cary moved to California in 1970 primarily for better fishing and incidentally to make a living as a lawyer when the bank of dad closed. As is probably the norm for those with a trout background, his focus initially was on trout (and steelhead and shad) in streams. However, for reasons to be covered in his program, during the 1990s he began increasingly to focus on stillwater opportunities and nymph fishing in particular.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

"Life and fishing are very similar, you never know what's at the end of the line."

David Humphries

And touch down! I'm writing this column from the Holiday Inn in Missoula. What better way than to spend the next four days with fly fishing guides from all over the US at the Orvis Guide Rendezvous and of course go fishing! There is a bit of weather in the area, and the Clark Fork is blown out, but my friend Jim Mitchell, Outfitter and Guide at Montana Hunting Fishing Adventures is eager to take us out. Hopefully I have a few pictures to share with you next month.





Fishing is now in full swing! The beginning of the month started with the Baum Lake outing. What a great weekend! The stripers are back in the CA Delta, and the Club's first Berryessa Lake outing was a success. Next month the fun continues with the Lower Sac drift and the Hat Creek 101 weekend outing. If I'm lucky, I might just get to fish every weekend next month.

Hope to see you Tuesday night. I'm looking forward to hear our very own member, Cary Boyden, speak about stillwater fishing.

Oh and don't forget about the FFD Annual Swap Meet before the meeting. If you're new to the sport it is a great way to pickup some great equipment at a great price. Of course if you have a lot of equipment laying around, consider scaling down a bit and passing it on to a fellow club member.



MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Tristan Leong 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				
March	Richard Loft	March 26, 2019	Putah Creek Trout				
April	Cary Boyden	April 30, 2019	Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider				
May	John Rickard	May 28, 2019	McCloud River				
June	N/A	June 25, 2019	FFD Annual Picnic				

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

ANNUAL CASTING CLINIC ON MAY 5th



The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held on the lawn south of Northstar Ponds from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Sunday May 5. Jeff Putnam noted local casting instructor will be there to get you started or to help solve your casting problems. Jeff has a unique ability to finding and correcting problems that affect your accuracy and distance as well as a capability to explain casting techniques to neophytes.

Northstar Ponds are located at 3434 Anderson Rd just west of the F Street and Anderson Road intersection in north Davis. A parking lot that services this area is located just off of Anderson Rd. Bring your favorite casting outfit and eye protection(sunglasses). If you don't have an outfit, we can provide equipment. Please let us know ahead of time. Don't forget sunscreen and bug juice as the mosquitos or gnats could be out. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net. A signup sheet will be available at the March and April meetings.

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 https://tinyurl.com/y3dxar2q

At the last club meeting I mentioned that Governor Newsom has called for the Water Resources Control Board to explore Voluntary Settlement Agreements to manage flows in the Delta. Here's an Op-Ed published in the California Water Research Blog that describes what happened in Australia (republished with permission).

"Flexible" management of ecosystem water and the Australian catastrophe

By Bill Kier and Deirdre Des Jardins

The California State Water Resources Control Board is in the middle of a comprehensive review and update of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, which sets water quality measures and flow requirements to protect Delta fisheries. In a repeat of political interference with previous major Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Updates, Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed a new Water Board Chair and has directed the Secretaries of Natural Resources and the California Environmental Protection Agency to engage in negotiations with the Trump administration and water contractors on Voluntary Settlement Agreements to implement the update.

Jennifer Pierre, the general manager for the State Water Contractors, published <u>a breathless Op-Ed</u> calling for a "fundamental reset" of the State Water Resources Control Board's regulatory approach to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Instead of setting regulatory flow targets, Pierre calls for future management to be based on "adaptation and collaboration."

<u>Dr. Jeff Mount</u> of the Public Policy Institute of California has also advocated for "flexibility" in allocating water for the environment. In a January 2019 seminar for <u>the Delta Stewardship Council</u> science program, Mount stated:

"In our view, that means treating it like a water right that has the ability to both store and trade water... What it did in Australia where they set something like this up is suddenly the environment moves from being a constraint on the system to being a partner on the system. Somebody sits at the table with the other water right holders and is managing that body of water for the ecosystem but also as a partner with the folks in the watershed. So trading and storage is extremely important for management flexibility."

Mount's glowing reference to the Australian model makes one wonder if he has ever stepped foot in Australia, or seen the misery there. This year has seen

millions of dead fish in the Murray-Darling Basin from low flows and harmful algal blooms.



A panel of experts, convened by the Australian Academy of Science, found serious deficiencies in governance and management. In a <u>February 18, 2019 press release</u>, the Chair of the expert panel, <u>Professor Craig Moritz</u>, stated:

"Our review of the fish kills found there isn't enough water in the Darling system to avoid catastrophic outcomes. This is partly due to the ongoing drought. However, analysis of rainfall and river flow data over decades points to excess water extraction upstream."

In <u>Cry me a river: Mismanagement and corruption have left the</u> <u>Darling dry</u>, an Op-Ed published March 2018 in the Sydney Morning-Herald, Hellen Vivian opined:

"there is no escaping the state of this once magnificent river. It's like a giant neon emergency signal flashing across the four most populous states in the country. Depleted, despoiled, often poisonous and since 2001 frequently dry, the Darling River is an emblem of poor government, mismanagement, greed and anti-democratic activity."

In sum, there is nothing new or exciting about water diverters managing a block of water for the ecosystem. The Australian corruption and mismanagement shows the catastrophic impacts that could occur in California if those who profit from water diversions are charged with managing flows to protect fisheries.

About the authors

Bill Kier is a certified fisheries scientist who during his long professional life has been a California Department of Fish and Game field scientist, program manager and environmental division chief; an assistant Secretary of the California Resources Agency; a California State Senate consultant to committees on fish, wildlife, natural resources and water resources; developer and Director of the Senate's office for research and policy development; and, since 1986, a developer of, and Principal with Kier Associates. His consulting trips have taken him to the coastal estuaries of eastern Australia as

well as the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, the Gulf of Maine, and France's Loire River.

Deirdre Des Jardins, principal at California Water Research, has a background in physics and computational modeling, and is a former researcher at NASA Ames Research center, the Center for Nonlinear Studies at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the Santa Fe Institute, and the UC Santa Cruz Bioinformatics Group. She has done research on California developed water issues since 2009, including climate change, water management, and regime change in the Delta ecosystem.

Starting April 5, 2019, Restoration Flows began again in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area. Friant Dam had been managed for flood control since March 15, 2019, precluding the release of Restoration Flows. However, because flood releases into the San Joaquin River are no longer necessary for reservoir management, Restoration Flows have now resumed.

Diversions of Restoration Flows are not allowed unless authorized by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Restoration Flows are dedicated for preservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources pursuant to Water Code section 1707 and are protected under the California Water Code.

Reclamation will regularly evaluate releases at Friant Dam to achieve the flow target at Gravelly Ford. You can find more information about Restoration Flows at http://www.restoresjr.net/restoration-goal/restoration-flows/.

<u>The Delta Stewardship Council</u> had questions at its February meeting about actions the state was taking to address the ever-declining population of Delta smelt, and particularly about the use of captive-bred Delta smelt. At the March council meeting, Dr. John Callaway, Delta Lead Scientist, and Dr. Louise Conrad, Executive Officer of Science, updated the council members on the latest activities to help the smelt.

One promising activity has been the use of cages in the Deep Water Ship Channel to raise Delta smelt. There has been concern that the fish are so fragile they would not survive transportation and release, but in tests over 95% survived. This gives hope that captive raising could supplement wild fish to sustain the population.

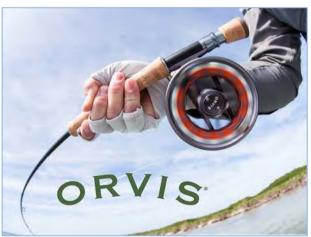
Another successful test was the use of the Suisun Marsh Salinity Gates to control fresh water flows into Suisun Marsh to provide habitat for the smelt, which do not like high salinity.

In the summertime Delta smelts have a lot of habitat constriction; there isn't a lot of habitat that's in the proper salinity range. Suisun Marsh also has high quality food sources and more favorable water temperatures, and this provided access to some habitat that they otherwise wouldn't have had because it would be too salty.

During the action, there was quite a bit of monitoring to look at the results, and it was successful in that the salinity was reduced and fisheries monitoring did find Delta smelt in the marsh, so that was a positive result. All the other monitoring suggested that maybe they wouldn't have been there give what had been observed in previous years, said Dr. Conrad.

There are plans to continue this action in future years, as it is a success story for providing space for Delta smett at a tough time of year.





FFD OUTINGS: Baum Lake

Photos by Members, Summary by Tom Robinson & Cary Boyden

Act I: Big Bows

While there was a brief threat of snow, this year the weather cooperated with the Club, unlike last year's snow storm that scared most of the Membership away. Half the group arrived on Friday and hit the lake as soon as they could. There were few rods bent that afternoon on the lake, but when they did, there typically was a 15+ inch rainbow pulling hard... not your cookie cutter stocked Baum Lake fish. Some had better luck than others heading up toward the power station. Previous reports had mentioned browns, but they were nowhere to be found. Friday night the group enjoyed jumbalaya and salad and the warmth of the campfire before the 25 degree cold nights.

Act II: Island Bound

Saturday morning, after thawing out for those that stayed at the PG&E Campground, the group eagerly headed to lake to launch before the crowds would arrive. Many headed up toward the power station, but the action was similar to the night before... catching a big rainbow then moving to find the next fish. By lunch the rest of the group had arrived to the lake and many headed to the island, which is where the browns were hanging out. Fish was pretty consistent with many a bent rod. By sundown the group had enjoyed potato ham cheese bake and salad and were preparing for another cold night.

Act III Saturday New Faces and Evening

Up to now Tom has been the writer. Now i take over. Saturday afternoon the remainder of the retirees arrived. The fishing was not bad for starters with everyone catching something. As Tom noted the real action was below the island either on the East side or middle channel. The fish continued on the larger side for Baum going to 19 inches.

Dinner was indeed great for all non vegetarians. And i could only look on with envy and complete dissatisfaction at my poor replacement. Tom, however, really understated the temperature drop. It was way beyond just cold. A warm bag, neoprene socks and down jacket were barely enough in a very well insulated Lance. OK: intelligence would have suggested turning the heater on. Poor Sam (the dog) was almost incapable of movement by morning.

Act iV Sunday

The ice gradually melted, and we hit the lake with little wind and a nice day. Dana and Tom re-camped on the East side below the island, and the bulk of the retirees anchored in the middle. Dana continued to show success. Tom may have dome well also. Those in the middle of the lake were picking them off more or less steadily. About noon those who support the economy left leaving 6 at the island and Paul, Bob Brodberg and the author headed for the dam.

One never knows what the dam will or wilt not produce. One year it is above the wires on the West side and another below the concrete abutment. And occasional it is a 0. This year at first it looked about even with everyone catching one or more fishing first the area upstream and then the dam. After fishing the lower area we headed back stopping above the wires for a last shot. It was like the lights came on, and we netted a number more and far more whiffs and lars.

Back up at the island, Adney had landed 10 and was not surprisingly very pleased with himself. By 4 the remains of the group was headed back to camp and Adneys lasagna meal. Once again the food was a trip highlight,

Act V

After a much warmer night we arose facing the chance of rain. The wuzzes: me, Jim and Miyoko, Bobber and Donn went to breakfast and headed back. The more devoted: Ken, Adney, Paul and the other Bob. fished until noon with some success. Those who did not were home less tired and at a more reasonable time. That said, we who left should have stayed and fished the whole day spending Monday night also given the promised rain never showed.

Wrapup

This year's trip departed for the usual early March timing allowing both weekenders and old timers to spend some time together. Certainly from this vantage point it was a great success. Moreover, for the second straight year the fish were generally closer to 15 inches than the historical 12. The absence of snow had led the older folks to go later last year with great results, and it was nice to see similar results again this year for all.



The back of the Troutmobile, just the way Paul Berliner likes it



Tom Martens is waits patiently for another tug



Son Chong's amazing pram, loaded n' ready to roll.



Dan Mini is looking for the browns he found the week before



Dana Hooper with a chuncky rainbow



Paul's beautiful Brown, just about 18"



A tribute to Bob Beverlin's journey to Cassel



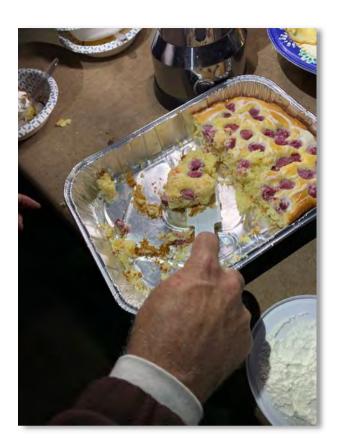
Bob Brodberg has a nice Bow in the net



Beautiful skyline



Check out Bob's new rig! Now that's real nice



Awsome dessert.. mind if I have thirds?

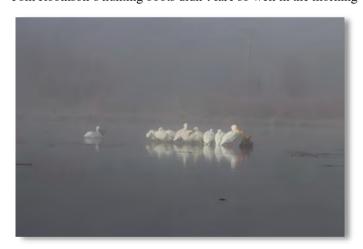


Where is the lake? Shrowded by fog





Tom Robinson's hunting boots didn't fare so well in the morning



Even the pelicans were chilly (if not frozen)

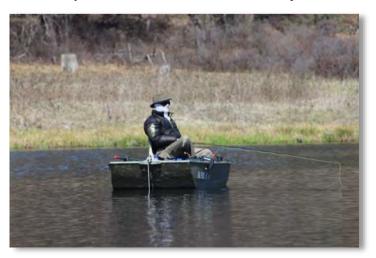




Donn Erickson's monster rainbow



Adney Bowker and Ken Lazzaroni are on the prowl



Cary Boyden patiently waits for a take down



Bob Beverlin's trout is a chunk



Miyako Wrights targets a rising trout



The lineup!



Tom and Dana found an endless supply or browns



The mountains still covered in snow... beautiful



The group enjoying another wonderful dinner together



Jim Wright, Donn, and Miyako

FFD OUTREACH: 2019 UC Davis Picnic Day

Summary by Cary Boyden photos by Members

The crowds were non-stop in Briggs Hall's Entomology Lab this year, where Fly Fishers of Davis helped tie Wooly Buggers. Special thanks to our ace team of tiers, including Bob Brodberg, John Hodgson, Ryan Mitchell, Dave Driscoll, Son Chong, Peter Hawes, and me. The doors opened and 9:00 AM, and the crowds didn't let up until 5:00 PM. Possibly hundreds of Woolies were tied in every wacky color imaginable — and some of the kids might (hopefully) go out with their parents and fish with them. We also distributed quite a stack of FFD brochures, as this is traditionally a wonderful venue to spread the word about our club's activities. See y'all at Picnic Day next year!



Bob Brodberg with his famous "Here Fishy Fishy" T-shirt



Paul Berliner celebrates after yet another purple Wooly



Ryan Mitchell shows his skill



John Hodgson teaches his mastery



Son Chong surveys the crowded Entomology Lab



Dave Driscoll asks his friend "Why are you here?"

FFD OUTING: Berryessa Lake

Summary by Cary Boyden Photos by Members

The Club's initial Bass at Berryessa outing ended up being held on the 24th. Initially scheduled for several days earlier, the projected winds resulted in a change in date. Whether or not this was a good decision is an open question based on the success of Peter Hawes and Son Chong on the original date and the number of attendees dropping by 4. One thing is clear, however, and that is the weather was really nice.

Also nice was having some first time attendees in Eric Arnold and Bud Goring along with usual suspects Rick Wallinder, Tom Burton, Bobber, John Reynolds, Warren Caldwell and the writer. Both newbies did well and will hopefully be seen at future outings, The usual suspects by and large also had good days. The 2 who had less fortune will remain anonymous Tom Burton in particular enjoyed success on almost all of the myriad flies he tried. His boat partner lacked the venturesome approach but did keep up with several dark balanced leeches. And Eric enjoyed success with some balanced leeches he had bought for use at Pyramid and Rick's choice of locales, while Bud fared similarly with some he had tied for the occasion based on internet videos and Warren's guiding.

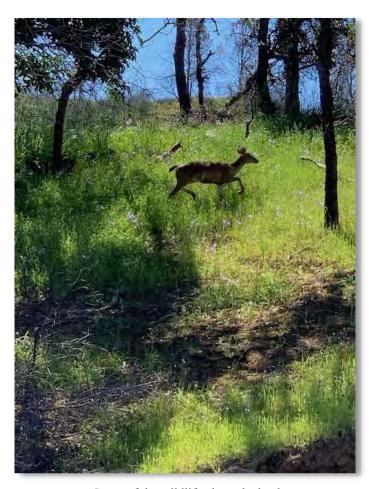
The best fishing was early before the sun really hit the water squarely. After that occurred it took a bit more effort to obtain results. The water, at least that from the narrows down, was dramatically clearer than a week earlier, and the better later fishing was on steep rockwalls and areas either shaded or with stained water. How much longer the fishing will continue as it has been for the last month or so is anyone's guess, but members waiting to try Berryessa for bass are encouraged to go sooner rather than later.



Bob Goding's straw hat is hatching



Unlimited smallies at Berryessa Lake



Some of the wildlife along the bank



Peter Hawes with a monster spotted bass



Crappies galore to tug on



Son Chong with a nice crappie



Some of the wildlife along the bank



Son is catching all of the specifies



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Peter with a smallie



Way to go Son!



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<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	Comments
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Hat Creek	Trout		May 17 - 19	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 17	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	June	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
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		June 20 - 23	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	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	December	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Lake Berryessa	Mult Spp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater





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Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or you can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

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