

Prez Says from John Reynolds

It looks like this may be my last chance to take a dig at, and otherwise offend, the more serious in our lofty group. The last two years have been a true adventure. Who'd have thunk that something as innocuous as a trip to the restroom at a board meeting would start the wheels of political ascension rolling and up in my own presidency. (The only thing lacking was a promiscuous young intern sitting on my lap)

As I turn the reigns over to Bill Rains (no pun intended) I will be looking for ways to continue serving the club, possibly as membership chair, and will continue working on the club's web page. I would like to express my thanks to the entire board for all of the efforts they have made behind the scenes to "keep the wheels greased" and things running smoothly. The club as a whole deserves a special thanks for the consistent generosity demonstrated at each monthly raffle. We regularly surprise ourselves with the amount of money raised.

Please keep up the spirit of contributing as the annual dinner is just around the corner. The skills and craftsmanship of club members is second to none and there's nothing quite as special as winning a box of hand tied bugs.

See you next year and thanks again!

JR

**2001 DUES ARE PAYABLE
BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST.**
PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF \$25
EITHER AT THE MEETINGS, ANNUAL
DINNER OR BY MAIL, POBOX 525,
DAVIS, 95617

**MORE ANNUAL
DINNER News**

As always, we ask that you bring your **PERSONAL DONATIONS** to the dinner which will be logged in and presented in the drawing.

BIG SPENDER DRAWING: Again, we will have a special drawing for you big spenders (Knapp included). With every \$50 purchase of drawing tickets, you receive a ticket for the special drawing prize for a fly rod.

FLY SELECTIONS are being requested from members. Either tie or present a selection of your favorite patterns. This is one of the most rewarding aspects of the dinner since you share your fishing soul through your donation.

BRING A FRIEND: Our annual dinner is a great way to invite friends interested in fly fishing and an enjoyable evening. Even for the none angler, the program, meal and drawings will be entertaining.

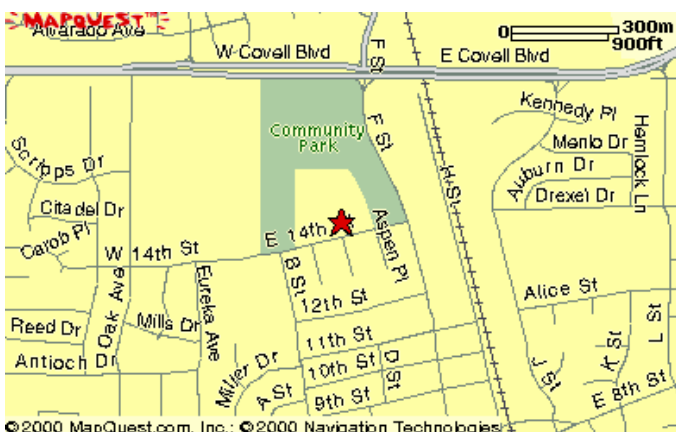
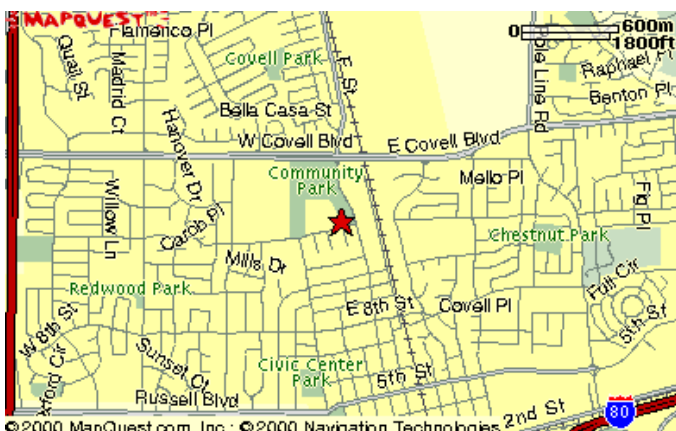
EARLY BIRD DRAWING: Every dinner ticket purchased before January 10th (postmarked by), will receive an entry in the **EARLY BIRD Drawing for a Fly Rod**. You can mail your checks made payable to: Fly Fishers of Davis, PO Box 525, Davis, 95617.

You can contact John Reynolds for more information and to reserve tickets. 530-753-2682

Two dinner tickets and annual dues amounts to \$85 so make it easy; write one check at the dinner covering both.

DINNER MAPS

Dinner – 6pm Beverages, 7pm Dinner
Veterans Memorial, 14th Street west of F Street



Afternoon Program, 1-4pm
Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2nd Street



NEW YEAR's Resolution

Here's a good New Year's resolution. Write an article for the Fisherman's Line.

Fisherman's Line articles and features are needed. It can be on anything related to fly fishing. Book reviews, fly patterns, fishing experiences, stories, tech tips, conservation news, and jokes (publishable) are really good.

We are looking for anyone who wants to write a feature column on patterns, tips and book reviews.

Contact the editor at 800-FLY-FSHN or submit via email to ronrabun@snowcrest.net.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are available to members at no charge. Non-member ads are \$5 per item. Ads may run until the item is sold. Continuing ads must be confirmed prior to each monthly the publication deadline. The ad submission deadline is the 15th of each month. Free ads submit by email to the editor. Paid ads submitted and payable by mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, PO Box 525, Davis CA 95617

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

From the FFF CLUB WIRE

"The only cure for a man in love with mountains is mountains; the analgesic for an addiction to mountain streams is the sound and feel of them -- the low howling of water cascading over smooth stones; the sudden chill of a stream's mist against the skin; the knot in the gut and the adrenaline that spills into the blood on seeing a rising trout; that possibility of wildness that never dulls or wears thin, no matter the press of time, the passage of years."

Harry Middleton

More From the FFF CLUB WIRE

BOOK EXCERPT

I don't believe that every encounter with nature automatically transports us back to some mystical sense of well-being stolen away by modern life. No doubt people have been inattentive and distracted as long as we've had the brains to string thoughts together. But I know that we're equipped to see and hear more than we usually do and that sometimes, when conditions are right, we can open ourselves to a world so rich with sensations that it makes the booming progress of civilization dim to insignificance.

Drifting downstream that afternoon, I realized that there's a big difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is passive; listening is active. We hear traffic and airport noise and the shouting loudspeakers in a department store. We listen to laughing children and hooting doves, to leaves rustling in wind-stirred aspens, to trout sipping mayflies in a river. In these noisy times the thousand subtle voices of a river can throw a calm over our lives. I swear its music to our ears.

(from "The Music Out There," in The River Home: An Angler's Explorations, by Jerry Dennis. Copyright 1999 by Jerry Dennis and St. Martin's Press.)

CONSERVATION LIST SERVICE

Many conservation activities and actions need your input and responses to various agencies, entities and politicians. Lowell Ashbaugh, our Conservation Chair, is establishing a list service where FFD members will receive Action Alerts and Conservation news. You can subscribe by contacting Lowell by email at:

Northern California Council FFF Conservation Update - Jan 2000 UPPER SAC DESIGNATED WILD TROUT

The California Fish and Game Commission recently took action to designate 28 miles of the Upper Sacramento River as Wild Trout and Catch and Release Water. The first section is from Box Canyon Dam down to Scarlett Way. The second is from the county bridge at Sweetbriar down to Lake Shasta. The Wild Trout designation precludes any stocking of fish in these river segments. The Catch and Release designation means that fishing regulations can permit a maximum kill limit of two fish. We will be involved in development of angling regulations for 2002-2003 which will be finalized late in 2001.

The Council has been actively involved in the development of the Management Plan for the Upper Sac. While we were disappointed that there will be a 10 mile put-and-take section in the vicinity of Dunsuir, the new Wild Trout and Catch and Release designations will apply to 74% of the river.

(Editor's Note: Cal-DFG Catch and Release Reg's means a zero, one or two fish take with artificial lures or flies.)

TRINITY RIVER FLOW DECISION ANNOUNCED

Secretary of the Interior Babbitt announced a decision to implement the "Preferred Alternative" as outlined in the EIS/R for the Trinity River Restoration. This would keep approximately 48% of the water in the river in a belated but important step to restore salmon and steelhead populations. It remains to be seen when this decision will be implemented, however, since those who benefit from the diversions to the Central Valley Project are already on their way to court in an effort to block this action.

PG&E DIVESTITURE

The EIS/R for the PGE Divestiture was recently released to the public, highlighting 49 significant environmental impacts that could result from the proposed auction. It included the concerns raised by the Council in our written comments and in our oral testimony at public meetings. Even though the EIS/R identifies serious potential problems with the auction process, it remains to be seen how this will affect the final outcome. The divestiture process may be affected by public dissatisfaction with rising energy costs which could provide the impetus for legislative action, with uncertain results.

An overview of the process and a copy of the EIS/R can be viewed at this web site: <http://cpuc-pgehydro.support.net/> I highly recommend that everyone read the Executive Summary.

PIT RIVER - HYDROPOWER RELICENSING

The Federal Energy Resources Commission (FERC) licenses for many hydropower dam operations in California are due for renewal. These licenses will provide the blue prints for the future of the affected rivers. One project up for renewal includes PG&E's Pit River power plants 3, 4, and 5. Given the importance of the associated river stretches to fly anglers, the Council plans to be actively involved in the Pit license discussions. The Council is a currently a member of the Pit River Collaborative Team, a vehicle for informal discussion between PG&E, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations. At the appropriate time we also will file a motion to intervene in the formal process.

In parallel with all this, early in 2001 FERC will be holding hearings in various locations throughout the U.S. to entertain suggestions on how the re-licensing process for hydropower projects can be "streamlined". The utility companies will certainly

see this as an opportunity to further limit the chances for public involvement on environmental issues, playing on fears of energy shortage. NCCFFF will be represented at the hearing in Sacramento on January 18th.

JUDGE RULES ON KLAMATH PROVINCE STEELHEAD LAWSUIT

The Federal Court recently took action on a law suit in which NCCFFF was a co-plaintiff. U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston gave the National Marine Fisheries Service until March 31 to reconsider its 1998 decision not to list steelhead in the Klamath Province as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Legal action was taken after government scientists had determined the steelhead were imperiled, but NMFS declined to list the species. The Klamath Province is an area that straddles Oregon and California and includes the Rogue and Klamath Rivers.

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ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION and DRAWING

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| <p>Seth Norman Books Teton Fly Reel, #5 Book, "Fly Fishing for the Compleat Idiot," by Michael Rutter" Book, "Spin Casting Brilliantly," by Michael Rutter Book, "Fly Tying," by John F. McKim Book, "Fishing the Wests Best Trophy Lakes" by Denny Rickards Subscription to "Western Outdoor News" Subscription to "Western Outdoor News" Fly Rod, 50% Discount on Powell Fly Rod \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Hook and Hackle Co. Book, "Fly Tying with Poly Yarn", by Lee Clark/ Joe Warren Book, "Tying Glass Bead Flies," by Joe Warren \$30.00 Gift Certificate, Louis Cairo's Restaurant \$25.00 Gift Certificate, Buckhorn Restaurant 50% Discount on Norlander products. Maker of the Nor-Vise. Polartech Gloves by Glacier \$25.00 off any order from Teeny Catalogue (> \$50.00) Gift Certificate, one night free at Sorensen's Resort Bauer Fly Reel M3 Renzetti Traveler Vise Sage Rod 696-4XP Sandpiper Chest Pack Four in One Fishing Tool Abel Reel, Model Super 2 Loomis Fly Rod 8' 6" 4 piece, 4 wt. Tiemco Hook Assortment 40% discount certificate for any Scott Fly Rod 50% discount on Steel-Fin fly reels "Fly Rod & Reel" subscription 50% discount on Lamiglass Rods and Blanks Rio Tippet Material Assortment Rio tapered trout leader assortment Triangle Taper Fly Line gift certificate 40% Discount on Regal Products \$250 Gift Certificate at Oasis Springs Lodge "Gift Subscription to "Gray's Sporting Journal" St. Croix Rod, 7foot, 3wt.</p> | <p>Seth Norman Teton Reel Company Mountain Press Publishing Mountain Press Publishing Mountain Press Publishing Mountain Press Publishing Western Outdoor News Western Outdoor News Powell Fly Rod Company Hook & Hackle Catalog Company Joe Warren Joe Warren Louis Cairo's Willows CA Buckhorn Winters CA Norlander Products Company Glacier Glove Products Jim Teeny Products Sorensen's Resort Markleeville Bauer Reel Company / FFD Renzetti Products Sage Rod Company / FFD Creek Company Creek Company Able Reel Company / FFD Loomis Rod Company / FFD Umpqua / FFD Scott Rod Company Steel Fin Reel Company Fly Rod & Reel Magazine Lamiglas Rod Company Rio Products Rio Products Royal Wulff Products Regal Manufacturing Oasis Springs Resort Morris Magazines Ted Fay Fly Shop / FFD</p> |
| | <p>(Note: "/ FFD" indicates Fly Fishers of Davis provided monetary contribution toward this item.)</p> |

CLUB CALENDAR

----- OUTINGS -----

The Club begins its 2001 outing schedule on January 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the Amador restaurant followed by a day on the lake. Buggers are the call, and hopefully the many fish in the lake will be more cooperative than to date.

On 2/11 we meet at the same time for breakfast at Pardee (a new experience in greasy spoons). Again buggers are the fly of choice, and if the stories are to be believed, by advancing the date fishing will be better. Pardee is a

float tubing/pontoon boat deal, and a good portion of the fish are in the 18-24" range. New members are particularly encouraged to come on these or any other trips of interest. The year's entire tentative schedule is:

| TRIP | FISH | FISHMEISTER | DATE | Fee <small>(guided/private waters)</small> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Lake Pardee | Trout | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | February 11 | |
| Redding - Sac River | Trout | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | March | \$167.50 |
| Kelsey Bass Ranch | Bass | Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN | April | \$ 50 |
| Pyramid | Cutthroat | Jon Knapp 916-756-9056 | April | |
| Sugar Creek Ranch | Trout | Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN | May | \$150 |
| Upper Putah Smorgi | Bass, Trout | John Reynolds 916-753-2682 | May | |
| Feather/Sac Rivers | Shad | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | June 2 | |
| Davis Lake | Trout | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | June 9-10 | |
| Macumber/Manzanita | Trout | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | July 14-15 | |
| Sierra Backpack | Trout | John Forsyth 916-750-1192 | August | |
| Pleasant Valley Creek | Trout | Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN | August | \$ 60 |
| Putah Creek | Trout | John Reynolds/John Forsyth 753-2682 916-750-1192 | Various | |
| Klamath R. /Johnsons | Steelhead | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | Sept | |
| Upper Klamath | Steelhead | Jim Wirth 530-662-5388 | Sept | |
| Upper Sac River | Trout | Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN | Oct 13 th | |
| Delta | Stripers | Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149 | Oct | |
| Pyramid Lake | Cutthroat | Jon Knapp 916-756-9056 | Nov | |
| Lake Amador | Trout | Cary Boyden 916-753-3826 | Dec 2 | |

----- 2001 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS -----

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| February 27th | Fly Fishing Western Wyoming | Mike Kaul |
| March 27 th | Fly Fishing Nevada | Richard Dickerson |
| April 24 th | Argentina | Don Childress |
| May 29 th | TBA | |
| June 26 th | TBA | |
| July 31 st | Annual Picnic at City Park near Davis Art Center 6pm. | |
| August 15 th - 19 th | Yolo Fair Booth – Woodland (no regular meeting this month) | |
| September 25 th | TBA | |
| October 30 th | TBA | |
| November 27 th | TBA | |
| December 11th | TBA | |

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and it's Northern California Council (NCCFFF).

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.
 The Fly Fishers of Davis provides equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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