

## *Prez Says .... from Bill Rains*

The Board and members can share in a very rewarding experience. At our last Board meeting (I do not mean the wine tasting), we were privileged to receive positive feedback on one of our youth projects. I have mentioned the Aquarium Project conservation education program headed up by Jim Wirth where grade school children are provided equipment and information on raising Steelhead trout. After reaching appropriate size they release the trout in a local river. We have funded this effort in several classrooms throughout Yolo county. This year, the Waggoner grade school in Winters used this program and after raising and releasing the steelhead they wrote letters to the club.

They expressed wonderment, excitement and knowledge in their responses. It was very gratifying to read the letters and to feel the emotional commitment the students had to the fish. For example one student said "I did not know that eggs have eyes"; Another student was amazed that baby fish came out of rocks and additionally a student learned that there are "stains" (sic) of trout. The kernels of information obtained by these grade scholars from this program could lead to a life time of conservation or to at least a fly fishing enthusiast.

We as a club and specifically Jim Wirth should be proud of this effort. For those of you attending the Yolo County Fair, we intend on displaying some of these letters and some will be posted in this newsletter.

Again I would like to see if we can expand this effort and continue to encourage the responsible use of our fishery resources. Please contact me or any of the Board members with your ideas.



## **FLY TYING CLASSES –Wrapup**

Bob Z's fly tying classes were a resounding success.

**Flies Tied:** Adams parachute, Bead Head Gold Rib Hare's Ear nymph, Bitch Creek Nymph, Davis Blood Midge, Deadalian Damsel, Elk Hair Caddis, Goddard Caddis, Janssen Leech, John Shewey's Damp Damsel, King's River Caddis, Marabou Matuka, Matuka Streamer, Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle, Putah Dragon, Shad Flies, Yellow Stimulator, Two Feather Midge.

**Participants were:** Tom Martens, Tom Burton, Bob Beverlin Jimmy Orjala, Reed Enos, Warren Caldwell, John Earle, Pete Baichtal **Thanks again to Bob.**

## **YOLO COUNTY FAIR BOOTH**

It's not too early to think about this year's booth at the Yolo Fair held in August. This year we are trying to spruce up the booth with photos, projects and other fly fishing information. Contact Bill Rains with any other ideas related to the booth. Also signup to man the booth

### **We Need Your Pictures for the Fair Booth**

The club is assembling a display of activities undertaken by the Fly Fishers of Davis for the Yolo County Fair and other venues. Please submit pictures illustrating club activities you are willing to have used in the display. In particular, outings, youth activities such as the classroom aquariums, and conservation activities such as the Putah Creek cleanup/restoration. Either 35mm slides or prints of any size will be fine. We will scan them to create

digital image files and then return the originals to you. Please give photos to Bob Pearcy.

### **Conservation News from NCCFFF**

#### **CHALLENGE TO SUCTION DREDGING**

**PERMIT PROCESS** - Over the past several years, the Council has been concerned about the impact of suction dredging on rivers and fish. Dave Ford and Norm Stevenson have previously represented NCCFFF in extensive dialogue with interested parties including the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the permitting agency. Unfortunately, meaningful reform of the permit process has not occurred. The importance of this issue has increased with the ESA listings of steelhead and salmon in some of the rivers where dredging occurs. With the support of Friends of the River and the environmental Law Foundation, the Council recently signed on to a letter to DFG announce intent to file a legal challenge to the suction dredge permitting process. We await DFG's response to this letter. The DFG has routinely issued permits for suction dredging without following provisions of law. For example, the law states that a permit is to be issued only if DFG determines ".... the operation will not be deleterious to fish" Despite this clear condition, permits have been routinely issued even though the application form asks only for personal information about the applicant. Further, the law requires DFG to determine on every application whether "an onsite investigation of the project" is "deemed necessary by the department." This is obviously impossible if DFG doesn't even know where the dredging will occur. Of course monitoring and enforcement is virtually non-existent. There's more, but you get the idea.

**LOWER YUBA RIVER UPDATE** - Under the "energy crisis" banner, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) bowed to the interests of water diverters and issued a revised flow decision for the Lower Yuba which is totally inadequate to support the fishery. NCCFFF was among several conservation groups filing motions for reconsideration. We expect the motions will be denied. Informal meetings are taking place among various interests, but the progress to date has not been encouraging. Pending the course of these

discussions, a coalition of groups including NCCFFF, is currently evaluating further options, including a potentially costly legal challenge. Thanks to Bob Baiocchi, Mike Fitzwater, and Nathan Joyner who have been representing the council on this issue.

**RESPONSE TO CALAVERAS COMPLAINT** - In the spring of 2000, NCCFFF joined CSPA in filing a complaint with the State Water Resources Control Board to protest a fish kill, including ESA listed steelhead, which resulted from severe flow fluctuations on the outflow of New Hogan Dam on the Calaveras. The good news is that as a result of our complaint, the dam operators will have to consult with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to insure that steelhead are not harmed by operation of the dam. SWRCB deferred action stating they lacked adequate information, due in part to the fact that they never received the information they requested from DFG. DFG's lack of response was particularly disconcerting since the kill involved ESA listed species, and DFG staff led the research to prove the dead fish were steelhead. Bob Baiocchi sent a strong letter to DFG on behalf of the Council requesting an explanation for their inaction, also requesting a prompt and thorough response to SWRCB request. We received an encouraging reply from DFG which now commits them to consult with their steelhead experts and to submit the requested information to SWRCB. We hope this information will lead to action by the Board itself.

**PIT RIVER FERC LICENSE UPDATE** - The conditions defined in the renewed Pit license will affect this river for decades. PG&E has filed a draft license application with FERC, and the Pit River Collaborative Team is now meeting two days each month. The importance of these meetings will continue to increase over the coming months. Thanks to Alan Ulrey of the Shasta Fly Fishers who has attended Northern California meetings of the Pit River Collaborative Team on behalf of the Council.

A consultant was recently engaged to assist with facilitating the process which should be a plus in the long run since a clear process has now been

defined for the Collaborative Team to follow. It now appears that PG&E wants to reach a settlement with stakeholders. Earlier in the process, PGE indicated they would be using the "traditional process", but would hold meetings with a collaborative team to get input. [The NCCFFF conservation update is distributed periodically to NCCFFF Directors, Club Conservation chairs, and individual subscribers interested in regional angling-related conservation issues. Also, information can be found online at [www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org). Your input is always welcome. To subscribe to the e-distribution list, contact Rob Ferrogiaro at [rferro@ns.net](mailto:rferro@ns.net).]

## Sierra Backpacking Trip

June 29- July 1

**Fish'n-hike-meister: John Forsyth**

The Sierra backpacking trip is scheduled for Friday June 29th to July 1st. The tentative plan is to repeat last year's successful Fremont Lake trip in the Eastern Sierras out of Bridgeport. It is a moderate 7 mile hike to the lake. A float tube is mandatory to have luck in the lake. There are some streams and other small lakes to explore in the backcountry. This trip is subject to change at the whim of the fishmeister if another better idea is presented. We have access to equipment for those of you new to backpacking. Contact John Forsyth, 750-1192, to confirm or if you have other ideas. Email address is [forsyth2405@yahoo.com](mailto:forsyth2405@yahoo.com)

## Pleasant Valley Creek Preserve Outing - September 2001

FFD is planning a return trip to this Preserve, a Private Water fly fishing only destination located near Markleeville. We are looking at early September depending upon the Preserve's guide recommendations. After last years trip was a highly successful outing, the 12 spots will fill quickly. Jim Crouse, Preserve Guide, will provide an orientation and spend some personal time with each angler.

This outing is a special Club program, the normal \$80 access fee instead will be \$60 (with 12 paid attendees including club sponsored lunch.) Local accommodations are available or you may want to get a campsite at Grover Hot Springs State Park. A signup will be started at the next meeting. Contact

Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN for more info.

## PUTAH CREEK – LAKE SOLANO TWILIGHT FISHING SERIES:

**Fishmeister John Reynolds**

John Reynolds will be coordinating this year's weekly Lake Solano twilight series. Those interested should be thinking about which weekdays do and don't work for them. We will try to get on the water at about 5 PM and fish until dusk. The series starts in August and proceeds thru September. Participants should have a float tube or pontoon boat, rubber fish-pants, flippers and a fish-pole with floating line. Wooly buggers seem to work as do generic nymphs, flymphs and wet flies. (Last year Bob Z. caught a whale on a dragonfly nymph.) This is a great opportunity for newcomers to take advantage of a very respectable back-yard resource. By early August the flows in Putah Creek are slowly dropping, the aquatic weeds are up near the surface, and there seem to be plenty of factory reared planters looking for an easy meal. Look for a sign-up sheet at the June meeting.



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## *From Aquarium Project Class*

**Letters ....** [Our project supported 44 students at the Waggoner Elementary School in Winters, Nan Williams' 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and Amber Foster's 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Nan is planning to stop by our June meeting. Thanks to Nan and Amber for making the project successful.]

Joey Sanders wrote, "Thank you for the fish, fish tank and food..... They were small one day and big another."

Courtney Corrales wrote, "They were very cute. We learned that steelhead are Anadromous Fish.... When the salmon lay their eggs, they die, but when steelhead lay their eggs they do not die."

Manvel wrote, "Alevins need to stay in the gravel for protection..... Out of 35 eggs, we had 30 survivors."

Jose wrote, "We released our fish at the Sacramento River (Discovery Park). When our steelhead turn into adults they going to be in the ocean."

Danielle wrote, "I learned that the mother steelhead lay 10,000 eggs in a nest called a 'redd'."

Mallory Greavner wrote, "I learned that fingerlings are fry that are bigger. The thing on the alevin's stomach is call a 'yolk sack.."

Briana wrote, "We liked them a lot... When the mother steelhead lays it's eggs, it stays alive."

Silvia Garcia wrote, "On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March we released them and everyone was sad. We would make observations every day. We also made a river to go on the top of our ceiling."

Rebecca Salas, wrote this poem:

*Sweet little fishes don't go away,  
What are we going to do without you,  
The night we Pray.*

Cheyenne wrote, We enjoyed the days we had with them.

Brad wrote, "And the release was great. We each got a cup with one fry in it and we all got a chance to say good-bye."

Carlos wrote, "I learned about the six strains of the steelhead."

Marshall wrote, "...And there are seven stages in the life cycle. And the spawner fights the river to lay their eggs."

Max VanDyke wrote, "We released our fish last Thursday, but I didn't like it because it was the last time

we will see them. But, I'm sure they will live a happy life."

Carina wrote, "Thank you for paying for our fish project. It was very special to us."

Fabian wrote, "I learned that the steelhead have eight fins, some are yellow and other are orange and red."

Adam wrote, "I learned that fry have par marks for camofloje."

Sonny wrote, "Played in the sand after we let the fish go. Then we did a scavenger hunt... It was really fun."

Johnny wrote, "I learned you could see their eyes in the egg. I learned all of the fishes have one is an egg, alevin, fry, smolt, adult and spawner."

Victor wrote, "We painted fish on a shirt."

**A Special Thanks to Nan, Amber and all their students who took time to write us regarding your experience.**

### **Last Month's Fly Tying Winner**

Congratulations to Lowell Ashbaugh who tied the Parachute Adams last month. The one nicely tied and only entry. Therefore, Lowell happily walked away with the certificate. I understand Lowell will be putting in another entry this month. He's hoping for another lone entry, but, I know you won't let him down and bring in your version of the Yellow Stimulator.

## **Monthly Fly Tying Contest Sponsored by American Fly Fishing Company**

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**Tie the Pattern of the Month for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate for American Fly Fishing Company. The patterns submitted will be judged by our esteemed fly tying chairman and selected evaluators. Judging criteria are the pattern tied most closely to the Fly of the Month instructions, fly construction skills and best representation of the pattern. Judges decision will be final. Patterns will be assigned a number and judged anonymously. When you arrive at the meeting, sign in and place a numbered tag on your pattern. Submitters are not eligible to judge.**

**Thanks to Gary Eblen for this sponsorship.**

## FLY PATTERN OF THE MONTH

### Yellow Stimulator

The Yellow Stimulator was originated by Randall Kaufmann. It can be used as an imitation of the little yellow stonefly, or as a general attractor or searching pattern. There are a number of color variations in the stimulator series including olive, green, royal and orange in addition to the yellow. There are some version with rubber legs attached to the thorax.

#### Yellow Stimulatory

**Hook:** Tiemco 200 R in sizes ranging from 6 to 16.

**Thread:** Orange for head. Black or orange for the rest of the pattern.

**Tail:** Fairly thick bunch of light elk hair, flared.

**Rib:** Fine gold wire, or small oval gold tinsel.

**Body:** Antron fluorescent yellow. Either wrapped as a stand of antron or dubbed.

**Hackle:** Ginger or badger palmered over the body. Grizzly palmered over the dubbed thorax.

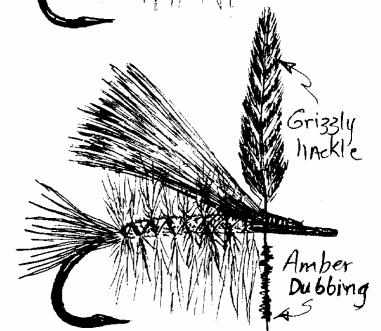
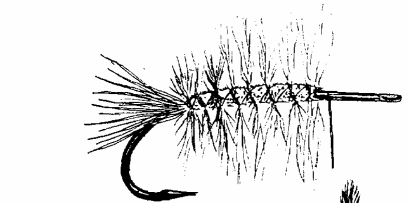
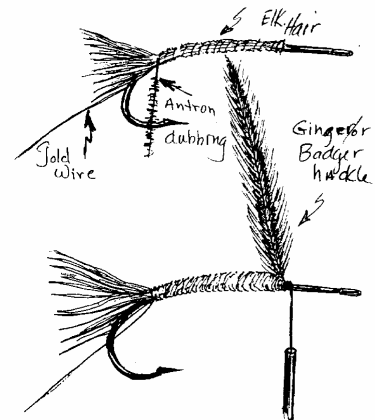
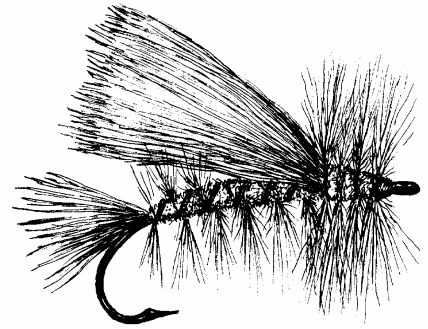
**Thorax:** Dubbed amber goat hair over the butts of the elk hair wings.

**Head:** Orange thread head.

**Tying Instructions:** Attach and secure the thread at near the rear of the hook. Wrap the thread toward the eye dressing about 2/3 or the shank. Stack a clump of light elk hair and tie it in at the 2/3 position leaving enough to make a tail which should extend about one gape length beyond the barb.

Wrap the elk hair on top of the shank back to the tail position. At the tail take a tight wrap to make the tail flare. Tie in the gold wire rib and either dub or wrap yellow fluorescent antron to the 2/3 position where the tail was tied in. Tie in a badger or ginger hackle by the butt and make two wraps close together around the body then palmer the hackle to the tail position. Tie off the hackle with the gold wire as on the Elk Hair Caddis and spiral the gold wire to the front of the body. Wrap both the hackle and the wire clockwise. At the end of the body (2/3) up the shank, dress the hook shank and tie in a clump of stacked elk hair which will extend to the bend of the hook. If the elk has any curvature tie in the hair to have a convex wing.

Trim the butts of the elk hair to make a tapered thorax, (Larger at the rear) leaving sufficient room for a moderately large thread head. If your are not using orange thread, change over now and return the thread to the base of the wing. Tie in a grizzly hackle and dub a tapered thorax over the butt ends of the elk hair to the eye position. The thorax is tied with amber goat dubbing. ( We will use rams wool). Wind three to five turns of grizzly hackle over the dubbed thorax and secure it at the eye. Hold the hackle fibers back and make a moderately large thread head. Cement.



# CLUB CALENDAR

## ----- OUTINGS -----

Cary Boyden, Chairman, 503-753-2682

June's meeting will have signups for various outings. First is the July 20-21. McCumber -Manzanita trip to replace the Trinity outing excursion which was always a very enjoyable get together but which had offered fishing of dramatically increasing mediocrity over the last several years. John Forsyth's annual backpacking jaunt is also available. For those who enjoy the High Sierra this is a great chance to learn from John's experience. And Ron's Pleasant Valley sojourn also has a signup sheet. Last year's trip was a tremendous success, and there is no reason to expect other than the same this time around. The dates for the latter two will be on the signup sheets. There has been one trip since the last meeting- the annual shad venture. The thought in this case is clearly "Ye of so little faith" as the signup of 8 ultimately dwindled to a diehard 3. For 2 of those 3 the thought had to have been that the others had it right- until 7:10 anyways. Up until then two fish had been caught by the fishmeister and something that snapped 6 pound test like nothing after at least a 100 yard run had been lost. But at 7:10 the switch was turned on, and between then and dark somewhere between 35 and 40 fish were netted. 6-8 doubles and 2 tripples were part of the party which included predominantly males with a good mix of females- all very strong fish. The irony is that it was the smallest turnout in years with the largest number of fish caught, and it was only 200 yards, if that, from the launch Bill would not even have had a chance to ground his boat..

TRIP	FISH	FISHMEISTER	DATE	Fee (guided/private waters)
Davis Lake	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	June 23-24	
Sierra Backpack	Trout	John Forsyth 916-750-1192	June 29 <sup>th</sup> -July 1st	
Macumber/Manzanita	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	July 20-21	
Pleasant Valley Creek	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Tent. Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 60
Putah Creek	Trout	John Reynolds/John Forsyth 753-2682 916-750-1192	Various	
Upper Klamath	Steelhead	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	Sept	
Upper Sac River	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Delta	Stripers	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	Oct	
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	Jon Knapp 916-756-9056	Nov	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Tent. Nov 17th	\$130
Lake Amador	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	Dec 2	

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

June 26 <sup>th</sup>	California's Cutthroat Trout, Dave Lentz, Project Director DFG Wild Trout Pgm
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Picnic at City Park Picnic Area near Davis Art Center 6pm. A-M bring salads. M-Z bring desserts. Club provides burgers, dogs & fixin's.
August 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yolo Fair Booth - Woodland (no regular meeting or newsletter this month)
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
December 11th	TBA

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