

Prez Says from Bill Rains

[short and sweet]

Go Fishing!!!

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 sign up 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 Percy, 530-756-0932. Mail to: 227 Diablo, Davis, 95616

**Pleasant Valley Creek Preserve
Outing – August 4, 2001**

FFD is planning a return trip to this Preserve, a Private Water fly fishing only destination located near Markleeville. Due to water conditions, we are looking at August 4th. 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 \$

\$95 access fee 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.. Contact Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN for more info.

[All 12 trip spots for this date are taken. There is already a waiting list for any cancellations. If anyone is interested in a follow-up trip let me know.]

**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. Woolly buggers seem to ork 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.

Last Month's Fly Tying Winner

Congratulations to John Hodgson who tied a great Yellow Stimulator according to the Fly Tying Contest Grand Poobah. John took home the \$25 Gift Certificate to the American Fly Fishing Company. John Forsythe receives Honorable Mention as the only other pattern submitted. Hey 50% chance wasn't so bad.

With our summer hiatus until the September meeting, practice and prepare for the upcoming patterns. We will be looking forward to continued sponsorship from Gary and Peter at American Fly Fishing Company.



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SIERRA BACK PACKING OUTING Report

From John Forsyth

John Forsyth, John Hodgson, Mark Kubik, and Greg Mehl survived a three day trip to Fremont Lake in the Eastern Sierra. The hike was a litter harder than last year's trip, but it was well worth it. Fremont Lake was full of mosquitoes, but also healthy 12 to 15 inch rainbows. On the way in the two Johns stopped at Hidden Lake and coaxed four large rainbows to take their offerings. Only one was landed, and it was a very chunky 16 incher. That night we all caught plenty of nice fish at Fremont, but the mosquitoes were so voracious, they drove all but Hodgson off the lake before the evening rise started. John stayed out and caught some on dries. The next day we split up in pairs and explored the West Fork of the West Walker. The wild little stream is a true back-country treasure with beautifully colored rainbows and brook trout hiding in the plunge pools as it spills through a

granite canyon. The fish were not as numerous as last year, but Greg did land a 14 incher on a Royal Wulff. That evening the wind slowed and the sky and surrounding peaks were reflected off the calm waters. Mark started the action on the south end of the lake and the rake was on. Someone's line was always tight, and doubles and even triples were common. Mark caught fish on five consecutive casts; I had three in a row. These were strong fighting fish in good shape. As the sky darkened the wind picked up, but the fish still came to the shallows and started to rise. Greg and I each nailed a half dozen on dries until it was too dark to fish. The trek out on Sunday was hot and long, but the memories of the fabulous action made it go a little easier. Proving that he could keep four beers cold while in the back of his vehicle for three days, Mark presented us with one final treat to end a great trip.

Alaska Salmon Sighting

From Lowell Ashbaugh

My family and I took a cruise up the Inside Passage at the end of June (I had a good excuse for missing the meeting, see?). The last port of call was Ketchikan, home of the "best salmon on earth." Because there were three other cruise ships docked when we arrived, we had to drop anchor a little offshore and be tendered to the dock. As I got on the tender, I noticed a young guy with a four piece pack rod in his daypack, so I struck up a conversation with him. He took me by surprise when he said his name was Lowell, so we talked about that for a while, then got back to fishing. He had a 3 weight with him and intended to fish a little stream right in town. I saw him a little later under the bridge on Front Street side-arm casting into the little rushing creek. We watched for a while, then went on a hike. Later in the afternoon, I returned to the same area to visit some shops. Unfortunately, they were closed, but then I noticed that the little rushing creek was high flat water. The tide had come in. Then there was a tell-tale splash, but all I saw was the ring. A closer look at the water, though, revealed dozens of huge King salmon milling about. Fishing is prohibited upstream of the bridge, but there were a number of fishermen on the downstream side, casting out toward the bay. I went over to watch, and saw a fish jump, then another,

then another, and another. There were so many huge fish in that little area that I was mesmerized. They were jumping two at a time, three at a time. Two jumped once in perfect synchronization, from opposite directions but side-by-side. Only one fisherman had caught one, but it was a fine big fish over two feet long. No one was fly fishing, but it was really fun to watch the fish rise and jump all around their lines. I couldn't help wondering what that young Lowell would have done if he had accidentally hooked one of these fish with his three weight! I watched for half an hour before tearing myself away (got to get another meal in - burp).

Conservation News **From Lowell Ashbaugh**

There's lots of activity in northern California this month. First up is the Klamath Basin Controversy. Farmers in the Klamath Basin on the Oregon border are rebelling against a decision to withhold water from their farms and protect endangered suckerfish in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened Coho salmon in the Klamath River. The Bureau of Reclamation created the Klamath Project in 1907 by diverting water from the Klamath river to irrigate 200,000 acres of arid land. At the same time, Teddy Roosevelt protected the Lower Klamath Lake as the nation's first waterfowl refuge. For nearly 100 years, the Klamath Basin has been farmed with water diverted from the river. This year the Bureau of Reclamation, following a court order after a ruling by the Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act that the fish were threatened because of a drought, cut off water to farmers in the area.

So on July 4 a group of farmers broke into BLM land and diverted water into an irrigation canal where it flowed for several hours until the BLM shut it off again. This action gained considerable media attention and led to calls to reconsider the listing of these fish as endangered or threatened. Most recently, a group of farmers have offered to sell their land to the federal government, relieving pressure for the water and giving the affected farmers a chance for another start somewhere else.

Could this be the elusive win-win solution?

A little south of the Klamath, ranchers have diverted most of the flow of the Scott and Shasta Rivers to irrigate alfalfa fields and pastures, leaving too little water in the rivers for thousands of young salmon and steelhead to survive. Thousands have died in both rivers. No one is being cited, and laws designed to keep sufficient water in the rivers for fish survival are not being enforced. Why? Apparently there's concern that cooperative restoration efforts between the state and ranchers on the river would end if the law were enforced. Of course, I have to wonder why there's any need for restoration efforts if there's not enough flow in the river to support the fish.

Then there's the closing of a fish processing plant in Eureka that the plant's owners have blamed on "the environmentalists." A closer look would indicate that the closure is due to overfishing after a rapid expansion of the fishing fleet until fish populations were on the brink of collapse. It's hard to fight mother nature. To their credit, the regional fisheries council agreed to fish conservation measures to allow populations to recover.

Finally, a little news from the southern part of the state. The Westlands water district, which has for years gotten its water from northern California (mostly from the Trinity River), has filed suit to take San Joaquin River water, which is now used by the east side farmers. Westlands argued that old, little-used laws on the books in California give first call on water to users in the watershed where a river flows. Why does this sound ironic? Hmm, could it be because they have fought tooth and nail to keep taking water from the Trinity? What a tangled web...

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FLY TYING

Britt Phillips of the Santa Lucia Fly Fishers and NCCFFF Fly Tyer asked the following questions of his fellow tying guru's.

What is your favorite way of tying in marabou tails that are least likely to foul, wrap or find there way 'round the hook?

Answers:

- I have never had too much fouling or even noticed it as a problem. Maybe because I tie all my tails for leeches, buggers, damsels, etc at the very back of the hook shank and I use the 200 series of Tiemco hooks with its short round hook gap.
- If anonymous AP was here to answer you, he would tell you to post the bundle of marabou by going between the material and the shank of the hook with one or two post wraps around the bundle of marabou with the thread and then one complete thread wrap around the whole thing. This will keep the material on top of he shank and from wrapping round the bend when fished. This technique works with other materials which may cause the same foul-up problem.
- A short mono loop in the tail.
- A horizontal mono loop behind the hook bend, Cheers from the steel island...
- Try Preperation H to solve problems.
- First, pinch the end of the marabou feather leaving the straightest part of the tippit of the marabou available - tie in at the point of the hook preceded with twenty wraps of 020 palmered with Emu feather – fish stripping rapidly - if this does not accomplish the task - contact "Denny Rickards"!
- Simply put -- make it shorter than the shank first off. For longer shank hooks (3x or more) make it shorter still. The more open the hook's gape the less likely there will be a "foul."
- When I'm not in a hurry, I tie marabou tails "in the round." That is, >fibers secured round the entire axis of the shank. This requires rotating the vise with the fly to tie fibers in evenly, but seems to minimize tails twirling around the bend during presentation/retrieveing.
- 1) Elevate with a few turns of thread and limit length to one shank length. 2) A short horizontal loop of mono tied in first with Marabou tied in on top.
- Short and dense with more material. No longer than one gape. If tied too long you get a lot of short strikes. I haven't found any problem with the number of grabs when pinching longer ones back. I usually start longer and >pinch them back. It eliminates both fouling and short grabs. If you need length in the fly use a longer shank hook with the shorter tail.
- "A Four Step Cure for Tail Flip".
 - Step 1.** Use Luallen's proprietary feather douche solutions for sanitary cleaning.
 - Step 2.** Next use Puyans rachis stiffing solution, mix a formulation of 50 mg Viagra to 50 ml of Hare stiffener. Immerse cleaned marabou feathers in warm solution until feathers are self standing when wet.
 - Step 3.** Next, tie the wet marabou in at hook point, butts first, to the hook shank side/bottom, dividing equally around both sides of hook bend and recombine with a few post hook thread wraps and advance thread forward onto hook shank.
 - Step 4.** Finally, temper the marabou with the famous Hoeser steamer process to set the rachis modulus to around 44M using a gentle drift of steam, direct hot application will damage shaft stiffness. Results: Tail always stands out and will not bend to foul around hook, yet provides that much needed tantalizing motion. There ya go, sports fans! Those of you who buy into this process need to stay with Golf.

[Not a John Reynolds submission]

Next Month's Question
How do you get posted wings to stand up straight?

Ooops! Adapt 4 Step Cure Above.

Annual Picnic to Annual Dinner

We're all about ready to sit down to a nice Bar BQ at the Park and you want to talk about the Annual Dinner already.

That's right. Fishing, food and fun is the formula. FFD Board has decided to hold the Annual Dinner in February 2002 in order to get the timing a bit further from the holidays. The Board also decided not to have a featured program and return to 'homegrown' brief presentation similar to that several years ago. That's where we all get together and have fun eating, drinking, conversing and winning drawing prizes with a very short slide show narrated by our program chairman.

Why mention this in July? Because we want to announce.....**FFD First Annual Dinner Photo Frenzy Contest** To be the slides presented at the Annual Dinner. We've picked following categories.

Humor

Scenery / Travel

Fly Fishing - General

Big Fish / Little Fish

Youth / Friends

Begin gathering your photo ideas and opportunities and take pictures.

Explanation of Categories:

- Humor – anything funny about fly fishing.
- Scenery / Travel - photos of rivers, lakes, mountains, meadows, streams, or outdoor places of a potential fly fishing destination.
- Fly Fishing (General)- Anything with fly fishing action including fishing, casting, fly tying, etc.
- Big Fish / Little Fish – Here's a chance to show off the Big One or any fish. This is the fish picture category.
- Youth / Friends – photos of kids, family or socializing during a fly fishing activity. This is where we will include the social photos from Outings.

Photo Frenzy Rules: (Really aren't any. Just the following guidelines)

- This is being called a contest for entertainment purposes, therefore, is being held in the spirit of fun and friendship.
- Submit 35mm slides or prints not smaller than 4x6 inches.
- Submitted photos may include a brief description for the program narrator. Submit a narrative of 25 words or less with your photo. The program narrator reserves editorial rights for the presentation content for the sake of time.
- Limit 2 photos per category per member.
- Submit photos to Ron Rabun or Bob Percy no later than January 15th, 2002.
- The Presentation Committee will make all final categorizations and judge the slides.
- No pornography or sensitive material.
- One overall Favorite will be chosen as the Best of Show and receive a premium prize probably costing a buck or two more than a cheap fly box or bottle of wine. The Categorical Favorites will receive a meager prize, probably a cheap fly box or a cheap bottle of wine.
- All submissions will be shown at the Annual Dinner with the Committees Favorites and Honorable Mentions noted.
- You may submit a photo from the past, the only requirement is that it must be either taken by or include a FFD member or member family person in the photo. (Member pets allowed)
- In case of limited photo submission, the judges reserve the right to award all categories to Lowell Ashbaugh for submitting the only photo.

Get started today taking photos and looking through those old photos.



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CLUB CALENDAR

----- OUTINGS -----

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ince last report there have been two outings. One was a very successful backpacking trip headed by John Forsyth and reported on elsewhere in this edition. The other was the annual Davis trip. This year's venture had some very tough damsel fishing in which most members either caught only a few each day or practiced casting all morning. The evening was significantly more productive. And Saturday night was evidence of what outings are designed to accomplish as at least a primary goal: i.e. involve new members successfully. Adney Bowker casting from the shore and using several borrowed flies gave the rest of us a lesson. It was really great, and while the rest of us received the lesson we allso seemed to have been quick learners, as fish were being taken all up the line and by our two pontoon boaters off the shore. It was definately the fastest fishing on any of the Club's numerous Davis sojourns.

Coming up are the M&M trip on the 20th and the Pleasant Valley trip which, not surprisingly after last year's success, is oversubscribed. Ron has a report on the latter elsewhere. No other trips are planned before the September meeting, but right after the meeting will be the steelhead trip and a Monday outing at Sugar Creek Ranch. For more info on these contact Jim Wirth. Also Ron will have the Upper Sac trip the first weekend in October, and for more info contact him.

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 th -July 1st	
Macumber/Manzanita	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	July 20-21	
Pleasant Valley Creek	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	August 4th	\$ 60 Full
Putah Creek	Trout	John Reynolds/John Forsyth 753-2682 916-750-1192	Various	
Idaho-Montana Road Trip		Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	September 6 th -15th	
Upper Klamath	Steelhead	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	Sept	
Upper Sac River	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	October 6th	
Delta Stripers	Stripers	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	October 27th	
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	Jon Knapp 916-756-9056	Nov	
SugarCreek Rance	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-735-3826	October 1 st (Monday)	\$130
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	November 17th	\$130
Lake Amador	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	December 2nd	

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

July 31 st	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 th - 19 th	Yolo Fair Booth – Woodland (no regular meeting or newsletter 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 its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

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