

Prez Says from Bill Rains

The second week of September found a group of Davis flyfishers on their way to Montana. We had arrived in West Yellowstone on Friday, September 7 in the midst of a light snow. The weather cleared but remained chilly. We checked around and were told that the South Fork of the Madison River, where it enters Hebgen Lake, could be fishing. We camped on the South Fork at Lonesomehurst Campgrounds and woke up Saturday to cold weather. Bob Zasoski checked his fish thermometer and the temperature had gone below the minimum scale of the thermometer. He estimated that it was at least 27° F or less. The fishing turned out to be excellent. Numerous wild rainbows were caught, none less than 15", most 18" with an occasional 19-21" fish landed. There were plenty of 16-19" white fish hooked, which turned out to be a very sporting fish on a 4-weight rod. The fishing continued excellent for the two days and we continued to have permanent smiles on our faces. On Tuesday morning we were up early ready to do battle with the Hebgen Lake rainbows. Just as we started to consume the ever-popular instant oatmeal the camp caretaker rushed over to us and informed us of the terrorist attack. We were stunned. The permanent smile disappeared. He had a trailer with satellite TV and was tuned in to the events. We then responded with anger, frustration and sorrow. We were concerned with family and friends and through the use of cellular and pay phones we checked on them, another very human response. As the events became more horrible the urge to do something became stronger and stronger, however, the reality was that we could not respond. We were in one of nature's truly beautiful areas, surrounded by high mountains and trees and water. The birds still gave out their songs, the Canada honkers continued their discussions with each other and the fish continued to rise. The contrast of the evil perpetuated on New York and Washington and the beauty and peace of our surroundings was incredible. The mind does interesting things to you at times like this. My response was that as a society we have made successful efforts in conserving and preserving our natural resources, and, after the

events of Tuesday, September 11 it seems even more vital that we strive harder to preserve our way of life, our culture and our compassion for all living things. It is a critical time in our history. Personally I have enormous faith in the humanity of the American people and historians will see us as a unique and proud society fulfilling our responsibility to the global human race.

Meeting Location Map DAVIS WASTE REMOVAL Meeting Room- 2727 2nd Street, Davis



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STRIPER OUTING

November 11th

Russo's Resort, Bethal Island

Contact Jim Humphrey

707-678-2149

This promises to be a great day of Striper fishing and fun. This is the day of the Striper Festival. A special program is being presented by Dan Blanton. Tides will also be great for fishing this weekend.

Sugar Creek Ranch Outing

(Upper Sac closing and Trophy Trout)

November 15-16-17

Contact Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN

We are combining a trek for the BIG Bows of Sugar Creek Ranch with the Closing of the regular trout season on the Upper Sac. The Upper Sac season closes on Thursday, November 15th. Ron will be there to get the last grabs on usually the best day of the season. Members are invited to join in on Thursday. Friday, we will fish Siskiyou Lake.

Saturday, our group will go to Sugar Creek Ranch for a day of trophy trout angling. There are 8 spots available for Sugar Creek. We use 5-6 wt rods one with a sinking line another with a floater. Streamers (Chartruese Bunny Leech) are really good dredged deep. Nymphs and midges are good on a floater. Here's your chance to try all your still water tricks. You can get more info by going to on the web to www.sugarcreekranch.com.

The Sugar Creek Ranch access fee is a special \$130 per person. SCR Fee is due to Ron by November 1st. (Ron Rabun, PO Box 45, Dunsmuir Ca 96025 or at the meeting)

We will finish up the day on Sugar Creek by heading back to Dunsmuir for dinner at Maddalena's Café. A wonderful treat that is guaranteed to enhance those angling stories.

Aquarium Rearing Project

Jim Wirth has again begun the season for school Aquarium Project. At the last FFD Board meeting, 5 additional class rooms were approved for equipment funding. Additionally, Jim announced there is a need for help in delivering eggs. An In-service training for teachers and egg deliverers is being held October 20th at Nimbus Hatchery. Call Jim if you are interested in helping. 530-662-6388

FFD Conservation Donations

FFD approved the following organizational donations from our conservation funds. Each of the following will receive a \$100 donation.

**CA Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)
Save the American River Association (SARA)
California Trout – CalTrout
Trout Unlimited - North Bay Chapter
United Anglers**

In addition, FFD purchased a Galvin OB4 Reel and Spool and donated it to the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave 2001 held September 28-29-30. At last viewing, it had a Silent Auction bid of \$250.

Notice of Election: Election of FFD Officers and Directors for 2002

Cary Boyden and Jon Knapp were appointed as the nominating committee for the upcoming officers and directors' election. A proposed slate of officers and directors will be announced in the November newsletter with final nominations closing at the November meeting. The election will be held the regular monthly club meeting:

**December 11th, 2001, 7:30pm
Davis Waste Removal Meeting Room
2727 2nd Street, Davis, California.**

If you are interested in serving or nominating someone contact Cary at 530-753- 3826 or Jon at 530-756-9056 .

BASS IN THE MOONLIGHT

by John Forsyth

In late July, despite my better judgment, I agreed to accompany John Reynolds to the famous Spenceville Ponds. I have heard reports about these notorious ponds for the last several years as John tried to make these sound like actual fishing destinations. I swore I would never spend a day walking sun-baked red dirt roads in the foothills east of Beale AFB to fish some scraped out mud hole lined with cattails, all in pursuit of scrappy red-eared sunfish or a bass upwards of 8 inches.

I don't know if it was the July heat or just curiosity that that made me say, "OK, and I'll drive" when John asked if I might be interested in dodging gunfire in Spenceville (the pond is over the hill behind a firing range). Though the map shows these ponds tantalizingly close, the actual drive is over 70 miles, a fair amount on brain-numbing washboard roads. As we drove past the sprawl that is Lincoln, John mentioned that he may have left his rod at home. A quick look in the back showed no white PVC pipe, I mean custom rod tube. Oh well, he did bring his recently purchased Soviet camera made sometime during WWII, and it's always nice just to hike the foothills in July. After about 30 minutes of walking we came to the pond.

The summer cattails surrounded much of the shoreline and a thick layer of algae and weeds carpeted the first 10 feet of water. It was about 90 degrees, but a breeze was starting to pick up. I rigged my rod, our only rod. A few casts with a small popper produced two 4 to 5 inch bass, so I decided not to hog the action, giving my rod to John. He tried this side and the far bank, but no fish. We ate a snack and noted how this would probably be a pleasant place in the early spring when the weeds and grass were green and more than about 40% of the water was fishable. It was about 8 O'clock when we decided we better start back. Just then a larger fish splashed near the far bank, then another. Hmm. "Maybe we should try that side one more time", I said. The fish continued to leap high out of the water chasing the numerous dragonflies that suddenly appeared. My first cast

seemed to land right on top of a leaping bass. "Did you see that!" I shouted. The next cast had the same result, but this time I had a 12 inch bass on. The fish were actually jumping and taking the popper before it hit the water! I caught four fish on successive casts and gave the rod to John. He continued to hook up and had the largest fish of the day, a nice 15 incher. After about a dozen fish, it was too dark to continue, and we walked out through the oak studded fields by the moonlight. The breeze was cool, the stars twinkled, and I decided maybe Spenceville wasn't such a bad place after all. Thanks John.

FLY PATTERN OF THE MONTH

[Due to Bob's fishing trip, we are holding an alternative contest for the pattern of the month.]

"The Creative Woolly Bugger"

This month's pattern is a Woolly Bugger. We are calling it the "Creative Woolly Bugger" since we there will be no specific formula but just some guidelines. You might call this the "Woolly Bugger Open" since the following "loose" guidelines will apply to tying and judging.

- **Pattern must qualify under various styles and definition of a Woolly Bugger. (leeches, matukas, zonkers not allowed)**
- **Within hook size range 12 to 6.**
- **Any color or combination of colors allowed.**
- **May or may not contain flash.**

Judging standards:

- **Must be a Woolly Bugger as known by a various styles among fly tyers. The judges will confer on meeting this standard.**
- **Tying style, color, material selection and presentation will be considered in the judging.**
- **Overall fish enticing features will be important.**

Have fun tying this one and we hope to see a lot of creative entries.

From the Conservation Desk

SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS OF FISHING REGULATION CHANGES – Voice your opposition to the following changes impacting our precious waters. Write to Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, California 95814 opposing negative impacts.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CLUB ACTION ITEM CONTACT LOWELL ASHBAUGH WITH ANY INFORMATION TO HELP ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING ISSUE...

PUTAH CREEK

Rob Farrangaro REPLY REQUESTED RE: PUTAH CREEK

Since I'm leaving town this weekend, I would appreciate your prompt feedback on one of the few public recommendations that DFG is >supporting. They have recommended elimination of the Nov- April "fly >fishing only" restriction on Putah Creek and intend to allow any artificial barbless lure. Use of bait will still be prohibited. (See page 26) This >proposal was originated by Sep Hedrickson radio personality and who is featured at ISE shows. Here's the DFG text:

Subsection (b)(147) Putah Creek (Solano and Yolo Cos.) from Solano Lake to Monticello Dam. 1.Hendrickson, Sep, 7/25/01.

Eliminate the restriction to "flies only" which now applies to Putah Creek from Monticello Dam downstream to Solano Lake from November 16 to the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April (and retain the zero bag limit and the restriction which prohibits the use of bait in this area at this time).

Department Recommendation/Analysis: Accept. Current trout fishing regulations for Putah Creek between Solano Lake and Monticello Dam (Solano and Yolo Counties) specify that during the period from November 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April only catch-and-release fishing is allowed (the bag limit is zero) and anglers may use only artificial flies with barbless hooks (fly fishing only).

The Department is supporting this public recommendation to change the fishing methods restrictions to allow artificial lures with barbless

hooks. The change will continue to allow only catch-and-release fishing, and continue to prohibit the use of bait during this period. The Department is supporting the proposed change because no biological justification for prohibiting the use of artificial lures has been identified, and the change will simplify the regulations by making them consistent with statewide standards.

Their arguments for this change are:

-There is no biological reason for eliminating artificial lures

-This expands catch and release fishing opportunities

-It simplifies the regulations

I'm not an expert on Putah Creek, so I could use help determining what response we want to make, if any.

This proposal raises at least two concerns:

1. Those few places with "fly fishing only" regs create unique angling experiences. Is this important to us?

What does the elimination of this fly fishing section on Putah Creek say about the Department's goal to provide a diversity of angling experiences? What keeps DFG from eliminating all "fly fishing only" waters using the same logic as Putah Creek.

2. I do know that Putah Creek gets horribly crowded...not only on weekends. Shouldn't the quality of the angling experience enter into the decision?

Does anyone know the history of how this stretch became fly fishing only? Should we be raising hell over this, and if so, who's willing to put in some time on it, possibly including letter writing and/or a trip to the Nov Commission meeting in Redding?

Thanks for your prompt response.

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Two Orvis River Master Rods. Both are 91/2 foot, 8wt 2 pc. Both in excellent condition. Includes aluminum cases. Good for shad, bonefish, stripers, silver and chum salmon and Pyramid Cutthroat. \$50 each. Bill Schnathorst, 530 756-1144

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.

Annual Picnic Wrap -UP

The annual picnic was held on July 31st in Davis Community Park. The weather was reasonable and approximately 40 members and guests enjoyed a fine barbecue dinner of cheeseburgers, hot dogs, grilled corn, and all the trimmings. John Forsyth and John Hodgson manned the grill, and no one left hungry. Thanks to all who helped make this another successful event. I would like to recognize Mark and Kim Kubik, Mark and Maria Tebbutt, Scott Kubik, John Hodgson, and the ever present John (Mr. Family Values) Reynolds for their efforts. It could not have happened without you! Mark your calendars for next years picnic.



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Mark you calendars

Annual Dinner Saturday, February 23rd at the Davis Senior Center. Social hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm.

Annual Dinner and Photo Contest First Annual FFD Dinner Photo Frenzy Contest

Since the announcement, there's been a lot of interest. 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.

CLUB CALENDAR

----- 2001/2002 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS -----

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m., Davis Waste Removal Meeting Room, 2727 2nd Street, Davis (east of Sudwerks) unless otherwise noted.

2001

- October 30th Andy Guibord, American River Stripers
- November 27th Leo Guetterres, Yucatan Tarpon
- December 11th Home Grown Slide Show – bring your favorite slides of the year.
Election of 2002 Officers and Directors

2002

- January 29th TBA
- February 23rd Annual Dinner and Club Photo Awards Presentation, Davis Senior Center
- March 27th TBA
- April 24th Al Kyte, Trout Tactics
- May 29th TBA
- June 26th TBA
- July 31 Annual Picnic, 6 p.m. Davis Park behind the Art Center.
- September 24th TBA
- October 29th TBA
- November 27th TBA
- December 11th Home Grown Slide Show
Election of 2003 Officers and Directors

----- OUTINGS -----

Cary Boyden, Chairman, 503-753-2682

TRIP	FISH	FISHMEISTER	DATE	Fee (guided/private waters)
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	Jon Knapp 916-756-9056	Nov 3rd	
Delta Stripers	Stripers	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	November 10 th , Russo's	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	November 17th	\$130
Lake Amador	Trout	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	December 2nd	

Fly Tying

Bob Zazoski (530-753-2241) is planning to hold Steelhead Fly Tying Sessions. There will be a sign-up at the meeting or call Bob for more details. Location, dates and times to be announced.



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