

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

The FFD Club had its annual Putah Creek clean up last month. We had about fourteen people show up to collect trash and move it to a central location for pickup by the County disposal units. The clean up crew was made up of members from the club, Mark Telbut's wife and daughter (the scuttlebutt was that they picked up three times more trash than Mark – he denies this) and a couple of individuals from another club. They indicated that they saw the announcement on the internet in the Northern California fishing message board and wanted to help out. Their help was greatly appreciated. The trash we accumulated was varied and interesting. A water heater, old bed springs, a swamp cooler, a TV, a very ripe crawfish trap and a six pack with five unopened bottles of beer. I donated the beer to the barbecue but nobody drank it. I tried to entice John Reynolds. to open a bottle, no luck. We have some very picky members. The recovery of the swamp cooler was a major challenge. John R. had found it last year and was determined to remove it from the banks of Putah Creek. He convinced me to help out. This was before I realized that it was surrounded by blackberry bushes and buried in silt and still had all of the component parts. After a major pruning job and shoveling exercise we moved it all of two feet. We still had a very steep bank to traverse. I suggested tying a rope to the cooler and the other end to John R's truck but the opinion of those involved was that two men were more likely to pull it up the hill than John's truck. Fortunately the two other (young) Johns showed up and with their youth coupled with my stupidity and John R supervising the four of us pulled it up the hill. My back still has not forgiven me. It is very apparent that the increased pressure on Putah Creek will require even more attention to maintaining it both as a fishery and a pleasant experience. Our effort will be more critical in the future. I was greatly pleased when two flyfishers stopped me and asked what were we doing. I explained the activity and he indicated that he would encourage his Club to do a similar activity. We can only hope that other groups will volunteer their effort and more importantly the general public will use the area in a more responsible way.

**Happy New Year. Bill**

## 2002 DUES PAYABLE

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

ANNUAL DUES OF \$25 ARE PAYABLE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2002. SINCE THE ANNUAL DINNER WILL NOT BE UNTIL LATE FEBRUARY, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AT THE MEETING OR BY MAIL TO:

**FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS  
PO BOX 525  
DAVIS, CA 95617**

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### Meeting Location Map to DAVIS WASTE REMOVAL Meeting Room- 2727 2<sup>nd</sup> Street



**Davis, 95616**

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### **FFD Officers and Directors for 2002**

At the December meeting, Cary Boyden conducted the annual election with the slate being adopted through unanimous acclamation.

#### **2002 OFFICERS – DIRECTORS**

President – Bill Rains  
Vice President – John Forsyth  
Secretary – Jon Knapp  
Treasurer – Lowell Ashbaugh  
Director (1 year) – Adney Bowker  
Directors (3 years) –  
Tom Vail  
Tom Burton

Mark you calendars .....

**Annual Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Davis Senior Center.**  
**Social hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm.**  
**Cost: \$30 per person**  
**Annual Dinner Program**  
**and Photo Contest**

This year's program will be a collection of member slides presented electronically with music. Bob Percy and Ron Rabun will be putting the program together. **Members are encouraged to submit photos to Bob or Ron no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Electronic digital photos should be submitted to Ron at ronrabun@snowcrest.net.**

Awards from member submitted photos will be in the following categories.

- **Humor** – anything funny about fly fishing.
- **Scenery / Travel** - photos of rivers, lakes, mountains, meadows, or fly fishing destinations.
- **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.
- **Youth / Friends** – photos of kids, family or socializing during a fly fishing activity. This is where we will include the social photos from Outings.

Again, Cynthia White will be catering the dinner with your selection of beef, game hen or salmon. Members will also be contacted by board members.

Make reservations by calling Bill Rains at 530-756-5521. Tickets will be available at the January meeting.

**EARLY BIRDS:** MEMBERS BUYING THEIR DINNER TICKET AND PAYING DUES PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DRAWING FOR A FLY BOX AND 6 DOZEN FLIES DONATED BY RON RABUN. So pay your dues and buy your dinner tickets at the January meeting.

## OUTINGS REPORT

### from Cary Boyden

In February we will return to Pardee, if it comes back from last year's horrendous slump. Otherwise it will be some other lake. March will see another low elevation lake trip and perhaps a Pyramid jaunt.

### Redding Outing – April 6, 2002

The third annual Redding trip has been set for the 6th of April. The cost is \$132.75 plus tip. It looks as if we will have the largest turnout yet.

The Fly Shop suggests 3,4 and 5x fluorocarbon and 'ab' and 'bb' shot. Large gross indicators are a necessity. Recommended flies include 14 and 16 Bird's

14 and 16 copper Johns and for dries, 12-16 elk hair caddises. Hopefully Bob Z will set up a fly tying gathering in March to tie up several of these patterns. For those planning to go checks in the amount of \$132.75 should be given to Cary Boyden by the first week in March.

Members who have not signed up and would like to go can either sign up at the January meeting or call Cary at 753-3826.

### Sugar Creek Ranch Outing

#### Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Fishmeister: Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN**

**We are returning to take on the BIG Bows of Sugar Creek Ranch with fishing on the Upper Sac. Saturday, our group will go to Sugar Creek Ranch for a day of trophy trout angling. We have reserved Friday and Saturday, but early signups indicate a preference for Friday. There are 8 spots available on each for fishing at Sugar Creek. Here's your chance to try all your still water tricks.**

**EARLY PAY SPECIAL:** The Sugar Creek Ranch special club daily rod fee through Ron is a

**special \$130 per person. You can save and additional \$10 or pay \$120 if you pay by the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. All SCR Fees are due to Ron no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. (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 to enhance those angling stories.**

More info on Sugar Creek Ranch can be found at [www.sugarcreekranch.com](http://www.sugarcreekranch.com).

## ***From the Conservation Desk of Lowell Ashbaugh.....***

Our annual Putah Creek cleanup was a success! After being rained out on December 1, nearly a dozen club members joined two dedicated volunteers from Novato and Tracy on December 15 and cleaned up tons of trash from the creek bed. Ironically, there were very few anglers out that day. They probably knew we were coming and didn't want to be embarrassed fishing while we picked up around them. Haul highlights included a swamp cooler and water heater, a TV, four tires, a rear axle with drum brakes attached, bed frame, and enough waterproof wallboard to do a small bathroom. Along with the usual number of pampers, of course – yuck! Weinermeister Tom Burton outdid himself with lunch, and we all had our fill. And our new friend from Novato recently sent in his membership fee. Thanks, Mike Colberg!

Last fall I applied to PG&E National Energy Group for a \$5,000 grant to enlarge our *Salmon in the Classroom* project from the current 15 classrooms to 35-40. It would have served about 700 students when fully implemented. Unfortunately, we were not selected to receive an award. Oddly, a group in Oregon received \$5,000 to reach about 50 students with the same program. I'll keep looking for more funds.

The Klamath Basin is starting to heat up again. The farmers agitating for more irrigation water decided to cool it after September 11, but now the rain has returned and they want to reinstate

irrigation. Unfortunately, most everyone there is highly polarized, and most are working on emotion. The polarization has led to increased racism toward the tribal people, including shooting threats. President Bush recently got into the act, and is supporting the farmers. The Pacific Legal Foundation is planning to file suit to overturn the National Marine Fisheries Service listing of the coho salmon as a threatened species, saying it's based on "junk science." They have support from an earlier court ruling that hatchery fish and wild fish are no different.

Earlier this month, farming supporters held a rally that featured barbequed coho salmon from the hatchery. It looks like it may be a rough year ahead. Westlands Water District in the San Joaquin Valley is pursuing land retirement as a solution to their problems. The land now must be heavily irrigated to avoid salt buildup. The salt-laden water then has to go somewhere, and it now goes into drainage ponds to evaporate. Kesterson was one such drainage pond. And much of the water that goes to Westlands currently comes from the Trinity River (you were probably wondering why this matters to you, eh?).

Westlands has been seeking guarantees of water, including through the CalFed process. After much lobbying, Senator Feinstein's CalFed reauthorization legislation was successfully amended (by Barbara Boxer) to remove several onerous provisions, including a 70% guarantee of water supplies to Westlands.

Other provisions included preauthorization of water storage projects in the Central Valley, including the raising of Shasta Dam, that have not been evaluated economically or environmentally.

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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.



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## Pattern of the Month

### Brindel Bug



The brindle bug is a popular Klamath and Trinity steelhead pattern that is effective and simple to tie. Lloyd Silvius from Eureka CA introduced the pattern around

1960. In smaller sizes, the Brindel Bug is a reasonable stonefly imitation for resident trout.

#### Pattern:

Thread: Black 6/0

Hook: 2x stout, 2x long down eye, size 2 to 10.

Tail: Two natural brown hackle tips

Body: Variegated black and yellow chenille

Rib: Oval gold tinsel (optional)

Hackle: natural brown collar

#### Tying instructions:

- Bend down the barb and place the hook securely in your vice. Attach the tying thread at the tail position and tie in two natural brown hackle tips just above the barb position. The hackle tip should be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$  the shank length and the dull sides should be facing inward.

- Cut a 3-4 inch length (depends on chenille and hook size) of variegated chenille and strip about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of the pile from the thread core. Tie the chenille to the hook shank with the tag end of thread core. Wrap the core to the point where the pile (or fibers) on the chenille begins. This makes for less bulk when the chenille is attached. Wrap the chenille to form a body. Lift the hackle tips and take the first wrap behind the hackle tips so that they are cocked upward at about 30 to 45°. When you reach a point about  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch behind the eye, take two wraps over the chenille to secure it and cut the remaining material leaving about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on the free end. Again, strip the pile from the thread core. Hold the thread core and wrap the chenille down with additional wraps. Be sure to leave sufficient space for the thread head

and the hackle.

- Attach a natural brown hackle and take about 4 wraps (vary the number of turns to suit your preference for a sparse or fuller fly). Tie off the hackle and make a neat thread head. Whip finish and cement. Apply a second coat of head cement when the first coat has dried. Steelhead flies take a beating and the second coat of cement is worthwhile.

Some people tie the pattern with oval gold tinsel rib and others do not cant the tail up. The fly can be tied as described or it can be weighted with lead wire to get it down in fast currents.

## Gary LaFontaine Loses Battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease

Gary LaFontaine died January 4, 2002 after a lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS. He was 56 years old and is survived by his daughter Heather LaFontaine-Ellison and her husband Patrick Ellison.

Gary LaFontaine published more than 100 articles on fly fishing in more than a dozen different national and regional publications. He authored five books and coauthored many more including the just-released books *Fly Fishing the Yellowstone* (with Bob Jacklin) and *Fly Fishing the Madison* (with Craig Mathews). Before he died he was working on a book on Blue-winged Olives.

While Gary is perhaps best known for his classic work *Caddisflies*, and his revolutionary "sparkle pupa" series of fly patterns, his legacy is much more than that. Perhaps Steve Qualline of Bob Marriott's Fly Fishing store has expressed it best, "Gary's greatest legacy was the way he touched, and taught, countless lovers of fly fishing." In the past few days, Steve's sentiment has been echoed many times over by legions of Gary's friends and admirers.

# CLUB CALENDARS

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

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

**2002**

January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Feather River Fishery, Brad Cavallo, Department of Water Resources
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Dinner and Club Photo Awards Presentation, Davis Senior Center
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Putah Creek Council Report and Underwater Photography (tentative)
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Al Kyte, Trout Tactics
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Homegrown Clinic and Gear Swap (tentative)
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Powell Rod Demo and Halibut on the Fly, Ron Vanderheiden, 7pm start.
July 31	Annual Picnic, 6 p.m. Davis Park behind the Art Center.
August	No Regular Meeting. Yolo Fair Booth TBA
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Home Grown Slide Show Election of 2003 Officers and Directors

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

We now have a new outings list for the upcoming year. We are showing the tentative timeframe or dates. Some trips involve a fee for access, guides or launching costs applicable to the trip. Redding, Sugar Creek and Pleasant Valley have significant fees greater than \$20. The BC Silvers trip to Port Tofino Vancouver Island is a multi-day trip and will involve travel and lodge fees. The other trips involve fees under \$20 including, where appropriate, launch fees. On Klamath River there will be some limitations due to available jetboats and we will attempt to catch the height of the half pounder run in the lower Klamath. Cary Boyden, Chairman, 503-753-2682

### OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Lake Amador/Camanche	Trout	January 12	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Gold Country Lake	Trout	February 9	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Pyramid Lake	Cutthroat	March/April	Jon Knapp 916-753-3826	
Sacramento R. Redding	Trout	April 6	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	\$132.75 pp plus tip
Lake Amador	Bass/Trout	April 13	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	May 17 / 18	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130pp w/lunch. Limit 8
Payne's Creek	Bass	April 20	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Sacramento/Yuba River	Shad	May 25	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Davis Lake	Trout	June 15-16	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Summer Trout	Trout	July 13-14	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	
Backpacking/Trout	Trout	July/August	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
British Columbia	Silver Salmon	August	John Forsyth / Ron Rabun	\$\$\$ , 5-7 day trip/lodge
Pleasant Valley/	Trout	August/Sept	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$70 w/ lunch Limit 12
Klamath/Half Pounders	Steelhead	Early Sept	Jim Wirth 530-662-5388	# jet boats spots limited
Upper Sac/Mcloud Rivers	Trout	October	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	
Delta/Striper	Stripped Bass	October/Nov	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	November 16	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130pp w/lunch. Limit 8
Amador/Trout	Trout	December	Cary Boyden 916-753-3826	

Fees applicable access, guide or launching are noted for each trip. Newsletter will have more details or call the Fishmeister.

## Officers, Directors and Committees

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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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