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The Fisherman's Line

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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 30th , 7:30 pm.

Location: DAVIS WASTE REMOVAL, Meeting Room- 2727 2nd Street, Davis**THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM****DELTA STRIPERS****with Ed Marcillac, Area Guide**

Local area guide from Fairfield, **Ed Marcillac**, will be joining us for this month's club meeting, presenting a thorough "How To" for successful striped bass fishing on the Delta waters and shad fishing on the Sacramento River.

Ed began his involvement in the sport of fly fishing in the 1960's in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, where casting ponds and resources for novice fly casters are available. He has been an active member of the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen now for more than 25 years. Many of Ed's hours are spent dedicating his time and talents to his personal mission; " to promote, to educate and to enjoy the sport of fly fishing".

Ed's involvement with the San Lorenzo River Steelhead and Salmon project has been integral to that river still being fishable today.

After retiring from a long career with PG&E, Ed moved to Fairfield and started a new career as a fly fishing guide. He's now sought after as a guide, not only because he knows where the fish are, what to use and when, but, because of his willingness to teach and have great time fishing. Ed has been included in articles by respected writers in some of our most appreciated fly fishing publications. His enthusiasm for striper and shad fishing with a fly is sure to be infectious.

You will definitely want to make attend this program to gain Ed Marcillac's insights to Delta and Sacramento waters while seeing some great slides of catches on the Delta and Sacramento River waters.

Speaker Dinner is 6pm at the Noodle Express, Davis, corner of 3rd and G Streets.

PREZ Says from John Forsyth

Welcome back for a new year of the Fly Fishers of Davis. The year had a great kick off with last month's annual dinner. It was the best-attended dinner in several years. A hearty job-well-done goes out to all who participated. It was truly a team effort with all of the officers and board members putting in considerable effort. It would be impossible to recognize all who helped, but I need to single out a few. Reed Enos and family were responsible for making this event the great success it was. This took months of planning and coordination. Reed made sure it all came together. Jon Knapp made the run to Kiene's and did a superb job in purchasing prizes. Lowell Ashbaugh was personally responsible for obtaining some of the night's biggest prizes. Maria Tebbutt tended bar and sold a record number of beverages. Ron Rabun did another fantastic job in putting together an enjoyable program. Marge March spruced up the tables with some nice vases and flowers. Thanks to all who helped set up, take down, and clean up.

Changing gears, we have some of the best programs in years coming up over the next three meetings. These are absolutely DO NOT MISS programs. They are outlined in the newsletter. There is a full slate of outings on the calendar. This is your chance to meet some new friends and learn from the masters. Look for another casting clinic this spring and Bob Z's fly tying courses are starting. Lots to do, enjoy! John

REMEMBER 2004 Membership Fee is now due

Email Newsletter: \$25 Postal Newsletter, \$35
Send to: Fly Fishers of Davis, PO Box 525, Davis CA 95617

----- 2003 MEETING DATES, PROGRAMS and Events -----

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

2004

(plan for these tentatively scheduled dates)

March 30th - **Delta Stripers** – Ed Marcillac, Delta guide

April 27th – **Monterey Bay** – Dan Blanton, innovator, guide, author.

May 25th - **Perspectives in Fly Fishing** – Dusan Smetana, international angler photographer.

June 29th - TBA

FLY TYING CLASSES

With Bob Zasoski

Fly tying classes will be start in April. April 21. April 21 and 28 are set aside for **Beginning Class** with the **Intermediate Class**, May 12, 19,26, June 2 and June 9. If there are no beginning tiers, the intermediate will begin April 21. All are welcome at the beginning sessions where tools, materials in beginning techniques will be covered. As usual it will be held at the Viticulture Field House from 7-9 pm. There will be sign up at the meeting or contact Bob at 753-2241 or Email: rjzasoski@ucdavis.edu



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From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

The report that follows from NCCFFF describes much of the conservation news for this month. I'll touch on a few other issues, but please support the NCCFFF by sending in your dues. The NCCFFF does good work for all of us who love to fish and love the places we fish.

Trinity River News On March 2 Assistant Department of Interior Secretary Bennet Raley convened a meeting in Sacramento to present a third proposal to settle pending litigation that has blocked implementation of the Department of Interior's Record of Decision on the Trinity River. The ROI would have restored nearly half of the river's flow to the river, but was blocked by a suit filed by Westlands Water District in the San Joaquin Valley. Two earlier settlement proposals would have "compromised" by allowing lower flows in the river and more water exported. The latest proposal is more of the same – reduced flows in the river and more exports. An analysis of the proposal by the Hoopa Tribe concludes "Because the Proposal cannot accomplish the restoration objectives or meet the scientific standards established by the Congress for the Trinity River, the Tribe respectfully requests that the Proposal be withdrawn."

California Coastal Commission Announces the "58 for 58" Campaign The Public Education Program of the California Coastal Commission launched its "58 for 58" campaign on February 4, designed to recruit volunteers and leadership in each of California's 58 counties over 58 days for this September's California Coastal Cleanup Day. This year's Cleanup Day will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the event. In recognition of this milestone, the Coastal Commission is working to broaden the scope of the Cleanup in order to include volunteers from every county in the state – both coastal and inland areas.

"Coastal Cleanup Day is such a massive affair that, if it were not for the partnerships we build with local governments, non-profit groups, and our volunteers, we would never be able to pull it off," said Eben Schwartz, Statewide Outreach Coordinator for the California Coastal Commission. "We're looking for anyone and everyone who's interested in being part of this vital event this September, even if all you want to do is grab a bag and clean up at your local creek."

The Commission welcomes any private or public involvement, and will be looking to fill volunteer positions as soon as possible. For more information, contact Eben Schwartz at (415) 904-5210, (800) COAST-4-U, or eschwartz@coastal.ca.gov.

Lester Snow Appointed Director of the Department of Water Resources Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Lester Snow as director of the California Department of Water Resources. Snow, 52, is a Democrat from Fair Oaks, CA. He earned a Master of Science in water resources administration from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Science in earth sciences from Pennsylvania State University.

Snow has over 25 years of experience working in public water resource management. Since 2001 he has been a principal at Saracino-Kirby-Snow, the water resource planning and management division of Schlumberger Water Services. At the same time he has also been the North American business development manager for Schlumberger Water Services. Prior to that, he served as the Mid-Pacific regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. From 1995 to 1999 he served as the executive director of the CALFED Bay-Delta program and prior to that spent seven years as the general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority. Snow's experience also includes six years with the Arizona Department of Water Resources including four years as the Tucson Area director.

Conservation News from NCCFFF

Historic Land Conservation Agreement A California bankruptcy court and the California Public Utilities Commission have approved a settlement agreement that includes an historic land conservation agreement. As a member of the California Hydropower Reform Coalition, NCCFFF was a signer of this land conservation agreement that will protect 140,000 acres of lands owned by PG&E that adjoins their hydro projects. Much of this land is adjacent to rivers valued by anglers. CHRC was the key conservation advocate on this issue.

New Zealand Mud Snails As of this update, NZMS have been found in Putah Creek, the Mokelumne River, and the Calaveras River. As a first priority, a task force has been actively developing and implementing a study plan to quickly determine the most effective and practical way for anglers to treat gear and avoid transporting the snail. NCCFFF and Cal Trout will be assisting on this project with funding and volunteers. Other grant sources are also being pursued

In the weeks ahead we will be working with DFG, other agencies, organizations, and individuals to insure that the necessary leadership and coordination is in place to make most efficient use of resources. This coalition will be addressing other key priorities including education of anglers and other river users, hatchery practices, river surveys to track any spread of the snail, and possible eradication or control options.

Coho Recovery Strategy NCCFFF continues to be involved in supporting the Coho Recovery Strategy being developed by DFG and the Statewide Coho Recovery Team (SWCRT). This effort began two years ago with a petition by Cal Trout and the Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Coalition (SSRC) to the Fish and Game Commission to list coho salmon as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The commission agreed with the petitioners, listed the species and established the stakeholder team to develop a recovery strategy. The recovery team (SWCRT), which consisted of commercial and recreational fishing, forestry, agriculture, ranching and environmental interests met regularly for 18 months to develop a plan that was presented to the commission in November. The scope of the plan and work behind it

were unprecedented in scope. NCCFFF, because of its involvement in the Healthy Forest Clean Water Campaign was able to offer specific recommendations regarding the importance of adopting the forestry recommendations that called for increased riparian zone protections and sediment reduction requirements.

NCCFFF was among the groups present at the Fish and Game Commission meeting to support and testify. Despite last minute opposition from agriculture and forestry interests, the Commission voted 4 to 1 to adopt the Recovery Strategy and proceed with listing of the Coho under the California Endangered Species Act.

Update On DFG Trout Management Plan NCCFFF recently participated in a meeting with DFG staff to discuss plans for implementation of the updated Trout Management Strategic Plan which was recently officially adopted. One area of opportunity we are pursuing is the possible future expansion of catch and release angling opportunities during the part of the year when many trout streams have traditionally been closed in California. On many California trout streams there may be little justification for these closures, and winter fishing is common in other states. A watershed-specific analysis will be needed to insure that closures can be eliminated or reduced in scope without negatively impacting the fish. The Upper Sacramento River is a potential candidate.

Lower American River Flows At a recent meeting sponsored by the Sacramento Water Forum, a proposed flow standard for the American River was reviewed with various stakeholders including NCCFFF. The proposed plan has been developed on behalf of the Water Forum who represents local cities, water purveyors, Sacramento region environmental organizations, members of the business community and public interest groups with input and assistance from numerous state and federal agencies. NCCFFF involvement in this issue began as a result of a fish kill which occurred in the spring of last year.

The primary purpose of the new flow standard is to maximize reproduction and survival of Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Lower American River. A coequal purpose is to insure that the Sacramento region's water supply needs are met through the year 2030. The standard will accomplish the following:

1. Establish flows consistent with the life cycle requirements of salmon and steelhead.
2. Establish a river management process for making short term and long term decisions regarding size and timing of flows.
3. Establish an adaptive management monitoring plan to evaluate and report on results of actions taken to improve the populations of salmon and steelhead and continually learn and improve the management strategy of river flows.

4. **NCCFFF Bay/Delta Committee Supports Funding Effort** Our NCCFFF Bay/Delta Committee (formerly Striped Bass Committee) collaborates with other conservation interests on Delta issues via participation in

the Environmental Water Caucus. The EWC has developed a "Delta Diversions Campaign" which has a straightforward goal of limiting Delta water exports and is strategic for a number of reasons: it limits the amount of northern California water that can be exported south, it reduces the incentive to store nor-Cal water and plumb nor-Cal watercourses, and it helps preserve the Bay-Delta ecosystems. The Environmental Water Caucus has identified funding needs on the order of several hundred thousand dollars to organize and conduct the Delta Diversions campaign. They need seed money to write the grants to secure the funding. The Bay-Delta committee of NCCFFF is joining a group of contributors by providing \$3000 towards this effort. Our financial support for this important action was made possible by fundraising activities associated with the annual Striper-Fest.

Wild Steelhead Committee Zeroes In On Fish Barrier

The NCCFFF Wild Steelhead Committee is gearing up to tackle a barrier removal project on Alameda Creek in Alameda County. The concrete apron drop structure near the USGS Gauging Station on Alameda Creek is the last barrier that needed a "champion" to pursue its modification. It is a perfect project for a non-governmental organization to demonstrate its capabilities in a model project. On-the-ground conditions will be greatly improved with the elimination of this juvenile and adult steelhead mid and low flow barrier. We will be working with the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Work Group, Alameda Creek Alliance, Center for Environmental Management and Restoration (CEMAR), and the Agencies who have influence over the stream and facility. Seed money was provided by FFF through a grant awarded to NCCFFF. Additional grant funding is being sought from National Wildlife Federation.

Hat Creek Technical Advisory Committee As part of the conditions for the new Pit River FERC, funds have been allocated for restoration on Hat Creek. DFG Region 1 has formed a Technical Advisory Committee to help coordinate the planning for this work. FFF member Ed Belcher of Shasta Fly Fishers represented NCCFFF at the initial meeting held earlier this month.

OUTING TO KELSEY

FFD will hit **Kelsey Bass Ranch** on Thursday, April 29th. This is a great bass lake with 20,000 bass in 100 acres. Lots of 2-4 pounders. Boats, tubes and shore fishing are good. You can catch lots of fish just walking and wading the shoreline. Poppers, damsel and crayfish patterns are effective. A boat is good to get around more easily. The access fee is \$50 per person. Ron Rabun, fishmeister will be collecting the fees by April 12th in order to get the passes on time. A signup will be at the meeting. See their website:

<http://www.kelseybassranch.com/> or see
<http://www.excellentadventures.org/excellent%20adventures/index3.htm> Kelsey Bass Ranch.

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.

THIS MONTH'S Pattern: COMPARA DUN Olive, Size 14



Comparadun flies are the brainchild of Al Caucci and Bob Nastasi. In appropriate colors and size comparaduns are a good match for a variety of adult mayflies. They are relatively easy to tie and are quite effect on selective trout in still waters, chalk streams and rives.

Recipe

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 to match body color
 Hook: Standard dry fly hook 1x fine size 10-24, more commonly 14-22.
 Tail: hackle fibers, deer hair or fibbetts
 Body: Dubbed (color to match insect of choice)
 Wing: Deer hair splayed to make a half circle around the shank.
 Hackle: none
 Head: Dubbed with body material.

Tying Instructions: Attach the tying thread at the head and wrap back about 1/2 way on the shank returning to the wing position 1/3 of the shank length from the eye.

Tie in a bunch of deer hair that has been cleaned and stacked to even the tips. The tips should face forward and be about 1 shank length long. Wrap down the deer hair with several wraps and trim the butts at an angle to facilitate a neat tapered body. The deer hair should extend down the side of the shank on either side. Wrap toward the tail position covering the cut ends of the deer hair. At the tail position tie in and separate the tailing material into two tails. Dub a body in the appropriate color to the wing position and then bring the thread in front of the wing. Stand up the deer hair with your thumb and wrap a thread dam to hold the wings upright. The wing should flair in a semicircle around the top of the shank. Cover the thread dam with dubbing and continue forward with the dubbing to the eye position. Form a neat thread head, whip finish and cement. Soak the fly in fly float.

Like most patterns there are several variations on this general theme. Originally, the tail was formed from hackle fibers split to imitate the forked tail on mayflies. I have seen the tail tied with antron fibers as a trailing shuck (sparkle dun), deer hair (not split, helps with floatation), and fibbetts. Separating the tail can be accomplished in several ways. A small ball of dubbing at the tail position applied before the tail fibers will force them to splay. A loop of tying thread under the shank and brought forward between the fibers will also work. For fibbetts, tie four top of the shank with 3-4 wraps. Grasp the butts of the fibbetts and the tips with your right and left hand and pull them upward to center them on the top of the shank. The push down with your thumb nail and the fibbetts should separate on either side of the shank. Take one wrap between the split tail material, one around the shank beneath the tail material and a third between the tails. As you tighten the thread, the far side fibbetts should splay outward. You may need another wrap to put the fibbetts on you side out. The hardest part of this fly is selecting the "right" amount of deer hair for the wing and finding the correct type of hair. The hair should be fine and stiffer than that used for spinning a body. Coastal deer hair works well and some supplies designate deer hair specifically for comparadun wings.

Sugar Creek Ranch Outing Signups Friday, May 7th

Fishmeister: Ron Rabun, 800-FLY-FSHN

Interest prevailing, we are returning to take on the BIG Bows of Sugar Creek Ranch on Friday with fishing on the Upper Sac over the weekend. We will need to know our numbers by April 20th to secure our dates. Depending on preferences we will either fish SGR on Friday or Saturday. If your interested signup or call Ron, 800-FLY-FSHN. Remember this is a fee trip at \$130 per person including lunch. March meeting will have a signup. Fee will be due to Ron April 12th.

More info on Sugar Creek Ranch can be found at www.sugarcreekranch.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Current Membership Report

Upon conclusion of the Annual Dinner, FFD has 51 paid, 13 life/honorary and 34 pending members from the 2003 year.

Last Call to pay

2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2003 memberships dues deadline is April 15th, no fooling. That is the cutoff for maintaining your automatic newsletter distribution. The dues are \$25 per year when receiving the newsletter electronically by email or the website. Dues are \$35 if you wish to continue to receive your newsletter printed and delivered via mail. Receive both for \$35. You will not receive a newsletter if you have not paid by April 15th.

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If you are receiving the paper version, you can also get the e-version notification by sending your email to Ron.
– The Editor

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ANNUAL DINNER WRAP-UP

The FFD Annual Dinner was another resounding success. There were nearly 100 attendees. Hickory Hank's BBQ provided excellent cuisine ala bar-b-qued ribs, chicken and steak. The drawing and silent auction items were more numerous than in years past. Mike Hash and Warren Caldwell both ended up with fly rods. Steve Knapp provided the big take for the Knapp family usually reserved for Jon.

The program featured our usual Member photo and music presentation prepared by Ron Rabun with sound provided by Jerry Holbreck. The new location served all our needs at a budget price for the hall rental.

The Dinner was an overwhelming financial success with the club net around \$5000, the highest in club history.

Local fly shops, Kiene's and American Fly Fishing Company, provided nice donations for the drawings. Also, many manufacturers and businesses donated. We will have a detailed Donor Acknowledgement in the next newsletter.

Most importantly the Dinner Committee led by Reed Enos were fantastic with the organization, food, facility, program and prizes. Steve Ohrwall received a special award for his 25 plus years as Drawing MC.

Thanks to all that attended and your support to the Fly Fishers of Davis.



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----- **OUTINGS 2004**-----

At the March meeting there will be a number of signups including:

--April: a trip to Iron Canyon depending on the results of the fishing on the 19th and a Pyramid trip on a weekend to be determined.

-May: a trip to Sugar Creek on the 7th (if interested you need to commit by the 4th of April either by signing up at the meeting or by calling 753-3826 and letting me know you are interested), John's Paynes Ranch trek on the 15th and the shad trip on the 28th (presumably a repeat of last year).

-June: two trips on the weekend of the 4th, one to Yamsi Ranch and the other to Davis/Frenchmens.

-July: the annual Lewiston get together on the weekend of the 17th.

-October: the Fly Shop trout/steelie trip on the 16th.

-January '05: the 2 day trip with the Fly Shop guides on the Trinity (one slot left before the waiting list starts).

In addition, we may be able to set the date for the Fall half-pounder trip to the lower Klamath before then and also have a signup sheet for that trip (which because of limited jetboats will unfortunately have a finite number of spaces).

Cary Boyden, Chairman, 530-753-3826

2004 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

<u>TRIP</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>	<u>Comments/ Fees</u>
Iron Canyon	Trout	March 19 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	April	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Kelsey Ranch	Bass	Thursday April 29 th	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$50
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May 15 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Sugar Creek Ranch	Trout	Friday May 7 th	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130pp incl lunch.
Shad/tbd	Shad	May 28 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Yamsi Ranch	Trout	June 4 th -5 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	\$100 rod per day
Davis Lake	Trout	June 4-5-6	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lewiston	Trout	July 17 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking YS	Trout	August	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
Backpacking OF	Trout	August	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	September	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pleasant Valley	Trout	September	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	Fee TBD
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/stlhd	October 16th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	140.00 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	October	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Upper Sac	Trout	November	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	
Sugar Creek	Trout	November	Ron Rabun 800-FLY-FSHN	\$130
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	

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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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