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This Month's Meeting is Tuesday, March 29th, 7:30 pm.

Excellent Adventures in Baja by Al Smatsky

Planning an international fly fishing adventure should not have to involve taking out a second mortgage. Baja is one of the most affordable fly fishing destinations available today, and for March, **Al Smatsky** of Excellent Adventures (www.excellentadventures.org) will detail how, when and where to fish. Based in Lodi, California, Al has been leading trips to Baja for the past 10 years. Using the small, palm lined oasis community of Mulege as a base (about 90 miles north of Loreto), Al hosts several extended fishing trips chasing dorado, sailfish, skipjack, bonito, sierra, trigger fish, yellowtail and any other species that decide to take a fly. In past years dorado to 45 pounds and sails to 120 pounds have been caught. Al also hosts trips to other locations in Mexico, as well as Central America and Alaska, and he guides in our local rivers for steelhead and shad. The intent of his travel company, Excellent Adventures, is to give fly anglers an opportunity to fish at destinations that larger fly fishing travel companies ignore. Al always encourages audience participation and has a wealth of information to share, so be sure to attend this outstanding presentation.

The Prez Says

Traditionally we mark the beginning of the New Year in our club calendar with the annual dinner and this year is no exception. At the dinner, I took over as president from John Forsyth who provided outstanding leadership over the past two years. We have had excellent programs, outings and opportunities to hone skills such as fly casting and fly tying. It is particularly gratifying to see the increasing attendance at our monthly meetings and the participation of new members. Thanks John.

Our annual dinner was highly successful. Hickory Hank again provided an excellent barbeque dinner. Ron Rabun's show highlighted the many outings and brought back memories of both fish and companionship. Steve Ohrwall was as usual in rare form as our resident rafflemeister. Jeanne Enos and Marge March's flowers on the table provided a nice touch. Mark and Maria Tebbutt did a great job with the bar. It all made for a very enjoyable evening. Funds that we raise go to support the speakers for our monthly meetings, our educational activities, and conservation. We will provide more information as the year progresses.

Organization of the dinner is a big task. I would like to especially thank Reed and Jeanne Enos for providing both the leadership and in reality, much of the hard work required to make it successful. Many of you helped in the set up and cleanup, in rounding up prizes or in donating them yourself. We much appreciate your efforts in making the dinner a great success. - Bob Pearcy



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From the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Cache Creek Wild and Scenic River Legislation Lois Wolk introduced AB1328 early this month to designate the free-flowing upper reaches of Cache Creek as a Wild and Scenic River. This legislation would protect the stretch of Cache Creek from below the Clear Lake dam to Camp Haswell at the upper end of the Capay Valley. The creek is eligible for State Wild and Scenic River status because of its outstanding wildlife, cultural, recreational, and scenic values. When the California legislature approves the proposal, the Wild and Scenic status will prevent dams and diversions from being built on the free-flowing reaches of the creek. You can help ensure the state legislature passes this bill. Cache Creek Wild has an excellent web page on it at <http://www.cachecreekwild.org/>. Get involved! Write a letter of support! See more on this in the next few pages.

Putah Creek Cleanup Nearly two dozen clubbers spent a rewarding morning cleaning up Putah Creek on Saturday, March 5. We cleaned up the stretch of creek from the Monticello Dam to Lake Solano, removed a stand of Arundo, and posted the creek with new signs warning of New Zealand Mud Snails. After a couple of hours of hard work, we all enjoyed weenies and beans prepared by Tom Burton.



New Zealand Mud Snail warning sign



Weeniemeister Tom Burton with a tasty lunch



A satisfying work day on the creek.



After the hard work – Lunch and fellowship

NZMS Gear Decontamination Study The Department of Fish and Game conducted tests on the New Zealand Mud Snail on Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6. Fifty-seven volunteers, including at least seven FFDers, followed a course laid out by the DFG that took them through infestations of NZMS. Then they surrendered their boots and waders to the DFG, who used them to test one of three methods to kill the snails. The tests took about ½ hour to complete. Bob and Brianna, DFG staffers, worked long hours on Saturday and Sunday for this testing. And it all came about because of hard work and persistent efforts of Ken Davis, the biologist who discovered the snails, and Dave Ford of CFFU and NCCFFF, who kept pressure on DFG and worked hard to get the contract through.



Bob from DFG tests Lowell Ashbaugh's waders

This NZMS research is the first of its kind. Even though the snail has been in Idaho and Montana for over 10 years, and has been in Hot Creek in California for four years, until now no one has done any research to find out how to kill them.

Save our Wild Salmon I recently heard a presentation by Joseph Bogaard of Save our Wild Salmon, an organization whose mission is to restore abundant, harvestable runs of salmon to the Columbia and Snake River Basins. Why should those of us in California be concerned about wild salmon in Washington? The answer to this question lies in the magnificent salmon runs that used to be in the Klamath and Trinity Rivers, and the salmon that are still running up the Sacramento and

American Rivers. Salmon from the Columbia and Snake Rivers spend much of their adult life off the coast of northern California before returning to their home waters to spawn. They boost the commercial and sportfishing opportunities during this time. When those fish are removed from the population, there is increased pressure on fish from other rivers. We know there are plenty of other pressures on fish from the Klamath and Trinity right now. Save our Wild Salmon is working to remove dams on the Columbia and Snake River systems. They have produced economic reports that show higher benefits from restoring the salmon fishery than is presently received from the electrical power generated by the dams. They have worked hard to gain support of the business community as well as the environmental community to build momentum for restoring the salmon. Their work can only benefit those of us in California by returning salmon to the river and marine fisheries, and by providing a blueprint for action on our own rivers. In related news, on March 4 the Pacific Fishery Management Council called for cutting the commercial salmon fishing season in half this year, primarily to protect Klamath River Chinook. There were exceptionally low returns of adults to that system this year. Coupled with the death of about 63,000 adults two years ago before they could spawn, the Klamath salmon run is in deep trouble. And to top it all off, this year's high rain and snow totals in California did not occur in the Klamath Basin. That area is under severe drought now, a condition sure to exacerbate conflict between the basin farmers and the downstream communities along the river, including tribes and businesses that depend on fishing.

Upper Sacramento River There have been 27 derailments on the upper Sacramento River in the last 10 years. Fortunately, none of them caused a disaster, but at least one was close. That one dumped five empty rail cars in the river, and narrowly averted dumping 10,000 gallons of acid. Calls to improve rail safety at the state level have been put off with the argument that railroads are under federal control. But now it appears there may be action at the federal level to improve rail safety. This is extremely good news for those of us who love the Upper Sac.

Assembly Bill 1328

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk has introduced Assembly Bill 1328. This bill if passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor will make portion of Cache Creek a designated” Wild and Scenic River.”

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act includes specified rivers and segments thereof within the California Wild and Scenic River system, which are subject to various protections under the act. This bill would include within the system Cache Creek from 1/4 mile below Cache Creek Dam to Camp Haswell, and would designate various segments as wild, scenic, or recreational. This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2011, to evaluate and report to the Legislature on the inclusion of Cache Creek within the system.

The Friends of the River and Cache Creek Wild are seeking support for this bill.

According to them, the bill will:

- ✓ Protect Cache Creek’s extraordinary scenic, recreational, cultural, wildlife, and geological values.
- ✓ Improve the local tourism-based economy by ensuring Cache Creek remains a popular destination for outdoor recreation.
- ✓ Prohibit any new dams or diversions on the designated segment, but not effect the operation of existing upstream and downstream facilities.
- ✓ Ensure that mercury pollution remediation and management of non-native vegetation may occur.
- ✓ Not affect private property rights, existing water rights, or collaborative watershed management efforts.



If any member of the club is interested in giving their support to this legislation, you may do so by sending a letter to Assemblywoman Lois Wolk. You can see a copy of this legislation by going to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>, Assembly, and placing 1328 in the search function.

For more information, you can also contact Steven Evans, Friends of the River, phone number (916) 422-3155x221, email sevans@friendsoftheriver.org or Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild, phone (530) 304-6215, email verve@dcn.org.

Gene Gantt



How did we miss this one!



Lowell at the San Rafael show



Grimace



I surrender



Here let me help.



I just love this job!

March's Fly of the Month: Zug Bug



- Thread:* Black
- Tail:* 5-8 fibers of peacock sword
- Rib:* Silver tinsel
- Abdomen:* Peacock herl
- Legs:* brown or furnace hackle, beard-style
- Wingcase:* Mallard dyed woodduck

Uses

Zug Bugs suggest many different insects, including cased caddis and free-living caddis larvae.

How to Fish

Dead drift near bottom with indicator or tight line.

Hook: 5262 or 3761, sizes 10-14; weighted

Kiene's Fly Fishing Expo.

On Saturday April 23, Bill and Marilyn Kiene will be putting on their annual Kiene's Fly Shop Annual Expo. I have attended nearly every year and find it to be a thoroughly worthwhile time. Sales representatives from a number of rod, reel and equipment manufactures will be there so it is a good chance to talk with them and check out the latest gear and cast various rods. There are excellent fly tying demonstrations by leading fly tyers. We usually have a display highlighting the club and its activities and this year will be no exception. I personally find it every bit as enjoyable and worthwhile as the big shows plus it is free! Bill and Marilyn even provide hot dogs and drinks. I highly recommend it to you.

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----- EVENTS / SPEAKERS CALENDAR for 2005 -----

April	Mike Parella	Entomology	May	Peter Blackman	New Zealand
June	Chip O'Brien	Yellowstone	July	Annual Club Picnic	In the Park
August	No One	No Meeting	September	John Sherman	Stripers
October	Andy Burke	Big Fish Techniques	November	Ron Anderson	Pyramid

----- **OUTINGS CALENDAR for 2005** -----

Readers will note the fill-ins of a number of outings dates for which signups have either been started or will be laid out in March. For Jon's and John's trips presumably suggested flies will either be discussed in March or in an article posted here or on our website. For those going on any of my ventures, here is a non-exclusive list of suggestions:

Sacramento: size 14 fox pupas green and brown, copper johns same size in copper and red and maybe green, hare's ears size 14 in grey and regular, Gordon and regular princes again in 14, mercer poxybacks in 10 or 12 (be forewarned that no matter what you have the guide will have other ideas and your wallet will suffer)

Iron Canyon: regular wine and fluorescent thread and wire San Juans 10-14 (the latter on Daichi 1150 or English bait hooks-tough to find) and 14 Iron Canyon specials (if water murky). English style baithooks are Gamakatsu model C12U which are marketed as a caddis fly hook

Shad: usual suspects (my favorite is the Uncle _____ special tied with fluorescent pink edge glo, yellow braided tinsel tail, fluorescent red or pink thread and standard bead chain)

Lewiston: green buggers and no back leeches 8-12, Obrien midges in 12, pts in 14-16, San Juans in the fluorescent style 8-12, mercer poxybacks 12 etc; good dry fishing possible

Klamath: to paraphrase Ohrwall: anything as long as it's a brindle; also rubber legs under indicators and the other usual Klamath flies like assassins, hiltens, green drakes etc.; for those who doubt brindles it is still strongly suggested that some be brought along in case those with no imagination may prove correct.

Cary Boyden

Outings Update

<u>TRIP</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FISHMEISTER</u>	<u>Comments/Fees</u>
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 19 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150.00 plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Apr 1 st -3 rd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr 9 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May 14 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Shad	Shad	May 20 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Yamsi Ranch	Trout	Jun 18 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	\$100 rod per day
Davis Lake	Trout	Jun 3 rd - 5 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 15 th - 17 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking YS	Trout	Aug	John Forsyth 530-750-1192	
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug 5 th - 7 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Sep 8 th - 10 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/steelhead	Oct 15 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150.00 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	

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