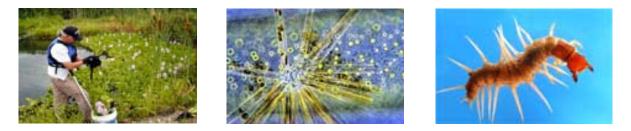


# This Month's Meeting is Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm.

"Entomology for Fly Fishers" With Ken W. Davis



Ken Davis is an Aquatic Biologist, Wildlife Photojournalist, and Wildlife Historian. He has worked and recreated in waterways all his life. At his mother's frequent dissatisfaction, he spent most of his youth in Northern California's creeks fishing and catching frogs. Some things never change! He's still chasing tadpoles and bringing home bottles of pond water. Most of his projects involve water and invasive species. An important part of his work is doing aquatic surveys for a variety of microscopic species. The algae in the center photograph above were collected in an urban creek that is polluted with urban runoff. The star-shaped species is typical of water polluted with inorganic substances. As a kid, Ken would seek hellgrammites (right photo above) as they were guaranteed to catch trout. He's now hunting for these and other interesting invertebrates found in trout streams. Join us for a fascinating program featuring Ken's wildlife photographs and insights on entomology as it relates to fly fishing.

# Kiene's Fly Shop Fly Fishing Expo 2006

Once again Bill and Marilyn Kiene invite one and all to their 2006 EXPO, which is Saturday, April 22, 2005 from 9 am – 4:30 pm. We hope you will once again take advantage of this opportunity to promote your club. As in the past, they will be serving hot dogs, sodas, water etc. at no charge. – For complete information please visit: <u>http://www.kiene.com/expo/index.htm</u>



#### From the CONSERVATION DESK By Lowell Ashbough

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Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta The latest activity on the Delta is a couple of senate bills, SB-1612 and SB-1574. SB-1612, carried by Senator Simitian, would mandate the construction of a peripheral canal or pipe with an intake location downstream of Freeport. There's no language about size or fish protection and there's nothing that provides for protection of fish. This is a bill to oppose!

SB-1574, carried by Senator Kuehl, would mandate DWR and DFG to study reduced export pumping as an alternative in the South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP). Please let Senator Kuehl know you support SB-1574 and oppose SB-1612. You can find details of both bills at the Senate's web page http://www.sen.ca.gov/.

Klamath River news The Pacific Fishery Management Council voted earlier this month to allow a limited salmon season off the northern California coast. The decision was a result of projected record low numbers of returning salmon in the Klamath River this year combined with low numbers in each of the last two years. The Council recommends measures to the National Marine Fisheries Service so the decision isn't final. It would still cause a great deal of economic pain to the west coast fishing industry. The only real solution to the salmon situation is to repair the river so the salmon run remains vibrant. Learn about the Council at http://www.pcouncil.org/.

On the bright side, a federal judge ruled in late March that the Bush administration can not continue to strangle water flows in the Klamath River in years with average or below rainfall. The court sided with fishing and conservation groups that have been seeking a more balanced distribution of water needed to rebuild Klamath River salmon stocks. The court ordered the federal Bureau of Reclamation to provide river flows needed for Coho salmon now, instead of waiting for five more years to pass.

Salmon Fisher (non) Disaster Almost a year ago 37 members of Congress, two governors, and fishing groups pleaded with the NMFS to declare the 2005 salmon season a "fishery disaster" under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This would make salmon fishermen eligible for low interest loans to help them cope with the poor season last year. Despite pleas for a speedy decision, the NMFS decided early this April not to declare the 2005 season a disaster. This doesn't bode well for the fishing industry for this season, either.

Smith River snagging Snagging of salmon on the Smith River has become commonplace. The NCCFFF will shortly sent a letter to the State Fish and Game Commission requesting that the Commission take immediate "emergency" action to adopt a North Coast regulation change requiring immediate "in water release" of all salmon (Chinook, Coho, et al.) not retained as part of an anglers "take" limit. Apparently, many salmon have been taken just for the roe, and the carcasses have been discarded. Stay tuned for more on this issue. I'm sure it will continue for a while.

**Governor's appointments** The Governor is about to appoint 2 new members to the State Water Resources Control Board.

These are important policy positions that can affect river flows for many years. The Governor's Appointments Secretary, Alice Dowdin, can be reached at <u>alice.dowdin@gov.ca.gov</u>, or at16-445-4541. Please email Alice and/or the Governor ASAP and tell them that the state deserves conservationminded appointments who will act for the people of California in these two critical Water Board seats.

## Conservation News from NCCFFF

<u>Jack Nicklaus</u> The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), a flyfishing conservation and education organization representing over 30,000 fly fishers worldwide, announced today an association with golf legend and sportsman Jack Nicklaus.



Jack Nicklaus has agreed to be a national spokesperson on behalf of the Federation of Fly Fishers, as well as to become Honorary Chairman of the FFF Presidents Club. The members of this charitable arm of the FFF represent those truly dedicated individuals and organizations that have made a 10year financial commitment to support the mission of the FFF. Mr. Nicklaus is the first to be honored with this position. In addition, he has agreed to become a member of the FFF Board of Directors.

Mr. Nicklaus has been an avid fly fisher for most of his life and has visited many exotic worldwide destinations to pursue this passion. Mr. Nicklaus' philosophy is very consistent with that of the FFF."I am an avid outdoorsman and few activities or sports provide me with as much joy as fishing," he said. "If you want to break it down even further, it would be fly fishing. I actually prefer to fly fish because I enjoy the skill, art and challenge of it."

Roger Maler, President of the FFF's Southern Council, stated "The commitment to the FFF by an individual of the caliber and renown of Jack Nicklaus is an acknowledgement of the importance of the Mission of the FFF."

Dr. Ron Cordes, incoming Chairman of the FFF Board of Directors, added, "The participation of Jack Nicklaus in furthering the efforts of a non-profit organization such as the FFF, the success of which is based upon the support of a vast number of volunteers, cannot be underestimated. His presence alone will send an important message to individuals and corporations alike whose potential support is critical to the FFF."

Visit www.fedflyfishers.org to learn more about the Federation of Fly Fishers, its Mission, and its accomplishments on behalf of the sport of fly fishing and the environment.

## Sugar Creek Ranch By John Imsdahl

Like clockwork, Bobber and Donn Erickson drove in separate cars up my driveway at 5:30 AM, Saturday, April 8th. We were headed for the Sugar Creek Ranch "Seven Sacred Pools" for two nights of fishing with Bill & Diane Moy, Greg Bonovich, and his son Nicholas, and a guy named Phil from Redding. Our mission was to meet everyone at 8AM at the Black Bear Restaurant in Redding. Of course, this meant that we needed to stop by the Redding Fly Shop to drop our obligatory \$100 each before proceeding on to SRC. Before we left, John and Bobber got some excellent advice from Cary Boyden and John Daniels about what to use. Essentially, the advice was to use little Red Midges, Black and Gold and Black Midges in sizes 16-22, and an assortment of Wooley Buggers. All of these turned out at various times to be just the ticket.



In my "minds eye" I had imagined SRC to be some kind of "resort", obvious from the road and certainly containing some kind of "decorated" entrance. What we found was an ordinary gravel and dirt driveway entrance, with an ordinary green metal gate, and a small old wooden sign on a 4x4 that read "Lodge ->". From the road there are piles of river rock "tailings" from an old gold mine, but you cannot see any real body of water or ponds, and certainly there is nothing that screams "resort". The driveway entrance lead to a 2 story, "tri-level" because of the sunken living room, with an underneath built in two car garage and laundry. Strangely, you entered into the breakfast nook and kitchen as the "foyer", with a sunken living room to the right, a dining area to the left, a family room to the rear, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths upstairs and a half bath downstairs. Nevertheless, there was plenty of room for eight and the fully equipped kitchen only required that you bring food and beverage.



The fishing was superb, hot, terrific, and the fish were large, "monster", fat, heavy bows and browns. There is a "Norman" in one of the ponds that can snap, and did mine twice, any 5x leader away form the knots. There are plenty of pictures of "Norman" and he looks to be about three (3) feet long. Since we all had different experiences at different times, I had landed 7 large trout on Blood Midges Saturday night. Sunday, Midges of black, black and gold, red, size 16 to 22 could not even stir a fish. Donn had good luck on Saturday and Sunday catching nine in just a short span of time on Sunday. Bob Beverlin, the Bobber, caught plenty of fish throughout and was probably the best caster in our Club group.



The ponds are crystal clear, fed by springs and water that has been filtered through gravel and sand, and you can watch disinterested large trout circle any Midge offering you provided. But, put on an Olive Green Wooley Bugger, with a colorful blue tassel tail, strip it slow enough, and well, we have pictures. Bobber had gotten up with the Sun and Redding Phil on Sunday and had pounded some of the larger lakes, but I believe he was skunked for the morning. Nevertheless, we must have landed 20 large trout each (of the Club members) in a one full day and two half days and had at least half as many hookups.



Finally, Monday came too soon and was one of my finest days. With all of the lousy weather, cancelled trips, rushing rivers, this was the first time I had wet a fly in 2006. Despite a private "lesson" (i.e. 10 minutes) with Lefty Kreh, sessions with Mel Kreiger, lessons from Jeff Putnam, and countless winter readings, I casted like crap. Up to Monday, I managed to find every bush, tree, reed, I could not "load the rod", had casts that only went fifteen feet into the wind, and I cut up two brand new leaders after trying to unscramble them following feeble attempts at the Single and Double Hauls. Both Donn and Bobber reported their casting challenges with elevated lawns or those nasty thorny bushes. Somehow, like a golf swing, my casts finally came together on Monday, and after taking off the indicators and Midges, the Wooley Buggers were being eaten by really big trout.



SRC is not cheap, but if you want grassy lawn free cast zones, your own private pond or 2-3 acre lake, plenty of active large trout on the seven ponds, a comfortable "lodge" where all you have to bring is the wine, beer and food, then log into <a href="http://www.sugarcreekranch.com">www.sugarcreekranch.com</a> and check out some of the "monster fish" others have caught.

Oh, and around Dunsmuir, where there is a sign that says 65 MPH, there is a CHP Officer sitting on the side of the road who loves writing tickets, make sure you are not locked in at 78 MPH, because he is bored and he does not care too much for fly fishers, nor for driver's licenses with CHP stickers on them. I could use some help with "on line three hour traffic school" recommendations.



I would say that the three members had an excellent, and memorable, time and that Sugar Creek Ranch is one of the only places you can find large active trout in clear pools in this rainy spring 2006. I already want to go back with my fellow Fly Fishers of Davis brothers and to paraphrase Paladin: Have rod, beer, wine and food, will travel. – **John Imsdahl** 

## **Fly Fishing in Chile**

Mike Parker, one of our regular guides for the club outings on the lower Sac and the Trinity, is leading a trip to the El Saltamontes lodge in the Patagonia region of Chile on Feb.4-10, 2007. He has a few openings available if you would like to partake in some great fishing. You can view the Flyshop web site for details [www.theflyshop.com] under the travel heading or e-mail Mike at kgparker@shasta.com.– Bob Pearcy

## Lower Sacramento Outing

We went on the Club trip to the lower Sac on March 18. At The Fly Shop, Jim Wright and I met our guide Greg, who suggested we try the Trinity, as the Sac flows were pretty high (about 30,000 cfs) and winds were predicted to be nasty. An hour later we launched on the Trinity, complete with shuttle service, and rigged up with Greg's special bead—larger than usual—2" above a size 10 hook, then added a size 14 dropper 14 inches down. Flows were nice. I hooked a beautiful 18 inch Brown and both Jim and I got 2 hard-

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fighting steelies boated in the 4-6.5 lb range—losing several more. We also caught about 20-30 half-pounders—nearly all fish on that crazy bead. I snapped Greg's Sage in two on one hook-set and snapped off 2x fluorocarbon on the biggest dam fish I can imagine. Winds and weather were wonderful and we put in a fun, full day. **- Donn Erickson** 



A Trinity lunch - just beautiful, man



Figure one Great brown!



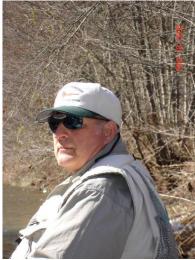
Jim with a big fatty (no, not Donn)



This is how you do it, Donn



Greg had to get in this fine fish picture



Jim contemplates his next fly choice



The required Purchase of secret flies. Jim Pleau, Lowell Ashbaugh, Tom Burton

# And for those of you who actually fished the Lower Sac



Beautiful downtown Redding



Night B4 @ Red Bluff. Muddy water out the window Tom Burton, Jim Pleau, Larry Pleau, Jim Humphrey, Cary Boyden



High Expectations - Lowell and Bob



Cary Boyden and Jim Humphrey

And the not so big

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Big Fish (shh... used a bobber!) Brian Bommarito, Larry Pleau



26,000 second ft. 15-18 Mph current. 15-18 MPH north wind. Fished down current and wind in calm conditions. Guide Brian Bommarito, Jim Pleau



Guide Brian Bommarito, The Fly Shop and his new drift boat. & Jim Pleau

## Fly of the Month Dave's Bleeder - aka Wet Pinky



The fly of the month for April is a Shad Fly that has proven to be very effective on the American river. Al Smatsky discussed this fly in his excellent presentation last month. Al was gracious enough to send the following note about the fly and his tying instructions.

Given the water flow of recent times, the American may be one of the few places to shad fish this spring.

Al's note and tying information: This fly is quite simple to tie and the Number One shad fly on the American River. From personal experience it also works well on the Yuba River or any river with good visibility. The uniqueness of this fly is what sets it apart; it starts out white and turns pink when it gets wet.

This fly was introduced to me back in the late 80's on the American River by Dave Howard, an avid shad fisherman. If you have been around the scene for a number of years you realize that shad fishermen are not the most forthcoming when it comes to stream side information but that was not the case

with Dave. He always had time to help fellow anglers with mastering their casting and mending skills. Before he left the angler on their own, Dave would tie on one of his shad flies. Most of the time, within a few casts, the angler would hook up and guess what, it would be on Dave's fly.

#### Dressing

Hook: Size 6 or 8 1197 Nickel or Gold Thread: Florescent Hot Orange Flat Waxed Nylon Tail: White Marabou (original pattern) Under Body: Florescent Orange Flat Waxed Nylon Body: Fine or Medium White Chenille **Rib:** Copper Wire (original pattern) **Eyes:** Gold Barbell eyes – 1/8"&3/16" for #8 or 6 respectively Note: You can substitute variuos colors of Krystal for the tail

#### **Tying Instructions**

- 1. Pinch down the barb on the hook.
- 2. Tie in the eyes slightly behind the hook eye.
- 3. Wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook.
- 4. Tie in a small amount of white marabou or 12 to 15 strands
- of Krystal flash. Tie in the copper wire and white chenille.

5. Wrap the tread up to the eyes. Make sure you completely cover the hook shank with the thread. To make a fuller body, wrap the shank with more thread.

- 6. Wrap the chenille to the eyes and tie off.
- 7. Counter warp the copper wire to the eyes and tie off.
- 8. Form the head of the fly with the thread.

It doesn't get any simpler than this for tying an effective shad fly.

#### 2006 FFD Speaker Lineup

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	

Jay Murakoshi

Annual Dinner

Al Smatsky

Ken Davis

Chip O'Brien

Private Stillwater

The Sea of Cortez

Shad Entomology Still waters: Lewiston & others Trent Pridemore

#### Annual Picnic July August no meeting September Open October Open November December Home grown

Keith Kaneko

Ten tips for better steelhead

# ----- Outings Report ------

Since last month there have been two outings. The first was reported on at the meeting. It was the March Fly Shop trip, in this case to the swollen Sacramento. Fish were caught which served to break the winter doldrums. However, except for Jim Wright & Donn Erickson, who went to the Trinity and each enjoyed a number of smolts and several nice steelies & browns; the fishing was not at its usual high level.

The second trip was headed to Iron Canyon and was cancelled once and a week later snowed out. Faced with the snow the four on the postponed trip decided to try Baum where some success was had on size 20 ice cream cones and candy canes. For those who suffer in the winter from extreme cabin fever, Baum should be looked at as a future option. You need at least a pontoon boat, although a pram or drift boat is strongly preferred. Tom Burton demonstrated the real pluses of the latter with his gorgeous new Clackacraft. Some form of depth finder is also a real plus!!; as is true in any still water or similar experience.

Signups for the period through October will again be at the meeting. So far there has been a good response for most. Please note that all future outings will involve a release of the club from liability. The exact wording has not been finalized but the jist is that the release covers the club and those involved in outings as far as organizing the trip. The release will not relate to the actual negligence or willful act of any participant or any guide or venue agent during the outing and not related to its planning. The exact language will be published in a future newsletter and be found on each signup sheet after adoption. This concept has been sop for most other clubs for some time. -- Cary Boyden

#### Membership

The cut-off date for renewing your membership in the Fly Fishers of Davis has now past. The membership roster has been trimmed and some of you will wonder where your wonderfully informative newsletter has gone. Should you choose to crash the gates at our next meeting; a disarming guard (John Reynolds) will be there to collect your dues. - John Reynolds - membership chair

## How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Membership in the FFD requires an annual donation of \$25 for an adult/family and \$15 for individual youth/student members. Annual dues are \$25. At this rate you MUST provide an e-mail address and will receive the monthly newsletter as a PDF. If you do not have internet access and want a printed copy of the newsletter mailed to you dues are \$35. You can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the conference room at DWR, 2727 2nd St. in Davis). For more information, contact: John Reynolds, 530-753-2682 or jren@dcn.org

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For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend our outings Let's all welcome our newest members: <u>Ben Giudice</u>, <u>Brian Mulloney</u> and <u>James Luschwitz</u>.

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	2006 OUT	<u>ING SCHEDU</u>	<b>LE (tentative dates)</b>	
TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	<b>Comments/Fees</b>
Low Elevation Lake	Trout	Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> –Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr $7^{\text{th}} - 9^{\text{th}}$	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Shad	Shad	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Jun 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> &11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Gene Gantt</u> 707-451-3262	
Frenchman Lake	Trout	Jun $2^{nd} 3^{rd} \& 4^{th}$	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul 14 <sup>th</sup> - Jul 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug $11^{\text{th}} - 13^{\text{th}}$	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Steelhead	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> -Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Sep	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Yuba River - Tutorial	Trout	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	Oct	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/Steelhead	Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Cary Boyden</u> 530-753-3826	\$150-plus tip
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Delta	Stripers	Oct	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
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