

*Fly Fishers of Davis*<http://www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/ffd/>

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**The Fisherman's Line****THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH!**

Instead... We have

**The Fly Fishers of Davis  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic****When: Tuesday, JULY 25th, 6:00 P. M.****Where: DAVIS Community Park****Meet, Greet and Eat at the Picnic Area behind the Davis Art Center at corner of "F" and Covell Blvd. The closest access is from the Art Center parking lot off Covell near the Bike Bridge.**

Join members and families for this traditional evening of fly fishing conversation and friendship. **Guests are welcome.** The Club treats attendees to a main course of hot dogs, hamburgers, corn and fixings. Attendees contribute salads and deserts. **A-M brings deserts and N-Z brings salads.** Drinks are BYO. FFD obtained Park Permit (alcoholic beverages are ok).

**NOTICE! There will be NO meeting and NO newsletter in AUGUST!  
GO FISH!****ROD BUILDING CLASS**

The rod building class will be held at the Viticulture field building (same place as fly tying) starting Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> and will be every Wed night through August 16<sup>th</sup> (four class sessions). Class hours are 7:00 – 10:00 PM.

Students should order the rod blank and assembly kit and bring all components with them to the first class. There will be old generation Lamaglass blanks/kits available at the first class for a donation of \$75 to be used towards our "Salmon in the Classroom" program. There are 20 blanks/kits that are from 6 weights to 9 weights and were donated to the club by the late Aaron Zak Zakarian.

Students will need a small package of single edge razor blades or Exacto knife with new replacement blades. A small pair of scissors will be useful as well. You can use your fly tying scissors. If you are right handed let your left thumb nail grow a little and if you are left handed just the opposite applies. I will explain later (don't let me forget).

If you are interested in the class and have not signed up contact me at [wtburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wtburton@sbcglobal.net) and I will add you to the roster. Those of you that have already signed up I will be contacting you the week prior to the first class.

See you at the Picnic. - [Tom Burton](#)



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## **From the CONSERVATION DESK**

By Lowell Ashbaugh

**Payne Ranch Work Day** For those of you who have trekked into Payne Ranch, enjoyed the views and stuck some of the feisty little bass there may be an opportunity to do some pond fixin'. One of the ponds west of Road Kill Café (see photo at right— thanks, John Hodgson) is about to be lost as the spillway slowly but surely erodes away. This process appears to have been ongoing for many years. BLM recognizes the problem and has earmarked monies for at least a temporary fix. There is a good chance that some kind of short-term repair effort involving RMEF (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation) will be undertaken before the rainy season starts this fall. If you think you might be interested in spending a day in the field with clipboard in hand barking out orders at other hapless volunteers while balancing precariously on an otherwise unused shovel please look for a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. I will pass the information on to Greg Mangan (BLM site manager) and await a response. - [John Reynolds](#)

**Spring-run Chinook Watershed Symposium** The Salmonid Restoration Federation, in partnership with Pacific, Gas, and Electric and Friends of Butte Creek, will host the 1st Annual Spring-Run Chinook Symposium, July 27-29, 2006, in beautiful Butte Creek. SRF is pleased to offer a three-day opportunity for local landowners, restorationists, fisheries biologists and agency staff to participate in workshops on fish monitoring and identification techniques, to tour and understand restoration projects, and, through positive dialogue, to increase their capacity to positively impact the recovery of Spring-run in California. Go to <http://www.calsalmon.org/training/buttecrk.htm> for more information.

### **NCCFFF News**

**NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishing Offer** The Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers is holding its annual Festival of Fly Fishing in Redding on October 6-8. Ticket prices are normally \$15, but they're offering a volume discount on tickets to club members, plus a chance to win prizes for the club in a special raffle. For 10 tickets purchased together, the price drops to \$12 each. For 20 tickets, it's only \$10. If you would like a discounted ticket, let me know (phone 530 758-6722 or email [Ashbaugh@ucdavis.edu](mailto:Ashbaugh@ucdavis.edu)). If I get more than 10, I'll get the tickets. The deadline is September 14. You don't even need to pay now. You'll get a reduced fee registration form to send in. The Festival of Fly Fishing is one of the two major fundraisers for the NCCFFF, and offers lots of classroom and hands-on instruction. Make a weekend of it – attend the festival and fish in northern California. More information is at <http://www.nccfff.org/>.



### **What Is Angling Etiquette?**

By Rosemay Weise – Taken from the Northwest Women Flyfishers Newsletter

One of the missions of NWF is: To promote and encourage stream etiquette and to educate our members. In our excitement to be fishing we sometimes forget our manners around the water, and exhibit less than exemplary behavior.

#### **THE LAW:**

Buy and carry a fishing license.  
Know your local and state regulations.  
Do not trespass.

#### **THE ENVIRONMENT:**

If you brought it in, take it out. Every scrap of it.  
Don't make new tracks. Use visible roads and paths when possible.

Get the lead out. Use a substitute.

#### **WHO HAS THE RIGHT A WAY ON A STREAM?**

All of the following:

The angler casting upstream.

Any angler with a fish on.

Any stationary angler.

The floating angler yields to the walking/wading angler.

The first angler to arrive has a right to that pool.

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## **OLD FOGIES BACKPACKING**

The Old Fogies backpacking outing will be held in beautiful downtown Splinterville again this year. We will meet in Markleeville, the usual location at 8:00 AM, Friday August 11. As soon as everyone shows up we will caravan to the trail head and make the easy hike arriving around noon. We will have plenty of daylight for fishing, napping and just plain lazing around. The weather should be perfect and since everything is about a month late we should see plenty of wild flowers. The water may be higher than last year but still great fishing opportunities. There's supposed to be a meteor shower to entertain us through the weekend. We will break camp on Sunday morning and make the hike out arriving at the trail head and our cars at about 1:00. We will either stop at the traditional lunch spot or maybe try a new one (we'll see). Barring any problems you should be home by around 5PM. For those new Fogieites and old timers as well there will be a pre-trip meeting on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 270 East Mayes Street,

Dixon, California, (707) 678-3850. [wtburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wtburton@sbcglobal.net). The meeting is from 7:30 to 8:30 and we will discuss car pooling, recommended items to bring/leave home, best clothes to wear, what to eat, how pack light and how to tie Jim White's Wilma Jean. See you at the picnic and we can talk about it then. - [Tom Burton](#)

### Loreto, Baja South, June 25-29

What a wonderful trip and at a third of the price of Alaska! Signed up with American Fly ([www.americanflyfishing.com](http://www.americanflyfishing.com)) for a sponsored trip to Loreto at \$725 (room, breakfast, some free drinks, fishing for 3 days). Left Sac on Sunday AM changing to Alaska Air in LA, flying directly into Loreto (flights by Aeromexico and Alaska only, on Su, Tu and Th). Started adjusting to the temp and humidity which both ran about 95-100. A two mile taxi ride and I was at La Pinta, a modest hotel in town, on the beach, with great pool/restaurant. Met by Peter Blackman (beer in hand) and escorted to my room (with a beautiful vista) which I shared with Victor, another hardcore fly fisher. Peter briefed me on rigging and tactics, and then we walked around town, eating at a fantastic little restaurant. Then readied our gear for the big next day.



We were met on the beach at 6 AM by our guides in Pangas with 100hp outboards, two fisherman per boat, some English, then over to the marina where we stocked up on freshly netted sardines (dorado attractants) +/- mackerel (billfish bait). Then to the fish which could be as little as 20 minutes or as much as an hour away. On the way we watched the sunrise and spotted marlin putting on jumping shows, flying fish, turtles, jumping dorado, mantas, porpoises and beautiful, rugged scenery.

We come mainly for dorado (dolphin fish) which are caught trolling, or casting to pods which seem to gravitate to small clumps of sargasso grass floating on the surface—or maybe just to a turtle sunning himself on the surface. Trolling was done with fly rods or with conventional outfits, with special leaders and big flies or a mackerel. When the guide spotted a mat of grass, he would stop, and to see if there were fish around, toss out a few sardines. If there were dorado there, the surface would explode as these rocket ships annihilated the minnows. Then we would start casting with 4" top water poppers or flies/sinking line. The dorado would attack these flies extremely aggressively, sometimes hitting a couple of times before one got hooked and then they'd take off like a bullet, jumping repeatedly with more long runs. Fishing these pods could go on an hour or more, until other boats got wind of the bonanza and joined us, soon scattering the pod. At times the dorado would get fussy, and then a sardine imitation fly or a real sardine was best.



Size of the dorado ranged from about 4 to 40 pounds, though one of our group claimed a 60lb! They are stunningly beautiful and effervesce in the water green/blue/yellow. They all jump, some as many as 8 times—and I do mean jump. Some pods held perhaps hundreds of fish of various sizes streaking around under the boat, nabbing sardines thrown by the guide; other pods were smaller and had more uniform sized fish. A thirty pounder could take about 30 minutes to land. I fished 4 days and killed them 2 days, did fair on 1 and got skunked on 1. My #11 was perfect for dorado but I'd bring a #14 if trying for sails. Conventional gear is best for squid as they are really deep and strong. My #9 was a bit wimpy for dorado. A #7 or #9 would work fine for cabilla, etc. My Ross 6 reel did very well on dorado, but sails/yellowtail would require an upgrade and maybe 500 yds of backing.



Seas were generally fairly calm. Temps were fine when trolling; heated up a bit when stationary. The area develops thunder heads every afternoon with a few showers a couple days per month. June and July are the best months for dorado. Guide quality varied somewhat, as did the reliability of their equipment. No gear was provided but could be rented. Tip for the guide was generally \$30-\$40 and maybe a fish or two for home. Besides dorado, I caught squid, trumpet fish, rock bass, bonita. I hooked a sailfish at an est. 100#; one of our group brought one in and we had a couple other hookups. Also available were cabrilla, snapper and yellow tail. The squid was a wonderful meal one night for us; brought it into a restaurant and asked them to fry it up—done beautifully.

Total cost for 3 days fishing: \$1700 with \$750 for air, \$725 for tour, \$25 for bait, \$50 tips, rest for drinks/meals. It was a fantastic experience and I will do it again next year. Anyone interested? - [Donn Erickson](#)

### 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 is \$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](mailto:jren@dcn.org)

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Fly fishing interest and experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Our club is only as great as its members, so please **circle one or more** of the following areas where you could share your expertise.

**Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.**

Please also **circle** if you would like to **teach, assist, or attend** any of our classes in **Rod building, Fly Tying, or Casting.**

**For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings**

**2006 FFD Speaker Lineup**

<b>January</b>	Jay Murakoshi	The Sea of Cortez	<b>July</b>	Annual Picnic	
<b>February</b>	Annual Dinner		<b>August</b>	no meeting	
<b>March</b>	Al Smatsky	Shad	<b>September</b>	Open	
<b>April</b>	Ken Davis	Entomology	<b>October</b>	Open	
<b>May</b>	Chip O'Brien	Still waters: Lewiston & others	<b>November</b>	Keith Kaneko	Ten tips for better steelhead
<b>June</b>	Private Stillwater	Trent Pridmore	<b>December</b>	Home grown	

**----- Outings Report -----**

Lewiston was a fishing fool's absolute delight. While the lake produced sporadically except when the truck arrived while various of us watched and edged over to the dump site and except for a few larger fish taken (by the green wooly bugger person, of course), the stream was loaded beyond anyone's rational expectations. High rods were over 100 for the trip, and while the average fish was in the 12 inch range more than a few halfpounders and one small steelie were taken. Olive nobacks, small mayfly nymphs, stimulators etc. all took their place as The Fly. And the fish were universally feisty.

With all that is tough to imagine the fishing was secondary, but it was. Poison oak hollow was its usual delightful staging area for wonderful comradeship and the usual torrent of verbiage, adult beverages and good times. This year more members came up on Thursday which really added a great deal to the camaraderie. And the traditional dinner at the Inn produced the best food in years and wonderful service along with a wine list whose contents washed away the wretched aftertaste of last year's house offerings disasters. All in all a fabulous get together more than living up to its reputation as the Club's best overall trip!! - [Cary Boyden](#)



**New Members Corner**

Let's welcome [Paul Brown](#), [Brian Mulloney](#), [John Eisele](#) and [Aaron Knutson](#) who have all joined the club recently.

**2006 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)**

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug 11 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Tom Burton</a> 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Steelhead	Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> -Sep 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Sep	<a href="#">Gene Gantt</a> 707-451-3262	
Yuba River - Tutorial	Trout	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Tom Burton</a> 707-678-3850	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">John Reynolds</a> 530-753-2682	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout/Steelhead	Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	\$150-plus tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct	<a href="#">Jim Humphrey</a> 707-678-2149	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov/Dec	<a href="#">Jon Knapp</a> 530-756-9056	
Klamath	Steelhead	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Cary Boyden</a> 530-753-3826	

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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.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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