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The Fisherman's Line

Next Regular Monthly Meeting is Tuesday October 31st at 7:30!
Labrador Brook Trout
With Bill Carnazzo



For the October meeting, Bill Carnazzo will present a program on fly fishing Labrador lakes and streams for monstrous Brook Trout. In Newfoundland and Labrador they measure the Brook Trout by pounds, not inches, so these are not your typical diminutive California brookies. The rivers and streams of Labrador, east of Quebec, flow to the Atlantic, so in addition to an unbelievable inland Brook Trout fishery, it is also famous for Atlantic salmon. Come hear about those fabled areas "discovered" and popularized by Lee Wulff.

Bill has been fly fishing for nearly 50 years and he guides on the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, Rubicon, and North Fork of the Yuba. His guiding career began more than 10 years ago when he bought his first home in Dunsmuir. An excellent fly tier who ties at many fly fishing shows, Bill has created numerous effective fly patterns for Northern California rivers and streams (see <http://www.billcarnazzo.com/>). He has authored a number of articles for California Fly Fisher magazine on

a variety of topics and is a founding member of Granite Bay Flycasters. Bill regularly teaches fly tying classes for area clubs and Kiene's Fly Shop, as well as clinics on nymphing and pocket water fishing. He has presented programs at many Northern California fly fishing clubs, including the FFD, and for the NCCFFF Conclave, concentrating on pocket water nymphing technique.

(Vice) Prez Says

No, I haven't staged a coup. But Commander Bob (Pearcy) is out in the wilds of Montana (poor guy – all those fish and nothing else to do), and I promised a column to fill this space.

I've been wondering about something. For as long as I can remember, and in checking with actual old-timers, it seems our club has been about 100 members strong. On one hand, that's a good thing. I see a few new faces at every meeting. As some members drop out others join. The club is holding steady and we're doing very well with programs, outings, and conservation activities. On the other hand, though, I know there are more people in town interested in fly fishing, and it seems the same people are involved in club functions year after year. I'd like to see more new faces, and I'd especially like to see more new people going on outings and helping with the annual dinner, the July picnic, the Putah Creek cleanup, egg distribution for Fish-in-the-classroom, and other activities. If you are a relatively new member and would like to get more out of the club, come to the outings or volunteer to help out on any of these activities! I promise you'll get more out of it than you put in, and whether you're a new or long-time member look for opportunities to invite someone new to a meeting. This month we'll have a great program on brook trout in Labrador by Bill Carnazzo. Invite someone to come with you to see it! – [Lowell Ashbaugh](#)

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From the CONSERVATION DESK

By [Lowell Ashbaugh](#)

Proposition 90 Proposition 90 on the November ballot is a bad solution in search of a nonexistent problem (at least in California). It is supposedly a response to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on an eminent domain abuse, and would require governments to reimburse owners for the taking of private property. This is not a problem in California, where the taking of private property for economic development is not allowed. But Proposition 90 redefines "taking" in such a way that a state or local agency, in preventing a land owner from developing property because of local regulatory restrictions, whether they are based on health and safety or environmental reasons, would have to reimburse the property owner for what he/she might have done without the regulations. As the Sacramento Bee noted, Proposition 90 is not about fixing eminent domain abuse. It's about a sweeping agenda to freeze land use and other regulations. This proposition is dangerous and deserves to be defeated.

San Joaquin River A consortium of angling interests, other environmental groups, and valley water districts has reached an historic agreement to restore the San Joaquin River and reintroduce Chinook salmon. The river has been nearly entirely diverted for over 60 years, leaving only 60 miles of dry riverbed in most years. Salmon used to run up the San Joaquin, and if all goes as planned they will run it again. The plan is threatened by a few water agencies, though. Your help could make a difference. Senator Feinstein is planning to introduce legislation to support the agreement. Call her at 202-224-3841 and let her know you support restoration of the San Joaquin River and the southernmost run of Chinook salmon in North America.

Roadless Rules Reinstated The 9th Circuit Court recently reinstated the roadless area rules originally enacted in 2001 by the Clinton administration. The Bush administration overturned them, allowing roads to be built in areas such as the Tongass National Forest. That would have been destructive to our national forests and the streams that run through them. The court ruled that the Bush administration was arbitrarily changing policy in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. This is a major victory for all of us who wish to have clean water and healthy forests.

Cooperative Conservation The Department of Interior has been holding "listening sessions on cooperative conservation" around the country. This is another of the Bush administration's cynical attempts to weaken environmental laws – in this case the Endangered Species Act. Our club signed on to a letter from the NCCFFF urging the Department to protect public lands, including rivers and streams, by retaining the existing conservation laws, including the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Cooperative Conservation is not a substitute for these laws, but is a useful tool for achieving the goals stated in them.

Klamath River An administrative law judge has ruled that the fish passage requirements sought by federal fishery agencies for the re-licensing of PacifiCorp's Klamath River dams were "legally sound and based on solid facts." This is a huge victory for Klamath Basin Tribes, commercial fishermen, recreational anglers and environmental groups that

are pushing for removal of four Klamath River dams in order to restore salmon, steelhead and other fish to the watershed. PacifiCorp had been arguing for trucking fish around the dams, but may be required now to provide fish ladders. It would be cheaper to remove the dams, an alternative that would vastly improve the health of the currently sick river.

NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishing The Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers held its annual Festival of Fly Fishing in Redding on October 6-8. The Festival is one of the two major fundraisers for the NCCFFF, and offered lots of classroom and hands-on instruction. John Daniels, Jim Wright and I attended and had a good time. The presentations were excellent. My only complaint is that I had to choose between two good ones too often. The fly tying was constant on Friday and Saturday. Ever see someone tie a size 32 midge? Dave Scadden talked about his pontoon boats in an excellent presentation. Tim Fox gave a great talk on the lower Sac. The silent auction was filled with goodies that were affordable, and the live auction was a fun time to see the high rollers bid on the large items. There were also classes on fly tying and casting, and Sunday had a number of on-the-water workshops. If you missed it this year, make a point of going next year. There's lots of fishing in the Redding area and you can find places where you won't be crowded out.

NCCFFF News

Here is a rundown on Current Conservation Network Actions and projects (I've updated some of these with current information):

Sacramento – S.F. Bay Delta – Doug Lovell is proposing a Striper Slot Limit to the Fish & Game Commission, to help to protect the remaining striper population. Recent summer DFG trawl survey show the "young of the year" stripers are still at historic lows. The Commission meeting is November 3rd in Redding. **Striperfest is November 4 at Sugar Barge Marina.**

Smith River regulation change – Chuck Bucaria, Ben Taylor and others have submitted a regulation change to protect the Chinook salmon run during the low flow part of the year. The proposed regulations are designed to stop snagging and waste of the fish. Some anglers are snagging salmon at the mouth of the Smith, gutting the fish for roe, and tossing the remainder away.

Central Valley Steelhead Lawsuit – The Modesto Irrigation District has filed suit to remove CV Steelhead from the ESA listing, based upon the change by NOAA from the ESU listing to a DPS listing. It is a ploy to get at more water and to reduce limitation on use and habitat. NCCFFF is a litigant in the suit along with other groups in the Pacific Northwest.

North Fork Feather – Again this year, the North Fork Feather River has been the point of much tension between environmental interests and the boating community. A proposal is on the table to limit "ramped flow days", and currently there has been no increase in flow days pending agreement on one of three proposals. CHRC has proposed the fewest days, with other offsets in access, camping and transportation.

Klamath River – Much negotiation has been going on, and we are down to the money. Most groups (Tribes, Power Co., Siskiyou County) want way more than is available. Additionally, under the new FERC rules, proposed by the Bush Administration, the power company can ask for a hearing before a law judge on FERC requirements. PacifiCorp requested a hearing on a list of over 40 issues, and the Klamath Conservation Caucus has spent many weeks and much money getting experts to testify on behalf of the fishery. The hearing ends in late August, and final papers are due 1st week of September. This is a new ploy to avoid compliance with environmental laws (ESA and Clean Water Act).

Update: California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski announced that they are directing their respective state agencies to organize a Klamath River Summit to be held before the year ends. Recognizing the environmental and natural resource challenges within the Klamath Basin, the summit aims to bring all groups with Klamath River Basin interests together, including states, federal partners, fishermen, tribes and PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp is currently seeking FREC re-licensing of its Hydro Project on the Klamath River, while many parties are calling for dam removal and river restoration. In recent months, PacifiCorp has expressed their willingness to consider dam removal, provided that shareholder property rights and cost recovery issues are appropriately addressed.

South Fork Pit River Hydro project – Cindy Charles and Anne-Marie Bakker reported on this project. They made a site visit, and did some fishing and found the S. Fork as a beautiful and productive fishery. Proposal is to build a small hydro project which would essentially dewater several miles of the stream, and increase temps in many more miles. The Golden West Women's Fly Fishers and NCCFFF, along with others, have filed negative comments with FERC. We are hopeful this project will not get approved.

Update: The license requested by Nicholas Josten for the West Valley Hydroelectric Project was dismissed in late September. He can appeal the decision, but he must submit a new application if he desires to continue. For now, the South Fork Pit River will continue to flow.

Department of the Interior Listening Sessions – Mark Rockwell reported on a federal process going on around the U.S. now where 24 "listening Sessions" on cooperative conservation are being held. Many of these are being hosted by the Secretary of the Interior (Kempthorne), Director of Fish and Wildlife Service (Dale Hall), and USDA director (Mark Rey). A lot of time, effort and money are being put into this, and there is fear that the Administration is gearing up to introduce changes to environmental laws in the coming months.

Tick Removal Information

All you Payne Ranchers might be interested in this: By Lee Weil – Taken from the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Associations newsletter

Ya never know... might come in handy. I don't know if this works but if I had a tick, I would try it first before trying to plucking it out with tweezers. A School Nurse has written the info below... good enough to share... And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say "It worked!" You might want to put it in the freezer after removal. Just in case of illness, it can be tested for disease.

Lower Sac Fishing Trip

Jim Wright and I had a great day fishing the Lower Sac with guide Greg Dean. "Set!" That was right after we put in at Bonneyview – Jim had a fish on before I even got my line in the water. "Poor fish – they don't stand a chance." Jim and I heard this from Greg so many times – and he was right! Greg is an excellent guide with a great sense of humor and a positive nature ("You guys are fishing great – I don't have to do anything – SET!"). Between Jim and me we easily touched nearly a hundred fish, landing 30-40 (would I lie?). Most of them were 14" or longer (well, Jim got a couple of small ones but I had a 20-incher – no lying allowed). "Watch out for the anchor rope!" Jim started in front, and stayed there the whole time - "My arm's getting tired ("Set!") – can't I have the back of the boat?" but Greg thought the weight distribution was better that way ("The back won't help, Jim. I'm catching them here, too"). Greg's boat had a small motor so we were able to drift the really good spots ("Set!") several times. But we also drifted some areas I had never fished before ("Get ready – they'll hit any second now") and got hookups. We had at least five doubles - "Set!" – and even a triple. How do you do that with two anglers? Hook up a double, and then before the second fish is boated and released the first angler hooks up again. Did I say Greg has a real positive outlook - "It's the guides fault – your cast was perfect!" And Jim got a little tired of the front - "Can't I have the back of the boat – Greg's riding my ass." Toward the end of the day ("SET!"), Jim had his feet up and was sitting in the seat - "I'm not even going to set that one – it's too small." Satisfied after a really great day I set off for my mom's house to rest and visit. - [Lowell Ashbaugh](#)



Jim Wright with a Beautiful Lower Sac Rainbow



Lowell Ashbaugh with another nice Bow



Jim shows us how to present a fish for a photo

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](mailto:John.Reynolds@dcn.org) , 530-753-2682 or jren@dcn.org

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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

Fly of the Month Lefty's deceiver



October is a month in which we begin to think about steelhead and stripers. The cooler temperatures and shorter days remind me of many days in the delta and Frank's Tract where our striper outing have been staged for the past several years. Striper flies come in a variety of colors and styles, but most resemble bait fish. In the past, the striper fly of the month has been a Clouser Minnow. This year's striper fly is a Lefty's Deceiver. Lefty Kreh developed this fly for Chesapeake Bay stripers in the 1950's. Over the years the deceiver has become a style of fly rather than a single pattern as many color combinations, sizes and materials are used for this pattern. The standard version has a white wing and collar and a red beard hackle, but white and blue, all black, white and red, white and green, green and yellow and others are tied and fished with success. Several versions use died grizzly hackle to simulate baitfish markings. The deceiver can be tied as a small or large streamer. It casts well in spite of its size. The sink rate can be varied by the amount of bucktail used for the collar and wing and by adding lead to the body. A Deceiver was among the flies selected for a set of stamps issued in 1991 by the US Postal Service.

Materials

Thread: 3/0 pre-waxed white or a color to match the color scheme of the fly.

Hook: TMC 811S, TAR 800S, Mustad 34007, 3407 2 to 3/0. Stainless steel hooks are recommended for salt and brackish waters.

Tail: 3 to 10 pairs of white saddle hackle extending 2-3 inches (or more depending on the size) beyond the hook bend

Body: Optional flat silver Mylar or tinsel.

Hackle: A beard of red tinsel extending almost to the hook point used to simulate gills.

Wing/collar: two bunches of white bucktail on either side of the hook extending beyond the hook bend. The wing is another bunch of chartreuse bucktail extending beyond the hook bend.

Instructions:

Select between 1 and 10 pairs of white saddle hackle arranged with the curved side in and tie in at the hook bend. The number of hackle will determine the bulk of the fly. Tie in 6-10 strands of pearlescent flashabou or Krystal flash along side the tail and trim them to varying lengths. The longest flash

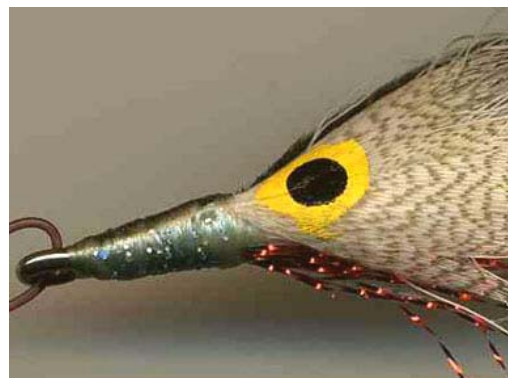
material should be about 1/2 inch longer than the tail. Advance the thread toward the eye (3/4 the way up the shank). If desired, tinsel can be tied in and wrapped to the tail and back to the starting position. This gives the fly more flash, but is an optional step. Tying 6-10 stands of peal or rainbow Krystal flash on the underside is another option to add more sparkle to the fly. The Krystal flash should extend nearly to the front of the hook point. Tie in two bunches of white bucktail on either side of the hook shank at the 3/4 position leaving room for the thread head and wing. Tapering the bucktail will help reduce bulk. The amount of bucktail can be varied to change the sink rate of the fly and its profile in the water. Add a bucktail wing. Chartreuse is a good choice and the one illustrated above. The wing and the collar should extend past the hook bend. Use small (fine) bucktail for the wing and collar as it flairs less and



moves better in the water. Often the wing will be topped with 6-12 peacock herl stands 6-10 strands of Krystal flash. The original pattern has 10-15 strands of red flashabou tied in as a beard outside the collar and extending nearly to the hook point. Whip finish the head and cement liberally. Painted or stick on eyes are a popular option. The three dimensional stick on eyes may not adhere well. You can bind these down with monofilament tying thread. When coated with epoxy, the monofilament will not be visible. Jim Humphrey often adds duck flank feathers as cheeks along the side of the fly and paints eyes on the cheeks. As with any fly that has been around for a while, the variations are numerous. The pictures below show duck flank added as cheeks, a single badger feather to simulate a lateral line with peacock added as a topping.

If you're tired of pitching Clousers and ducking, try the deceiver.

You can watch Lefty tie a deceiver by downloading a file from: www.flyfisherman.com/ftb/lkdeceiver/



'Payne in the Ranch'

October's installment of the ever popular trek into Payne Ranch saw 5 clusters meet at the post office in Guinda. The hike was characterized by cool weather and some surprising views of local wildlife. As we approached 'Big Fish Pond' we saw a bull elk with harem of six cows, impressing them with his recently sawed-off antler. The cool weather made for a more comfortable hike but the fishing was slow. (We actually had to WORK to catch fish.) The hike out was punctuated by a coyote and a gaggle of wild turkeys. All in all a nice day we climbed up to Hwy. 16 as the sun was setting and headed for Judy's in Woodland for a truly fine greasy burger. - John Reynolds



Gifts, Donations and Sponsors

We wish to thank [Jerry Neuburger](#) of [DeltaStrippers.com](#) for his generous Gift Certificate for a free day of guided fishing. Jerry has served as President of both the NCCFFF and the Delta Fly Fishers. We have many club members who enjoy striper fishing in the Delta, so this gift should raise the level of our raffle ticket sales at our next meeting. Thank You Jerry.

----- Outings Report -----

Below this squib is an updated trip list for 2007. While most of the entries are repeats, there are several new planned outings. The first is a trip to Baum Lake in February. This entry reflects a very enjoyable session there in April this year when Iron Canyon was snowed out. Weather could be an issue on this one so we will need some flexibility as to timing. A floating device is borderline essential also. The second new one is Fuller in June, again requiring a floating device. Fuller is an absolute scenic jewel which is a put and take lake. If the generators are running, the fish will congregate in the current and a double digit day is fairly likely. Next, Tom Burton has added two high Sierra trips for late August/September. The first is to the lakes area off Highway 89 north of Truckee. It may be Milton or another. This can be great fishing and can also be technical (#20 candy canes work awfully well as a general rule). The second trip is Backpackers #2 which is set up to be for Old Fogies in good shape with significantly greater distance involved. Finally, not a new trip but rather a reinstatement of a former outing is the second Klamath venture, this one to Happy Camp. Whether this is ultimately a go will depend on what next year's half pounder run looks like. The earlier Johnson's trip will still be held with again the unfortunate limitation on numbers to deal with available jet boats. - [Cary Boyden](#)

New Members Corner

Please welcome our newest members: [Jack Berger](#) [Bryan Plude](#) [Michael Knepp](#) & [Pat Bissell](#) who joined at our last club meeting.

2007 OUTING SCHEDULE (tentative dates)

TRIP	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER	Comments/Fees
Delta	Stripers	Nov 4 th	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov 11 th	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Putah Creek clean-up	Garbage	Nov 11 th	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	WOW! FREE FOOD!
Amador/Trout	Trout	Dec 2 nd	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	12 th or 16 th (rainout dates)
Upper Klamath	Steelhead	Dec 8 th & 9 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150 plus tip
Feather River	Steelhead	Jan	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Trinity	Steelhead	Jan 8 th & 9 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
Baum Lake	Trout	Feb	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	Mar 17 th	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
Iron Canyon	Trout	Apr	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Apr	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	May	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
McCloud	Trout	May	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Shad	Shad	May	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Frenchman Lake	Trout	Jun	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Fuller Lake	Trout	Jun	John Daniels 530-750-3511	
Lewiston	Trout	Jul	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Backpacking OF	Trout	Aug 3 rd - 5 th	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Sierra Lake	Trout	Aug	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Backpacking	Trout	Aug/Sep	Tom Burton 707-678-3850	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Aug/Sep	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	Sep	Gene Gantt 707-451-3262	
Klamath	Half Pounders	Oct	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	
Payne's Ranch	Bass	Oct	John Reynolds 530-753-2682	
Redding/Sacramento	Trout & Steelhead	Oct	Cary Boyden 530-753-3826	\$150-160 plus tip
Delta	Stripers	Oct/Nov	Jim Humphrey 707-678-2149	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	Nov/Dec	Jon Knapp 530-756-9056	

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