

# Fly Fishers of Davis

## The Fisherman's Line



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NEXT MEETING: DATE: Tuesday, Mar. 26, 1991 @ 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: LOCATION & TIME CHANGE

School Board Room  
5 th & B Streets  
Davis, California



PROGRAM: Jay W. Fair

"Stillwater Fishing  
for Large Trout"  
See inside for details

FFD CALANDER: Board Meeting:

Tues. Apr. 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Carl Billings' home  
3000 Parkfield Drive  
Fairfield, Ca.





THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

On March 2nd I attended the NCCFFF fly tying demonstration held at the Granite Bay Flyfishers club house near Folsom Lake. Many of the expert fly tiers were on hand. Sarge Reynolds from our club demonstrated his "baby bass" pattern. The Granite Bay club served an excellent lunch and the tying resumed for the afternoon. I cant think of a better way to spend a day. The next NCCFFF fly tying seminar is scheduled for November 16 in San Francisco hosted by the Golden Gate Casting Club.

Our treasurer John Menke is moving to Yreka and I need someone to take over. John has been doing his reports on Lotus and will turn over his records to anyone that volunteers. Please let me hear from you!

The NCCFFF warmwater fishout scheduled for March 30 has been cancelled due to lack of water.

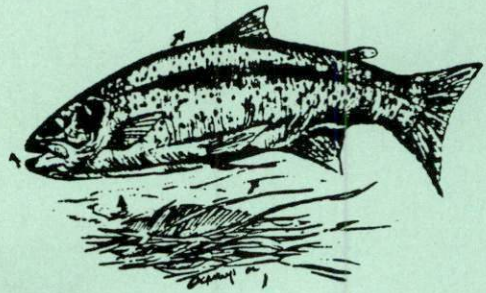
This month's program will feature Jay Fair and "STILLWATER FISHING FOR LARGE TROUT." We will start a half hour early in order for Jay to have time to tie a few flies for those of you that are interested. He will also have a selection of his custom materials for sale. I have fished with Jay at Eagle Lake and he is an excellent guide.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting at the BOARDROOM 5th and B Streets in Davis at 7:00 p.m. March 26.

*Jim*  
Jim Humphrey







### MARCH MEETING

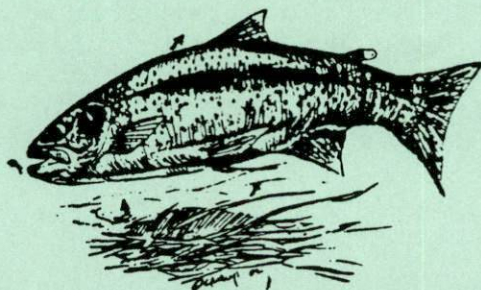
Tuesday, March 26, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. marks our monthly meeting. Please note that it will be at the School Administration Building, 5 th & B Streets, Davis, California in the School Board meeting room.

We are pleased to have Jay W. Fair of J. Fairs Guide Service, Eagle Lake California as our speaker. Jay is a licensed guide with forty plus years of experience guiding in northeast California area. Jay specializes in large trout. He also develops and sells a lot of his own patterns. We plan on having Jay tie some of his original patterns starting a half hour earlier than our normal start time of 7:30 p.m. Jay will also have flys and fly tying material for sale at the meeting. Don't miss this one it will be an excellent evening!

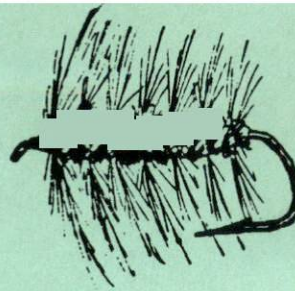
### FEBRUARY MEETING

Forty seven FFD club members, friends and guests attended the February meeting. There were a lot of new club members present as well as many familiar faces! Although the evening went a tad longer than planned, all the club members that spoke did an excellent job on the various topics they covered. Space does not allow the reporting of all the great tips that were divulged, you had to be there to benefit from this meeting, our annual "home grown" clinics meeting!

Special thanks goes out to our speakers: Carl Billings, Rollie Simons and Bob Zasoski for fly tying; Steve Ohrwall, boats; Ron Rabun, vests; Cary Boyden, waders; Jim Humphrey, Tarpon rod; Jim White, Trout rod; Cary Boyden, Steelhead rod; John Legakis, Shad rod; John Menke, Bonefish rod; Carl Billings, still water and Ron Rabun, moving water. Good job speakers!!







#### OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS !!

#### DUES ARE DUE

Last call. The March meeting marks the closing time for 1991 dues. Please note in the upper right hand corner of this newsletters mailing lable, it has a date, if it shows the date of 12/90 then your membership is not current and you need to pay your dues. Our dues remain at \$20.00 (\$10.00 - student) and you may pay them at the March meeting or by mailing a check to the Fly Fishers of Davis P.O. Box 525 Davis, Ca. 95617. This will be your last news letter if dues are not received.

#### RAFFLE BOARD

We are going to close out the raffle board at the March meeting! The lucky winner will receive a Lamaglass top of the line IM 700 series rod (8 1/2 feet 6 wt.) and a \$50.00 gift certificate for a pair of 'Action Optics' polarized sun glasses. Don't miss out on this great raffle, be at the March meeting!

#### SPECIAL ROD OFFER

Only three club members have signed up for a special rod drawing the club is offering. The March meeting will be your last chance to sign up if you wish to partake. Those wishing to enter will have a chance to win a top of the line rod (your choice of weight & length) and pay only half price. Two rods will be offered. Come to the March meeting and join in on this great opportunity!

#### JOHN MENKE FAREWELL

A special debt of gratitude goes out to club member John Menke. John has been a member for many years and has served the past several years as club treasurer. John has never let FFD down, he was a very active and involved. Best of luck John in your move up to Ft. Jones, California. (Cal - Oregon border) We will give you a few months to test the local waters and then we'll all be up!!





### NEW TREASURER - JON KNAPP

Jon Knapp has volunteered to be the new FFD Treasurer. Jon is another active and involved member. Over the years Jon has held every office there is to hold except treasurer. I guess he figured it was time to give it a try! Thank you Jon, the club appreciates your offer.

### SHAD OUTING

For information on the mid-May shad outing on the Sacramento River call John Legakis @ 758-0995 or read about it in detail in the April issue of "The Fisherman's Line".

### LEWISTON LAKE/TRINITY RIVER OUTING

For information on the mid-July Lewiston Lake/Trinity River outing call Steve Ohrwall @ 756-9226 or read about it in detail in the June issue of "The Fisherman's Line".

### CONSERVATION NOTES

#### Guides on Putah Creek ???!

Recent Orvis catalogs have a listing for a guide service, year round, for trophy trout on Putah Creek. One advertisement is pictured at the right. I know of other guides who cater to bay area anglers for Putah Creek fishing in the fall and winter, but this is the first one I've seen advertised, in Orvis no less. The zero limit pushed by FFD (Nov. 16 to Feb. 28) didn't come any too soon for this type of popularity. I continue to maintain that Putah Creek is the most heavily fished stream in California based on the number of fishermen per mile per day.

Bill Schnathorst, Conservation Chairmen

#### Putah Creek Electrofishing Study by the CDFG

This and subsequent FFD newsletters will cover the results of the 1990 electrofishing study done by Maury Fjelstad, Fisheries Biologist, DFG. The introduction and summary of the study are presented on the next page. Every month "The Fisherman's Line" will run one page of the report until we have shown it all. At the end of this series I will give my own conclusions on what is going on in Putah Creek.

Bill Schnathorst, Conservation Chairmen

## Guides

### CALIFORNIA

Home Waters Guide Service

(Mark Pinto)

8275 Mariners Point, #314

Stockton, CA 95219 - 209-957-9229

Fly fishing for trout and steelhead in northern, central, and eastern California. Specializing on the Stanislaus and Mokelumne rivers and other nearby streams for the Bay Area and Central Valley angler. Year-round trophy fly fishing on Putah Creek.



To: Files December 4, 1990  
From: Sacramento District  
Subject: Putah Creek, Yolo/Solano Counties, Electrofishing  
Results, March 1990

### INTRODUCTION

Since the completion of Monticello Dam by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the late 1950's, the six-mile reach of Putah Creek from Monticello Dam to Solano Diversion Dam in western Yolo County, has been a popular if somewhat controversial, roadside fishery. The fishery has been supported largely by biweekly plants of catchable rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)(RT) during the general trout season from March 1 through November 15. In recent years, the annual plant has been about forty to fifty thousand catchable rainbow trout and approximately two to five thousand brown trout adults (Salmo trutta)(BN)(Table 1).

The disagreement over the Putah Creek fishery has been centered mainly over the existence, extent and proper protection of the non-hatchery-supported trout fishery. Fly fishermen, represented mostly by Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD), are concerned over overuse of the naturally-reproducing component of the Putah Creek fishery along with degradation of instream and riparian habitat by the large numbers of anglers present during the regular trout season. It has been claimed that bait anglers, in their quest for the hatchery stock, legally take too many of "natural" fish during the bait season and also by fishing illegally with bait/lures during the flies-only winter period, and thereby overharvest the natural fishery.

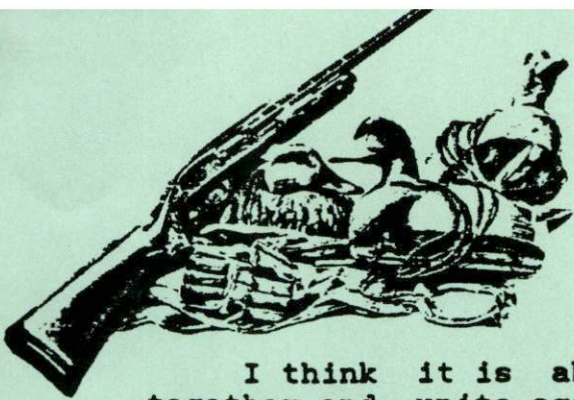
This study was initiated in 1989 to test the assumption that there is unused rearing habitat in Putah Creek during the low flow period of November through March. If additional natural recruitment could be supported, then angling regulations could be made more restrictive to protect the spawning trout.

### SUMMARY

Rainbow trout caught by electrofisher in March of 1990 indicate by their sizes and fin conformations that, indeed, a naturally-spawned population of this species does exist in Putah Creek.

The brown trout collected in the March, 1990 sampling were of a size, 81 to 156 mm fork length (FL), that they were probably from the 50,400 BN plant in August, 1989 which were an average size of 160/lb (About 57 mm FL)(Leitritz and Lewis, 1980). The abundance of these BN juveniles indicates there is rearing capacity available in the winter and added protection of spawning trout would provide benefits to the fishery.





EDITORIAL

I think it is about time for all flyfishers to ban together and unite against the growing anti-hunting/animal rightists movement sweeping the country. Why? For starters read the NCCFFF's "The River Mouth" page in this issue of "The Fisherman's Line". The anti's have now targeted fishermen and California's catch and release fishing regulations as cruel, traumatic and inhumane!

Many FFD members are also hunters. If you don't hunt and are strickly a fly fisher you are still indirectly tied to sport hunting. What fly fisherman out there has not used a Elk Hair Caddis, a Pheasant Tail Nymph, a Squirrel Tail Nymph or a Deer Hair Bass Bug?? Almost all flys are tied from materials gathered from hunters and hunting.

California has become the nations 'stage' for the anti-hunting, animal rightists movement and now it seems anti-sport fishing as well. Why not join an organization in 1991 that is fighting this movement? May I suggest the following:

Local: The Yolo Sportsmen Assocaiation  
P.O. Box 82  
Woodland, Ca. 95695 916-662-2349

State: California Rifle & Pistol Association  
12062 Valley View St. Suite 107  
Garden Grove, Ca. 92645 714-892-9821

California Waterfowl Association  
3840 Rosin Court Suite 200  
Sacramento, Ca. 95834

National: National Rifle Association  
1600 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036-3268 202-826-6000

United Conservation Alliance  
1101 14 th Street, NW Suite 725  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Ducks Unlimited  
1 Waterfowl Way  
Long Grove, Il. 60047 708-438-4300

Financially, you may only be able to belong to but one organization, BUT as sportsmen you CAN encourage others to join organizations; you CAN educate your children and others; you CAN police our own ranks via Cal Tip and your own good example; you CAN write your elected officals and let them know how you feel; and you CAN get out and vote, which is your most powerful tool against the anti's.

Times are changing, isn't it time you joined the fight??



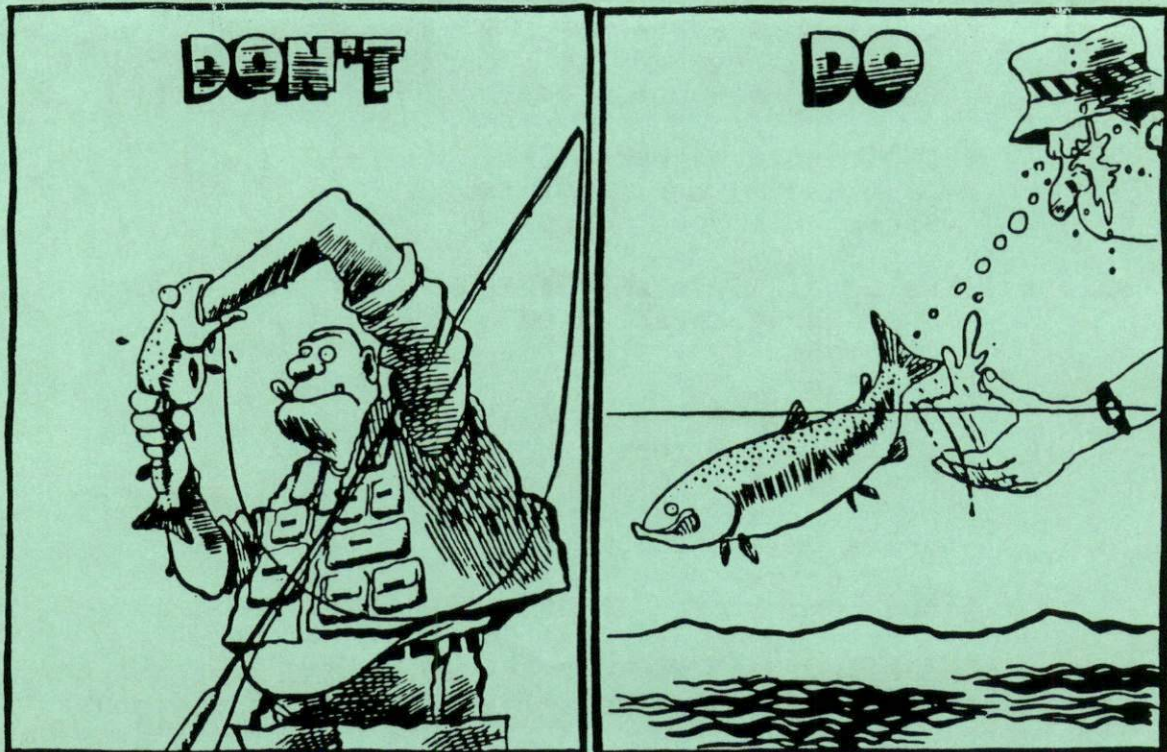
CONSERVATION DONATIONS 1991

Our thanks goes out to the Conservation Donations Committee, Ron Rabun (chair) Carl Billings, Dave Driscoll and Howard Garrison for their work. At the last board meeting their recommendations to donate the following amounts to the following organizations was approved.

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Nature Conservancy - McCloud River	150
Sacramento River Preservation Trust	50
Putah Creek Council	100
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance	250
NCCFFF Pyramid Lake Project	50
Save The American River Association	50
Friends of the River Association	50
Cal Trout	100

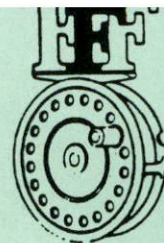
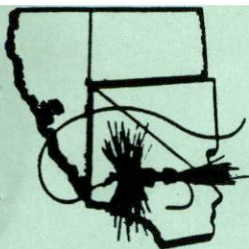
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Grand Total            \$ 800



FROM: "FEAR OF FLY FISHING"





# THE RIVER MOUTH

News of the Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers

Richard Izmirian, President

February/March, 1991

## CRUEL AND INHUMANE

Buoyed by last year's victory that stopped the California black bear hunt, the "animal rights" group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), has targeted California's fishing regulations, particularly the "Catch and Release" program, to shut down sport fishing in the state. As in the black bear case, PETA is expected to challenge the Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish and Game for not preparing an environmental impact report for fishing regulations. They will challenge "Catch and Release" regulations as cruel, traumatic, and inhumane.

The Department is taking the threat very seriously. Fish and Game biologists, including the seven new regional Wild Trout Program biologists, will be chained to their desks for the next two years writing management plans and environmental impact reports for all game species, all waters, and all regulations in the state (maybe some good will come of this).

The Department has already issued a "Notice of Preparation" for its draft environmental document "For the Adoption of Sport Fishing Regulations In Inland and Ocean Waters of California". Public agencies, interested organizations, and members of the public are being asked to help identify the range of potential actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, monitoring, and effects to be analyzed in the environmental documents. These "scoping" comments are to be sent no later than February 28, 1991. For a copy of the Notice of Preparation, call or write Richard Izmirian, 2215 Eaton Avenue, San Carlos. Phone 415-592-9595. Fax 415-342-6157.

## SHORT CASTS

The NCC/FFF Joined the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Sequoia Audubon Society in a lawsuit against the California Department of Forestry for approving three timber harvest plans in the headwaters of **Butano Creek**, tributary to Pescadero Creek, San Mateo County. The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund is handling the case, alleging that CDF acted improperly in approving the permits that would result in increased sedimentation in the Creek and Lagoon, would impact the endangered Marbled Murrelet, and adversely affect the steelhead population utilizing the stream system.... The **California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CalSPA)** has filed a complaint on behalf of NCC/FFF and other members of the Alameda Creek Restoration Committee before the State Water Resources Control Board to re-establish stream flows for steelhead in this major east bay watershed.... With a new governor comes talk of a new water project for the State. While the posturing begins, the Council has joined with other concerned organizations to ensure that fish and wildlife are benefitted, not sacrificed, in any new water related legislation.... New "Catch and Release" signs have appeared at **Pyramid Lake**, Nevada, thanks to the **Truckee River Flyfishers** and the NCC/FFF Pyramid Lake Fund. The signs feature the new Federation "Catch and Release" logo.... Last year's campaign to influence Land and Water Conservation Fund acquisitions resulted in \$3.4 million for **Hope Valley** acquisitions and \$2 million for **Castle Peak** area acquisitions, including **Warren Lake**. This year's goals are for \$4.1 million to complete the Hope Valley acquisitions, \$3 million for the remaining Castle Peak lands, and \$5.9 for the **Grouse Lakes** acquisitions that Congress failed to fund last year. Call **John Moore** at 916-731-7153 if you want to volunteer some time and effort to the campaign.... The **Granite Bay Flycasters** will be giving the salmon smolts a hand as they try to make their way down **Auburn Ravine Creek** this Spring. From mid-April through June, the club will coordinate the daily trapping and transportation of outmigrating salmon around a diversion dam.... Nominations for NCC/FFF officers, Council directors, and Federation directors are due at the March 16, 1991 meeting. Call **Sarge Reynolds** (916-662-7749) and get involved.





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President	Jim Humphrey	P.O. Box 34	Dixon, Ca.	678-2149
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Youth Chmn.	Howard Garrison	1467 Tyler Place	Woodland, Ca.	666-1321
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	Mark Hirzy	1521 Union Drive	Davis, Ca.	753-5395



BOARD MEMBERS

1990 - 1991	Carl Billings	3000 Parkfield Dr.	Fairfield, Ca.	425-1611
	Bob Zasoski	315 E. 11 th Street	Davis, Ca.	753-2241
1991 - 1992	Xavier Mancilla	1417 Madrone Way	Woodland, Ca.	666-6261
	Walt Bulski	1540 Brown Drive	Davis, Ca.	756-8034
1992 - 1993	Warren Caldwell	4011 El Macero Drive	El Macero, Ca.	756-5511
	Rollie Simons	311 Spindrift Way	Vacaville, Ca.	449-9479

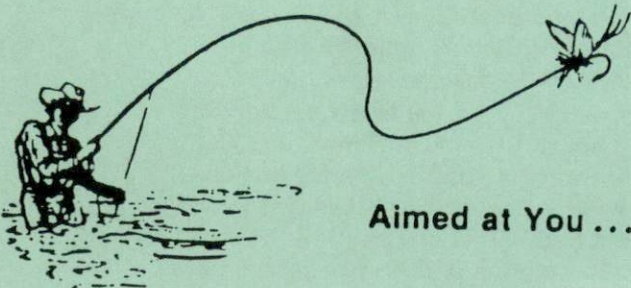


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