

Fly Fishers of Davis



The Fisherman's Line



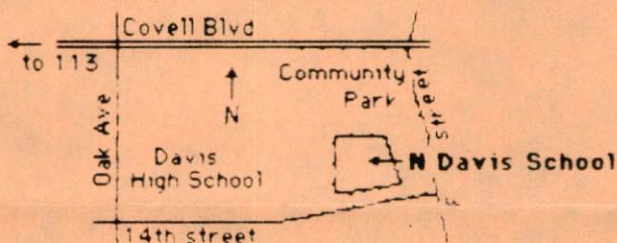
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NEXT MEETING: **DATE** TUESDAY MAY 30TH 7:00 P.M.
 PLACE NORTH DAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 14TH STREET, NEXT TO THE LIBRARY.



PROGRAM **NOTE: TIME CHANGE 7:00 P.M.** MAX AND DAN YERXA ON FLYCASTING. THIS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE AND WE WILL MOVE INSIDE FOR OUR REGULAR MEETING AFTER THE CLINIC.

RAFFLE REGULAR RAFFLE AFTER THE FLYCASTING CLINIC.

FFD CALANDER: **JUNE 13TH** BOARD MEETS 7:00 P.M. AT GENE PEDERSENS OFFICE
 255 W. COURT STREET, WOODLAND.

JULY 21-23 TRINITY LAKE FOR TROUT, STEVE OHRWALL FISHMEISTER.

OCT 7-9 UPPER SACRAMENTO FOR TROUT, RON RABUN FISHMEISTER.

FISHING REPORT: SHAD AVAILABLE IN AMERICAN RIVER BUT WATER FLOW OF 5000 CFS MAKES FISHING TOUGH. SACRAMENTO RIVER HAS FISH ALL THE WAY TO LOS MOLINOS. YUBA RIVER SHAD AVAILABLE BUT ACCESS DIFFICULT. TROUT FISHING GENERALLY SLOW, STREAMS HIGH AND MUDDY. MC CLOUD, HAT CREEK, FALL RIVER AND MANZANITA LAKE FISHABLE.

President's Message!!!

Flyfishing 1989 has begun and what a special season this is bound to be. I've been able to get on to one of my favorite old haunts-Butte Creek- a couple of times. "Wilma Jean" still works her magic on those browns. The water is a little higher than normal, but the fish seem hungry enough.

I had a little extra pleasure the first week of May. Jim Humphrey took me out for shad. I address those of you who, like myself, have not participated in that form of our sport. It's fantastic!! Pound for pound the greatest fighter of all (like Sugar Ray Robinson).

I started with a statement about the 1989 season and its specialness. I have been thinking a lot this spring about my very good fortune. This is my 40th flyfishing season. Flyfishing has been such an important activity in my life, such a strengthening all important influence on my life, that I must stop and give thanks to the man who made this possible for me and for hundreds of others like myself.

I grew up in the small town of Colusa and the post WWII years had most of the fathers in town struggling greatly to keep the family fed and clothed. Not much time for hunting and fishing with the kids.

The youth of Colusa were extremely fortunate to have a giant of a man return from the war and dedicate the next 30 years of his life to them.

Flyfishing 1949--the beginning. 6'4" Max Yerxa with thirty 11-14 year olds casting for "trout" on 9th street in Colusa. Max taught us only dry fly fishing, the classic tradition. His patience was as classic as his fishing style. It took 3 seasons of flailing around with a telescoping steel rod before I ever caught a trout, but Max never quit being encouraging. "Don't give up Jim. You'll start catching fish one day and then you'll never forget." He was right.

Over the years I have met some wonderful people flyfishing and have accumulated some terrific experiences and stories. I was out-fished by E.C. Powell when he was 80 years old. And I thought I was pretty hot stuff!!! I know that this wonderful sport will be able to provide challenge and satisfaction for the next 40 years.

I feel especially happy this 40th flyfishing season being able to thank Max Yerxa publicly like this and especially being able to introduce him personally at our next meeting. Please come Tuesday and meet the man who has been a giant in my life for 40 years.

Jim White



PROGRAM: MAX N. YERXA, JR.

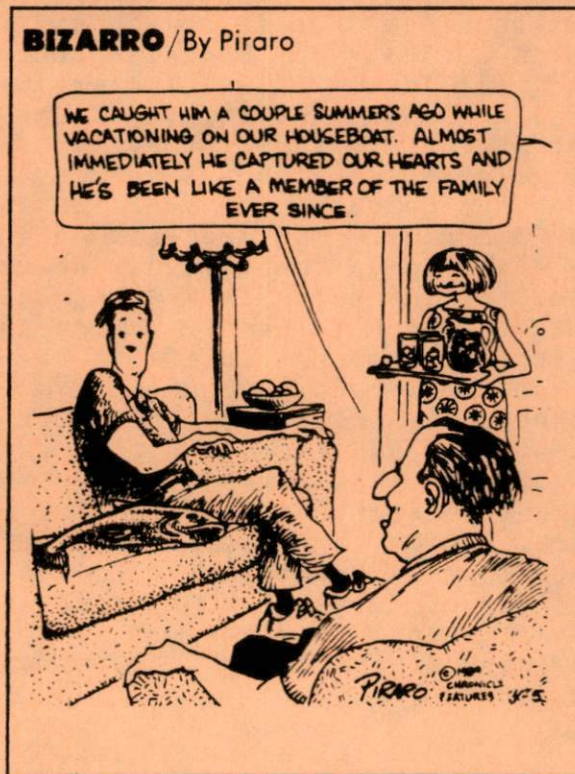
We are very privileged to have Max and Dan Yerxa join us this month. Max and Dan farm in Colusa California and build one of the finest split bamboo fly rods available anywhere. Max learned the art of fly rod building from E.C. Powell in Marysville and has carried on the Powell tradition and passed it on to his son Dan.

Max has a long history of work with young people. He was a Scoutmaster in Colusa for over 30 years and during that period of time has taught hundreds of young men the wonderful art of flyfishing.

We are going to re-arrange our meeting this month so that Max can demonstrate and teach some fly casting. We will start the meeting at 7:00 p.m. outdoors at North Davis Elementary School. This will allow sufficient time in daylight hours for everyone to participate.

This will be a wonderful time to bring your young flyfishers with you as well. Max has a special magic for kids. He'll have them casting like pros before the evening is over. After the casting we'll move back indoors for our regular meeting and raffle.

See you at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday. Come prepared for a real flyfishing treat.



TRINITY RIVER OUTING - WEEKEND OF JULY 22nd

Come on up and fish with us! Everyone catches fish, some more than others, but no one should get skunked. I will provide more detailed information in the June newsletter as to how to fish and where to stay.

Steve Ohrwall - Fishmeister

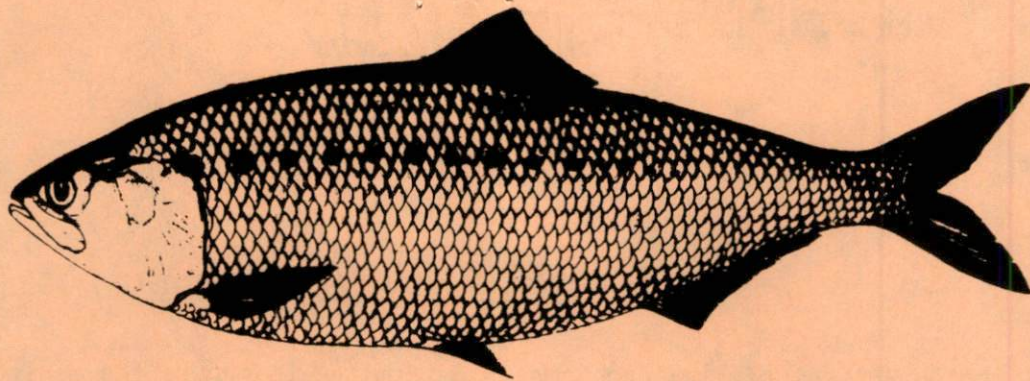


CONSERVATION NOTES

The state Supreme Court and water diversions

The California State Supreme Court, in a 6-0 vote, let stand a lower court ruling against the city of Los Angeles that will force the state to revise water diversion licenses issued more than 40 years ago. This is a major conservation victory in California that should aid in improving and restoring many of the state's fisheries. The decision concerns Mono Lake tributaries and will likely affect the way water projects are operated in California and the impact of dams on downstream fisheries. Barret McInerney, attorney for Cal Trout, said that the Los Angeles water licenses are invalid unless up to 50,000 acre-feet are released per year for fisheries. The legal battle spanned 53 months. The decision establishes statutory protection for fisheries. The original arguments dealt with the diversions of all of the water from Rush, Walker, Parker and Lee Vining creeks that feed Mono Lake. The decision upholds the complaint that the diversions violated two sections of the state Fish and Game code that require that enough water is provided to maintain downstream fisheries. The decision essentially means that Los Angeles never had the right to destroy the streams and fisheries in Mono basin. The case will now go to the appeal court in Sacramento where orders will be given to the State Water Resources Control Board for revision of diversion permits issued in 1940. The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance has documented hundreds of cases of minimum flow violations by various utilities and irrigation districts. The Supreme Court decision should open the way for upholding the minimum flow requirements for California streams.

Bill Schnathorst, Conservation Chairman



SHAD OUTING

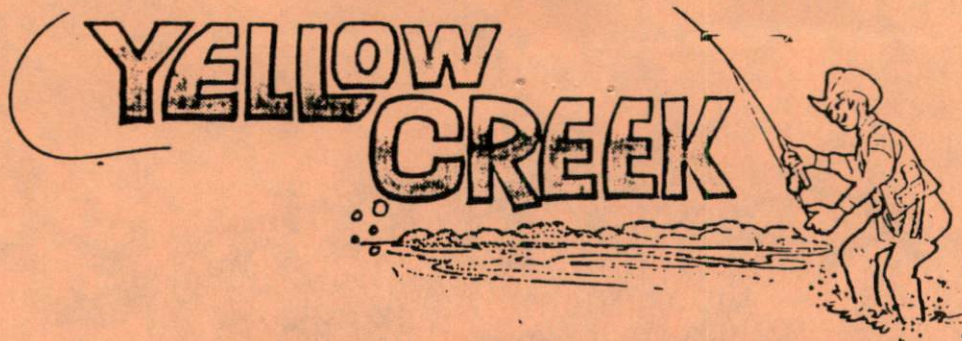
On May 13 approximately 20 Club members and fellow travelers met at Woodson Bridge for the Club's Annual Shad Outing. Several members had gone up earlier and had met varying success the prior day.

While the weather forecast had been for cool weather which has a tendency to turn the shad off, fortunately the day dawned bright and clear and remained that way for most of the day. As with last year we fished a long riffle approximately two miles down river from the launching ramp.

Also as with last year the fishing was steady if not spectacular despite fluctuating water levels which generally turn the fish off. Success was had by virtually everyone with the highest catch being somewhere in high teens or low twenties. A number of attendees did catch in excess of ten fish. Most of the fish were not surprisingly given the time of year relatively small males, although there were some large hens taken.

While some, including the fishmeister, had the tendency to stay perhaps too long with the now famous green weenie, most success seemed to be found by those using the orange bow string and red weenies, and their progeny.

There was a question as to whether the trip might not have been planned too early, but a group which fished the preceding week did extremely well and thus Woodson Bridge may be worth a shot as early as the end of the first week in May. Taking into account last year's success along with that of this outing, hopefully this trip will become an annual for the Club. The one drawback is the need for boats (in addition, of course, to the distance), but it appears that there are enough members who do have boats that when push comes to shove that problem can be solved. In any event for Club members who do enjoy shad fishing, it now appears that the Woodson Bridge area as well as the area that is further up river should be good until at least mid to late June.



A CRITICAL YEAR FOR YELLOW CREEK

The Department of Fish and Game is determined to reduce the maximum size limit from the current 16" to 11" or 12"....which would destroy the concept of a trophy wild trout stream...and is a wrong move in view of the data. They have also discussed removal of special regulations and the resumption of planting catchables. This is an absurd position in light of current trends in the state and nation and a dangerous precedent that has implications for other streams that are under special management in Region 2 and the rest of the state. They are in for a brawl.

What can we do...for the time being...The DFG is conducting a creel census and fishing survey from April 28 through August 1st on the stream. They are convinced that the majority of people do not want special management of Yellow Creek. A DFG seasonal employee, Larry Tranvanti, is on-site several days each week. He has a trailer in the campground and walks the stream twice a day. Look him up, report your catch and answer his questions but... MOST IMPORTANTLY

ASK HIM FOR THE VOLUNTEER SURVEY FORM

Once you complete the questions and there is an opportunity on the back of the form to express yourself about wild trout streams and special management. Mail it in with the envelope provided. You can complete the form each time you fish. Tell 'em what you think.

Electroshocking: July 11,12,13...DFG is doing it two months earlier than usual so they can have time to prepare their case for the DFG Commission...we think the electroshocking results are positive and show a good increase of all sizes of fish... including large fish. DFG feels there "should be a consumptive use of the resource before the fish die of old age."

Important: Scale samples...Please collect scale samples of all fish over 14" and especially larger fish. Use a knife and scrape off 6-10 scales from near the dorsal fin area. Place in wax paper or a baggie and send them to me. Be sure and measure the fish also. My address is on the other side of this notice.

Obviously we disagree with the position of Region 2, DFG... we all have worked too hard to make Yellow Creek the exemplary stream that it is... and we enjoy the opportunity to fish in this very unique place. We too will be prepared for the commission meeting. When the time arrives we'll let you all know how you can help.

Tell others who fish Yellow Creek about these proposed changes...and if you belong to a club...announce it at a meeting.

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CLUB INFORMATION

The Fly Fishers of Davis is a non-profit community organization serving Davis and its nearby communities. Established in 1972, its purpose is to promote increased awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing.

The Fly Fishers of Davis also promote and participate in fisheries and conservation activities aimed at preservation and enhancement of aquatic resources. The FFD is directly affiliated with the following organizations:

Federation of Fly Fishers

United Anglers

Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs

Nature Conservancy

California Trout

These organizations conduct numerous conservation activities within California and throughout the United States.

Club and member activities include: Fly fishing outings throughout Northern California, monthly fly fishing programs, clinics in fly tying and angling techniques, conservation projects, and casting clinics.

Monthly, the FFD distributes to members the "Fisherman's Line", a newsletter containing information on club activities related to fly fishing. The FFD also meets monthly to present a featured program and provide an information exchange for its members and the public. The monthly programs, which are open to the public, take place at 7:30 P.M. on the last Tuesday of each month (except Jan, Aug, and Dec) at the West Davis Intermediate School located at 1207 Sycamore Lane in Davis.

Membership in the Fly Fishers of Davis requires an annual donation of \$20 for an adult/family and \$10 for individual youth/student members. Member donations support the clubs ongoing activities, conservation efforts and affiliations, newsletter publication costs, and facility costs.

You are warmly invited to become acquainted with our activities.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION _____ DATE _____

FLY FISHING INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE:

Years fly fishing _____

If new to fly fishing, circle below the specific type of instruction you would like to receive

1. Fly tying

2. Casting

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