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The Fisherman's Line

December Meeting, Tuesday December 14th,

7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High

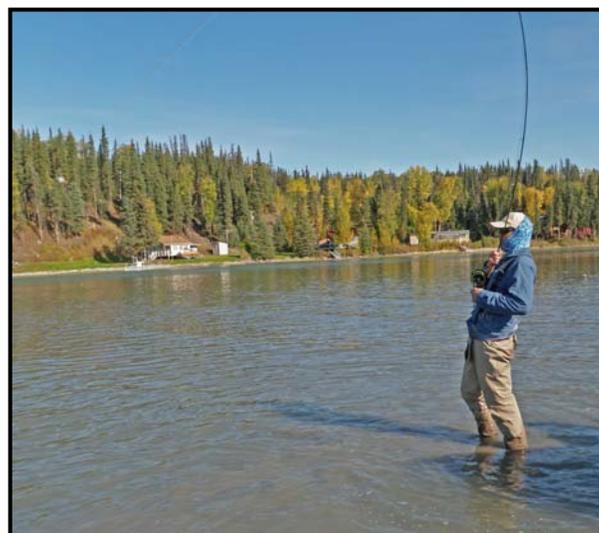
Tristan Leong Presents:

“Alaska Withdrawal”



From the moment you saw those pictures in the fly fishing and wildlife magazines, you've dreamt of going. You've listened to friends talk about their trips, watched presentations at the outfitter shows, and searched every website reading about the plentiful salmon, spectacular wilderness, bountiful wildlife, and of course monstrous rainbow trout. It's now time to plan that dream fly fishing vacation to Shangri-La, the Last Frontier, Alaska! Where should you start? When should you go? What species should you target? Will you come home to an empty bank account and severance papers from your wife of several years? The possibilities seem endless! Fortunately for you, this month Tristan Leong will be sharing his thoughts and experiences fly fishing Alaska.

Tristan joined the Fly Fishers of Davis in 2003. He works as a fish biologist for NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in Sacramento, and suffers from painful bouts of Alaska withdrawal anxiety. He is an admitted Alaska trout addict, and is haunted by the ghosts and shadows of 30 inch + rainbow trout. He spends many of his days planning future trips with his Alaskan travel colleagues, painting eggs, and tying leech patterns for Walter. If you ever dreamed about catching your personal best rainbow trout, then shattering that record 30 seconds later you won't want to miss the next meeting!



Note that the December meeting will be early in the month, as usual, to avoid conflict with the holidays. **This meeting will also be at Harper Junior High School on Mace Boulevard, not at our usual meeting place, which was not available for December 14.**

The Prez Sez

By Tom Burton

We had an outstanding speaker last month with Phil Fisher and his program on fly fishing in Central Oregon. This month we have an extra special treat for you with our own Tristan Leong presenting his program on fishing for monster trout in Alaska. Be sure to attend as you won't want to miss this one. Make sure you notice the change in location and date reported elsewhere in this issue.

As announced at the last meeting the Board of Directors will present a new slate of Officers and Directors for the general membership to confirm. The slate is as follows: President- Gene Gantt, Vice President- Donn Erickson, Secretary/Treasurer- Bob Brodberg and Director- Dana Hooper. So be sure to show up and vote.

If you get a chance go fishing. This is the perfect time of year; there are great outings and the fish are really cooperating.

Happy holidays! See you at the meeting.

Fly Tying Classes 2011



Introductory fly tying class will begin Thursday January 6 and continue on January 13, 20 and 27. The class is limited to 10 participants. Preference will be given to those that have not taken the class previously, but repeat students are welcome. The introductory class will cover the basics of tying and entomology of important aquatic and terrestrial insects. Sessions will cover equipment, materials and techniques for making flies. Techniques for fishing these patterns will be included in the discussions.

Intermediate fly tying classes will begin on February 3, and continue on February 10, 17 and 24. The Intermediate Class will cover construction of more involved patterns that utilize more advanced techniques.

A \$15 materials fee covers the cost of materials and handouts. The Fly Fishers of Davis Club can provide vices, bobbins, and other tools for the class; however if participants have your own tools bring them along. Classes will be held from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near the University Airport. Maps with direction to the class room and a signup sheet will be available at the December meeting. Sign up for the Intermediate class will also be available at the January meeting. You may also contact Bob Zasoski at 753-2241 or email rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net.



8' Pram up for auction!

Congratulations to Andon Bailey for winning the Shasta Trout steelhead trip on last month's raffle board!

We know you're looking for the ideal Christmas present so come to the December meeting. We will auction off an 8' pram! Take a look at this wonderful little boat and come prepared to take it out of Bob Brodberg's driveway.



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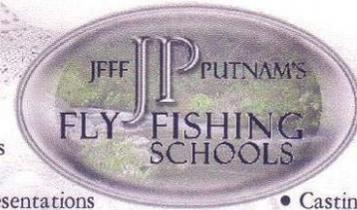
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Klamath River Outing

By John Imsdahl

Each November Cary Boyden creates a steelhead guided fishing trip of which I have been on several over the past few years. Typically each November we head for the Trinity River, but last year a few of our members on the outing split off for the upper Klamath River. This year we all decided to try the Klamath.



Whenever you travel on Highway 5 to Oregon or beyond, just after Weed and Yreka there is a rest stop right on the Klamath River. Typically I enjoy stopping there in both directions for the usual reasons but to also stop and just watch the river. And I have always wanted to fish this section of the river.

So we all gathered in time at the Yreka Super 8 Motel on Wednesday for the evening pre-dinner social hour. There would be ten of us, five boats total scheduled for the next day, and wonderful meats, cheeses, crackers, wines, olives, chips and such were all displayed in my room for the event. Afterward Jim Humphrey, Jim Wright, Robert Beverlin, Warren Caldwell, Jon Knapp, Bob Zasoski, Jim Luschwitz, Cary Boyden,

Jerry, and I

crossed the street to Casa Ramos and had a fine dinner with lots of conversation.

Thursday was the kind of cold morning when you wondered if you forgot to put something on. After all, that fleece-wader-duck feather filled and rain jacket combo had worked in the snow and many cold mornings before, but today the cold somehow made it through. We began our drift at the dam, and most of us went the 12 miles to the take-out under the Highway 5 bridge. Warren in Popeye's boat did the best with 4 plus adults, but I believe all of us caught fish that day. I had the pleasure of drifting that day with Bob Zasoski in Mike Parker's inflatable.



After getting some guide vehicles unstuck at the takeouts, we reassembled at the Highway 5 rest stop for what was going to be a pre-dinner party in Jim Wright's camper. But the storm was moving in and we all had to get back to the Super 8 and on the road home, cutting our trip short by a day. Good thing, because that storm laid some heavy snow throughout Northern California and we may have been stuck there awhile.

This fall's trip ended with a late dinner in Willows at Nancy's and you could tell it had been a long day of fishing and travel. But, it was a good trip, I'm glad we did it, thankful that Humphrey kept me awake to drive home, and we will probably be back on the Trinity next year.



FROM the CONSERVATION DESK

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

Westlands Pulls Out The Westlands Water District pulled out of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process. Although it was flawed by politics, the goal of this process is to identify flow needs and restoration actions needed to recover the sensitive aquatic habitat in the Delta, while continuing to supply water to the agricultural community.

In a letter to Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes Westlands President Jean Sagoupe said “Your myopic and unscientific obstructionism will bring this entire effort at water reform and ecosystem restoration to a halt.” According to Tom Birmingham, general manager of Westlands, “Through this action we are trying to get BDCP back on track.”

Westlands said the project “is likely to deliver no more and potentially less water to the public than they are currently getting.” This only makes sense in the context of a wealthy water district that is not getting its way.

What’s really happening is that the district is not hearing the answer they want as scientists study the water flow needs of the Delta. The massive water supply district contends that the U.S. Department of the Interior wants to reduce water deliveries from the Delta. Everyone who has studied the Delta – everyone, that is, who does not have a stake in taking water from it – has concluded that more water must flow through it if the Delta ecosystem, and its fisheries, are to be restored. Just because Westlands wants more water, they’re not taking their marbles and going home.

Southern Steelhead Resources Evaluation With support from the Ocean Protection Council and the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, the Center for Ecosystem Management and Restoration (CEMAR) has completed a report identifying critical resources for steelhead south of San Francisco. The report reviews

watersheds and streams based on the habitat resources they contain to identify the most important areas in which to focus restoration efforts.

This report assembles for the first time all readily available information regarding steelhead habitat in watersheds draining to the Pacific Ocean south of San Francisco. The report includes text and maps. The full text of the report can be downloaded in PDF format on the [OPC website](#) or [CEMARs website](#).

News from NCCFFF

What Has The FFF Done For Me?

By Skip Hosfield

This is a question we often hear among club members when they are approached to join the Federation. I suppose it is an attitude to be expected in an age when fly fishing has expanded far beyond anything imagined by those of us who helped to found this international fraternity of fly fisher’s. Speaking as one who served many years in membership development, at both the regional and national level, I shall try to provide a response to this question.

Anyone who was not already a fly fisherman in 1965 when the FFF was founded cannot really know the nature of the world of fly fishing at that time. I have been a fly fisherman all my life. My father was a fly fisherman and I learned it from him, as most people did then. I moved to Oregon in 1958 and I never met another local fly fisherman until the McKenzie Flyfishers was started in 1964.

There were obviously lots of them around, but they didn’t advertise or proselytize. Unless one had a relative or friend who was a fly fisherman, chances are there was no opportunity to learn. Prior to the founding of the McKenzie Flyfishers there was only one fly fishing club in Oregon – the Flyfishers Club of Oregon. Unless you are a member of the Portland business or professional community you have little chance to enjoy the fellowship of other fly fisherman.

Those of us who were fly fishing in 1964 were such a small part of the sport fishing world that we did not even exist in the eyes of those who made our laws and managed our angling resources. There were no

magazines devoted to fly fishing. There were very few books written about fly fishing. You had to be living in a major city in order to have access to a fly fishing shop. If you were a fly tier, you were probably self-taught from basic instructions in one of the three or four fly fishing books in print at the time. And you had to order your materials from catalog descriptions. The really accomplished fly tiers were rare, and most of those were tying professionally full or part-time, and typically they jealously guarded their methods.

Fly rods and tackle in general had changed very little for fifty years. After World War II fiberglass rods were being manufactured but that technology was in its infancy. The big tackle boom was in spinning rods and reels which originated in Europe. Fly fishing was such a small specialized market that it comprised a very small part of the production of the major fishing tackle manufacturers.

All this began to change in 1965. The FFF was founded for the purpose of getting fly fishing clubs linked together in common purpose to promote fly fishing as a favored method of angling and to give fly fishermen a unified voice in the management of our angling resources. Its leaders adopted Lee Wulff's maxim that, "A good game fish is too valuable to be caught only once." The FFF waged the fight to establish the principle of catch-and-release.

Another purpose of the FFF was to publish a magazine devoted entirely to fly fishing. No publisher was willing to risk a publishing venture on a market presumed to be so small. With the publication of *The Flyfisher* in 1968 we had the first magazine exclusively for fly fishing. After the FFF had shown what the potential market could become, commercial fly fishing magazines began to appear.

When the McKenzie Flyfishers organized the original Conclave of Flyfishers in 1965 they established the paradigm for all FFF conclaves which have followed.

It would be based on education, information sharing and outreach. It would finally shatter the shell of exclusivity which surrounded this sport in the public mind. The most famous and revered anglers in America would come to these annual gatherings and freely give their time and knowledge. The fly tying demonstrations at FFF conclaves soon attracted tiers from everywhere. Tiers which had been working in isolation for many years were soon coming into contact

with one another and sharing methods and ideas. This initiated a fly tying renaissance which continues to this day.

From the nucleus of a dozen or so clubs represented at the first conclave, FFF members have gone out and organized many hundreds of fly fishing clubs throughout the United States, Canada and many other countries throughout the world. The growth of FFF during the 1970s brought forth a corresponding growth in the fly tackle industry bringing an exponential increase in the availability and quality of fly fishing tackle of all description. This growth has been paralleled in the publishing industry which now churns out more magazines, books and videos than anyone could have imagined forty years ago.

Anyone engaged in fly fishing today has benefited in many ways from what the FFF has done and continues to do. The availability of high quality and relatively inexpensive equipment in an astonishing range of choice would not be possible without the growth of the sport which the FFF has fostered. Your fly fishing club would most probably not exist if not for the FFF. The proliferation of fly fishing shows is mostly the result of FFF activity to promote the sport and extend knowledge. Anyone who has attended the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo has the FFF to thank for the experience.

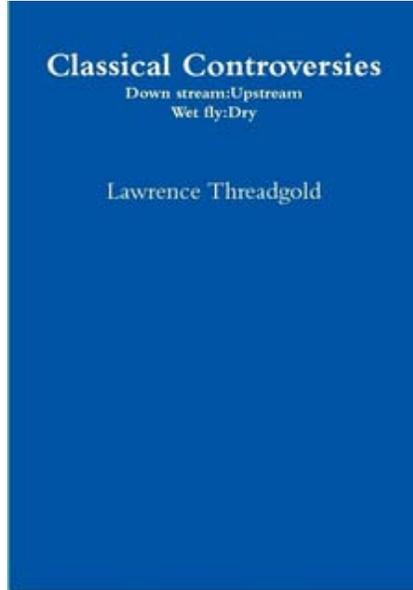
If you fish in Oregon, you can thank the FFF for the fact that efforts to eliminate all regulations restricting certain waters to fly fishing were defeated by the Oregon Council, FFF. If you enjoy the improved fishing on catch-and-release waters, you owe it to the FFF. The fact that fly fishing is now taken quite seriously by the ODFW is the result of efforts by members of the Oregon Council.

In conclusion, when asked by someone what the FFF does for him, turn the question around and ask him what he is prepared to do to continue the work of those who have gone before him, and who created the improved climate for the sport he enjoys today. The very least one should do is to join the organization and thereby help to build a strong membership base which will enable the FFF to remain a strong force in conserving, restoring and educating through fly fishing.

Book of the Month
 By Bruce E. Harang (FFF)
“Classical Controversies”

By Lawrence Threadbare

This is a very interesting little volume directed to the age old fireside discussion (sometimes heated) regarding wet fly versus dry and upstream presentation versus down. This is a well written overview of the history of these differences of opinion by some of the most influential fly fishers of the past two centuries. The illustrations, especially the reproductions of old materials, are well done and very interesting in their own right. The list of references is important as it lists the published sources documenting these arguments which allow those interested a clear avenue to follow upon. The author ends the book with a suggested basis of consensus to



rationalize the various views. Interesting food for thought is presented in the proposed Fly-fisherman's Code, though fireside chats are going to be a lot less colorful if it is widely adopted. This is an excellent overview of some of the most controversial aspects in the history of fly fishing.

Self Published via Lulu Books

<http://www.lulu.com/browse/search.php?fListingClass=7&fSearch=Classical+Controversies>

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How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

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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

Lake Davis Weekend

Photos Contributed by Bob Bevelin



Jim Luschwitz with a nice Rainbow



Solving the world's problems, no doubt!

Updated Meeting Schedule

I hope you all got a chance to fish during September. Be sure to send pictures of your trips for future newsletters! There are a couple of outings, so be sure to see the Outings Update elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to note that the Striperfest has moved to November 13.

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set through next July, with the speakers named through February. Note that all our meetings except the one on December 14 will be at Holmes Jr. High School. Holmes is not available for our December date, so the Home Grown Meeting will be at Harper Junior High School. Be sure to thank the program chair, Donn Erickson, the next time you see him for continuing to find high quality program speakers.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
December	Home Grown	Dec 14 th	Alaska Fishing – home grown - at Harper Jr. High School
January 2011	Dennis Lee	Jan 25 th	American River Steelhead
February 2011*	Annual Dinner	Feb 19 th	Location: West Plainfield Fire Station
February 2011	Phil Rowley	Feb 22 nd	Special BONUS Program
March 2011	Jay Murokoshi	Mar 29 th	Baja fishing
April 2011	John Gantner	Apr 26 th	Lake Shasta bass
May 2011	TBA	May 24 th	
June 2011*	Annual Picnic	June 28 th	
July 2011	TBA	Jul 26 th	

*Except where noted, all meetings will now take place at Holmes Jr. High School

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

In the interim since the November newsletter there have been three outings, none of which provided universal success, The first was the Striperfest which was marked by success in some quarters and practice casting in others, The next was to the Klamath as to which John Imsdahl has included a separate report. While everyone caught fish, the number of adult steelies was nowhere near what was anticipated, and the highlight for some was the cancellation of the second day because of threatening weather and less than stellar fishing. The third by comparison made the first two look good. Amador was a true bust with perhaps only one small bass and one small trout taken and a handful of other hits. Here's hoping the less than stellar reports from the Trinity change before the January trip there,

On a less gloomy note, there will be signups at the meeting for all the outings through March as well as for the Fly Shop trips for the rest of 2011 and two other outings added for 2011, the Mammoth trip which is almost full and a Heritage trout quest in late June.

Of particular focus as to the early trips are the Fly Shop guided days of March 18 and 19. Given the annual dinner, the only times to sign up for these trips are at the December and January meetings. This trip usually provides a good chance for double digit catches of feisty Sac River bows, typically 12-15 inches but capable of going into the 20s.

If you have any ideas you wish to put forward and organize into Club outings please contact any Club Board member or Cary Boyden at ccb819@sbcglobal.net. Anyone interested please contact me at <mailto:ccb819@sbcglobal.net> - Cary Boyden

Fly Fishers of Davis 2010 Outings Schedule

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
Amador/Trout	Trout	December 4, 2010	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Amador/Trout
Trinity	Steelhead	January 6-7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 160 per day + tip
Yuba River	Trout	Jan/Feb	Joe Melendres Sam Yee	530-304-0480 916-505-7722	Depends on flows and may be reset
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 2-6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	March 18 and/or 19	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 160 per day + tip
Pyramid	Cutthroat	April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	April/May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
McCloud	Trout	May	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Sacramento River	Shad	May 27	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 15-17	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	
Lewiston	Trout	July	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity Coffee Creek	Trout	July 21-24	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Kennedy Meadows	Trout	August 26-28	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Yuba	Trout	August	Joe Melendres Sam Yee	530-304-0480 916-505-7722	
Old Fogies	Trout	August	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	
Mammoth Lakes	Trout	August	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Lake Davis	Trout	September	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
McCloud	Trout	September	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	October	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
Delta	Stripers	November	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity Klamath	Steelhead	November 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
Putah Creek Cleanup	Trash	November	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Amador	Trout	December 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Fee area / cost varies

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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.

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