

# FLY LINES & FISH TALES



December, 2012

## General Membership Meeting (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next meeting of the Tracy Fly Fishers will be on Wednesday, December 19.

Meeting location is the Transit Station at 50 E. Sixth St.

Meeting starts at 7:00.

Bring a friend or neighbor you might be surprised at the results!

This month's general meeting presentations will consist of club members showing slides of some of their fish outings from this past year. If you would like to present, please prepare a ten minute or less presentation and notify Ben of your intentions to present so it can be scheduled.

### Prez says:

When it comes to December I think of hanging lights and decking out the house. This year the weather has a warm trend to it, so maybe, just maybe, some extra days out on the water! The holiday's glitter can wait a week or two!

My main winter time goals are to try to fill a couple of fly boxes for the crab feed and auctions. I hope everyone thinks about filling a box for the club. Every little thing will help set up funds for the next year.

This month's meeting is the "Member's Slide Show". I

always look forward to see what adventures our members have been up to in the last year or so. It's always good to think about new places for the next year. So if you have a short slide show please email me at [benonthefly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:benonthefly@sbcglobal.net) so I can plan the evening. JPEG files work best as well as power point. So please let me know in advance your slide show format.

I would like to make a special note and thanks to our Program Chairmen Steve Potter, he pulled a rabbit out of his hat on this November's meeting. Last month's meeting was on the Delta Challenge sponsor by the Delta Fly Caster. This was a

very interesting program and some great info was passed on about many other species beside just Stripers and Large Mouth Bass. I came away thinking a need to step up to the challenge.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Keep it tight

Ben Byng



## December's Guest Speakers:

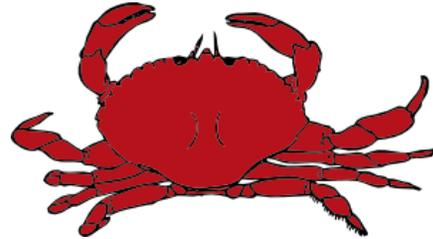
This month's presentations will follow in the traditions of Decembers past. Fellow TFF members will present slides and details of some of

their favorite outings of the year. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Ben so he can get you scheduled in.

## *Events and Outings:*

### 2013 Installation Dinner (crab feed):

2013 Installation dinner will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 with tickets costing \$40.00 each. We will be seating 240 for this event, 20 more than last year. Tables will seat eight. Please plan you groups accordingly. There will be tri-tip for those who do not eat crab, along with (2) door prizes with everyone in attendance eligible. If you plan to reserve a full or partial table for your group, please buy your tickets this month or as early as possible to make sure you get the arrangement you want. Tickets are going fast and we will soon be advertising to the public to complete our ticket sales.



Last year was a great success and we are anticipating that you will make 2013 even better. I am eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming event with their bib on!

-Stan Elijah

### Additional Installation dinner information:

- Credit cards will be accepted at the dinner for raffles and purchases.
- A **pastry auction** will be held for dessert items after dinner. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle please contact Rod Buchanan at 209-815-0062.
- Anyone interested in **helping in the kitchen** please contact Stan Elijah at 209 815-4657.
- All items donated for the crab feed auction are greatly appreciated. If your donated item is brought in at the last minute it may be held until our February general meeting auction as we may not have enough time to prepare your item for the crab feed auction.

The Tracy Fly Fishers' Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room at 1801 W. 11th Street. The next board meeting will be held on January 2, 2013, at 7:00 pm. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club!

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at:  
[CSPA.CaliforniaSportfishingProtectionAlliance](http://CSPA.CaliforniaSportfishingProtectionAlliance) or [www.calsport.org/](http://www.calsport.org/)

## *Conservation:*

### *Used Fly line:*

I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers. Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiramoto

## CalTrout Awarded \$650,000 Grant To Restore California's Iconic Hat Creek Fishery

FROM THE CALTROUT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 28, 2012

### **Hat Creek restoration funded, work set to begin in 2013**

California's once-productive Hat Creek fishery has suffered the last two decades, and while we outlined the issues and our hopes for restoration in our prior article, we're happy to announce those hopes are on the verge of becoming reality. CalTrout was recently awarded a \$650,000 grant by the California Natural Resources Agency to restore fish habitat and create new recreational opportunities on Hat Creek.

While some of the funds will be used to improve access, the grant is aimed at improving Hat Creek's habitat and restoring its once-sizable native fish populations.

"The slow deterioration of conditions in Hat Creek brought on by a combination of unrelated issues, including cattle grazing and burrowing by non-native muskrats, have created crisis conditions for trout," said Drew Braugh, Conservation Manager of California Trout's Mt. Shasta Regional Office. "The funds secured today will go a long way toward creating habitat in which these native fish can thrive."

Recent studies suggest Hat Creek still has the ability to produce big trout, but the lack of cover and habitat makes those populations vulnerable. CalTrout outlined a preliminary recovery plan in an earlier article, and while we're finalizing the restoration plans, depositing large woody debris in Hat Creek — to slow flows, provide cover for bugs and fish, and promote the growth of aquatic vegetation — is still central to the recovery of Hat Creek's native rainbow trout, which used to be supported by massive aquatic weed beds and invertebrate populations.

In addition to financial support from the Natural Resources Agency, California Trout has worked closely with PG&E, which owns the land, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences to develop and implement a feasible and scientifically sound restoration plan for Hat Creek.

"Hat Creek is truly at the heart of our mission to protect and restore wild trout and their waters," said California Trout Executive Director Jeff Thompson. "We have brought wild trout populations back from dire straits in this creek before, and we can do it again."

We're excited. This grant represents the fruition of a lot of hard work on the part of CalTrout staff. And we're sure that — for Hat Creek and California's fishermen — the best is yet to come.

## General Information:

### TFF Board Positions for 2013 are still open:

Want to know the quickest way to get to know fellow TFF members and the opportunities that the TFF has to offer? Volunteer to be part of the TFF board of directors. We still have openings for Vice President, and Program co-coordinator for 2013. Contact Steve Holtzclaw for more information at 408-674-4065.

### New- TFF logo, "grabber" fly boxes.

\$15.00 each or 2 for \$25. Go in with a buddy to save. Our previous style box with the regular foam holder is still available for \$8.00 each.

Remember, we are a nonprofit organization so your donations are tax deductible!

Any raffle item donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone that donates an item will receive 5 free raffle tickets.

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