

FLY LINES & FISH TALES



February, 2013

General Membership Meeting (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next meeting of the Tracy Fly Fishers will be on Wednesday, February 20.

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

Meeting starts at 7:00.

Our guest speaker for February will be Ernie Gulley.

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

Prez says:

Every winter after the Holiday Season is over, anglers and hunters look forward to the show season. The International Sportsman's Expo was at the Expo Center in Sacramento last month and now The Flyfishing Show is coming to Pleasanton February 22-24. Alison and I went to the International Sportsman's Expo in Sacramento, last month. We roamed through the aisles looking at fly fishing destinations world-wide and dreamed about a magical trip to one of these idyllic places. We saw the latest in rods, reel, tackle bags and tying materials. We spent some time watching the fly tyers creating everything from the tiniest insects to big 6-7 inch long baitfish patterns. We even saw one tyer creating a hummingbird, (And we all know who that was)!

Now we have the Fly fishing show in Pleasanton at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. I like this show best because it is a smaller,

more intimate setting and it is focused entirely on fly fishing. Check out the website and plan a visit around the seminars and talks that interest you most.

Last year, I participated in the Deer Hair Fly Tying class taught by Jay Murakoshi. It was almost a personal tying lesson since there was only two other tyers besides myself. Take a look at the website, <http://flyfishingshow.com> and see what is being offered. There may be a seminar or class that piques your interest.

I am really looking forward to a successful 2013 for the Tracy Fly Fishers. We have outings set for White Pines for the trout opener; Davis Lake in June and again in October. Mike Carlson fished Davis this past October and was really impressed by the fishing. New this year will be an outing to Eagal Lakes just east of Tracy in May for bass fishing.

Check the newsletter for a slew of educational offerings this year. I am going to offer a rod building class this Summer. Rick Clemens

has Entomology, beginning fly fishing and beginning fly tying among his curricula of classes this year.

Jeff Fadden is putting together some nice programs this year. We are fortunate to have Earnie Gulley to present at our meeting this month. Earnie will let us all in on the secrets of fishing Crowley Lake in the Eastern Sierras. Crowley Lake is a real trout factory and not too far from home when Sonora Pass is open.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while please come out and bring a friend! I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00pm.

-Steve



February's Guest Speakers:

Ernie Gulley has spent most of his life in southern California. He lives in Riverside, Ca with his wife Shannon and his two sons Logan 9 and Aidan 5 years old. He started fishing with his father from the time he could walk. At age seven he moved to New Orleans, LA. and learned how to fish Lake Ponchatrain for speckled trout and other salt water species. He returned to southern California with a passion and love affair for fishing. He started fishing the stillwaters of the High Sierra's including Crowley Lake and Bridgeport reservoir. He also fished many lakes in Utah, Idaho and Nevada. During this time he fished exclusively with "Noodle Sticks" which are (IFGA) rated two pound class ultra light rods. His hunt for big fish on light lines had begun.

In 1998 he became intrigued with fly fishing and purchased his first fly rod. He fell in love with fly fishing and has never looked back. In 2006 he joined the Deep Creek Fly Fishers Club in Riverside. He has become one of the principal instructors in fly tying and classes on "Stillwater Tactics". In 2007 he won the "Double Hall in the Fall" tournament at Crowley Lake, individual and team division. In 2008 and 2009 he placed second in the "Stillwater Classic" in the team category. In 2008 he joined the "High Desert Fly

Fishers" where he was Vice President and President for this club. He now guides in the Eastern Sierra specializing in "Stillwater" fly fishing tactics to include Crowley Lake and Bridgeport Reservoir. He also guides in Southern California at Big Bear Lake and Silverwood Lake. He is a hard core stillwater fly fisherman who loves to teach stillwater fly fishing tactics.

I do love me some "Stillwater" fly fishing...

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Events and Outings:

Federators

There is still time to register for the HOF dinner. This year the NCCFFF Hall of Fame Dinner is on Saturday night (Feb 23).

We will be conducting a "Reunion" of all available past recipients of the NCCFFF Hall of Fame Award instead of recognizing a single individual. NEVER have so many outstanding contributors to the sport we love been convened at one time. Please join us and "rub shoulders" with those whose achievements and years of outstanding contributions have done so much to further the sport of fly fishing in Northern California. This HOF event helps raise funds for things like NCCFFF conservation and education grants. One of the

highlights of the HOF dinner will be the Master of Ceremony, outdoor writer Seth Norman! The man is a hoot!!!

I hope you'll be able to join us for this night of celebration.

Details and registration forms for the dinner can be found on-line at www.nccfff.org

Thanks,

Larry Lack
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Gene Kaczmarek
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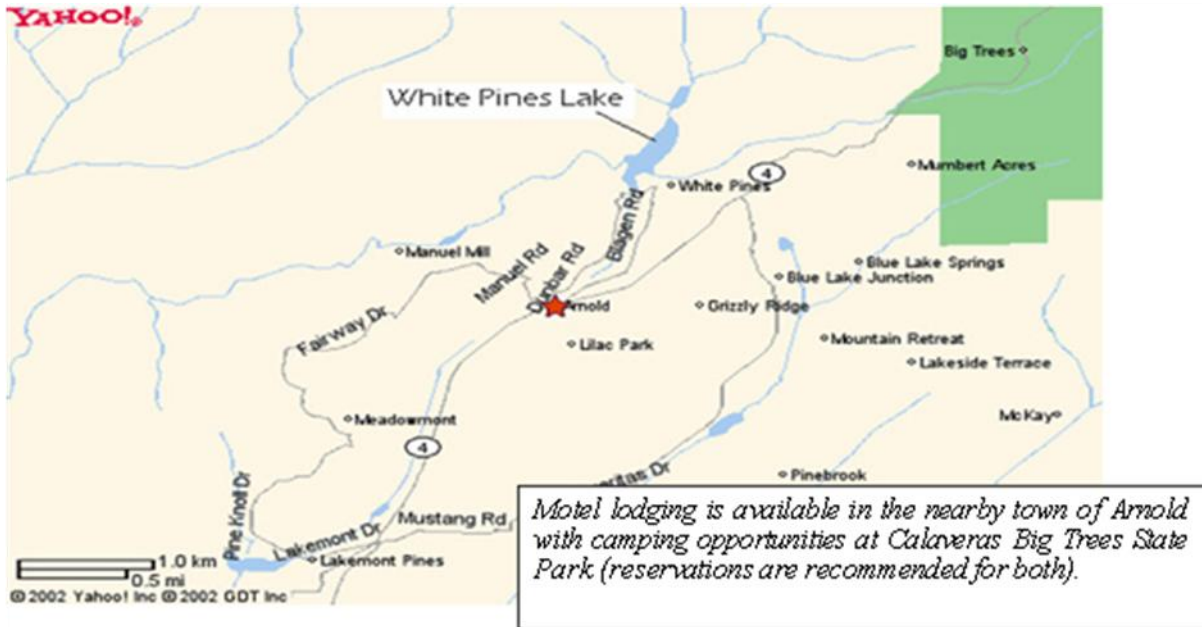
TFF Club Outings For 2013:

We have a great line up of outings planned for this year:

- 1) Season Opener at White Pines Lake on 4/27. (see below for map and details)
- 2) Fishing at Eagle Lake Bass Pond on 5/18.
- 3) Davis Lake June 21 – 23.
- 4) North Fork of the Stanislaus River in July.
- 5) Alpine Lake Sept 27 – 29.
- 6) Davis Lake Oct 18 – 20.
- 7) Feather River in November.

Great unplanned outings also result from joining us at the monthly general meetings and just talking to other members about common interests and the opportunity to get in some fishing and share gas expenses.

White Pines Lake (Arnold) details:



Directions:

Traveling eastbound on HWY4 to the town of Arnold, make a left hand turn onto Blagen Rd and follow it to the White Pines Lake day use/picnic area (approx. 1 mile from HWY 4).

Suggested Gear:

- 9 foot, 4,5 or 6 wt. fly rod with floating and clear intermediate (sly) lines
- Subsurface flies: Woolly Buggers and Wiggle Tails in olive and brown or rust. Olive damsel nymphs.
- Wet Hare's Ear or PT nymphs as trailers.
- Dry flies: Quigley Cripple, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Humpy's and Stimulators
- Float Tube, fins and waders. Personal Floatation Device is also recommended

Education:

Rick and Stan have put together a great program for 2013.

Golden Trout Award is back.

Be recognized as a TFF Golden Trout recipient upon completion of selected tasks in some of the following categories: Literature (reading), Conservation, Entomology, Outing participation, contribute to club events, Casting, Knots, Fly Tying, Rod Building and Membership Drive.

More details to follow!

Trout in the Classroom. The big release at Shadows Cliffs will be on 3/14.

Introduction to Fly Tying. March 5th thru April 9th, Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00. More information to follow.

Parks and Rec “Adventures in Fly Fishing- Introduction” will take place on April 6th.

<http://stareg.ci.tracy.ca.us/stareg/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=1354>

Entomology. April 13th at 2 mile Bar.

Rod Building. June (3 days) exact date tbd.

Casting in the Park with Chuck will be back starting March 13th. Monthly fly casting instruction with the master.

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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 March 6, 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 or www.calsport.org/

Conservation:

The SF Chronicle Calls For Removal Of The Klamath Dams

FEBRUARY 7, 2013

Newspaper says: “There are no other sensible options.”

The San Francisco Chronicle said what most sensible people are thinking about the four Klamath River dams, which — especially given the wide acceptance of the Klamath Basin agreements negotiated by stakeholders — should simply come out:

It’s time for Washington to heed science over politics. The test involves the ailing Klamath River, where four aging power dams along the California-Oregon border are holding back farming, tainting river flows with toxic algae, and decimating migratory fish.

Taking out the barriers – a nearly \$1 billion task – could substantially revive the river and pump up the economy in one of state’s poorest corners, according to a 400-page U.S. Geological Survey study, the most comprehensive look at the plan to date.

The findings should do more than gather dust. The statistics and charts can unstick the river restoration plan stalled on Capitol Hill because of familiar feuding over budget cuts and party rivalries.

Washington is ignoring a creative and balanced solution. Both California and Oregon, which share the dam-lined stretch of the Klamath, are behind the demolition. PacifiCorp, the power company that runs the dams, is in favor, largely to avoid higher costs it faces in modernizing the structures that date back a century. Fishing groups, Indian tribes, and farmers are among some 42 groups that worked out the demolition and water sharing embedded in the plan.

There are no other sensible options. Leaving the dams in place deepens the river’s decline. Pushing a lawsuit to demolish the fish-harming structures will take years beyond the preferred tear-down date of 2020. No one wants a repeat of 2002, when low flows and warm water left thousands of dead salmon lining the river.

Congress should seize this opportunity: a chance to heed scientific findings and a coalition of interest groups with a solid plan. Tear down the dams now.

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 Hiromoto

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Check out our Parks and Community Services Video:

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