

Fly Lines & Fish Tales



MARCH 2014

The Prez Sez:

Hope everyone was able to make it to the Pleasanton show last month. Jeff Fadden and I attended on Sunday. We really enjoyed it. I wasn't really interested in new equipment this year, but enjoyed some of the new products. The rod with the detachable reel caught my eye. You fish with the reel detached and mounted on a chest harness until you have a fish on, then you snap the reel back on the rod to bring it in. Just wasn't convinced there was much benefit for someone like me that doesn't get out all that often. We actually spent much of our time watching and talking with Steve and Ben while they tyed. They really are amazing.

Trout in the Class Room is well underway. We'll see if we can get an update during the next general mtg.

We had two new people attending our meeting last month, Terry and Michael Longley. Be sure to go out of your way to say hello and make them or any of our new guests feel at home. Wearing



our name badges might make it a little easier for guests to approach us and remember our names, so be sure to grab yours on the way in to the next meeting. Let Mike Carlson know if you can't find yours.

Speaking of new members, if any of you are interested in being a mentor for one of our new members please let me know. It's a great way to meet a new fishing buddy and share some of your knowledge and experiences.

Mark

BOARD MEMBERS

President

Mark McLean

Vice President/Secretary

Chuck Sterni

Treasurer & Membership

Mike Carlson

Webmaster

Mike Carlson

Library & Casting

Chuck Robbins (209)835-7812

Programs

Jeff Fadden

Raffle

Gary Phillips/Dave Hiromoto

Outings

Bruce Germolus (209)836-9089

Meetings & Refreshments

Pat Ferguson (209)835-2981

Logistics

Bob Kiffin/Pat Ferguson

Trout in the Classroom/
Conservation

Steve Holtzclaw/Ben Byng

Newsletter

Craig Gittings

TFF Activity Calendar

March Meeting, March 19 "Drainages around Bozeman" by Ed Lawrence

April 1st- Board Meeting- all are welcome

April 19- Kistler Ranch Fishout Opener

Hidden Talent Sought

Would you want to see your talents added to the newsletter? Do you recall an incident that you could put to pen or just have incriminating photos of nekkid fish out of water or fishout report? Budding writers & photographers can send their submissions to:

craiggittings@sbcglobal.net

Ed Lawrence Major Drainages near Bozeman



Montana guide, Ed Lawrence will be our March guest Speaker.

Ed's topic will focus on Major Drainages near Bozeman- *Gallatin, Madison, Yellowstone, and some in the Park*. *Where to go; when to go; what to bring*. With the lack of rain and runoff here in California, the allure of Montana comes to mind as a summer vacation destination. As a veteran guide, Ed claims to have guided in Montana since the 80's. Accompanying Ed will be one of our sponsors, Richard Desrosiers of the www.thetroutspot.com, who will display some of his product and wares. What can I say? Ed can't be all bad. His sign off footer on his email indicates he might possess some wisdom or experience as well. "Never tow another car using panty hose and duct tape." Hopefully he has others tidbits of information at our next club meeting. In the meantime, you can check his website prior to the club meeting at www.edlawrencesflyfishing.com.

TFF Educational Opportunities

Casting instruction at Dr. Powers Park with Chuck Robbins, the club's own Certified Casting Instructor, provides instruction for any and all that seek him out. From basic introduction to improving your loops and double haul. Look for Chuck Robbins to return on March 12, 6 PM for our first Casting in the Park with Chuck Robbins.

Steve Potter will hold an intermediate fly tying class in May. Class size is limited. Watch for further details at upcoming meetings.

If you are viewing this within a PDF, just click the following hotlink: www.tracyflyfishers.org.

TFF Outings

Bruce Germolus

April 19 Kistler Ranch

April 26 White Pines- Trout opener

June 20-22 Lake Davis

Late July TBD- Milton Reservoir

Sept 27 Lake Alpine

Oct TBD- Feather River Steelhead

Where did all the water go???

File this under Conservation

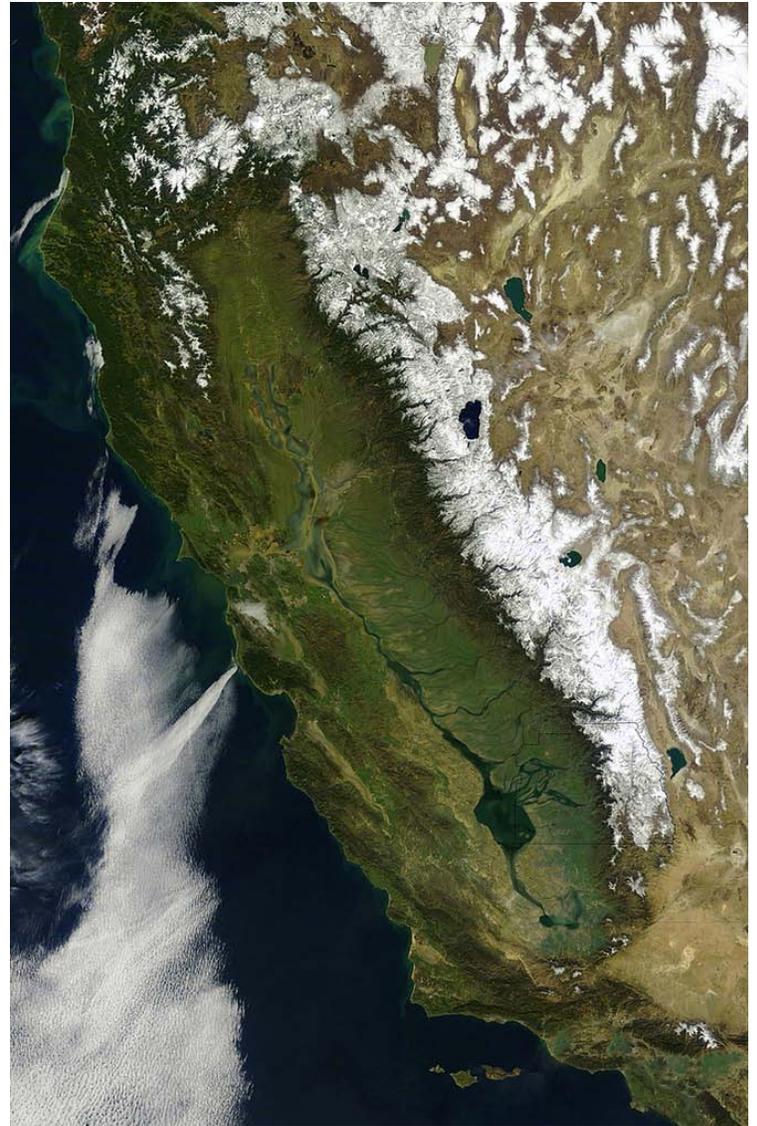
Once the largest freshwater marsh on the western coast of the American continents, from Patagonia to Alaska, the Delta now has thousand of miles of levies and drained islands to utilize the rich soil for farming. Prior to this levy system, it is hard to imagine that in 1861, Leland Stanford had to rely on a paddle wheel boat to get to Sacramento in order to attend his own gubernatorial inauguration because of flooding in the delta. 150 years later, with rising sea levels, sinking islands, and the insurmountable cost to reinforce the existing levies it has become a ticking time bomb for disaster. Breached levies, flooded islands, and the possibility of salt intrusion could have an enormous impact to the area. The proposed twin tunnel system that would by pass the delta to deliver water south is tremendous undertaking of resources and monetary expense without regard for the Delta. What Gov. Arnold could not accomplish has now resurfaced by the older and wiser predecessor, Gov. Moonbeam. Political favors must be repaid. But at what cost to the general public?

[Postcard from the Sacramento Delta - YouTube](#)

More of “It is in your backyard” - [The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Cleanup Project Nov 2011 - YouTube](#)

Bruce Tokars of the Salmonnow.org has been a strong advocate for the Delta- [California's Delta Challenge Part 1 of 2 - YouTube](#) And if you have the time- [California's Delta Challenge Part 2 of 2 - YouTube](#)

Flood plains do serve a purpose- [rearing juvenile salmon in rice fields](#)



This 1851 satellite map depiction of California is the creation of Geographer Mark Clark and comes via [bigthink.com](#). Which river do you see as the prominent waterway in California back when the statehood was the issue? Where is that water today? Why do politicians and the largest water district in the United States feel the need to reverse the flow of water?

A larger depiction can be seen at [bigthink.com](#)

The [Tracy Fly Fishers](#) meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Tracy Transit Station at 50 Sixth St. Club Meetings normally begin at 7 p.m.

The Tracy Fly Fishers' Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Safeway grocery store's Community Room (behind the Floral Dept) at 1801 W. 11th Street. The Board meetings are open to all TFF members. Board Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Stop by and see what goes on "behind the scenes" of your club! Make your concerns known.

Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at: [California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, CSPA](#) This is a clickable link for folks reading this at their computer.

Entomology or aquatic insects should be on your radar

David H. Funk provides a glimpse via the Stroud Water Research Center's Youtube channel of an [ovipositing mayfly](#). Get on MidCurrent.com for your weekly fix of articles. The above information came to us via MidCurrent.com.

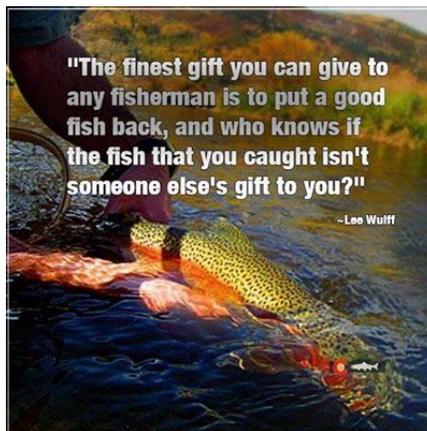
KISTLER RANCH BASS OUTING

Mark your calendar, **April 19**, for the upcoming **Kistler Ranch Fishout**. It is a great family outing and will also be the club's opening weekend trip. Kistler Ranch is situated east of Oakdale about 17 miles on Highway 120. Club will provide the grub. All you need to do is bring some folding chairs, shade, sunscreen and be ready for a day of fishing for bass and bluegill. Early arrivals have been known to catch the top surface action in the past. All that is needed is Dahlberg diver or frog pattern to entice a big ol bucket mouth to launch towards your fly. Even small poppers, dragon fly nymphs and damsels also work. The club's trespass starts around 5:30-6:00 am. Don't want to get up early? Arrive later and stay late. After the sun sets members report hearing coyotes howling on past outings.



Ever try [speed stripping for bass](#)? Check it out. You can never strip fast enough for some of these fish.

Pebble Mine update: The Obama administration is headed in the right direction as it puts the brakes on a massive gold and copper mine proposed for Alaska. Found this in the [New York Times](#).



Mark Your Calendar

Thursday
April 3,
2014

Tri-Valley Fly Fishers
"Silent Auction"

6:30pm Preview
7:00 pm Auction
Starts

Fly Rods, Reels, Flies,
Lines, Vacation Rentals,
Buddy Trips, Guided
Trips and many more
bargains !

For More Details.....

Call Ron Duelstgen
at (925) 449-
0528 or
ron@duelstgen.net

And now the fish porn

If you just meet up with Jeff Fadden, our club program chair, and the guest speaker for dinner, it can provide a unique opportunity to get to know the guest speaker prior to the club meeting. Jeff and Mark Papazian had dinner at the Thai Restaurant. When I peered through the window to meet them, Mark was sitting there with a nice sport shirt and slacks. Did not recognize him in his attire. I have never seen any guide dress up to speak to any club. When I went back later to see if Jeff was in the restaurant, caught just a glimpse of Jeff's back. Of course they were just finishing up their meal. But, I did get chance over a beer at Helm's to ask plenty of questions and breed some familiarity with Mark. Last month's guest speaker, Mark Papazian of Western Waters Guide Service, provided a wealth of information during his presentation. In between winter storms, the Lost Coast provides some nice opportunities, but the Tuesday through Thursday rainfall last week blew out the coastal streams. That did not keep Mark from finding the fish. Likewise, he met all expectations and delivered on an ideal day on the water last weekend. It only increased his commute. Luckily, these were not the last cast of the day fish. I am ready to go back.

And the usual disclaimer: Your results may vary, but I doubt it. Just get out there and do it.



Do you want to live vicariously through others? Or do you have a photo and story that might key interest in others? You do not even have to be a good story teller. We can make it up for you. As Samuel Clemons is quoted, "Why let the facts get in the way of a good story." And he made a livelihood out of his stories. You can send them anonymously or we can give you credit. Send your fish pics to craiggetttings@sbcglobal.net and you can see your stories in print.

OUR SPONSORS

CALL THEM, USE THEM, SUPPORT THEM

CLICKABLE LINKS BELOW

The Fly Shop

Mike Michalak
Redding 800-699-3474
www.flyshop.com

Sierra Anglers

Bob Nakagawa
Modesto 209-572-2212
www.sierranglers.com

Sierra Stream & Mountain
Chico 503-345-4261

www.sierrastreamflyshop.com

Delta Stripers

Jerry Neuberger
Lodi 209-369-5752
www.deltastripers.com

Meadow Cliff Lodge and RV Resort

Coleville, CA 503-495-2255
www.meadowcliff.com

Sea Level Fly Fishing

Ray Hutcherson
Sacramento 510-908-1809
www.sealevellyfish.com

American Fly Fishing

Gary Eban/Peter Blackman
Sacramento 800-410-1222
www.americanflyfishing.com

Thy Rod & Staff

Frank Posciotta
Truckee 530-587-7333
www.cyberfly.com

Excellent Adventures

Al Smatsky
Lodi 209-368-9261
www.excellentadventures.org

Fish First Sacramento

(formerly Kiene's Fly Shop)
Sacramento 800-400-0359
www.kiene.com

Creative Sports

Jamie Berman
Pleasant Hill 925-938-2255
www.creativeflyshop.com

Mountain Hardware & Sports

Truckee 503-587-4844

Albright Fishing Products

800-781-7703
www.albrightflyfish.com

The Trout Spot

Rick Derosiers
Santa Clara 800-822-7129
www.thetroutspot.com

ICON Products

John Ryzanych
Castro Valley 510-881-8210
www.iconproducts.net
www.catchrelease.com

Surf Inn

Ed Gogdill
Gualala 888-451-787
www.surfinngualala.com

Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lake

Confluence Outfitters
Red Bluff 888-481-1650
www.eaglecanyontROUT.com

Goodwin Lake Vacation Rental

Roy Gunter
831-809-0316
www.homeaway.com

Baja Fly Fishing

Jay Murakoshi
Fresno 559-449-0679
www.bajaflyfishingadventures.com

Geo Poly Fly Fishing

Rich Lobrovich
Salt Lake 801-910-6600
www.geopolyflyfishing.com

Indian Creek Lodge

Douglas City 530-623-6294
www.iclodge.net

Tiger T's Guide Service

Todd LeBoef
Redding 530-222-2728
www.riverfishingnorcal.com

Bass Pro Shops

Cliff Sullivan
Manteca
209-825-8400
www.basspro.com