

Fly Lines & Fish Tales



APRIL 2014

The Prez Sez:

Things are moving fast. We have the class rooms set up with their eggs for the "Trout in the Classroom" program, casting in the park has started, and our first outing of the season at Kistler Ranch is coming up quickly. I even made it out to get my fishing license. I'm ready.

Speaking of Kistler Ranch, Ben will give a quick overview of what the bass ponds are really like and what to expect, at the beginning of our upcoming general mtg. This meeting will be your last chance to sign up. Be sure to also sign the waiver form.

Just finished our April Board meeting and wanted to let all of you know that the people in attendance voted to end our club affiliation with FFF. As decided in our March general meeting, those in attendance were to represent the club's membership in this vote after discussion with Ken Brunskill. Again, we do not mean to discourage any of you, in any way, from supporting the FFF with your individual membership.



We are still looking for people to help our new members as mentors. See me or one of our other board members if you are interested.

Hope to see all of you at our April meeting and at the Kistler ranch outing.

Get to the meeting early to see our guest speaker, Dan Lecount do some tying.

-Mark

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TFF Activity Calendar

April 9th Casting at Dr Powers Park with Chuck Robbins- 6 PM

April 16th Meeting,

April 19- Kistler Ranch Fishout Opener

May 7- Board Meeting- all are welcome

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

April Guest Speaker
Dan Lecount
Seasons of the Truckee



Dan Lecount is a fly fishing guide for Truckee River Outfitters. He's been guiding for eight years with an emphasis in the fly fishing industry for over 15 years as a fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. In 2011, Dan helped Andy Burk in the short-lived "West River Fly Shop" where they tied most of all the flies in the shop themselves. Dan will be giving a presentation; "Seasons of the Truckee" covering the North Tahoe area by season. Describing the whens and wheres and how to being a successful, year round angler. Dan will tie flies for the Truckee area, if time allows before the start of the meeting.

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 April 9th, 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.

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TFF Outings

Bruce Germolus

April 19 Kistler Ranch

April 26 White Pines- Trout opener

June 20-22 Lake Davis

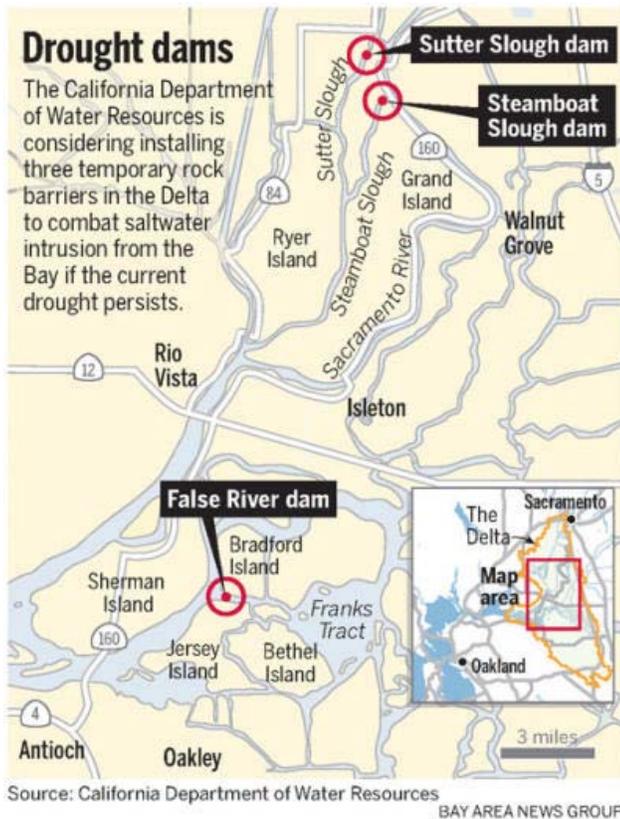
Late July TBD- Milton Reservoir

Sept 27 Lake Alpine

Oct TBD- Feather River Steelhead

Where did all the water go???

File this under Conservation



And if you are not up to speed on California's water issues, "The Atlantic" has a fairly lengthy article on the plight of California [here](#). And when I say lengthy, set aside a good half hour or more to read this article as Alexis Madigal follows the water from snow melt in the Sierra to Los Angeles. Interesting to note that when the term "acre-feet" is used, it minimizes the amount of water at stake. One acre-foot of water equals 43,560 cubic feet, or 325,851 gallons. An unofficial rule of California water politics holds that if you want to make an amount of water sound large, use gallons. If you'd like to make it sound small, set your units to acre-feet or even million acre-feet.

Do you find it odd that the average individual does not care or is misinformed at best as to the severity of the drought that the western United States is enduring. Call it what you may, but here is an interesting discussion that started when the issue of low water levels in San Luis Reservoir was mentioned to me as the lowest our shuttle driver had ever seen. She lives in Morgan Hill, but her sons lived in Los Banos. On her drives over to Los Banos, she noted that the reservoir's level was the result of lack of rainfall in the area and how we desperately needed rain. Puzzled by her remarks, I started asking her a few questions about where she thought that the water in the reservoir originated. Yet she knew absolutely nothing about the California Aqueduct system and she drove by it repeatedly to visit relatives. Our ride took 20 minutes and the ensuing conversation became a real eye opener for her. Not certain if she was relieved when I got out of the car or that her new opinion of the reservoir, where the water originated to fill such a vast holding area was not local runoff, nor that it just waited to head south. Lets call it a learning moment with the exchange of ideas. Does it take one person at a time just to raise awareness? I am also reminded of Corey Cate's remarks about the direction that water flows without regard to elevation, slope or gravity as, "Water flows towards money."

A \$25 million temporary dam in the Delta?? Is this also a temporary solution to twin tunnel proposal circumventing the delta for water heading south or is this all about the pumps? The first sentence within quotations below is there to test your reading comprehension.

In case you missed this one, Contra Costa Times reports that,

"With less fresh water than normal flowing through the rivers, salty seawater is creeping into the Delta, which provides drinking water for 25 million people -- including 1.8 million customers of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 500,000 in the Contra Costa Water District, and 19 million people served by Southern California's Metropolitan Water District -- and 3 million acres of farmland. The \$25 million barriers would prevent the river water from flowing out to tributaries and instead push it downstream to where giant pipes capture the supply."

Only 3 million acres of farmland? Did we read that right? Find the article [here](#).

And now for a short history lesson

In order to understand how we arrived here, one must know from where we came.

The fascination with this story is worth repeating whenever new information or ways of conveying it comes our way. Leonard Halladay's name does not conjure any significance to most of us, yet it should. Is 92 years and counting enough time to test a fly's effectiveness? In the summer of 1922, Charles Adams, in his frustration, asked his guide, Len Halladay to come up with a fly pattern for the finicky brook and brown trout he encountered on Boardman River. Len Halladay obliged and renamed the fly after his good friend and best



customer reported the fly's results as "A knockout". History has a way of evading us and if not documented, lost for the eons. Some claim it was the best fly ever created and if they were left to just one fly, it would be an Adams. If left to just three flies, it would be an Adams in sizes 14, 16 and 18. Eight more years before the 100th anniversary, I hope to be still fishing this pattern or resemblance and find willing trout fooled by its silhouette when cast upon the water. Check out this three part series titled, "Grandpa's Story". It only reinforces and ties together what has been written about the Adams. The tying sequence is remarkable as Len Halladay's grandson, John Falk, narrates and ties the Adams exactly like his grandfather would have tied it on Len Halladay's original desk and equipment. The dubbing tools, bodkin and vice used show years of service. No longer will I look at the spilled dry head cement on the base of my vice as errors in my tying and see it as character developed over years. The original pattern is not fished much these days, unless perhaps a stiffer material for the tail or even a parachute version of the original. God forbid that the body color be anything other than gray. The historical significance is something to ponder while tying this particular fly and/or variant onto the end of your tippet. Part I of the above mentioned video narrated by John Falk can be found [here](#), part II [here](#) and part III [here](#).

If you are the least bit curious about the history of the Adams, these references come to mind:

[hatchesmagazine.com article](#)

More Thomas Deschaine articles

[Michigan Dry Flies](#)

[Adams and the Alder, The](#)

[Adams: History Revisited, The](#)

[Adams - Final Chapter](#)

[The Adams: "A Great Salesman" | MidCurrent, Paul Schullery](#)

[Step by step tying instructions](#)

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 and details to craiggetttings@sbcglobal.net and you can see your stories in print.

Thanks to the generosity of GWWF members and supporters, we are fortunate to have enough funds to anticipate sending 4 kids to FISHCAMP this summer.

Attached is the application for kids to fill out and send in to apply for one of the scholarships. **Please pass this on to a child (10 – 15 yrs. of age) who is interested in learning the art of fly fishing.** The application is shown below. The deadline for submission is April 15th 2014. If you should have an extra few dollars to donate, it would be great to send a 5th child to camp.

GOLDEN WEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS FOUNDATION
JO CLARK YOUTH FUND
FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2014 Scholarships

The Golden West Women Flyfishers Jo Clark Youth Fund is sponsoring four youths to attend FISHCAMP in 2014.

FISHCAMP is a 5-day/4 night summer fly fishing camp. FISHCAMP is organized and run by The Fly Shop in Redding, California. FISHCAMP is a unique program that offers boys and girls 10-15 years of age an opportunity to learn how to fly fish or to fine tune their fly fishing skills. Campers will learn about various fly casts, fishing techniques and strategies, reading the water, safe wading, the basic bugs that trout like to eat and even how to tie their own flies. Campers will also meet new friends and experience the outdoors in a beautiful setting.

FISHCAMP is located at Antelope Creek Ranch in Northern California, approximately one hour from the town of Mt. Shasta. FISHCAMP is a privately leased ranch with a stream and two lakes teeming with trout. Campers are housed in state-of-the-art walled tents with comfortable cots. Bathroom and shower facilities have flush toilets and hot water. There are separate facilities for boys and girls.

FISHCAMP staff is a select group of talented fly fishers, patient experts who enjoy sharing their love of fly fishing. FISHCAMP counselors make learning to fly fish fun and easy.

FISHCAMP includes all accommodations and meals, as well as the use of the finest fly fishing equipment available (from Simms, Rio, Ross Reels, Scientific Anglers, Galvan, Echo and The Fly Shop). Every fly, leader, tippet, rod, reel, and drop of floatant is included, as well as the The Fly Shop's detailed FISHCAMP Notebook, souvenir cap and tee-shirt. Campers need only bring their clothing, sleeping bag and personal items and arrange their own transportation to and from FISHCAMP.

2014 FISHCAMP DATES:

June 16-20,
June 23-27
July 7-11

Each scholarship covers the entire cost of attending FISHCAMP, other than transportation.

QUALIFICATIONS: Each scholarship applicant shall be between 10 and 15 years of age and shall have an interest in learning to fly fish.

SELECTION: FISHCAMP scholarship applicants shall submit the attached application form and short essay described in the application form to GWWF: Fanny Krieger, 790 27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121

All submissions shall be postmarked no later than April 15, 2014. The Jo Clark Youth Fund Committee shall review all submitted applications and select its scholarship recipients by April 30, 2014. The Committee shall notify its selected scholarship recipients by mail no later than April 30, 2014.

REPORTING: Each scholarship recipient shall submit to Golden West Women Flyfishers a short written report of his/her camp experience on or before April 15th, 2014. (This date appears to be incorrect)

PUBLICITY: Golden West Women Flyfishers and its Foundation, in its discretion, may publicize the identity and photographs of the scholarship recipients in its marketing materials, membership information, brochures, other literature, website, etc. FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Fanny Krieger at 415-752-0192 or The Fly Shop (Mike Caranci or Kara Tripp) at 800-669-3474 or at michael@theflyshop.com.

The application can be found on the following next page.

KISTLER RANCH BASS OUTING

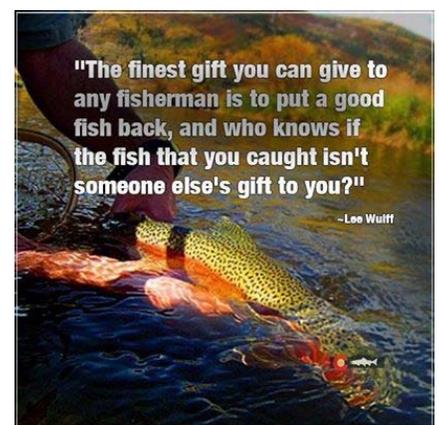
Mark your calendar, **April 19**, for the upcoming **Kistler Ranch Fishout**. It is a great family outing and will also be the club's opening weekend trip. Kistler Ranch is situated east of Oakdale about 17 miles on Highway 120. Club will provide the grub. All you need to do is bring some folding chairs, 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.

Our March guest speaker, Ed Lawrence, provided an excellent overview of the surrounding Bozeman area's fishing opportunities. The offer extended by Ed for trips in his area and booked directly through one of our club sponsors, [The Trout Spot](#) had more than a few club members scrambling for the literature at the end of his presentation. Ed's claim of record snow pack in Montana, compared to California's drought, might make the wilds of Montana a good choice for fishing prospects. Ed later pointed out that fish were not the only things wild in Montana. If you misplaced the information, here is the contact information - 800 822-7129 or info@thetroutspot.com. Here is Ed's [website](#) as well.

The [Tracy Fly Fishers'](#) meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Tracy Transit Station located 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.



"The finest gift you can give to any fisherman is to put a good fish back, and who knows if the fish that you caught isn't someone else's gift to you?"

-Leo Wulff

GOLDEN WEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS

JO CLARK YOUTH FUND
2014 FISHCAMP APPLICATION

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

MALE ()

FEMALE ()

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

WHO DO YOU KNOW WHO FLY FISHES? _____

FISHCAMP DATE PREFERENCE:

June 16-20, 2014 ()

June 23-27, 2014 ()

July 7-11, 2014 ()

ELIGIBILITY: This scholarship is open to all boys and girls between 10 and 15 years of age who have an interest in fly fishing. All applicants are required to complete this application form and a short essay answering the following questions: Please, no parent written/edited essays!

1. Why do you want to go to FISHCAMP?
2. Why is fly fishing important to you?

Interested campers should mail this form and essay to:

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING GWWF FIND SOME WORTHWHILE APPLICANTS TO THE FISHCAMP THIS SUMMER.

Fanny Krieger
<fannykrieger.com>



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Time For Our Spring BBQ

And store wide sale 10% - 50% off assorted items

Come by on Saturday April 5th between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and enjoy the free festivities... There will plenty of food and drink on hand as well as free raffle prizes and fly tying demonstrations. We will also have a ton of items on sale during the event too, 10-50% off! Stop by the shop as much as you like between now and the day of the event to pick up free raffle tickets, no purchase necessary. There will be something for everyone so bring the family and we'll see you there.

**Print and bring the coupon below or show this email to take advantage of this special offer.*

SPRING 2014 BBQ

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VALID ON APRIL 5, 2014 WITH PURCHASES OF \$100 OR MORE




FISHWEST SAC/KIENE'S ANNUAL EXPO

April 12, 2014 10AM-4PM, Saturday!!!

GUIDE PRESENTATIONS:

10 AM	Lance Gray	Fishing Stillwater in N. California
11 AM	Ken Hanley	Fishing Saltwater
12 noon	Dave Barbieri	Feather Steelhead/Yuba Shad
1 PM	Hogan Brown	Bass on the Lower Sac
2 PM	Taylor Wells	Klamath River

FLY TYING:

Jay/Glenn Fair	Jay Murakoshi	John Ryzanych
Steve Potter	Ben Byng	Mike Henle
Neil Pultz	Leo Gutterres	

* Numerous local fly-tyers from local clubs, Terry Eggleston, Jim Holmes, Ron Banderheiden, Joe Bania, Jim Berdan, Gary Howard, Bob Zasoski, Kenny Nordeste, Wayne Chubb, Forrest Oldham, Bob Betatti, and more!

FLY CASTING:

Casting For Recovery	Rio Sponsored casting contest
Cast Hope	Certified Casting Instructors

MAJOR FLY-FISHING COMPANY REPRESENTIVES:

Sage/Rio Redington	Simms Orvis	Hatch	TFO	
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Many many more!				

VENDORS:

Many guide services	3 major local fly fishing clubs	Trout Unlimited
Sin-sational Confections	Monk's Wood Works	and more!

MISC:

Donuts and coffee as supplies last	Free lunch, non-alcoholic drinks
Open to the public -- free of charge	Radio and TV coverage
New Location and new FIXTURES!	Raffles

Check out the NEW products from ALL of the
manufacturers' reps that will be there!
Cast the line-up of rods!!!

The Fly Fishing Film Tour is brought to Modesto by [Stanislaus Fly Fishers](#) and Rivers of Recovery on April 17th.

All proceeds from this event will benefit [Rivers of Recovery](#).

Tickets(\$20) are available locally in advance at [Sierra Anglers](#) 209-572-2212 and the [State Theater Box Office](#). They are also available through F3T online for \$20 and at the door on the night of the event for \$20.

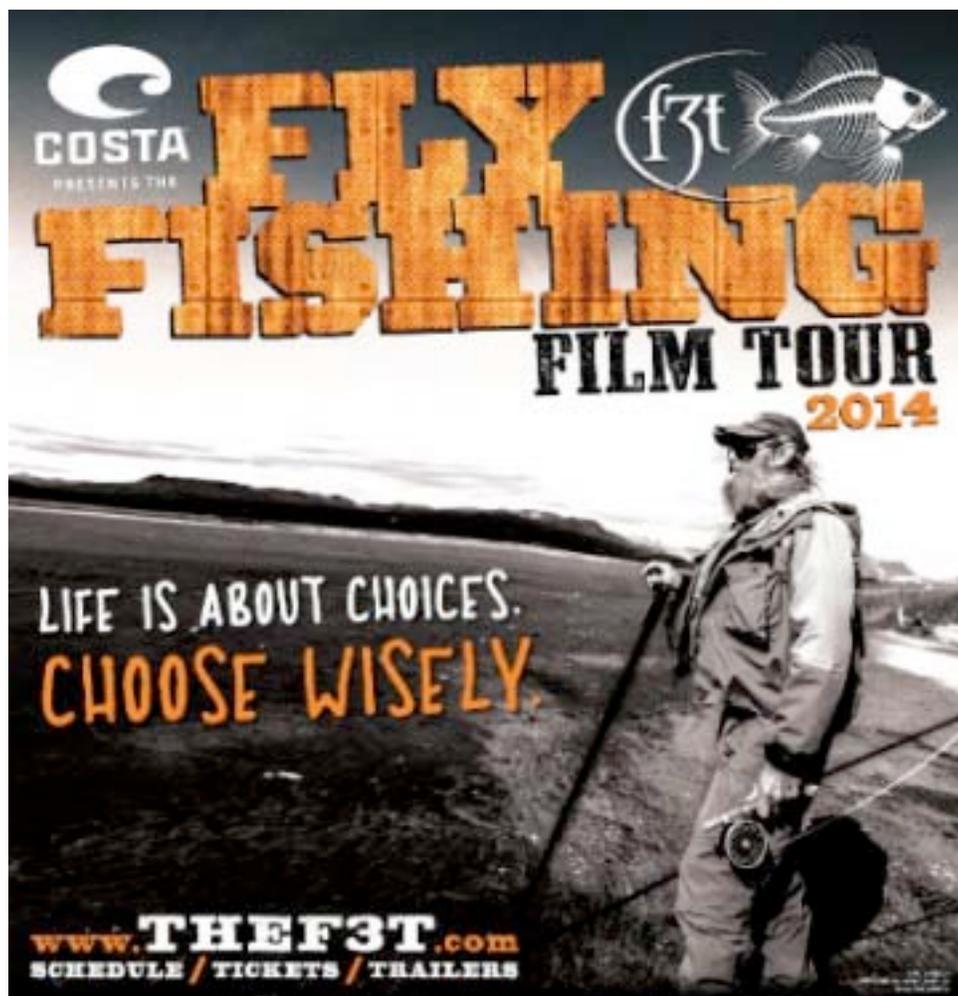
Please note that entrance fee for all veterans will be FREE.

(Elsewhere it was noted that a Veterans ID card was required as proof)

Doors open at 5.30 pm, so if you have time join us before the films start to catch up with your angler buddies, meet and thank a few of the folks that have sacrificed so much for you and I. Film starts promptly at 6.15 pm

For more information please contact James Mayol, 209-544-9555 or jmayol@mblaw.com.

Rivers of Recovery is non profit proactive in supporting Veterans and Active Duty Military through innovative Recreational Rehabilitation Programs.





2014 TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY PARTY

The Fly Shop's annual Opening Day Celebration will be on **Friday, April 25th, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm**. This is our way of saying Thank You to the community of fly fishermen for decades of support, and it's also a great opportunity for anglers to get up-to-date fishing conditions and the opportunity to see the new gear from our manufacturer representatives.

Guests will be treated to a wonderful lunch including coleslaw, chips, waters, and soft drinks. Lunch is hosted by our local fly fishing club, **Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers**, and the wonderful desserts are hosted by **The Shasta Mayflies**.

Representatives of all the top manufacturing brands will also be in attendance, displaying and demonstrating the newest rods, reels, flies, tackle and accessories for fly fishing.

At the same time we will be celebrating 36 years in business. Our fly tying guests for 2014 will include: **Mike Mercer** (trout flies), **Justin Miller** (spey flies), **Jan Hale** (Atlantic salmon flies), **Victor Inouye** (striper flies), and **Matt Callies** (tube flies). Tying times will be posted on Facebook prior to the 25th and at the door.

Dylan Rothwell of *Rising Fly Fishing Tools* will be here again this year with his laser engraver. He will be doing custom laser

engravings on anything that is aluminum, steel and some plastics for a minimal fee of \$10. If you purchase a Rising Tool you can have The Fly Shop logo engraved at no additional charge.

This year we will also have two wonderful authors on hand to sign their new books. The first of these authors is **Ben Taylor**, author of "*I Know Bill Schaadt*". This is a wonderful book on the life and times of a famous North Coast angler, and a must read for any steelhead angler!

The second of our authors is **Steven T. Callan**, author of "*Badges, Bears, and Eagles*". Steve is a retired California Department of Fish & Game warden, and in his book he discusses some of his personal experiences enforcing fish and game laws right here in the Northern California area. Again, this is a must read for any and all local anglers.

Be sure to sign up for door prizes when you get here. If you have any questions or need further information please call **Sandy Watts** at 530-222-3555 or email: sandy@theflyshop.com



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