

# FLY Lines & Fish Tales

MAY 2015



mindful of little situations that can happen. Be safe.

As for me, it's back to my quest for 500 Bass caught in a float tube this year, 450 to go!! 😊  
See you all on the waters, Chuck

Remember your family membership of \$30 goes to support keeping all of these programs and events strong! Come join the Best Fly fishing club in the Central Valley. 17 Years and running strong. Members, for club outing you must fill out our release of liability forms before going on the outing and only the club members and there families are allowed to go on our club sanctioned outings.

Never let us forget the men and woman who continue to serve this great country for our freedom.



Incidentally, Chuck has out done himself. Check out the Nekkid Fish page and no, it is not in reference to this photo.

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## 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](mailto:craiggittings@sbcglobal.net)

## TFF Activity Calendar

Casting instruction with Chuck Robbins, but you have to call him

May 20 General club meeting at the Tracy Transit Station- John Sherman

June 3 Board meeting- all are invited

June Meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday due to the Davis Lake Outing

Prez sez:

Well, May is here and let's do some Trout and Bass fishing. The Rivers and Lakes are going to get lower so now is a great time to get up there and fish! The club has some great outings coming up so sign up and enjoy a great time. Pinecrest is a great day of fishing and in June we have our Annual Davis Lake trip. Bass fishing is on fire right now. We had a great Tracy Fly Fishers Club Outing last Saturday at Kistler Bass Ponds in Oakdale. The 4 fisherman who braved the elements and fished all day, Great job. We caught a ton of Bass!! Special thanks to Ben Byng for the Tri Tip lunch! Amazing !!

Now with all of the fishing we are starting to do, we must remember safety first. This last week I myself got to feel the end of a sharp hook as I was trying to remove my errant popper from a tree limb. The tree branch broke and shot up and drove the hook through my thumb. Ouch!!!! Having to push a hook again through your thumb is not fun. Be

May guest speaker will be John Sherman



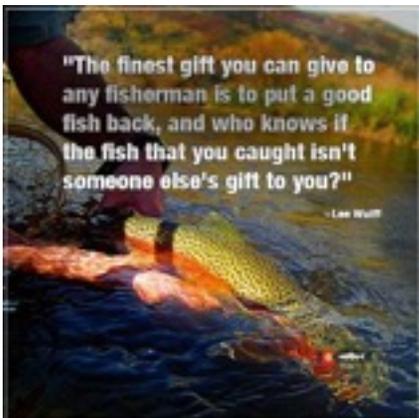
John Sherman is the West Coast Sales Representative for Simms Fishing Products and Hatch Outdoors covering CA, AZ, NV and HI. John is also one of the most published fly fishing photographers who has had his work published in Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing Journal, Saltwater Fly Fishing, The Drake, California Fly Fisher, North West and South West Fly Fishing to name a few. John lives on the banks of the California Delta in Discovery Bay with his wife Natih, and daughter Kalum and son Kasix. John teamed up with Captain Mike Costello to produce the first and only Fly Fishing book dedicated to the California Delta, "Fly Fishing the California Delta." He will be presenting his slide show "Elevate your Delta Fly Game" which will visually take you through this amazing fishery and how to improve your Delta skills. John's passion for Delta fishing began at the age of 18 in 1993 on his first trip to California Delta and it now has been his "home" water since 2002. John's recent trip to the Amazon can be found [here](#) as well as a video on Delta stripers [here](#). Bud Bynack's interview with John Sherman in the California Fly Fisher can be found [here](#).

Program: Elevate your Delta Fly Game

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.



You do not cease to fish because you get old.  
You get old because you cease to fish!

Attention TFF Members!

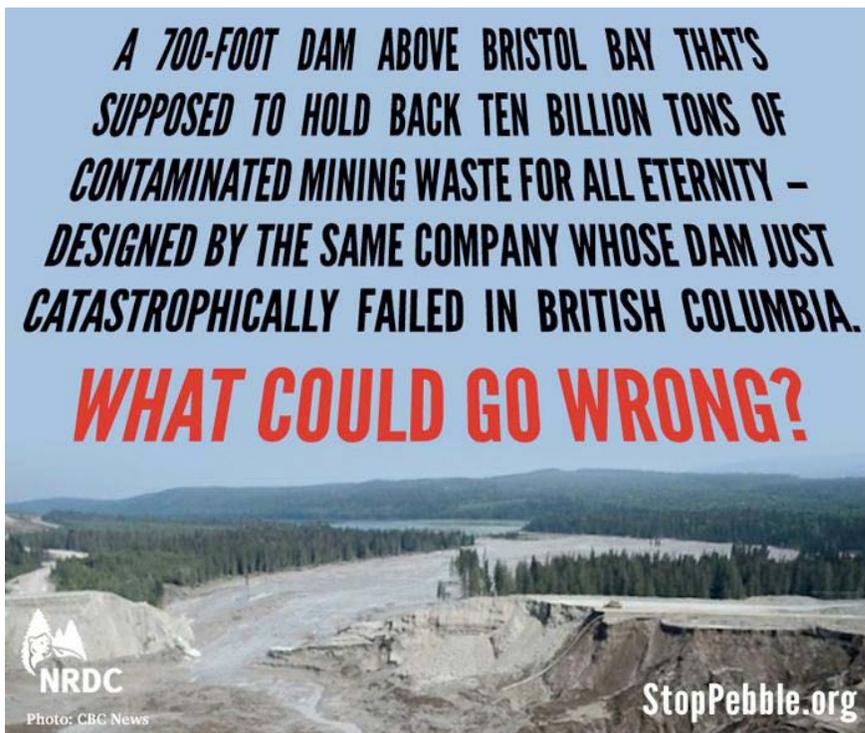
June meeting will is moved to June 24th, same meeting place. Mark your calendars.

### A call for HELP!

Increase your involvement in the club by filling one the board positions below. Don't let the club be carried by the few. It is often said that the more hands, the easier the load. The club could use your help in the areas listed.

Web Master, Education, Membership positions are now open.

No experience required



"Angling is extremely time consuming. That's sort of the whole point." - Thomas McGuane

#### TFF Educational Opportunities

Casting instruction is available at Dr. Powers Park with Chuck Robbins on the second Wednesday. The club's only Certified Casting Instructor, provides instruction, from basic introduction to improving your loops and double haul, for any and all that seek him out. If you are interested in improving your casting skills, Chuck will be more than happy to assist. Contact him at 209 835-7812 or his cell # at 209 471-5931. Want to become a better caster? You never know when it might come in handy. Contact Chuck Robbins after seeing this [piece of marketing genius](#). He can get you there, minus the airfare, with your casting skills. Think casting does not play an important role in catching fish? This [video](#) might prove otherwise. If you have not taken advantage of his offer, you can now.

#### TFF Outings

Jeff Fadden

May 16th- Pinecrest Lake Jeff Fadden Fishmeister  
June 18th thru 21- Davis Lake Ben Byng Fishmeister  
TBA Backpacking trip to a high Sierra lake Jeff and Mark Mclean Fishmeisters  
Sept. 5th thru 8th Manzanita Lake  
TBA Late Sept- Pit River Trip  
Jeff asks if there's any members that would like to be a fishmeister for any of the streams and lakes nearby. I'm specifically looking for someone for the Clarks Fork, Stanislaus area or any of the lower rivers near us, if there is water.

# Nekkid Fish Page

"Some men would rather be photographed with their fish than with their wives."

Gwen Cooper and Evelyn Haas

"Don't tell fish stories where people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish." Mark Twain

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.

The club fishouts are the best way to flatten your learning curve and get introduced to the members. And just in case you missed it, the annual Kistler Ranch outing had only 4 participants who were thrilled that the club rented the whole ranch for their day of fishing pleasure. Reports are slowly trickling in that the lunch provided by the club to those in attendance were deliciously prepared steak sandwiches while the fishing was certainly uncrowded. Mike Carlson shows off one of many caught. With only four anglers on the ponds, two hands showing, hard to believe someone had time to take photos.



Chuck Sterni has been "busy" lately... on a VERY RECENT outing in the Delta, Chuck landed not one... not two... but THREE bass!



Reports are... All three fish were over 5 pounds and caught within a single evening hour.

Now don't ask Chuck where his "secret spot" is... even if he told you, he'd probably be lying.

## Permit anyone?

File this under, "The tug is definitely the drug". Below, Keith Nelson and club sponsor Al Smatsky of Excellent Adventures show what kind of prizes await off the coast of Belize. Permit are a life time achievement for some. Keith appears to be getting to be an old hand at by now. And even Al Smatsky with his permit (far right) landed on 8 lb tippet on a bonefish pattern. Al even landed a tarpon blind casting off the boat dock at night in the dark. This is an incredible trip to add to your bucket list. Greg Mau provides a first hand experience with his annual trip report on [Blanton's board](#).

