

FLY Lines & Fish Tales

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Prez sez:

Summer is ending soon. With kids back to school, now is the time to take advantage of those great weekends before the fall is upon us. Can anyone say Stripers soon! I would like to thank everyone for attending the Club Picnic. It was a huge success! 32 club members showed up to enjoy a good time and some great Dakota Smoke Sausage cooked by our own Ben Byng and Mike Carlson. Great job guys.

We still have some great programs and outings coming up, so come join us and take advantage of what the Tracy Fly Fishers is all about.

See you all soon.

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

Chuck

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TFF Activity Calendar

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

August 19 Club meeting at the Tracy Transit Station. 7 pm start time.

September 2 Board meeting- all are invited

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



is a recipient of the coveted “Cal Bird Fly Tying Cup”. When he is not on the water guiding, he is fishing and scouting for the best angling opportunities.

Doug's presentation will be “Calvada Stillwaters”™ which chronicles stillwater food items and their mannerisms in the water. The show looks at the “hatches”, when, where they occur, and how to mimic them for optimum results. The program will explain line control and line angles.

The tactics presented in this show are proven from around the world!

If stillwater fishing is your preference or even have a slight interest in understanding the nuances, then this is the club meeting that you definitely do not want to miss. Here is a [video](#) with Doug and Matt Koles on the Truckee as well as this [one](#) on Pyramid Lake.

July Meeting on August 19th, 3rd Wednesday at the Tracy Transit Station 7 to 9 pm. Guest speaker will be Doug Oulette of CalVada Fly Fishing. Doug has done it all. A Reno resident, the Truckee River is in his backyard literally. Doug is nationally known for his stillwater techniques as well as his river expertise. The clinics he runs and operates are second to none! Doug is also a contract fly tier for Umpqua Feather Merchants and

TFF Educational Opportunities

Think casting does not play an important role in catching fish? This [video](#) might prove otherwise. If you have not taken advantage of Chuck Robbins’ offer, you can now.

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.

Chuck- here is to a speedy recovery.

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

TFF Outings

Jeff Fadden

September 19-26— Pit River Trip

Oct. 5th thru 8th Manzanita Lake Jeff says that this is the last week that the cabins are available near the lake. It should also be a good time of the year for fishing. Jeff will have more information at upcoming meetings.

Jeff asks if there are 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.

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.

Where did all the water go???

"Conservation is fair and honest dealing with the future, usually at some cost to the immediate present."
(Roderick Haig-Brown, taken from *Measure of the Year*, 1950)

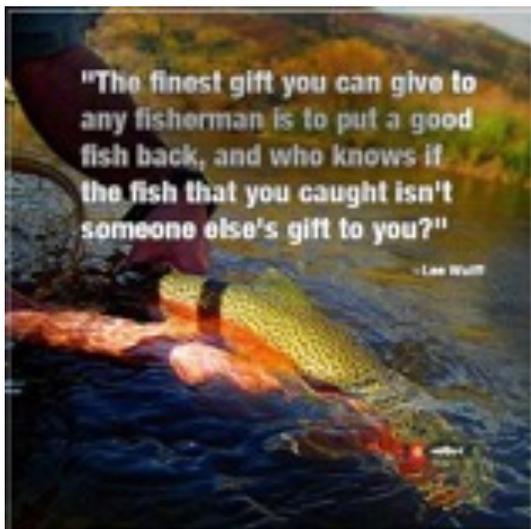
A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.
Mark Twain

Putah Creek Wildlife Area is Closed to All Public Access Due to Wragg Fire. The closure affects all public uses including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, hiking and nature viewing. The closure is intended to allow the landscape and wildlife to recover, minimize erosion, and ensure public safety. As a result of the fire, potential hazards such as loose rocks and falling tree branches exist in the area. CDFW will reassess the Putah Creek Wildlife Area in spring 2016 to determine if it is suitable for public access. This comes by way of Steve Karr/Putah Creek Trout

Don't even drink the water or the sh*t just never goes away. Water quality issues are at stake for fish and consuming public. Durango, Colorado is a sleepy recreational town steeped in local mining history, has its main river, the Animas, awash in mining sludge from the Gold King mine, shut down since 1923. What makes this a concern is it is part of the Colorado River drainage with Lake Powell a down stream recipient of the toxic plume by August 10. EPA is accepting responsibility for the incident as it was supervising the cleanup. Full articles are [here](#) and [here](#). The Denver Post [reported](#) the San Juan River is in the path of the toxic plume as the Navajo Dam doubled its release to help dilute contaminants entering the its river 100 miles downstream of the spill. Why do we even bother with news lines and stories like this? It is a good example of what can happen if Pebble Mine were allowed to start up. Pebble Mine is within the headwaters of the largest existing sockeye run in the world. Advanced technology is not an earthen dam, nor a capped mine as in the case of this recent incident. At this time, all one can do is watch the progress of the toxic plume.

Driving by the California aqueduct recently, it becomes apparent that the water is no longer flowing south as the algae bloom becomes visible to passersby. Is the end of the current drought cycle just around the next bend or is this one extreme to another? Weather prognosticators are calling for a potential super El Niño in based on their forecasting models. Just to refresh your memory, anyone recall 1997 rainfall amounts? This was the year that Yosemite along with most of the Sierra had heavy warm rains to the 10,000' elevation from a storm referred to as a pineapple express that arrived on New Year's Day. The established 10' plus snow pack on non porous granite base was removed during the event that resulted in the measurable flooding. During that same storm, Englebright on the Yuba River crested 13 feet over the dam. Similar ocean temperature patterns back in 1997 are now developing in the Pacific. Check out the NPS [video](#) of the flooding that closed the park. The 6 day rain totals for that particular storm ran 2.5 inches in Sacramento to over 30 inches in the upper reaches of the valley's drainage. If you look at the 9 day totals ending January 3, 1997, the higher areas of precipitation were measured at 40 plus inches. Oddly enough, the state's reservoir system was not built for such events, but rather a slower melting snow pack over a sustained period. More information can be found [here](#).

Nine [California cities](#) are running out of water. Here is [the list](#). Sad to say, they are all in the Central Valley with the exception of Lancaster.



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