

Fly Lines & Fish Tales

November 2015



November's Guest Speaker is Robert Tamson

Robert Tamson's program at the November 18 meeting will be on the fantastic fly fishing opportunities in the Big Sky Country of Montana.

Robert Tamson will primarily cover 3 of Montana's Blue Ribbon Rivers: the Beaverhead, the Missouri and the Bighorn.

Robert gained his experience on these famous Montana waters by spending the last several summers living on the cheap, as a flyfishing hobo, streamside in his travel trailer. He will share with us the when, where and how to fish for big trout ...without the need or expense of hiring a guide.

A native Californian, Robert has been flinging flies at fish since age 11. Currently and over the last 15 years, he has held the position as Director of both the Wilderness Unlimited Fly Fishing School and the Becoming an Outdoors Woman of California fly fishing programs.



Now retired from his real job as a Real Estate Broker, he puts in over 200 days on the water annually in both fresh and salt water from California to Florida and beyond. This will surely be a great presentation for any fly angler who is considering a DIY fly fishing trip to Montana!

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TFF Activity Calendar

Casting instruction with Chuck Robbins will have to wait until next year when daylight savings time returns.

November 18 Club meeting at the Tracy Transit Station. 7 pm start time.

December 2 Board meeting- all are invited

January 23, 2016 Annual Installation Dinner/Crab Feed

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: craigittings@sbcglobal.net



INSTALLATION DINNER

Featuring our ever popular

CRAB FEED

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Tracy Community Center, 950 East Street, Tracy, CA

Festivities begin when the doors open at 4 p.m.

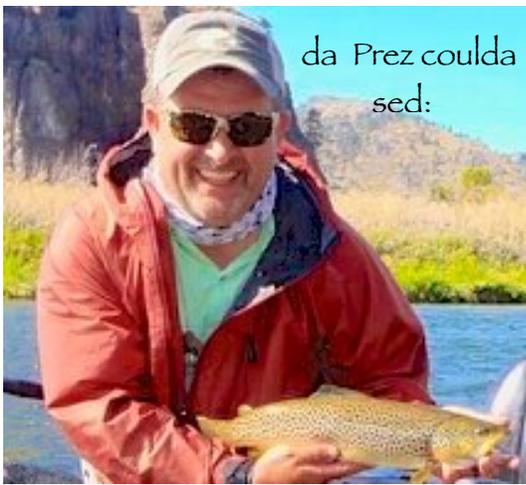
Raffles - Silent Auctions - Live Auctions



COME EARLY AND BID OFTEN !!

The 2016 ticket price is \$45

Ticket sales will begin at the October Club Meeting and will be available to TFF Club Members Only. After the December Club Meeting, ticket sales will be available to non-members.



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As time goes on, other interests and family commitments overtake one's desire to get out fishing. Work, etc can take its toll as well. At the beginning of the year, Chuck took over as president. This is his second time as president since joining the club. At best, he stepped up to the task. As the year went on, you could tell that meetings no longer were a priority as someone has filled in for him the last few meetings. It wasn't necessarily the guest speaker that kept him away. Family obligations always take priority, which is understandable. It is with certainty that Chuck will be at the December meeting for members' night. Do I have any takers for the upcoming November meeting? I say he shows. The club functions not just via the president, but through the many hands that work in unison for the common good of the club. The president only holds the tiller of the ship as he guides it along and hopes that the crew picks up its step that truly powers the vessel along. As

with any organization, it is the hands of many that help carry the load. There are some vacancies on the board. Care to help out?

The rotation of seasons? The weather change from the Indian summer late in October to the recent chill in the air brings a renewal of life to our rivers. Salmon and steelhead returns are dependent upon water. The salmon have arrived as witnessed by anyone hitting the lower Sac. Likewise, the Trinity and Klamath have opportunities as the rush of fresh anadromous fish return. Anglers of a different fervor hit the rivers in hopes of table faire or at least the tug of a migrating fish. Will the river flows be sufficient for the renewal of life? We will have to wait and see what weather pattern brings us from the developing or impending el niño. Is the drought near its end?

Tickets for the annual installation dinner were made available at our last club meeting. Not wishing to be an alarmist, but let's hope that the crab season is not postponed indefinitely due to an algae bloom off the coast of California and the sweet taste of crab becomes more than just a distant memory. The neurotoxin, domoic acid, is a by product of the algae bloom off our coast. Testing reveals that levels are dropping near the ocean's surface, but it will persist in the ocean's sediment for animals feeding along the bottom. The reason for the postponement is that crabs accumulate the neurotoxin in their flesh as it works its way through the food chain. Public safety is foremost with the postponement/closure of crab season. Lets hope that there is a season when dungeness crab once again are available to the consuming public. Right now, it is a waiting game.

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TFF Educational Opportunities

Casting with respect to distance and delivery of the fly play an important role in catching fish. You will not catch fish that you cannot reach. This [video](#) best explains why. How about increasing your odds? This video [shows](#) why one should not wait until you get to your destination to improve your casting as well. Chuck Robbins can provide you with the fundamentals, minus the airfare, with the casting part prior to any trip. So, why not take advantage of it? 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. Casting instruction is available at Dr. Powers Park with Chuck on the second Wednesday during daylight savings time. If you are interested in improving upon your present casting skill set, Chuck is happy to assist. You can contact him at 209 835-7812 or his cell number at 209 471-5931.

TFF Outings

Jeff Fadden

Jeff reports, "No tengo nada." Jeff, there is always next year.

What? We lost our lease at the Tracy Transit Station after the December meeting? Say it ain't so! We have to thank Pat Ferguson for the rescue. We will have a new meeting place- City Hall Council Chambers, located at 333 Civic Center Dr, beginning with the Feb. 17, 2016 Club Meeting.

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

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.

Oops!

Another water soaked earthen dam gives way in Brazil. The dams burst on November 5th at a mine operated by Samarco, a joint venture between BHP Billiton Ltd , the world's largest mining company, and Vale SA, the biggest iron ore miner. If you look carefully, you can see rescuers poling through the mud for victims. Almost makes you want to live down stream. Do you see a particular pattern here?

“A river of mud from burst dams at a Brazilian iron ore mine forced populous cities more than 300 km (200 miles) downstream to cut off drinking water on Monday, raising health and environmental concerns as slow-moving search efforts continued.” Not to mention loss of life nor livelihood. Source: [Reuters](#)

Reuters/Ricardo Moraes photos

Photos are representative of the adverse effects downstream in Brasil. What is the recovery time, if any, for those downstream? Question remains, what would this do to natal streams of Alaska's largest sockeye run? Imagine no more.

Even after the deep pocket partners' abandonment of the project, Pebble Mine continues its attempt to circumvent EPA via Washington lawmakers by gutting the Clean Water Act. Opportunity is seen by hedge funds based in the Caymans which appear to be funding this recent round of attacks on the EPA in Washington. What can you do? Here is the [link](#) to [SaveBristolBay.org](#)



A 700-FOOT DAM ABOVE BRISTOL BAY THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HOLD BACK TEN BILLION TONS OF CONTAMINATED MINING WASTE FOR ALL ETERNITY – DESIGNED BY THE SAME COMPANY WHOSE DAM JUST CATASTROPHICALLY FAILED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.
WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



Photo: CBC News

StopPebble.org