

# FLY LINES & FISH TALES



## Current Activities (Tracy Fly Fishers)

Our next meeting of the Tracy Fly Fishers will be on Wednesday, October 19.

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Meeting location is the Transit Station at 50 E. Sixth St

This week's speaker will be Dave Lentz, fisheries biologist specializing in California's native trout.

### **Status, Conservation and Fishing Opportunities for California Heritage Trout**



Dave Lentz is a Fishery Biologist working for the California Department of Fish and Game as the Native Trout Conservation Coordinator.

Dave has worked with the DFG's Wild Trout Project since 1989 and was the statewide Project Leader, 1997-2006.

One of the Wild Trout Program's responsibilities is to conduct a statewide inventory of trout streams and to monitor wild trout waters and recommend special angling regulations for wild trout fisheries. Currently, Dave works with DFG biologists and other agency and conservation organization partners to restore California's native trout. There are three inland trout species that are listed as threatened and most others are species of special concern.

Dave acquired his background in aquatic ecology while studying and working in Montana, Wyoming, and Utah. He studied at Montana State and Utah State Universities and has worked in environmental consulting, for a university research laboratory, and for the State of California. This work has included experience in water quality monitoring and research, environmental assessments of development projects, water rights, and fishery management. As a college student, Dave was fortunate to work summers for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Yellowstone National Park. In this world-class wild trout setting Dave was inspired by and learned about wild trout biology and management.

## The Prez Sez

The last month has been a busy one for the members of the TFF. There was the Pit River trip and an outing at Lake Alpine, both being very successful from what I hear (and experienced!) I would like to take this time to say "Thank you" to all of the Fishmiesters who volunteered their time in setting up all the outings this year and making them a success.

Your club is just that, a group of dedicated volunteers who share their passion for the sport and sometimes their secret fishing hole and techniques. There is a wealth of knowledge shared on these outings and other activities, benefiting everyone involved, along with the fellowship shared and friendships that are made. For those of you who are new members, don't hesitate to ask questions and become involved as much as you can, as it will only serve to strengthen our Club.

Tickets are available for the Installation Dinner, which will be held on January 7th, 2012. We are hoping to sell 225 this year and the Raffle/auction will be as good or better than ever.

We are going to be adding the Stonebrae Classic as a fundraising activity next year. This is a Nationwide Golf tournament held in Hayward in April.



**Delta Sunrise**

As a non-profit group we can sell tickets for the event and raise over \$19.00 for each \$20 ticket sold.

This will allow the club more funds for education and charitable donations.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting this month,

Stan

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**Jeff Fadden Display a nice Pit River rainbow (avid fan in back!)**

# Lake Alpine Outing

A group of hearty souls looked for one last chance to ply the waters of the Sierras before the onset of winter locks up the high country in snow and ice.

We rented two tent cabins at Lake Alpine Resort on the first weekend of October and set out early Friday morning. We met for breakfast at the Angels Camp McDonalds and caravanned up Highway 4.

One last stop for tackle and sundries at Ebbetts Pass Sporting Goods in Arnold resulted in the hot tip for the weekend. "Sparrows have been the hot fly on Alpine," noted the man behind the counter, so naturally we had to have some for our boxes.

We arrive at the resort, checked in and quickly got ready to find some fish. Ben had a spot of easy access and soon we were all out on the water...except Stan! His float tube refused to hold air. Persistence prevailed and Stan ended up catching 4 trout while wading a weed bed in the shallows while McGyver Byng's repair job was setting up. The repair worked and Stan was good for the rest of the weekend.

Mike Tidwell wielded the hot rod for the weekend, while Steve Potter and August Abellar took the bigger fish. August caught a pretty brookie in spawning colors that went about 16 inches. And do you need to ask what he caught it on?...a chartreuse woolly bugger of course!

All in all it was great trip with good food, fishing and companionship, not necessarily in that order.

# Pit River Trip

*Rick Clemens reported on September's Pit River Trip.*

We had a great week at the Pit River!

Dan "Pit River Dan" Freeman was able to get 3 cabins for 14 people- and with the deal we got (only \$37 per person for 7 days)- who could not resist. Lots of fish caught on the Pit as well as on 'Iron Canyon Reservoir'- In fact, my fiance' Lisa caught her fist fish ever!!! We had lots of laughs too. If you haven't made this trip- don't miss next year- I can assure you, you won't be disappointed.



***Lisa's first fish ever at Iron Canyon!***



***Pit River Dan leads to the fish***



***John K. displays a nice rainbow from the Pit.***

## Casting in the Park -Chuck Robbins

Casting in the park is over for the season. Look for Chuck to start offering casting instruction on the second Wednesday of the month once Daylight Savings Time returns next Spring.



## Club Outings-George Strickland

That's it for club outings for the year, but that doesn't mean you can't get out fishing! Steelhead season is just around the corner and some of the valley rivers can provide good trout fishing during the winter. Talk to some of the club members and see if you can't organize a day of fishing. This is a great way for any of the newer members to the club to learn new waters or techniques.

## Conservation News

### HISTORIC RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED TO THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The Delta Plan, recently produced by the Delta Stewardship Council, will affect virtually every citizen and every part of our state, and it will largely shape the water landscape of California for decades to come. It will guide the path to restoring one of the world's great estuaries or write its obituary. It will determine the future abundance of our fisheries and the quality of our waters from the Sierra to the Sea and from the Oregon to the Mexican borders.

An astonishing array of more than 200 environmental, environmental justice, tribal, and commercial and recreational fishing organizations has responded to the Plan: *It is seriously deficient; it does little more than maintain the status quo; it will not achieve the "co-equal" goals of the enabling legislation; and it will cost the state billions of dollars more than we need to spend; and it does nothing to balance public trust values – one of the foundations of state water management policy.*

This massive coalition of grassroots organizations has responded in a formal letter to the Delta Stewardship Council with these and other recommendations, which are included in the Environmental Water Caucus' ground-breaking report: [California Water Solutions Now](http://www.ewccalifornia.org). ([www.ewccalifornia.org](http://www.ewccalifornia.org))

- In order to recover the health of the Bay-Delta ecosystems and its fisheries, scientifically developed criteria that would allow increased flows through the Delta must be established. Water exports from the Delta must be decreased and current federal and state water contract levels must be reduced in keeping with a safe, healthy, and reliable supply.
- In order to compensate for reduced exports from the Delta, the state must sponsor a long-term, aggressive water efficiency program state wide that would apply to both urban and agricultural users. The favorable economics of water efficiencies and water recycling have been proven and would be billions of dollars less

expensive for the state than constructing major new conveyance facilities through the Delta or major new storage dams.

- In order to further reduce the export pressures on the Delta, thousands of acres of impaired and pollution-generating farmlands south of the Delta must be retired from irrigation and turned into more sustainable and profitable uses, such as solar energy generation.
- Delta levees must be improved beyond the current US Army Corps of Engineer standards in order to address potential earthquake and future sea level rise concerns. The reinforcement of core levees beyond current standards is estimated to cost \$1 to \$2 billion and is orders-of-magnitude less expensive than major conveyance projects that are currently being contemplated by state and federal planners.
- The Delta ecosystems and wildlife cannot be restored without major reductions of pollutants that are currently being poured into the Delta or without a significant program of habitat improvements for the Delta.

The coalition's Comments Letter on the Fifth Draft of the Delta Plan, which includes the names of the 200 plus supporters and their logos as well as the full set of recommendations, can be viewed at the Environmental Water Caucus web site: [www.ewccalifornia.org](http://www.ewccalifornia.org).

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Wish to make a difference locally? The Delta is our backyard. Check out the CSPA website and sign up for their action alerts at:

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conference room