



Windknots

The monthly newsletter for the members and friends of the Diablo Valley Fly Fishermen Since 1969

December 2010

Next Monthly Club Meeting:

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010

Heather Farms Community Center
301 North San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek
Doors open at 7:00 P.M.

Guests are welcome!! (*Members who wish to join the speaker for dinner, please contact Bill King.*)

Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 21st, 2010

Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Rd., Concord
Dinner: 6:30 PM — Meeting: 7:00 PM
Members are invited to attend.

2009 Member of the Year: Pat Konoske



Ed Marcillac displays his 8 lbs. Delta Stripper and a very happy grin from a day on the Delta. See Bill King's fish on page 7.

Speaker: New Zealand Dreamin' with Dax Messet

Sight fishing in New Zealand is on every fly fisherman's bucket list. Dax Messet has spent the last 10 years guiding in New Zealand (and Northern California) taking fishermen to the right waters and teaching them how to hook and land beautiful trout. Dax will join us and tell us what sight fish angling in New Zealand is all about followed by a superb new DVD, **New Zealand: The Source** (Gin Clear Productions), featuring Dax.



He is on the *Confluence Outfitters* guide staff. His relentless pursuit to fish new, challenging fresh & saltwater venues has literally taken him around the world from British Columbia, to the Bahamas, to the Cook Islands.

Dax spends the fall steelhead season spey casting on the Trinity River, winters sight fishing for trophy trout in New Zealand, and spring dry fly fishing on Fall River. Tough life! Check out his website at: www.daxfly.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the end of the year fast approaching we all can look back and be thankful for the many great things that revolve around DVFF.

In the seven years that I have been in DVFF I never cease to be amazed by both the quality and quantity of its products. Yes, we do have products – monthly programs, outings, fly tying, fly casting, rod building, novice classes, auctions, conservation work, and the list goes on and on. What makes all these products work are the people who step up and are willing to give their time and talent so we all can benefit. A look at all the positions we have, including fishmasters, shows we have somewhere in the range of 70-80 positions keeping the wheels moving at DVFF. When one includes the support staffs that help pull off our events (big and small), you have about 150 peoples pitching in – all I we can say is thanks to ALL those who made 2010 another superlative year at DVFF.



With a cadre of new people stepping in and new programs getting started, 2011 looks even better. One of the programs that we talked about at the last club meeting is Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) of which DVFF is now a fully affiliated member. **Mike Johnson**, a member of our club since 1980 and a veteran himself, is the club's program lead. Besides Mike we have had 18 other members that have indicated an interest to help the vets – way to go everyone.



If you have not marked your calendars (or smart phones) already, make sure you have the evening of Jan 22, 2011 reserved. That's the date of our annual crab+ feed, recognition ceremony, and board induction - a continuing great bargain with no price hike and what great raffle prizes. The crab+ feed will be lead by the very capable **Charlie Wright** who had the excellent idea of expanding our main course so those who cannot eat crab will have an alternative. You MUST notify Charlie when you send in your ticket request if you desire this alternative; no changes at the door.



Trout fishing is a life-long learning experience and I think some of the reasons we like it so much are expressed in the below quote. Have a great holiday season, and thanks for all your support.



Keep Learning!
David Lipscomb

“Trout are a great leveler. They remind us that we all get into our pants one leg at a time. Trout don’t care about your affluence, religion, mental health, or politics. All they know is that if the fly doesn’t look right they’re not going to eat it.”

Chappie Chapman, famous New Zealand guide.



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Steve O’Brian

Mike Cox

**Kissing the “Ocorhynchus Mykiss”
by Bjorn Erickson**

My dissertation work focuses on detecting hybridization among sub-species of rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) using genetic techniques. I am particularly interested in the Kern River rainbow trout (*O. m. gilberti*), which historically inhabited the mainstem of the Kern River in the southern Sierra Nevada. For much of the past century, the Kern River rainbow’s native habitat has been stocked with non-native brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout, including California golden and Little Kern golden trout, which are native to nearby tributaries. Although Kern River rainbow trout is a genetically distinct group, they can breed successfully with other rainbow trout, including California golden and Little Kern golden trout, to which they are most closely related. This interbreeding has led to rampant hybridization, and significant loss of the native genotypes throughout the range. In an effort to preserve the native lineage, I am using Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) to assess the levels of hybridization throughout the Kern River rainbow’s historic range. These genetic markers are particularly well suited to detecting hybridization, even when there are more than two source populations. I hope this work can contribute not only to preserving one of California’s native trout, but also to our understanding of how hybridization can spread in alpine stream systems.



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Heenan Lake/East Fork Carson Trip Fandango!

Friday October 8th to the 11th marked the first annual Heenan Lake/East Fork Carson trip, hosted at the Maher cabin by first-time **Fishmaster Dan Maher**. The weather was perfect, setting the stage for some fun, great fishing, and fellowship.

After a get acquainted Friday night cracker barrel, the crew settled in for a good night's sleep before a busy Saturday. **Dan Maher, Bob Kestner, Rusty "Captain" McBride, Greg Reimers, Brian Slattengren, Karen Kaiser, Ron Buxton, Bill King, Morley Chandler, Chris Maher, Evan Maher, and Gil Merkel** (the latter three family and friends of the fishmaster), all woke up to a hearty breakfast followed by a trek over Ebbetts Pass to the Markleeville area, where both Heenan Lake and East fork of the Carson awaited us. Evan guided Greg and Ron to the East Fork, whilst Dan and Chris brought the rest of the group to Heenan. Several other DVFF'ers met up with us at Heenan, including **Barry Williams** and **Steve Anderson**.

After organizing ourselves, and prepping the pontoon boats, we set off onto the lake in the hunt for the infamous Lahontan cutthroats. The Fish and Game guy said fishing has been slow this year, and it turned out to be the case for us as well. Fish were being caught, but not in large numbers. The largest I saw caught, about 30", was caught on a green grub just under the surface with a slow retrieve and occasional twitch. The weather was clear, sunny, and warm, which probably contributed to the slow day.

The only Cutt caught by our group was by **Karen Kaiser**, sporting her new 13 ft. sea kayak. By mid afternoon, most of the Heenan fishers had called it a day, and moved over to the Carson, where we guessed there might be better luck wading into the evening. Evan caught several nice wild bows, **Greg Reimers** caught his largest bow ever, and most others caught some nice fish. I caught a nice brown on a hopper, which work pretty well this time of year.



From top: Bob Kester overseeing lunch, Karen Kaiser, Evan Mubler (left), Rusty "Captain" McBride (right)



Brian Slattengren goes Cutt hunting.

We all met for a group dinner at Wolf Creek Lodge in Markleeville (the only game in town), and afterwards, the convoy proceeded back to the Maher cabin. Though the fishing day was tough, all seemed to be appropriately happy, and tired.

Sunday was fish local waters (Beaver Creek, N. Fork of the Stanislaus) or golf day (Thanks to DVFF'er Bob Kestner and his wife who hosted two foursomes at Sequoia Woods CC, a jewel of a course just outside Arnold, CA). It was a gorgeous day to fish local waters, and enjoy the manicured course. After the activities, all met up again at the cabin for an epic BBQ where all enjoyed fine food, drink, and company. Captain Rusty, the minstrel of the mountains, serenaded us well into the evening, and a rocking' great time was had by all.

Monday, Columbus Day, marked a lazy travel day back to the flatlands. Thanks all for a special time!

-Dan Maher, Fishmaster



2010 OUTINGS-TRIPS-SEMINARS

To participate in an Outing, one must be a DVFF member with signed Liability Waiver on file

| DATE 2010 | LOCATION (species) | FISHMASTER |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Feb 6 | Yuba River TR/ST | Bob Meadowcraft 631-0194 |
| Mar 12-14 | Pyramid Lake TR | Larry Griffis 947-4914 |
| Apr 28-May 2 | McCloud River TR | Marc Ericksen 415-362-1214 |
| May 1 | Kistler Ranch BA | George Willis 925-676-6690 |
| May 1-2 | Baum Lake TR | Bruce Kuhlemann 510-727-9668 |
| May 15-16 | Kelsey Bass Ranch | Bill King 837-8799 |
| June 19 | Conservation Outing | Ted Shapas 925-820-7943 |
| June 24-27 | Fall River TR | Jan Horn 510-207-5868 |
| Jun 26-27 | Upper Sac Seminar TR | John Barry 707-246-6831 & Alan Christian 820-7288 |
| Jul 8-12 | Manzanita Lake TR | John Edwards 925 944-1762 |
| Jul TBD | San Joaquin River TR | Kit Kohler 820-0567 |
| Aug 20-24 | High Sierra horse pack TR | Phil Erickson 837-0278 |
| Aug 27-29 | Manzanita Lake TR | TBD |
| Sept 8-10 | San Joaquin River TR | Kit Kohler 820-0567 |
| Sep 24-26 | East Slope Sierra TR | Pat Konoske 707-748-0214 |
| Sept 30-Oct 3 | Fall River TR | Jan Horn 510-207-5868 |
| Oct 2 | Putah Creek TR | Dave McCants 925-228-1329 |
| Oct 8-10 | Heenan Lake nr Markleeville | Dan Maher 925-920-0833 |
| Oct 15-17 | Fall Upper Sac Seminar TR | Tom Seidman 925-256-8818 & Alan Christian 820-7288 |

*Change from last schedule

TR = trout, ST = steelhead, BA = bass, TBD = to be determined

Space is limited on many Outings. Please sign up only if you are reasonably certain that you will attend. If you discover later that you are not going to attend, scratch your name off the list or contact the Outings Chairman or Fishmaster. This way, a maximum number of members can go on the Outing.

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Annual Crab Feed and Installation Dinner - January 22, 2011

There will be a raffle with Great Prizes!

Have you heard? Experts are saying that this may be the best crab season in years! Start your tasting engines for crab by joining us at the annual Crab Feed and Installation Dinner to be held on **Saturday, January 22, 2011.**

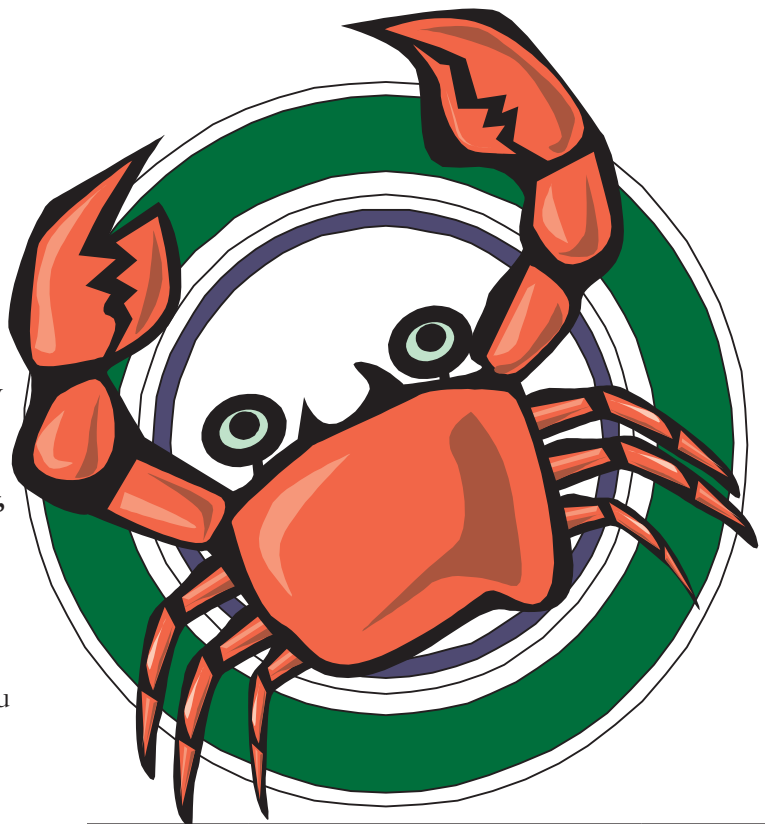
It will again be held at the Civic Park Community Center in Walnut Creek.

Tickets will go on sale starting in December and through January, though it is recommended that you purchase tickets early. Along with the dues renewal packet you will be receiving there will be six raffle tickets you can purchase. They are a \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. You do not have to attend the crab feed dinner to win. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Despite the rising costs, your Board has approved the price to be the same as it has been for the last several years. The \$30 per person, will buy you the same fabulous menu that you have enjoyed in the past; crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread, beverages, dessert, and coffee. This year an alternate Prime Rib entree will be provided for all those that cannot eat crab. *You must note your request on the membership renewal form ahead of time.* Beer and wine will also be available.

The installation of the new Board is held this special evening as well as award presentations to club members who have volunteered their time for the club. Any questions or if you wish to help at this event, please call or email **Charles Wright**. See you there!

925-254-3001 or charlie@appmateng.com



| Crab Feed Raffle Items 2010 | | |
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| | Description | Value |
| 1st.. Prize | Winston Boron IIX 10 ft. 7 wt. Fly Rod | 705.00 |
| 2nd. Prize | Two Night Stay at the Bernard Haus B & B and One Day Guided Trip on the Trinity River to Fish for Steelhead. | 495.00 |
| 3rd Prize | Full Day Guided Float Trip with Chris Parsons on any River He Guides On | 360.00 |
| 4th Prize | Rainbow Trout Steel Fabrication | 200.00 |
| 5th. Prize | Redington RS4 9' Four Piece 5 wt. Fly Rod | 199.00 |
| 6th Prize | Private Fly Casting Lesson at the Leland Sonoma Ranch | 150 |
| 7th. Prize | Private Fly Casting Lesson at the Leland Sonoma Ranch | 150 |
| 8th Prize | Private Fly Casting Lesson at the Leland Sonoma Ranch | 150 |
| 9th. Prize | Redington Rise 5/6 Fly Reel | 159.00 |
| 10th Prize | Redington CPX Guide Jacket | 150.00 |
| 11th. Prize | \$50 Gift Certificate for Leland's | 50.00 |
| 12th Prize | \$50 Gift Certificate for Fish First | 50.00 |
| 13th. Prize | \$50 Gift Certificate for Creative Sports | 50.00 |
| 14th. Prize | C & F Design 6/6 Pockets Fly Box | 36.00 |
| 15th Prize | Dr. Slick Gift Set (contains nipper, retractor & clamp) | 35.00 |

Golden Trout Award

Members-now there are no more excuses. Challenge a buddy! Be the envy of others! Be part of an elite group in our club! It's time to earn the prestigious Golden Trout Award! This recognition tells other members that you have met the high standards and criteria of the Golden Trout Program. To complete the program, members must perform seven tasks from the following categories: literature, conservation, entomology, club outing, club event, casting, knots, fly-tying, rod building, and membership drive within a 2 year period. For new members and fly-fishing novices, this is a great way to immerse yourself in your new interest. For long standing members and experienced fly fishermen, this memorializes your commitment to the sport. The one-time cost of this program is \$10, but the reward is priceless. For more information, call **Steve Hess** at 925.691.5617, email him at hessfam@sbcglobal.net, or track him at a club meeting.



Special Stillwater Clinic for DVFF Members

Andrew Harris of Confluence Outfitters will be conducting a one-day Stillwater techniques clinic at Eagle Canyon Trophy Trout Lakes near Red Bluff on Saturday, February 5th. Techniques covered will include sinking lines, retrieving nymphs on a floating line, indicator nymphing, float tubing, and landing large fish. This clinic is open only to DVFF members. Participation is limited to 5 anglers and the fee is \$200 per person. Float tubes are available for rent for \$20/day. More Information:

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A Day Well Spent on the Delta!

When the fish are measured by the pound and not by the inch, those are BIG fish!

Bill King holds onto a very nice 5 lbs. Delta Stripper that he caught while fishing on the Delta with Ed Marcillac who took an 8 lbs. Stripper; see page 1.



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Beginning Fly Tying:

Winter: Jan 11/18/25, Feb 1/8/15/22m Mar 1 (Tue nights)
Where: **Home of Dave McCants, Fly Tying Den!**
Time: 7:00 to 9:30 each night.
Number of students (max): 8 (cost is \$45 per participant, all to DVFF – the \$45 covers all of the above class dates for either the Fall or Winter sessions)
Instructor: Dave McCants
How to sign up: **Call instructor to sign up (Dave 925-228-1329)**
Or use signup sheets at outings desk at meeting.
Or sign up and register at Davetyer.com

Intermediate Fly Tying:

Winter: Jan 12/19/26, Feb 2/9/16 (Wed nights)
Where: **Home of Dave McCants, Fly Tying Room!**
Time: 7:00 to 9:30 each night.
Number of students (max): 8 (cost is \$45 per participant, all to DVFF – the \$45 covers all of the above class dates)
Instructor: Dave McCants
How to sign up: **Call instructor to sign up (Dave 925-228-1329)**
Or use signup sheets at DVFF meetings.
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Continuation / Specialty Classes throughout year:

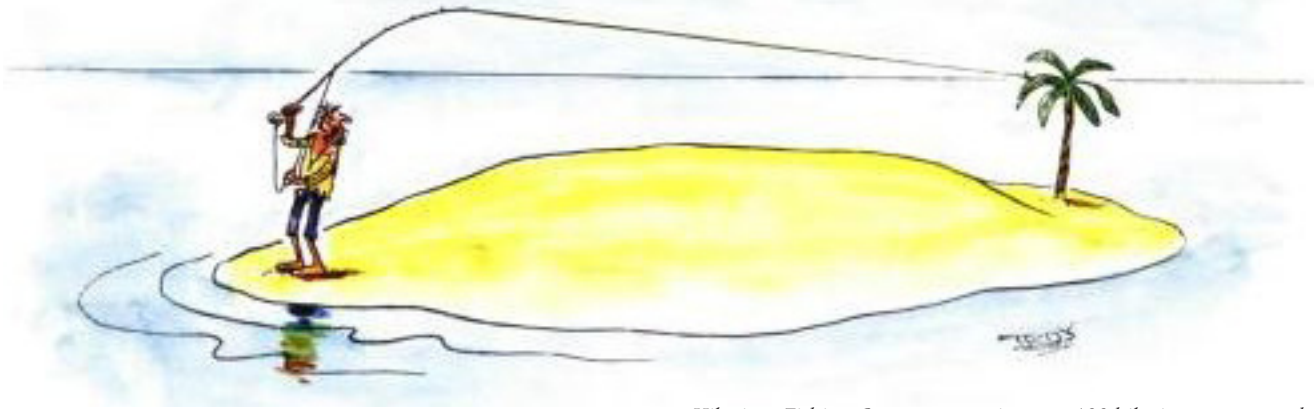
Where: **Home of Dave McCants, Fly Tying Room**
Instructor: Dave McCants
Time: Listed Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (bring a sack lunch – or food nearby)
Per day Cost: DVFF members \$30, non members \$90, DVFF members proceeds go to DVFF.

Intermediate Class Dates and Topics (all on Saturday's):

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Parachute Flies | - | January 15, 2011 |
| Steelhead Flies for the West Coast | - | February 5, 2011 |
| Midges & Tying Tiny Flies | - | February 19, 2011 |
| Tying Flies for Striped Bass | - | March 12, 2011 |
| Tying Flies for Black Bass | - | March 26, 2011 |
| Flies for Lakes and Ponds | - | April, 2011 |
| Classic Salmon Fly's (Married Wings) | - | April 4, 2011 |
| Flies for the Yuba River | - | April 30, 2011 |

Materials will be supplied by instructor. Students must bring their own tools. Saturday classes are subject to four person minimum or class will be rescheduled. Additional classes may be scheduled in the fall to accommodate additional club needs.

The above is a fairly aggressive schedule, but leaves May – August open for fishing and vacations!



Conservation Corner

Holiday Toast to Conservation Organizations

The many issues that swirl around our sport and threaten it are complicated enough to spawn headaches. It's tough to identify, much less make sense of and respond to even the most important issues, but several organizations* do just that, working tirelessly to protect our fisheries and our fishing. They deserve our thanks, and one way to do that is to include a personal note with your end-of-the year donations and renewals. Tell them what it means to you to have them on your side. Encourage them to keep fighting against polluters, poor legislation, DFG funding cuts, and water-grabs. And by all means, put something nice in their stockings.

“Chinatown” Revisited

After \$140 million was spent to create it, a coalition of Bay Area cities, counties and agencies calls the recently released Bay Delta Conservation Plan “a blatant Southern California water grab that could further harm the delta, constrict water supplies and raise water rates in much of Northern California”. See the DVFF website for a link to this SF Chronicle article.

Atlantic Salmon, in the Pacific

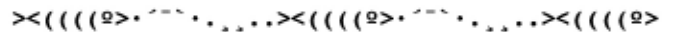
Alaska has banned them, but Atlantic salmon are being farmed in pens in BC waters. However, a valiant

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lady biologist instigated a major court victory in favor of wild stocks. See her story in a very nice video at http://moldychum.typepad.com/moldy_chum/current_affairs/. If you'd rather see wild stocks thrive, just say no to farmed salmon.

*See the Conservation section of the DVFF website for a listing of worthy organizations you can join and support.

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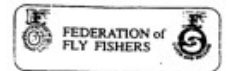
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