



Windknots

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

April 2011

Next Monthly Club Meeting: Annual Auction

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Civic Park Community Center

1375 Civic Drive and N. Broadway, Walnut Creek

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Guests are welcome!!

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

Dinner: 6:30 PM — Meeting: 7:00 PM

Members are invited to attend.

2010 Member of the Year: Kirby Elvin



Jan Horn with beautiful Lower Owens River Rainbow, Kit Kohler admires!!

See Eastern Sierra story on page 6

Annual Auction

April 12 — 6:00 PM

Civic Park Community Center

(NOT at Heather Farms!)



Turn into the parking lot off of Civic Drive, the Community Center is to the rear of the park.

- **Hundreds of Flies Tied by Our Members**
- **New Rods, Reels, Lines**
- **Guided Trips**
- **Boots, Waders, Accessories**
- **Books**
- **Hot Dogs, Chips & Drinks**
- **Guests Welcome!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With spring now “officially” here it’s time for your fly-fishing gear tune-up and/or replenishment, including acquiring those items that you know will make this the best fly-fishing season you have ever experienced. The DVFF auction, as usual, offers the best method for both members and **non-members** to not only get the best equipment at the best prices, but to also bid on some super value outings. **Bill King** has outdone himself again (if that’s possible) coming up with trips hosted by some of the best guides in the west. Be sure to look in your mail for the informative auction flyer listing the great “stuff.” The auction is the club’s main source on funds for all the really good things we do in conservation, scholarships, and helping the vets – so **be generous**. Doors open at 6 PM at the Walnut Creek Civic Park Community Center; be there early to get your best shot at the silent auction items.



As you know the DVFF operates as a non-profit 501(c)(7) organization and is established with bylaws similar to a corporation. Your Board of Directors has recently reviewed those bylaws, and approved minor changes to make sure that our actual operations and bylaws are in tune with one another. One of those changes, on the selection of directors and officers, provides more transparency, while another clarifies the length of term of office. DVFF’s Bylaws are posted on our website.

Some near-term conservation opportunities club members can become involved with include:

- Fish tagging with the students at United Angler’s, Casa Grande HS in Petaluma. Dates: April 11, 12, 13
- Walnut Creek Cleanup – May 12
- Friends of the Inyo – see website for summer stewardship treks - <http://friendsoftheinyo.org/foi/evolve>



Please contact **Ted Shapas** for more info on any of these conservation outings. Speaking of conservation, remember as you ramp up your fishing this spring and summer, that habitat destruction is often the key factor in the decline of fisheries – so use the Boy Scout motto of “leave it better than you found it”. Also, how a fish is caught and handled has a major impact on its survivability.

Keep Learning!

David Lipscomb

WELCOME THESE NEW DVFF MEMBERS!

Danny Veralin

Carol Stanton

Al Kyte (DVFF member) author of Orvis Guide to Better Fly Casting, was enrolled in a spey casting class a few years ago and noticed the student next to him was Joan Wulff. His comment was "I guess the good ones never stop being a student..."

2011 OUTINGS-TRIPS-SEMINARS

If you are interested in being a Fishmaster, please contact Tom Seidman at 925-256-8818.

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

Date	Trip (species)	Fishmaster
Feb 5	Yuba River TR/ST	Bob Meadowcroft (925) 631-0194
Mar 8-11	Pyramid Lake TR	Larry Griffis (925) 947-4914
Apr 30	Kistler Ranch BA	George Willis (925) 676-6690
May TBD	Baum Lake TR	TBD
May 14	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Bill King (925) 837-8799
June 4	Shasta Lake TR	Bill King (925) 837-8799
June 15-19	McCloud River TR	Marc Ericksen (415) 362-1214
June TBD	Conservation Outing	TBD
June TBD	Fall River TR	TBD
July 16-17	Upper Sac Seminar TR	John Barry (707) 246-6831 Alan Christian (925) 820-7288
July 7-10	Manzanita Lake TR	John Edwards (925) 944-1762
Jul TBD	San Joaquin River TR	TBD
Aug TBD	High Sierra horse pack TR	TBD
Aug TBD	Manzanita Lake TR	TBD
Sept TBD	San Joaquin River TR	TBD
Sep 22-25	East Slope Sierra TR*	Pat Konoske (707) 334-6849
Sept TBD	Fall River TR	TBD
Oct TBD	Putah Creek TR	TBD
Oct TBD	Heenan Lake nr Markleeville	TBD
Nov 2-7	McCloud River TR	Marc Ericksen (415) 362-1214

* Outing full; waiting list available.

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 attend each outing.



Have you seen a sick fish?

It might be a single fish that is behaving strangely or doesn't look normal, or it might be several. If you make such an observation, including its location, Dr. Scott Weber, VMD, would like to hear from you. Dr. Weber is one of California's few fish veterinarians, and is conducting fish disease research at UC-Davis. You can reach Dr. Weber by phone at 530.752.1393, or email (digital photos would be helpful) at epweber@ucdavis.edu.



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Pyramid Lake Outing

Barry Williams, Wayne Hofer, Jim Shively, Mark Sturgess, Bob Algieri, Bernard Ringer and I fished Pyramid Lake the week of March 8. The fishing was decent on Tuesday afternoon with most of us catching fish at the south Nets area. Wednes-



Bernard Ringer

day was slow but Barry landed several on a white-backed chartreuse beetle. He also caught the big fish (about 6 lbs) on a small wiggle tail streamer. Wayne caught several on a chironomid or red Cop-

per John under an indicator. Thursday was the worst wind I have ever seen at Pyramid with some gusts over 50 mph. The gale was coming



Barry Williams

from behind us so we fished anyway. I caught several on a chartreuse body/black tail wooly bugger. Friday was much better weather but the fishing was still slow. Barry, Bernard and I fished farther north in the afternoon and we caught a few there. Bernard and Jim both caught fish on their first Pyramid trip. We also heard from two different people that the regulations will be changing and the nets area will be open.

-Larry Griffis

Casting for Recovery: Breast cancer patients go fly fishing

Casting for Recovery is a very special support and educational program for breast cancer survivors. It takes women in all stages of breast cancer on all-expense paid fly fishing weekends. They provide an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by breast cancer to come together in a beautiful, natural setting and learn to fly fish. The retreat is an opportunity to meet new friends, share a wonderful experience and promote mental and physical healing through the joys of fly fishing.



Weekend retreats are AT NO COST for women of all ages and stages of breast cancer treatment and recovery.

- **August 12-14, 2011 CLEARWATER HOUSE, FALL RIVER MILLS**
- **September 23-25, 2011 MOUNT SHASTA RESORT/MOUNT SHASTA**

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or call 888-553-3500 or the local coordinator: Peg Miskin 707-529-2760

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: River Guide volunteers are needed. On Sunday, the women are taken out onto the river and partnered with River Guides. If interested in helping contact the numbers above.

2011 TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY PARTY & CELEBRATION

THE FLY SHOP - 4140 CHURN CREEK ROAD, CALIFORNIA - APRIL 29, 2011 - 10:30am - 4:30pm

Hosted by **The Fly Shop**, everyone is invited to this fun and informative event to kickoff the 2011 trout season. Free hamburgers & hotdogs with all the trimmings and cookies will be provided for all attending. Fly fishing manufacturer representatives will be on hand to showcase their newest products. Fly tying demonstrations will be held throughout the day with some of the fly fishing industry's finest tyers - The Fly Shop's staff members Mike Mercer, Tim Fox, Justin Miller, & Zach Thurman. Our entire staff of expert fly fishers will be on-site to assist and answer any and all questions.

This is a much anticipated annual event that benefits anyone interested in fly fishing, regardless of experience.

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FATHER / SON FISH TOGETHER IN SOUTH AMERICA

Scott and I had a wonderful fly fishing trip to Chile and Argentina the last two weeks and we thought you might like to see the highlights if you are planning a trip there. We spent the first week at the Patagonia Base Camp in a remote area of Chile and the second week at Tipiliuki Lodge in San Martin de Los Andes in Argentina. It was the most robust trip we have had relative to quantity and size of Rainbows and Browns. The people, lodges, and the guides were first rate. It rained part of each day the week we were

in Chile but the many rivers and lakes fished very well despite the downpours. We fished from rafts and drift boats for the most part and successfully navigated class 4 rapids and several smaller ones. Rivers included the Rio Pico, the Figueroa, and several tributaries. The guides were from Montana and Redding and were the best we have experienced. The main river at the second lodge in Argentina was the clear and beautiful. We waded this river and were fortunate to experience explosive just before dark hatches of large yellow mayflies. Scott and I rated these short late night hatches as our most exciting fishing moments ever. Most of the fish we caught were between 17 and 23 inches, but we hooked and other guests caught several in the 24-27 inch range.

If you one day decide to make a trip to South America we encourage you to consider these two lodges. We caught slightly bigger trout in New Zealand but clearly Patagonia holds fish every bit as big and the fish are more plentiful and the waters are much more diverse. We hope to make a return trip in the next year or so. If you plan a trip we can supply more details.

-Bill (& Scott) Dinsmore 925 837-3756

EASTERN SIERRA IN FEBRUARY

After spending the night in Truckee, **Kit Kohler** and me, **Jan Horn** drove down highway 395. Our goal was to float the Lower Owens River south of Bishop. We spent the next two nights in a charming bed and breakfast called Rainbow Tarns. For the next couple of days we floated the Owens with guides from the Sierra Drifters Guide Service. At this location the Owens flows through high desert which is pretty stark and barren. The river is not large at this point, only averages 20 to 30 feet in width and 4 feet deep. Nevertheless, there are lots of fish, most

of them in the deep pools. We were told that that they average 16 inches and that proved to be true. The technique used was called the "dip and strip." This consisted mostly of stripping a woolly bugger and maybe a nymph or two. We boated an average of 4 to 5 fish per day. On the last cast of the day, Jan landed a 24" rainbow (see first page photo). It seemed like it took hours to land!!

We then drove to Bridgeport to fish the next two days on the East Walker. Both the Nevada and the California sides were productive and we hardly saw other

fishermen. Something to remember is the town of Bridgeport all but shuts down from the Christmas holidays until March 1, so motels and restaurants are limited. Ken's sporting goods was closed on Sunday and Monday and that is the only place to get a Nevada license. Fish landing was about the same as on the Owens, but it was better to be out on the water than cooped up in a house.

-Jan Horn



Bill and Scott Dinsmore

DVFF Buddy Guide Concept Offered at April Auction

Do you know how, where and when to fish The Yuba, the Stan, the Upper Sac, the Delta, Fall River, the McCloud, the Trinity, Putah Creek, the Truckee and Little Truckee, the Feather, Baum Lake, the Pit or any other waters in California?

If so, we are looking for a few good flyfishermen (that includes women) who would like to fill these very important “DVFF Buddy Guide” positions, and who are willing to donate and share a day (or two) of their fly-fishing time and knowledge. The object here is to raise money for the club so we can fund our conservation donations and and to give members a chance to really get to know a specific fishery.

Bid pricing will be primarily gauged on the length of the trip (1 or more days). This is a perfect way for newcomers to apply their new skills and use all that great equipment you bought at the auction.

If you are willing to offer your knowledge please contact **Bill King** with the specifics at **925-837-8799** or williamking3877@msn.com

DVFF members, how would you like to have your own personal guide to help you become a better fly fisherman? The DVFF Auction will offer a new twist to bidding on guided fishing trips – bidding on a member-led trip with a fellow DVFFer who is willing and able to make the day of fishing truly memorable. Your “guide” will take you to one of their favorite fishing spots, help you select the right fly, and get you in position to catch the big ones.



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DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2011

TIME: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

PLACE: Heather Farm Community Center
301 N. San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek

COST: Club Members: \$ 45.00
Non-Members: \$ 90.00
(fee includes lunch, handouts and
membership for non-members)



NOVICE FLY FISHING SEMINAR 2011

We have expanded our capacity for this seminar to handle all those who are interested. To reserve your spot in the class, send in your registration fee as explained below. Non-members must become club members in order to attend (included in fees shown above). Remember, family members (spouses and children under 21) are covered under one primary membership.

REGISTRATION: Enroll by sending a check, made payable to DVFF, to Willy's home address shown below. Please include your name, mailing address, email address, & home phone number with your check. Non-members should also include their completed membership application down loaded from the DVFF website www.diablovalleyflyfish.org
Cancellations after April 1, 2011 will not be refunded.

INSTRUCTOR: Willy George
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87 Danbury Court
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PURPOSE: To satisfy the needs of those club members who have yet to be adequately exposed to the basic knowledge and skills of fly fishing. This includes all members of the family—spouse and children (15 years and older).

OBJECTIVE: To provide the beginner with enough information including knowledge of equipment, casting, basic entomology, fly selection, knots, and reading water for their initial experience with the sport.

BENEFITS TO THE NOVICE: The beginner should leave this seminar with a wealth of "how to" information coupled with, hopefully, accomplished basic casting techniques from which to further build his or her fly fishing skills and knowledge.

WHAT TO BRING: Rod, reel, line and whatever leader set up you might already have attached. For those of you that do not have equipment, wait until after the class to make a purchase. We have loaner rods available, but please arrange for this gear at the time you register for the class.



Conservation Corner

Conservation Outings:

Please write, call, or sign-up at the next meetings for these outings: Tagging fingerling salmon at the United Anglers/Casa Grande HS hatchery in Petaluma on **Wednesday, May 4th (note new date)**; annual Walnut Creek cleanup on **Saturday morning, May 14th**, breakfast included.



Conservation Vacations: Friends of the Inyo, a group DVFF sponsors, has arranged three Wilderness Stewardship Vacations into the Eastern Sierra. You walk in (mules carry the heavy stuff), help repair trails and campsites during the day, and have mornings and evenings to flick flies into nearby streams and lakes. Per person costs (with meals and cooking provided) are only \$200-500. See FOI website or links on the DVFF website for dates, locations, and details.

Clean Farms - Clean Water Campaign: A call to action has just been issued from California Sportfishing Protection Alliance regarding renewal of a special arrangement that agricultural interests have had with the Central Valley Water Quality Control Board. According to CSPA, "Runoff from irrigated agriculture is identified as the largest source of pollution to Central Valley waterways and the Delta. This pollution is documented to be one of the principle causes of the collapse of Central Valley fisheries. Inexplicably, irrigated agriculture remains exempt from requirements to monitor discharges and identify measures implemented to reduce or eliminate pollution that have long been applicable to every other segment of society, from municipalities to industry to mom-and-pop businesses". See our website for the rest of the story and information on how to respond to this important issue.

-Ted Shapas, 925-330-1950, shapas@comcast.net

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CalTrout Invitations

The opening of trout season is upon us. Here's your chance to get ready.

Visit CalTrout at Leland's new fly fishing ranch in Sonoma. Enjoy a free 2-day fly fishing exposition -- casting demos & competitions, fly-tying presentations, the latest in gear and fishing boats, wine & BBQ, and more.

And join us Saturday evening for a screening of the 2011 Fly Fishing Film Tour.

Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm -- Expo, admission is free

Saturday, April 16, 7:00 pm -- Fly Fishing Film Tour, \$20/ticket for the film & wine -- Call Leland Sonoma Ranch at 707.939.6910 to purchase your tickets. Seating is limited! To learn more about the entire weekend of activities, click here.

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— *The editor*

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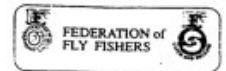
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