



# Windknots

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

July 2011

## Next Monthly Club Meeting:

### B-B-Q Dinner

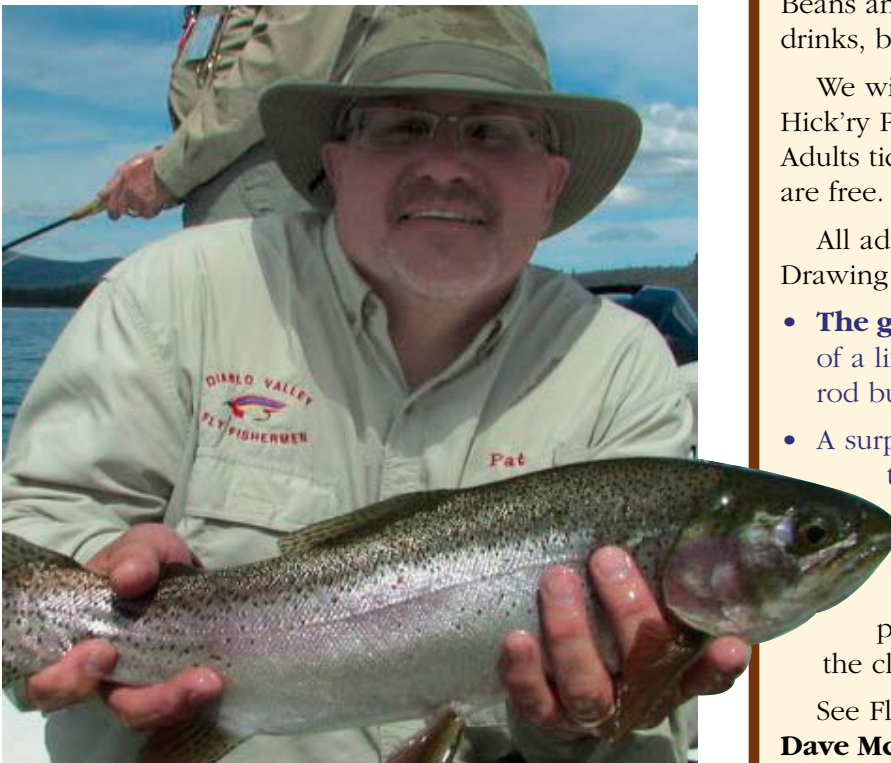
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Heather Farms Community Center  
301 North San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek  
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Guests are welcome!!

2010 Member of the Year: Kirby Elvin

## Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2011

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



Leave it to our own Web master and Secretary, Pat Konoske to catch an Eagle Lake Rainbow that's too big to fit on the page! June 12, nymphing, measured at 22 inches, estimated 5 lbs., Pat landed 20+ trout that day. Way to Go!

# B-B-Q DINNER

## Turkey, Chicken and Ribs! Family and Friends are Welcome!

This year's DVFF Bar-B-Que will be held Tuesday, July 12th at Heather Farms (our usual meeting time 7:00 p.m. and place).

The menu includes barbecued Turkey, Chicken and Ribs with Coleslaw, Green Salad, Beans and Corn. Also included are rolls, soft drinks, bottled water, cookies and watermelon.

We will pick-up food hot from the Original Hick'ry Pit ovens and serve dinner at 7:00 P.M. Adults tickets will be only \$10, children under 12 are free.

All adults will be entered in the Door Prize Drawing for the following:

- **The grand prize** is a 9 ft./4-piece/4 wt. rod of a lifetime, custom built by our own master rod builder, **Wayne Hofer**.
- A surprise variety of fly fishing treasures from the club's inventory! They will be on display before the drawing.

Come and enjoy casting and instruction at the pond starting at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own rod or use one of the club's demo rods.

See Fly Tying demonstrations by master tier **Dave McCants** and a display of custom rods made by members. Come and swap tall tales (lies) of giant fish that were almost caught, hooked, swirled or imagined.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Guess we can safely say that summer has finally arrived, and if you've been to any of any northern CA rivers, you know that "spring" flows are going to be around for a while. Time to be patient and seek out some of your favorite Stillwater haunts. On things to seek out, everyone should reserve the evening of **July 12th**, 7 p.m. for attending our annual **Barbecue Dinner**. In addition to a great meal and super board raffle prizes, you'll see some of our members' rod building and "other" artisan talent that will literally "blow your socks off." Note: The fly-casting practice session will be held as usual before the meeting. And remember improving your casting is just one of the multitude of ways you can improve your overall fly-fishing experience at DVFF. With summer now officially here the Upper Sac River Seminar (July 16th and 17th) is by far one of the best ways to "jump start" your fly-fishing skills.



One other super resource for upping the ante on your skills is DVFF's very extensive DVD library. **Sev Marsted**, **Tom Cundith**, and **John Hernikl** all deserve a big thank you for their work in converting us into the "digital age" over the last few years. **Bernard Ringer** and **Carlos Bocanegra** are now picking up the baton. Checkout the DVD library on our website – it covers just about every fly-fishing topic and location.



Need to also thank **John Shaw** and **Jay Carson** for that club merchandise sell at our June meeting – a smashing success in moving our inventory.



And as if we fly fishermen did not have enough challenges with the catching fish, trying to keep a healthy habitat, etc., etc. – the latest fight is with ladies' hair fashionistas. Seems the hottest trend in hair fashions are feather extensions, those feathers coming from the same source that we fly tiers go to get our hackles. At \$8 to \$15 per feather for an extension, fly-tying hackles may soon be reaching gold prices.



*Keep Learning!*

*David Lipscomb*

*“The dramatic surge in interest in caddisflies by anglers can be partly attributed to a basic piece of equipment known as the stomach pump...It provides fly fishermen with an easy way to check what fish have been feeding on..”*

*Gary LaFontaine, Caddisflies, 1981.*

## Fall River Outing: September 1-5, 2011

As quoted by one of the local guides, “Fall River is one of the finest spring creeks in the West.” Located about 20 miles East of Burney amongst the rice fields and cattle ranches, Fall River is truly one of the most unique fisheries in CA, if not the world. Fishing varies from easy to highly technical, but just being there is worth the price of admission with all the abundant wildlife and scenery. September can be especially enticing as the weather starts to change. Club members stay at one of 4 well-appointed guesthouses at the Circle 7 Ranch. Cost is about \$90 per night, plus a shared boat rental of \$80 per day (2 per boat). Meals are done as follows: Group dinners, breakfast/lunch on your own.

We’re limited to about 8 folks so please sign up early. We will be asking for a deposit since we do make a confirmed reservation with Circle 7. We will provide more detailed info as soon as we have the sign-up completed. This is one of the club’s best trips – don’t delay.

*David & Brad Lipscomb, Co-Fishmasters*



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## DVFF “Storms” the Bighorn

When two Bighorn (MT) veterans, **Bob Meadowcroft** and **Terry Louie**, asked a couple of DVFF MT newbies (**Harvey Siegel** and **Brad Lipscomb**) early this year to join them for a May adventure on the Bighorn, the temptation was too hard to resist. The two expanded to four when the writer asked his son, “Hey, what about your Dad?” Dad then asked an ole Navy (or is that old) friend from Wisconsin (**Roger Sweeney**) to join the crew, and we then had the required twosomes (for guideboats). With all the rain and snow that was hitting all over the west, our trip was a bit of a roulette shoot – but, alas, we just hit upon the best three days of the month, weather-wise, and ergo – fishwise. It is currently estimated that 5,000 fish per mile occupy the Bighorn – higher nearer the AfterBay. Our little group had the privilege of “work-



ing with” about 3% of this population every day, and we actually had most of this tremendous resource to ourselves! It is truly an amazing fishery, and there’s a strong rumor that all the “newbies” will return next year, and bring a friend with them. Thanks Bob and Terry for the great introduction. A couple of pictures below provide a small sample of the constant smiles we had on our faces.

**David Lipscomb**



*(Left photo) Brad Lipscomb and Harvey Siegel land a “mixed” double, Brown and Rainbow! (Right photo) Harvey and one of our biggest players.*

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## Ten things that no flyfisher should ever “Leave home without”

1. **WHISTLE:** A loud river can drown out yells for help, but the shrill sound of a whistle travels much further than shouting and you can keep doing it much longer. A survival type whistle like the *Fox 40* has no moving parts.
2. **BIC TYPE LIGHTER AND/OR MATCHES:** If you get seriously wet and cold you will quickly get hypothermic. Heat in the form of a fire can be life saving. A lighter is the single most important thing I carry in my fishing vest.
3. **FLASHLIGHT:** For finding the right trail home after dark, a flashlight is an absolute essential item to carry with you on every outing.
4. **DUCK TAPE:** It can repair all sorts of things like; wader rips, rod guides, eyeglass frames, nets and even used as a bandaid.
5. **SUN BLOCK:** We should all apply it every day. At elevation, the harmful rays of the sun are even more intense and damaging to the skin.
6. **TOILET PAPER:** You *will* eventually need it. **BABY WIPES** come in almost water proof containers and thus are even more likely to be in useful condition when you really need them.
7. **KNIFE:** There is no end of uses for a sharp blade. From making toothpicks for your corkies to firewood.
8. **RAIN JACKET:** You will get caught in a down pour sooner or later. In an extreme situation a jacket could serve as a water carrier, a pillow or even sun protection.
9. **MISQUITOE REPELLENT:** Keep it off your fly lines but cover exposed skin.
10. **LIP BALM:** Apply it every few hours when you are out.

James Shively, MD

## Free Fly Casting Instruction Available Before DVFF Meetings



### Casting starts at 6 p.m. held at Heather Farm Casting Pond

Starting with the May meeting and continuing each month through the October meeting, free casting instruction will be provided at the Heather Farm Pond next to our club meeting site.

Our expert casting instructor staff will once again be at the pond no later than 6 p.m. on meeting nights, which will give you over an hour of quality

casting practice before the monthly meeting starts. If you are new to the sport or forget your rod that day, there will always be plenty of loaner rods and reels available. Please plan to join me.

**Willy George, 925-943-2211**

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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 Meadowcoft (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 7-8	Baum Lake TR	Dennis Gregg (510) 537-0311
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
July 7-10	Manzanita Lake TR	John Edwards (925) 944-1762
July 16-17	Upper Sac Seminar TR	John Barry (707) 246-6831 Alan Christian (925) 820-7288
Sept 1-4	Fall River TR	David Lipscomb
Sep 22-25	East Slope Sierra TR*	Pat Konoske (707) 334-6849
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.



Clubmembers **Barry Williams** (Top) and **Mark Sturgess** (Bottom) hone their salmon tagging skills at a recent conservation outing to Casa Grande High School's fish hatchery.



Students raised these salmon fry from adults they caught in a local creek earlier in the year

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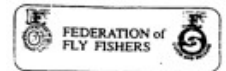
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— *The editor*

### DUCK FEATHERS, WILL TRADE

Mallard, sprig, teal gadwall, Widgeon, Spoonbill, Snow and Speckle goose feathers (a few wood duck). Only payment is to let me have some flies for my fishing habit.

**Tom Morehouse 925-254-7213**

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