



# Rx Fly Fishing!

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## Calendar

March 8, FlyDay Night tying, 5-7pm  
House of Coffee

March 9, DFF Fly Fishing Day, 9am-3pm,  
Sportsman's Warehouse

March 13, DFF General Membership  
meeting, 7pm, John R. Williams School

March 20, DFF BOD meeting, 6:30pm,  
Nature Center Oak Grove Park'

March 22-24, DFF Crosby's Lodge, Pyra-  
mid Lake Outing

March 27, Fly of the Month, Hare's Ear  
Nymph, 6:00pm, Nature Center, Oak  
Grove Park

April 10, DFF General Membership  
meeting, 7pm, John RI Williams School

April 12, FlyDay Night tying 5-7pm,  
House of Coffee

April 17, DFF BOD meeting, 6:30pm,  
Nature Center, Oak Grove Park

April 20, Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing

April 20, EBMUD Kids Fishing Day, Ca-  
manche South Pond

April 24, Fly of the Month, Grey Ghost  
Midge, 6:00pm, Nature Center, Oak  
Grove Park

April 28, Village West Marina, Delta Out-  
ing.

## Rain, rain, go away.

## Come on back some other day...

The childhood chant passes through my mind almost every day. I look out the window and see dark skies and puddles on the ground, sometime with raindrops striking them. The rain is light some days, at other times heavy. Sometimes it is wind driven and other times it seems to fall gently to the earth. But, it just never stops.

Am I complaining. Yes and no. I know we need the rain. It fills the reservoirs, saturates the ground, tops off the underground aquifers and insures that all of our water needs, both personal and commercial are met. But it can also be depressing...

The rain is also playing havoc with the club's calendar. We've had to postpone the last three lessons for Beginning Fly Fishing Skills and will have to cancel plans to drift the Stanislaus in mid March. However, it may make up for it later in the year when creeks and rivers remain high enough to keep water temperatures down and oxygenated. A wet spring means a productive fall.

### This Month with the DFF

This month's activities have two big events to consider. The first is the first and possible annual Fly Fishing Day at Sportsman's Warehouse, this coming Saturday, March 9th, from 9am to 3pm. I really hope the club supports this event by showing up. Sportsman's Warehouse has stepped up and has supported the club for last year's monthly drawings and provided the grand prize for the last installation dinner. They have also stepped up and supported SJ Parks and Rec's two trout bouts and the catfish derby with a pile of prizes each. Finally, look for their two discount coupons, a discount equaling 20% on purchases of either \$50 or \$150. This is a symbiotic relationship. They help us, we help them.

The second big event is our first Pyramid



Lake outing using Crosby's Lodge, right on the lake. The event is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24. For the small sum of \$90, those signing up get two night's lodging, a Friday night spaghetti and salad dinner, and fixings for two breakfasts and a Saturday lunch. We currently have seven signed up for the full deal and another two just for the meals with their own private lodging already arranged. We can take another five. We've opened up the remaining spaces to the Amador club since their outing is the same weekend as ours so it's first come first served right now. Don't hesitate if you want to go on this adventure. It's not often where you have the opportunity to catch a 25 pound trout. 15 pounders are being landed almost every day. You can sign up and pay by credit card for this event at: our Wave Accounting link, ([Click Here!](#))

(By the way, this is not difficult fishing, just casting and stripping in or fishing under an indicator. Check out the article in this newsletter.)

Also this month, don't forget FlyDay Night Tying at the House of Coffees. Lodi, March 8th. 5pm till closing. Stop by for a drink a beer or get serious and bring your tying gear.

The club's General Membership meeting will take place on March 13, John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadows Avenue, Stockton. Doors open at 6:30, program at 7 followed by our monthly raffle.

Our Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for March 20th, 6:30pm, Oak Grove Park

And let's not forget the Fly of the Month series. This month's fly is the hair's ear nymph. The meeting is scheduled for March 27, 6:00 at the Oak Grove Nature Center. See you there.

# The March General Membership meeting features Lance Gray speaking on four greatly overlooked but very fishable foothill lakes. Bring a friend.

The "Fab Four" presentation is a look at the warm water fisheries of the West Side of the Northern California Foothills. The presentation will include Black Butte lake, Stony Gorge Reservoir, East Park Reservoir and Indian Valley Reservoir. The presentation will cover the overview for each fishery, best time to fish, tactics, flies and new tactics like the Float-n-Fly.

## Lance & Kirsten Gray

Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled.

In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day opera-

tion running the manufacturing floor of the company.

In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He's a signature tier for Aqua Flies, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing.

Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.

The meeting will take place March 13th at the John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Avenue, Stockton. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00.

This month's raffle will feature a brand new pair of heavy weight neoprene waders, large size, value over \$100. An additional dozen or more prizes will be included in the raffle.



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Sportsman's Warehouse, Saturday, March 9. The club NEEDS you to support this event. We need both workers and participants to listen to the seminars and visit the the various club tables. Make this a successful and fun day.

We NEED YOU to make this day a success.

This will be the club's biggest outreach event of the year and we need all of the participation we can muster to make this event a winner. Sportsman's Warehouse has been good to us with monthly donations to the club's raffle and this year the company provided the grand prize for the club's installation dinner.

Even more, they've turned over the store to us on Saturday, March 9th and given us space to hold the first area Fly Fishing Day that the club has put on in a number of years.

How you can help...

Tie at one fo the two fly tying tables: It doesn't matter if you are skilled or a beginner, it's a chance to tie some flies and answer some questions from the visiting public.

Answer questions at the knot tying and Q

and A table: Show people how to tie some fly fishing knots from provided diagrams and answer questions on fly

set up a 50 foot casting pond in the parking lot in front of the shop. We'll need people to help provide instructions. How



about those 12 members that have just completed lessons with Gary Turri. I believe Jim Rich will manage the pond but he can certainly use some help.

Even if you don't feel comfortable dealing with the public, we still need you. We have some great activities you can participate in. Listen to the seminars, practice your casting at the casting pond and stick around for the free raffle.

In addition to our tables and casting pond, the club has arranged seminars by four of our own members and one guest, with Al Smatsky in charge of

fishing.

Help kids tie woolly bugger broaches on safety pins. Bring your kids or grandkids.

Sign up new members at the club membership table: Pass out club brochures and answer questions about the Delta Fly Fishers.

Help with the Casting Pond: We plan to

scheduling. The seminars will be:

Water Safety—Larry Schmidt, DFF

Fishing the Lower Sac at Redding—Scott Sugimoto, On the Riffle Guide Service

Beginning Fly Fishing—Jerry Neuburger, DFF

Fly Fishing the Delta—Bryce Tedford, Bryce Tedford Fly Fishing, and DFF

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Fly Fishing for Valley Shad—Al Smatsky, Excellent Adventures and DFF

If you've not visited the store as of yet, you will be surprised at their commitment to fly fishing, especially their fly tying section. They also have a large camping section as well as guns, clothing, and other outdoor sports related areas. If you attended the annual dinner, you found

two discount coupons in your dinner envelope. A \$30 off \$150 can be cut and used from this newsletter. (Ignore the expiration date) Additional discount coupons will be passed out at the February general membership meeting.

And what would any DFF event be without a drawing? Both DFF and Sportsman's Warehouse will donate a number of items for a "must be present to win"

drawing, to be held at the end of the event, about 2:45 in the afternoon.

Print the two coupons below and bring them with you. You will be able to use them. They represent a 20% discount on the amounts listed.

Save the date, and plan to participate. Let's show Sportsman's Warehouse we appreciate their support.

Complete this form to receive updates from Sportsman's Warehouse.  
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## FlyDay Night Tying takes place March 8th this month at the House of Coffee

It's a fun thing to do in the early evenings on Friday. Get together, meet your fly fishing friends, tie a few flies, drink a counter drink or a draft beer.

At one time the club had a group, the McDonald's crew, that would meet

once a week at a Micky Dee's in Stockton to discuss the weather, plan fishing trips and just share the joy of fly fishing. This new gathering of like minded people is just a progression of what used to be.

The House of Coffees is located at the corner of Lockeford and Ham, in Lodi. FlyDay Niht Tyins is scheduled for the second Friday of the month, September through May. See you there.

## March FOM, Hare's Ear Nymph, third in the Bronze FFI fly series

### Lots of room for open tying too. Bring your kits, set up and tie.

DFF fly tiers will take on the hare's ear nymph at this month's fly tying session. The fly imitates a number of aquatic insects and has been a staple in western fly boxes for many, many years.

The instructions for tying the fly are shown via a video and then newer tiers are assisted by more veteran tiers in their efforts.

All materials are supplied. The club does have some fly tying tools to lend if needed. The fee for the class is \$5 to cover the materials necessary to tie three

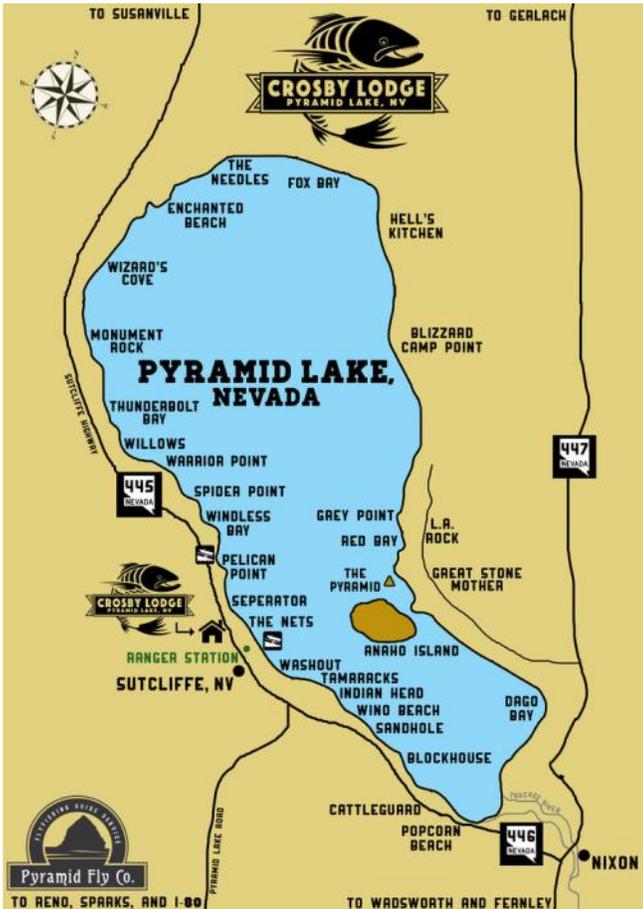
to five flies. This month's class will take place on, Wednesday, March 27th at the Nature Center, Oak Grove park. Start time for the class is 6:00. The class is expected to run about an hour and a half.

The FOM Bronze series was not meant to keep those wishing to do open tying from coming out on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Bring your kits and tie your favorite patterns. Of course there's no fee if you're



not participating in the series. We also need mentors to help with the new people. Come on out. Have some fun.

No mistique about Pyramid, just big trout. The fishing is different but not hard. If you've never fished this lake, this is a great opportunity. So far, we have seven for rooms, nine for dinners, room for five more!



Pyramid Lake is an anomaly in an otherwise diminishing angling environment. The Paiute tribe that owns the lake has managed it for trophy trout for over 30 years and has recently introduced some of what they believe to be the lake's original species of Lahontan cutthroat trout. While the previous species grew to up to twenty pounds, these new fish are breaking that record on almost a weekly basis.

The lake is located about 40 miles north of Reno. The town of Sutcliffe is located on the west side of the lake and features [Crosby's Lodge](#), a hotel, restaurant and store almost entirely devoted to fishing for these monsters.

Fly fishers fish a variety of methods. Some wading, some fishing perched on ladders in about three feet of water and some from various personal floating craft.

The basic requirements to fish the lake are a decent cast, a 7 or eight weight rod, both sinking and floating lines, and a box of flies that includes woolly buggers, tad-

poles or beetles, and a supply of #8-12 midges in various colors in sizes 6 through 14.

This is social fishing with a line of ladders in the water at the most popular beaches. Most of the fish caught are in the two to four pound range but almost every day, fish above 12 pounds are landed.

The club has made reservations for ten at Crosby's, utilizing the trailers they have for rent. If we need more space, we can try to accommodate more if room allows up until the lodge has no more rooms.

**This is the deal, all for \$90 dollars!**

•Two nights lodging in real beds, no sleeping bags necessary, bathrooms, showers and full kitchens.

- Friday night spaghetti, French bread and salad dinner.
- Saturday cold breakfast, coffee
- Saturday lunch fixings, make your own
- Sunday cold breakfast, coffee.
- The lodge has a full service, well rated dining room, a club banquet is planned for Saturday night, (cost not included in \$90 deal.)

Because your sign-up is a com-

mitment and takes up a bed, members can transfer any purchase but no refunds will be given. In the event of inclement weather, the club can cancel with 24 hours notice. If the event is cancelled, refunds will be available.

Female members, we currently have two twin bed rooms booked. As long as we can put two females or a married couple in a room, we can make it work. If a problem arises we can try to make things work including exchanging trailer reservations.

You can book this trip NOW by either charging on your credit card or paying by check or cash. Remember, no refunds unless the event is canceled. You can transfer your reservation to another member.

We have five signed up for the lodge and another two signed up for just meals and fellowship since they will be staying at the lodge's RV park nearby.

**We still have space for five more members.**

**Follow this link to pay by credit card.**  
[Charge my card for this outing.](#)

Send checks to:

Jeanette Neuburger, Treasurer DFF  
5 North California Street  
Lodi, CA, 95240

Note on checks: Pyramid Outing



*Guide Doug Ouellette with a Pyramid Lake monster. Photo from Doug's bio at a past DFF club meeting presentation.*

## Forget draining the swamp. First, we have to get rid of the snakes and alligators!

*Someone behind you when you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl.*

Ernest Hemingway

On the last day of February, the US Senate confirmed President Trump's nomination of Andrew Wheeler to be head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Wheeler replaces Scott Pruitt. Pruitt was forced to vacate his office because of a multiplicity of ethics violations. Despite promises to "drain the swamp" and bring in "new blood" to Washington, the president's new EPA Director is a Washington insider. Wheeler has worked for years as a congressional staffer.



*Ex-coal lobbyist, Andrew Wheeler*

Wheeler's confirmation was a party-line vote, 52-47, with only one Republican voting against his confirmation. Susan Collins (R-Maine) did not vote for Wheeler saying, "His efforts to roll back emissions standards on emissions blamed for climate change takes the country in the wrong direction." California's Diane Feinstein noted, "Throughout his career, Andrew Wheeler has shown a clear disregard for the EPA's mission to protect the

public and the environment." As expected, Republicans disagreed with them and voted to confirm Wheeler. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming) praised Wheeler saying, "As acting administrator of the EPA, (Wheeler) has prioritized commonsense policies that protect our air and water while allowing our economy to grow."

In a recent Reuters article covering the hearing, they point out that Wheeler affirmed he does not believe climate change is a major crisis. They also confirmed that as acting director, Wheeler weakened Obama-era rules that limit mercury and carbon emissions from power plants. He also lowered carbon dioxide emissions standards for trucks and cars. He has removed an Obama administration summer-time ban on high ethanol-enhanced gasoline that causes more smog. These actions are hardly pro-environmental.

Reuters examined a copy of Wheeler's schedule for his first two months while working for the EPA. His meetings verify the direction he is taking EPA. He has had almost 20 times the number of meetings with business or industrial groups as opposed to conservation or environmental groups.

President Trump is continuing to push David Bernhardt forward as his Secretary of the Department of the Interior (DI). President Trump's initial head of the EPA, Ryan Zinke, had to leave his post for ethics violations also. Like Wheeler, Bernhardt's background does not instill confidence that he will pursue the best interests of the nation as his guide. Bernhardt has worked as an attorney and lobbyist for Westlands Water District (WWD), both gas and oil companies, and

groups that have legal issues and regulatory matters pending before the federal government.

in matters that will face the agency. Democrats and environmental groups believe he has too many conflicts of interest to make rational judgments. Bernhardt's ethics recusal list seems to confirm the Democratic viewpoint. He lists 26 people and organizations that are off-limits. It seems that groups that should have been included on his recusal list have not been included. One such group is the Safari club. This organization lobbies the DI to remove species from the Environment Threatened or Protected list. They are a pro-hunting group that promotes trophy hunting. They try to remove legal protection for a variety of threatened species.

He has also served on the Board of Directors of California's Center for Environmental Accuracy and Reliability. The organization lists its function as bringing "scientific rigor to regulatory statutes and to ensure consistent application of these statutes throughout all industries and all sectors." This group has filed a minimum of three lawsuits on the Endangered Species Act.

Under the President's direction, Bernhardt is working on diverting Delta water to the Southland's mega farms despite that doing so will cause devastation to Delta farms, safe drinking water standards, the Central Valley economy, and the Delta's fisheries, environment, and it's recreation. The president promised he would "drain the swamp". He has not. He has enlarged the swamp and is turning it into a cess-pool.

### EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (EBMUD) AND THE MOKELUMNE RIVER HATCHERY HAVE THE RIGHT ANSWERS

Once a year I have the pleasure of calling and talking to Bill Smith, the manager of the Mokelumne Hatchery, about the Mokelumne's current salmon return in the Mokelumne River. In a DFF Conservation article last year we reported the record-setting salmon return and why that return happened. Last year's success occurred because both EBMUD's biologists and the Mokelumne Hatchery staff cooperated and were thinking outside the box. This year's run was not record-setting but

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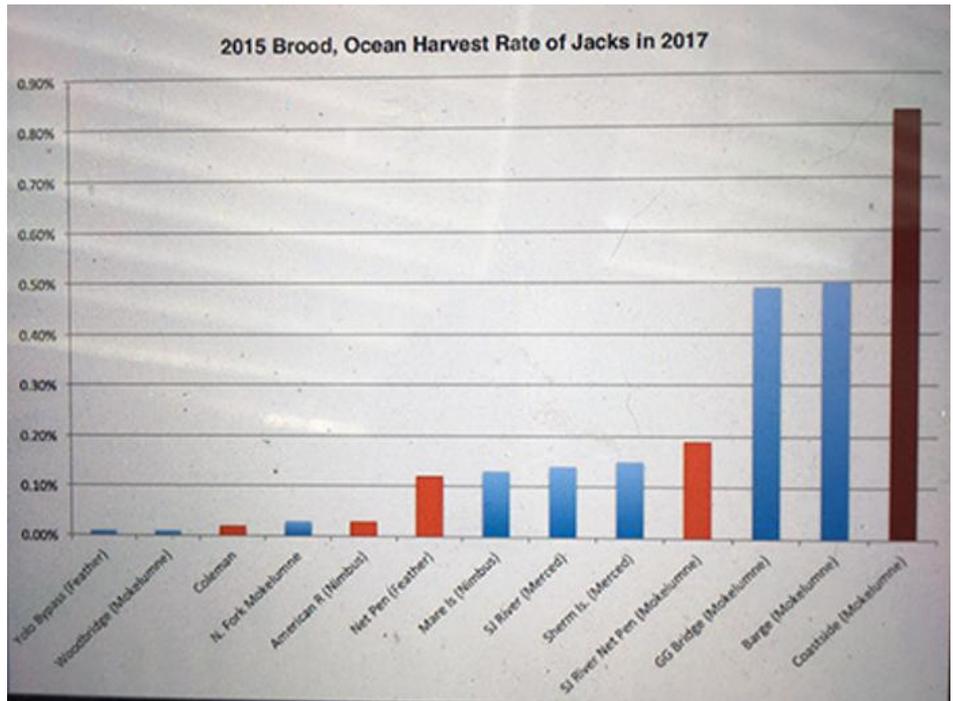
the numbers were still outstanding. Last year, 19,996 salmon returned and this year's run numbered just over 17,500 fish. Of that, 7,181 fish were harvested and 7million eggs were taken. The steelhead count was 253 adults and of that group, 600,000 eggs were harvested. This April-May, 6.2 million smolt will be released at special locations as they have been for the last 2 years. All-in-all another good year for the Moke's salmon.

The result of EBMUDS and the Hatcher-ies work is more amazing when you realize our hatchery is the smallest of the hatcheries servicing the Lower Sacramento River (LSR). There are no hatcheries on the LSR. All are located on tributaries of the river. The largest is the federal Coleman hatchery on Battle Creek. In the graph included, you can see the remarkable results of our Mokelumne Hatchery and EBMUD's forward thinking. The hatcheries results are truly outstanding and give hope for the survival of the salmon.

Dan Bacher has an article in the February "Fish Sniffer" reporting that it looks more and more possible that we are going to have a good salmon fishing season. Just under 400,000 adult salmon are off-shore at this point. If you include the Moke's fish and other LSR fish that number will be above 400,000 salmon. Many observers think that the number of fish is conservative. The 2013 season was a good season and many observers feel that 2019 will be good also.

In 2018, hatchery managers hoped for a return of 151,000 salmon. Unfortunately, just over 105,700 fish returned. That is 70% of the expected run. Of that number 33,815 returned to hatcheries and just less than 72,000 stayed in the LSR or its tributaries.

Bacher points out that our last 5-year drought seriously hurt salmon stocks in the Central Valley. I would add that that



California's water managers and the federal Bureau of Reclamation caused near-irreparable damage to the state's salmon population. The drought and gross-mismanagement have destroyed the entire salmon populations of several tributaries in the LSC. So far this year's snowpack and rainfall are outstanding. Lodi's normal rain season gives us just over 19 inches. On the first of March, we had just over 134% of our yearly precipitation with 2 months left in the season. Our snowpack is outstanding with good water content. It has become a year of "Sierra Cement." On the last day of February, the Central Valley's snowpack would yield 43.5 inches of water according to state forecasters. After spring thaw most of our lakes and reservoirs will be full. This bodes well for the salmon.

We can not predict poor water years or drought. We can manage our water resources much better than we have in the past. With Gov. Brown leaving office, we look to Gov. Newsome for more progressive, intelligent thinking. It is well past time to abandon a 19th or 20th-century water mentality. After watching Newsome's State of the State address, many of us were pleased that he does not agree with Brown's Twin Tunnels approach. His comments about a single tunnel were somewhat nebulous. In speaking with Chris Shutes from the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance and Barbara Barrigan Parilla representing Restore the Delta, an attitude of cooperation tempered with "wait and see" seems to be emerging. So once again we will wait to see in what direction the political wind blows.

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ble time.

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## Connections...

*I'm sure that most of you know Amy Terra, our club's vice president and webmaster. What might surprise you are some other "facts" about the lady.*

*Amy has been fly fishing for just over two years, but in that time is already a very skilled angler. Amy works full time as a teacher of the severely physically and mentally handicapped with students ranging in age from 3 to 22. Amy has her Master's Degree, has completed all the necessary courses for her Doctorate and is now working on her Doctorial Dissertation.*

*Amy is a single mom, adopting her now 11 year old son, Rocky when he was two weeks old. While Rocky is not yet a fly fisher, he is already a part of the club, helping at the trout bouts, and the annual dinner.*

*Finally, Amy is an accomplished writer and frequently publishes small blurbs about her passion for fly fishing on our website. I should also mention that Amy won a national writing contest held by a fly fishing magazine.*

*Amy has made our club a better place to be and I'm glad to call her my friend.*

*Since the club has a field trip planned to Pyramid Lake this month, I thought it only proper that I highlight one of her recent writings talking about that special place.*

Jerry Neuburger, Editor,  
Rx: Fly Fishing

## Distance doesn't matter



These connections, based on common interests and passions create lasting bonds. These bonds between people and organizations create the basis for the longevity of knowl-

## Connections do...

This weekend I had the privilege of spending time with a member that joined DFF when I did. He spent a year with the club and was an active participant. He moved away but continues his membership, attending outings within driving distance of his new residence. We spent the morning at Pyramid Lake fishing and some time over lunch talking fishing, fishermen and clubs.

We spoke of club members who have been instrumental in developing not only our fly fishing skills but also stoked our passion for the art of fly fishing. As I sat across from him over lunch at Crosby's he shared the outing that he took with DFF that brought him his first fish on the fly. He spoke of the young man who took him along the Yuba, picked a fly, told him where to stand and what to do. He did as he was told and within 5 minutes he had his first fish hooked and landed. First fish of the outing and his first step into the sport of fly fishing. His eyes sparkled as he shared this memory.

edge and mastery of sport. Every time someone with knowledge steps forward and shares their time and knowledge, they ensure the continuation of the very thing they know and love. As people move and learn and interact, the gift of the knowledge continues on- it becomes the legacy of the giver and the legacy of the sport. Organizations like DFF provide avenues to maintain the legacy of fly fishing- so much so that when a person moves away, they will continue to pursue the passion and reconnect with the group whenever possible, eventually paying forward the gift of knowledge once given to them. That is what happened this weekend.

Two rookies in fly fishing, who started about the same time, sharing a connection to common people from a club, helped each other continue to learn about fly fishing and, in the process, landed giant fish!

[You can find more of Amy's musings on our website by clicking here](#)

# The Bob McMillan Trout Bout, a soggy and yet fun affair

About 250 anglers showed up to the event and were served at our refreshment stand by a hearty band of DFF volunteers. Special thanks goes out to Charlie Reames, who headed up the event, Dena Mason, Earl Summers, Ron Forbes, Amy Terra, her son Rocky and niece Shelby, Walt Kotecki, and two real heroes, Nancy

Baker and Mike Dempewolf. Nancy and Mike manned the golf cart in the driving rain and sold hot dogs, warm coffee and chocolate to the hungry anglers, getting soaked in the process. Nancy also donated \$35 worth of donuts to the cause. The event took in \$287.25 with food costs of \$166.53 for a profit of \$120.72. While

not a great amount of money, the good will of our being there in the rain, giving service to our community is a good look for the club and a personal reward to those that served. Oh, I forgot to mention, the biggest rainbow weighted in for the day weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Wow!



*Club heroes Mike Dempewolf and Nancy Baker, after working outside sales at the trout bout. Photos by Amy Terra*



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