

THE FLY LINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE TAHOE TRUCKEE FLY FISHERS

The President's Corner: Rudy Knudsen

"TTF: GOOD THINGS DONE WELL!"

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I am sitting here in the warm, sunny Napa Valley enjoying a good bottle of Cabernet while you poor souls are shoveling that white stuff that will give us plenty of water for us to fish in this summer.

Our February meeting that was dedicated to Ned Long was a lot of fun. For those of you who missed it you should try to make it next year. It will be an annual event each February. The theme was fly tying. John Roberts and Bruce Ajari tied some of Ned's special creations. Alex Penney was tying Copper John's and John Lim Soft Hackles. D J Beals tied Brassies. I want to thank you all for your help. It was a fun evening.

All of the flies tied that night went into one of our clubs new fly boxes and were the final raffle item at the end of the meeting.

D J started tying with us at the round table last year and she has progressed into one fine tier. All of you who would like to learn to tie or improve your tying skills should join us at the monthly Round Table. Any of the 'regulars' will be glad to help you in any way we can. I think D J is a good example of how you can add to your skills and that will help

you get more enjoyment out of our sport.

Two important date changes to be aware of: The March meeting will be held at OB's on WEDNESDAY, March 23rd. And the date for the Fly Tying Round Table has been changed to the 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. We are checking to make sure we have our tying room available on that night. You might want to check with me or Al Schwartz is for the next round table to make sure of the location.

The Board has selected Fred Wickman and Bruce Ajari to be our alternate Board Members.

Come to the March 23rd TTF meeting and prepare yourself for the March 26th Pyramid Outing.

Don't forget to pay your dues. The are now past due. See page 7 in this issue.

It's time to check out a few more wineries. See you all at our next meeting.

*Rudy *

TTF
 Monthly Meeting
 (note new date)
**March 23rd, WEDNES-
 DAY! at OB's**

Ajari & Jajko
 Pyramid Lake primer

**ANNUAL TTF
 DUES ARE PAST-
 DUE! SEE PAGE
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TTF Monthly Meeting (note date change)
Wednesday March 23rd
 OB's Truckee, 6:30/7:30pm

Our March meeting will host a pair of exceptional speakers, Bruce Ajari and Bob "Boy" Jajko. Their presentation will prepare us for the club outing to Pyramid Lake on March 26th.

TAHOE TRUCKEE FLYFISHERS

~ FOOLING FISH SINCE 1984 ~

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TTFF meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of each month. Check newsletter or website (www.ttff.net) for location. Fly tying at 6:30 pm and general meeting at 7:30 pm. TTFF board of directors meets on the 1st Thursday, 7 pm, check with a club officer for location.

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TTFF Bulletin Board:

- **Outings Alert:** Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 26th as a club outing date for Pyramid Lake. That is the Saturday after our March club meeting and fishing should be good. Bruce sez.
 A new outing has been scheduled for April 9th to Frenchman's Lake. Mark the date.
- The next TTFF **Board of Directors** meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 7pm. Check with a board member for location.
- **FLYTYERS ROUNDTABLE:** (NOTE NEW DATE)
 The next **Fly Tyers** Round table will be Wednesday, April 13th, at Truckee Pines Apartments meeting room, 10100

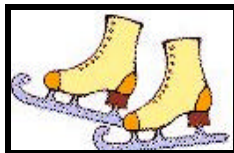
Estates Dr. at 6-9pm. This is near the Truckee Rodeo Grounds, and just past the Senior Center. Check with Al Schwartz 583.6629 for details. **All future Round Tables will occur on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.**

- Want the *Flyline* sent to you **via email**? Ping alex.penney@autodesk.com and let him know.
- Check out the TTFF website at: www.ttff.net

EAST RIVER STREET STATION REPORT: MARCH 2005

BY ANDY OTTO

East River Street Station: 6 March 2005: 2:33 PM PST:



Andy says to keep the hubs locked on your winter equipment!

The temperature of the Truckee River at this station is currently 44 degrees Fahrenheit (6.666 degrees Centigrade) with flows still at Winter low of 56 cubic feet per second. Outside air temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Centigrade) with clear skies, no wind, not even a breeze, and it's 50! Time to bring out the short sleeve shirts...

We call this Late Winter/Early Spring time. Long time snow ranger for the US Forest Service, Don Huber, reminded me this morning how "it's just like

1982" when we got about 8 feet (2.438 meters) of snow the last week of March. Don't put your shovel away yet and keep your hubs turned ...that's for those of us that still have manual locking hubs on our 4WD vehicles. Maybe that's the barometer of the length of Winter: are your hubs still locked? Mine are...

Andy Otto

Theoretical Fishing

Local fishing guru ruminates over his “normal” fishing buddies

by Bruce Ajari

While traveling to our local fishing spots with my normal fishing buddies recently, I have noticed something quite interesting. The conversation seems to be mixed with a quite a few interesting theories.

The fact is that there are many things that could certainly affect the fishing in any given body of water. My friends and I had begun to delve into this theoretical realm on our recent trips. Much of it is really just a means to pass time.

Here are is an example of a recent discussion. These conversations usually begin with some question. The question was, “which way do fish cruise.” This was a good one that sparked some real lively discussion. One answer was according to the wind, both against the wind current and with the wind current. The prize winner was the old “toilet” or “drain” theory.

Never heard of the “toilet” or “drain” theory? Well, this is the one that says that water going down a drain in the northern hemisphere goes down in a clockwise direction and in the southern hemisphere it goes down counter clockwise. This phenomenon is said to be due to the Coriolis effect. So you would guess that fish would swim counter-clockwise?

The fact is that this theory is what is called an urban myth, or modern legend. According to experts the Coriolis effect is given way too much credit when it comes to bathtub drains or toilets.

The Coriolis effect is explained best this way. The rotating Earth at the Equator travels about 40,000 kilometers in a single day as the earth turns. At the poles, you simply spin in place. If you were to shoot a projectile from the Equator towards the pole, the projectile will try to keep that sideways motion, so it actually moves sideways faster than the ground beneath it as it moves toward the pole. Whether you shoot the projectile north or south, the projectile tends to move east as it heads toward the pole, outracing the ground underneath it. This is what causes hurricanes to spin and why they spin in opposite senses in the two hemispheres.

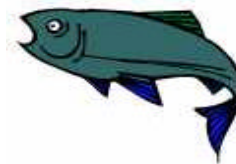
This effect only works over distances where the spin of the Earth makes a difference when you head north or south. The bathtub or toilet simply is not big enough to make a difference. Random currents in the water completely overwhelm any tiny

Coriolis effect going on. Imperfections in the drain also have a larger effect.

So, what direction do fish tend to cruise? The answer is that you can see them move in both directions. The why is just speculation, but generally motivated by a search for basic needs such as food, oxygenated water, or spawning.

If your friends ever begin to talk too much theory while fishing bring the dialogue back to music, the arts, or whatever! Have fun fishing and leave the theory to the scientists! Fishing is way too much fun to take seriously!

(Ed. Note: *The Flyline* encourages readers to send us a note and comment on Bruce’s musings in this writeup. Which way do fish cruise? Do you have any “normal fishing buddies”?)



The prize winner was the old “toilet” or “drain” theory.

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In Fish vs. Farmer Cases, the Fish Loses Its Edge

By Dean E. Murphy
New York Times
February 22, 2005

SAN FRANCISCO - Legal fights over water in the West are as common as summer rains are rare. But a flurry of cases in California is attracting intense attention from scholars and state officials who see them as an extraordinary assault by agricultural interests on protections for endangered fish and other wildlife.

In a series of lawsuits, including one to be argued before the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday, farmers and water districts are pushing property-rights claims to the forefront of the debate over how to divvy up water among farms, cities and the environment.

In doing so, they are demanding compensation from the government for irrigation water diverted for environmental purposes, calling into question rules mandated by Congress under the Endangered Species Act that favor the protection of fish over the growing of food when water is in short supply.

It is an approach that has won sympathy from the Bush administration, which in December agreed to pay \$16.7 million to farmers in Tulare and Kern Counties in one lawsuit over reduced water supplies. But the claims have alarmed California officials and many conservation groups, who fear that demands for payment for lost water could spread to other Western states and undermine protections for wildlife.

"This is hugely important, a growing storm cloud over the American West," said Richard M. Frank, California's chief deputy attorney general, who oversees water litigation and who opposes paying farmers for water diverted to endangered fish. "We will be seeing a lot more of these kinds of claims brought not only against the federal government but state governments."

William S. Smiland, a Los Angeles lawyer representing the farmers in the Supreme Court case, Francis A. Orff v. United States, said they and farmers in the other lawsuits had long gotten the short end of the stick and were only demanding their due.

"Nobody really cares about them," Mr. Smiland said. "I don't mean to be melodramatic, but they have no political clout. So this is law against politics."

In the early 1990's, many farmers in the Central Valley had their irrigation water halved by federal officials because of severe drought. Flows that normally would have gone to crops were left in rivers for salmon and other fish struggling to survive.

The water shortage took a financial toll on the farmers, whose fields extend across an arid ancient seabed that is the country's most productive farmland thanks to a system of dams and canals that brings snowmelt from distant mountains.

Some of the farmers, including Mr. Orff of Fresno County, sued the federal government for damages. The case has undergone changes over the years, and on Wednesday the Supreme

Court will consider only a narrow contract issue that focuses on whether farmers, rather than their irrigation districts, have legal standing to sue the federal government.

But the reverberations of the case are considered much broader, because a victory for the farmers could open the door to many more lawsuits of the sort that led in December to the \$16.7 million payment to farmers and irrigation districts in Tulare and Kern Counties, which also had their water supplies cut in the early 1990's. That settlement was the first by the federal government in a case in which farmers claimed their property rights had been violated by the taking of water to protect fish.

Though not binding on other cases, the victory has emboldened farmers and water districts across the state, prompted similar lawsuits and panicked environmentalists and some state officials, who worry that hard-won federal protections for endangered species could be weakened. They fear that the government will not make use of protections included in the Endangered Species Act, because courts could make the protections too expensive by forcing the government to pay costly damages.

At the center of the dispute is whether farmers who have contracts through their irrigation districts to receive water from public works projects, like the federally owned Central Valley Project in the Orff case, should be paid when the water they were expecting is not delivered.

The federal and state governments have long argued that water belongs to the public, not to the farmers, and can be used as the public dictates, in this case to save wildlife. But the farmers say their contracts for water deliveries are the legal equivalent of water rights, and as with any property right, the owner must be reimbursed under the Fifth Amendment if the government confiscates the property, something known as a "physical taking."

The water cases come at a time when the property rights movement has made strides and is looking to expand. In November, Oregon voters approved a referendum that allows property owners whose investments have been hurt by environmental or zoning rules to get government compensation for the losses, or an exemption from the rules. And on Tuesday, the Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether private economic development that will add to the tax base of New London, Conn., is an appropriate "public use" for which a city can exercise its power of eminent domain to condemn property.

Roger J. Marzulla, a Washington property rights lawyer who represented the farmers in the \$16.7 million settlement, said that taking water from farms for fish was no different from taking someone's land to build a road. Since winning the case, Mr. Marzulla has filed similar claims totaling hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of farmers in the Klamath River basin and farmers and other customers of the Casitas Municipal Water District in Ventura County and the Stockton East Water District in San Joaquin County.

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YOUR TTFF 2005 CALENDAR

<u>TTFF 2005</u>	FLY-TYING (2nd Wed.)	BOARD MTG (1st Thur.)	CLUB MEETING (4th Thur.)	OUTINGS	ANNUAL- BANQUET	FFF CONCLAVE	CONSERVA- TION & MISC EVENTS
MARCH	2ND	3RD	(note change) WED 23rd	Pyramid Lk. 26th (Bruce Ajari)			
APRIL	13TH	7TH	28TH	9th Frenchman's Lake			April ?: Signage along LTR (Frank)
MAY	11TH	5TH	26TH				15th Beginner's Clinic: (John Roberts) 18th Signs along TR (Frank)
JUNE	8th	2ND	None (BBQ)	18th Annual Sawmill Lake Club BBQ Outing: Lake Almanor			
JULY	13TH	7TH	28th				
AUGUST	10th	4TH	25TH			FFF: Conclave 8-13th Livingston, MT	
SEPTEMBER	14TH	1ST	22ND				24th Boy Scout Merit Badge (Dave Devoe)
OCTOBER	12TH	6TH	None (Banquet)		Annual Banquet ? (Fred W.)	NCCFFF Con- clave: Redding 14th & 15th	Truckee River Day 16th
NOVEMBER	9th	3RD	None				
DECEMBER	14TH	1ST	None				

Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers Board Meeting

Present: Rudy Knudsen, Dave DeVoe, Elle Beals, Steve Buelna, DJ Beals, Alex Penny, Bob Jajko, Bruce Ajari, Al Schwartz and Fred Wickman.

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:18 pm, at Fred Wickman's.
- II. **OLD BUSINESS**
- A. Vice President.** Vacant. We need to make a nomination from this group, and should be soon. VP will need time to work together with the President to make the transition easier.
- B. By Law Addendum:** Proposed at February 24, 2005 meeting. 60 paid members at time of meeting; 20% required for a quorum = 12 members required. 22 paid members present at meeting, the following addendum passed unanimously:
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY APPOINT TWO ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS TO BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A QUORUM FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS AND BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD WHEN REGULAR MEMBERS ARE UNABLE TO SERVE. ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER VOTES ARE ONLY LEGITIMATE TO FILL A QUORUM AND ARE NOT ADDITIONAL VOTES TO AN EXISTING QUORUM. THE NUMBER OF VOTING BOARD MEMBERS IS TO REMAIN AT SEVEN.
- III. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. Alternate Board Members.** Fred Wickman and Bruce Ajari nominated. Motion for acceptance: Alex Penny. Second: Dave DeVoe. Approved: All.
- B. March Club Meeting Date Changed** to Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at OB's
- C. Fly Boxes.** Sell at \$9.00 each. Motion for acceptance: Bob Jajko. Second: Dave DeVoe. Approved: All
- D. TTFB Logo Wear.** Fred has ordered shirts; he will order hats. Sale price to be set at next board meeting.
- E. Flytys Roundtable.** Want to change to 2nd Wednesday of the month. Need to call Jack Emmetts to check on room reservations.
- F. Youth Fly Fishing Program.** Possible "Cliff Frazier School of Fly Fishing" program? Use Cliff's gift as seed money, use Park & Rec. fees to replenish/maintain. Model after the BSA merit badge program. Need to form Committee to define program then approach board.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 General Fund (2-28-05): \$3,872.86
 Trout in the Classroom (1-31-05): \$685.70
 General CD Deposit (2-25-05): \$2,850.13
 Cliff Frazier CD (12-11-04): \$2,012.91
 Major Expenditures: State of CA NP Corp. Registration (2-26-05) \$20.00; Liability Insurance (3-2-05) \$323.00;
 Reno Fly Shop- Deposit for Goodrich Creek outing (2-26-05) \$640.00; Sawmill Lake- Reservation for TTFB BBQ (2-1-05) \$440.00
 Fred Wickman to help sort out credit card service charge, and research club member who was credited \$100 at the dinner, rather than charged \$100.
- V. **Committee Report**
- Programs.** March meeting- Pyramid Lake, presented by Bruce Ajari and Bob Jajko.
- Trout in the Classroom.** Al will be moving to Nevada. Best run by 3 people. Will bring up at next club meeting. May have to drop if no one steps forward.
- Outings.** March 26 Pyramid. April 9 Frenchman's. June- possible Almanor.
- Raffle.** Fred: Need feature item for raffle+ need receipt to reimburse expenses. Increase quality of items raffled, decrease quantity, keep pertinent to fly fishing.
- Bar B Que.** June 18, 2005. Need gate person and better way to regulate #of rods on water at one time.
- Beginner's Clinic.** Date changed to May 15, 2005.
- NCFFF-** No board members able to be official club representative. Rudy to update NCFFF.
- Annual Fundraiser Dinner.** Considering buffet vs. sit-down, Biltmore vs. Granlibakken. Consider small statue as special raffle item.
- Youth/BSA.** BSA Merit Badge day September 24, 2005. Bruce Ajari, Bob Jajko and Steve Buelna to help.

Next Board Meeting April 7, 2005 location to be determined.

Next Club Meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at OB's. Meeting Adjourned 8:40 pm.

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"If the government had to go around seizing people's homes and farms every time it wanted to build a road or hospital," he said, "and everybody knew they weren't going to be paid, you would have shootouts."

But until a judge in the United States Court of Federal Claims sided with the Tulare and Kern farmers in 2001, resulting in the settlement in December, the case law was on the side of the government. The judge, John P. Wiese, concluded that the water cut-off amounted to a physical taking, not a routine regulatory action as federal officials argued. He set the damages at \$27 million, which was reduced in a settlement.

Judge Wiese's ruling was both unprecedented and hotly disputed, prompting a long list of government officials and agencies to recommend an appeal. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Democrat of California, said the decision could lead to large payouts in other cases and a backdoor attack on the Endangered Species Act.

"With the federal government and the State of California facing continuing deficits, the government likely could not afford to provide the water the fish need," Ms. Feinstein said in a letter to administration officials.

When the Justice Department, in consultation with the Interior Department, decided not to appeal the decision, many critics saw the political influence of conservative property-rights advocates. Mr. Marzulla worked in the Justice Department in the Reagan administration and has close ties to the Bush administration.

"It's a signal from the Bush administration that it wants to encourage these guys who are filing these cases," said John D. Echeverria, executive director of the Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute, who has been involved in the Klamath lawsuit.

"It was a very extreme decision ripe for overruling," Mr. Echeverria said of Judge Wiese's ruling, "which made the decision of the United States to settle so troubling."

Bush administration officials say the settlement saved taxpayers money. The case had been in the courts for more than six years, the government had lost and by settling, the damages were significantly reduced.

Sue Ellen Woolridge, solicitor for the Interior Department, said it was unlikely that Judge Wiese's ruling would affect other water cases, because although many seem alike, the legal circumstances are different.

Nonetheless, Ms. Woolridge said she and other administration officials agreed philosophically with the farmers that all Americans, not just the few who lose water, should share the cost of protecting wildlife.

"If we have a public good which is reflected in the Endangered Species Act," she said, "it's fair that the act should be supported by all taxpayers as opposed to having only particular individuals have to pay for that public good."

Joseph L. Sax, a professor emeritus of law at the University of California, Berkeley, who was counselor to Bruce Babbitt, a Democrat, when Mr. Babbitt was interior secretary, said the Bush administration had "raised a pretty prominent flag of warning" to backers of the environmental protections.

"I am not an alarmist," Professor Sax said, "and I don't think it is appropriate to say this is the beginning of the end for regulation of water rights. But it really is a significant change."

YOUR 2005 DUES WERE DELINQUENT ON MARCH 1, 2005

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___RENEWAL OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: SINGLE MEMBER \$25 FAMILY: \$30

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