

The Fisherman's Line

December Meeting, Tuesday December 13th,
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High
The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:
“The Home Grown Show”

Note: the December meeting will be on December 13 at Harper Junior High School. Our usual Holmes location was not available on that date. We're meeting early in December to avoid conflicts with the holidays.

The Fly Fishers of Davis will hold its annual “Home-Grown” program on December 13, when members of the club will illustrate various aspects of fly fishing. We'll start off with a short presentation by Alexandra Kreutzpaintner on fly fishing in her home country of Germany. Alexandra has been visiting UC Davis for the past few months and has been a very active member of the club. She'll be returning home soon, so be sure to arrive on time to hear her story! You'll gain a new appreciation of fishing here in California.

For the main event we'll set up a series of stations that you can visit as you wish.

- Station 1 – Donn Erickson and John Reynolds will review the knots most important for fly fishers on the stream (especially Duncan loop and furred leaders).
- Station 2 – Tom Burton will show how to tie flies that will catch fish
- Station 3 – Dana Hooper and Chris Berardi will show how to use the Go Pro HD camera to document your fly fishing adventures and give the club something to see at the annual dinner.
- Station 4 – Cary Boyden will review tactics for stillwater fishing and indicators to make it easier to detect strikes.
- Station 5 – Bob Zasoski will show how to join and splice lines and how to attach leaders to lines.



Notice of Annual Meeting

The Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 13 during the business portion of the meeting. There are two orders of business on the agenda: the election of officers for 2012 and two new directors to serve three-year terms, and ratification of an increase in dues from \$25 to \$30 per year.

The following officer slate has been nominated by the Board:

- President: Gene Gantt
- Vice President: Donn Erickson
- Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Brodberg

The following nominees are presented for the Board positions:

- Jack Norlyn
- Kurt Arens

The Prez Sez

By Gene Gantt

Our December meeting is our "home grown" program, with many different activities to view and some hands-on stations. This program is given by members of the club and you will walk away from this meeting with some new skills and knowledge.

The FFD annual dinner is set for Feb. 18, 2012 and Hickory Hank will be back with wonderful food, including a vegetarian meal. Tickets for this event will be for sale at the December and January meetings, and, of course, at the door. We are working hard to get some great raffle prizes and if there is any way you can help with donations please contact me.

It is the end of the year and once again it's time to get your dues to John Reynolds. The Board has voted to raise the **dues from \$25 to \$30**. This vote will come before the membership to ratify at the annual business meeting, which is our December meeting. The dues for the FFD have not gone up in many, many years. The cost to bring in speakers, rent the school, offer classes is surpassing what we bring in each year. Because we still want to offer great programs and classes, we need this \$5 a year increase in the annual dues to offset the increase in the operations of the club. My hope is that this does not cause anyone in the club to drop out! It is only a \$5 increase for the entire year. Please contact any Board member if you have questions.

The fishing reports are telling us the fishing is great, so get out there a wet a line. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to each of you and your families.



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Raffle completed for fishing with Mike Parker

Congratulations to John Eisele, who won the guided fishing trip with Mike Parker!



Fly Tying Classes 2012

Yes, it's time to begin thinking about next year. Fly tying Classes will begin January 4, 2012 and continue in February.



Introductory fly tying class will begin Wednesday, January 4 and continue on January 11, 18 and 25. The class is limited to 10 participants. Preference will be given to those that have not taken the class previously, but repeat students are welcome. The introductory class will cover the basics of tying and entomology of important aquatic and terrestrial insects. Sessions will cover equipment, materials and techniques for making flies. Techniques for fishing these patterns will be included in the discussions.

Intermediate fly tying classes will begin on Wednesday, February 1, and continue on February 8, 15 and 22. The Intermediate Class will cover construction of more involved patterns that utilize more advanced techniques.

A \$15 materials fee for each class covers the cost of materials and handouts. The Fly Fishers of Davis Club can provide vices, bobbins, and other tools for the class; however if participants



have your own tools bring them along. Classes will be held from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near the University Airport. Signups will begin at the November meeting. Signup sheets will also be available at the December meeting. Those interested in the



Intermediate class can register at the January meeting as well. You may also contact Bob Zasoski at (530) 753-2241 or email rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net. Participants will receive a map to the Viticulture Field House and tying instructions by email.

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FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES
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Fly Fishers of Davis 2012

Fly Fishing Classes

- Jan 5 Beginners
Equipment and supplies
- Jan 12 Bugs and Flies
- Jan 19 Techniques in Rigging
Fly rod set ups, knots etc.
- Jan 26 Reading Water
Locating fish
- Feb 2 Local Waters
How to's
- Feb 9 Streamer Fishing
- Feb 16 Open Possible Dry Fly Fishing techniques.
- Feb 23 Casting

Introductory Fly Fishing Classes will begin Thursday Jan 5th. This class will begin with basic introductory classes and build into intermediate classes. Timing will be 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near University Airport. Sign ups begin November meeting and at Decembers meeting. If not able to sign up and would like to attend email Dana Hooper at dana.hooper@usfoods.com or call at (916-343-9732). Some classes may change content depending on students. Please email Dana if you need directions to Viticulture building.

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Annual Dinner Video - First Call for Photos!

by Paul Berliner

Hi everyone! The holiday season is fast approaching, and it's time that I start some serious planning for the video which we'll show at the annual dinner. However, I can't do it without your help. I need pictures and more pictures ASAP, and the rules are very easy:

- Please submit your 2011 pictures to Lowell or me. I won't put pictures taken in previous years in the video.
- You can submit them in digital format, either on a CD, a thumb-drive, or embedded in a PowerPoint presentation, or ... you can even submit prints which I can easily scan. High-resolution digital (on a CD) is the very best way.
- Please note the name of the photographer, and the location at which the photos were taken (e.g., Baum Lake, Lower Sac, etc.).
- I would prefer that you DO NOT email 1000 pictures to me ... if you have more than 10, please burn them onto a CD, and either Lowell or I will arrange to get them.
- Email is paul@berlinerproductions.com, and for more information, my phone is 753-3886.



Thanks in advance, everyone!

Dear fellow Fly Fishers of Davis:

I have just finished writing the California Fish and Game Commission, and my senators and congressmen about my objection to the **Delta Striper Eradication Plan**. Water4fish makes writing easy. The link to send an email is www.Water4Fish.org/stripes. The commission can kill this but they need hear from thousands of upset fishermen. **Please join me in writing.**

Donn Erickson, VP, FFD

Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set through December. Note that all our meetings will be at Holmes Jr. High School. Next month is the annual picnic, so look for the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to thank the program chair, Donn Erickson, the next time you see him for continuing to find high quality program speakers.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2011-12 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
December	Home-Grown meeting At Harper Jr. High	Dec 13th	Come share your tips!
January	Steve Karr	Jan 31	
February	Annual Dinner	Feb	Food, Fun, Raffle!
March	Charlie Bisharat	March 27	Topwater Fishing for Stripers on the Delta
April	Michael Leach	April 24	Fishing Yellowstone
May	John Squires	May 22	Do-it-yourself Alaska
June	Annual Picnic	June 26	Food, Fun, Addled Angler Award

*Except where noted, all meetings will take place at Holmes Jr. High School

CONSERVATION UPDATE

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

Wanger Zigs and Zags Judge Oliver Wanger retired from the federal district court in Fresno on September 30, after ruling on many water issues in the San Joaquin Valley over the years. Late last month he signed on with the Westlands Water District to represent it in a case against federal wildlife officials over regulations on water diversions from the Delta.

Just weeks before retirement, Wanger ruled in favor of Westlands in a case the district brought against federal regulation of water diversions from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The rules are meant to protect the Delta smelt, a threatened fish. Environmental groups immediately called his new representation into question, alleging it violates an ethical responsibility even though it does not technically violate the law.

After this outcry, Wanger withdrew from the case. He insisted the debate had nothing to do with his decision, but that it was "diverting attention away from the merits of the case."

The Trinity River Guides Association and the California Water Impact Network (C-WIN) have asked the Trinity River Restoration Program to take a break to determine whether river restoration projects undertaken so far are meeting their goals, and whether or not there are unintended impacts. In a November 28 letter the groups pointed out that there has been significant filling of deep pools from the gravel introduced to enhance spawning and that many side channels have completely failed. The groups urge the TRRP to take time to evaluate the projects and make course corrections as necessary. According to Tom Stokely of C-WIN, language in the Implementation Plan for the 2000 Record of Decision on the Trinity River anticipated possible problems. It says "Twenty-four sites are proposed during the first three years of construction if adequate funding is available. Additional projects

will be constructed after evaluation of the first series of projects under Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management. This evaluation will be ongoing beginning with construction of the first projects, but an interim period without construction activities may be necessary to fully evaluate the effectiveness of project designs and the effect of the new flow regime before beginning construction on the remaining sites."

From the NCCFFF

Wake up Northern California Thanks to Ted Shapas of Diablo Valley Fly Fishers, we have received a detailed summary of the legal history and summary of pending litigation to reverse the then secret 1995 Monterey Accords between Valley water interests and the State of California. This should be required reading for all Californians regarding our water. Find it at <http://www.callawyer.com/story.cfm?eid=919370&evid=1>. The Monterey Accords ultimately resulted in transfer of the Kern Water Bank from State to private ownership. The KWB is reputed to be largest natural under ground water storage aquifer in the world. Originally a feature of the State Water Project, KWB is now claimed by Paramount Farming (Stewart Resnick), Tejon Ranch Company and others. The Monterey Accords permitted an increase of approximately 3,000 acre feet per second in the flow of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta water pumped south. When water is available the Water Bank stores it allowing expansion of agriculture outside of Bakersfield, urban development in the Tehachepi Mountains and "surplus" water resale for private profit. An environmental result has been massive losses of salmon, striped bass and steelhead in the Sacramento-San Joaquin system.

Now Valley water districts are demanding that the State develop a canal or pipelines allowing export of 15,000 acre feet per second from the Delta. Guess what? No surprise! Their plan is that **California taxpayers will foot the bill**. And of course the facilities will benefit some of the wealthiest agricultural interests in the U.S.

(By the way, consider this: About 8,000 cfs is flowing past Sacramento right now. The American

River has an outflow of 2,000 cfs. Thus far this water year we've had approximately 2.4 inches of rain compared with 4.5 inches at this time last year. Where do you think that the 15,000 cfs will come

from? Right! New water facilities. Guess who will pay for those?)

How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families are \$25/year. Student rate is \$15/year. The monthly newsletter is distributed by e-mail only. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address so that we can get the newsletter to you in Adobe Acrobat format. You can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact: [John Reynolds](mailto:John.Reynolds@dcn.org) , 530-753-2682 or <mailto:jreyn@dcn.org> – **Membership Chair**

Name _____ Address _____

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Occupation _____ e-mail: _____

Fly fishing interest and experience: _____

Our club is only as great as its members, so please **circle one or more** of the following areas where you could share your expertise.

Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.

Please also **circle** if you would like to **teach, assist, or attend** any of our classes in **Rod building, Fly Tying, or Casting.**

For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings

Pyramid Lake

Photos Contributed by Donn Erickson



It can be cold at Pyramid...



...or not, as Cal Kado shows off a nice Lahontan Cutthroat

Lower Sac and McCloud

Photos Contributed by Paul Berliner



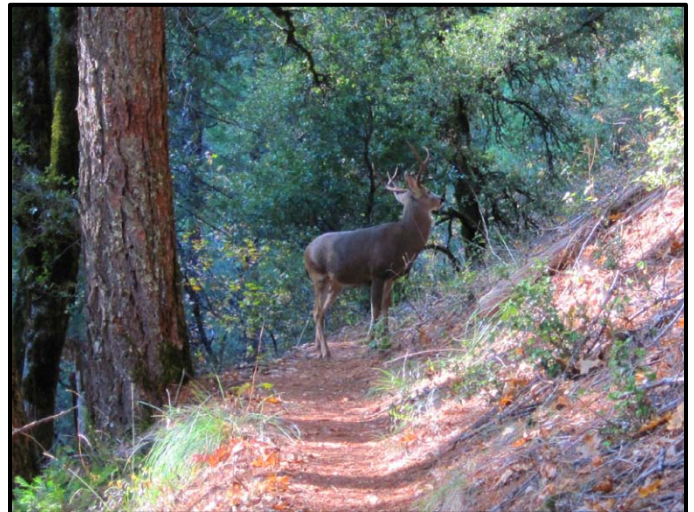
Alexandra with her first trout on the Lower Sac...



...and with her tenth trout!



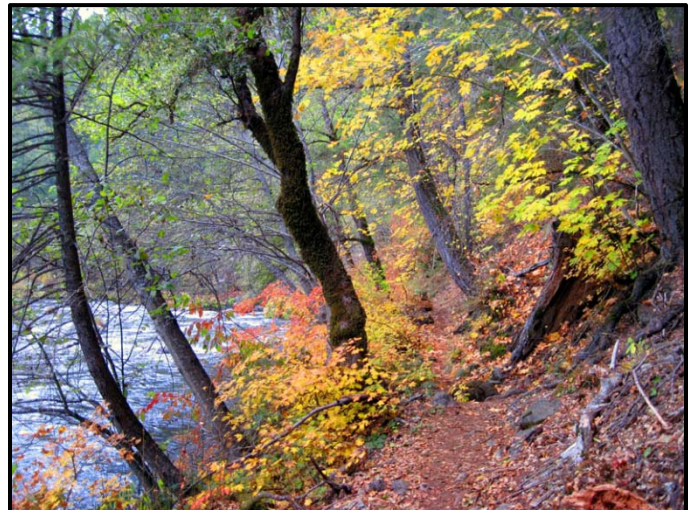
And a double (Paul's going to make her walk home)



A surprise 6-point buck at McCloud



Chef at work (Pres. Gene)



Fall colors on the McCloud

----- Outings Report -----

There will have been 4 outings since the last report. The first was the Fall Fly Shop trip to the Redding area which was generally successful. Jim Luschwitz took the largest fish designation with a 23 inch steelie, and a number of other members took half pounders and native trout not too far behind. The next two: the McCloud and the Striperfest are hopefully reported on elsewhere. The final, a Klamath/Trinity split trip, is covered in John Imsdahl's story.

At November's meeting there will be the remainder of the signups through April. The 2012 trips scheduled for the first third of the year are the Trinity in January, the Yuba float in January or February, Amador in February, Baum in March, and Pyramid and the Spring Sac trip in April.

These will be the final signups I will handle, as Dana Hooper has graciously agreed to assume the Fishmeister position phasing in over the first few months of 2012. The December newsletter column will still be mine, with Dana taking over that role and the meetings outing discussions in January. If you have any ideas you wish to put forward and organize into Club outings please contact any Club Board member.

Fly Fishers of Davis Outings Schedule (updated for most of 2012!)

EVENT	FISH	DATES	FISHMEISTER		Comments/Fees
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 21 and/or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
McCloud	Trout	November 4-7	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Delta	Stripers	November 12	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	
Pyramid	Cutthroat	November	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Trinity/Klamath	Steelhead	November 17-18	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ per day + tip
Putah Creek Cleanup	Trash	November 19	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Luk Lake	Trout	December 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Fee area / about \$120
Trinity	Steelhead	January 5-6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$ 320 + tip
Amador	Trout	Jan/Feb			Day use fee
Yuba River Float	Trout	Jan/Feb	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	Depends on flows and may be reset
Baum Lake	Trout	Mar 1-4	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Redding Sacramento	Trout	April 13 and/or 14			\$ per day + tip
Pyramid	Cutthroat	April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Hat Creek	Trout		Dana Hooper	530-758-1991	FF 101
Sacramento River	Shad	May 25	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	June 2	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
McCloud River	Trout	May/June	Gene Gantt	707-451-3262	
Lake Davis	Trout	June 7-10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping this year may still be an issue
Lake Almanor	Trout	June	Chris Berardi	530-759-1968	iffy
Heritage Trout	Trout	June	Phil Reedy	530-902-2504	Location tbd; search for Heritage Trout
Yuba	Trout	May 5	Sam Yee	916-505-7722	
Yuba	Trout		Sam Yee	916-505-7733	
Fuller Lake	Trout	June/July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Date depends on winter snow
Lewiston	Trout	July 13-15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Trinity/Coffee Creek	Trout	July	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Kennedy Meadows	Trout		Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	An easy wading FF-101 trip
Old Fogies	Trout	August	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Moderate backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout	September 20-23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies	October 13	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	
Redding Sacramento	Trout Steelhead	October 19 and/or 20			\$ per day + tip

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

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