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T h e F i s h e r m a n ' s L i n e

**December Meeting, Tuesday December 10th,
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:
“The Home Grown Show”**

The Fly Fishers of Davis will hold its annual “Home-Grown” program on December 10, when members of the club will illustrate various aspects of fly fishing.

The December meeting is also our annual business meeting. The only matters on the agenda are the election of officers for 2014 and two new Board members to serve three year terms beginning in January.



Cary Boyden gives tips on how to fish Pyramid Lake.



Bob Zasoski shows an ingenious way to join leaders to fly lines.

The following members are up for election:

President: Bob Brodberg
Vice President: Dana Hooper
Treasurer: Paul Berliner
Secretary: Chris Berardi

Board Nominees:
Phil Reedy and Eric Kapucinski

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

This year we will feature three short presentations.

- Did you ever wonder what you really should have in your fishing vest? Dave Driscoll will tell us "What's in his fishing vest" and why.
- Dana Hooper will describe "How to find fish; how to read water" without using a GoPro camera as a fish-finder.
- Bob Zasoski will cover the basics of "what you need to start fly tying."

THE PREZ SEZ

By Bob Brodberg

Thanksgiving is behind us and the year is speeding to a close. I hope you fished often with club members and other friends. If not, you get another chance to do better in 2014. Get out and fish with the club or get involved in some other way. Participating with Putah Creek Trout activities is a great way to do something locally. I joined a recent work party to put up warning signs around the spawning redds on the Creek. I was pleased to find two new FFD members who joined in this activity. We may take this creek for granted, but we shouldn't. We can help make a difference and return it to better days.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

Bob

"There is no use in walking five miles to fish when you can depend on being just as unsuccessful near home." Mark Twain



ANNUAL DINNER COMING

Your Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual Dinner for March 8, 2014. We will hold a regular meeting in both February and March, so the dinner will be a separate event. Donations to the raffle are welcome and will be gladly accepted. Ask any board member for assistance if you have items to donate. And they don't have to be related to fishing! We hope to have many non-fishing raffle items for this year's dinner.

Steve Carlson***Aug. 26, 1919 – Nov. 23, 2013***

Longtime member Steve Carlson died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, November 23. He was 94, and had been swimming competitively until about a year ago. I had the pleasure of fishing with him for the day on Lewiston Lake about 14 years ago, and was amazed at his strength and ability – he was 80 then and I was a mere 48. He kept me entertained all day with stories about his past, including his service on the battleship USS Mississippi in the Pacific theatre. Steve generously donated his fishing and camping gear to the club just a few months ago. RIP, Steve...

-Lowell Ashbaugh

CALL FOR DUES!**By Paul Berliner**

Hi everyone! As your club Treasurer, here's a gentle reminder to send in your dues for 2014. Dues for adults and families are \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year.

Because of your support, our membership continues to grow! Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual picnic, fly casting and fly tying clinics, our amazing FFD 101 classes, Salmon in the Classroom, and best of all, our contributions to numerous outreach, education and conservation organizations.

Please bring a check (made out to Fly Fishers of Davis) or cash to the next club meeting. You can present this either to me or John Reynolds. As an alternative, you can mail your check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Kurt Arens is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2013-14 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
December	Club Members	December 10	Home Grown
January	Carlo Bonjio	January 28	Mendo/Sonoma Coast Steelhead
February	Dave Barbieri	February 25	Yuba
March	Tom Maumoynier	March 25	Lake Almanor
April	Gary Slade	April 29	Trout Unlimited Projects
May	Tristan Leong	May 27	Olympic Peninsula Steelhead

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

CALL FOR PHOTOS, AND A CONTEST!

By Paul Berliner

About this time each year, I start thinking seriously about editing the video that we'll show at the annual dinner. If you shot photos (or video) of your fly fishing adventures during 2013, I'd love to include some of them in the video. Please collect your best shots, and send them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).



Please note:

- High resolution JPG images are preferred for still photographs.
- For video, any file format will work just fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.
- Please, oh please, do **NOT** send me gigantic emails full of pictures and video. I will not be happy! If the filesize is too large to email, please contact me. I can arrange to get the files from you on a thumb drive or a CD.
- Please include your name, and the location at which the photos were shot.

Photo Contest!

This year, we're going to hold our second annual photo contest. Your Board of Directors will pick the very best shots, then we'll choose the winners and announce them at the Annual Dinner.

Here are some guidelines and tips for submitting a photo contest entry:

- Anything related to fly fishing is the number one requirement. No spin-casting photos are allowed.
- Photos of landscapes, gorgeous locations, gear, people, trophy fish, action shots, humorous shots, etc. Note that the standard "grip and grin shot" probably won't win!
- Be creative! Think big! Think unusual! Submit your most creative shots! Here's last year's first place entry by John Hodgson – just to get your creative juices flowing!



Fly Tying Classes 2014

By Bob Zasoski

Yes it time to begin thinking about next year. Fly tying Classes will be begin January 7, 2014 and continue in February.

Introductory Fly Tying Class begin Tuesday January 7 and continue on January 14, and 21. The class will be limited to 10 participants. Repeat students are welcome, but preference will be given to those that have not taken the class previously. The class covers the tying basics and allows the participant to decide whether they would benefit from the additional techniques and patterns covered in the intermediate class.

Intermediate Fly Tying Casses will begin on February 4, and continue on February 11 and ,18. The Intermediate Class will cover construction of additional flies that require more involved techniques or time.



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 9:00 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.



- Preview NEW Orvis waders, rods, reels, and more.
- George Daniel, one of the world's top trout anglers, offers his "Dynamic Nymphing" program on Saturday. PLEASE reserve your spot for his on-water presentation, "Special Nymphing Tricks," on Sunday.
- Jeff Putnam, one of the west coast's top casting instructors will present "Fly Fishing for Pacific Northwest Steelhead" on Saturday. On Sunday, Jeff will demo Orvis's new rods on the water.
- Brian Slusser, Orvis-Endorsed guide, will discuss the four seasons of fishing in the Truckee area.
- Hutch Hutchinson, 25+ year fishing guide, IFFF Master Instructor, and Orvis RBM, will solve your casting issues.
- George Daniel signs his bestseller, Dynamic Nymphing.
- Casting for prizes at the Orvis Casting Course.
- Industry and locally known fly tiers teach some of the latest tying techniques.
- Saturday, 4:00pm-6:00pm Bogle Vineyards wine tasting

Fly Fishing 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Get ready to discover all you will ever want to know about getting started in the world of fly fishing.

Have you ever wondered why you didn't catch as many fish as the other people around you on the river? Or why you couldn't find that fly that imitated the real bug coming off the water.

We'll maybe now you can be the one that catches all the fish on the next outing.

If you can't answer these four questions maybe you should sign up for Fly Fishing 101 and 201.

1. What percent do trout feed on the surface?
2. Do you know how to tie the three basic knots?
 - a. Perfection loop
 - b. Clinch knot
 - c. Double surgeon knot
3. Do you know the five basic needs for trout survival?
4. Do you know the difference and when to fish what stage between a nymph, emerger, dun and spinner in the life cycle of Mayflies?

Below are the proposed Class dates for the FFD 2014 sessions. Class times will be 7pm – 9 pm at the UCD Horticulture Room.

Class	Date	Topic
1	Wed, Jan, 15, 2014	Gear, Rods, Reels and Lines. How we determine why and what to buy.
2	Wed, Jan. 22, 2014	Bugs VS Flies
3	Wed, Jan. 29, 2014	Knots and Rigging Techniques
4	Wed, Feb. 5, 2014	Reading Waters and Locating Fish
5	Wed, Feb. 12, 2014	Indicator and Dry Fly Techniques Review Questions
6	Wed, Feb. 19, 2014	Bass fishing techniques on the Delta
7	Wed, Feb. 26, 2014	Striper fishing techniques on the Delta
8	Wed, Mar. 5, 2014	Still water techniques by Cary Boyden
9	TBD	Casting Class (Weather Permitted)

Please sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at trouthookup1@gmail.com or 916-343-9732

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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Conservation Mailing List Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at

<http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

The following is from Maven's Notebook Blog (<http://mavensnotebook.com/>):

Merced River Ranch restoration showing signs of success for salmon: " ... *The 318-acre Merced River Ranch property was purchased in 1998 by CDFW for its conservation and restoration potential on the Merced River. The property included large cobble dredge mounds that were removed from the river decades ago in the search for gold. This cobble is now being returned to the Merced River and serves as a source of gravel for salmon spawning restoration. ...*" Read more from the USFWS Field Notes here: [STOCKTON FWO: From Gold Mining to Salmon Habitat Merced River Ranch Restoration Makes a Splash](#)

Removing barriers on the Calaveras River: The lower portion of the Calaveras River has close to 100 barriers that are blocking passage of various aquatic species; 35 have been identified as high priority for removal: " ... *In spite of the large number of barriers, the Calaveras continues to see a return of steelhead and Chinook salmon almost every year. That prompted an interdisciplinary group of experts from U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), California Department of Wildlife, FishBio, Fishery Foundation and others to form the Calaveras River Fish Group. The group then began work with DWR to identify the four highest priority barriers for repair or removal on the Calaveras River. ...*" Read more from USFWS Field Notes here: [PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION: National Fish Passage and Anadromous Fish Restoration Programs work with partners to improve the Calaveras River for fish, water and people](#)

Successful season for West Coast salmon fishing: The FishBio blog reports the season started with a bang and continued: " ... *Just a few years ago, the California salmon industry was devastated during the Sacramento River fall-run Chinook collapse, but has now rebounded with consecutive years of a successful fishery. Preseason projections indicated that fishing off the West Coast was going to be better than any year since 2005, and thus far the projections have mostly lived up to the hype (Preseason III, 2013). Preliminary harvest reporting numbers for fishing off of Washington, Oregon, and*

California through October 31 are 489,443 commercially caught and 164,351 recreationally caught Chinook salmon (PFMC Supplemental Information Report). While the recreational numbers are about 10,000 fish lower than last year, the commercial catch is up by more than 100,000. Looking at total catch by state, fishing off the coast of California proved rewarding. ..." Continue reading at the FishBio blog here: [Chinook salmon ocean harvest surveys show improvement](#)

Climate change helping invasive species take over: "Since the beginning of the 20th century, the growing season in many areas of the lower 48 states has expanded by about two weeks. Frosts end earlier in the spring and begin later in the fall. To gardeners in Maine, Wisconsin and Montana, that might seem a blessing. What's not to like about more lettuce or riper tomatoes? The longer seasons, however, are also helping invasive plants annex American soil; extended springs mean they can more quickly push aside native species and transform ecosystems. "What's interesting about climate change is that humans are effectively manipulating how species experience time," says ecologist Elizabeth Wolkovich of the Biodiversity Research Centre at the University of British Columbia. ... " Read more from Smithsonian Magazine here: [How Climate Change is Helping Invasive Species Take Over](#)

News from NCCFFF

If you have an interest in the BDCP plan for water delivery to water users in California, CSPA has an excellent summary of the plan and analysis by a large group of agencies. The link is below. CSPA and other groups have offered less costly alternative plans which have been ignored by the BDCP developers. This is a short easy read. I strongly suggest you read this: <http://calsport.org/news/no-bdcp-campaign/>.

The final BDCP plan was scheduled to be released in October but has been delayed until mid-December. The plan will surely receive a very comprehensive and critical review.

-Bob Schoberg, VP of Club Outreach

Check out this excellent op-ed by author/photographer Tim Palmer raising the alarm about a McClintock bill (HR 934) seeking to de-list a stretch of the Wild & Scenic Merced River which flows through Yosemite.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/11/02/5873546/viewpoints-why-undermine-law-that.html#storylink=misearch>

-Cindy Charles, Conservation

John Imsdahl wrote an excellent piece last month about how to catch-and-release fish with a good chance of survival. Just after the newsletter came out, this blog post on steelhead came across my computer. It's a good addition to John's article. It's reprinted here with permission of the author.

-Lowell Ashbaugh

You May Be Killing Steelhead And Not Even Know It

Louis Cahill

Steelheaders are generally pretty serious about catch-and-release, but it's likely that many are mortally wounding fish without ever knowing it.

There are few species of fish as vulnerable as wild steelhead. These fish are beset on all sides by threats both natural and man-made. With their numbers dwindling, it's safe to say, every steelhead counts. It's vital that those of us who fish for them practice the best catch-and-release practices.

However, common landing practices can kill fish without the angler ever knowing. A team of biologists studying steelhead in British Columbia discovered this problem, quite by accident. These scientists were tagging steelhead with GPS trackers. They determined that the least intrusive way to capture the fish was, well, the same way we do it. With a fly rod. They landed the fish, tagged them with the GPS device and released them. When they went to their computer to track the fish's progress they discovered something alarming.

Within two hours many of the fish they had tagged, and released in good health, were dead. They collected the fish and performed autopsies to determine what had gone wrong. In every case the cause of death was head trauma. It turns out that 'steelhead' is a misnomer. The fish's head is, in fact, its most vulnerable spot.

When landing the fish the researchers had played them into shallow water where they would be easy to tail. As the fish came into the shallows they were on longer, fully submerged. Without the resistance of the water surrounding them, their powerful thrashing was able to generate momentum that is not possible underwater. The flopping fish simply hit their heads on a rock.

The fish appeared fine when released, but their injured brains began to swell and soon they were dead. It makes perfect sense if you think about it. Fish have evolved in an environment where hitting their head on anything with enough force to cause damage is almost impossible. Their brains lack the natural protection enjoyed by terrestrial species.

Luckily, this unfortunate outcome is easily avoided. The angler has a couple of good options. Landing fish by hand in knee deep water is a little tougher but much safer for the fish. You can grab the leader to control the fish long enough to tail it. After a fish or two it will feel very natural. When possible, it's best to use a good catch-and-release net. This is safest for the fish and easiest for the angler. A net helps you seal the deal while the fish is still fresh and requires little reviving.

Always control your fish once he's landed. Keep his gills wet and support his head in case he makes a sudden attempt to escape. Keeping him, dorsal fin up, will keep his range of motion side-to-side, making it harder for him to injure himself. When possible keep him in deeper water. Never beach a fish when landing him and never lay him on the bank for a photo. It's just not worth it.

Wild steelhead are a precious resource. Those of us who come to the river looking for them must lead by example and do our best to to be good stewards of these remarkable fish. Their future is, literally in our hands.

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2013 & 2014

Trip 2013	Fish	Boat	Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	Comments
Luk Lake	Trout/bass		Dec 6-7	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
Trip 2014	Fish		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	Comments
Trinity 2014	Steelhead	Guided	Jan 7-8	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Amador	Trout		Feb 15 or 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Day use fee
Lower Yuba	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Flow Dependant
Baum Lake	Trout		Feb 27-March 2	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Annual Dinner			March 8th			
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout	Float	Mar 29-30 or Apr 19-20	Chris Berardi		Camping
Putah Creek	Trout		TBD	Steve Karr	sk60@putahcreektrout.org	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April 9,10,11,12	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170per day +tip
Pyramid	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Hat Creek	Trout		May 16-18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		May 24	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Sac River Shad	Shad		May 23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May 24th	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gnat	707-451-3262	Camping
Lake Davis	Trout		June 5 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be issue
1 st Annual Delta Bass n Fly	Bass		June / July	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Rules to be announced
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 10 - 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		Aug. 7 - 10	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 18 - 21	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping may be issue
Payne Ranch	Smallies		Oct 11th	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lower Sac Float	Trout		Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2014	Stripers		November 15	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	Share gas with Boat
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2014	Steelhead		October 30 - 31	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170per day +tip
Luk Lake	Trout/bass		December 5 - 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals

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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.

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