

*Fly Fishers of Davis*<http://www.FlyFishersofDavis.org>

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**The Fisherman's Line**

**December Meeting, Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>,  
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School  
The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:  
“The Home Grown Show”**

This month the Club will hold its annual “Home-Grown” program on December 9, when members of the Club will illustrate various aspects of fly fishing.

The December meeting is also our annual business meeting. The sole scheduled matters are the election of officers for 2015 and the election of two directors to serve 3 year terms and one director to serve a one year term beginning in January.



Andan Bailey with a Delta Black Bass

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President: Dana Hooper  
Vice President: Paul Berliner  
Treasurer: Paul Berliner  
Secretary: Tom Robinson



Phil Reedy's Winning photo in the 2014 CalTrout Photo Contest

To fill the Director slots which will open up on January the Board has nominated:

Fred Bryner  
Dan Kathan  
Rick Wallinder

This year we will feature three short presentations.

- Phil Reedy will present: Combining the Art of Fly Fishing and the Art of Photography  
*One of the benefits of fly fishing is that it takes us to some beautiful locations. Phil will be giving a short presentation on simple ways you can enhance the quality of your fly fishing photographs and preserve those great memories.*
- Paul Berliner will present: Improving your photos with Adobe Photoshop  
*Are you creating a presentation of your latest fly fishing adventure? Paul Berliner will give a brief demonstration of how you can dramatically improve your photos, using a few simple Photoshop techniques.*
- Andan Bailey will present: Fly Fishing for Black Bass on the Delta  
*The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta was recently awarded a spot among the top ten best black bass fishing locations in the United States. Andan will share tips and techniques to land the big one, and possible let all of us in on his secret spots.*

## THE PREZ SEZ

By Bob Brodberg

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and so is my time as your Club President. I am happy to say that we continue to have great programs and outings, and a strong membership. Credit for that goes to the hard working FFD Board and you the members. Thanks all for your friendship and support.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

Bob

*“And I think, as I angle for fish,  
In hope that my hooks will attach em,  
It’s delightfully east to fish –  
But harder than blazes to catch ‘em”*

*Wallace Irwin*



## ANNUAL DINNER COMING

Your Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual Dinner for March 7, 2015. Save the date. We will hold a regular meeting in both February and March, so the dinner will be a separate event.

## ANNUAL DINNER DONATIONS

Donations to the Annual raffle are welcome and will be gladly accepted. Practice your tying a favorite fly and donate a dozen for the raffle. 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.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

By Cary Boyden

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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a Fish Camp Scholarship to any interested boy or girl, from 10 to 15 years of age. This \$795 award covers the entire cost of the five day program (June 22 – June 26, 2015) , which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding.

For more more information and the online application go to : <http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/scholarship/fishcamp.html>

## 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.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2014 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
December	Home Grown	TBD	TBD
January	Jay Clark	January 27, 2015	Pyramid Lake
February	Taylor Wells	February 24, 2015	Fishing the 50 / 80 Gap
March	Tim Fox	March 24, 2015	Fly Tying
April	TBA	April 28, 2015	TBD
May	Dax Messett	May 26, 2015	Nomad Angler

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

### HOME GROWN MEETING & YARD SALE/SWAP MEET IN DECEMBER

The Fly Fishers of Davis will hold its annual “Home- Grown” program on December 9, when members of the club will illustrate various fun and interesting aspects of fly fishing. Plus, before the meeting we will have a Yard Sale/Swap Meet. Clear out your lightly used gear and, if you don’t sell it, donate it to the Club for the Annual Dinner raffle.

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## **FIRST CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO, AND A CONTEST!**

**By Paul Berliner**

I'm already thinking seriously about the video that we'll show at the annual dinner next March, but I need your photos and videos to make it work!

If you took photos or video of your fly fishing adventures during 2014, collect your best shots and clips, and send them to me ([paul@berlinerproductions.com](mailto:paul@berlinerproductions.com)).



### **Important notes:**

- Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014.
- High resolution JPG images are preferred for photos.
- For video, any file format will work just fine, but the higher the resolution, the better (and yes, iPhone video works just fine).
- Please, oh please, do **NOT** send me gigantic emails full of pictures. I will not be happy! If the file size is too large to email, simply contact me. I can arrange to get the files from you on a thumb drive or on a CD.
- Please include your name, and the location at which the photos were shot.

This year, we'll also hold our third annual photo contest. All photos submitted for the video are automatically considered for the contest. Your Board of Directors will pick the very best shots, select the winners, and I'll announce them at the Annual Dinner.

Many thanks ( ... and don't forget to take the lens cap off).

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## **CALL FOR DUES!**

**By Paul Berliner**

Hi everyone! As your club Treasurer, here's a gentle reminder to send in your dues for 2015. 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 Lyn Hooper at the Membership Table. 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!

## *Fly Tying Classes 2014*

By Bob Zasoski

**Yes it time to begin thinking about next year. Fly tying Classes will be begin January 6, 2015 and continue in February.**

**Introductory Fly Tying Class** begin Tuesday January 6 and continue on January 13, and 20. The class covers the tying basics and allows participant to decide whether they would benefit from the additional techniques and patterns covered in the later sessions targeted at flies for specific fisheries- such as stripers, shad, Pyramid Lake, Steelhead and additional patterns or techniques.

**Additional Fly Tying Sessions** start on February 6, and continue on February 13 and 20 and perhaps beyond. These classes will focus on flies for different venues and specific tying techniques such as hair spinning and stacking, tube and articulated flies. Additional, topics and patters will be solicited from the class participants and the club membership.



A \$15 materials fee for each class covers the cost of materials and handouts. The Fly Fishers of Davis has vices, bobbins, and other tools for the classes; 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 sheets will be available at the December and January meetings. You may also sign up by contacting Bob Zasoski at [rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net). Participants will receive a map to the Viticulture Field House and tying instructions by email.

### *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>.

**Like a bad penny** House Republicans have brought back to life a dreadful bill that they purport would provide “short-term drought relief” for California. Congressman David G. Valadao claims H.R. 5781, the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014, “provides eighteen months of relief (two water years) while protecting the State Water Project and protecting Northern California water rights.” He further stated, “This well thought out, common sense legislation contains no controversial measures for either Party. Not only will this legislation provide a temporary eighteen month solution, it will also help ensure negotiations between the Senate and the House continue.” Cosponsors of the legislation include Reps. David G. Valadao (CA-

21), Kevin McCarthy (CA-23), Ken Calvert (CA-42), Jim Costa (CA-16), Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Tom McClintock (CA-04), and Devin Nunes (CA-22).

Valadao continues to use a tactic House Republicans have used for a long time – they say something that isn’t true hoping people will believe it. His bill contains many controversial measures. For starters, it would ensure that California Agriculture has first dibs on any water currently in the system. It would eviscerate Endangered Species Act protections (the only thing keeping endangered salmon and steelhead populations alive), overrule the Delta Smelt biological opinions, and increase pumping in the Delta.

H.R. 5871 would mandate water deliveries to all Central Valley Project and State Water Project contractors, regardless of how much water is in the system. Once that water is gone, there would be no way to provide water to urban users – it simply won’t be there. It would leave

dead water pools in the state's reservoirs so that fisheries would not have the cold water needed to keep fish populations alive.

The bill further provides for a 30-day federal review of all projects and operations that "would provide additional water supplies." This would clear the way for a fast-track approval of expensive, environmentally destructive and ultimately inefficient schemes, including new dams.

The bill would also allow for expedited water transfers, putting the North State rivers and reservoirs at risk. "This bill will actually perpetuate our drought emergency by giving away all the water in storage to Big Ag," said Tom Stokely, water policy analyst for the California Water Impact Network. "It will drain Trinity Lake, depleting the last cold water reserve available for Klamath and Trinity River salmon and steelhead. We'll see fish kills that make the great die-off of 2002 look minor by comparison."

The Northern California Congressional Delegation on December 3 issued a statement blasting the "flawed, discriminatory House Republican water bill."

Representatives Jared Huffman (D-02), George Miller (D-11) Mike Thompson (D-05), Doris Matsui (D-06), Jerry McNerney (D-09), John Garamendi (D-03), and Ami Bera (D-07) stated:

*"With just a few days left in the legislative session, the House plans to pass yet another divisive, dishonest, and potentially devastating California water bill without any public input or legislative oversight. This is unconscionable, and just the latest chapter in Republicans' reckless approach to micromanaging the state's water during one of the worst droughts in our history.*

*"The idea that this bill is a 'compromise' is laughable. It is clear that this bill was thrown together without any input from anyone other than those who stand to benefit*

*from its passage. This bill was not reviewed by the Natural Resources Committee, nor has it received input from federal agencies, the state, affected local water agencies, the fishing industry, tribes, or communities. Legislation this sweeping should be the subject of public hearings and input from all affected stakeholders.*

*"The bill makes it more difficult for state and federal agencies to make real-time water decisions, undermines state water rights priorities, misstates current law, and explicitly overrides the Endangered Species Act. These sweeping changes would place the west coast's environment, tribes, communities, and the fishing industry in harm's way in the next drought year.*

*"The drought does not stop at the edge of congressional districts, yet this bill insulates some parts of the state from the tough water decisions that will be made in the next year. We're all in this together, and Congress should not tie water managers' hands nor should we address drought conditions in some parts of the state at the expense of others."*

Unfortunately, even if this bill dies in the lame duck session, this is what we'll have to deal with for the next two years as Republicans take over control of the House and the Senate. If you want our fisheries to remain healthy, keep a close eye on water issues. More importantly, be prepared to contact your representatives to let them know how you feel about legislation in the works. I'll attempt to keep you posted as things unfold.

At this time, it wouldn't hurt to contact both Senators, Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and ask them to oppose this damaging legislation. It's critical to let Senator Feinstein know of your opposition, as she attempted to produce a "compromise" Senate bill in this lame duck session, but later dropped it in the face of intense opposition.





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## 2014 - 2015

<u>Trip 2014</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Luk Lake	Trout/bass		December 5 - 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2015</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2015	Steelhead	Guided	Jan. 12 - 13	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 11 - 15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guided	April 8 - 11	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170/day (check only) + tip
Pyramid	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout	Float	April 17 - 19	Chris Berardi		Camping
Hat Creek	Trout		May 15 - 17	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Delta Bass	Boat	May 2	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBA	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Sac River Shad	Shad		May 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis	Trout		June 4 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 7 - 11	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		August	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
McCloud River	Trout		June/July	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBA	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept 17-20	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout		TBA	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2014	Steelhead		November 2 - 3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2014	Stripers		TBA	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	Share gas with Boat

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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.

The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

E-Newsletter Policy

Our policy is to deliver the e-newsletter via email OR you may download it from the FFD website at: <http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/news1.shtml>

Be sure if you signed up for the \$30 annual membership that you get your email address to Lyn Hooper at [membership@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:membership@flyfishersofdavis.org) . This will assure that you get an email notification of the newsletter. Each month, except June & August the e-newsletter will be posted to the above site and emailed about 1 week before the meeting. You will need Acrobat Reader <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> to view the PDF format.

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**How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis**

Dues for adults and families are \$30/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. Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or 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: Lyn Hooper at [membership@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:membership@flyfishersofdavis.org) – **Membership Chair**

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