

October Meeting, Tuesday October 27, 2015 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School The Fly Fishers of Davis Presents: "California Delta: Striped Bass on the Fly"

T his month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Mike Costello, who will discuss fly fishing for striped bass on the California Delta Waterways. This unique 1,000 miles of waterways is home to one of the west's greatest game fish, the striped bass. Stripers are great fighters and prime targets for the catch and release fly rodder.

Mike Costello was born and raised in San Bernardino, California and



started his guiding career in Basalt, Colorado back in 1990 working for Roy Palm, at Frying Pan Anglers. In 1996 he moved to Northern Calfornia where he continues to guide year around up to 270 days a year. Mike has a relentless passion for fly fishing the California Delta. Most of his days are spent chasing stripers, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass with a fly rod. Mike also drifts the Stanislaus River, the Mokelumne River, and the Lower Sacramento River, for trout and steelhead. He has been featured on ESPN's Destination Outdoors and Fly Fishing America. Mike is also the author of the book, Fly Fishing The California Delta, a 200 page fly fishing book, complimented by amazing photography by Simms Rep, John Sherman. Mike resides in Woodbridge, California, with his wife, Emene, and son, Connor.

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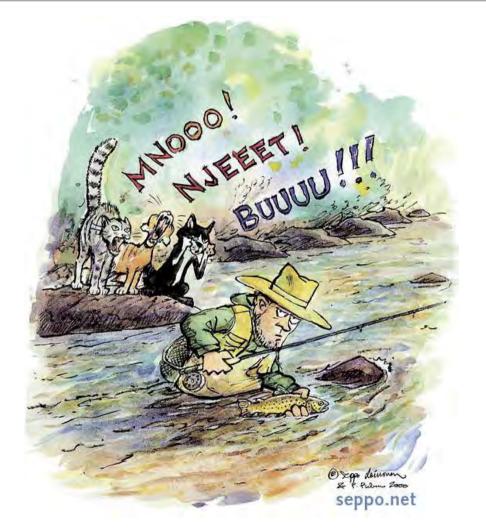
By Dana Hooper

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

With the leaves changing and Fall Colors insight I hope everybody has had a chance to get out onto the many waters currently that are starting to push the fish into feeding frenzies. The Upper Sac should start showing some of it's October Caddis coming off, Trinity rivers silversides coming up to spawn and Striped Bass coming back into the Delta to feed on the many baitfish that call the Delta home.

We have some great outings coming up into Nov and December with Striper Fest Nov 7, our Fly Shop Trinity Steelhead trip and Luk Lake Dec 4 and 5th.

Hope to see you out and enjoying one of Clubs great outings this Fall. Dana Hooper



Fly fishing – Cats and release

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 2014 Meeting Schedule				
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC	
October	Mike Costello	October 27, 2015	Delta Stripers	
November	Leslie Ajari	November 17, 2015	Hat Creek or Trinity Spey	
December	Home Grown	December 8, 2015	TBD	
January	Lance Gray	January 26, 2016	Tenkara	

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

Benefit Dinner 4th Annual International Federation of Fly Fisher eterans

Saturday November 14, 2015 at Sinodino's

36665 Cedar Blvd... Newark, CA 94560 510.797.7556 (Restaurant)

> No Host cocktail: 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Menu Choice of: New York Steak & Mashed Potato Or Chicken Marsala & Rice Or

Salmon & Rice

Vegetable, Salad, coffee, tea & Desert

www.nccfff.org OR You could purchase a dinner for a veteran to attend at this website now OR mail a check to: Veterans First Fly Fishing Notation: Dinner for a veteran

To purchase tickets online go to:

Make check payable to: NCCFFF/VFFF Memo: Tax ID #94-3124970

Mail check to: **Veterans First Fly Fishing PO Box 8114** Fremont, CA 94537

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

Before Friday October 30, 2015

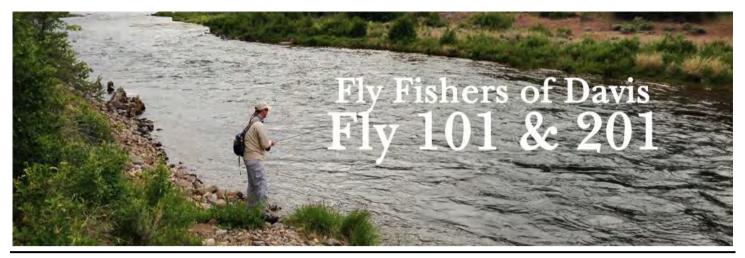
Tickets Purchased October 31st 2015 or after are:

\$45.00 each X

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Tables of 8 ____ tables @ \$300 = \$__ Only when all (8) are purchased together Tables of 8 ___ tables @ \$350 = \$_ Only when all (8) are purchased together

TICKET SALES END 11/9/15 !!!



Proposed Class Dates for 2015 Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm UCD Horticulture Room

201 Topics			
Day 7	Wed. Oct. 28	Striper Fishing Techniques on the Delta	
Day 8	Wed. Nov. 4	Streamer Techniques for Trout	
Day 9	Wed. Nov. 11	Ditch the Bobber: Tight Line Techniques with Dan Brugger	

Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at <u>TroutHookup1@gmail.com</u> or 916-343-7732





By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> 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.

Action Alert! The most important single thing you can do in the next few days is to submit a comment on the California Water Fix, otherwise known as the twin tunnels (or in an earlier incarnation the peripheral canal). The comment period closes on October 30.

It's really important to submit comments on this - there will be no vote on this project as there was when Californians soundly rejected the peripheral canal, which this project replicates (only underground where we won't see it). The best way to comment is to write an individual letter, but if you can't take the time to do that you can at least sign a petition. Do both if you can, but if you're at all serious about our sport of fly fishing take some time and write a letter. Restore The Delta has all the tools and information you need for personalizing your letter at http://restorethedelta.org/take-action-oppose-the-deltatunnels/. This could be the most important act you can take to protect fisheries in California. And make no mistake, this project would affect fisheries far beyond the delta. I've written about this before, but if you need a refresher I've added a little background information below. There's also much more at Restore The Delta. Please take action now!

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was created in response to the dual goals defined by the California Legislature in the Delta Reform Act of 2009; i.e. to provide a more reliable water supply for California and to protect, restore, and enhance the Delta ecosystem. The primary feature of the BDCP was a plan to build two 40foot diameter tunnels under the delta, with three intakes, to transfer as much as 9,000 cubic feet per second of Sacramento River water around the delta to the existing pumping plants in the south delta (the initial plan was to have three tunnels). It also contained a provision to build and improve habitat for fish and other wildlife in an attempt to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the tunnels.

The BDCP was abandoned last March when Governor Brown acknowledged that federal agencies were unlikely to grant a 50-year permit to operate the tunnels because the project could not prove it would restore salmon, smelt, sturgeon, and other wildlife struggling for survival in the Delta. Governor Brown's response was to split the BDCP into two parts, California Water Fix and California Eco Restore. The California Water Fix is the twin tunnels project. The "benefit" of this move is that the project would not require a 50-year federal permit. But it exposes the project for what it has been all along - a pure water grab that is likely to destroy the delta, not save it. The project would also not achieve the dual goals described above. A shorter term permit (with likely provisions for year-to-year changes would not improve water reliability. The proposed California Eco Restore would be funded at a much lower level, putting in jeopardy the goal of protecting and enhancing the Delta.

Please take action now to comment on the tunnels project.

Putah Creek Fish Kill Steve Karr reports that the Solano County Water Authority/Solano Irrigation District have flows in the Interdam Reach (between Monticello Dam and the Solano Lake Dam) to facilitate cleaning South Putah Canal. One of the Putah Creek Trout group found dead and stranded small fish in a side channel dewatered by the low flows. If you are on the creek fishing please look at the smaller side channels and count any dead fish and take pictures if possible. Send an email to Steve (sk60@putahcreektrout.org) with counts, pics, and location. Thank you for your help.

Biased poll on the tunnels In case you need any more incentive to send in your comments (see above), an advocacy group for the twin tunnels, Californians for Water Security, released the results of a poll that allegedly shows strong support for the tunnel project. In a survey of 1500 voters, they reported that 55% supported the project. After hearing an "explanatory statement" support increased to 79%, and after hearing a statement of "pros and cons" support remained high at 68%. Here are the statements:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: "The California Water Fix is the plan to fix the state's main water distribution system in part by building two new underground tunnels to replace the infrastructure that currently delivers water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, to homes, farms and businesses throughout the state."

CON: "This project will cost tens of billions of dollars and cost Southern California water customers hundreds of dollars per year, without guaranteeing that it will provide one additional drop of water. Southern California needs to decrease our dependence on outside water sources by investing in increasing local water supplies through desalination, more storage, storm water capture and other local water projects."

PRO: "We all agree that Southern California needs to increase local water supplies, but that alone will not ensure water security for our region. We must act now to fix the aging water distribution system that delivers nearly one-third of our local water. If we fail to act, a key portion of our local water supply is at risk in an earthquake. Local water agencies estimate that this plan will only cost the average residential customer five dollars per month, and the cost of inaction to our region is much greater."

As you can see the "explanatory statement" and the "pro and con arguments" are carefully crafted to guide the respondent to the desired conclusion. They make no reference to the environmental damage that will be caused by the tunnel project, no mention of the damage to farms in the delta, only a cursory mention of the costs of the project (and no mention of the lost opportunity to put the funds to a real beneficial use), and no mention of the primary beneficiaries of the project – large agricultural operations in the San Joaquin Valley. What this poll truly highlights is that the Californians polled for this survey know little to nothing about this proposed project.

Ich outbreak averted Last month I reported that water was released from Trinity Lake to create a pulse of cold water into the Klamath. Salmon were on the verge of a massive fish kill due to an outbreak of Ich, as happened in 2002. The Bureau of Reclamation was immediately sued by the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and Westlands Water District. Their lawsuit was denied, and the good news is that the outbreak was averted and the salmon run is healthy.

El Niño builds The odds of a wet winter have become more certain now that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced the probabilities of higher than normal rain throughout California. Southern California is still expected to get the wettest winter, but northern California is looking better. It probably won't make up for four years of drought, but perhaps give some relief and start to fill the reservoirs again.

Odds of a wet winter

El Niño is expected to bring normal to above-normal rainfall to California between January and March, according to the NOAA.



<u>NCCFFF News</u> By Lowell Ashbaugh

Ballots due! The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is holding board elections. All members should have received an email with the board nominees and executive officers. Please return the ballot as requested to Ken Brunskill. Your vote is important. And if you're not a member of FFF, it's time to join!





GOLDEN WEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS

invites you to our

Flyfishing Fete 32 !

Saturday, November 7th, 2015 ♥ 6:00PM to 10:00PM Dinner, Auction and Raffle at:

Jason's Restaurant 300 Drakes Landing Road, Greenbrae, CA 94904 (415) 925-0808

Celebrate 32 wonderful years of fishing, friendship, conservation and philanthropy!

The Golden West WomenFlyfishers Foundation has made a big difference in the world of flyfishing the past 32 years:

- » The "Trout in the Classrooms" program
- » Scholarships for women in advanced education
- » Scholarships for youth to attend FishCamp
- » Support to many other conservation organizations
- » Inspiration for many new women's flyfishing clubs

RSVP

Yes, I would like to attend the Celebration Fete

Number of guests	x \$65.00 per person =	
Table for ten (\$650.00)		
\$65 per person in adva	nce, \$75 per person at the doc	or
Sorry, going fishingbut	I would like to support all the gr	eat work GWWF does.
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Make checks payable to GWWF Foundation and mail to: Fanny Krieger, 790 27th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121

<u>FFD Outings: Lake Davis</u>

Summary by Cary Boyden Photos by Members

The Club's annual fall outing, originally planned for mid September, got off the ground on the 30th and went through that Saturday. Unfortunately between the planned date and the actual date the group lost a good portion of its membership and did not find any replacements. The end result was a group of 7 including Jim and Myoko Wright, Jack Norlyn, Jim Humphrey, John Imsdahl, Paul Berliner and the author.

Wednesday dawned grey and wet. Very wet. Most of the group opted to stay in camp, but Jack and i did give it an hour or so. No luck. Thursday brought more of the same and so we headed to town for a leisurely brunch. Hump, with a nose for good cafes, found Sharon's in Oldtown. Wonderful food to say the least! Fortunately, while it rained during the first 2 days and Saturday night, the sky was dry during all dinner times. And as is the norm, we always ate well.

Friday the sun actually shown and the fishing improved once the afternoon was reached. JI took 4-5 and had others on at the Mosquito entrance. Paul had a good session near the dam. Jim and Myoko took the skunk off the boat. And Hump and I hit the jackpot at Mallard on the edge of a dropoff that went quickly from 10 to 20 feet. (Not a historical jackpot of 20-30 fish each but a more modest 18 aggregate). The size: 15-22 inches with few with coca pods and mostly fat and strong fish.

Saturday was also clear and slow early. Then the wind started!!! The total count was 1 for each of Jack, Jim, John and me along with some whiffs and ldrs. And after dinner there was plenty of liquid sunshine along with a spectacular light show. By Sunday morning JI and Jack had bailed, so the rest of us decided on breakfast on the way home. The cafe in Sierraville, which had been sold and not re-opened in June, was now open so we decided to give it a try. Suffice it to say Sharon's was very sadly vastly preferable, and it looks like down the road the Sunday am breakfast crew will suffer hunger pangs until reaching the Donner Lake Cafe this side of Truckee (where the former Sierraville crew now works).



Something Smokey for Dinner



John Imsdahl's beautiful Lake Davis Bow

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Jack Norlyn is very skilled at tying



Miyako says "Jack, this won't hurt a bit"



Paul waiting patiently



Category 2 winds, right before it jumped to category 5



Stop, no pictures please



Jack Norlyn's fish at Mosquito, Davis Lake



Sunset at Davis Lake





FFD Outings: Lower Sac Drift with The Fly Shop

Photos by Members



Dan Schweissinger with a Brown Trout



Doug Flat with a big one. It finally broke off!



Bob Brodberg's Beautiful Bow



Paul Berliner's Nice Steelhead





Mike Parker, Lowell and Dr. Dan

Rain threatening



Launch at Balls Ferry past Coleman Hatchery to Jelly's

Paul Hadley with a monster salmon





Mike Parker holding Jack Norlyn's fat fish



Doug Falt with a nice one



That makes 5 species on our boat today!



Joe with another hog



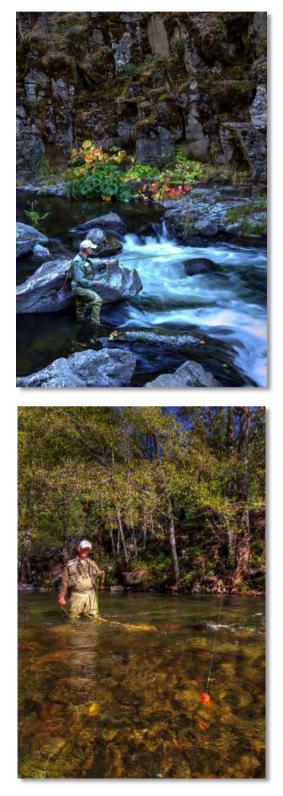
Fish on!



Dan Schweissinger with a huge salmon

<u>FFD Travels: Upper Sac</u> Summary and Photos by Phil Reedy

Sam Chamberlin and I spent Friday on the Upper Sac with a mix of fishing and photography. The flows are great right now and they are stocking every couple of weeks so there are plenty of fish to catch. We caught a number of fish in the morning on a prince nymph, spent the afternoon exploring and taking pictures, and then fished dries in the evening with excellent results using a caddis or bivisible. Some fall color is just beginning to appear so the river looks beautiful.





<u>FFD Travels: Pyramid Lake</u> Summary by Tom Robinson Photos by The Wolfpack

There is something magical about Pyramid Lake. Maybe it's the amazing sunrises and sunsets which paint the beautiful vistas. Maybe it is the fact that you take in these views while standing on a ladder for hours. Maybe it's the cramped rooms or the ambience of a night at Crosby's Lodge ponying up to the bar for one more drink before you belt out your favorite song to a supportive crowd with drink in hand. Or maybe it's those Lahontan cutthroat that range from large in size to monster. Whether the fishing is on or not, if your with good friends, you can't help but have an epic weekend on the Lake. Chris Berardi, Tom Robinson, Dana Hooper, Kurt Arens, and Eric Kapucinski headed up to Sutcliffe, NV for a repeat of a legendary trip last February. For Kurt and Eric this was their maiden voyage.

With ladders in tow the group checked into Crosby's Lodge and quickly donned their waders and headed to Pelican Beach, where they killed it last time. With the wind pounding and the waves crashing on our ladders we made cast after cast, but there were no takers. We went back to the rooms, cooked up dinner and celebrated a belated birthday for Eric, aka Big E. with a cake. The initial plan was to hit Crosby's bar on Saturday night, but since it was Ladies Night, we decided to check it out. We quickly setup at the billiard table and played a few while the karaoke floor came alive. With the Makers Mark flowing, Big E and Tom got the crowd going with their rendition of Garth Brooks Friends in Low Places and finished up with a Guns and Roses duet of Sweet Child of Mine. There is video of Big E's guitar solo on the ground some where \bigcirc

The rest of the night was a blur and Chris was none too happy to get a late start on Saturday morning. We finally made our way to Blockhouse, where it was Big E's day landing a sizable cui-ui and a few decent Lahontan cutthroat. While Chris went end over end on his ladder taking a swim, Tom edged out to the ledge with his ladder, which quickly became an act of desperation to get back to shore paddling with with ladder in one hand and rod in the other. The fishing was slow for the rest of the day. Of course fisherman after fisherman told us they caught their fish early.

Needless to say, it was an early night. We hit the sack after a terrific Crosby's Dinner Special of Ribs, beans and slaw. In the morning we hit Wino Beach at first light with lightning strikes and clear heads, and the rest of us landed fish. Warm waters made it tough fishing for the fly fishermen this weekend, but it was still one we will always remember.





The hitch hall was perfect for the 4 ladders



The views from our ladders are spectacular



Chris Berardi lands this beauty



Tom Robinson and his cutthroat



Eric Kapucinski lands the first Lahontan Cutthroat



Dana Hooper with his thick Lahontan



Early Mornings on the Lake





Rainbow Warrior



Big E's Birthday Cake



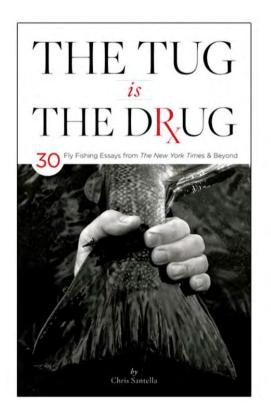
The Wolfpack Pyramid Lake, Fall 2015

Book of the Month By Jim Luschwitz

"The Tug is the Drug" By Chris Santella

For people who like to read on a tablet, try this book.

These thirty pieces take readers from leaping makos near the fairways of Torrey Pines, to midnight Atlantic salmon fishing on the fabled Ponoi, to encounters with very friendly *mujeres* on the streets of Havana... and even offer an unauthorized (yet unequivocal) account of Bob Dylan's 1970s obsession with fishing.



Chris Santella is one of the the most welltraveled writers in the history of the sport of fly fishing. His Travelling lifestyle and eye for entertaining details—even those that have little to do with the act of throwing flies at fish—hold the attention and make us look at fishing in a whole different way.

The people and places that Chris writes aboutfishing's notable characters, oddballs and outcast experts, and places that inspire and sometimes intimidate the average angler define a horizon that most fly fishers will never reach, but Santella brings it all into the foreground.

Chris Santella has more than 600,000 hard cover books in print. His two "Fifty Places" fly fishing books are being adapted for television by the World Fishing Network as

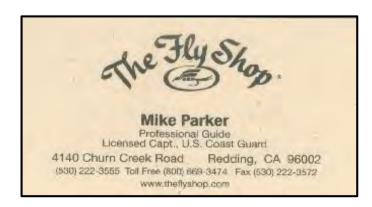
Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die, which will premiere in the 1st quarter 2015.



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2015 - 2016

<u>Trip 2015</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2015	Steelhead		ТВ	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout					
Striper Fest 2015	Stripers		November 7	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		Dec 4 & 5	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2016	Steelhead		TBA	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 2 - 6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 6 - 9		530-753-3826	\$170/day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April	Jon Knapp	530-756-9056	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	ТВА	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 13 - 15	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad		May 20	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		June	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Payne Ranch	Smallies		June	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		September	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$170 / day (check only) + tip





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Dues for adults and families (member's spouse and children living with named member up to max age 25) 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 - Membership Chair

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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