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

**November Meeting, Tuesday November 17, 2015  
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School  
Leslie Ajari Presents:  
“Fly Fishing The Trinity River”**

**T**his month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Leslie Ajari, who will discuss fly fishing the Trinity River. The Trinity River is the major tributary to the Klamath River and one of California’s most panoramic and rewarding fly fishing rivers, with several steelhead runs and the occasional sea-run brown trout.

Leslie was born and raised in the North Lake Tahoe area among the Sierra Nevada and all their challenging but rewarding fishing. She began her adventure into the world of fly fishing at the age of 10 when her dad, who loved to fly fish and tie flies, taught her how to cast. Since then, fly fishing has become a serious addiction. After graduation from college, Leslie decided to forgo a conventional career (much to her parents dismay) and took a job where she could telecommute and travel around the country in search of epic fishing. She followed her passion and started guiding because it gave her the opportunity to share it with others. Leslie guides in Northern California and Southern Oregon. Follow Leslie on her blog, Gal Gone Fishin’, which chronicles one woman’s journey through the art of fly fishing.



## **THE PREZ SEZ**

*By Dana Hooper*

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

November is here and starting the month off with something we have not seen much of in a long time. Good ole rain. The steelhead fishers should be loving it with a good fresh push of water into the system.

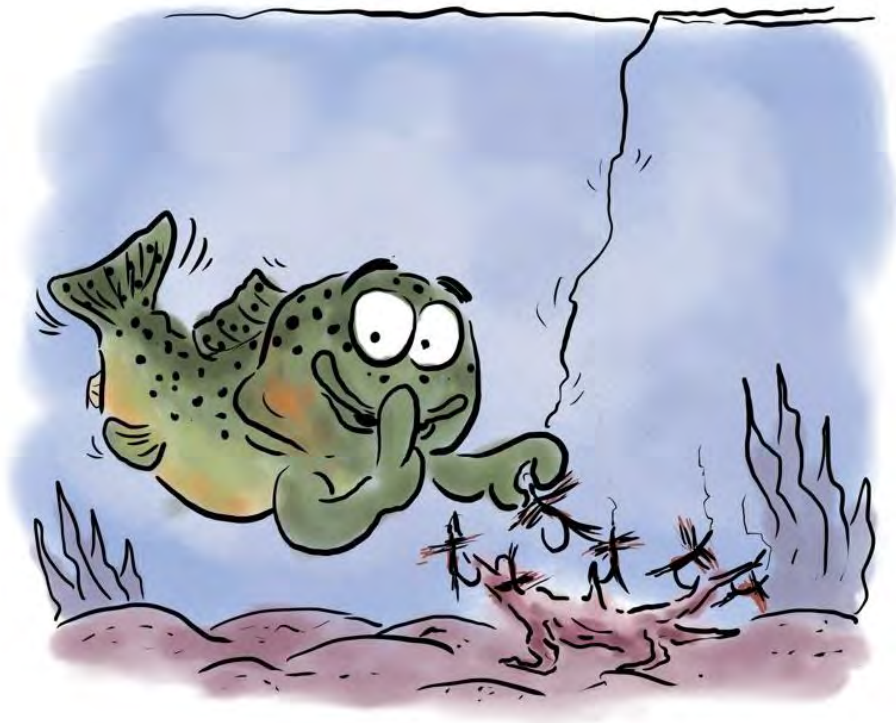
We have two last outings for the year with our trinity trip and luk lake Dec 4 and 5 one of The Fly Shops private waters.

This month we will get to learn about the Trinity River and techniques to fishing for the elusive Steelhead.

Dana Hooper

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### **TROUT PRANK: THE FLY SNAG BRANCH**



## **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>
November	Leslie Ajari	<b>November 17, 2015</b>	Trinity River
December	Home Grown	December 8, 2015	Fly Fishers of Davis Club Outings
January	Lance Gray	January 26, 2016	Tenkara
February	John Squires	February 23, 2016	Do It Yourself Alaska Float Trip

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



## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

*By Cary Boyden*

The Club will hold its annual meeting during the business portion of the December regular meeting which is to be held on December 8, 2015 at Harper Junior High School. The business portion will commence no earlier than 7:30 pm.

The sole items of scheduled business are the election of Officers for 2016 and the filling of a three year term on the Board of Directors for the years 2016-2018.

### **The Board has nominated the following officer slate:**

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

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

Mark Hansen



## **CALL FOR DUES!**

*By Paul Berliner*

Hi everyone! As your club Treasurer, here's a gentle reminder to send in your dues for 2016. 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!

## **PAY TO PLAY- LUK LAKE**

Our Luk Lake outing is coming up on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We still have spots available for Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a Club fund-raiser and costs \$120 per day. Luk is located behind the Rolling Hills casino on the way to Redding. It is stocked with trout up to 24" and also has bass and sunfish. Conditions permitting you might catch all three species. Signups continue at the November meeting.



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## ANNUAL DINNER COMING

Your Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual Dinner for March 12, 2015. 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!

## 2016 FFD FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP



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 20 – June 24, 2016), 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>

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*Capt. Toby Uppinghouse*

## **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>.

**Tunnels Project Comments** The comment period for the Delta Tunnels project closed at the end of October, with the supporters submitting 12,000 comments and the opponents submitting 30,000 comments. In response, Governor Brown issued the following statement: "The Delta pipeline is essential to completing the California Water Project and protecting fish and water quality. Without this fix, San Joaquin farms, Silicon Valley and other vital centers of the California economy will suffer devastating losses in their water supply. Claims to the contrary are false, shameful and do a profound disservice to California's future."

My response to Governor Brown is that it's shameful of Governor Brown to completely dismiss the comments of 30,000 thoughtful Californians who have serious disagreements with his plan to build massive tunnels and are providing well-reasoned alternatives that would result in more water at lower cost, both economically and environmentally. The core of our democracy is to be able to disagree with our elected leaders without being dismissed as lying, shameful people stuck in the past. It's important to ask the question (on both sides) "What do you have to gain from your position?" In the case of Tunnel opponents, the gain is a better environment, existing way of life, and making the future of California better. In the case of proponents, it mostly boils down to cash in their pockets. Whose actions are shameful, and who is looking toward the future of California? Not Governor Brown.

**Klamath Deal in 11th Hour** The Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement is hanging by a thread. Congress has until the end of December to approve it or the whole deal falls apart. Starting over is not an option – it's not at all clear that the agreement could be reached again. The four senators representing Oregon and California are in agreement and have introduced SB133, but action remains stalled in the House. Congressmen Greg Walden, Ron Wyden, and Jeff Merkley are on board, but there is no House bill yet. Hopefully, Congressman Walden will

introduce a bill soon. Notably, Congressman Doug LaMalfa has not joined the supporters of the Agreement, despite the fact that it offers the best hope of reliable water for his constituents in Northern California.

**Another Fish Kill** Despite belated efforts to prevent it, over 95% of the winter-run Chinook salmon in the Sacramento River system perished this year due to high water temperatures. This marks two years in a row that very few fish survived to make the run to the ocean. The fish have a three-year life cycle so one more year of poor survival could cause their extinction. This is despite state and federal laws that protect them – water managers have been delinquent in providing conditions for their survival.

**Ballot Initiative** A new initiative that could spell trouble for the Twin Tunnels has qualified for the ballot. The "No Blank Checks Initiative" would force voter approval for public infrastructure bonds amounting to more than \$2 billion and requiring new or increased taxes or fees. The initiative, spearheaded by Dean Cortopassi, a Stockton area farmer, is aimed at the Delta Tunnels. It's not clear how many other projects might fall under its scope, though, so it's not clear to me whether this is a good way to fight the Tunnels project or not. The unintended consequences of the initiative could be dire.

### *NCCFFF News*

**By Lowell Ashbaugh**

**Smith River Support** The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers has assisted the development of a partnership between the Smith River Advisory Council and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to draft a Fisheries Management Plan for the Smith River. The draft is now complete, and the NCCIFFF is continuing its support by agreeing to act as Fiduciary Agent to manage funds needed to complete the final plan. This plan is significant as it could be used as a template to manage anadromous fish in other rivers in California. It also could be a model for public/private partnership in creating policy. Just one more reason to become a member of FFF.



## **FFD OUTINGS: STRIPERFEST 2015**

*Summary by Tom Robinson Photos by Members*

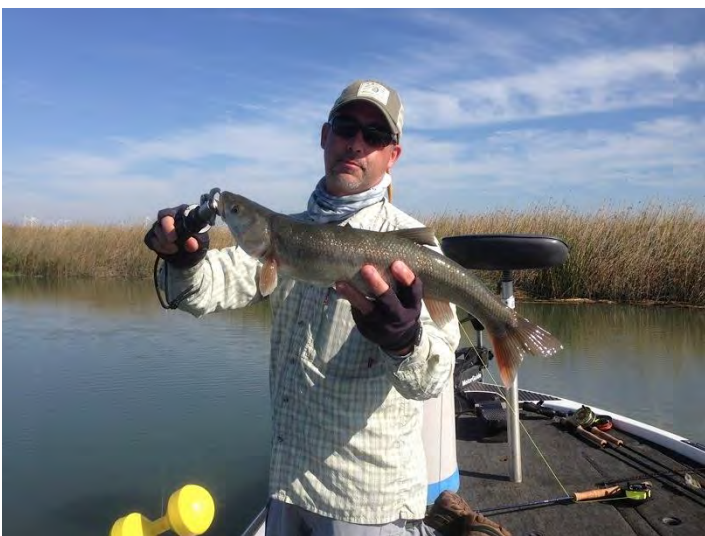
The Club had a good turnout at this year's Stripperfest as 8 boaters matched up fellow Club members launched at various locations on the California Delta. The weather was perfect with light winds and enough sun to allow members to shed a layer or two throughout the day. Every group caught fish although the stripers were on the smaller side this year. The largest weighed in at 5 pounds.



Paul Berliner with his Delta striper



Dana Hooper with a 5lber



You never know what you'll catch, such as this large pikeminnow



Tom Robinson with his 5lber





Bob Brodberg joins the fun with his striper



Dana catches 3 species with this large mouth bass



Is this a spinning rod and reel?



The hungry group at El Verduzco in Dixon

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## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

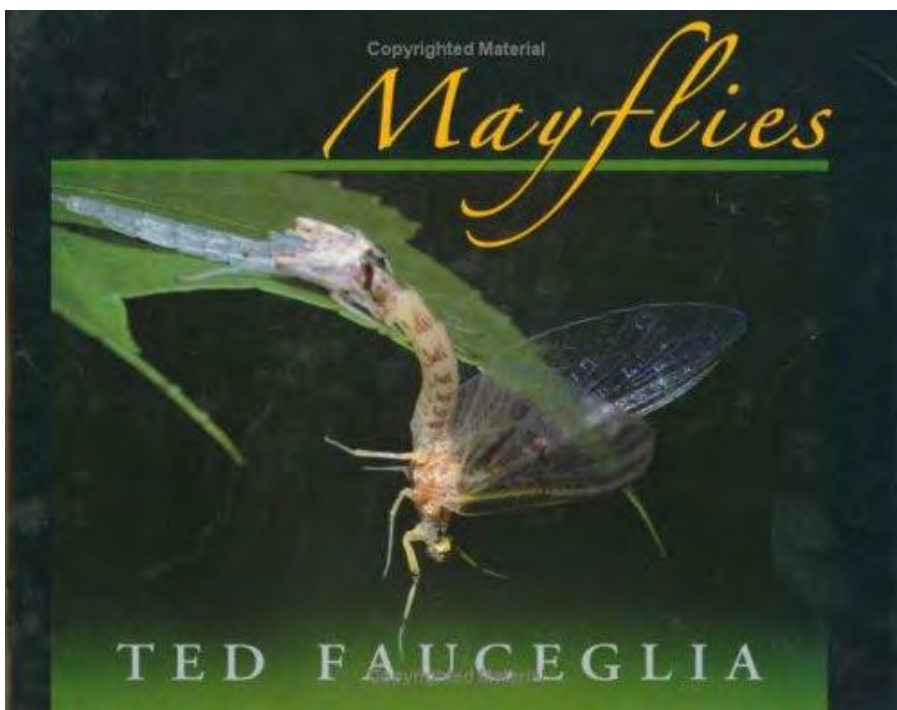
*By Jim Luschwitz*

### ***“Mayflies”***

*By Ted Fauceglia*

Ted Fauceglia set out thirty years ago to do something that would seem daunting to the even the most adept photographers: create on-stream images of mayflies in various stages of their life cycles. Considering the differences in behavior of the many species — not to mention the problems identifying them — only his passion for the subject could have led him to finish the project. He is known in the fly fishing publishing world as the foremost photographer of insects and fly patterns.

Mayflies is first and foremost a record of fascinating images of insects. It's easy to be fooled into thinking this is just the first real coffee-table book for entomologists. But the author brings with him something even more valuable: a vision of how insects are perceived by both fish and fisherman. This is where the other contents of the book — the narrative about lifecycles and the fly patterns used to imitate their various stages — glue things together.



Fauceglia, though a master fly tier in his own right, chose experts in various categories of patterns and species to author the ties he photographed for each chapter. Some of the tiers featured in the book are Kelly Galloup, Ed Jaworowski, Mike Mercer, and Art Scheck. The underlying message of this book is that over time the master tiers have learned to tie flies that *trout* choose as food, not just flies that look to *anglers* like natural insects. So for the first time in print, we get to see the differences between a mayfly viewed in almost perfect natural light and the flies that, to a trout, best imitate them.

*Mayflies* will remain a “photography” book for many fly fishers. It's just too hard to stop looking at the images, which achieve eye-widening level of detail. But there is much more between the covers here, and no doubt the thinking involved will inspire many others along the same path of choosing and tying flies according to a sophisticated understanding of insect life cycles. For these anglers, *Mayflies* is not just a pretty book but an invaluable reference.



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## 2015 - 2016

<u>Trip 2015</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity Trip (Fall) 2015	Steelhead		TB	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip
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>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity 2016	Steelhead		TBA	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$340 + tip
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		February 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 2 - 6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 13 - 16	Cary Boyden	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	TBA	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	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBA			
Striper Fest 2015	Stripers		TBA	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater

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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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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.  
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