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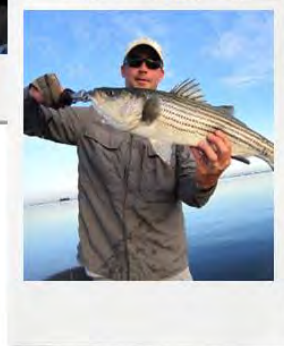
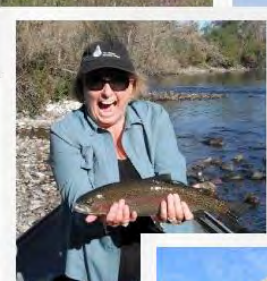
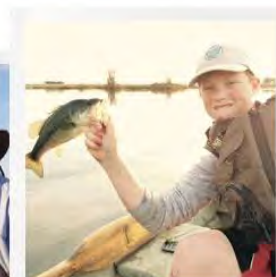
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The Fisherman's Line

**December Meeting, Tuesday December 8, 2015
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Fly Fishers of Davis Presents: Davis Homegrown
“Everything You Wanted to Know About FFD Club Outings and
Fly Fishing in Mexico with Sam Yee”**

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from its own members for our annual homegrown presentation. One of the strengths of our Club is its outings. Did you know that Fly Fishers of Davis organizes more than 20 outings for its members? FFD outings are a great way to meet other members, target a different species of fish, learn new fly fishing techniques, and spend more time out on the water. Some outings require a certain form of floatation and some are “pay to play”. Some are day outings, while others are overnight with camping. This month we will summarize each of the Club’s outings, answering all of those questions you ever had about how to participate and what to expect.

After the outings presentation we are excited to hear from Sam Yee who will share about his fly fishing travels in Mexico and the exciting fish you can catch with the fly.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Dana Hooper

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

Merry Christmas to all Fly Fishers of Davis Members,

I hope everybody has had a great year of fly fishing and with winter weather finally here will make next year an even better fly fishing year.

I want to thank all of the Board Members for all the great support they have been in keeping Fly Fishers of Davis one of the most exciting fly clubs in California and making us relevant in the community.

We want to thank all the members for their contribution in helping Fly Fishers of Davis be such a great club and one of the best in the valley.

Looking forward in seeing you at the great homegrown presentation we have put together for you.

Be Safe and have a great Holiday Season

Dana Hooper



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
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
March	TBA	March 29, 2015	TBA
April	Jim Cox	April 26, 2015	Western Rivers Conservancy

*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!

FIRST CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO, and a CONTEST!

By Paul Berliner

About this time each year, I start planning the annual dinner video, but I need your photos and videos to make it work! If you took photos or video of your fly fishing adventures during 2015, collect your best shots and clips, and send them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).



Important notes:

- Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.
- High resolution JPG images are preferred for photos.
- For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better (and yes, iPhone and Android video works just fine).
- Please, oh please, do **NOT** send me gigantic emails full of pictures! If the file size is too large to email, simply contact me. I can arrange to get the files from you.
- Please include your name, and the location at which the photos were shot.

This year, we'll also hold our 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!

INTRODUCTORY FLY TYING CLASS

By Bob Zasoski

Introductory Fly Tying Class will begin Tuesday January 6 and continues on Tuesday January 13, 20 and 27 and February 3 and 10. The six week session will cover the basics of fly tying and introduce the students to a number of techniques as they tie two different flies each week.

- The class is limited to 10 participants.
- Repeat students are welcome, but preference will be given to those that have not taken the class previously.
- 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 please bring them.



Classes will be held from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Viticulture Field Headquarters near the University Airport. A signups sheet will be available at the December meeting. You may also sign up by contacting Bob Zasoski at rjasoski@sbcglobal.net. Participants will receive a map to the Viticulture Field House and tying instructions by email. Additional flying sessions will target flies for particular fisheries - such as stripers, shad, Pyramid Lake, Steelhead or specific techniques. Stay tuned.



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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>.

I hope you all have a great holiday season. Merry Christmas or whatever winter holiday you celebrate! Here are a few stories to think about until January.

Salmon smolt size determines when they will return to spawn. A 10-year study of 24,000 tagged Chinook salmon smolts on the John Day River found that their size when they left freshwater determined the age they would return. Smaller (but healthy) smolts were more likely to return as four- or five-year old adults, and those are the ones that were most productive. Larger smolts leaving the freshwater were more likely to return to spawn at three years old, commonly known as jacks.

The implications of this study are that fisheries managers have an opportunity to influence adult age spawners by changing freshwater conditions.

Federal California Water Bill is delayed. A California water bill that Senator Diane Feinstein and others have been working on will likely be delayed again. Senator Feinstein has committed to allowing all interested parties, including environmental groups and numerous other stakeholders, time to vet the language and provide input to the bill. Agricultural interests have wanted to add the bill to an omnibus appropriations bill necessary to keep the government running, a technique designed to keep outside interests from having much influence.

“The process is unacceptable,” Rep. Jared Huffman, the Democrat who represents coastal communities north of San Francisco, said not long before Feinstein’s concerns became public. “Here we are, in the eleventh hour, and we still have not seen a draft. We can’t just be steamrolled.”

“The process has almost entirely excluded the members of Congress who would be most affected,” Rep. Jerry McNerney, whose district include Stockton, said in an interview Friday. “What they need to do is work with us.”

Late last week House negotiators offered a 92-page “drought relief and water storage” package for the omnibus appropriations bill, saying it was backed by Senator Feinstein and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Senator Feinstein subsequently released a statement, saying “I understand that late Thursday night a drought bill was proposed as an addition to the omnibus. I am told it was proposed in my name, which I did not approve. This is regrettable, not only because I believe

we remain close to an agreement on a broader bill, but also because it stands in opposition to my desire to do a bill in an open and public manner.”

Draft Klamath Legislation has been published by Representative Greg Walden of Oregon to authorize two of the three basin agreements. It does not authorize dam removal, which is an integral part of the deal. The dam removal does not require funding from federal sources, but splits the cost between PacifiCorp, the dams’ owner, and the state of California.

If the agreements collapse, however, there is another path for removing the Klamath dams. PacifiCorp must renew the license to operate the dams with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Federal requirements to install fish ladders and other equipment may make the dams too costly to maintain.

Groups ask state water board to complete delta water quality plan before granting delta tunnel permits. On November 24, 2015, Restore the Delta, Friends of the River, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and the Environmental Water Caucus sent a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the “Petition for Change in Points of Diversion and Re-Diversion along the lower Sacramento River.”

The letter concludes “There is no adequate informational basis at this time on which to commence an evidentiary hearing. No adequate Draft EIR/EIS has been prepared and circulated for public review and comment. The State Water Board distances itself from its own Delta flow criteria developed in 2010 but seeks to commence evidentiary hearing on the Petition before completing its Bay-Delta Plan update. The Water Fix has no force of either federal or State law behind it. There is no legitimate planning reason to proceed in a rush to approve the Petition and then update the Bay-Delta Plan to fit the fix. Finally, there is no lawful basis to proceed with a project that will worsen already existing water quality violations in the Delta or consider a water quality certification in the absence of an adequate Draft EIR/EIS and in the absence of public trust analysis.”

Tim Strohane, policy analyst for Restore the Delta, gives the context of this letter:

“The State wants to process water rights permits for the Tunnels intakes without an adequate EIR because Governor Jerry Brown wants this as a legacy project by the time he leaves office in 2019, and water exporters see this as a crucial opportunity with a supportive governor to ram this thing through state regulatory agencies like the Water Board. But the document lacks important information about the tunnels’ impacts, and lacks

reasonable and meaningful alternatives that also would solve Delta problems and increase the state's water supply reliability.

“Meanwhile, the Board has delayed and ignored its responsibility to update its Bay-Delta water quality control plan for nearly 20 years while the Delta ecosystem has deteriorated from heavy exports and poor water quality, which the Board's 20-year-old plan has failed to protect.

“On one hand, you have the Governor’s tunnels project being rushed through, while on the other, the water quality plan has been long delayed. We face a situation in which already-failed policies would govern the tunnels, rather than new policies and water quality objectives that would use best available science to help protect and enhance the Delta while balancing with greater water supply reliability (i.e., the “coequal goals”) as mandated by the Delta Reform Act.

“Policy should govern plumbing, not the other way around. The new Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan should incorporate policies of the 2009 Delta Reform Act, not be governed by the tunnels project.”

Bob Wright, senior counsel at Friends of the River points to deep flaws in the Delta Tunnels environmental review. “The EPA gave the Delta Tunnels RDEIR/SDEIS a failing grade. The ball is in the State Water Board’s court. They can either do a legitimate environmental review or tell Reclamation & DWR they must do so. The inadequate environmental review for the Delta Tunnels is a defect that can only be cured by doing an adequate review.”

NCCFFF News

By Lowell Ashbaugh

Festival of Fly Fishing is coming! The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is planning a one-day Festival of Fly Fishing for March 20 at the Marin Rod and Gun Club. It will run 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will feature speakers, fly casting, fly tying, and vendors. It looks like we’ll have Greg Vinci, Stephanie Hogan, and Lance Gray, and more speakers will be announced later. There will be a raffle, too. The cost to attend will be minimal - \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12, and \$20 for a family (up to two adults and two kids). Parking will be free and there will be one or more food trucks for lunch. More to come

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>

FFD Travels: California Delta
Summary and photos by Phil Reedy

Andan Bailey and I went to the Delta on Sunday to fish for stripers. It was a beautiful calm day, and although fishing was a bit slow, Andan managed to catch a number of stripers and largemouth bass. Given my lesser success at catching fish, I decided to take some shots of a guy who was actually catching fish.



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An advertisement for Edgewater Outfitters. It features a photograph of a fisherman, Capt. Toby Uppinghouse, wearing a cap and sunglasses, holding a large striped bass. The background is a body of water with a rocky shoreline. The text includes the company name, tagline, a list of fishing locations, contact information, and the fisherman's name.

Book of the Month

By Jim Luschwitz

“Conquering Chironomids Volume 1”

By Brian Chan and Phil Rowley

This is the first volume of a 2 DVD set authored by Brian and Phil, who are recognized as leading educators in the field of fly fishing in stillwaters. Their latest project takes advantage of a combined 60 years of experience in fishing lakes and in particular their fascination with mastering chironomid emergences.

Volume 1 focuses on strike indicators, one of the most effective presentation techniques for chironomid larva and pupa. This video is packed with information that will significantly shorten the learning curve of conquering chironomid fishing.

Once hooked on chironomid fishing it will become an obsession! This comprehensive DVD is broken down into 12 chapters covering a wide range of topics including the chironomid life cycle, equipment selection including rods, lines & reels, leaders & their construction, how to use a throat pump, selecting the right strike indicator, casting tips, depth sounders & anchoring, presentation tactics, recognizing takes & selecting the right fly. Chironomids or midges are undoubtedly the most prolific & prolonged insect emergence found in productive stillwaters. Trout, char & other game fish take advantage of this abundant easily captured food source.

Emergences can last from a few months during the spring & early summer period to yearlong hatches. Understanding & mastering this important food source not only increases the numbers of fish you catch but provides the satisfaction of understanding why you are being so successful. The special features section of the DVD offers a selection of Phil and Brian's proven larva and pupa patterns with tying recipes and important knots including two versions of the non-slip loop knot.





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2016 - 2017

<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity Trip 2016	Steelhead	Guide	TB	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		February 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
Baum Lake	Trout		March 2 - 6	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 13 - 16	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 /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	April 30	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	Boater pair with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis	Trout		June 8 - 12	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
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	Guide	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
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$120/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2017</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>

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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. 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

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For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org – **Membership Chair**

Name _____ Address _____
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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.
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