

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

Volume 44 Issue 1

**The Fisherman's Line**

**January Meeting, Tuesday January 26, 2016  
7:30pm @ Emerson Jr. High School  
Fly Fishers of Davis Presents:  
“Fly Fishing Tenkara Style”**

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Lance Gray, who will discuss fly fishing Tenkara Style. Tenkara is the Japanese traditional form of fly fishing. It's a simple technique that is becoming popular with fly fishing enthusiasts everywhere. This presentation highlights the fisheries that this style of fly-fishing is great for and also gives the club member a hands on look into Tenkara Rods, flies and techniques. This simple way of fly-fishing will take you back to your youth, fishing small streams and enjoying fish rising to dry flies. There is nothing better.

Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to



work at Powell's in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell's, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled. In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance's Crystal Popper, Gray's Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation running the manufacturing floor of the company. In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He's a signature tier for Solitude Fly Company, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing. Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who's had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.

## **THE PREZ SEZ**

By Dana Hooper

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis and welcome to 2016.

We are off to a good start with rainfall and snow pack to start the year and hopefully will continue through the next couple months.

We do have an early Outing starting on Feb 6 to the UCD Property on the Lower Yuba River in which we have not fished this early in the years past before, so make sure if you're not on the list to get on it at the next meeting.

With our Annual Dinner making its way closer and closer we need all the help we can with donations this year. Please email myself and or bring to the monthly meeting.

With that said we will be doing pre Annual Dinner tickets and Raffle ticket sales at the next two monthly meetings hoping for those that want to get a jump and not wait in line will help with the flow that night. Look for the email blasts and newsletter advertisements of prizes for the Annual Dinner.

Thanks,

Dana Hooper

Dana.hooper@usfoods.com



## **ANNUAL DINNER COMING**

Your Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual Dinner for **Saturday, March 12, 2016**. 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.

## **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 2016 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
January	Lance Gray	January 26, 2016	Tenkara
February	John Squires	February 23, 2016	Do It Yourself Alaska Float Trip
March	Jim Cox	March 29, 2016	Western Rivers Conservancy California Projects
April	Bill Forward	April 26, 2016	From a Trout's Perspective

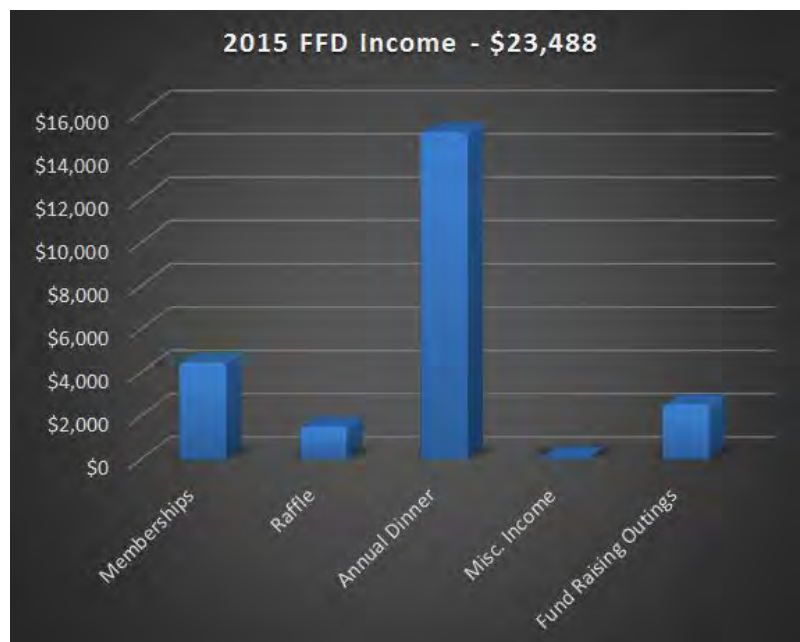
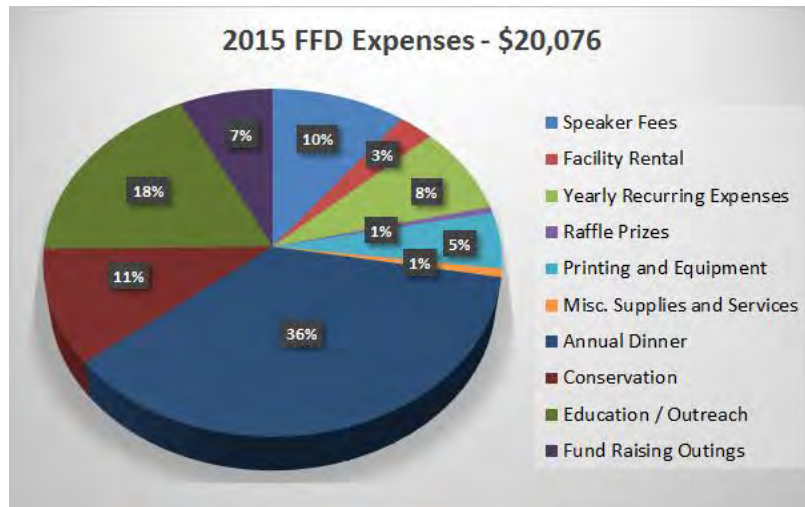
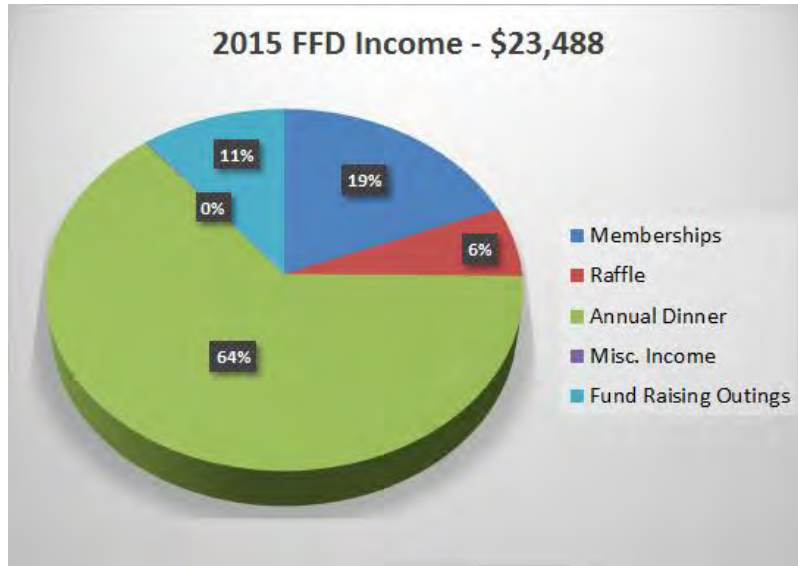
\*Except where noted, all meetings will take place at Harper Jr. High School

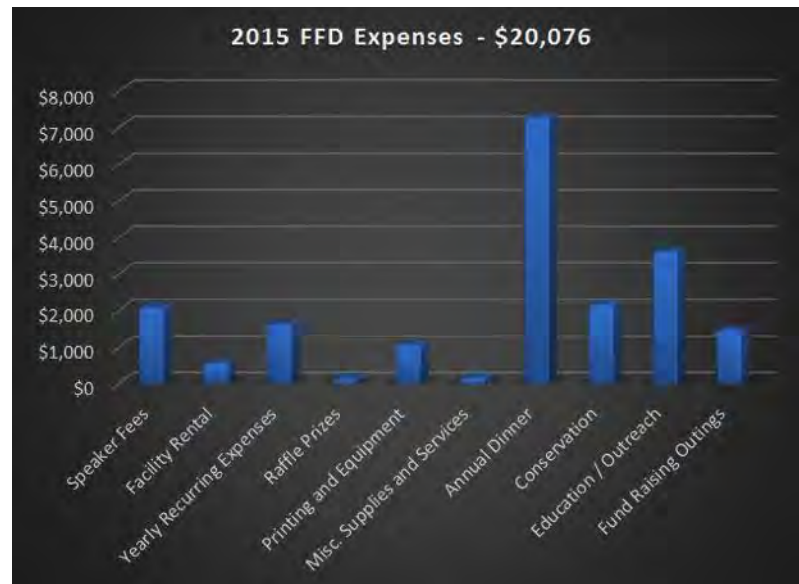


## **FFD Club Income and Expense Budget Charts for 2015**

By Paul Berliner

This is how your dues and other fundraiser funds are spent and allocated





### **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!



You're  
Invited

Look for your Annual Dinner Evite  
in your email next week !

Please respond so that we can accurately anticipate attendance for catering purposes.

If you do not receive an Evite by February 1st, email [Tom.Robinson@me.com](mailto:Tom.Robinson@me.com)

## 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>

## January's Monthly Meeting Will Be At Ralph Waldo Emerson Junior High School



2121 Calaveras Avenue, Davis, CA 95616



**Proposed Class Dates for 2016**  
**Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm**  
**UCD Horticulture Room**

<i>101 Topics</i>		
Day 1	Thurs. Feb. 11	Gear, Rods, Reels & Lines. How We Determine What to Buy
Day 2	Thurs. Feb. 18	Bugs VS Flies
Day 3	Thurs. Feb. 25	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Thurs. Mar. 3	Rigging and Techniques B
Day 5	Thurs. Mar. 10	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 6	Thurs. Mar. 17	Indicator Techniques and Review
<i>201 Topics</i>		
Day 7	Thurs. Mar. 24	Striper Fishing Techniques on the Delta
Day 8	Thurs. Mar. 31	Streamer Techniques for Trout

*Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at [TroutHookup1@gmail.com](mailto:TroutHookup1@gmail.com) or 916-343-9732*



## **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>.

**Conservation Grant to DWR** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation provided a grant of \$17.9 million to the California Department of Water Resources on July 30 of last year to "...lead to the conservation and rehabilitation of habitat to improve fish and wildlife populations and ultimately lead to a healthier Delta ecosystem." While this sounds good, it was funded under the Bay Delta Conservation Plan that has been replaced with California Water Fix (the Tunnels project) and California Eco Restore (to repair the damage from the tunnels). There is no conservation effort remaining under the BDCP – only the water diversion project to build the tunnels remains. The funds that were intended to be used for conservation purposes have been used instead to promote the tunnels.

**Tax money for tunnels?** The Omnibus Spending Bill passed by Congress last month contains a provision that would allow \$37 million in federal tax dollars to help plan and build the twin tunnels. Funding for the tunnels was supposed to be provided solely by the water users south of the Delta. More than \$257 million has been spent on the project so far, including the \$17 million mentioned above.

**In related news**, Rep. David Valadao and other California House GOP leaders introduced a 92-page amendment to the Federal Budget funding bill containing \$300 million in "drought relief" funding. This legislation has been under bipartisan discussion until recently, but has gone nowhere because of its damaging environmental provisions.

**Salmon Action Plan** Dr. Peter Moyle set out an action plan for salmon last month that's explained in more detail at [Maven's Notebook](#). Briefly, the plan entails:

1. Adopt a statewide strategy for aquatic conservation. There are many strategies out there now, but nothing systematic or statewide,
2. Protect the best of what's left now. There are many areas that need to be protected. They're provided much-needed havens for fish.
3. Protect spring-fed streams in the state and manage them for salmon. The Shasta River is an example that provides cold water and high productivity for fish.
4. Restore and reconnect floodplains. We've heard programs on how fast young salmon grow in the Ngiri Project. Floodplains help fish thrive if managed right.

5. Improve environmental flows below dams. The Fish and Game code says that 'the owner of a dam must keep fish in good condition below the dam'. This must be the case even during droughts
6. Reconcile ecosystems.

**Minimum lake levels set** In the wake of last year's devastating destruction of young winter-run chinook salmon, the State Water Resources Control Board set minimum levels for Lakes Shasta and Folsom. The plan is to hold back sufficient water to avoid another "fish fry" in the rivers, as occurred last year and in 2014, when over 90% of the young fry perished. Of course, setting minimum levels is only effective if the reservoirs are managed to maintain them. Recent history does not lend much confidence in that regard. And holding water in Shasta may put more pressure on releases from Trinity Lake to make up for the losses from Shasta,

**Rivers of California's North Coast** hold some of the state's best steelhead fishing. I'm sure many of you have fished the Trinity, the Klamath, the Smith, or the Eel, and you may have your own favorite among the many famed and beautiful rivers of the north coast. These rivers flow through some of the most scenic landscapes and most biologically diverse ecosystems in the world.

The mountains and rivers of this region need protection, and there is now a citizen's movement to provide that protection. You can find the link to that movement at <http://mountainsandrivers.org/>. The Mountains and Rivers proposal has three components. First is restoration of public lands and streams, including restoring the South Fork Trinity River Watershed, reforming fire management strategies, and reclamation of illegal trespass marijuana grows on public land. Second is increasing protection of public land by expanding the wilderness system. This would ensure protection of fish habitat for the sport we all enjoy. Third is increasing the number of miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers in the region. These rivers have been threatened by development before and it's certain they will be threatened again as the climate changes. Wild and Scenic River status would protect them from harm and ensure that they hold fish for us to catch.

You can help this initiative by writing a letter to Congressman Jared Huffman. Go to the [Mountains and Rivers](#) web page and select the "Write a Support Letter" link. You won't be able to download a form letter, but you will find clear directions for writing an effective letter in your own words. If you value these rivers, please write a letter today! Your input is important and valuable.



**Salmon egg injection in Feather River** Working with the Golden Gate Salmon Association, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife injected 20,000 fertilized salmon eggs into Feather River gravel in a historic first for California. The eggs, from the Feather River hatchery, were injected December 4<sup>th</sup> as part of an experiment to see how many will hatch and to give state workers experience using egg injection technology.

Egg injection has been used in Alaska and Oregon in work for decades. GGSA science consultant Dave Vogel brought the idea to GGSA in 2014 when rivers heated to levels lethal to salmon eggs. GGSA then asked the state to consider a massive egg injection program to offset the expected losses and avoid low returns of adult salmon in 2017, but the egg injection didn't happen. GGSA kept asking and in 2015 the state agreed to do a small pilot project to test the equipment and determine manpower needs and to find out what percentage of the eggs would successfully hatch.

In nature, incubating salmon eggs, buried in underwater river gravels die when water temperatures exceed 56 degrees. This has happened in each of the past two years. In drought conditions, salmon eggs could instead be collected, fertilized, chilled, and temporarily held in hatcheries. After rivers cool in late November and December, the incubating eggs can be gently buried in river gravel where they'll continue incubating for another month or so before hatching. Unlike fish hatched and raised in hatcheries, salmon from injected eggs don't require the feeding and physical infrastructure hatchery reared fish need. They do, however, still suffer from the genetic lack of diversity inherent to hatchery production. As much as 50% of hatchery-bred fish have been found to share familial DNA, leading to homogeneity (lack of diversity) that reduces population fitness.

Fine mesh nets will be affixed atop the injection sites to trap the emerging fry prior to expected hatch in January. They'll be counted to determine what percentage of eggs hatched. In nature, an estimated ten to 40 percent of salmon eggs hatch. Up to 90 percent of injected eggs have reportedly hatched in best cases.

**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.

**Board members needed** The Northern California Council has been operating with a smaller than usual board of directors for the past year. We need a few committed people to become board members. The council has programs in education, conservation, marketing, development (fundraising), and communication. If you have an interest in any of these areas and would like to know more about being on the board, please talk to me at any club meeting or call me at 530-758-6722. I'd be happy to let you know more about what we need.

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## **FFD Outings: Luk Lake 2015**

**Photos by Members**

FFD Members descended on Luk Lake for the annual Club fundraiser, and once again no one was disappointed. Luk Lake is the perfect outing to work on that hookset, or if you have that down, workout those arm muscles. Club members landed football size rainbow trout, bass, and bluegill, which for many was a 15-20 fish day on the 65+ acre lake just outside of Corning. If you are looking for an opportunity to work on your indicator or streamer fishing technique, this one is for you!



Dana Hooper with a Luk Lake Hog



The Lake was perfectly serene at times



Eric Kapucinski with a Luk Lake Selfie



Tom Robinson shows off a rainbow

## **FFD Outings: Trinity Trip 2016**

Photos by Members

Rain blew out the river both days. The group did fish the lower Sacramento River the first day. Not typical lower Sac #'s but those fish which were caught were quality fish, a number of 3 - 6 pounders. There was actually a 4 - 5 pound sea run brown that John Taylor landed. According to guides "better odds of winning lottery than hooking a sea run brown in the Sac."



Hey... This isn't the Trinity!



Jump in



Rig'em up!



Sundial Bridge



Adney Bowker with Kris Kennedy and a Lower Sac Rainbow



Arthur Chu with a beautiful Rainbow

The Northern California Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers Presents:

# Festival of Fly Fishing

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

admission:  
**\$10.00**

12 or under \$5.00

Family \$20.00 (up to 4 individuals)



- Casting and Fly Tying Demonstrations by some of the best casters and tyers in the Bay Area
- Fly Casting and Fly Tying Instruction provided by the NCC Learning Center - free for all attendees
- Displays of the latest equipment and tackle
- Bucket Raffles and Silent Auctions
- Food Services provided

Speakers include: Greg Vinci, Stephanie Hogan (CDFW), Carlo Bongio and Lance Gray.  
Subjects include fishing locations and tactics.

**Location: Marin Rod & Gun Club**

• north end of Richmond/San Rafael Bridge • exit 2B off I-580



## **FFD Travels: Sonoma Coast**

**Photos by Phil Reedy**

Phil and Andan Bailey made a trip to the Sonoma coast to try surf fishing for the first time. Someone forgot to tell them that, although the weather can be beautiful in the winter, the surf can be quite rough. Footing was quite difficult to maintain at times and Phil's camera narrowly missed a trip to Davey Jones Locker. But if you know Andan, a little rough water wasn't going to stop him from fishing.





# UTINGS FFD

## 2016 - 2017

<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		February 6	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
Baum Lake	Trout		March 4 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 6 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$170/day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April 15-17	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	
Payne Ranch	Smallies		May	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lake Davis	Trout		June 8 - 12	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
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 7 - 10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		September	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		Sept. 21 - 25	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
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December 2 - 3	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>
Trinity Trip 2017	Steelhead		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip

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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.

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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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For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at [membership@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:membership@flyfishersofdavis.org) – **Membership Chair**

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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**