

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

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**The Fisherman's Line**

**February Meeting, Tuesday February 23, 2016  
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School  
Trent Pridemore Presents:  
“Fly Fishing The Mexican Bass Lakes”**

This month the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Trent Pridemore, who will discuss Fly Fishing The Mexican Bass Lakes. Mexican Bass Lakes, particularly ones created by damming rivers found on the western slopes of Mexico's mainland are considered the best trophy bass lakes in the world. These lakes were not well known to fly fishermen. About seven years ago anglers started bringing flyrods and boxes of bass bugs. It was a pioneering endeavor since resorts; operators and guides knew little about flyrod fishing for bass. Anglers make the trek south because of prodigal numbers of large, healthy, hungry Florida strain largemouth bass that feed on threadfin shad, tilapia and *langostina* in the most amazing bass habitat and structure that you have seen.

Trent Pridemore, born in East Texas in 1942, resides in Grass Valley and Carnelian Bay, California. He studied a year at St. Mary's College and received a degree in field zoology at UCSB in 1963. He worked as a timber cruiser on California's Lost Coast. After receiving a doctorate at UCSF in 1967, the



Air Force posted him to the Philippines. His lecturing career started at University of The East in Manila. Returning home, he opened a dental practice in Pleasanton, Calif. Where he worked for SACDS dental society as a director, as peer review chairman and lectured on dental esthetics.

Interest in fly fishing and angling conservation led to a position as Project Chairman and Biological Consultant for The Little Truckee River Trout Restoration Task Force. In 2006, he orchestrated protective Regulation Proposal Changes for the Truckee River and received the “Black Hand” Conservation Award. He taught classes on fly tying, aquatic entomology, and speaks on the California fly fishing circuit. Current topics include *Stillwater* angling and *Bass Fishing with a Fly rod*.

## **THE PREZ SEZ**

By Dana Hooper

Rain or Shine FFD Annual Dinner March 12 at Lillard Hall at West Plain Field Station is getting closer and don't forget to purchase your tickets at this months meeting or at the door. Doors open at 5:30 and bring your billfold for we have lots of great items for silent auction, live auction and of course raffle items that circle the room. For you first timers that attend the Annual Dinner please ask for your First Timers Raffle ticket at no cost you have a chance to win a 1 hour casting lesson with Jeff Putnam and many more items.

Last but not least don't forget your Annual Dues.

Thanks,

Dana Hooper

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## **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>
February	Trent Pridemore	February 23, 2016	The Mexican Bass Lakes
March	Jim Cox	March 29, 2016	Western Rivers Conservancy California Projects
April	Bill Forward	April 26, 2016	From a Trout's Perspective
May	John Squires	May 31, 2016	Koktuli River / Pebble Mine

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

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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 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!

## **ANNUAL DINNER RAFFLE TICKETS FAQ**



- **How much are Raffle Tickets, When can I buy them, and how are they used?**  
*Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Your number has been stamped on the back of your tickets. \$1 raffle tickets are used for bucket items (raffle tickets go into the individual bucket representing an item) or the general raffle (tickets are put into a large drum and drawn for general raffle items). Raffle Tickets can be pre-purchased at the February Club Meeting or on the night of the Annual Dinner.*
- **What is a High Roller Ticket and how do I get one ?**  
*A High Roller Ticket is used in the High Roller Raffle (A raffle of high value items). Guests receive a High Roller Ticket for every 100 \$1 raffle tickets purchased. Your High Roller Raffle Ticket is stamped with the same number as your \$1 raffle tickets. Place your High Roller Raffle Ticket in the High Roller Raffle bucket.*
- **What is a First Timers Raffle Ticket and how do I get one ?**  
*If it is your first time to the FFD Annual Dinner, you qualify for the First Timers Raffle. Please ask for one at the check-in table if you qualify. Write your name on the back of the First Timers Raffle Ticket and put it in the First Timers Raffle Bucket. The First Timers Raffle is a separate raffle for first timers only.*

**2016 FFD FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP**

**FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY – DEADLINE FEB. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**



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

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





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

<i>101 Topics</i>		
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>.

**Massive salmon release** Recall that last year the Bureau of Reclamation again killed about 97% of the endangered winter-run chinook salmon when they mismanaged water releases from Shasta Dam, allowing temperatures to rise to lethal levels. To make up for the loss, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released 200,000 fingerling-sized fish this week, with another similar sized batch coming soon. This is the second year federal officials have released more fish than planned due to killing wild fish. The same thing happened last year, when 95% of the wild eggs and fry died due to high temperatures.

The fish were released at night into water muddied by recent rains so they would have cover from predators. Still, they face many obstacles on their way downstream, moving as much as 50 miles per day. One of the dangers they face is the re-engineered Delta, where unnatural currents can draw them into the massive pumps that send water south. To help the fish get to the ocean, the Delta Cross Channel Gates will be kept closed and fish screens will be monitored for salmon. If salmon are found in the screens, the pumps will be shut off or reduced to allow the migration to continue.

**Hatchery effects on DNA** A new study out of Oregon State University has documented extremely rapid genetic changes in hatchery steelhead compared to their wild counterparts. The study found that after one generation of hatchery culture, the offspring of wild and hatchery fish differed in more than 700 genes. A single generation of adaptation to the hatchery resulted on DNA changes that were passed on to offspring. It's not clear how these changes manifest in the hatchery fish, but it's now very clear that large genetic differences appear due to hatchery spawning.

A study from OSU several years ago documented a stunning loss of reproductive fitness of hatchery steelhead. Fish raised in the hatchery had around half the reproductive success of wild fish after two generations. The safe, crowded conditions in the hatchery where the fish are fed pellet food on a regular basis results evolutionary pressures far different from the more hostile natural world.

It's hard to imagine that the release of 200,000 extra hatchery chinook (see above) can make up for the loss of 95-97% of the wild generation.

**Visit to Mad River Hatchery** Last week I was able to visit the Mad River Hatchery during the steelhead spawn. My grandkids loved to watch the fish! Later, I spoke with one of the hatchery managers (named Shad – yes, really!) about the genetic testing I observed there. He told me he's pairing a

wild fish with a hatchery fish for every spawn they perform, and will pair a wild fish with a wild fish if he exceeds his quota of hatchery fish. He's also clipping a fin from each fish to monitor the genetics, but is not using the DNA results to pair fish for spawning. By doing this he's hoping to expand the genetic diversity of the hatchery fish.

**Feinstein Water Bill released** Senator Diane Feinstein released the latest incarnation of her drought legislation (S.2533) this month. It's quite similar to her earlier bill (S.1894) that I've discussed before. The bill promotes building new reservoirs and expanding the capacity of others. It specifies that projects must comply with environmental law – supposedly the Endangered Species Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act are included here.

There are a lots of issues to examine with this bill. For example, Section 203 of the bill calls for a program to establish a nonnative predator research and pilot fish removal program to study the effects of removing striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and other nonnative predator fish from the Stanislaus River. The good news is that it doesn't call for outright removal, but these fish have coexisted in the Delta for over 100 years with native salmonids. This program is a distraction from the real issue threatening salmonids – increased diversion to the San Joaquin Valley.

The "drought relief" part of the bill could allow increased pumping along with better monitoring of fish and water conditions. Feinstein declared the current biological opinions that govern pumping are several years old and "don't reflect the most current science." This is nonsense, as the science has not changed. If anything, according to Jon Rosenfeld of the Bay Institute, "new science continues to demonstrate that fish, wildlife and water quality benefit when more water moves through the delta," and if anything, current protections are too weak. The first item in this column is about the response to two years of fish kills due to diverting too much water to human use, leaving too little to support the environment and fisheries.

**NCCFFF News**

*By Lowell Ashbaugh*

**Update on Festival of Fly Fishing** The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is planning a one-day Festival of Fly Fishing for March 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Festival will feature some of the best fly tiers in the Council so come see them – and bring the kids! There will be a Learning Center for them and others new to fly fishing. We'll also feature casting instruction and demonstrations by IFFF Certified Fly Casters. We'll have presentations from Stephanie Hogan of CDFW's Wild and Heritage Trout Program, Greg Vinci, Carlo Bongio, and Lance Grey. The speakers will feature fishing locations and tactics.

There will be a number of exhibitors so you can see new gear and drool over a new rod (or purchase one). Fly Fishing clubs, Trout Unlimited, and the Russian River Wild Steelhead Society will have booths.

Finally, there will be multiple raffles and a silent auction, so bring some cash to try your luck!

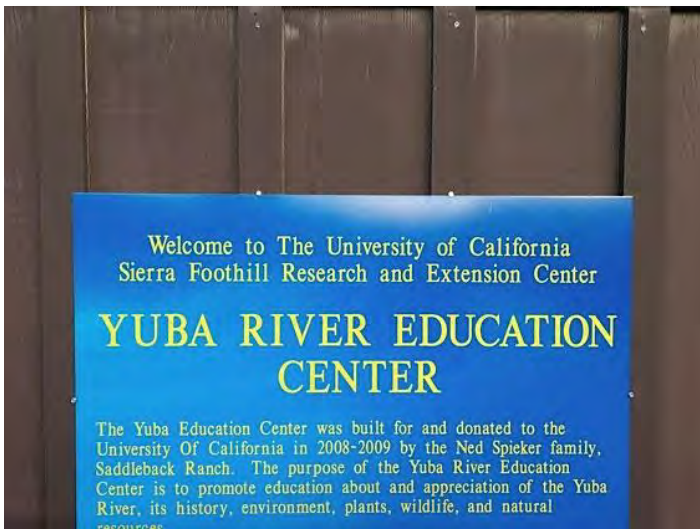
The cost to attend will be minimal - \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12, and \$20 for a family (up to two adults and two kids). Parking will be free and there will be one or more food trucks for lunch. More to come.

**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.

**FFD Outings: Lower Yuba UCD Property**

**Photos by Members**

Once day a year the Club has the opportunity to fish a beautiful stretch of the Lower Yuba River along the UCD Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center. This year our day was in February and as long as the weather held up, it promised to be a terrific chance to catch some hard fighting rainbows. The sun was out and the flows had settled down, but the river was low and too off-color for even the ole san juan worm to drum up too much excitement. Members worked the river hard, and it turned out to be a 1-2 fish day for many, but a fun day on the water, nevertheless.



The Education Center is a great opportunity to fish the Yuba River



Hmmmm.... What should I tie on?



Joe Hunt netted a few rainbows

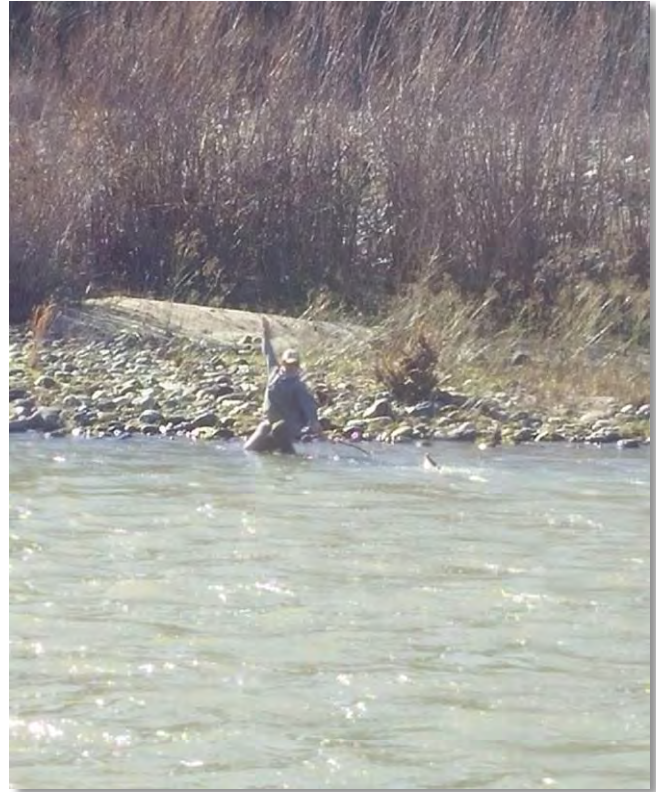


Despite the Skwala Stonefly hatch the fish weren't aggressive





Dan Schweissinger caught a few and lost a monster



Dana Hooper nets one of his rainbows



These two have called it a day!



Son Chong is still going at it!

**RSVP**

**Evites to the FFD Annual Dinner have been sent. PLEASE RSVP TODAY!**

(If you've lost yours, email [tom.robinson@me.com](mailto:tom.robinson@me.com) and he can resend it to you)

**FFD Travels: Putah Creek****Photos by Phil Reedy**

Phil Reedy and Sam Chamberlin visited Putah Creek mid month. They didn't see any sign of spawners at access 3 and very few fishermen. The flows were fairly low at 110 cfs which made wading reasonable.





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<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Baum Lake	Trout		March 4 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 6 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / 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		Canceled	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
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers

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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.  
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