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

March Meeting, Tuesday Octej 29, 2016
7:30pm @ Pioneer Elementary School
Sam Sedillo Presents:
“Trout Unlimited California: Current Projects & Initiatives”

This month, Tuesday March 29th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Sam Sedillo, who will discuss the current projects and initiatives that Trout Unlimited California is involved with, including Putah Creek Habitat and Wild Trout Designation, work on protecting the North Coast Coho Salmon and Steelhead, the Central Valley Salmon Initiative, Wild Steelheaders United, and the Little Truckee River Habitat Improvement Project.

Sam Sedillo works for Trout Unlimited as the Sierra Cascades Field Coordinator out of the Truckee TU (TRTU) office, alongside David Lass, the California Field Director of Trout

Unlimited. Sam is a California native and works on restoration projects, volunteer operations, fish sampling, and Trout Unlimited chapter outreach. Within the last year he moved back to California from Colorado, where he completed his degree at Colorado State University in Natural Resources Management and Fishery Biology. Sam has been fly fishing for the past nine years, mainly in Northern Colorado, Wyoming, and in the numerous mountain and coastal rivers dotting California's landscape. He is always eager to talk spots, tactics, and flies that work on the rivers he fishes.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Dana Hooper

Well everybody, Spring is in the air and that means it's a great time to get out and do some fly fishing. After this big push of runoff gets through, we are in for a great time of the year where you can go fly fishing for lots of species in greater Northern California. We have Delta Stripers starting to show up and with the Delta waters warming up, we will have some great Black Bass fishing to look forward to. With that said we have many Spring outings to look forward to so get signed up and get out on the water.

Big thanks go out to our board and fellow members that helped out at the Annual Dinner to make it one to remember:

- Tom Robinson, Paul Berliner (Movie as Well), Mark Hansen, Eric Kapucinski, Dan Kathan and Phil Reedy for making the check in process smooth and painless.
- Thanks for our wonderful Bar Tenders Gene Gantt and Carl Lunsted.
- Thanks to my wife for taking care of all the loose ends for me while trying to organize everything up until the night of.
- Last but not least Steve Ohrwall for doing such a great job MC ing the auction and raffle.

Thanks to all those members that participated and made our Annual Dinner very successful.

Greatly Appreciated,

Dana Hooper

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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 2016 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
March	Sam Sedillo	March 29, 2016	Trout Unlimited California
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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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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<http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

Klamath River The parties to the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement are continuing to work on amendments that will allow the removal of the four Klamath River dams to proceed without federal government assistance. The original agreement depended on congress approving the four interlinked agreements and providing funding. The dam removal process is now proceeding under the relicensing provisions of the Federal Energy Relicensing Commission. The dams are privately owned so their removal does not require congressional action. Funding is available from the states of Oregon and California and the dam owner, Pacificorp. There is still opposition to dam removal by Siskiyou County Supervisors and some individuals, but Pacificorp ultimately would have to meet expensive relicensing conditions or remove the dams.

The basin restoration agreement and the water sharing agreements are still under discussion, but it is the intent of the parties involved to continue to pursue them without the need for congressional action.

Salmon Season The salmon season this year is not looking good. The Pacific Fisheries Management Council forecast 299,600 Sacramento River adult fall run Chinook salmon in the ocean this year. This is half the population of the last few years. The low numbers combined with the damage done in the past two years to the salmon spawn may point to restrictions in salmon fishing this year. It's getting to be tiresome that mismanagement of our fisheries resources is resulting in fishing restrictions.

Westland Water District Fined The Westlands Water District, one of the major backers of the Twin Tunnels project (California Water Fix) was fined \$125,000 by the Securities and Exchange Commission for misleading investors regarding its financial condition in advance of a bond sale. General Manager Thomas Birmingham was also personally fined \$50,000, and former assistant general manager Louie David Ciapponi was personally fined \$20,000. Although these fines are small relative to the criminal actions they agreed to, they are the largest fines ever levied on a municipal bond issuer (and only the second such fines ever levied). Bond rating agencies

The SEC charged the district and its leaders with engaging in "a little Enron accounting" (in the words of Tom Birmingham) to enhance its bottom line in 2012. The district was required to maintain a 1.25 debt service

ratio – i.e. they had to bring in 25% more revenue than they needed to pay out to service its bond debt. The district found it could not do that in 2012, and without the "creative" accounting the ratio would have been too low. Instead of raising water rates to bring in more income, the district reclassified funds from reserve accounts received in 2010 as income. The problem is they did not recalculate the debt service ratio for 2010, and represented that it was greater than 1.25 for each of the prior five years. If they had properly recalculated the ratio for 2010 it would have been 0.17, well below the requirement.

Although this may seem like an issue unrelated to conservation, it casts doubt on the district's ability to pay for and service the debt on the Twin Tunnels. It also shows the extent to which the district will hide its financial condition, and will do or say anything, to get what it wants. The tunnels are supposed to be paid for by the water users. If the agricultural users default on their payments, either the metropolitan users or the taxpayers would be on the hook. In either case, funds paid for the environment-destroying tunnels would not be available for environment-enhancing projects.

Remember, too, that this is the same district that just entered into an agreement with the federal government that would forgive the district's debt of \$375 million for the federal Central Valley Project. It would also convert the district's current two-year water contract to a permanent contract for up to 890,000 acre-feet of water. It would be cheaper and a better solution to California's water woes to permanently retire 300,000 acres of selenium-tainted land in the Westlands Water District and curb the water contracts associated with them. That would save 455,000 acre-feet of water and remove a major source of water pollution.

SB 2533 update Last month I mentioned Senator Feinstein's new bill, S.2533. Here's a bit more on it. The bill provides \$1.3 billion in federal funds for new reservoirs, desalinization, recycling, storm-water capture and other projects. It also calls for modernizing the operations of dams – something that is direly needed in this time of climate change. Its primary objective, though, is to ease the transfer of water through the delta to agricultural interests in the San Joaquin Valley. Senator Feinstein has been working for these interests for years.

One section of the bill would mandate water deliveries to Sacramento Valley water service contractors depending on water year type. It would not assure area of origin water rights.

Another section of the bill claims that biological opinions (BiOps) adopted several years ago don't reflect the most recent science. These BiOps are used to govern when and how much water can be exported south. In a statement earlier this month, Senator Feinstein compared the period January 1-March 6 last year to this year, pointing out that flows through the delta more than doubled this year, while exports remained about the same. She claimed this showed that nearly 200,000 acre-feet of water was allowed "to flow out to sea." She also pointed out that only three delta smelt were found at the pumps this year, but ignored the historically low numbers of smelt found in the delta. She used these snippets of data, though, to bolster her claim at the science needs to be updated, and that more water could be pumped under the current BiOps. Westlands repeated the claim and the Fresno Bee then put it in an editorial

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Reclamation put out a statement that the pumping levels were as high as legally permitted. The massive pumps cause some rivers to flow backwards, and there are legal limits to the negative flows to avoid sucking fish off their migratory path. Fish that are sucked into the interior delta have a lower survival rate than those that remain in the main delta. With the recent massive kills of Chinook salmon in the Sacramento River, all the fish present in the delta are precious. The negative flows are measured at the Old and Middle Rivers. The maximum set by the BiOps for this period is 5,000 cubic feet per second for a mean 14-day rolling average. The pumping rates have been within ±2% of that level for the first part of March. There simply is no legal room to pump more water.

The San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority this month filed a motion to disqualify Felicia Marcus and Tam Dudoc, Hearing Officers with the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, from upcoming California Water Fix proceedings. The Authority claims the two have predetermined an issue because they have reached a conclusion on appropriate Delta flow criteria. In other words, they have determined how much water is needed by the Delta ecosystem prior to deciding on how much can be exported. They also concluded that "The appropriate Delta flow criteria will be more stringent than petitioners' current obligations and may well be more stringent than petitioners' preferred project." Of course, this is exactly how it should be – the needs of the Delta should come first, and any "excess" water can then be deemed available for export. The water agencies need to grab as much water as they can without regard to the health of the delta, or it won't make sense to pay for the Twin Tunnels.

Check out the Environmental Water Caucus's "Plan B to the Delta Tunnels" at [Maven's Notebook](#). The three-page document outlines several alternative proposals that include jobs, conservation, water recycling, stormwater capture, and agricultural water conservation. It also contains a link to the EWC's report, "[A Sustainable Water Plan for California](#)." This comprehensive report lays out a plan to carry California's water use into the future in a sustainable manner, acknowledging and adjusting to limits imposed by climate change, overhauling existing water rights policies and eliminating over-allocation of resources, and protecting California's ecosystems and the life they support for future generations.

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2016 TROUT SEASON OPENING DAY PARTY

The Fly Shop's annual **Opening Day Celebration** will be on **Friday, April 29th, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm.** – and we'll be celebrating 38 years in business! This is our way of saying thank you to the fly fishing community for their decades of support, and it's also a great opportunity for anglers to get up-to-the-moment fishing conditions and see all the new gear from our manufacturer representatives.

Guests will be treated by **The Fly Shop** to a wonderful lunch with all the trimmings. Our local fly fishing club, **Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers**, will be serving the meal.

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Fly Fishing Federation Hall of Famer, **Hal Janssen** will be on hand to autograph his book, *Stillwater Fly Fishing Secrets*.

Local author **Steven T. Callan** (*The Game Warden's Son*) will be on hand to promote his terrific book featuring the adventures of being a game warden, and sets the groundwork on how the passion to protect our wildlife resources can be inspired in a young person's upbringing.

The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife will also be present.

This year we will again have our staff of tiers on hand to answer questions or demonstrate techniques, in addition to teaching newcomers the basics of how to tie flies.

Be sure to sign up for door prizes when you get here! If you have any questions or need further information, please call **Sandy Watts** at **530-222-3555** or email: sandy@theflyshop.com



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FFD Outreach: California Duck Days

Photos and Thank you by Mary Jean Quirk, Yolo Basin Foundation

Thank you so much for your participation in California Duck Days. Approximately 700 people, including participants, volunteers and exhibitors enjoyed the day. Sharing your knowledge and organization adds so much to our exhibit hall. I hope you make plans to return next year. CA Duck Days 2017 is on Saturday, February 25, 2017



But will that fish Bob Brodberg?



The look of amazement as Jack Norlyn ties another



Paul Berliner amuses another visitor



Dan Kathan is a hands on teacher

FFD Outings: Baum Lake

Photos by Members

We had a great turnout at this year's Baum Lake Outing despite the threatening weather. Once again, a big thanks Tom Burton for coordinating the shelter for the group. For the most part, the weather held up during the daytime, while Saturday night's down pour was quite impressive, but no match for the Tarp City. Thanks to Dana Hooper and Gene Gantt for coordinating dinners. The group dined on Enchiladas and Cheesecake one night and Chick Noodle Soup the other. Everyone caught fish, many in the double digits, mostly stripping olive leeches and swinging soft hackles, while the trout were tight lipped when it came to indicator fishing. Some browns were even caught on dries during Saturday afternoon's massive blue wing olive hatch.



Burton Towers all setup



More fish stories



Typical Baum Lake Brown



How big was that last one?



These two look guilty.... Of preparing a great meal.



Oh my do we eat well at these outings!



Carl Lunsted is master of the dutch oven



The storm was no match for our shelter



What color are the fish biting now?



The lunch service at Baum Lake courtesy of Eric Kapucinski



One of the bigger fish of the weekend



Hey... catch me one of those ducks.



Uh oh...Someone's boat cover had a leak.



The secret was drilling into the asphalt

A close-up photograph of a man with a thick red beard wearing a wide-brimmed straw hat and white sunglasses. The text "international fly fishing film festival" is overlaid in white and blue. Below the image, the text "Wednesday, April 27 2016" and "Sacramento, CA · Tower Theatre" is displayed in white.

international fly fishing film festival

Wednesday, April 27 2016
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FFD Events: Annual Dinner

Photos by Bob Beverlin and Tom Robinson

Thanks again to everyone for attending the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner. The dinner is our main fundraiser of the year. We are grateful for all of your support. It was nice to see everyone having a good time catching up with friends and enjoying a great meal.



A great turnout, and didn't have to go in the rain to get our meal

Everyone enjoying catching up with each other



Hickory Hank pulled off another great meal for more thn 120

Smile! ... Oh dessert



Ben Norton is this year's Fish Camp Scholarship Winner

FFD presents Casting for Recovery Program with a donation

FFD Travels: Pyramid Lake

Story by Cary Boyden Pictures by Members

For the last four or five years a group of Club members (joined fortunately the last 3 years by former member Joe Warren) have started the Pyramid spring trip around the 15th of March. This year the crew also included Bob Beverlin, Adney Bowker, Jim Humphrey, John Imsdahl, Dan Kathan, Dennis Rolston, Bob Zasoski, Ron Hedrick and Cary Boyden. The last few years this trip has proven phenomenally productive. Had we gone a few days earlier that would have again been the case, as the weather was miserable and windy which seems to inspire the cutthroats to great activity.

We arrived around noon on Tuesday the 15th at the end of a morning with lots of good chop. As we arrived, that chop and the accompanying good fishing left not to return for the remainder of our stay. Fortunately the fishing was not a total bust as Bobber captured in both pictures and video. And nobody was skunked! The fish were surprisingly small for the most part with about 24 inches being the largest caught. As is always the case with such trips, unimpressive results were substantially mitigated both by convivial social gatherings and far more food and libations than is needed to sustain humans.



Circle the wagons boys



You just missed dinner



Ok Miss, could it have been any one of these fellows?



The skunk is off my ladder



The lineup



Nice fish



What are you looking at?



GOLDEN WEST WOMEN FLYFISHERS FOUNDATION
JO CLARK YOUTH FUND
FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2016 Scholarships for Girls and Boys 10 - 15 years old

Once again, The Golden West Women Flyfishers Jo Clark Youth Fund will sponsor youths to attend FISHCAMP in 2016.

FISHCAMP is a 5-day/4 night summer fly fishing camp. FISHCAMP is organized and run by The Fly Shop in Redding, California. FISHCAMP is a unique program that offers boys and girls 10-15 years of age an opportunity to learn how to fly fish or to fine tune their fly fishing skills. Campers will learn about various fly casts, fishing techniques and strategies, reading the water, safe wading, the basic bugs that trout like to eat and even how to tie their own flies. Campers will also meet new friends and experience the outdoors in a beautiful setting.

FISHCAMP is located at Antelope Creek Ranch in Northern California, approximately one hour from the town of Mt. Shasta. FISHCAMP is a privately leased ranch with a stream and two lakes teeming with trout. Campers are housed in state-of-the-art walled tents with comfortable cots. Bathroom and shower facilities have flush toilets and hot water. There are separate facilities for boys and girls.

2016 FISHCAMP DATES:

June 20-24, 2016 June 27- July 1, 2016 July 11-15, 2016

Each scholarship covers the entire cost of attending FISHCAMP, **other than transportation.**

QUALIFICATIONS: Each scholarship applicant shall be between 10 and 15 years of age and have an interest in learning to fly fish.

SELECTION: FISHCAMP scholarship applicants shall submit the attached application form and short essay described in the application form to GWWF – **Pat Magnuson, 141 Wiggins Ct., Pleasant Hill CA 94523**. All submissions shall be postmarked no later than **April 20, 2016**. The Jo Clark Youth Fund Committee shall review all submitted applications and select its scholarship recipients by **April 25, 2016**. The Committee shall notify its selected scholarship recipients by mail no later than **May 1, 2016**.

REPORTING: Each scholarship recipient is requested to submit to Pat Magnuson a short written report of his/her camp experience on or before October 31, 2016. If possible, each scholarship recipient shall present his/her report at one of Golden West Women Flyfishers membership meetings.

PUBLICITY: Golden West Women Flyfishers and its Foundation, in its discretion, may publicize the identity and photographs of the scholarship recipients in its marketing materials, membership information, brochures, other literature, website, etc.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact: The Fly Shop (Nick Fasiano) at 800-669-3474 or nick@theflyshop.com or Pat Magnuson, pemagnuson@comcast.net



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June 20-24, 2016 () June 27-July 1, 2016 () July 11-15, 2016 ()

ELIGIBILITY: This scholarship is open to all boys and girls between 10 and 15 years of age who have an interest in fly fishing. All applicants are required to complete this application form and a short essay answering the following questions: **Please, no parent written/edited essays!**

- * Why do you want to go to FISHCAMP?
- * Why is fly fishing important to you?
- * Who do you know who fly fishes?

Interested campers should mail this form and essay to:

GWWF – Pat Magnuson
 141 Wiggins Ct.
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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>
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		June 1 - 5	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
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	



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For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at 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