

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

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The Fisherman's Line



## November Meeting, Tuesday November 29, 2016

7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School

Capt. Hogan Brown Presents:

### “Fly Fishing the Lower Yuba River: Its History and How To Approach This Unique Fishery”

This month, Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup> at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Capt. Hogan Brown. Hogan will be talking about the river he has guided for nearly 20 years and grew up on, the Lower Yuba River. He will present his take on the river, its history, and how to approach this unique fishery and its fish.

Growing up on the Lower Yuba River as an only child who had a bug collection and really liked catching fish with imitations of those bugs didn't make Hogan the coolest kid growing up. Good thing he got over it and persevered.

Deciding to start rowing a drift boat and guiding the lower Yuba instead of living in the woods bitter and resentful.

Living in Chico, CA now Hogan guides for anything that swims, from trout to striped bass and carp to steelhead, he is at home in a drift boat or poling a mud flat for carp.

Guiding the Lower Yuba River, Feather River, and Lower Sacramento River for stripers, trout, steelhead, shad, carp, and bass has made him one of the most versatile and experienced guides in Northern California. His trout, bass, carp, and striper flies have become staples in his home state of Northern California and throughout the West. Hogan is a Scott Fly Rods, Hatch Reels, Costa Del Mar Sunglasses, Stealth Craft Boats, Air Flo Fly Lines, and Echo Rods Pro along with being a Simms Ambassador and Montana Fly Co. Contract Tier. Hogan is also a connoisseur of fine ales and fermented grains, a home gardener, die-hard San Francisco Giants baseball and Notre Dame Football fan,

along with being a husband and father to two young boys. To learn more about Hogan, his take on fermented grains, hear his rants on his favorite teams, reviews of underappreciated and not really commercial indie rock bands, look at fish pictures taken on cheap cameras or I phones, OR book a trip check out [www.hgbflyfishing.com](http://www.hgbflyfishing.com) or the blog [www.hgbflyfishing.blogspot.com](http://www.hgbflyfishing.blogspot.com).



## **THE PREZ SEZ**

By Dana Hooper

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

November has started off to be a great fly fishing month with some cool weather and little bit a rain. Striper Fest we had a great turn out along with the Pyramid outing.

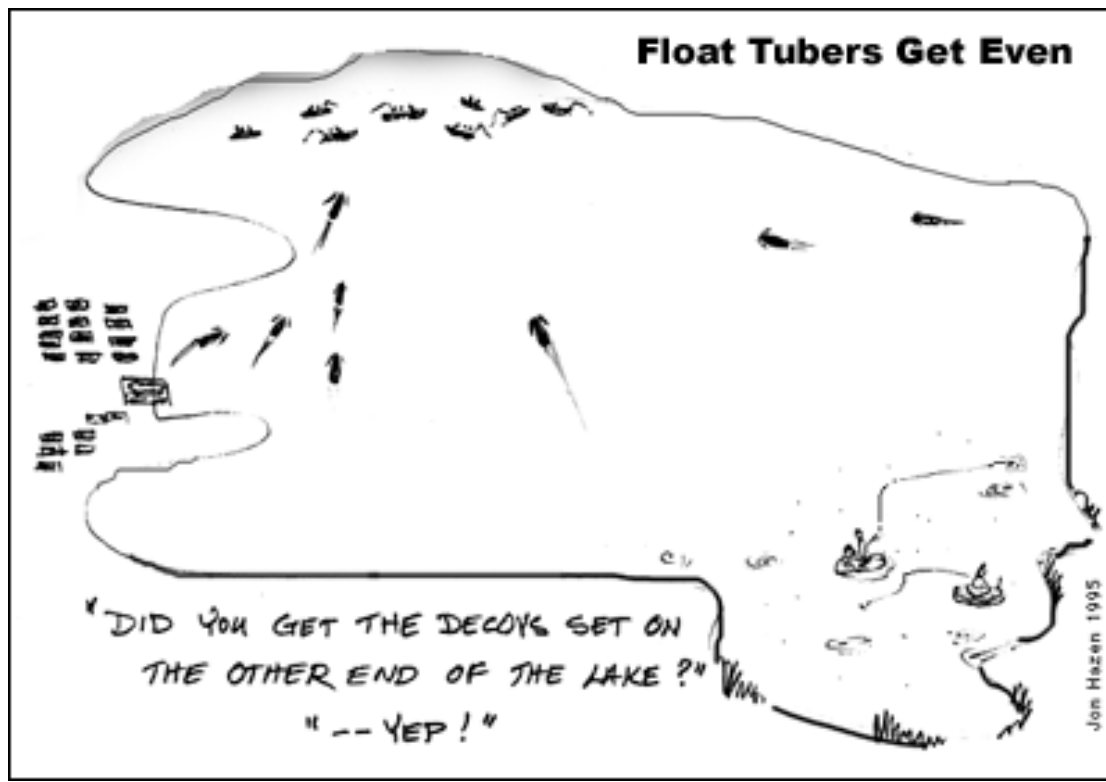
With our last outing of the year on Dec 3 and Dec 4 Luk lake should be a good one with the cooling down of the water and large rainbow trout being stocked up for us. This is a pay to play outing and fundraiser for the club.

Remember Dec meeting will be two weeks from November meeting Dec 13.

Have a safe and fun Thanksgiving Day celebration with your family and friends.

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.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2016 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
November	Hogan Brown	November 29, 2016	Yuba River
December	FFD Members	December 13, 2016	Home Grown
January	Justin Miller	January 31, 2017	Kamchatka

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

## **NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT ANNUAL MEETING**

By Cary Boyden

In last month's newsletter notice was given of the Club's Annual Meeting. That notice indicated the sole item of business was the election of officers and certain directors. Notice is hereby given that in addition the Board has approved and wishes to have adopted by the members a revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Club.

A marked up copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws indicating proposed changes together with a section by section analysis of those changes has been posted on the Club website for review.

<http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/bylaws.shtml> Any members with questions are invited to contact either Cary boyden at 530-753-3826 or Lowell Ashbaugh at 530-758-6722 for further information.

The primary change relates to the manner in which officers and new directors are elected. At present there is the potential for nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting but no procedure for dealing with any nomination which might be made. As revised, any nomination from the floor would be made at the preceding monthly meeting thus allowing for proper preparation of ballots etc. In addition the proposed document contain updates to deal with matters like the new Legacy class of member, to memorialize established policy as in the case of officer terms and to conform related sections to the substantive changes proposed



## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

By Cary Boyden

The club will hold its annual meeting during the business portion of the December 13th meeting. The scheduled matters are the election of FFD Officers for 2017, election of three FFD Directors to serve 3 year terms beginning in January, as well as the approval by the FFD Members of a revised Constitution and Bylaws for The Fly Fishers of Davis. The slate of FFD Officers and Directors is as follows:

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

President: Paul Berliner  
 Vice President: Tom Robinson  
 Treasurer: Lowell Ashbaugh (protem)  
 Secretary: Eric Kapucinski

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

Son Chong  
 Tristan Leong  
 Peter Hawes

## **FIRST CALL FOR DUES!**

By Paul Berliner

Hi everyone! As your Treasurer, here's a 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 to Lyn Hooper. 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!

## **2017 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 19 – June 23, 2017), which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The FFD Board has approved to include members of Davis Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops as eligible applicants, in addition to relatives of Fly Fishers of Davis members.

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

## **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 2016, please collect your best shots and clips. You can email them to me ([paul@berlinerproductions.com](mailto:paul@berlinerproductions.com)), or better yet, provide them on a flash drive or a CD-ROM.

Please, oh please, do **NOT** send 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.



Important:

- Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.
- High resolution JPG images are preferred for photos.
- For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.
- Please include your name, and the location at which the photos were shot.

This year, we'll hold our annual photo contest again. All photos submitted are automatically considered for the contest. Your Board of Directors will pick the very best shots, select the winners, and we will announce them at the Annual Dinner.

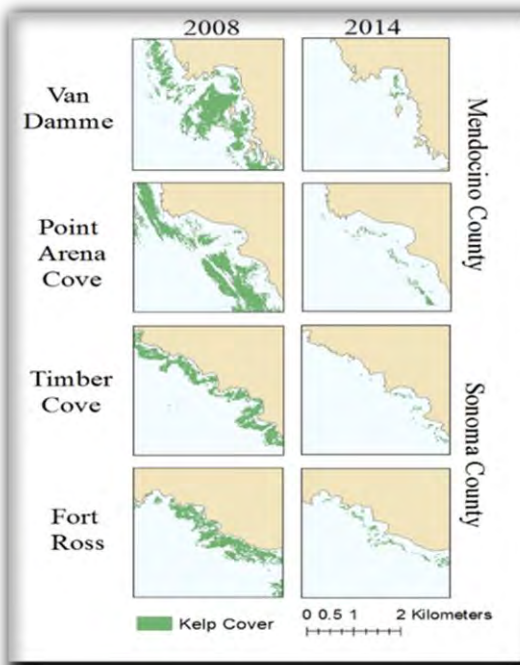
Many thanks!

# 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>.

**Disappearing Kelp Beds** If you go diving off the coast of Northern California you would normally enter a dense kelp forest. Recently, though, surveys are showing a barren seascape – 93% of the kelp has disappeared in just the last few years. This is a dramatic change in the ecosystem that is invisible to most of us but will certainly affect us all. The figure shows the comparison of kelp cover at four abalone fishery sites in 2008 (left) and 2014 (right).



So why is this important? Abalone and sea urchins are both herbivores that depend on healthy kelp forest ecosystems for food and habitat. But other invertebrates and fish species, such as rockfish, also depend on the shrinking kelp forest ecosystem for food and protection from predation. As the kelp forests have disappeared, abalone and sea urchins are abandoning rock crevices where they normally seek shelter in search of food.

So why is this happening? A series of events took place, started by a toxic algae bloom off the Sonoma County coast in 2011. The toxin released by the algae killed large numbers of marine invertebrates, prompting a closure of the abalone fishery in Sonoma County. Abalone limits have been reduced since 2014, when the fishery was reopened.

The toxic algae bloom was followed by a Sea Star Wasting Disease in 2013 that killed large numbers of sea stars from Mexico to Alaska. Sea stars are predators of invertebrates that live in kelp forests. Their loss contributed to an explosion in the purple sea urchin population. These animals consume huge amounts of kelp, and their population ballooned to 60 times their historic density with the loss of sea stars. They created large expanses of what’s known as “urchin barrens” that have little, if any, kelp.

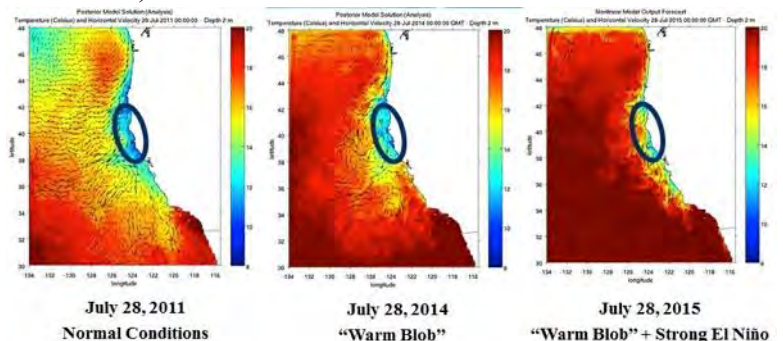
The dense kelp forests normally create shade and provide cover for fish species. Without it, many species that are normally protected are more vulnerable to predation. The only thing remaining in the urchin barren is a hard pink algae that can withstand the urchins.

To make matters worse, in 2014 and 2015 water temperatures on the West Coast rose due to the “Warm Blob” in 2014 and the El Niño event that began in 2015. Kelp is very sensitive to changes in water temperature. Kelp is an annual species and must reproduce every year to maintain its population. It may be unable to recover at this point, as the intense grazing by urchins of kelp spores and young plants may prevent them from re-establishing.

The coastal fisheries are already feeling the impacts of this environmental disaster. The commercial red abalone fishery, valued at \$44 million, and red urchin fishery, valued at \$3 million, have collapsed. Abalone, when they are found, are poor quality because the foot (the meaty part) is small and shrunken.

There is little to do about this problem other than to hope Mother Nature helps it recover. But there are a few things:

- Share this information with others you know (see link below).



- Volunteer with CDFW: Volunteers are needed to help with research and data collection. You can sign up as a CDFW Natural Resource Volunteer, or contact CDFW directly (contact information below) for more information about volunteering on projects related to north coast kelp forest recovery research.

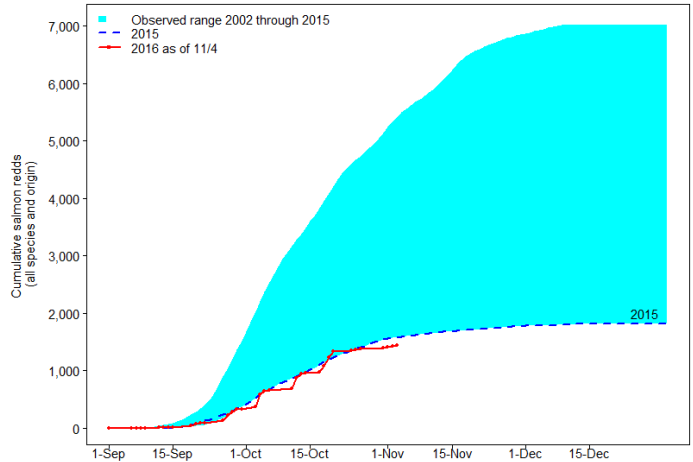
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- Report Observations: If you have observed related events, and would like to share your observations and photos, please contact CDFW’s marine invertebrate team (contact information above). The most helpful information for research will include the date, location, and depth of your observations.

You can learn more [here](#).

**Election impact on conservation efforts** It’s not yet clear how the election will affect conservation efforts in California, but it’s certain that it will make them more difficult. Donald Trump visited the San Joaquin Valley during the campaign and denied that a drought exists. He also lamented that the water that farmers should have received was flushed out to sea in an effort to protect “a certain kind of 3-inch fish,” a reference to the imperiled Delta smelt. He also said “Believe me, we’re going to start opening up the water so that you can have your farmers survive.” It’s clear that he knows nothing about the issue except that he could garner votes, but it’s also clear that efforts to protect the delta and the fish species that depend on it, including endangered salmon and Delta smelt, will be harder. The Department of Interior, which oversees federal water and wildlife management in the Delta, will likely be headed by someone who holds little regard for the Endangered Species Act. Efforts to build more water storage reservoirs will be increased, along with efforts to remove or limit Wild and Scenic River

status on the streams we love to fish. Efforts to restore salmon runs on the San Joaquin River, which rely on restoring the river itself, will be made more difficult. The federal government is currently funding that restoration,



but San Joaquin Valley agricultural interests with ties to Trump oppose it. There will certainly be more, but this is a brief list. One bright spot is that California voters consistently prize environmental conditions and work to enhance them. There is much that state officials and citizens can do to protect our environment, despite the pressures by the federal government to damage it. Watch this space for actions you can take.

KQED News did a good analysis of Trump’s effect on California’s conservation efforts. You can read about it [here](#).

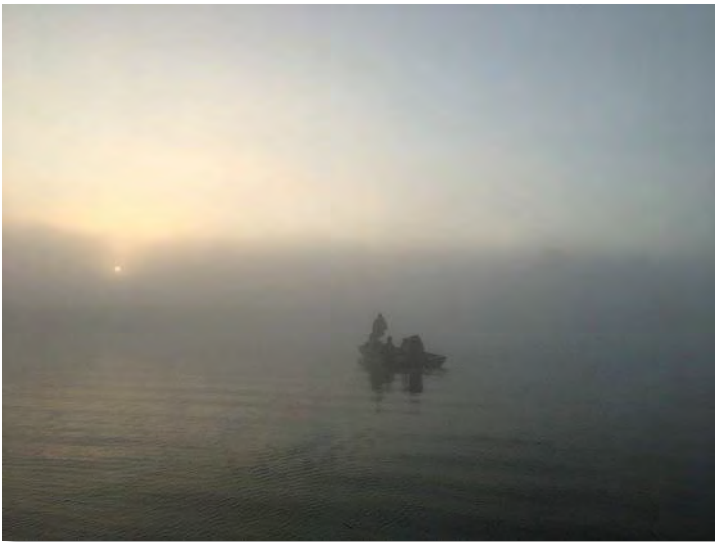
**Trinity River Spawning Survey** The latest salmon spawning survey shows activity on par with last year – at the lowest end of the range over the last 14 years. There’s no indication of the reasons for the poor spawning, but drought and water diversions certainly are factors. Salmon remain endangered throughout California.



## **FFD Outing: 2016 StriperFest on the California Delta**

Photos by Members • Summary by Dana Hooper

Striper Fest started out on the California Delta with a little bit of fog burning off to a great beautiful, calm day on the water. We had a great turn out with 8 boats venturing out in search of the elusive Striper. Some Fly Fishers had better days than others but overall was a great day of fishing. We gave out an application for the Addled Angler award for the first time at Striper Fest but will not see who shall win the prestigious award until June 2017. Afterwards most of us met up for some dinner in Dixon at one of the local Mexican Food location that works out great for parking lots of boats. When you see some of the fish caught this year it might make you want to sign up for next years' Striper Fest.



Where are we?



Son Chong with a delta striper



Bob Beverlin lands a nice striper



Dana Hooper with an early morning monster





John Lutch with one of his largest stripers ever



Dana is at it again with another hog



Biggest catch of the day?



Nice dinner at El Verduzco in Dixon

## **FFD Outing: Pyramid Lake Sutcliffe, Nevada**

Photos by Members • Summary by John Imsdahl

Writing this article exactly one week after our outing I find that temperatures have dropped from the high 60's during the day, and the lows in the 40's at night, to a low of 28 degrees at night and a high of 45 degrees during the day. But as Doug Ouellette said, "Fish the Lows", and people are out there on the lake as I write this article catching fish.

This outing had the main group of attendees: Bob Zasoski; Dennis Rolston; Jack Norlyn; Bob Beverlin; Dan Kathan; Jim Austin; and myself arriving at the at the North Nets on Thursday, with Ron Hedrick arriving on Wednesday. While most of Thursday's activity was either setting up or checking in at the Crosby Lodge, some fishing was done and some hook ups were made. Thursday night's dinner included dry rubbed pork ribs, beans,

salad, cornbread, all catered from the “seven time award winning ‘Best of the West Rib Cook-Off’, BJ’s BBQ in Sparks. BJ’s is very conveniently located as it is the first right turn off of Pyramid Way, after you have exited Hwy 80, on East Victorian Ave. It is reported that Cal Kado and Jon Knapp enjoyed a fine dinner a Harrah’s Steak House and had fished Dago Bay on Friday.

Friday we fished, and I believe everyone caught fish. The highlight of the evening was Doug Ouellette’s Pyramid Lake Clinic, while having a Crosby Lodge rotisserie chicken dinner. Attendees included this time Zasoski, Rolston, Norlyn, Beverlin, Kathan, Hedrick, me, and Tom Burton. The clinic consisted of a 3 hour lecture on Friday night during dinner on history, tactics and strategies of fishing Pyramid Lake. We were joined at conclusion with a social visit by Dana Hooper, Kurt Arens, Chris Berardi, Tom Robinson and Eric Kapucinski. Dana, Kurt, Chris, Tom and Eric were also staying at the Crosby Lodge and had been fishing Wino Beach area that day.

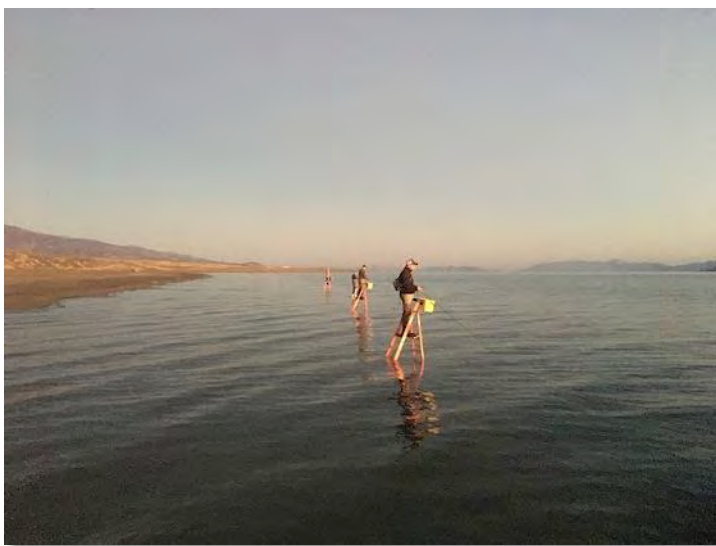
The next morning, Saturday, Doug followed up with personal demonstrations of his 12 retrieving systems on Saturday. While demonstrating his retrieves, Ouellette netted two fish and had several hook ups. Doug was very generous in giving individual suggestions and instructions and all of the clinic attendees were delighted that they had participated in his two day clinic. The end result was that two very large fish were landed, among several fish that were caught, including a personal best with a fish weighing 13 pounds and 11 ounces. Finally, because of Doug’s efforts, the Crosby Lodge now has a nice selection, and ample supply, of the most desired flies for Pyramid Lake.

Despite being a member for well over a decade, this was my first experience as a “fishmeister”, and I strongly encourage you to add to the success of our club by providing the leadership for an outing. The success of this outing must be shared with Cary Boyden for his encouragement, help and assistance. The success also must be shared with Jack Norlyn, Dan Kathan, Bob Beverlin, Dennis Ralston, Bob Zasoski, Ron Hedrick and Jim Austin for their generous support and help at the outing.

For those who missed this outing, we will have at least one more in March or April 2017, but there may very well be a Winter 2017 outing as well, so look for announcements in the coming months.



You know where we're going!



Early morning lineup



Wake up! This group looks too comfortable



Are you standing on a ladder Dan Kathan?



Pyramid Lahontan Trout



Another in the net



Tom Robinson with an early morning fish



Chris Berardi with a monster Pyramid Lake Trout



Kurt Arens lands a nice Pyramid Trout



Dana Hooper out at North Nets



The Fishmeister! John Imsdahl with his Pyramid Fish of a lifetime

***FFD Travels: Steelhead Days and Steelhead Nights***

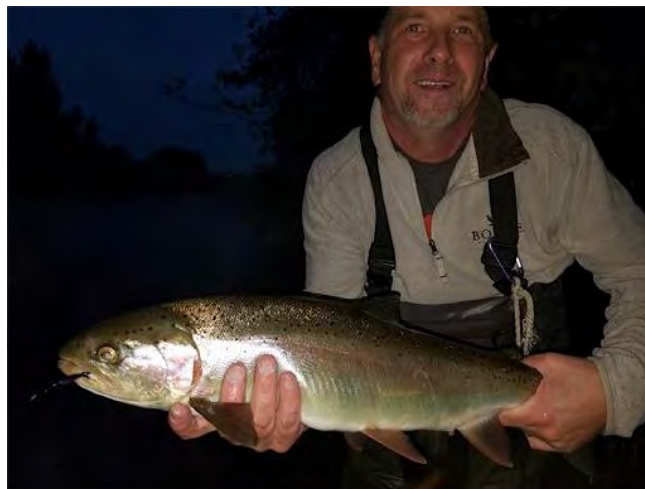
Photos by Members



John Forsyth on the Trinity



Chris Berardi on the Rogue



Kurt Arens on the Rogue



# UTINGS FFD

## 2016 - 2017

<u>Trip 2016</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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		January 13-14	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		March 8 -12	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 5 - 8	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 22	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 5 - 7	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 26	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
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 - 11	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
McCloud River	Trout		June 2 - 4	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 6 - 9	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		September	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Lake Davis	Trout		September 21-24	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November 2-3	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2016	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	

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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

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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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**How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis**

Dues for adults and families (member's spouse and children living with named member up to max age 25) are \$30/year. Student rate is \$15/year. The monthly newsletter is distributed by e-mail only. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address so that we can get the newsletter to you in Adobe Acrobat format. Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or you can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

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

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fly fishing interest and experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**