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## January Meeting, Tuesday January 31, 2017 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School Justin Miller Presents: "Fly Fishing Adventures on the Russian Kamchatka Peninsula"

his month, Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup> at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will host Justin Miller, who will give a presentation on Fly Fishing on the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia. Come learn why Kamchatka is thought to be the paradise of fly fishing. Remote, undisturbed, pristine with trophy size rainbows that take dry flies all season long, Kamchatka is a destination to put on your bucket list. Justin Miller has worked for The Fly Shop in Redding California since 2004. He has guided for Steelhead in Northern California and the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia, hosted trips all over British Columbia and chased steelhead within every political boundary that they swim Wild and Native.

Justin started fly fishing for trout while backpacking and working in the Sierras in the summers as a kid and throughout college. He chose to attend California State University at Chico in Northern California to get closer to great fly fishing year round. When at Chico he discovered Steelhead, and they altered his path in life and fly fishing forever.

He started fly fishing all year, not just the summers, and began studying the anadromous fish of Northern California in his studies at College. The more he learned about steelhead the more he wanted to know. He started exploring farther away from home and learning



the different areas of Northern California during the different seasons.

As soon as Justin graduated, he was hired by The Fly Shop. He began guiding for steelhead a few years later and then Russia to guide in the summers. He started spey casting soon after arriving at The Fly Shop and targeting steelhead swing method only. He also started traveling to BC to fish some of the most fabled runs of steelhead in the world and hosting trips for The Fly Shop.

Justin Miller now works in the International Travel Department at The Fly Shop and specializes in Spey Fishing trips for Steelhead, Salmon and Sea-Run Brown Trout all over the world, and still guides the Kamchatka Peninsula of Russia for Steelhead.

### THE PREZ SEZ By Paul Berliner

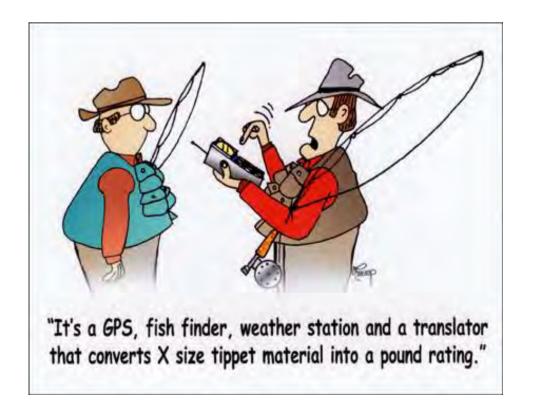
Greetings to everyone in the Fly Fishers of Davis club, and a sincere welcome to a brand new year of fly fishing adventures. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and managed to stay dry throughout the past few stormy weeks. On the bright side, all that rain will certainly help our rivers and streams, and hopefully fill up some of those foothill reservoirs.

I want to extend special thanks to our outgoing president, Dana Hooper, who has done a magnificent job over the last two years. Dana has truly helped increase our membership through his leadership, and his great 101 classes. In addition, through his skills in the fly fishing community, he's helped promote the benefits of our club, our conservation work, and the great outings that we enjoy.

Looking forward, we have a full array of outings this year, great speakers lined up, a few special events including our annual dinner, and we're even going to re-instate the August general meeting — so that we don't lose total contact with everyone between our July and September meetings. With that in mind, go buy your 2017 fishing license, and let's get busy!

Many thanks,

Paul



## MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Dana Hooper 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		
January	Justin Miller	January 31, 2017	Kamchatka		
February	Doug Ouellette	February 28, 2017	Truckee Brown Trout		
March	Jim Cox	March 28, 2017	Western Rivers Conservancy		

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



## **2017 FFD ANNUAL DINNER** Saturday, March 18th, 2017 West Plainfield Fire Station at 5:30 PM

Plans for the 2017 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner are well under way. It's time to mark your calendar and save the date so that you can attend this great event. Skip the line and pre-purchase dinner and raffle tickets at the upcoming FFD Monthly Meeting

We've got some fantastic prizes lined up, Paul Berliner is busy putting together the 2016 FFD Year in Review Video, which is always a crowd favorite, and pitmaster extraordinaire Hickory Hank is waiting to find out how much meat he needs to throw on the ol BBQ. We will be requesting RSVPs soon so that we can provide him an accurate number of guests.

Hope to see you there!





## CALL FOR DUES!

Here is a reminder to send in your dues for 2017. 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 to 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!

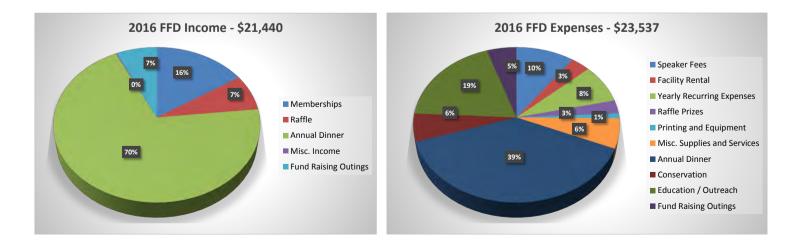
## TREASURER'S REPORT 2016

By Lowell Ashbaugh

The club financial operations for 2016 are shown in the accompanying pie charts. The Board has budgeted conservatively over the last several years and the checking account balance has grown as a result. The Board decided early in the year to reduce the account balance by increasing support of worthy conservation and education causes. The result was that the club spent more money in 2016 than it received. The checking account balance remains robust, though, at \$26,131.29 at the end of the year.

The club's primary income is from the annual dinner, which accounts for 70% of the funds received – keep buying those raffle tickets! Membership dues are next, followed by Fundraising outings and the monthly raffle.

The largest expense item of the year is also the Annual Dinner. Education/outreach and Conservation accounts for 25% of expenditures, followed by Speaker Fees and the other items listed. If you have any questions about club income or expenses, please contact the treasurer or any other board member.



## 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



## <u>2016 STEELHEAD REPORTING</u>

The purpose of the Report Card program is to gather angler information which is used by the Department in making fisheries management and regulatory decisions, as well as to track angling trends over time. The information submitted by steelhead anglers directly influences the way your steelhead rivers are managed.

#### <u>Reporting Period: January 1 – 31</u>

- Report **ONLINE** (preferred)
- Mail report card to: Steelhead Card PO Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244

For more information go to: http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Inland-Fisheries/Steelhead-Report-Card

### CONSERVATION REPORT By Lowell Ashbaugh

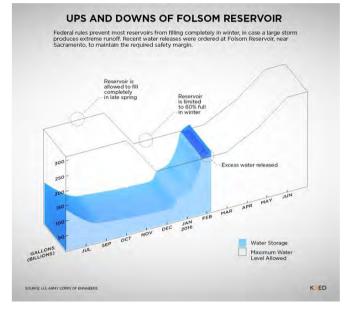
<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at <u>http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation</u>.

Happy New Year, everyone! Be sure to get your fishing license and get out there! There are plenty of places to fish in California. Just be sure to check on water conditions before you go.

WIIN Act approved President Obama signed the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act near the end of his term, despite his reservations due to the lack of support from outgoing Senator Barbara Boxer. Senator Boxer had worked hard to help negotiate the bill, but pulled her support after Senator Diane Feinstein, working with Republican House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, added a 91-page rider to it that would significantly change the rules on water use and distribution in California. The rider was based on legislation she introduced earlier this year, but was modified by including ideas from competing measures advocated by House Republicans. The bill has a number of onerous provisions. The most direct action affecting the Delta is a provision that would remove Bay-Delta protections by requiring the operation of the delta pumps to be at the maximum allowed level based on reverse flows in Old Middle River. It would not allow pumping to be reduced to protect salmon migration. Senator Boxer believes increased water diversions for farmers will harm vulnerable habitat and threatened species.

It would also authorize \$558 million for desalination, recycling and storage projects. It does not specify what storage projects would be funded, but it removes Congressional oversight by delegating their approval to the Secretary of the Interior. This removes an important check on use of natural resources and would allow a single person to be the gatekeeper of potentially longlasting environmentally destructive policy.

**Primer on "excess" water"** You may be wondering about the use of all the excess water that's currently running off to the ocean with all the storms we've had lately. In particular, a number of reservoirs in northern California have reached the level that defines their "conservation pool" – that is, they've risen to the level that they are encroaching into the flood control zone. Dam operators are required to maintain sufficient room in the reservoirs to absorb possible flood flows, a level that changes throughout the year. For example, the level of Folsom Lake at the end of February last year is shown here:



If the reservoir level encroaches above the level required to absorb potential flood flows, water must be released. These rules may change as reservoir managers investigate using better forecasting to control their operations.

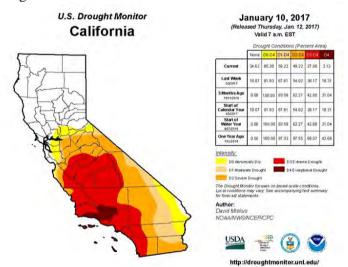
So why, you might ask, should that water be allowed to flow out to sea? Shouldn't we build more storage (i.e. dams) to store that water for later use? That's the simplified view being put forth by many with a vested interest in getting the water.

There's another side to this story, though, and it hasn't been given much attention. The water that is not captured is available for other uses. The Yolo Bypass recently flooded for the first time in ten years to relieve pressure on Sacramento River levees. This water doesn't just flow through the bypass on its way to the ocean, but it recharges groundwater along the way. The bypass water also provides a magnificent facility for growth of young salmon that recently hatched upstream, as we've heard in several presentations in the last few years. Furthermore, when the Bureau of Reclamation determines that water is unstorable, it pretty much gives it away (at a very low price) to those who can use it. Much of this water can be used for groundwater recharge by sending it down irrigation canals and sloughs. This represents a huge benefit now that groundwater has been so severely depleted by the extensive pumping in the San Joaquin Valley in the past few years.

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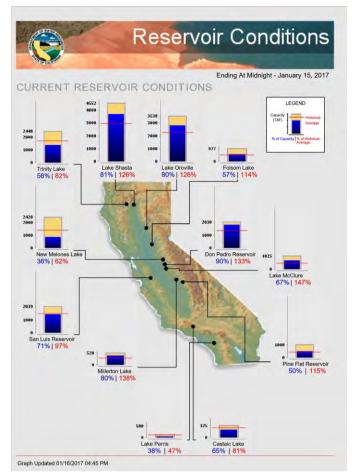
Let's suppose the Temperance Flat Dam had been built prior to this latest series of storms. It would have been at a very low level due to the drought, and certainly could have absorbed much of the increased inflow -i.e. the water would have not been "wasted" flowing out to sea. There would have been an increase in stored water that would have been sold at the higher-cost contract rates to farmers and others in the south state. It would not have been available for recharge at lower cost, and our groundwater supplies would continue to decline. We can capture this water for regional use at a much lower cost by making it available for groundwater recharge than by capturing it behind a dam. You may not see this message in the media, but look closely for it as you read stories decrying letting water "go to waste" by flowing out to sea.

<u>About that drought</u> California is officially not under drought conditions in the north state, but it's still going strong in Southern California. The percentage of the state not in drought nearly doubled in the last week. The southern San Joaquin Valley, though, is still in extreme drought.



It's interesting to observe that the reservoirs in the south state are at least as full as those in the north, though. Have water managers have been sending water south all this time, despite the low levels in the north? Have those of us in the north been conserving like mad while people in Southern California barely noticed the drought?

**From Restore the Delta** In his first <u>Valley Economy</u> blog post for 2017, Jeffrey Michael, Executive Director of the Center for Business and Policy Research at the University of the Pacific, gives his initial take on the recently released Final EIR/EIS for Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels proposal. January 2017



What he found is a plan that "Shifts Incremental Water Supplies from Central Valley Project (Farms) to State Water Project (Cities)"

"...I did find one important change from the 2015 Revised Draft EIR/EIS. Compared to No Action, building the WaterFix is now projected to increase water supply to the State Water Project by an average of 186,000 acre feet per year, and decrease water supply to Central Valley Project south of Delta users by 14,000 acre feet per year. While this is a slight decrease from the total exports estimated in the 2015 draft EIR, it is a large change in the distribution between agricultural and urban users.

"The tunnels are more financially feasible if all the incremental water goes to the urban-dominated State Water Project, but they still represent a very poor return on investment for urban water users for the \$16+ billion in capital cost: only about 10,000 acre feet of annual water supply per \$1 billion in capital investment.

"Metropolitan Water District is still telling their board that they won't pay more than 25-30% of the tunnels cost. Realistically, I think the only way the tunnels are built is as an urban project - with MWD probably paying about 90% of the cost. Maybe now that we have a final EIR/EIS, we can finally see a realistic financial plan and an honest assessment of project feasibility.

## FFD OUTINGS: Lower Sacramento Drift

Photos and Summary by Doug Falt

Paul Hadley and I finally got our Lower Sac Float trip in on Monday. After 2 postponements due to weather we had a phenomenal day on Monday. We were able to fish the upper river above the Sundial Bridge and look what we found. Our first drift and a double 2 minutes into the drift and mine is a Steelhead. It went on all day!



Doug Falt with a Lower Sac Rainbow

Paul Hadley joins in on the action



All day long!



Double Double!



Have a fly fishing related photo, story, or newsletter segment idea that you want to share? Send it to: <u>newsletter@flyfishersofdavis.org</u>

## FFD OUTINGS: Trinity River

#### Photos by Members • Summary by Dan Kathan

Despite unprecedented rainfalls during the preceding week and a very suspect forecast, Jason Butterflied, John Taylor, Warren Caldwell, and Dan Kathan recently ventured to the Trinity River for FFD's annual winter steelhead outing. The foursome's unwavering commitment to the trip was rewarded when the weather cooperated, resulting in surprisingly fishable conditions. While the early mornings were chilly and heavily overcast, the day gave way to blue skies, bright sun, and mid 50's temps. Flows ran at higher than optimum levels, though water clarity was good.

Notwithstanding the heavier flows, fishing was respectable. Each fisher successfully hooked and landed at least one wild adult steelhead as well as a number of feisty half pounders. There were a number of hook-ups that were not brought to the net, but then again you're not going to win them all! Noteworthy was Jason's effort who was attending his first club outing. Jason prevailed in a fifteen minute slugfest with a real pig, a true trophy by any standard. John, making his second Trinity outing, landed two (2) beautifully adults on successive casts. Warren, who has a number of Trinity floats under his belt, stayed busy throughout both days.

A fantastic time was had by all with plenty of laughs.



Jason Butterfield's first Trinity River steelie



Warren Caldwell with a "fish on !"



Another one to the net for Warren



John Taylor - one of a couple of beauties.

## **FFD OUTINGS:** Luk Lake Third Act Photos by Members • Summary by Cary Boyden

For the last x years the Club has held trips to Luk Lake the Friday and Saturday of the last weekend of November or first one in December. The Friday crew largely goes up the night before to eat at the restaurant, while the Saturday group mostly makes it up and back the same day. Unfortunately often one or both days is postponed because of weather.

This year followed the general rule of a postponement with the Friday outing delayed by the winds. The Saturday trip came off without a hitch as previously reported. Their fishing was really outstanding. Initially Friday's day was postponed to the 7th, but then further postponed to the 16th. However, Messrs Norlyn, Beverlin and Brodberg rebelled at the idea of more delay and gave at least that idea and maybe the fishmeister an imaginary raised finger halfway between the thumb and little finger and went as initially delayed to fish the 7th.

Neither the weather nor fish gods smiled on their efforts as that Wednesday was cold and blustery and the fishing borderline nonexistent, proving once again the adage that no good deed goes unpunished. The monsoonal rains of the 15th suggested a similar fate for the rump crew on the 16th. That group after the Wrights judiciously decided to forego the trip upon The 15th in what were truly miserable conditions was whittled down to Dave Yarborough and his bride and the fishmeister for dinner joined Friday by Rick Wallinder who made breakfast, John Reynolds and Donn Erickson.

Rick, Dave and I were on the water by 9. By about the second cast Dave had a nice bow on a bruised balanced leech. This cause me to forego the usual nymph setup and try a pumpkinseed balanced leech, which seemed to work quite well. Soon Rick paddling around in his kayak and trolling a gaudy orange item he had found on the ramp was also steadily nicking fish. Donn and John arrived an hour later and also enjoyed initial success. Then after bouncing all over the lake they settled in near Dave and me. From then until a slowdown around 2 we were all regularly catching fish. At 3 Rick, Dave and I left. John and Donn stayed and as usually happens later in the afternoon enjoyed a productive end of the day. Dave and I landed 26, ldrd (long distance released) another 18 or so and whiffed (indicator goes down with nobody home) another dozen or so. My sense is Rick and Donn did about the same and John was not far behind.

Clearly it was a great day and our thanks to The Fly Shop for making this venue an option during this generally slow period.



Dave Yarborough shows Sam his rainbow



This one is too big for Cary Boyden to get out of the net





Another fish story in the making for Rick Wallinder



John Reynolds and Donn Erikson join the action



Typical Luk Lake fish



I think I caught this one earlier today



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<u>Trip 2017</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<b>Fishmeister</b>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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 13 - 16	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
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		Мау	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Yuba River UCD Property	Trout		June 10	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
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
Coffee Creek	Trout		July 20-23	Paul Berliner	530-753-3886	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	
<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>	Туре	Date	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity Trip 2017	Steelhead		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip





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