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The Fisherman's Line

**February Meeting, Tuesday February 28, 2017
7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Doug Ouellette Presents:
“Truckee River Trophy Trout”**

*T*his month, Tuesday February 28th at Harper Junior High School, The Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Nevada Master Guide Doug Ouellette. Doug will share over four decades of experience fly fishing the Truckee River for trophy brown and rainbow trout. In the show he will share reading the water, the techniques he uses and the flies that produce these huge elusive fish. This is an eye opening show that you do not want to miss!

Doug, who owns Calvada Fly Fishing, is nationally known for his stillwater techniques as well as his river expertise. The clinics he runs and operates are second to none! Doug is also a contract fly tier for Umpqua Feather Merchants and is a recipient of the coveted “Cal Bird Fly Tying Cup”. When he is not on the water guiding he is fishing and scouting for the best angling opportunities.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Does your garage look like this?



Do you have just a few too many rods and reels hanging around? Do you have a few extra boats or float tubes to spare? And what about that shiny new fly rod that you won last year, that you never use? Well, Sparky, have I got an idea for you!

Please consider donating your unused (or never used) fly fishing items to our amazing array of Annual Dinner prizes! We would be delighted to receive them to use as prizes — and think of the joy you'll bring to all those lucky winners. If this idea rings true, bring your items to the February general meeting, or **contact Dana Hooper (Trouthookup1@gmail.com)** for more details.

Remember that the Annual Dinner is on Saturday, March 18th, at Lillard Hall (at the West Plainfield Fire Station), with catering by Hickory Hank. Doors open at 5:30 PM ... and to avoid the lines, you can purchase your tickets early at our general meeting.

So ... clear the cobwebs off of that Orvis, Sage, Loomis, Winston or Redington, and please bring it on by.

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
February	Doug Ouellette	February 28, 2017	Truckee Brown Trout
March	Jim Cox	March 28, 2017	Western Rivers Conservancy
April	Rob Russell	April 25, 2017	Russian River Smallies

*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

We are all set for the 2017 FFD Annual Dinner. **The only thing that is left to do is for you to RSVP if you have not already done so and for us to tell Hickory Hank how many guests we will be having for dinner.** Don't forget to SKIP THE LINE and pre-purchase dinner and raffle tickets at the upcoming FFD Monthly Meeting. This will be your last opportunity!

Fantastic Raffle prizes keep rolling in and Paul Berliner is putting the final touches on the 2016 FFD Year in Review Video, which is always a crowd favorite. It's going to be a great time.

If you lost your EVITE Email, you can email Tom.Robinson@me.com and send in your RSVP by email. Just tell him how many people are in your group or go to <http://evite.me/FccT8TgqSc> to send the RSVP online. See you there!



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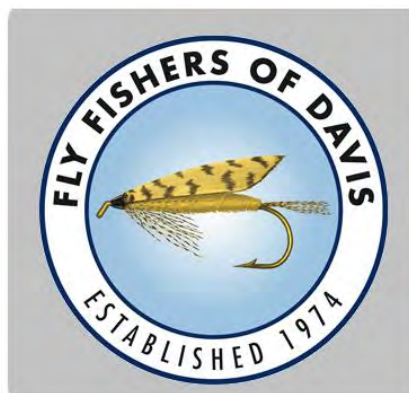
Here is a reminder to send in your dues for 2017. Dues for adults and families are \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. Because of your support, our membership continues to grow! Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual 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!

2017 FFD FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28th!



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>



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<i>101 Topics</i>		
Day 1	Wed. March 1	Equipment and Supplies
Day 2	Wed. March 8	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. March 15	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. March 22	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. March 29	Indicator Techniques and Review
<i>201 Topics</i>		
Day 6	Wed. April 5	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 7	Wed. April 19	Streamer Techniques for Trout

Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at TroutHookup1@gmail.com or 916-343-9732

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iF4

CalTrout is delighted to present these iF4 screenings:

North Coast - Arcata Date and location TBD More info coming soon	Marin - Larkspur Thursday, March 16 Lark Theater	East Bay - Orinda Wednesday, March 22 Orinda Theater	Penninsula - Menlo Pk Thursday, March 23 Guild Theater	Sacramento Thursday, March 30 Tower Theater
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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>.

Oroville Dam has been the focus of intense discussion over the past few weeks. The calls for more dam building have increased because of the vast amounts of water falling on the state with recent storms. “If we only had the dams to catch and hold this water” has become a familiar refrain. But this view ignores what we’ve learned over the past 50 years since most of the dam building was completed. In that time, we’ve learned more about the interrelatedness of nature, i.e. the science of ecology. The simple view of building a dam fails to consider all the implications for the ecosystem, and fails to consider cheaper alternatives that can provide storage at much less cost. The alternatives come with other environmental benefits, as well.

While the concrete infrastructure of Oroville Dam has been failing, the Yolo Bypass has been full of water recharging the aquifer and providing habitat for millions of fish and nutrients for farmland later in the season.

“What the crisis at Oroville Dam really makes clear is that a system made out of concrete, to rigidly confine and constrain nature, is always going to be brittle,” said Jacob Katz, a senior scientist at Cal Trout. “People have been so focused on concrete that it’s taken a long time to realize that working with nature rather than against it is much safer and much more profitable.”

Proposition 1 passed last year with provisions to fund water storage facilities. Specific language was included to allow for dam building, but other provisions would fund alternative storage. It will be encouraging if funding goes more to alternative storage than to new reservoirs, which have very few viable sites and heavy environmental and financial costs.

Dams store a lot of water and control floods, but they also have big drawbacks, many of which were poorly understood when the state’s existing structures were built. By blocking rivers, dams are ruinous to fish and other wildlife, and impair the recharge of downstream aquifers. Evaporation losses are high and getting higher as temperatures warm. Dams have limited lifespans and are extremely expensive.

Of course, it’s also much cheaper to maintain what you have than to repair the damage later. Estimates for repairing the main spillway at Oroville are currently pegged at \$100 million. There are many other dams in the state that require maintenance and upgrades, especially seismic upgrades, to be operated safely.

The dams we’re relying on for water and flood control were designed long ago for hydrologic conditions that are changing. We’re learning more all the time about hydrology, seismic conditions, and ecosystems that should be incorporated into dam operations. Jeffrey Mount has an [interesting discussion](#) on this topic.

It’s also critical to take an objective view of the issue – the unlined emergency “spillway” at Oroville Dam was a disaster waiting to happen, and it was pointed out 12 years ago by the Sierra Club, Friends of the River, and the South Yuba River Citizens League. The Department of Water Resources and the water contractors responsible for dam repairs balked at spending the money to shore up the “spillway” and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed to hold them accountable. They took the view that the emergency spillway would never be needed (then why build it at all?) and that it would survive more than 20 times the flows that nearly destroyed it (and Oroville along with it).

Finally, the flows that spilled into the Feather River from the damaged main spillway and the unlined emergency “spillway” carried tons of debris and silt into the river, damaging fish habitat for miles downstream. I’ve seen only passing reference to this issue so far.

Pyramid Lake reopened for limited use effective February 18. After closing for over two months due to extensive damage from flooding, the beaches from North Nets to Shot Dog are now open. Tribal Chairman Vinton Hawley warned users to take caution when using beach roads, as there is some damage and erosion that could get you stuck. The tribe continues to make repairs to the access roads, and has dedicated over \$1 million of its own funds for that purpose. Here’s a [map](#) of the lake showing the earlier closures.

Klamath River Recent developments on the Klamath River bode well for salmon. First, U.S. District Judge William H. Orrick ordered Reclamation to implement “winter-spring flushing flows designed to dislodge and flush out polychaete worms that host *C. shasta*.” The worms are known to have caused large fish kills in the river. These flows, to as much as 9,600 cfs, were ordered for February 17-20.

In a separate development, the Bureau of Reclamation and PacifiCorp announced they are increasing flows at Link River Dam as Upper Klamath Lake has risen above the flood control guidelines. Beginning February 22 and extending through the weekend, flows were increased to

bring the Upper Klamath Lake elevation below flood control thresholds.

Link River flows will increase to about 6,000 cubic feet per second while Iron Gate Dam flows are expected to increase to a maximum of 7,700 cfs on Feb. 22, 2017. The increased flows are expected to extend through the weekend.

This flow release is being done for flood control purposes, but will also provide a surface flushing flow contributing to fish disease mitigation in the Klamath River.

There is potential for additional increased flows through Link River Dam if Upper Klamath Lake levels continue to rise over the next few months.

In another big win for salmon, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit broadly upheld the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's ability to provide additional flow releases in California's Trinity River to protect salmon. The agribusiness-dominated San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and Westlands Water District sued the Bureau, which controls water releases from the Trinity Reservoir to the Trinity and Lower Klamath rivers. These rivers support significant runs of Chinook salmon, which commercial fishermen rely on for their livelihoods and the Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes depend on for sustenance.

Ultimately, this case is about preserving the California salmon fishing industry. During drought, the Bureau's water releases from the Trinity River to the Lower Klamath are critical to the survival of salmon as they return to the river in late summer by the thousands to spawn. In a previous ruling, a federal district court in Fresno turned back commercial irrigators' attempts to stop these critical flows, but questioned the Bureau's authority to release the water. Today's decision at the 9th

Circuit Court of Appeals strongly validates the Bureau's authority.

Earthjustice attorney Jan Hasselman, who represented the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, noted "Commercial fishermen, Tribes and communities rely on healthy rivers and healthy salmon populations. We welcome the court's strong opinion upholding the Bureau's ability to protect these resources, and we hope this will put an end to Big Ag's long-running and misguided water grab."

SB 667 was just introduced by Senator Toni Atkins to support riverine and riparian stewardship improvements.

Existing law authorizes the Director of Water Resources to establish a program of flood control and urban creek restoration, known as the [Urban Streams Restoration Program](#), consisting of the development of the capability by the Department of Water Resources to respond to requests from local agencies and organizations for planning and design assistance for efficient and effective urban creek protection, restoration, and enhancement.

SB 667 would require the department to establish a program to implement watershed-based riverine and riparian stewardship improvements by providing technical and financial assistance in support of projects with certain benefits. The bill would require the program to support the purposes of and be coordinated with the Urban Stream Restoration Program, fish passage improvements, and other similar programs.

This is a welcome development that may be complementary to [AB 2480](#), signed last year by Governor Brown. That bill declared that source watersheds are an integral part of California's water infrastructure, and as such they are eligible for the same forms of financing as other infrastructure for maintenance and repair.



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FFD OUT and ABOUT: Rancho Saco Lake

Photos and Summary by Bob Beverlin

On Sunday our new club member Jason took me along with him to Rancho Seco Lake which is owned and operated by SMUD. This 140 acre lake has been known to produce award winning bass and also has it's fair share of trout and bluegill. The lake is stocked by DFG We were not as fortunate some of the others that day. No gasoline motors are allowed and we saw maybe 8 other craft, mostly kayaks. All in all a rather serene couple of hours.



Bobber checks out the lake



Jason is waiting for the TUG



Smile!



Have a fly fishing related photo, story, or newsletter segment idea that you want to share? Send it to:

newsletter@flyfishersofdavis.org

RSVP

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

(If you've lost yours, email tom.robinson@me.com and he can resend it to you or go to to <http://evite.me/FccT8TgqSc>



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2017 - 2018

<u>Trip 2017</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<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		May	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>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<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		January 13-14	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	\$192.50 / day (check only) + tip

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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