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The Fisherman's Line**November Meeting, Tuesday November 28, 2017****7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School****Eric Peterson Presents:****“The Trinity Restoration Program”**

*T*his month, Tuesday November 28th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Eric Peterson, Ph.D, a Natural Resource Specialist Data Steward for the Trinity Restoration Program (TRRP). Eric will highlight the history of the Trinity River and outline the basis for river restoration following water diversions and centuries of harmful impacts from mining and logging.

Eric grew up in Weaverville, hiking in the Trinity Alps or exploring East Weaver Creek as often as possible. A natural biologist from an early age, he completed a B.S. in biology and botany at Humboldt State in 1995, then a Ph.D. in plant ecology with a focus on lichens and forestry at Oregon State in 2000. Eric worked as the vegetation ecologist for State of Nevada' Natural Heritage Program for about 8 years, covering all corners of the state and developing techniques for mapping invasive annual grasses with satellite imagery.

As they became parents, Eric and his wife Adriane decided to raise their kids (Juniper, now starting 9th grade and Lilly, 5th grade) in Weaverville. Eric joined TRRP in 2009 to manage Trinity River data and coordinate its use across the many offices of our partnership. Eric also maintains his interest in lichens on the side as a Research Associate of the California Academy of Sciences, and chairing the California Lichen Society's conservation committee



THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Salmon on 113? Indeed!

You've probably driven right by the place, on your way out to launch your boat in the delta. I know I have, year after year. When you're heading south towards Rio Vista, it's that clump of trees on 113, right after you make that sharp jog left, and another sharp jog right. There's always at least 5 cars parked there ... and year after year, I've wondered, what the heck are these guys angling for? Catfish? Smallies? Stripers?

Well, this year, I finally stopped, braved the dangerous onrushing traffic, and talked to a few of the (spinning gear) anglers fishing there. The place is called Lindsey Slough, and yes, Virginia, they were fishing for salmon, right above two culverts with pretty strong flows.



Say what you will about culvert fishing, let alone highway fishing, this is nice indication of a slow and steady recovery of our valley fishery and spawning grounds. KCRA recently ran a story, indicating that the Mokelumne River Hatchery is anticipating a record year in fall run Chinook salmon. In 2011, they had over 18,000 salmon return, and this year, the count is over 14,000, with about a month left in the run. The Feather River Hatchery in Oroville is also reporting strong numbers, within 15,000 to 20,000 so far.

And, amazingly enough, quite few Chinook are headed up our neighboring sloughs — certainly enough to warrant a little culvert fishing. Salmon on 113? Indeed!

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 2017 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
November	Eric Peterson	November 28, 2017	Trinity River Restoration Project
December	FFD Members	December 12, 2017	Annual "Home Grown"
January	Bob Laskodi	January 30, 2018	California Heritage Trout Challenge
February	Patrick Samuel	February 27, 2018	SOS Status of CA Salmon Report

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

By Cary Boyden

Notice is hereby given that the Fly Fishers of Davis will hold its annual meeting during the business portion of the December 12, 2017 meeting to be held at Harper Junior High School, The business portion of the meeting is set to commence at 7:30 pm.

The sole scheduled orders of business are the election of the club's officers for 2018 and the election of 2 Directors to fill the three years Board of Directors terms beginning in January 2018 and running through December 2020.

The Board has nominated the following Officer slate:

President: Tom Robinson
 Vice President: Dan Kathan
 Treasurer: Dan Kathan
 Secretary: Eric Kapucinski

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

Ken Lazzaroni
 Mark Sanders



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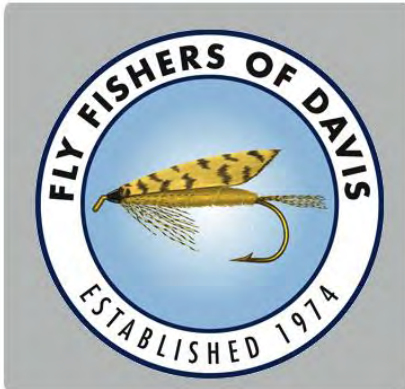
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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a Fish Camp Scholarship to any interested boy or girl, from 10 to 15 years of age. This \$795 award covers the entire cost of the five day program (June 18 – June 22, 2018), which is outfitted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The FFD Board has approved to include members of Davis Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, and children that participated in the Salmon in the Classroom Program as eligible applicants, in addition to relatives of Fly Fishers of Davis members.

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 2017, please collect your best shots and clips. You can email them to me (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, please contact me. I can arrange to get the files from you.



Important:

- Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.
- 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

FFD Beginning Fly Tying Class

By Kieth Barton



The pipedream shared by most fly fishermen is tying flies is cheaper than buying them. The truth of the matter is that while fly tying does provide angling entertainment similar to fishing – especially when inclement weather is howling outside – the real truism is that you’ll feed more moths than fish ... but will be the toast of all your friends ... as they help themselves to the contents of your fly box.

The Davis Fly Fishers will be hosting their annual Beginning Fly Tying class at the UC Davis Viticulture department lab starting next month. The course will cover a dozen different patterns (six dry and six wet) and will host discussions on materials, fishing anecdotes (mostly exaggerated), will task your dexterity and “small finger skills”, likely to lead to much swearing and great frustration.

The dates for the class will be January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7.. Each class will start at 7:00PM and extend until 9:00PM, instructors will be there a bit earlier to set up the AV gear, so there is ample opportunity to engage in additional discussion prior to the class start. The course will cost \$15 (collected at the first session). Typically class sizes are small, and talented instructors outnumber students, so this is an opportunity to get quality assistance in an intimate setting.

No tools or materials will be needed by prospective attendees, we’ll have extra vises, bobbins, and scissors for those that lack the basic tools.

Prospective students should contact, rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net for driving instructions and to ensure there are seats available.

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>.

Short report this month. Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas (or whatever holiday you celebrate).

One tunnel or two? The single tunnel alternative for California WaterFix has come up for more discussion. The Santa Clara Valley Water District vote that I reported on last month has sparked more interest. This idea has come up before. One tunnel with reduced capacity could serve urban water users, but would do little to nothing for agricultural users. There is a comprehensive and interesting discussion of this option by Jay Lund at [California Waterblog](#). I encourage you to take a look at it.

Repercussions from Sonoma Fires will plague some parts of Sonoma and Napa Counties this winter. Some of the forested regions that burned will be helped by the fires, as the understory burned while the canopy survived. But other parts were completely destroyed from roots to canopy leaving no vegetation behind. These areas will suffer further damage with winter rains that will erode hillsides and wash silt and toxic ash into waterways.

Mark West Creek is one of the Russian River's most important endangered Coho salmon spawning tributaries. It was hit hard by the Tubbs Fire; erosion could smother salmon redds this winter.

Sonoma Creek was also hit hard, and the endangered steelhead that spawn there could face silted spawning beds. The Napa River will also feel the effects of the fires. Increased nutrients from the burned wild areas will lead to increased algae bloom, including the blue-green algae that produces cyanotoxins. Runoff from the burned urban areas will carry heavy metals and hydrocarbons from the paints, plastics, solvents, pesticides, and rubber that was destroyed in the fires.

State and Federal agencies, as well as local organizations and conservation districts, have been collaborating in the response to the fires. They are placing sandbags, straw

bales and wattles alongside creeks and below impacted slopes to control erosion.

It's time to comment on the Delta Conservation Framework. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is working with federal, state, and local agencies, and the Delta stakeholder community to develop a high-level conservation framework for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Yolo Bypass and Suisun Marsh. Building on prior Delta planning efforts, the Delta Conservation Framework will serve as the long-term continuation of California EcoRestore, a recent California Natural Resources Agency led Delta restoration implementation initiative. The Delta Conservation Framework will be completed by 2017 and will guide Delta conservation efforts to 2050.

The Public Draft of the Delta Conservation Framework is now available for public review until December 8, 2017. Find it at

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/watersheds/dcf>.

Pampering spawned-out steelhead may promote increased survival and prospects for future spawning. A story in [Fish Bio](#) describes a program on the Columbia River designed to increase the chances of multiple spawning trips for steelhead. After spawning, steelhead (now called kelts) drift to the estuaries or the ocean to resume feeding and develop energy reserves for another trip to freshwater. In rivers with dams, the kelts face extra hardships, as the dam passage facilities are designed for young smolts, not for adult kelts. On the Columbia system, fish managers are capturing the kelts, holding them in tanks closed to the public, and feeding them pellets and krill, as well as giving them anti-fungal and parasite medication. All this is to allow them to build strength and increase recovery rates to spawn again.

The program includes a scientific data collection, monitoring, and evaluation component to track survival, growth, and fish health.



FFD TRAVELS: FFD 2017 Striperfest

Summary by Adney Bowker • Photos by Members

Bob Beverlin and I fished Heenan Lake the weekend of Oct 12. Heenan Lake sits above 7000ft. near Monitor Pass in Alpine County, and is a brood fish lake for Fish and Wildlife's Lahontan Cutthroat trout propagation program. It is only open for fishing on the weekends in Sept and Oct. Bob negotiated with the owner of the Carson River Resort for a nice RV site with a fireplace and use of the one flush toilet in the area...no shower, though. Rousing ourselves in the brisk 29 degree morning, we drove the 15 minutes up to the lake, and lucked into the last parking place in the lot. Weather was clear, and gradually warmed to a pleasant afternoon. With



John Reynolds with a striper



Wrong fish Eric Kapucinski!





Tom Robinson



Gulp



Dana Hooper



Dan Mini with his first striper

FFD OUTINGS: Winter Trinity Float Trip

Summary by Dan Kathan • Photos by Members

A small yet enthusiastic group of FFD fishers set out earlier this month for Douglas City and the Trinity River in pursuit of the ever elusive oncorhynchus mykiss otherwise known as steelhead. The contingent included Brian Bechold and Donn Erickson both of whom have long and successful histories with the river who were returning after an extended hiatus. Also attending was Chris Bice and Roger Hull experienced anglers enjoying their inaugural float on the challenging fishery. Rounding out the group were John Taylor and myself. John and I have fished these waters on several occasions in the recent past having left humbled on many occasions.

On day one of the two day outing, the foursome of Taylor, Erikson, Bice and self, floated the mid-river section from Big Sky to Pigeon Point. The Hull- Bechold team ventured up-river to take on Lewiston Bridge-Steal Bridge run. Weather conditions were ideal however flows were low (300 CFS) and the water ran crystal clear throughout the system.

The foursome enjoyed a number of hook ups during the day, though none were successfully brought to the net. The up-river team however enjoyed considerably greater success. Of note were Brian's three (3) adult steelhead and a number of half pounders all of which were skillfully brought to the boat. The fish of the day award however went to Roger Hull who tied into and landed a bright five (5) plus pound chromer.

After enjoying a fantastic dinner with great table talk at the Indian Creek Café the night before, day two began with high flowing optimism notwithstanding the modest results of the prior day. The prospects for rain and some fresh water to systems only served to stoke the enthusiasm. The Erickson- Kathan and Taylor-Hull teams hoped to replicate the success of team Bechold-Hull recorded the previous day and raced to the upper reaches of the river. The duo of Bice-Bechold ventured off to float the challenging yet very scenic "Canyon" run.

The upper river again produced a number of bright half pounders with success being enjoyed by all. Donn Erickson was rewarded for his determination when he out-willed a feisty adult steelhead estimated in the four (4) to five (5) pound class. The canyon float presented its challenges, however, the Bice-Bechold team was also successful in bring to net a number of spirited half-pounders as well being "taken for a wild ride" by several uncooperative adults.

While Trinity outing fell short in producing significant numbers or that fish of a "lifetime", all agreed that the trip did provide lot of laughs, lasting memories on this majestic and scenic river, and a renewed commitment in their pursuit of that "fish of a thousand casts."



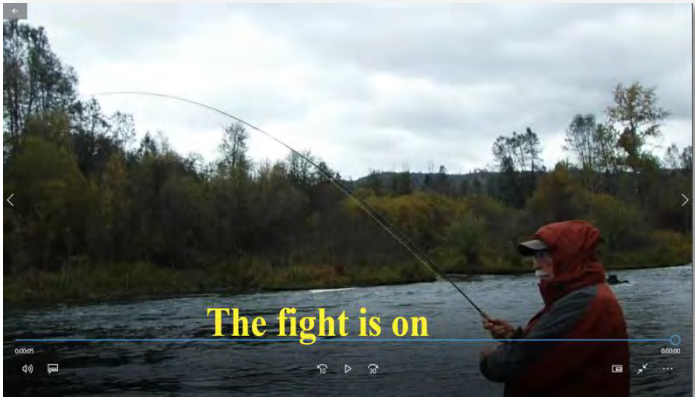
Chris Bice with a healthy Trinity River half-pounder



John Taylor enjoying another day on the water



**Roger Hull's adult chromer.
Sweet**



The fight is on



Dr. Donn with another half pounder

FFD TRAVELS: Another Potential Local Option

Article by Cary Boyden • Photos by Bob Beverlin

This article will discuss a local option which is well known to various members but may be totally unknown to others who have access to boats and want another local venue to explore: namely smallmouth bass in the Sacramento and adjoining Miner, Sutter and Steamboat Sloughs. As noted, this is a boating option and is within an hour of Davis or somewhat more depending on where one launches.

In that regard there are 2 main options. The closer is Arrowhead reached by going down Jefferson in West Sacramento until it Ts and then going right until hitting the levee and following the signs to the ramp. This ramp is the PITS, particularly at low tide when if not careful one bottoms out the trailer because of a crack in the concrete. Boats over 16 feet are particularly vulnerable as I discovered with my 17 foot Jetcraft. The other ramp, Hogback, is the complete opposite but is located on Steamboat and involves a long venture around Robin Hood's barn through Isleton. Both are clearly marked on a standard Delta map.

This is a numbers game with typically 20-40 fish in a typical day. In the Spring and Fall one is likely to catch mostly dinks but with some fish in the 12-13 inch range or maybe a bit larger with Murdich Minnows and similar offerings. The Summer fish tend to be smaller with an occasional 11-12 incher. A 4 weight 9 foot rad matches these fish perfectly. A standard bass popper with a leech/wooly bugger dropper in brown or olive etc seems to be the most productive approach. The ratio of surface to subsurface grabs is in the range of 10-1. As noted, a streamer behind a fast sink head may lead to bigger but less frequent hookups. I have not fished the spawn so do not know if topwater action is better then. One thing about hits on poppers: smallmouth do not provide the thrill of a largemouth busting the surface. The hits are still fun but just not as exciting.

In addition to smallmouth there is a spattering of spots and some stripers around. Presumably there are also some largemouth and panfish. However, the vast bulk of these fish are smallmouth. As intimated above, this is a Spring through Fall affair. One caveat: high water times are not productive. Whether Winter is an effective time is a question I have not explored preferring the warmth of Havasu.





MIKE PARKER RAFFLE BOARD

Mike Parker has donated another guided float trip to the Fly Fishers of Davis. Stop by the raffle table at the monthly FFD Club Meeting and purchase a space or 3 on the raffle board. Good Luck!



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<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 2018	Steelhead		January 13-14	Dana Kathan	415-713-8952	\$382.50 (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout			Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 11 - 14	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May	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		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited anglers
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Sierra Lake	Trout		June	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 12 - 15	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Fogeys Trip	Trout		TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman Lake	Trout		September 21-24	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	October	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	November	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping at Sims Campground
Pyramid Lake	Trout		November	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	

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