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The Fisherman's Line**December Meeting, Tuesday December 12, 2017****7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School****FFD Members Present:****“FFD 2017 Homegrown”**

*T*his month, Tuesday December 12th at Harper Junior High School, Members from our very own Club will be the resident experts and setup stations covering various fly fishing topics for our Annual FFD Homegrown program.

Home Grown Lineup:

- Rod Building – Eric Kapucinski
- Making Movies of Your Fly Fishing Adventures – Paul Berliner
- So, You Want to Be a Fishmeister! – Dana Hooper
- Rod Rigging – Tristan Leong and Peter Hawes
- Fly Tying – Tom Burton

So come and mingle with friends and visit the various Home Grown stations at your leisure.

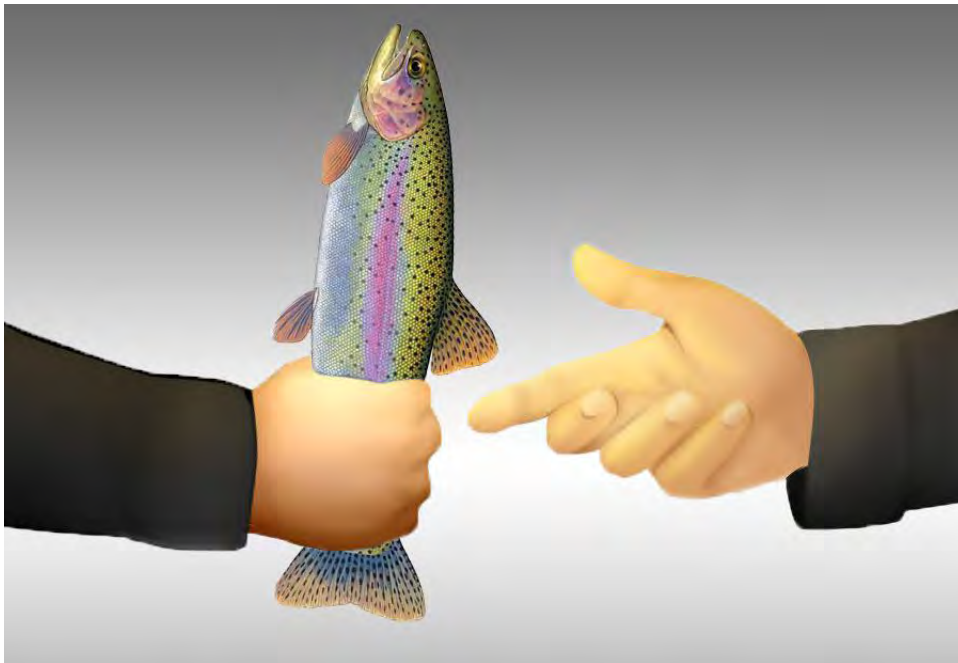


THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Passing the Trout (umm, Torch)

It's been a great year, and an honor to serve as the President of Fly Fishers of Davis, but the time has come to pass the trout to the next worthy recipient, Tom Robinson. We've had a wealth of amazing adventures together this year, from the Delta to the Sierra's to faraway Hebgen, plus great monthly meetings and a fantastic Annual Dinner. In addition, we've launched a film festival as a benefit for Putah Creek Trout, which just might become a yearly event.



Special thanks to everyone on the board, and to all of our superb club members. It's you folks that make our club one of the best in Northern California, and a joy to be a participant.

I'm not vanishing, though. I'll still be watching my bobber on our wonderful outings, and editing videos together for the Annual Dinner (... which reminds me ... send me your pix and videos)!

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- 2018 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
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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2018 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 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.

FFD 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Class Dates for 2018

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm

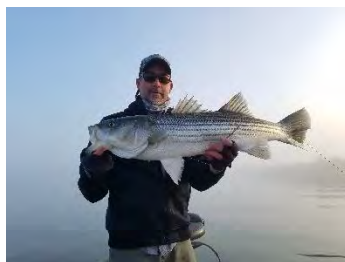
UCD Horticulture Room

If you can't Identify these Bugs then maybe you need to sign up for these classes.



Day 1	Wed. Feb 21	Equipment and Supplies
Day 2	Wed. Feb 28	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. March 7	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. March 14	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. March 21	Indicator Techniques and Review

If you would like to learn how to catch fish like these.



201 Topics

Day 1	Wed. March 28	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. April 4	Streamer Techniques for Trout
Day 3	Wed. April 11	Stillwater Techniques

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



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>.

Trinity River Alert! Last month we heard a program about the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) and how it aims to improve the river below Lewiston Dam for anadromous steelhead and salmon. Last week the Department of Interior disbanded the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG), a stakeholder oversight group made up of environmentalists, utility interests, landowners, raft guides, and business interests. The group was formed along with the TRRP in the 2000 Record of Decision on the Trinity with the aim of restoring fisheries on the river that have been impacted by the dams, water diversion to the Central Valley, and historic mining and logging operations. The TAMWG provides citizens' advice and oversees the activities of the Trinity Management Council, which manages the TRRP. The DOI's rationale for disbanding the group is that the TAMWG did not submit a short justification memo to continue their operation.

The group's leader, Tom Stokely, said the group was never asked to provide such a memo, but they would have done so had they been asked. He also said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which acts as a liaison between the TAMWG and DOI, submitted substantial paperwork in an attempt to get approval for TAMWG meetings in June, July, September, and December.

The TAMWG has no meeting scheduled between now and January 1, and the members' appointments expire in January, making the group effectively disbanded.

TAMWG members were shocked at the news. Several expressed the opinion that their oversight had led to productive changes in how the river was managed. We heard at our meeting how the TRRP uses adaptive management to refine its work; this loss of citizen oversight is a blow to the adaptive management program.

There is a chance the Interior Department will agree to extend the service of the TAMWG, but it will take some

effort on our part. CalTrout and other groups are writing letters to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. You can help. Send an email or mail a letter to Secretary Zinke.

Here's a sample letter – if you edit it to make it your own it will have more effect. For example, add why the Trinity River is important to you, and why you want to see citizens' oversight continue. You could mention that you recently heard a presentation about the TRRP and what it meant to you.

Send the email to exec@ios.doi.gov, or mail to Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW Washington DC, 20240.

Email subject: Public Comment – Reinstatement Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

Dear Secretary Zinke,

I disagree with the recent decision to deactivate the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG), a primary component of the Trinity River Restoration Program. TAMWG is comprised of volunteers, a diverse group of stakeholders that provides valuable input to the Trinity Management Council. Taking away their input is taking away the public's crucial opportunity to be closely involved in decisions affecting the Trinity River. Without the working group, stakeholder engagement will be limited to only the public comment period during Trinity Management Council meetings, which will not satisfy the public's capacity to provide input.

I encourage the Department of the Interior to immediately re-instate the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]





California's Native Trout, Salmon, and Steelhead in Peril

Fish and watershed advocacy group California Trout (CalTrout) and University of California Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences recently released key results from an in-depth report detailing the status of 32 types of salmon, steelhead, and trout that are native to California. The report entitled “State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water” (SOS II) paints a grim picture of the future of our state's native salmonids: if present trends continue, up to 45 percent of these native species will likely be extinct in 50 years. The study is a completely updated edition of the first version of this report produced in 2008. Due to the drought and the increasing effects of climate change, the scientific findings in SOS II show that conditions are much more dire for our salmonids: 81 percent of these species are worse off today than they were less than a decade ago.

The report includes an analysis of key threats to the survival of each species, starting with the overarching threat of climate change, which is likely to reduce the availability of cold water habitat that salmon, steelhead, and trout all depend on for survival. It also highlights various human-induced threats such as dams, agriculture, estuary alteration, urbanization, and transportation.

The loss of these iconic fish would be an epic tragedy. Native to California and uniquely adapted to our diverse landscape, they are more than just resident fish. By flourishing they signify that California's legacy of cold, clean water has been preserved, an asset as vital to our state as epic coastlines, magnificent Sierra Nevada range, towering redwoods and beautiful deserts.

The SOS II report not only tells the story of the fish. Its findings lay out a clear set of actions and a path forward. To reverse the trend toward extinction, the report suggests prioritizing protection and restoration efforts in three general areas:

1. **Protecting the most productive river ecosystems** remaining in California, such as the Smith and Eel Rivers, must be a priority. These strongholds, among others, have the capacity to support diversity and abundance because they retain high quality habitat and are not heavily influenced by hatcheries, supporting the persistence of wild fish.
2. Increasing **focus on source waters will keep more water in streams** and reduce stress on fish during drought, buffering the effects of climate change. Sierra meadow restoration, springs protection, and progressive groundwater management all contribute to this effort.
3. **Restoring function** to once productive – but now highly altered – habitats can greatly improve rearing conditions for juvenile fish, especially floodplains, coastal lagoons, estuaries, and spring-fed rivers.

CalTrout has devised an action plan to return our rivers and salmon, steelhead, and trout back to resilience, and it starts with implementing on-the-ground conservation projects in key geographical areas where wild fish influence the community. CalTrout is leading projects such as:

- **Barrier removal from Eel River** tributaries, opening up miles of quality habitat for steelhead and salmon.
- **Working with ranchers in Shasta and Scott Rivers** to improving irrigation methods and leave more cold water instream for endangered salmon.
- Advocating for water infrastructure investments in the Central Valley to improve floodplain management for fish and people.
- Reconnecting fragmented habitat in Orange and Ventura counties **benefiting endangered Southern steelhead**.
- Meadow restoration in the Sierra Nevada to improve snowmelt holding capacity, **improving habitat for fish such as the California Golden trout**.

These projects will take years. CalTrout is in it for long haul, ready to scale up and do more. The science-based SOS II report is clear: If we don't act, we risk losing our native fish species to extinction.

Fly club members can take action to support these efforts. Consider becoming a CalTrout donor and contribute to their mission ensuring resilient wild fish in healthy waters for a better California.

Our fisheries face mounting threats, and it is up to each of us as Californians and fly fishers to stay informed and support efforts to protect the species we love to pursue in California.

A special offer is available for California fly club members to join CalTrout. With a gift of \$35, you will receive a California native salmonids poster featuring illustrations by Paul Waters. With a gift of \$50, you will receive the glossy printed *SOS II: Fish in Hot Water* report with detailed species accounts for all 32 California native salmon, steelhead, and trout.

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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>
Baum Lake	Trout		March 14 - 18	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		April 18 - 22	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April 28	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 18 - 20	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 25	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 6 - 10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
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 7 - 11	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals

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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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For more information, contact: Lyn Hooper at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org – **Membership Chair**

Name _____ Address _____
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 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