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May Meeting, Tuesday May 29, 2018 7:30pm @ Harper Jr. High School Brent Hublitz Presents: "Fly Fishing The Klamath River Basin"

his month, Tuesday May 29th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Brent Hublitz who will discuss the Klamath River Basin Redband Trout and the techniques to catch and release these very wary fish. Agency Lake and Upper Klamath Lake have a large population of native Redband Rainbow Trout that would appeal to any lake angler. Early spring and fall can be exciting times to focus on these native fish. During this time the fish are packing on weight, either preparing for or ending a long winter. There are many feeder streams such as

Crystal Creek, Odessa
Creek and Recreation
Creek that these fish
frequent from spring until
fall. Believe me, it's a blast
stalking wild mammoth
fish in these crystal clear,
spring fed waters.

Brent Hublitz is a 23 year Veteran of the United States Air Force and Army who has been fly fishing his entire life. He's been guiding the Klamath Basin



going on 15 years as owner and operator of Trophy Troutfitters. He knows where to find the fish, and has the patterns and techniques to catch some of the most elusive trout of the Klamath Basin. He specializes in Southern Oregon guided fly fishing adventures on the Wood River, Williamson River, Rouge River, Sprague River, and the most demanding lakes you will find in your fishing career.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn"

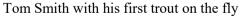
- Benjamin Franklin

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers,

May was a great month for fly fishing. I've heard that the Shad season was fantastic this year and more people have been fishing Lake Berryessa, which is another venue in our backyard, and catching multiple species on the fly. So, how do you figure out how to fly fish a new venue, species or use a new method? You either pay for a guide or you find a mentor. Of course this requires that YOU local area experts share your knowledge and expertise.

Kim and I had the pleasure of attending Dana Hooper's 101 weekend at Hat Creek in May (summary will show up in June Newsletter). It is a fantastic weekend where FFD Members that attended the 101 classes earlier in the year get to use what they have learned in the classroom and apply it on the water. Most of us camp at Hat Creek Hereford Ranch, which is a wonderful campground and social environment, and enough experienced fly fishers attend the outing that beginners can get one on one guidance. I've been fortunate enough to graduate from student to mentor and experience beginners catching their first fish on the fly rod. It is one of the most rewarding feelings you can experience. For all of you boat owners out there, one of the best things you can do is offer a spot on your boat and take a beginner out to fly fish. Over the years, mentors like Dana Hooper, Chris Berardi, and Cary Boyden offered spots on their boats allowing me to catch my first Largemouth Bass, Delta striper and Shad and I can't forget Kurt Arens got me hooked up with Steelhead. It was those experiences that really solidified my love of the sport.







Dana Hooper and I take 3rd at the Costa Bass n Fly

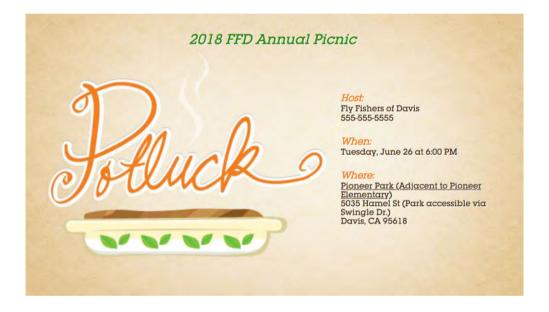
Speaking of mentors. Dana Hooper and I just wrapped up the 2018 Costa Bass and Fly Tournament on the California Delta. Dana taught me everything I know about largemouth bass fishing with the fly rod and I am lucky to be his teammate in this tournament. We placed 3rd out of a group of forty boats and we were only 1.5 ounces from 2nd place. Thanks Dana for giving me that gift!... I'll definitely work on paying it forward to some other newcomer someday.

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 2018 Meeting Schedule						
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC			
May	Brent Hublitz	May 29, 2018	Fly Fishing Klamath Lake Trophy Redbands			
June		June 26, 2018	FFD Annual Picnic			
July	James Sampsel	July 31, 2018	Fly Fishing The Rogue River			
August	Maury Hatch	August 28, 2018	Fly Fishing CA Delta For Striped Bass			
September	Mike Pease	September 25, 2018	Fly Fishing Journey- Feather River Options			

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



Come join the Fly Fishers of Davis at the Annual Picnic.

The Annual Picnic is a great time for families to get together, discuss their summer plans, and of course swap fishing stories.

The club provides the main dishes which include: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breasts.

Bring your favorite beverage along with a dish to share using the following guide...

Last NameDishA-G:Wonderful DessertsH-M:Side Dish or ChipsN-Z:Salads

Please RSVP via this Evite including number of guests or email tom.robinson@me.com with your RSVP so that we can plan on the right amount of main dishes for the event.

Annual Casting Clinic On Sunday, June 24



The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held on the lawn south of Northstar Ponds from 9:00 am to12:00 pm on Sunday June 24th. Jeff Putnam noted local casting instructor will be there to get you started or to help solve your casting problems. Jeff has a unique ability to finding and correcting problems that affect your accuracy and distance as well as a capability to explain casting techniques to neophytes.

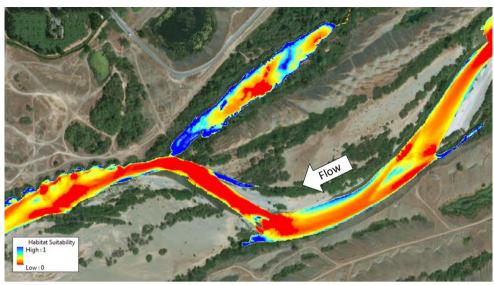
Northstar Ponds are located at 3434 Anderson Rd just west of the F Street and Anderson Road intersection in north Davis. A parking lot that services this area is located just off of Anderson Rd. Bring your favorite casting outfit and eye protection(sunglasses). If you don't have an outfit, we can provide equipment. Please let us know ahead of time. Don't forget sunscreen and bug juice as the mosquitos or gnats could be out. If you have questions please contact Bob Zasoski at rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net.

FFD OUTREACH: 2018 FFD UCD Center For Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture Scholarship Recipient: Pete Moniz

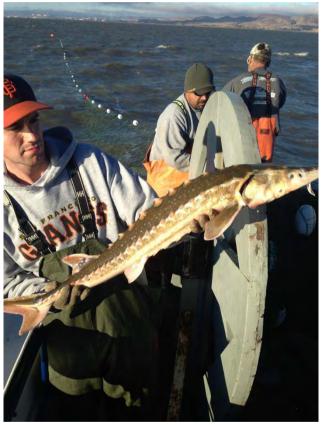
My name is Pete Moniz and I am a first year Master's student in the Hydrologic Sciences Graduate Group at UC Davis. I was born and raised in California's Central Valley, and like many others from this area, my family escaped the Central Valley's summer heat by spending our vacations up in the Sierra Nevada mountains camping and fishing at its many lakes and rivers. I received my Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from UC Berkeley in 2013. After graduating, I worked with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife monitoring fish species throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. Knowing that I was most interested in salmon and trout ecology, I then joined Cramer Fish Sciences in 2014 where I got to work on salmon and trout adult spawning and juvenile rearing habitat restoration projects on many of California's rivers, including the Yuba, American, Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin Rivers.

As a graduate student here at UC Davis, I am currently working with Professor Greg Pasternack on a thesis project aimed to analyze the quantity and quality of available habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon and rainbow/steelhead trout on the lower Yuba River. The lower Yuba River still supports a population of resident rainbow trout and yearly returning Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, but like nearly all rivers in California, decades of human impacts have severely degraded the river's available habitat from what it once was. I will use digital maps of water depth and velocity created from one of the most sophisticated hydraulic model programs available along with digital maps of cover habitat (e.g. vegetation and large substrate) to identify and quantify high quality habitat patches along the river. With this data, I will create a physical habitat model that shows if and how high quality rearing habitat changes with changing discharges over time. The results of this research will help aid dam operators and resource agencies in making location-specific, cost-effective, and scientifically sound management decisions regarding exactly when, where, and how to conserve and restore salmon and trout habitat on the lower Yuba River. With increased high quality habitat comes an increased chance of these juveniles surviving to adulthood and someday being appreciated by some lucky angler in California.









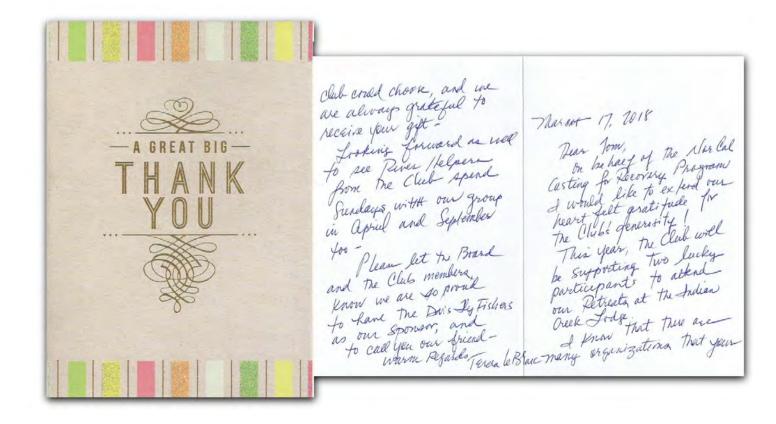




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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell As hbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> 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.

California Rivers Day On May 9 I participated in California Rivers Day at the state Capitol. This is an annual event sponsored by Friends of the River to advocate for river-friendly legislation. This year we had had over 40 participants to advocate for two bills. AB 2975 is carried by Assemblymember Laura Friedman, and would protect California's Wild and Scenic Rivers. California now has more than 2.145 miles of rivers protected in the federal or state Wild and Scenic River systems. Of those, 747 miles are protected only under the federal system. AB 2975 would apply only to those 747 miles of river. If the federal government takes action to delist a river from the federal system, it would authorize the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency to hold a public hearing, add the threatened river or river segment to the state Wild and Scenic Rivers system, and classify the appropriate segments as wild, scenic, and recreational. It would not add any new rivers to the state system, but would protect rivers currently under federal protection that are not in the state system.

The second piece of legislation is alive in both the state Senate (as SB 606) and the Assembly (as AB 1668). The state requires a 20% reduction in urban water use by 2020, but currently has no measures in place to track or encourage reductions. This legislation would establish standards for efficient water use and require urban water suppliers to set long-term water use targets/budgets that account for regional variations. It would also strengthen drought planning by putting standardized planning and reporting practices in place with support for small and rural communities. Finally, it would improve agricultural water management practices, planning, and reporting by requiring plans to be filed and made public with water budgets and evaluation of how they can improve soil health through on-farm practices. Currently, only 40% of agricultural water suppliers submit their water management plans on time and less than 15% of them have submitted them annually. This legislation is an important part of dedicating water for conservation purposes.

A side benefit of visiting legislators is that I found out Senator Bill Dodd is a fly fisher. I invited him to come to one of our meetings, so don't be surprised if he comes to our picnic or a regular meeting later this year. If you'd like to get involved in this way next year, please let me know. Friends of the River does this event annually, and it's really fun and interesting.

Tunnels lawsuits could be outlawed Rep. Ken Calvert of Riverside County released a 142-page draft spending bill for fiscal year 2019 for the Interior Department and related agencies. Tucked into the bill is a brief provision that would prohibit state or federal lawsuits against "the Final Environmental Impact Report/Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix ... and any resulting agency decision, record of decision, or similar determination." In other words, no one with concerns about environmental damages the Twin Tunnels might cause could be heard in court. If you agree that this rider would circumvent due process and state rights you might want to contact your representatives in congress, especially Senators Feinstein and Harris, and let them know.

<u>Tunnels Funding</u> The Santa Clara Valley Water District reversed its earlier vote (to support a single tunnel only) last month and voted 4-3 to commit up to \$650 million to support the Twin Tunnels, aka California WaterFix. The vote was delayed for three days after numerous people objected to the change, but the district ultimately went ahead with the funding.

<u>In other news</u> Last week the California Department of Water Resources entered into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA), forming a partnership for the design and construction of California WaterFix.

"This agreement signals a key step toward implementation of WaterFix, and this partnership represents a true collaboration in the best interests of California," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "We look forward to working with the DCA to finalize permitting and design, and to safely and efficiently build WaterFix."

The DCA is a public agency composed of local public water agencies who are investing in California WaterFix, otherwise known as the Twin Tunnels.

According to DWR the DCA will pool the expertise and resources available from DWR, public water agencies, and consultants to design, construct and deliver the project.

DWR will oversee the work of the DCA, and will own and operate the project as part of the State Water Project once construction is complete.

<u>Delta Counties respond</u> The Delta Counties Coalition offered public comment in response to the formation of the new Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority at its board meeting today.

The DCC is an alliance of the counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo. The DCC advocates for protecting the interests of the Delta and California's water supply and has produced a set of approaches that will achieve balance for the economic and environmental health of the Delta while also improving water supply stability. Visit sharedwatersolutions.com.

Contra Costa County Supervisor Diane Burgis stated, "Some have called the WaterFix a diabolical plan, bold, and presumptuous. The Delta is a special and unique place. Those of us who are directly impacted are being locked out."

San Joaquin County Supervisor Chuck Winn stated, "We have the opportunity to build a world class water system, but instead we are getting a flawed, inadequate, and enormously expensive project that will not benefit the residents of California."

Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas remarked "There is a finite capacity to generate ratepayer dollars for investment in water system improvements and WaterFix will effectively squeeze out the ability to invest in more beneficial and cost-effective projects."

Solano County Supervisor Skip Thomson said, "Expediting the project with a JPA at this point in time is grossly inappropriate. Where it may make the Governor happy, it is bad public policy to acquire land, design, and construct the proposed project before it is fully permitted and before environmental impacts identified. In addition,

many lawsuits are pending and bonds have not been validated."



Klamath Coho get water Last month I noted that irrigators in the Klamath River Basin asked for a reprieve from a court decision that set aside 50,000 acre-feet of water to be used to increase Klamath River flows to protect threatened Coho salmon from disease outbreak. They argued that drought conditions in the basin this year threaten their livelihoods so the water should be used instead for irrigation. This month U.S. District Court Judge William H. Orrick denied their request.

A court injunction requires the Bureau of Reclamation to hold 50,000 acre-feet of stored water in Upper Klamath Lake through early June to flush away a deadly parasite that infects threatened coho salmon.

Because it's been a dry year, the bureau believes the injunction makes it unlikely there will be enough water for farms.

The ruling pleased groups that rely on salmon, such as the Yurok Tribe and Pacific Coast fishermen. But environmental and local groups are worried that the ruling could lead to further turmoil, such as what happened in 2001 when farmers illegally opened the irrigation gates and 68,000 salmon subsequently died of disease.

Others are worried that extremists could use this as an excuse to foment discord and bring attention to antigovernment causes.



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FFD TRAVELS: Women in Fly Fishing Weekend

Summary and Photos by Kim Petersen

The weekend of May 4-6, 2018 I joined 11 other women and three guides at the Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch in Quincey, CA for a Fly Fishing Retreat. Mike Pease of the Feather River Fly Fishing School partnered with The California Waterfowl's Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) to put on an amazing women in fly fishing weekend. It can be hard to get started in Fly Fishing if you don't have a mentor and even harder to find women to fish with. The BOW bridges the gap by providing all necessary gear and supportive camaraderie. Everyone was there to try their hand at fly fishing some for the first time and others to get more confident on the water. Friday night after a family style dinner at the ranch we met to discuss plans for the weekend and pick out our equipment. We divided into three groups for Saturday that included rigging up, knots and insects and casting and then rotated through. By 3 pm we were on the ranch pond which had been stocked the day before. Most caught their first fish on the fly. The pond was the perfect place to learn as the fish were not picky and there was almost nothing to get tangled up in. Sunday morning we carpooled to the middle fork of the Feather River and tried dry droppers in the morning and nymphing after lunch. The river was of course more challenging but these ladies were catching fish. We returned to the ranch around 5 pm on Sunday to turn in our equipment and say good bye.





Greenhorn Creek Pond stocked with fish

Kim Petersen land another rainbow trout on a dry fly









Guide Carla Lemon mentors an angler on the Middle Fork Feather
River

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo with all my new friends

FFD OUTINGS: Putah Creek

Summary and Photos by Steve Karr

On Sunday, April 22, Dan Brugger and Steve Karr led an outing on Putah Creek for five members of the FFD (Carl Olmsted, Tom Martens, John Taylor, Beverly McDonnell, Mike McDonnell). Dan and Steve started with tips on techniques and flies before splitting the group before and starting the fishing at FA 5 and FA 3.

This Sunday was the last before the beginning of the regular trout season throughout the state. It seemed that all the regular fishers of the Creek were getting in their last licks before scattering to the Sierra and other locales. That made it difficult to find open water to fish. As a result, there were few hookups, although Dan and Carl were able to each catch a couple of 10-14 inch fish at the end of the day above the highway 128 Bridge, after the crowd had left.

A scary highlight of the outing occurred at FA 3 during lunch. A young family of three with a two-year-old boy were in the the parking lot when we arrived. Suddenly the little boy started screaming. He had been leaning against a boulder when we believe a 18 inch rattlesnake struck his pant leg, causing him to scream. His father snatched him up and we undressed him very quickly looking for bite marks-fortunately there were none. The local warden happened to be nearby and while we were talking to him about whst we should do with the snake, the snake crawled back into its hole under the boulder.

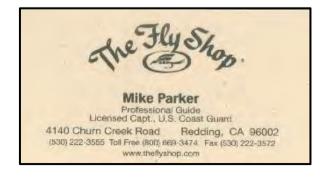
Although the fishing wasn't very productive everyone enjoyed the beauty of the Creek and the opportunity to practice their drift free indicator and tight line techniques.

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<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Hat Creek	Trout		May 18 - 20	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		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		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 10 - 13th	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	October 20	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
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	January	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April	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





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Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

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

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Annual Picnic, Annual Dinner, Guest Speakers, Putah Creek Cleanup, Membership, Budget, Conservation, Newsletter, Communications, Outings, Marketing, Youth Programs, Salmon in the Classroom, Education.

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For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings