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The Fisherman's Line

**June Meeting, Tuesday June 26, 2018
6:00 pm @ Pioneer Park
Fly Fishers of Davis Presents: 2018 Annual Picnic**

*T*his month, Tuesday June 26, is the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic. Come out and spend an evening with friends and their families and enjoy a BBQ and potluck. It's a great time to catch up with others, tell a fishing story or two, and share your summer plans. It's not too late to RSVP. Details on the location, what to bring, and how to RSVP are on page 3 of this newsletter.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

Our tradition
[of the modern fisherman]
is that of the first man
who sneaked away to the creek
when the tribe
did not really need fish....

Roderick Haig-Brown

I hope everyone had a chance the sneak away from your busy lives to do what you love to do. I know it's the hardest thing to think when your in the thick of it, but it does help you reset and put things in perspective.

This month I got a call from Son Chong who invited me out to swing the spey rod with him out on the American River for shad. It had been a few years since I had used that rod. There is something special about the spey rod and the cast. I could do it for hours without a tug on the other end and still have fun. I could tell Son was a little disappointed that it was slow, and that I wasn't catching many fish, but I had blast out there on the water working on my snap-T , putting the stressful work week I had behind me.



Last weekend a group of us headed to Clearlake for Chris Berardi's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRIS!! For many of us it was our first time fishing the venue. What a cool lake! Sure, there are some rundown parts, but I saw houses on the lake that I could only dream of owning, and the bass are fat and pull hard and the crappie are on steroids... I've never caught such large crappie which scarfed up my four inch shad pattern every chance they got.

This month is the Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic. Sneak out for a relaxing evening and share your story, enjoy some BBQ and dishes from members, visit with an old friend or make a new one. Hope to see you there!

Tom Robinson

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 |
| 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...

| <u>Last Name</u> | <u>Dish</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| A-G : | Wonderful Desserts |
| H-M : | Side Dish or Chips |
| N-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.

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>.

Give DFW a piece of your mind! The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is in the process of revising their Trout Management Plan and is asking anglers for ideas to help improve the program.

This is a good opportunity for California's trout fisherman to provide the department with input that will bring the program more in line with your angling interests. Changes made to the plan will affect trout fishing in California for the next several years.

Few of our state's trout streams are as productive as they could be. Where California was once known for having several blue ribbon waters there are now only a few that regularly meet this classification. And many of our Sierra and Foothill streams are either devoid of quality fish or cleaned out within hours of being stocked. This is mainly due to the way the current trout management program has been implemented and the fiscal constraints put upon the department.

Take a few minutes to give the DFW your ideas on how trout fishing in California could be improved. All you have to do is go to the web site <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Inland/Trout-Plan> and fill out a couple of on-line questionnaires. There are even areas where you can leave written comments or condemnation. However, please be fair, objective and accurate in your comments to make this a productive effort. In fact, it might be best to focus on ways that will reduce the trout program costs while increasing license revenue to the state. Remember, the state managers think in terms of income and costs!

There is no reason California trout waters should not be as good as those found outside the state.

Thanks for doing this, and please pass this on to your angling friends.

I visited the Elwha River during my recent vacation to the Pacific Northwest this month, and hiked to the lower of two dams that were constructed on the river about 100 years ago. The dams blocked salmon passage to 70 miles of spawning habitat and severely degraded the local ecosystem. The dams were removed starting in 2011, and were gone by 2014. Here's a photo of the upstream side of the dam site. The river is reestablishing its bed, and vegetation is slowly coming back to the water's edge.



On the downstream side, the river tumbles through a steep canyon. You can see how narrow the gorge is where the dam formerly blocked the river.



There's a nice display at the former dam site of how salmon help the forest. The text on the sign reads "**Feeding the Forest** Can you see the salmon in the trees? Throughout their life cycle in both fresh water and ocean, salmon nourish over 130 species of insects, birds, fish, and mammals. When salmon return to rivers to spawn and die, they feed forest life. Otters feast on their catch, dippers dive for salmon eggs, and tiny shrews nibble

bones. When larger animals like bears drag fish carcasses into the forest, the remains of their meals fertilize the surrounding plant community. By measuring ocean-born nutrients that salmon deliver to the food web, researchers can track how returning fish are helping to restore the Elwha Valley.”



Dam removal on the Klamath is proceeding, too. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRRC) has completed a Definite Plan for dam removal and has applied for FERC license transfers for dam operation. Once it receives the permits, it will surrender them so dam removal can begin. Removal is scheduled to start in 2020, with all dams being removed in parallel. There are still some details to be worked out, but the plan is coming along well. It includes detailed plans for reservoir drawdown, dam removal, reservoir restoration, and other associated issues. These include Yreka's water supply, road improvements, downstream flood control, and fish hatchery operation. The total cost estimates are still under review, but the project has a best estimate. The goal now is to submit the plan to FERC by July 1, 2018.

The Delta Tunnels Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) was released online this month. The document details the environmental impact of proposed design changes that claim to minimize impacts felt by Delta communities and the environment.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will review the draft in the coming months and determine if the document meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

After the EIR/EIS gains approval from both state and federal agencies, a public draft will be available for public comment. It's important to make comments once the public draft is available.

Executive Director of Restore the Delta, Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla said, "Many of these design changes may appear great on paper, but in reality, they will not save the Delta as long as Metropolitan Water District of Southern California maintains their "right" to increase the magnitude of Delta water they take during dry periods. Decreasing flows through the Delta is the fastest way to kill the ecosystem, native and migratory endangered species, and the local communities who will be left with degraded drinking water when the tunnels are operable. These design modifications do not significantly lessen the impacts to Delta communities, nor do they change the fact that the project is an environmental disaster."

A rider to exempt Delta Tunnels from lawsuits has been submitted by Congressman Ken Calvert (R-Corona). California Democratic Congressional leaders have come out against the rider, but Metropolitan Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) staff has recommended that its board of directors support the controversial rider with a resolution vote at Monday's, June 18, 2018 MWDOC board meeting. As of this writing, I have not heard the result of the vote. Such a rider could have the effect of subverting all of California's environmental safeguards and give WaterFix a free reign in setting water transfers without regard to the health and well-being of the Delta. It would also set a poor precedent for further actions to subvert environmental protections. Although the legislators in our area are opposed to the rider, it would help to call and give them your thoughts.



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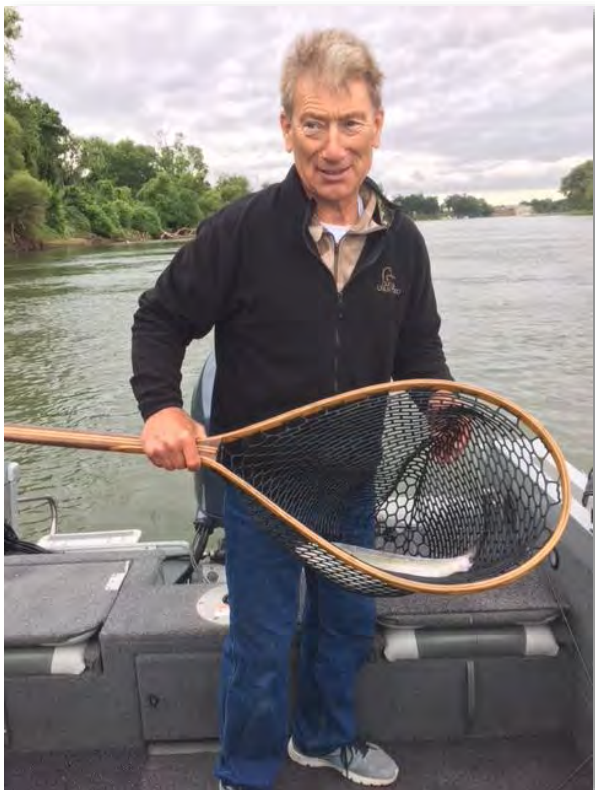
Summary by Cary Boyden Photos by Members

This year's shad trip was per norm held Memorial Day Friday. However, for various reasons, including distance and inconsistent prior year's results, the decision was made to stay closer to home and go to Verona about 10 miles north of the airport where the Feather joins the Sacramento.. To say there were competing considerations is to clearly understate the case, and the determining factor was the greater probability that newcomers would catch something.

The fishing at Verona is doing its annual Swan Song, BUT everyone, rookies included, caught something with the newbies led by Bob Brodberg and Paul Berliner with 3 and Jack Norlyn with 2 and one lost (author's apologies to either of other rookies who I believe caught 1 but could as to John Forsyth been more- Kurt Schmidl did catch the one). For the recidivists it was slow with Peter Hawes at high rod with 8 (he cheated by arriving 3-4 hours ahead of the rest and trying to stay after Dandy Don had clearly sung and the rest intelligently headed for the dock).

So given at least this fishmeister's primary focus on bringing along new converts (after all my time does have a limit, and I want to be followed by some who appreciate the special role fishing can have in one's life) this outing was objectively as good as any in recent memory and subjectively as good as it can be. For neophytes to expect instant gratifications is unrealistic with shad without guidance, which in turn means the boat operators need some credit for their charges success.

And finally for those suffering through my turgid prose, once again there was food as part of the venture: this time at Symposium in Davis. The restaurant was very accommodating in staying open past closing time, and the food, as always, unique and superb.



Peter Hawes with an American River Shad



Bob Brodberg with his Shad



Bob has another



Beautiful fish, but I keep hearing they smell



and are slippery suckers



The crew enjoying a meal at Symposium in Davis



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FFD OUTINGS: Hat Creek 101 Weekend

Summary by Dana Hooper and Photos by Members

We had a great turn out this year again with around 26 attendees and mostly great weather. Everyone caught fish which was mostly brookies but a few rainbows scattered in to the mix. Dinner was as always a great time for every one to socialize and get to know all that came. Gourmet burgers and all the fixings seem to disappear from the table pretty fast. Thank you to all those that helped with the side dishes and desserts. Hope to see some more new faces next year as well as this years attendees.

Thanks for making it a great outing everyone.



The group campout at Hereford Ranch RV Park



Carl Lunsted waiting for another take



Ryan Mitchell casts to another trout



Claudio Sorrentino with a brookie



The line up... The fish don't have a chance



Howdy cowboy... Eric Kapucinski is all business



Tom holds Kim Petersen's lunker. The fish of the weekend



Claudio Sorrentino with a brookie



Giacomo Sorrentino with his trout



They are in there somewhere



Tom Smith with his first trout on the fly



In moments of reflection



It's burger time. Dana Hooper cooks another fabulous meal



Great group of FFD Members



Don't try this at home!



Burger Wars.... Tom Robinson sets the bar.



Kurt Arens doubles down



Time to gather around the fire pit



Carl Lunsted did it again! Dutch Oven Cobbler.. YUM!





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2018-2019

| <u>Trip 2018</u> | <u>Fish</u> | | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Fishmeister</u> | <u>Contact</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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> | <u>Contact</u> | <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 |
| 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 |

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