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**T h e F i s h e r m a n ' s L i n e**

**October Meeting, Tuesday October 30, 2018  
7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School  
Michael Malekos Presents: Fly Fishing Small Stream Tactics of  
Northern California Blue-Ribbon Trout Fisheries**

*T*his month, Tuesday October 30th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Michael Malekos, Founder of The Casting A Rise Foundation. Michael Malekos will discuss small stream tactics and gear, and profile several Northern California blue-ribbon trout fisheries. Mike is a contributing columnist at California Fly Fisher magazine, writing short “Snapshot” articles, part of an informative series on how to fly fish various fisheries within our state. Through his commentary Mike shares how to get there, how to fish there, and most importantly, why he fishes each body of water the way he does.

The Casting A Rise Foundation blends fly fishing and philanthropy by sponsoring fly-fishing excursions for auction at nonprofit fund-raising events. Past beneficiaries of Casting A Rise Foundation include Shriners Hospitals for Children, the San Francisco Food Bank, the National Parkinson Foundation, the National Breast Cancer Foundation, and Habitat for Humanity



## **THE PREZ SEZ**

**By Tom Robinson**

**“All fishermen have the big-fish complex- we want one bigger than we have caught before, something just a little bigger than it’s reasonable to hope for ...**

**– Roderick Haig-Brown**

Stripers were a bit on the smaller side this year at the annual FFD Striperfest, but as they say, any day fishing is a good day. A big thank you to Eric Kapucinski for taking me out on his boat. We had a great time out on the water, catching fish, telling stories, and practicing our karaoke in preparation for the up-coming Pyramid Lake season. This was my first striper fishing day this year and it didn’t take too long before I remembered why I like targeting these fish so much. Even a 5 lber on an 8-weight ride can give you quite a ride.

Please take a look at the Salmon in the Classroom volunteer opportunity on page 4. Adney Bowker has been the Program Coordinator for many years and would like to transition out of this role. While he has had help over the years, he has done most of the planning, coordinating, and administration himself. This popular program has grown over the years and it is now too much for one person to be responsible for. We are hoping to put together a team of volunteers to run the Salmon in the Classroom program. No experience needed! Please look at the various volunteers tasks and if you can fill one or more it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, we are going to try something new this year at the December Home Grown Meeting. We are going to have a good ole Chili Cook Off! If you are interested in participating, please look at page 6 for details on how to sign up. Of course this also requires the participation of everyone to taste and vote on your favorite Chilis, so come to December’s meeting with an appetite.

See you Tuesday night!





**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Tristan Leong is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one.

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2018 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
October	Michael Malekos	October 30, 2018	Fly Fishing the Burney Area & Casting Rise
November	Tristan Leong	November 27, 2018	Tips and Tricks For Landing More Steelhead
December	FFD Members	December 11, 2018	FFD Home Grown

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

**FFD 101 & 201 Classes**

By Dana Hooper

**Class Dates for Fall 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.**



***201 Topics***

Day 5	Wed. Oct 31	Indicator Techniques and Review
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**If you would like to learn how to catch fish like these.**



***201 Topics***

Day 1	Wed. Nov 7	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. Nov 14	Streamer Techniques for Trout

*Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at [TroutHookup1@gmail.com](mailto:TroutHookup1@gmail.com) or 916-343-9732*

# HELP WANTED

## Opportunity for Club Volunteers Salmon in the Classroom Program

Our current Salmon in the Classroom Program Coordinator, Adney Bowker, would like to transition this interesting and valuable program into the hands of more volunteers who would like to continue on with it. Interested members do not have to have any particular knowledge or background in salmon or steelhead, or the raising of fish, or experience in teaching. All that is needed is a willingness to help and support teachers who want to raise salmon or steelhead in their classrooms. This is a good time to learn about this opportunity, as salmon eggs are due to be delivered to teachers in November. Adney will train anyone interested.

### We are looking for volunteers to fill the roles in the program:

- Act as contact in Classroom Aquarium Education Program (email, phone, meetings, etc)
- Communicate with teachers supported by the FFD.
- Seek and enroll new teachers into the program.
- Maintain a database of teachers information and equipment tracking (Excel).
- Purchase and assemble aquarium materials and equipment, manage equipment inventory and pickup returned equipment.
- Deliver aquarium equipment to teachers, and train them in operation and maintenance.
- Provide guidance and support to teachers in raising fish, from eggs to fry.
- Organize and schedule FFD member volunteers to deliver eggs, assist with equipment assembly, accompany teachers during release of fry to the river, etc.
- Attend meetings as necessary with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), teachers, FFD Board, volunteers, etc.
- Generate annual report to DFW on FFD expenses and volunteer hours.

Please contact [outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org) if you can fill one or more of the roles above.



## **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>.

**The Trump Administration** has launched an all-out assault on environmental protections in California. President Trump signed a memo that ordered the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to work together to ship more water south out of the Delta to agricultural interests in the San Joaquin Valley.

The memo sets short 2019 deadlines for the two departments to issue updated environmental rules that govern water exports from the delta. The agencies are ordered to first identify major water infrastructure projects for which they have joint responsibility under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or individual responsibility under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). For each project, identify one official to coordinate the agencies' ESA and NEPA responsibilities (i.e. remove any checks and balances on the projects), and then identify burdensome regulations and identify a plan to suspend, revise, or rescind them.

Within 40 days, the agencies are ordered to develop a timeline for completing applicable environmental compliance requirements as expeditiously as possible.

They are also ordered to update the long-term coordinated operations of the federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project, issue final biological assessments for the coordinated operations of the federal and state water projects by January 31, 2019, issue final biological opinions for joint operations of the state and federal projects by June 15, 2019, and complete the joint consultation for the Klamath Irrigation Project by August 2019.

These specific orders will have little immediate effect, but are primarily designed to support Central Valley Republicans who are in close races to keep their congressional seats.

The review of export limits was begun under the Obama administration, when the process was designed to be more protective of endangered fisheries. These orders reverse that process, but if the end result is to further imperil fisheries there are sure to be lawsuits to delay or reverse them.

The federal Central Valley Project must also comply with state environmental regulations and water rights permits.

The actions laid out in the memo were led by Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, who formerly represented the Westlands Water District as a lobbyist.

The California water issue was raised to President Trump's attention by Kevin McCarthy, and supported by David Valadao, Devin Nunes, Jeff Denham, and Tom McClintock. Denham, in particular, is in a close race to keep his seat.

**Another water bond** is on the ballot as Proposition 3, this time for \$8.9 billion. California voters have passed two other water bonds in the last four years; one for \$7.5 billion in 2014 and another for \$4.1 billion last June.

Although Prop 3 includes a number of beneficial projects, a major portion of the funding is dedicated to federal water contractors to reconstruct canals damaged by over pumping of groundwater. According to law, the federal water contractors are liable for capital expenses of federal projects. Taxpayers are not supposed to pay those expenses; they should come from water and power rates of the users.

Another major beneficiary of funding from this proposition would be the Friant Water Authority, which would receive \$750 million for canals. The FWA is leading a takeover of the proposed Temperance Flat dam management, and would attempt to increase yields and marketability of the dam by combined operations with the San Joaquin Valley foothill dams.

It's hard to imagine Californians paying to repair federal projects this political climate, but most (~80%) bond initiatives pass. This should not be one of them.

**A project to improve food production** for Delta Smelt is showing promising results. Although it has not yet resulted in improved fish populations, the second year of a program to improve conditions for endangered Delta smelt shows great promise in creating a bloom in the plankton that nourish these imperiled fish.

A key part of the strategy is this year's "flow pulse" that creates a plankton bloom that smelt can feed from. Under the flow pulse, water is redirected from the Sacramento River down the Colusa Basin Drain, through the Knights Landing Ridge Cut Slough, past Wallace Weir, through the Yolo Bypass and into the Delta. The water flowing downstream to the Delta is rich with phytoplankton, a microscopic algae that helps create the critical food source for growing Delta smelt.

"This is a fairly promising approach," said Ted Sommer, Lead Scientist with the California Department of Water Resources. "We seem to be getting a pretty good bang for our buck for the modest amount of water involved this year. The hope is that by doing this several years, we will



figure out a long-term strategy to optimize how to use these flow pulses to help fish.”

This effort supports the [Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy](#), which is being implemented by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Department of Water Resources, the Division of Boating and Waterways, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The smelt food production plan is being executed through a partnership

involving local, state and federal agencies teaming up with Sacramento Valley agricultural water users and farmers.

[Gavin Newsom](#) says he would work to scale back the Twin Tunnels to a single tunnel if he is elected. He believes that would make the project more palatable to northern Californians. Unfortunately, it would not make it more palatable to fish.



# Fly Fishers of Davis Winter Chili Cook Off

## December Club Meeting, Dec 11, 2018

Time to break out that secret family chili recipe! This year Fly Fishers of Davis will have a chili cook off at the December Home Grown Club Meeting. To participate, send an email [events@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:events@flyfishersofdavis.org) saying that you plan on bringing a crockpot of chili for all to taste and vote on.



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## **FFD OUTREACH: FFD Youth FishCamp Scholarship**

by scholarship recipient Liam Morris

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Liam Morris

2 September 2018

Tom Robinson + the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dear FFD,

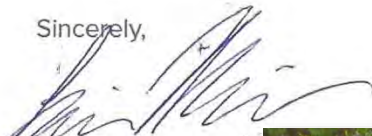
Thank you for the scholarship to beginner FishCamp.

I had a great time, especially since the counselors were really nice. I had fun tying flies and talking about how the fishing was that day.

I caught a few fish, but I chose to tie flies instead of going fishing, so I didn't catch as many fish as some of the other kids. I still caught a fish on a fly that I tied, and I had a good time back at camp with the kids in my tent.

This opportunity really meant a lot to me, because I am thinking of pursuing a career in biology. I learned a lot about aquatic insects and the feeding habits of fish. I also learned about the anatomy of fish and how they can hear by picking up vibrations through the water. Overall, I think FishCamp has given me a great learning experience.

Sincerely,



Liam.





## **FFD OUTINGS: Lower Sac Drift**

Summary by Paul Berliner photos by Members

It was simply an epic day on the Lower Sac, fishing with Bob Brodberg and guide Shane Kohlbeck. Gorgeous weather, and even though strong winds were predicted, the wind was not a factor, at all. We landed at least 30 beautiful rainbows, hooked and lost at least 30 bows (yeah, probably lost more), but the bonus was two hogs for the record books. Bob landed a 20" bow, and yours truly landed a 21" beauty ... and both were caught on a dry-dropper rig (in Shane's secret location, of course). Gotta love the Lower Sac, and hats off to Shane's guiding skills on the river.



Paul Berliner with a Lower Sac Hog



Bill Nelson lands this giant



Say Cheese!



Bob Brodberg joins the fun



Dan Bruger with a beautiful fish



Dave Nakano and Paul Verwey with guide Ross Wilkerson





Paul Verwey with his first fly fishing trout



Weldon Jordan having a great time

### **FFD OUTINGS: FFD Striperfest**

Summary by Tom Robinson, photos by Members

The weather cooperated at this year's striperfest, but the big fish did not. 6-7 boats launched at various locations on the delta in search of that elusive large striper on a foggy Saturday morning. Everyone caught fish, including Ryan and Kevin enjoyed their first experience on the California Delta, but the big fish remained tight lipped and clandestine. With the warmer water this in the system, it seemed like it was 50/50 Stripers & Large Mouth Bass.



Foggy morning! Where are we?



Tom Robinson loving the tug of a schoolie



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Donn Erickson found a nice striper



Mike McDonnell lands a beaut



Eric Kapucinski



Time for lunch!



Adney Bowker



Adney is getting into stripers





Ryan Mitchel with his first striper on the fly



Kevin Grayson with his first striper on the fly



What is bigger the fish or the fly?



Kevin also lands a nice large mouth bass





# PUTNAMS FFD

## 2018-2019

<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	December 15	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
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	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / 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 17	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		June 20 - 23	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	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater

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