



**December Meeting, Tuesday December 11, 2018
7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School
FFD Members Present: 2018 FFD Homegrown**

*T*his month, Tuesday December 11th 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:

- Affordable Fly Fishing Floatation Options – Rick Wallinder
- Gear Check, Steelhead Setups & 5 Useful Tools – Tristan Leong
You Should Have in Your Arsenal
- Knot Sense – Peter Hawes
- Line Splicing & Forward Connections – Bob Zasoski
- Putah Creek Tight Line Nymphing – Dan Brugger

So come and mingle with friends, bring a cookie for the cookie exchange, vote for your favorite chili, and visit the various Home Grown stations at your leisure.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

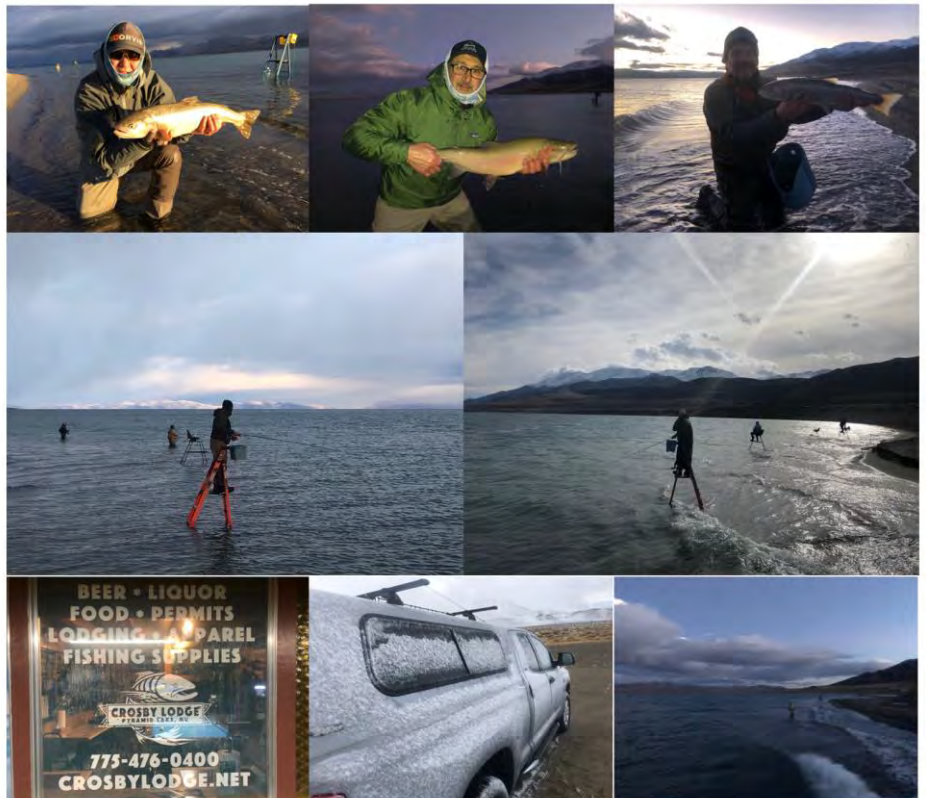
“Fly-fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others, and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations. It’s not even clear if catching is actually the point”

- John Gierach

Pyramid Lake... When I try to explain it to my non-fishing friends they comment “Is this some sort of extreme fishing thing?” I suppose it could be. Where else would you be excited to fish when there are 20-30 mph winds, rain, snow, and temperatures in the 20s... and yes, while standing on a ladder for hours? If you have never done this fly fishing trip before, it is a must for your bucket list. Even if you are lucky enough to own a travel-trailer you can park on your favorite Pyramid Lake beach, you have to experience staying at Crosby’s Lodge, the only lodging on the lake, at least a couple times. Make sure and chat up Val behind the register and plan on having the infamous Crosby’s Chili Dog or Manager’s Special for dinner followed up by a night of DJ Jack “The Music Doctor” and his karaoke setup. While the fun is infectious at the Crosby’s Bar and Lounge be forewarned! You’ll be standing on a ladder the next morning at the crack of dawn, around 5:45 am, when the fishing is hot, and it is not too fun if you partied too much the night before. Have you ever got motion sickness on a ladder? But it is not all about hanging out with friends and the Sutcliffe locals, we go there to catch the MONSTER Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Last week a group of us ventured out to Pyramid and it did not disappoint. We experienced the full package with strong wind gusts, 2-3 foot waves, freezing temperatures and snow... and some nice fish. The only thing that was missing was DJ Jack, which made for much more tame evenings and enjoyable mornings ☺

Don’t forget that the December Club meeting happens earlier in the month, so that it does not interfere with the Holidays.

We have a great line-up for this year’s FFD Homegrown program, so come to Tuesday night’s meeting, learn something new, vote on your favorite chili, share a cookie, enjoy the company of your fly fishing pals or make new friends, and share a Pyramid Lake story or two, but remember, what happens at Crosby’s Lodge stays at Crosby’s Lodge ☺



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.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2018 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
December	FFD Members	December 11, 2018	FFD Home Grown
January	TBD	January 29, 2019	
February	Enrique Garcia	February 26, 2019	Patagonia
March	Rob Russel	March 26, 2019	Putah Creek Trout

*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 11, 2018 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 2019 and the election of one Director to fill the three years Board of Directors term beginning in January 2019 and running through December 2021.

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:

Carl Lunsted



Call For Photos and Video!

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, video or even “drone video” during your 2018 fly-fishing adventures, collect your best pix and video clips, put them on a flash drive, and give them to me at the next club meeting. If you have just a few pix, please email them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).

But please, oh please, do **NOT** send gigantic emails full of pictures! If the file size is too large, use a flash drive, or contact me — and I’ll arrange to get the files.



Important:

Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

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 also hold our annual photo contest, and all photos submitted are automatically considered. Your trusty Board of Directors will pick the very best shots, select the winners, and we’ll announce them at the Annual Dinner.

Many thanks!



MIKE PARKER RAFFLE BOARD

Mike Parker has donated another guided float trip to the Fly Fishers of Davis.

**THE RAFFLE BOARD IS FULL
THE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN AT THE
DECEMBER CLUB MEETING Good Luck!**

Introductory Fly Tying Class Will Begin January 9, 2019

By Keith Barton



The fantasy shared by fly fishermen is that tying flies is cheaper than buying them. The reality is that while fly tying does provide angling entertainment during those cold Winter months when fishing is less attractive, and bad weather is howling outside, the real truism is that you'll feed more moths than fish ... and are more likely to spend more money on colored feathers and bits of dander – than you do on your mortgage.

Then again, you're certain to be the toast of your friends, as they gleefully help themselves to your fly box – then offer a scathing critique of your finest work.

To be sure, Fly tying ain't for the faint of heart.

To assist you in acquiring this skill set, the Davis Fly Fishers will be hosting their annual Beginning Fly Tying class at the UC Davis Viticulture lab starting in January. The course will cover a dozen different patterns, equally split among dry and wet flies, and will host discussions on materials, hooks, and tools, as well as allowing instructors an opportunity to pontificate on insects, strong drink, and tales of daring do (which must be taken with a grain of salt), and should task your “small finger skills” and lead to much swearing and great frustration on your part.

Imitating what fish eat is the final frontier for most fly fishermen. Learning the characteristics of shape, swimming motion, and lifecycle removes much of the guesswork in pattern selection, and combined with direct observation of environment and stream conditions, allows you to transition from guessing what fish eat to outright predation, and will improve all aspects of your time afield. While we're acquainting you with Hackle Tip wings and Spun deer hair, will be reinforcing how your imitation can better simulate the real bug, and how to fish them in the Wild.

The dates for the class will be January 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 6, and 13th. Each class will start at 7:00 PM and extend until 9:00 PM, 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 provide all materials, vises, bobbins, and scissors for those that lack tools.

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



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 if you can fill one or more of the roles above.



2019 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 17 – June 21, 2019) , 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, youths that attend school in the Davis Joint Unified School District, and children that participated in the Salmon in the Classroom Program as eligible applicants, in addition to children and relatives of Fly Fishers of Davis members.

For more information and the online application go to : <http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/scholarship/fishcamp.html>



Fly Fishers of Davis Winter Chili Cook Off December Club Meeting, Dec 11, 2018

There will be 5 Chili entries competing in this year's Chili Cook Off. Make sure that you try all 5 and vote for your favorite!

Bring a holiday cookie to share at the cookie exchange table to enjoy afterwards.



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 Twin Tunnels were dealt another blow last month. They're not dead yet, but the Department of Water Resources withdrew its application for "Certification of Consistency" by the Delta Stewardship Council. If you missed last month's meeting, go back and read the conservation column from last month to catch up on the purpose of the Delta Stewardship Council. It represents a major hurdle for WaterFix, as it is required by law to certify that it is consistent with the Council's Delta Plan. And the Delta Plan was written to ensure the "co-equal goals" of a more reliable water supply and protection of the delta are achieved. DWR submitted its application in July, but withdrew it last month after the council criticized it as being incomplete and not consistent with preserving the delta (see last month for details). Although DWR commented that this is a minor setback, it really represents a major failing of the Brown Administration's attempt to push WaterFix through before Governor Brown leaves office. Governor-elect Newsom is less enthusiastic about the project.

In a related action, Senator Diane Feinstein and Representative Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield joined forces (and were endorsed by Jerry Brown) to extend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) act last month. The act would make hundreds of millions of dollars available for water storage project, and it would also give the federal Central Valley Project increased flexibility to increase water deliveries to the south state, leaving less for Chinook salmon and other species. It appears to be an effort to establish a method of funding to support the tunnels and other environmentally destructive projects. It's also part of an effort to make some political trades to make it more palatable to water agencies to allow more water in the San Joaquin River for salmon.

Senator Kamela Harris tweeted in response to the push to extend the WIIN Act "We must invest in sustainable

water projects that protect critical ecosystems while also supporting our important agricultural economies across the state. Extending the controversial and detrimental policies of the WIIN Act is not the way to do this."

This prompted a discussion about the Shasta Dam raise among some people I work with on water storage issues. In particular, there was discussion of how much it would help water deliveries if Shasta Dam were raised 18.5 feet. According to the Friends of the River fact sheet, a 634,000 acre-foot increase in Shasta storage would result in a 51,300 acre-feet increase in deliveries, or 0.7% of CVP annual deliveries, or one tenth of one percent of the state's annual water budget. "To put this in perspective, California's urban water users saved in three months in the summer of 2015 more than 8 times the amount of the dam raise's average annual water yield." See <https://www.friendsoftheriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Shasta-Dam-raise-referenced-fact-sheet-9-12-2018.pdf>. The Bureau of Reclamation allocates nearly 50% of the \$1.3 billion project cost to providing salmon benefits, meaning taxpayers would pay for half of the costs. There is considerable doubt that the project would benefit salmon. The US Fish and Wildlife service said that the claimed benefit to salmonids was not "substantial" downstream of the Red Bluff pumping plant and "only provides minimal benefit" for spring and winter-run chinook salmon upstream. It would also have adverse effects on habitat as it would further restrict high water flows that scour the river and prepare spawning sites.

There is very little to be gained from raising Shasta Dam for either water deliveries of salmon benefits. There is much to lose, and at great costs. The money to raise the dam could be put to much better use that would provide real benefits for both water use and salmon.



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FFD ADVENTURES: Cat Fishing

Summary and Photos by Lowell Ashbaugh

Catching isn't the only reason we go fishing. Last October, as Rick Wallinder and I were getting ready to launch in Greg Dean's boat for the lower Sac trip, we heard a very loud and plaintive meowing coming from the bank next to the launch ramp. As some of you know, there's a feral cat colony at the launch ramp so we didn't think too much of it. But the meowing continued, and it sounded as if the cat was in distress. Eventually,



Greg couldn't take any more of it and said "I'm going to row over there and see what I can do." As I listened, it sounded like the cat was at least halfway up the bank in the berry vines that covered it nearly to the water. So as Greg rowed over to check the lower bank I went around to the top and started down. I had to hang on to a tree branch, but made it far enough to see a kitten – around 12 weeks old – hunkered down in the berries unable to get out. I was just able to reach it and pull it to me, and got it back to the top of the bank (that was harder than it sounds!). So I took it to the cat colony where people leave food out and set it on the ground. Back to getting ready to fish! Not two minutes later, we hear "meow, meow, meow, meow..." and the cat is running down the ramp to us. He jumped into Greg's boat and checked it out, rubbed against our legs, enjoyed being petted by us, and generally won over a



bunch of hearts. As we left to start the float, he had gotten up in a tree to see us off.

We thought about and talked about that cat all during the trip, and it was waiting for us on the bank when we returned at the end of the day. It ran right up to us! I almost brought it home, but thought better about it, not wanting to risk divorce...



The next day Greg texted me to find out if I had taken it. When I told him I hadn't, he went looking for it, even though he and his wife had just adopted a cat that escaped from the Carr Fire. When he couldn't find it, we all thought it was probably gone.

But then I talked to Mike Parker about donating a trip to our raffle board (it's almost sold out, so act fast if you want in on it). He was eager to donate the trip, and told me someone had adopted the cat!



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2018-2019

<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
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		February	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Baum Lake	Trout		March 29 – April 3	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 10,11,12,13	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
Lake Berryessa	Mult Spp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	May 4	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 17 - 19	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
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	December	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
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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**

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