



March Meeting, Tuesday March 26, 2019
7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Richard Loft Presents: Fly Fishing Putah Creek

This month, Tuesday March 26 at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will be hosting guest speaker, Richard Loft of Napa Valley Fly Guides. Richard will discuss our local trophy trout fishery, Putah Creek, and his 11 years of experience fly fishing the Creek. He will be covering Access Points, his go-to flies, and his recommended gear. Richard will also cover how to handle fish in the Catch and Release method, some of the cool plants and animals he has seen there, and why volunteering at the Creek is so important. If you have been interested in figuring out this amazing creek that holds enormous finicky trout, you will not want to miss this presentation.

Richard has been an avid fisherman all his life, starting at age 10 in West Covina, CA. He loved fishing so much, that before he had his drivers' license, he would hitchhike up to Silverwood Lake or into Azusa Canyon, to fish for the day. His Mom used to tell stories of Richard's exploits throughout his youth as he tried all ways and means to go fish. He was turned on to fly fishing 11 years ago, by Bob Arwine at Sweeney's Sports in the Napa



Valley. The minute he tried it--on our local Putah Creek, in an old pair of Neoprene Waders, Richard was totally hooked-- literally. Since then he has easily logged thousands of hours fly fishing on his favorite local river--Putah Creek. He has also fished a few hundred hours on the Yuba River in Marysville, the Truckee, and the Little Truckee, the Feather the American, the Lower Sac, the East Walker, the East Carson, the Pit, Hat Creek, and the Stanislaus River. Richard also is a conservationist and has done volunteer service work with Putah Creek Trout, Department of Fish & Wildlife's Heritage Wild Trout Program, and served as a mentor for the Napa RCD's SLEWS Youth program. He has taken several classes at the Napa Junior College towards an Environmental Sciences Certificate; notably his favorite, "Wildlife & Fisheries Biology" taught by the Napa RCD's Dr. Jonathan Koehler.

If you run into Richard on Putah Creek he will often be found with his rescue dog, Rusty, close behind. Richard will either be shouting: "WHOO-HOO!!!" when hooking up, or cleaning up trash that others have left behind. Of his passion for fly-fishing, he says, "I would do just about anything to get a chance to fish; to stand out in a river and let my thoughts wander. It's the most peaceful place in the world to me-- the place I feel focused and free."

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

"About the only certainty, other than uncertainty, in fly fishing is that a fly won't catch fish if it stays in its box"

- Arnold Gingrich

I am so humbled to represent such a wonderful Club. It was difficult to hold back the tears as I listened to Lori Pacuilla's Casting for Recovery experience. It is so awesome that FFD will sponsor two more women to attend a CFR retreat. How fun it was to talk with our Fish Camp scholarship winners Kate Phillips and Jaxon Kamisky and their families. They both are amazing kids and will make wonder FFD ambassadors at the Camp. Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Annual Dinner great evening. I don't have a final total of the money that the Club raised, but I know it was a complete success due to the charitableness of everyone that attended.



I cannot express how excited I am to attend the Baum Lake "kick off" outing next week. I can't remember the last time I went trout fishing. I'm so looking forward to spending the weekend with fellow FFD members around the campfire telling fishing stories, and to feel the wonderful sensation of that tug when you have a fish on. I'll make sure to take lots of pictures and make enduring memories. Hope to see many of you there!

I'm excited to hear from Richard Loft who will talk about Putah Creek. I've met Richard at a number of Putah Creek events. He is very enthusiastic and knows the Creek very well. The original March speaker had to cancel due to his house flooding with the recent rains. Richard was able to commit to speaking and designing a presentation at the last minute. Thanks Richard!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Robinson".

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
March	Richard Loft	March 26, 2019	Putah Creek Trout
April	Cary Boyden	April 30, 2019	Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider
May	John Rickard	May 28, 2019	McCloud River

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

FFD 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Class Dates for Winter 2019

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm

UCD Viticulture Room

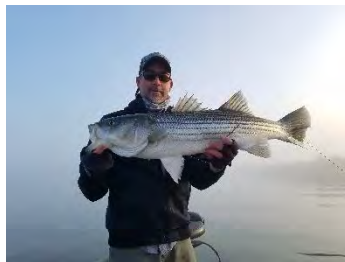
If you can't Identify these Bugs then maybe you need to sign up for these classes.



101 Topics

Day 4	Wed. March 27	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. April 3	Indicator Techniques and Review

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



201 Topics

Day 1	Wed. April 10	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. April 17	Streamer Techniques for Trout

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

ANNUAL CASTING CLINIC ON MAY 5th



The annual spring casting clinic and tune up will be held on the lawn south of Northstar Ponds from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Sunday May 5. 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. A signup sheet will be available at the March and April meetings.



Looking to turn your lightly used Fly Fishing gear or that unused boat into CASH?... or just getting into the sport and looking to expand your fly fishing arsenal or buy that first boat? This event is for you! Bring your items to the Annual FFD Spring Swap Meet April 30 at the Harper Junior High parking lot at 6:00 pm. Show up early to score that great bargain!



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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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It's Time for Spring Cleanup! Join Putah Creek Council for the 2019 Putah Creek Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 6. PCC is contributing to the weeklong effort of the Sacramento Area Creeks Council's Creek Week that celebrates our natural areas by bringing creek lovers together at 90+ cleanup sites along regional creeks! We will focus our efforts locally on Winters Putah Creek Nature Park for a one day event. [Register today](#) to join the community in helping keep our creek flowing clean.

Dam projects remain high on the list of infrastructure issues in California. Friends of the River recently sent a letter to the new Chief of the Department of Water Resources Division of the Safety of Dams (DSOD) pointing out that the state's Voluntary Settlement Agreement for the Tuolumne River includes an effort to raise the lip of Don Pedro Dam's emergency spillway from four to eight feet, essentially adding four feet of additional storage to the reservoir. The problem with that proposal is that the dam is not designed to be overtopped. Bringing the water closer to the top is dangerous – you only need to see what happened at Oroville to realize the potential danger. Friends of the River warned of that danger, too, and was ignored.

The City of Fresno joined the new Temperance Reservoir Authority last month despite opposition of speakers before the City Council.

The Sites Project Authority is planning to release a final EIS/EIR this month despite the many inadequacies in the draft reports. The draft EIS/EIR does not fully describe the project, reasonable alternatives, impacts, and appropriate mitigation measures, as pointed out by numerous environmental organizations and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It also does not resolve the fundamental issue of what would be the minimum bypass flows for the Sacramento River. Without this knowledge it's impossible to define the basic water yield and economic feasibility of the project. CDFW has recommended much higher minimum bypass flows (13,000 cfs) than proposed by SPA (3,250 cfs at Red Bluff). The impacts to the Sacramento River fishery have also not been adequately described in the DEIS/EIR.

Westland Water District will soon release a draft EIR for raising Shasta Dam. The Interior Department still appears to be moving ahead with the project, despite the fact that it would violate the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Last January the DC Court of Appeals ruled on a case brought by the Hoopa tribe against the Klamath Dam removal project that the practice of withdrawing and resubmitting requests for a state Section 401 Clean Water Act certification was in fact a waiver by the state of its delegation of certification authority from the federal EPA. This practice has been widespread because the certification rules allow only a year to complete all the necessary studies for certification. Most projects have sufficient complexity that it takes much longer than a year to complete the certification, so the practice has been to withdraw and then resubmit the certification request, thereby starting the one-year timing again. The ruling would have an effect across the entire country. Once waived, it's nearly impossible for the state to have any effect on the operations of a FERC-licensed facility until the license comes up for renewal – this could be 50 years later! The environmental intervenors in the case are petitioning for an *en banc* review of the case, so there's still hope that common sense will prevail.

On the good news side, the removal of four dams on the Klamath River is still on track. Their removal would open up hundreds of miles of salmon habitat and is a step forward in restoring one of the west coast's premier salmon rivers.

Removal of Klamath Dams might also result in making additional water available to agriculture during the months of peak need. By opening up the river for salmon to spawn and creating more natural river flows, river conditions could be improved to the point that the current need for 50,000 acre-feet of water to flush out toxins in late summer could be alleviated. That would free up the water to be used for irrigation when it is direly needed. Farmers in the Klamath Basin are now becoming more eager to get the dams removed.

Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) recently introduced H.R. 1600, a bill that would help finance the development of a number of water projects in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016. It would do so in part by redirecting money from the California High Speed Rail project. Water projects it would fund include raising Shasta Dam, Temperance Flat dam, Sites reservoir, and San Luis Dam raise. The WIIN Act originally had a "small" slush fund of \$335 million, far short of the billions of dollars needed for the water projects listed in McCarthy's bill. Meanwhile, California Assemblyman Vince Fong (R-Bakersfield) introduced complementary legislation in Sacramento to do the same thing.

The 37th Annual Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference will take place in Santa Rosa from Tuesday,

April 23 to Friday, April 26. I attended a portion of this conference a couple of years ago and found it to be excellent. It's likely to sell out soon, so if you're interested in going register online at <http://calsalmon.org/conferences/37th-annual-salmonid-restoration-conference>.

Senator Bill Dodd introduced SB204 last month that would provide more transparency to the Twin Tunnels, and it recently cleared the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. The bill would require that at least 60 days prior to entering a contract valued at \$5 million or more for the planning, design, or construction of California WaterFix, the state Department of Water Resources and the Delta Conveyance, Design and Construction Authority must submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature certain information regarding the proposed contract.

"We all know WaterFix is a project to build tunnels under the Delta to ship water to other parts of the state," said Sen. Dodd, co-chair of the Legislative Delta Caucus. "But beyond that, we in the Legislature and in nearby communities know surprisingly little. And the implications of this project are enormous. My bill is about transparency and ensuring we're all aware of what's going on, how much it costs and how it will affect the economy and the environment."

The bill is co-authored by members of the Legislative Delta Caucus, including co-chair Assemblymembers Jim Frazier, Susan Eggman, Jim Cooper, Tim Grayson, Kevin McCarty, and Senators Cathleen Galgiani, Richard Pan, and Steve Glazer.

President Trump signed legislation this month that permanently authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For more than 50 years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has supported the protection of millions of acres of precious lands – from the Appalachian Trail to neighborhood parks – without costing taxpayers a dime. Without the program, lands that protect our drinking water, provide wildlife habitat, and offer people the chance to connect with nature may not be protected.

LWCF uses revenue from offshore oil and gas drilling primarily to preserve and maintain the nation's parks, forests, recreation areas and cultural sites. It's a favorite of many members of Congress because it's a program that doesn't use taxpayer dollars and is popular with constituents across the country

The signing was widely celebrated, but there was little notice that President Trump's 2020 budget recommendation would zero out the funding for the program.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Act by Rep. John Garamendi, D-Solano, was signed into law by President Donald Trump as part of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act.

The National Heritage Area Act will provide \$10 million for community-based efforts to conserve the Delta's cultural heritage and historical landmarks. Garamendi, who served as deputy secretary to the U.S. Department of the Interior under Bill Clinton, reintroduced the act in January. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, has sponsored a Senate companion bill since 2010.



FFD OUTINGS: Winter Steelhead Trinity Trip

photos by Richard Sakai



FFD EVENTS: Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner

Summary by Tom Robinson photos by Tom Robinson

What a wonderful event this year! We had over 140 guests attend the Annual Dinner event this year. Even though we dealt with some rain, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves inside with the warmth and companionship that the FFD membership offers. Hickory Hank prepared another delicious meal and Paul Berliner put together a wonderful 2018 FFD Year in Review. A big thank you to Dana and Lyn Hooper coordinating all of the raffle items and setup and thanks to all of the volunteers that help make that a fantastic evening. Lastly, a gracious thank you to the Club Members and Guests for your generosity. THANKS TO YOU we will continue to be able to offer Casting for Recovery Sponsorships, FishCamp Scholarships and more.



We may have a lake to fish if this rain continues!



The guests are arriving...



Hickory Hank continues to prep during the storm.. Thanks Hank!



Awesome setup of raffle items



Look at those High Roller items



Gene Gantt and Carl Lunsted hosting the bar



Fortunately the rain stopped. Hank is much happier



Yum! The money shot



Great turnout. Everyone is enjoying themselves



Look at that line of bucket items.



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Food is ready. Eric Kapucincki approves



Time for the raffle and live auction hosted by Steve Ohrwall



Andan Bailey is a High Roller winner and picks a rod



Rick Wallender is also!



Doug Falt wins the High Roller Orvis reel



Beverly Beckman goes home with a High Roller Simms backpack





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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>
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	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 24-28	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	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip

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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.

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Download the Membership Application at: http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/FFD_Membership_Application_2019.pdf

Drop this form (and a check) in the mail to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Or you can bring the application to the club meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.

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

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