



**December Meeting, Tuesday December 17, 2019  
7:30 pm @ Harper Junior High School  
FFD Members Present: Home Grown**

*T*his month, Tuesday December 17th 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:**

- Fly Tying Demonstration: Gurglers, Putah Creek Pattern, Tying with UV – Tristan Leong
- Float n Fly: Berryessa and Delta Patterns – Dana Hooper
- Floation Devices: Fly Fishing Kayak – Rick Wallinder
- Want to be a fishmeister? – Lowell Ashbaugh

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**

**" The angling fever is a very real disease and can only be cured by the application of cold water and fresh, untainted air."**

*- Theodore Gordon*

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

My last The Prez Sez! I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as President of the Fly Fishers of Davis for the last two years. FFD has given me more than I could ever give back. Thank you to my good friends Eric Kapucinski for serving as the Club's Secretary for the last two years, and to Son Chong for serving as a Director for the last three years. Take a look at the new slate of Board Members on page 3. I leave the Club in good hands.

It has been a busy month, but fortunate to carve out some time to attend Jeff Putnam's spey casting clinic and one more trip to Pyramid Lake. All the conditions were right for some great fishing at Pyramid, with winds, rain, and snow, but it is still seems slower than usual. The four of us left with 7 fish over 2 ½ days of fishing. Maybe it has to do with how high the lake is. As always, regardless of the fishing, the journey with good friends is priceless.



I hope everyone has the opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Holidays and attend the 2019 December Home Grown Meeting. This more informal meeting is an opportunity to mingle with friends and learn from our resident experts on various fly fishing topics. So come out, taste the chili entries and vote for your favorite one and share any of your videos or pictures on the big screen. I'm trying to get my Pyramid Lake video together by Tuesday night.

Happy Holidays to All and a Happy New Year if I don't see you before hand.



## **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>
December	Home Grown	December 17, 2019	Varies Topics By Various FFD Members
January	Dana Hooper	January 28, 2020	Italy On The Fly

\*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 17, 2019 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 2020 and the election of four Directors to fill the three years Board of Directors term beginning in January 2020 and running through December 2022.

### **The Board has nominated the following Officer slate:**

President: Tristan Leong  
Vice President: Ken Lazzaroni  
Treasurer: Dan Kathan  
Secretary: Mark Sanders

### **To fill the Director slots which will open up in January the Board has nominated:**

Andan Bailey   Ryan Mitchel   Mike Rivers



## 2020 FFD FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP



The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age.

This \$895 award covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding June 22 - June 26, 2020. The Fish Camp program teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, California, near Mt. Shasta. The program includes accommodations, meals, and use of the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible for bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp.

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



## **Fly Fishers of Davis Winter Chili Cook Off December Club Meeting, Dec 17, 2019**

We currently have 5 Chili entries competing in this year's Chili Cook Off. Make sure that you try all of them and vote for your favorite!

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



## **SECOND CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO!**

By Paul Berliner

Hey there fly-fishers, I need your photos and videos for the Annual Dinner show! If you took photos or video during your 2019 fly-fishing adventures, please collect your best pix and clips, put them on a flash drive, and give them to me at the next club meeting. I'll return all drives to you promptly. If you have just a few pix, please email them to me ([paul@berlinerproductions.com](mailto:paul@berlinerproductions.com)).

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



Important:

Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.

For photos, high resolution JPG images are preferred.

For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.

Please include your name, and the location where you fished.

Many thanks!



### **2020 FFD ANNUAL DINNER**

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 West Plainfield Fire Station at 5:30 pm

Plans are well under way for the must attend event of the year, the 2020 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner. It's time to mark your calendars and save the date. Dana Hooper is lining up some great raffle items and HIGH ROLLER prizes. Paul Berliner is starting to collect photos for the much enjoyed 2019 FFD Year in Review, and once again we have lined up pitmaster Hickoy Hank to prepare everyone a fantastic meal.



## **Introductory Fly Tying Class Will Begin January 8, 2020**

*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 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5, and 12th. 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 usually 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. However, if students have their own tools, please bring them to class.

Prospective students should contact, [rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net) for driving instructions and to ensure there are seats available. Signup sheets will be available at the October, November and December meetings.

## **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: [flyfishersofdavis.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation](mailto:flyfishersofdavis.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation) [flyfishersofdavis.org](http://flyfishersofdavis.org)

**Westlands Water District** had another card up their sleeves when they abandoned work on raising Shasta Dam. They continue their insistence on taking northern California water to irrigate marginal farmland (thereby dumping selenium-laden waste water into the environment. The latest assault on California's water comes from the Department of Interior and Director David Bernhardt, who formerly worked as a lobbyist for Westlands Water District. Interior is now thinking of granting WWD a permanent contract for up to 1.15 million acre-feet of water (WWD is currently a junior water rights holder and is at the back of the line for water). This deal is made possible by a 2016 federal law (the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN)) that Bernhardt lobbied hard for. It allows WWD to convert its contract with Interior provided that it pays off everything it owes on the existing contract.

The deal would allow Westlands to reimburse the costs (somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300 million) of erecting the dams and canals that deliver water via the Central Valley Project. One of the major sources of water for the CVP is Trinity Lake, which was created specifically to provide Trinity River water to Central Valley farmers. But the Bureau of Reclamation currently has six times more water rights than exist in the Trinity.

Environmental groups argue that granting Westlands the full amount of water that it was allowed 50 years ago is bad water policy.

North Coast Congressman Jared Huffman has been critical of the deal, saying, "The Interior Department needs to look out for the public interest, and not just serve the financial interests of their former lobbying clients."

It looks like there's a public comment period open until January 8. Comments can be mailed to Erma Leal at [cleal@usbr.gov](mailto:cleal@usbr.gov). If you like fishing the Trinity

River, it might be worth your while to make a comment.

**I mentioned a few months ago** that the Trump administration stopped publication of the biological opinions produced by scientists at the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Those BiOps indicated that endangered Chinook salmon, steelhead, and other listed fish would be adversely affected by the preferred alternative (sending more water south). The BiOps were revised under new scientists and now state that endangered fish would not be jeopardized by increased diversions of water from the Delta. They assert that continued and increased diversions can be monitored so that they're higher when the fish are not in the area and lowered when they could adversely affect them. Of course, this assumes extensive monitoring of fish populations and locations. It's not at all clear that this necessary monitoring would take place or be effective.

**The Central Valley Regional Water Quality** Control Board took public testimony to heart this week and altered a proposed plan to allow 25 years of selenium discharge into the San Joaquin Valley River from the Grasslands Bypass Project in Merced and Fresno counties. Restore the Delta, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Institute for Fisheries Resources, and numerous other groups testified to the harmful effects of selenium discharges. The board reduced the discharge permit to two years with a required review in December 2021.

As one advocate said, "In my 40 years of participating in Water Board hearings, I have never seen a situation where testimony changed the outcome." It's not a perfect win for the environment, but it's better than 25 years of unmitigated selenium discharge.

**Happy Holidays to you all!**

## **FFD OUTREACH: Jeff Putnam Spey Casting Clinic**

**Pictures and Summary by Tom Robinson**

Eight FFD Members met at Gristmill Recreation Area on a chilly Sunday morning to work on their spey casting with Jeff Putnam on the American River. Jeff is a fantastic instructor and makes spey casting look so effortless. If you are interested in the art of spey casting, this clinic is highly recommended.



The group rigs up their spey rods



There is always time for a fish story or two



Jeff Puthnam breaks down the steps to good spey cast



Jeff demonstrates the perfect cast



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<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Luk Lake	Trout/Bass		December	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March 27 - 31	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 15 - 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Lake Berryessa	Mult Sp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Putah Creek	Trout		TBD	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Hat Creek	Trout		May 1 - 3	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 5 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		June 18 - 21	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
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Gnat	707-590-3446	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 9 - 12	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	November 2	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		November 8 -10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	

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Download the Membership Application at: [http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/FFD\\_Membership\\_Application\\_2019.pdf](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](mailto:membership@flyfishersofdavis.org) – **Membership Chair**

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