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The Fisherman's Line**February Meeting, Tuesday February 25, 2020****7:30 pm @ Harper Junior High School****Ben Byng and Steve Potter Present: Blasting Bass With A Fly**

This month, Tuesday February 25th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Ben Byng and Steve Potter who will talk about California Delta Bass. Ben and Steve will present information to help catch the mighty Delta bass. The California Delta has up to eleven hundred miles of shoreline- no one can fish it all! Taking small steps locating bass is the name of the game. Finding structure and hideouts that hold bass will be the key notes in the presentation. Topics will include gear, boats, and the flies that catch bass and fishing!



Christmas of 1990 is when Steve Potter received the gift of his first fly tying kit. In complete enjoyment he practiced for hours upon end, tying many different types of flies. Steve gained further expertise in this area from studying the pros like Billy Munn, Jimmy Nix and Chris Helm. As time went on, spinning deer hair not only became a favorite of Steve's, but he was a natural at it.

Steve's been tying bass bugs and trout flies ever since receiving that first fly tying kit. He has demonstrated his tying skills in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California at Federation of Fly Fishing events. Steve has also tied at the International Sportsman's Expositions in Pleasanton, San Mateo, and Sacramento, California. The Fly Fishing Shows in San Rafael and Pleasanton, California have featured Steve as one of their tiers.

The waters of the Sierra supply various species of trout that make a bountiful day of fishing - well worth the time spent at the tying table! Steve also enjoys wetting his fly line out on the California Delta for Largemouth and Striped Bass. As a team member in 2008, Steve took first place at the 1st California Delta Bass and Fly Competition.

Fishing has been in Ben Byng's blood since he was a young boy. His grandfather took him on many journeys from the Great Lakes to the Florida Keys. His father took him on summertime trips to Eastern Idaho for remote small stream fishing and high mountain adventures. These experiences have armed Ben with lessons that would follow him into fly-fishing. Having the California Delta in his backyard, Ben has spent many hours jamming in his boat through this 1200-mile waterway looking for Striped Bass. This is his fly-fishing wintertime playground.

In the summers of 2000-2005, Ben helped Andre Puyans with his Fly Fishing Seminars in Eastern Idaho at Elk Creek Ranch. Ben with the help of Andre and has worked his way to Operations Manager.

You can catch Ben tying at the International Sportsmen's Exops and the Fly-Fishing Shows on the West Coast. If you have time stop by and see what he is tying. Ben's time is spent now as an instructor for Wilderness Unlimited Fly Fishing clinics and The Becoming An Outdoor Women Fly Fishing clinics. Both highly attended fly fishing schools.



THE PREZ SEZ

By Tristan Leong

Every year I look forward to the different seasonal fishing opportunities. For the most part, I remember February being cold, wet, and rainy – the prototypical steelhead weather. I guess it should not come as a surprise that when I see a large percentage of people outside in shorts and t-shirts, that probably portends a poor steelhead season. Unfortunately, my record as of late confirms my hypothesis. While miracle March would be most welcome, it probably won't help me fill out my steelhead catch card! Regardless, we have many wonderful opportunities in front of us with our fabulous annual dinner right around the corner. I look forward to seeing and socializing with you all. Remember that we have pre-purchase options for tickets, raffle, and annual membership renewals.

Tristan

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
February	Ben Byng & Steve Potter	February 25, 2020	Blasting Bass With A Fly
March	Conway Bowman	March 31, 2020	Fly Fishing For Mako Sharks in SoCal

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



FFD 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Class Dates for 2020

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.



Day 1	Wed. Feb 26	Equipment and Supplies
Day 2	Wed. March 4	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. March 11	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. March 25	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. April 1	Indicator Techniques and Review

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



201 Topics

Day 1	Wed. April 8	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. April 15	Streamer Techniques for Trout
Day 3	Wed. April 22	Float and Fly Techniques

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



Webinar: State of the Salmonids – Fish in Hot Water

March 12 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Webinar: March 12, 9am-10am Pacific Time

Presenters: Patrick Samuel (California Trout) and Dr. Rob Lusardi (UC Davis)

SOSII – Fish in Hot Water is a comprehensive scientific review of trout, steelhead and salmon in California. The review provides the status and trends of the state’s salmonid populations, their rankings and vulnerabilities across various factors affecting status, and the threats they face.

To register for the webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5064253105319711756>

[Find out more »](#)

international fly fishing film festival

LARKSPUR Tues, March 10
ORINDA Wed, March 11
SACRAMENTO Thurs, March 19
PALO ALTO Thurs, March 26

PASADENA Wed, April 15
SAN DIEGO Thurs, April 16
ARCATA Thurs, April 23
SANTA CRUZ TBD

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THE VENTURING ANGLER

California Trout is proud to host the 2020 [International Fly Fishing Film Festival](#) which consists of short and feature-length films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe. Come see the passion, lifestyle, and culture of fly-fishing, hear about our conservation work in your area, and win some great prizes!

The CalTrout sponsored film "[Poetry in Motion](#)," produced by our very own Michael Wier, is an official IF4 film selection. You can watch the full video at the screening, here's a [link to the trailer](#). And be sure to vote for our film to win!

- Tickets are \$20 for General Admission.
- Youth/Student tickets are \$10.
- Doors open at 6:30pm
- Show starts at 7:00pm (unless otherwise noted)

All proceeds from the event benefit CalTrout and its work to ensure resilient populations of wild fish living in healthy waters for a better California. We are proud to once again partner with the Venturing Angler and our other partners listed below.





The poster features the Fly Fishers of Davis logo on the left, which is a circular emblem with a fly in the center, surrounded by the text "FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS" and "ESTABLISHED 1974". To the right of the logo, the text "2020 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner" is written in a gold, cursive font. Below this, a digital timer shows "20" days, "22" hours, "20" minutes, and "02" seconds. Further down, the event details are listed: "HOST: FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS", "WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AT 5:30 PM", and "WHERE: WEST PLAINFIELD FIRE STATION, 24901 COUNTY ROAD 95 DAVIS, CA 95616". A yellow sticky note in the top right corner says "Save the Date".

2020 FFD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, March 14th, 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 busy putting together the much enjoyed 2019 FFD Year in Review, and once again we have lined up pitmaster Hickory Hank to prepare everyone a fantastic meal. **We will be asking for RSVP's soon so that we can tell Ol' Hickory Hank how much food he needs to prepare, so look for your Evite soon.**

SKIP the line and PRE-PURCHASE dinner and raffle tickets at the upcoming FFD Monthly Meeting. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. Stop by the Membership Table for more information.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your FFD Membership for 2020. Dues for adults and families are still \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. Because of your support, our membership continues to grow! Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual picnic, fly casting and fly tying clinics, our amazing FFD 101 classes, Salmon in the Classroom, and best of all, our contributions to numerous outreach, education and conservation organizations. Please stop by the membership table and pay for your dues with check, cash, or credit card. As an alternative, you can mail your check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617. Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!

Download the application [HERE](#) so that you can fill it out ahead of time.

2020 Female Veteran's Scholarship Opportunity for BOW Fly Fishing Retreat



We have a fantastic new opportunity for female military veterans: three scholarships to participate in this year's Women's Fly Fishing Retreat May 22-24 in Quincy!

This popular women's event is already sold out, but we've saved three seats for the veterans who win these scholarships, which will cover the \$800 registration fee.

Please share this with any female veterans you know who might be interested!

Click here for scholarship information:

<https://www.calwaterfowl.org/scholarships/#varep>

Click here for information about the Fly Fishing Retreat:

<https://www.calwaterfowl.org/.../bow-fly-fishing-retreat-2020/>

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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_flyfishersofdavis.org

I've got mostly excerpts this month as I'm in Arcata as I write this.

The Current is published by CalTrout online. I got a look at the recent issue and recommend it for further reading (find it at <https://caltrout.org/issue/the-current-science>). It includes an excellent article on the role of estuaries – what they are, their current condition, and assessment tools to predict the impact of management actions on aquatic species communities.

Another article describes a set of tools, products, and guidance, for developing ecological flow prescriptions in California. Here's an excerpt.

"In 2016, a group of scientists from California Trout, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, The Nature Conservancy, Utah State University and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, with funding in partnership from the State Water Board, began to delve into this question and others.

"They formed what is collectively known as the [California Environmental Flows Framework](#) (CEFF or the Framework) which, ultimately, seeks to determine ecological flow criteria for native fishes and other aquatic species throughout the state, which can be used to inform the development of environmental flow prescriptions.

"The question of "how much water do fish need?" is a difficult one due to California's diverse geography and fish communities, which are further complicated by numerous micro-climates and management goals of different agencies.

"To deal with these complexities, the Framework provides guidance on how to determine environmental flows and, thus, better define how much water fish need."

Other articles describe using sonar to count fish on the Eel River and tracking genetics in the Fall River, as well as a number of other topics. Take a look at it!

Restore the Delta notes the following:

Creaky, Leaky Dams Among Biggest Risks to California:

Audit – Courthouse News Service 1/30/20

Of the 650 dams the state believes could be deadly in the event of failure, just 22 have state-approved

emergency plans in place. Subpar planning and lack of funding for repairs place people living beneath many of California's 1,200 dams at high risk, says State Auditor Elaine Howle.

Even after Oroville near-disaster, California dams remain potentially hazardous – SF Chronicle 2/2/20

"Inadequately maintained dams or those not meeting standards, especially those whose failure could affect large populations, pose significant risks to California residents," the report stated, using the Oroville Dam spillway collapse as an example. Department of "Water Resources data indicate that a majority of dams within the state with less-than-satisfactory condition ratings are in areas where they pose downstream hazard potential to life or property."

California Water Research has a new post by Deirdre Des Jardins at <https://cah2oresearch.com/2020/02/04/governors-climate-bond-language-on-resilience-principles/> on Governor Newsom's Water Resilience. You should take a look at the whole post, but here's part of it.

"The Department of Finance has just released the language for the Governor's proposed 2020 Climate Resilience Bond. The bond language defines "Resilience Principles" for investment in climate adaption in section 80202(b), and they are actually quite good:

- (b) To the extent practicable, a state agency allocating funds available pursuant to this division shall prioritize projects that advance the state's resilience principles, as established by the State of California's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, which include:
 - (1) Prioritize integrated climate actions, those that both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience to climate impacts, as well as actions that provide multiple benefits.
 - (2) Prioritize actions that promote equity, foster community resilience, and protect the most vulnerable. Explicitly include communities that are disproportionately vulnerable to climate impacts.

- (3) Prioritize natural and green infrastructure solutions to enhance and protect natural resources, as well as urban environments. Preserve and restore ecological systems (or engineered systems that use ecological processes) that enhance natural system functions, services, and quality and that reduce risk, including but not limited to actions that improve water and food security, habitat for fish and wildlife, coastal resources, human health, recreation and jobs.
- (4) Avoid maladaptation by making decisions that do not worsen the situation or transfer the challenge from one area, sector, or social group to another. Identify and take all opportunities to prepare for climate change in all planning and investment decisions.
- (5) Base all planning, policy, and investment decisions on the best-available science, including local and traditional knowledge, including consideration of future climate conditions out to 2050 and 2100, and beyond.
- (6) Employ adaptive and flexible governance approaches by utilizing collaborative partnership across scales and between sectors to accelerate effective problem solving. Promote mitigation and adaptation actions at the regional and landscape scales.
- (7) Take immediate actions to reduce present and near future (within 20 years) climate change risks for all Californians; do so while also thinking in the long term and responding to continual changes in climate, ecology, and economics using adaptive management that incorporates regular monitoring.

These seven resilience principles are consistent with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's definition of resilience. The IPCC defined resilience as "the ability of a system and its component parts to anticipate, absorb, accommodate, or recover from the effects of a hazardous event in a timely and efficient manner including through ensuring the preservation, restoration, or improvement of its essential basic structures and functions."

Based on the IPCC definition of resilience, the principles would help California achieve the stated objectives."

Commentary written by Governor Newsom,
posted at Cal Matters:

"Water is the lifeblood of our state. It sustains communities, wildlife and our economy—all of which make California the envy of the world.

Reliably securing this vital and limited resource into the future remains a challenge, especially with a warming and changing climate.

For more than a year, my Administration has worked to find a comprehensive solution for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta—a path to immediately improve the health of these waterways, create certainty for the 35 million Californians who depend on these water sources, and maintain the economic vitality of the Central Valley.

Historically, disputes over water, or what some call "water wars," have pitted stakeholders against one another: urban vs. rural; agriculture vs. conservation; North vs. South.

Today, my administration is proposing a path forward, one that will move past the old water binaries and set us up for a secure and prosperous water future. ... "

Continue reading at Cal Matters here: [Gov. Newsom: California must get past differences on water. Voluntary agreements are the path forward.](#)

On The Public Record writes "I speculated that Newsom et al. think that they are the environmentalists in the room, so they don't need to consult environmentalists in the Voluntary Agreements. Newsom himself makes that same argument. This is not true. They need the water environmentalists for their technical and legal expertise and to push for rigorous agreements. Having the water environmentalists in the room will prevent the Newsom administration from being surprised when the VA's don't fulfill the requirements of the Bay-Delta Plan." Read more at <https://onthepublicrecord.org/2020/01/30/direct-from-gov-newsom/>

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requires pre-registration at
(209)329-4801

On the water clinic requires
2020 fishing license and
steelhead card, waders and
wading boots. Liability waiver
must be completed prior to
participation.

March 22nd on the water clinic
will take place at Van Assen
Day Use Area on the
Mokelumne River

FFD OUTREACH: California Duck Days

Pictures and Summary by Paul Berliner

Fly Fishers of Davis participated once again in this year's Duck Days celebration, and the crowds were bigger and more enthusiastic than ever. We tied wooly-buggers until we were exhausted, in every color imaginable, and our table was non-stop activity. Special thanks to our amazing fly-tying team: Son Chong, Peter Hawes, Bob Brodberg, Jack Norlyn, Tristan Leong, and Rick Wallinder.



Jack Noryln with his captive audience



Tristan Leong teaching a future fly tyer



Peter Hawes shows how it's done



Bob Brodberg is helping tie a beautiful fly



Rick Wallinder patiently watches his student work magic



That will fish!



Happy Student!



The students become the masters



Great looking fly!



Awesome looking wholly Bugger



The every popular pink bugger



Somebody is going home a happy camper



Great turnout THANK YOU to all of the FFD volunteer tyers



Jack had fun at Duck Days!



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[Facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis](https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis)





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2020 - 2021

<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Baum Lake	Trout		March 27 - 31	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April 15 - 18	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.50 / day (check only) + tip
Lake Berryessa	Mult Sp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 1 - 3	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 22	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Fuller Lake	Trout		May 29	Donn Erickson	707-718-7724	Day trip
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	Trout	Boat	June 5 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
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	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
McCloud River	Trout		October 2 - 6	Gene Gnatt	707-590-3446	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 9 - 12	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.50 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2020	Stripers	Boat	October 24	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		December	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$212.50 / 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.

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.

E-Newsletter Policy

Our policy is to deliver the e-newsletter via email OR you may download it from the FFD website at: <http://www.flyfishersofdavis.org/news1.shtml>

Be sure if you signed up for the \$30 annual membership that you get your email address to **Lyn Hooper** at membership@flyfishersofdavis.org. This will assure that you get an email notification of the newsletter. Each month, except June & August the e-newsletter will be posted to the above site and emailed about 1 week before the meeting. You will need Acrobat Reader

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> to view the PDF format.

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How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

Dues for adults and families (member's spouse and children living with named member up to max age 25) are \$30/year. Student rate is \$15/year. The monthly newsletter is distributed by e-mail only. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address so that we can get the newsletter to you in Adobe Acrobat format.

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**

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