



## The Fisherman's Line

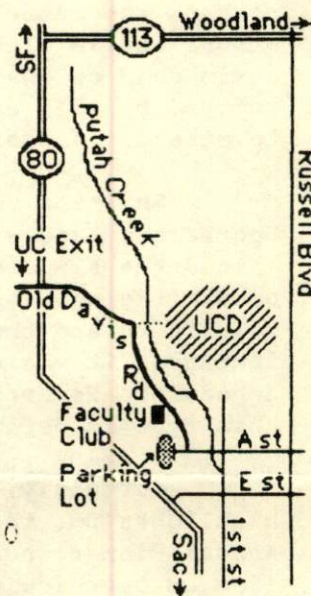


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### NEXT MEETING:

**Date:** Friday January 15th - 7:00 PM (Cocktails 6:00 PM)  
**Place:** UCD Faculty Club - UC Campus (see map)  
**Program:** **Cocktails - Dinner - Raffle** From 6:00 PM to 7:00 no-host cocktails will be served (at extra cost) followed by a fabulous buffet dinner. After dinner we will have a brief program in which outgoing president Cary Boyden will summarize the past year's activities followed by the Fishmeisters' reports on the outings of 1987. Then Steve Ohrwall will host the big conservation raffle in which he will give away hundreds of \$ in prizes to lucky members and guests. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each so bring some extra cash if you want to get in on the raffle. Dinner is a bargain at \$15 a person.



### FFD CALENDER:

January 9-10th:	International Sportsmen's Expo <b>Cal Expo</b>
January 15th:	Annual FFD Dinner and Raffle <b>UCD Faculty Club</b>
February 9th:	Board Meeting <b>Gene Pedersen's Office</b>
February 23rd:	Regular meeting for February
March 12th:	Pyramid Lake Outing <b>Sarge Reynolds</b>
May:	Shad Outing
July:	Trinity Outing



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a little difficult to believe, but this will be my last President's Message. Please stifle the roar of enthusiasm in certain quarters. For me the two year stint has been an unmitigated pleasure and to that I owe a debt of gratitude to the entire membership which has not once hung me in effigy but rather has seemed to feel that the programs which the Club has been presenting (which certainly in no sense should be attributable to my efforts) are appropriate.

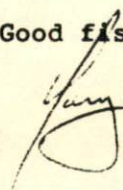
At this time of year the Annual Dinner is, of course, not only the vehicle to signal in the Club's new year and in this case new regime, but also is a time in which to enjoy the fellowship of other members in a different setting. In a perhaps too materialistic society, it is also the time when we can all wager on the annual raffle with some reasonable chance of success. This year Steve Ohrwall has again done an absolutely spectacular job of putting together a raffle which will be enjoyed by all, and for this and many other reasons I would encourage all members to attend, if possible.

Shifting gears radically, by the time this column reaches the members the Sportsmens Expo will have already been held. In this regard the Club will have manned the FFF booth for essentially two out of the four full days in which it was open. (We were only asked to fill 3 slots.) There were 10 calls made for volunteers and there were 10 willing members who volunteered, although in several instances it was not possible to fit the available time slots with the member's schedule. Nevertheless, the universal willingness to participate in an activity of this type is definitely a tribute to the Club as a whole.

Certainly, as one looks back over this year, there are various other highlights for the Club and a good percentage of those will be covered at the Annual Dinner and, accordingly, will not be discussed here. However, one thought from an overview perspective, and that is my observation that every President of the Club has one particular area where that President feels the Club's efforts should be either focused or at least enhanced. In my case the area has been that of outings, and it was particularly gratifying to see this year the increased attendance and increased number of outings which the Club put on. Over the years there has developed a set of regular outings which have included Pyramid Lake, shad, the Trinity and the Upper Sacramento and, from time to time, steelhead. Unfortunately the shad outings until this last year have had steadily deteriorating attendance. This year there was an upswing that hopefully in future years will continue. At the same time the other outings either remained strong or in the case of the Trinity grew in popularity. With a little better planning even the Fall Steelhead Outing may in the future become significantly more well-established and popular.

Again, I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Club for making these two years for me so pleasant and satisfying. As I have done with every column, I will end by wishing each and all of you

Good fishing,





## ANNUAL DINNER CONSERVATION RAFFLE



I am writing this article on Dec. 15th, the dinner is a month away, and the prizes for the raffle are becoming too much for my spare bedroom/office to contain. Emily keeps asking me when things are going to be moved out, I stall as usual, the cats love all the boxes.

I will attempt at this point to let you know what will be available to the lucky ticket holders, this is by no means a complete list, you need to come to the dinner to see it all. In the rod department we have four Kennedy - Fisher graphite rods. A 2/3 wt. - 7½', a 4/5 wt. - 9½', a 5/6 wt. - 8½', and a 8/9 wt. - 9½'. In the reel department we have a S.A. System One, and two Ryobi's. There are nineteen members in the club so far that have contributed to the raffle. This makes them eligible for the special drawing to be held at the start of the raffle, one ticket per contributor. The winner will have their choice of one of the above rods or a reel, so think about it before the dinner, for you will have very little time to make up your mind if you win. For those of you who would like to become eligible just give me a call (756-9226) and tell me your donation or bring it by.

We have a pair of Seal Dri waders, gift sub. to Western Outdoors, Flyfisherman, (Salmon, Trout, Steelheader), Flytyer, Flyfishing, and the Fishsniffer, Powell Rod (fifty percent off), \$100 off a Scott Rod, large Plano tackle box, two shirts, \$25 gift cert. Fly Fishing Specialties in Roseville, Two \$25 gift cert. Bill Kiene's Fly Shop, Wheatly fly box, wading staff (custom), Cortland lines (Two), Cortland fly boxes, Poloroid dark glasses, Caddis float tube, eight books (Selective Trout, The Trout and the Stream, Lake Fishing, Western Gamefish, Seafood, American Nymph, Steelhead Fly Fishing and Flies), Dinners at the following Davis Restaurants (A.J. Bumps, Cafe Calif., Good Earth, Hotel El Rancho), \$25 gift Cert. Discoveries, Mike Stidham Golden Trout print, two fly tying benches, boat rack, wader gaiters, ten pounds of dried apricots, wine, fly tying tools, flies, bass poppers. I have already no doubt left out some prizes, there will be a complete list published in the Feb. newsletter.

In the trip department we have a jet-boat trip for two offered by Cary Boyden on either the Yuba or the Sacramento in the spring. I am offering a bass trip for one on either Berreyessa, Collins, Clear Lake, or Folsom in the spring, no fly rods, but fish are promised or the price of your raffle ticket refunded. A walk in trip to the Upper-Sacramento for two offered by Ron Rabun in the fall. A trout trip offered by Jim White on Stoney Creek with dinner at Louie Cairo's in Williams to follow (June or Sept.). A canoe lesson for one or two people offered by Stan Logan. All of the above trips must be won and or taken by a paid up member of the Fly Fishers of Davis!!

I look forward to hearing from more of you to make this one of our best raffles ever. If you know of any other contributors please feel free to contact them on behalf of the club for a raffle prize.



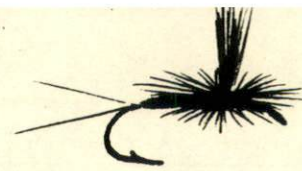
Thanks, *Steve Ohrwall*

Steve Ohrwall  
Raffle Chairman

P.S. Did I mention the Tasco binoculars ? (7 x 35mm)



# FISHING REPORT



Our own **Putah Creek** seems to be the current hot spot with some 3 to 5 pounders and larger being taken. Please remember these fish are spawners so it is vital that they be released unharmed back to the water to help stabilize the declining population of trout in Putah. **Rancho Seco** has also been yielding 3 to 5 pound Rainbows especially to those who have a float tube or pram. Use small flies when the sun is out to warm the surface of the water. 8 to 10 pound Steelhead are being caught on the **American River** along with an occasional Striper, so you may want to carry a few striper flies in case you spot one working. The north coast rivers are reported to be a little high for good fishing at this printing but the Steelhead runs could take off at any time. Area fly shops will have the latest information on the rivers close to them so call them up if you have a specific river in mind. Last but not least, **Pyramid Lake** is reported to be picking up with the cold weather bringing the big Cutthroats closer to the shores. Thanks to Joe at **Kiene's Fly Shop** for the report.

## NOTICES:



A little late notice, but the **International Sportsmen's Exposition** has been going on since Wednesday and continues through Sunday the 10th. It has been held in San Mateo for the past two years but is at Cal Expo right now. The Sportsmen's Expo is reputed to be the largest Fly Fishing show in the world and I can tell you from experience it is one not to be missed. Most of the top names in fly fishing are there giving demonstrations, seminars or manning booths. There are some 220 commercial booths including fly shops from as far away as Montana and Idaho and guide services and lodges from Alaska and beyond. Most of the major tackle manufacturers and rod makers are there along with inventers, angling book dealers, collectable tackle dealers, wildlife artists, and conservation groups. Admission is \$6 and well worth it.

## Boo Boo:



As you may have already noticed the editor failed to change the volume number and month on last November's issue of the newsletter. For those of you who save the Fisherman's line and would like to correct the November issue here is the way it should have read. I put it on the very bottom of the page so you could cut it off and tape it over the incorrect one.

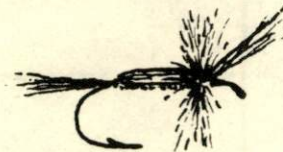


# THE FFD 1987 PUTAH CLEANUP

The annual Putah Creek Cleanup, which was delayed a week because of rain, took place on a blustery but clear December 13th. Although there were a few late arrivals, everybody pitched in and made a big dent on the one-year's accumulation of refuse. The largest number of FFD members in my memory turned out for the event. Large plastic garbage bags were furnished by Yolo County, compliments of Earl Balch (many thanks). "Trashmeisters" Jon Knapp and Bill Schanthorst estimated 60-70 bags of refuse were collected, along with one transmission, galvanized steel roofing, steel pipe, fencing and the usual number of "pampers". There appeared to be fewer cans, but a lot of beer bottles. After cleaning the lower creek above the lower bridge, most migrated to the upper bridge to concentrate on the area below Monticello Dam, an area that is usually heavily littered. After cleaning that area many stopped to observe large spawning rainbows below the dam from a bluff above the creek. Hot dogs, chips and drinks were served in the first parking access on the lower creek. Thanks are due to Howard Garrison, Ken Asay, Ken Hein, Carl Billings, Fred Costello, Cary Boyden, Xavier Mancilla, Bud Henle, Paul Paroda, Jeffery Cowan, Tom Strohl, Steve Ohrwall, Jon Knapp, Sarge Reynolds and Mike Hash and his boys Geoff, Zachary and Andrew, for a fine job. My apologies if I missed anybody. There were members of other clubs fishing the creek that day and they got a first-hand look at FFD in action. In the past several years we have collected considerably more than 70 bags of refuse, so we appear to be gaining on the litter problem.

Bill Schnathorst, Conservation Chairman

## CONSERVATION NOTES



Several bills affecting California streams have advanced in Washington. Bills to include the Merced, Kings and Kern Rivers in the National Wild and Scenic River System have been approved by Congress. All but one was signed into law. H.R. 317 placed over 100 miles of the Merced River into Wild and Scenic Status. H.R. 317 would place both the North Fork and the Main Merced River in the Wild System. S. 805 would put 93 miles of the Kings River from its source to Pine Flat Reservoir into the Wild System. S. 247 would add 151 miles of the North and South Forks of the Kern River into the Wild System. The latter bill has been approved by both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed into law soon.



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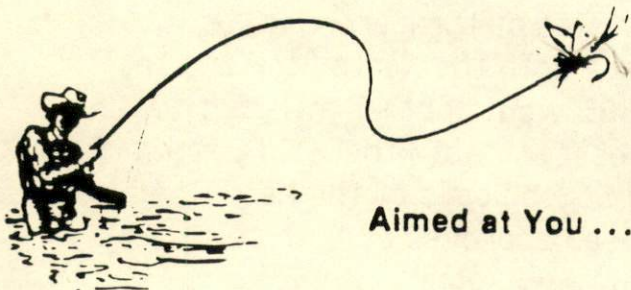
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