

As you gather with family and loved ones this Thanksgiving, I wish you all peace, love, turkey and fish. Not fish on the dinner table, but one at the end of a tightline. Thanksgiving in my opinion should be more about appreciating nature and less about appreciating a good sale price. Forget about battling endless hoards of deal seekers on Black Friday at the mall and get back to the tranquility that only your local body of water provides as you pursue black bass. Please join us at the upcoming meeting for a program that is sure to be one to remember. Now that the Lower Merced River is closed to all fishing until January so that the Salmon can migrate and procreate, it's time to give that other spot that you know of a try. The club ponds are the perfect alternative and have been fishing quite nicely as of recent. Just a reminder that the Christmas party in December is in lieu of the general meeting, let's do our part by showing up, having a good time and bringing that unwrapped toy for the less fortunate children in our county.

2016 is rapidly coming to a close and it has no doubt been an emotional roller coaster, but as a fly fishing club we still have a lot to be thankful for. I am thankful for your continued support, dedication and hard work for our cause. To close I would like to leave you with a relevant quote from author Ree Drummond; "Thanksgiving, to me, isn't just an acknowledgement of the ways in which we are blessed. It's a recognition that there are others in the world who don't have the same peace...the same health...the same freedom. As I go about the busy work of thanksgiving day, I try to carry a sense of there but by the grace of God go I, along with me"

"Tightlines and safe passage"

-MB-