

Laurie Banks and Ken Davis have been together for 23 years and a fishing team for the last 15. They spend their summer vacations fishing and visiting family in Nevada, Idaho and Montana. Upon learning about the Western Native Trout Challenge (WNTC) they decided to give it a try. Thinking it would take years to complete, they were surprised they completed the challenge in only 15 months.

Laurie is a retired Continuation High School Teacher and was president of California Fly Fishers Unlimited in 2014 and 2015. She is currently a member of their Board of Directors and co-teaches their 101 class for beginning fly fishers.

Ken is an Aquatic Biologist who is currently working on several projects in Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek for Solano County. As a Wildlife Photojournalist, Ken's images have been published in more than 5000 periodicals. He has been fly fishing for more than 30 years. Ken especially enjoys fly fishing pursuits with Laurie as they approach it as a team effort.

Although 75 fishers have completed the 1st level, Laurie and Ken are two of the five to complete the 3rd and final level and the first couple to do so. Their presentation includes: information on the challenge, tips to complete all levels, using the WNTC website, locating and identifying fish, planning your trips, equipment and flies, safety and teamwork.

