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T h e F i s h e r m a n ' s L i n e

August Meeting, Tuesday August 28, 2018
7:30 pm @ Harper Jr. High School
Maury Hatch Presents: Fly Fishing for California Striped Bass

This month, Tuesday August 28th at Harper Junior High School, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Captain Maury Hatch of First Hatch Guide Service. Maury Hatch will give a presentation on fly fishing for one of the west's greatest game fish, the striped bass. The Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and Feather and American Rivers are home to these aggressive hard fighting prime targets for the catch and release fly rodder. Once found, a school of stripers can produce multiple hookups for anglers on a consistent basis. Most fish are in the 1-8 pound range, but there is plenty of opportunity to land up to a 15 pounder, and maybe if you are lucky the ultimate reward of a 30 pounder and above. Maury will discuss the techniques to land these fish, the flies they willingly take, and where to find them in the local river systems and amongst the numerous sloughs, bays, and backwater that the California Delta has to offer.



Maury has been fly fishing the western United States and Mexico for 30+ years. After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first striped bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing stripers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for Stripers, Small Mouth and Shad. All trips include top of the line equipment as well as custom tied flies. He is an ambassador level pro staffer for the following products: Costa sunglasses, Simms clothing, Sage rods, RIO lines and Galvan reels.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

**"You gotta find your best self and when you do, you gotta hold on to it for dear life."
- Cheryl Strayed**

To a certain extent I am my best self when I am fishing. It is the one time when I'm mindful of my surroundings. I'm not dwelling on the past and not anxious about the future. I'm current. Most times I am with friends or my wife sharing the good times and being one with nature and and the fish at the end of my line.

Fall is right around the corner and that means that fishing opportunities should pick up again. I had the good fortune this month to get out on the Delta and fish for some stripers and large mouth bass with Dana Hooper. The fish are plentiful right now, albeit on the smaller side. If you have never been striper fishing with a fly rod and you are interested, make sure that you go to Tuesday night's Club Meeting. Maury Hatch will be giving a presentation on fly fishing for striped bass. Make sure that you head over to the outings signup table and signup for the Annual FFD Striperfest. It's a great opportunity to give it a try, and you do not have to own a boat. We team up non-boaters with boaters so that everyone gets an opportunity to experience the tug of a striper.



Saturday, September 15th is the National Coastal Cleanup Day. It is the world's largest volunteer day to protect our environment. Fly Fishers of Davis Co-sponsors the cleanup of Putah Creek. It a great opportunity for you and your family to give back to the environment and community by spending a few hours picking up trash at one of your local waterways. It is amazing the amount of trash that we collect every year. There is more information on the event in this newsletter. I hope to see you out there!

Tom Robinson

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Dana Hooper 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
August	Maury Hatch	August 28, 2018	Fly Fishing CA Delta For Striped Bass
September	Mike Pease	September 25, 2018	Fly Fishing Journey- Feather River Options
October	Mike Malekos	October 30, 2018	California Blue Ribbon Trout Destinations

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

2018 California Trout Photo Contest



The 2018 California Trout Photo Contest is now accepting submissions **July 15 through August 31st!** Share your best photos of California's rivers, streams and creeks and your angling experiences. Photos can include fish, anglers or others enjoying California waters or be more scenic in nature. Enter today for a chance to win some great gear and be featured on the CalTrout website, social media channels, and in issues of *The Current*.

11 winners total will be selected. One Grand Prize Winner, one People's Choice Award and 9 Best Photo winners.

Need some inspiration? Check out [last year's winning photos here](#).

Prizes awarded:

- **GRAND PRIZE** – 1 Winner
Photo featured on home page of CalTrout website, one-year CalTrout membership, Sage Foundation rod and 2200 Series reel with 20 lb. Rio line (\$575 value).
- **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD** – 1 Winner
Photo featured on home page of CalTrout website, one-year CalTrout membership, CalTrout embroidered Patagonia Refugio backpack, CalTrout neck gaitor, and Echo Carbon XL rod (\$300 value).
- **BEST PHOTOS** – 9 Winners
Photo included on Caltrout.org photo contest page, one-year CalTrout membership, Set of CalTrout native fish pint glasses and playing cards, and CalTrout trucker hat (\$115 value).

CLICK FOR MORE INFORMATION

Annual Putah Creek Cleanup Day

Saturday September 15, 2018 8:30 – Noon

Saturday, September 15 2018 is the Annual Putah Creek Cleanup Day. The event coincides with the Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day. For more information on the International Coastal Cleanup Day click [HERE](#).

Putah Creek Trout has hosted the cleanup of the Inter-dam reach between Fishing Access 5 and Monticello Dam for the past 9 years. This is the third year that the Fly Fishers of Davis has partnered with the cleanup.

We need 20-30 volunteers to spread out over the reach in small teams to collect trash and recyclables. Last year we had 25 volunteers collect over 600 pounds of trash, 90 pounds of recyclables, 2 tires, ½ kayak, a small refrigerator, and 4 rusted out barrels.

It is a great way to get involved with your community and an excellent way to show your kids how to get involved and make their local environment a better place. Children are very welcome. Children under 12 yrs must have adult accompany them.

Fly Fishers of Davis will be sponsoring the lunch after the event.

WHAT TO EXPECT (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY)

- 8:30 AM Meet at Putah Creek IDR Access 5.
<https://goo.gl/maps/okbcSXU8yj22> (Google maps directions)
- 8:45 AM Sign liability waiver, get site captains and equipment, divide up into groups of 4-5
- 9:00 AM Disperse to assigned areas along the Inter-dam region between Access 5 and Monticello Dam
- 12:00 PM Meet at Putah Creek IDR Access 3 for lunch.
<https://goo.gl/maps/dhbW2RvtMNv> (Google maps directions)

** Cellphone access can be sporadic out there so if you are not familiar with the area, it is best to print maps to take with you.

WHAT TO BRING

Garden gloves or similar and 5 Gallon plastic buckets to put trash in if you have them. We will have some buckets and vinyl gloves to pass out to volunteers

Fishing Access 5 requires waders or wet wading (up to knee), otherwise waders are not necessary.

Bring a folding chair for lunch

To sign up click on the link below or email Tom Robinson (tom.robinson@me.com) if you have any questions

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GpojIPyirrBg2oKtixz-tA7rBOB5x-zYz2CeUEMbK-c/>



FFD Spey and Switch Rod Clinic with Jeff Putnam ***Spey Clinic November 4, 2018 at Gristmill Access on the American River***

The Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring a Spey Casting Clinic on Sunday November 4, 2018. Jeff Putnam, a well-known local casting instructor, will lead the class. Jeff is a IFFF Certified Single and Two Handed Casting Instructor and the author of several DVD's on Spey and Single Handed Casting. Those that have worked with Jeff know he is an excellent instructor and presents information in an easily absorbed manner. A fee of \$50 covers the four-hour session lasting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Checks should be made out to the Fly Fishers of Davis and are due on or before the September 25th meeting. The cost of \$50 is a special half price deal extended to FFD members. In order to fully demonstrate spey casting, moving or still water is essential. Therefore, the clinic will be held at the American River Gristmill Access in Rancho Cordova, CA. If needed, directions to the Gristmill Access will be provided. Class size will be limited to 8 participants. While there are numerous videos, You Tube Clips and articles, spey casting is best learned on the water. This is your chance to give it a try. Jeff or I can supply spey casting outfits if needed. Just let us know.

If you are interested, contact Bob Zasoski (email: rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net), or sign up at the August or September meeting. Bob will be assisting Jeff with the class. If the class is oversubscribed, we will develop a waiting list and investigate having a second session.

Spey casting is applicable to trout fishing with single handed rods and to shad, salmon and steelhead fishing with longer spey and switch rods. The spey casts is a very efficient way to change direction with out numerous false casts and with limited back cast room. It is also great for casting large stonefly imitations and similar flies. Every serious fly angler should learn to spey cast. Using two handed rods is easier on the shoulders and wrists. This is an important consideration for older casters like me and those with rotator cuff or other shoulder issues. An additional benefit is that spey rods and switch rods easily achieved good distance, great line control and facilitate mending and it is fun.

Since spey casts carry less line in the air, a heavier line is necessary to properly load the rod. Therefore, it works best to over lined single handed rods by two sizes with long belly weight forward or double taper lines. Lines designated for spey casting with spey and switch rods are manufactured with increased weight to match these rods. If you have questions, contact Bob Zasoski.



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 <http://www2.dcn.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation>.

The State and Federal Water Projects may be operating differently in the future than they do now, thanks to notice given this month by the Trump Administration that they want to renegotiate a 1986 agreement governing how the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project operate. The current agreement requires both projects to reserve water at times to serve environmental needs in the Delta. The federal project now wants to keep more water in storage to ship to agricultural districts and other federal water customers in the San Joaquin Valley. That would leave less water for the State Water Project and its major customer, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Earlier this month, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke ordered aides to develop an action plan within 15 days to “maximize water supply deliveries” to irrigation districts south of the Delta. This action was taken in response to the State Water Resources Control Board’s proposal to restrict water deliveries to farms and cities, leaving more water in the rivers for endangered fish species. I reported on that proposal last month.

This is a serious issue for about 19 million Californians who rely on water deliveries from the State Water Project. The federal Central Valley Project was built 20 years before the State Water Project and has senior water rights granted by the state. The State Water Project is at greater risk of losing water.

The state and federal projects have shared governance of the Delta since the late 1960s, when the Oroville Dam was completed and the State Water Project began operations. A formal coordinated operating agreement was forged in the 1980s, and was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan in 1986. The state has to respond to the formal request for a renegotiation. If there is not a new agreement within two years the 1986 agreement would dissolve, creating a free-for-all in water management for the Delta.

Under current rules both projects must release water from their reservoirs to the Delta to maintain water

quality standards and for “in-basin” uses. That water continues through the Delta to the ocean and is unavailable for pumping south. But the Central Valley Project currently supplies 75% of that water (in dry years – 55% in wet years) while the State Water Project supplies the rest.

The federal project’s pumps have about half the pumping capacity of the state pumps, though, and at the time of the 1986 agreement the federal project had excess water available. So the 1986 deal calls for the state to use its pumps to deliver federal water in exchange for the federal project providing more water for environmental and Delta “in-basin” uses.

Now here’s a really important part. Winter-run Chinook salmon and Delta smelt are protected under the Endangered Species Act. The Central Valley Project Improvement Act, signed into law by President George H. W. Bush, designated more of the CVP water for environmental purposes. The Endangered Species Act is a key piece of environmental law protecting our fisheries. The agricultural water users would like nothing better than to destroy it so they can take more water unimpeded.

Hundreds of farmers protested the Water Board’s proposed rules that would leave more water in the rivers for fish last week. Many were bused in to the capital by San Joaquin Valley irrigation districts. Calling the Water Board’s proposal a “water grab” they railed at the idea of taking “their” water for non-farming purposes.

I wonder what would be the turnout if the roles were reversed, i.e. if the water was already in the rivers and the proposal was to take it out to pump south. I expect there would be a large turnout to oppose the “water grab” and protect the existing environmental resource. As it stand now, though, the resource is not there – the water has been taken out and the environment is in danger of collapse. The constituency to support it is not as strong and organized as the agricultural users are now.

FFD OUTINGS: Upper Truckee River

Summary and photos by Phil Reedy

Tom Burton, Andan Bailey, and I headed up to Meiss Meadow and the Upper Truckee river to escape the valley heat yesterday, along with Andan's new lab Sadie. The middle of July is usually perfect wildflower time and this year was no exception. Andan and I both thought that this was the best we have ever seen. If you like wildflowers and the chance to get out of the valley this week with 100+ temps predicted, I highly recommend the trip.

Andan and Tom caught a lot of lahontan cutts and we learned that labrador retrievers like to bring back trout as well as ducks and geese. We had to explain to Sadie about catch and release fishing. I caught a couple but the flowers were so amazing that I just couldn't put my camera down to pick up a fly rod.

We were all pretty beat by the end of the day, but no one more than Sadie. She made it about halfway up the mountain on the way out and decided she had enough and just plopped down on the trail. I could see where the expression 'you lucky dog' came from when Andan hefted her over his shoulders and carried her out."



Tom hitting the trail



Sadie shuld have read this



It's sure easier hiking uphill in the morning



But downhill is good anytime



Andan and Sadie on her first mountain hike



DON'T FETCH



If you like wildflowers, go now



That looks fishy



Tom sight fishing for a nice lahontan



and landing it



It's a Dog's Life



FFD OUTINGS: Old Foggies Backpacking Trip

Summary by Donn Erickson and photos by Members

Despite the smoke from wild fires, members Jon Mangum, John Lutch and Donn Erickson went to the Sierras for a quick Old Foggies backpack trip, Aug 13 – 15. The land slide that closed the trailhead last year had been cleared.

We launched out of Wolf Creek Meadows, south of Markleeville in mild smoke, and proceeded on the trek. We got to the Gray's Crossing on the E Fork of the Carson River in 1.5 hours and decided we'd camp there, rather than going the additional 2 hours to the Old Foggies camp in the Silver King Valley. We set up camp and then went fishing upstream in the gorge on the E Carson, leap frogging for about 3.5 hrs. Fishing was pretty slow with only 8 rainbows to hand, 6-11", and about twice as many takes.

The next day we went upstream to the area of the OF camp. We fished the Silver King in the valley without much action, so mainly stayed on the E Carson. Fishing again slow with another 10 fish, including one brown and one cutthroat! Main flies seemed to be hoppers, ants, elk hair caddis and humpies, plus midges on hopper-dropper rigs. Thunderheads built up with light rain for about 2 hours in late afternoon, and clearing of the smoke. Ran into a shepherd (and his 5 dogs) with maybe 1,000 head of sheep grazing.

The last day we decided not to fish, but instead to break camp and to spend some time at the Grover Hot Springs. John played us Wagner's "Overture to Tannhauser", when we rested at the last summit on the hike back. Then we enjoyed a still ice cold beer at the trail head, before heading out. Found out the springs were closed on Wed due to staff shortages, so went into Markleeville for a great hamburger lunch, then home.

A great trip, with lots of good conversation, but we would have liked less smoke and more catching.



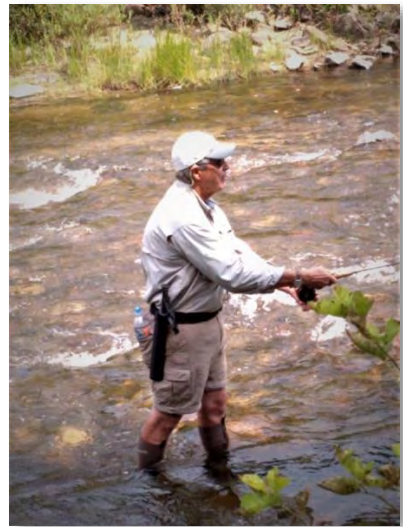
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FFD OUTINGS: Hebgen Lake, Montana

Summary and photos by John Imsdahl

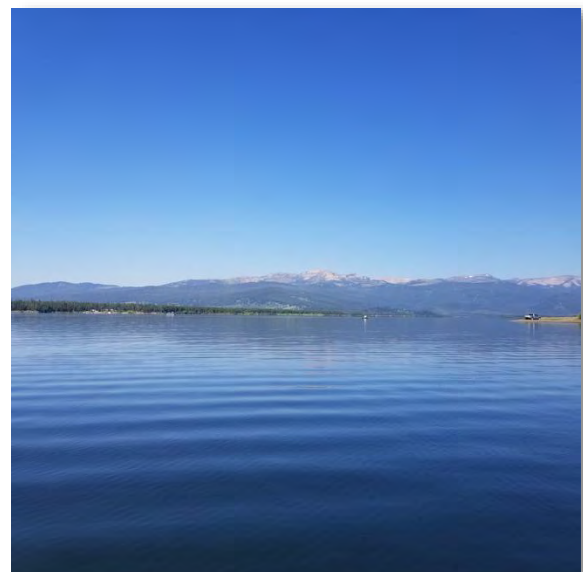
2018 marked a very large reduction of FFD member attendance at Montana's Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone. Rather than enumerate who did not come this year, I will simply say that we had Bill Rains with his son and nephew, Suzanne & Cary Boyden, Brian Bechtold, Bob Zasoski, Ron Hedrick, David & Barbara Yarborough, Bill Cox, Dennis Rolston, Bob Percy, myself and FFD supporters Bill and Carol Forward.

Fishing could be spectacular, or challenging, but these sometimes monster rainbows and browns are an amazing, naturally spawned, cannot-be-beat experience. Ron Hedrick had a number of over 20 fish days, Bill Cox had at least one, and Bill Forward fished systematically, purposely, and had much to offer in advice on strategies, tactics and presentations.

The camp includes numerous annual folks who simply refer to us as the "Davis Group". They are wonderful dry and wet fly fishing women and men and we enjoy socials and gatherings with them.

The weather was very pleasant, if not cold at times, and the fires and smoke left us alone mostly this year. I stayed 31 days, a record, but the drive home was smoggy and just down right depressing for all of the smoke that covered Montana, Idaho and eastern Nevada.

We missed all of the regulars who could not come this year and we hope that conditions will improve so that you may come next year and join us.





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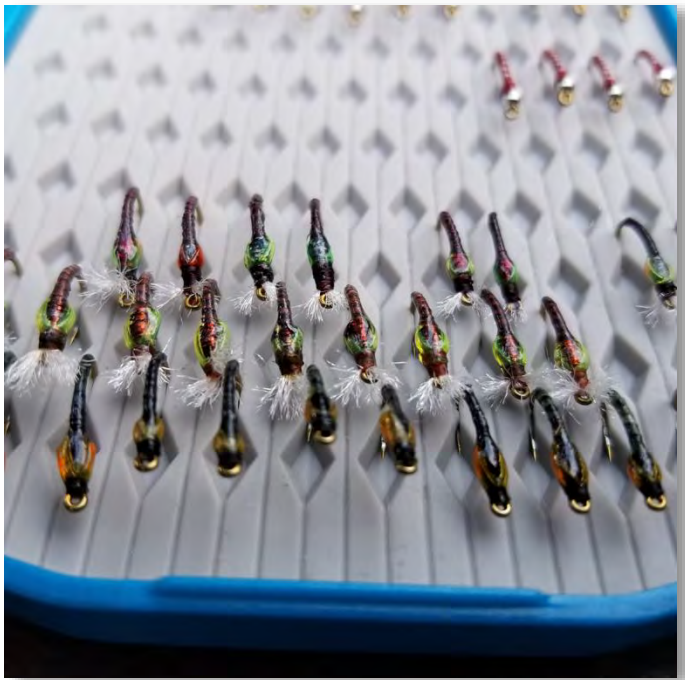
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<u>Trip 2018</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	October 10 - 13th	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2018	Stripers	Boat	October 20	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		November	Gene Gnatt	707-451-3262	Camping
Trinity Stealhead Trip	Trout	Guide	December 15	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$125/day (check only) + Rentals
<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	January	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$191.25 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		April	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Putah Creek	Trout		April	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	April	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek	Trout		May 18 - 20	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
Payne Ranch	Smallies		TBD	John Reynolds	530-753-2682	Day trip
Lake Davis / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 6 - 10	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		June / July	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	Trout		July 12 - 15	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

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