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The Fisherman's Line

**September Meeting, Tuesday September 24, 2019
7:30 pm @ Harper Junior High School
Dave Steindorf presents:
Rising Waters Lift All Boats, and Flies**

This month, Tuesday September 24, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Dave Steindorf who will tell the story of how whitewater paddlers and anglers, who were once adversaries in their individual quest for river restoration, have become the closest of allies working to restore more natural flows in California rivers. In this presentation, American Whitewater Director, Dave Steindorf describes the arc of this relationship over the past 20 years and how working together has brought about significant flow restoration to rivers impacted by hydropower projects. The presentation will describe concepts, science, and other tools, which were developed to better quantify the snowmelt hydrograph and used to create flow conditions on rivers across California. Most importantly, this is the story of how moving from fighting over crumbs can lead to getting a bigger slice of the pie.



Dave Steindorf has been an active river advocate in California since 1997. As the California Stewardship director for American Whitewater, Dave has gained a reputation as a consensus builder. He has been able to gain the respect of Agencies, NGO's, and Utilities while successfully achieving the goals of his constituents. As the primary negotiator for American Whitewater in California, Dave has negotiated improved flows on more than twenty hydroelectric projects in California. These agreements have restored rivers, while providing reliable power to the grid and protecting water supply.



Dave has been the Chair of the California Hydropower Reform Coalition since 2007. This coalition, which includes state and national NGOs, work on relicensing and energy policy that helps to make hydropower green. With a background in Economics, Dave has been keenly interested in the changing energy landscape. In 2017 Dave was invited to testify before the House of Representative's Energy and Commerce Committee to educate members on the role of hydropower in energy markets and how to optimize power generation in a way that has the least impact on rivers.

Dave was introduced to rivers at age 7, when his father put a fly rod in his hands. Learning to kayak later on was a natural progression from his childhood love of rivers. Dave strongly believes that flowing rivers are an undervalued resource not only in this country, but also around the world. He feels that education is the key to river conservation. Most of our progress has been due to our ability to educate the other non-governmental organizations, agencies, and utilities to the value of rivers. According to Dave, "The best way to improve people's notions about whitewater is to get them on the river. Couch Potatoes make lousy river advocates."

THE PREZ SEZ

By Tom Robinson

" The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning."

- Theodore Gordon

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

Speaking of always learning. Dana Hooper's 101/201 Fly Fishing classes are in full swing. Next Wednesday Dana will discuss Bugs - VS - Flies. Even the seasoned fly fisher could always use a little more entomology knowledge.



Not much time on the water this month, except to help cleanup Putah Creek. I still hear that they are catching some BIG fish on the creek. Every year I'm shocked how much garbage we pickup along Accesses 1-5. There were not many BIG items, such as appliances and tires, which is good, but the group of 40+ volunteers picked up 600+ lbs of trash.

In October George Daniels, two-time national champion and author of Dynamic Nymphing as well as many other books, will be coming to Davis. We will be hold 3 on the water (Putah Creek) classes with George (Sunday-Tuesday), spaces are limited and will have a lottery draw if signups exceed spaces. Signups will be at the September Club Meeting, and I will be distributing an online signup with details regarding the fee, times, etc. for those that cannot attend. Look for those details in the next week.

Lastly, there are more details regarding the Patagonia Club Fishing Trip. Chile has been added to the trip of a lifetime. Dates have been set and there are still some spaces available. Checkout page 4 for details.

Hope to see you all Tuesday night!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Robinson".

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
September	Dave Steindorf	September 24, 2019	River Conservation and Recreation
October	George Daniels	October 29, 2019	Nymphing Techniques
November	AC Fly Fishing	November 26, 2019	Shasta Fly Fishing
December	Home Grown	December 17, 2019	Varies Topics By Various FFD Members

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

FFD 101 & 201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Class Dates for Fall 2019

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 2	Wed. Sept 25	Bugs -VS- Flies
Day 3	Wed. Oct 2	Rigging and Techniques A
Day 4	Wed. Oct 9	Reading Water and Locating Fish
Day 5	Wed. Oct 16	Indicator Techniques and Review

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



201 Topics

Day 1	Wed. Oct 23	Delta Striper Techniques
Day 2	Wed. Oct 30	Streamer Techniques for Trout

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

PATAGONIA AVAILABILITY



Space remains available on the Fly Fishers of Davis sponsored trip to the Patagonia Region of South America to experience some of the best trout fishing in the world. The outing is being hosted by the Logo Rosario Lodge (<http://lagorosariolodge.com>) who is recognized as a first class, full service operator located within the towering Andes mountains range and the spectacular Los Aleceres National Park.

The Lodge is surrounded by numerous fishing opportunities ranging from presentations of small mayfly patterns on spring creeks to dredging big streamers on freestone rivers to offering dry flies on glassy stillwater. Fishing programs are designed to offer a variety of environments and experiences for each guest.

This ‘bucket list’ opportunity will occur in early February 2020 and is being offered at a 20% discount off of standard pricing. Participants may select from two offerings:

“Argentina & Chile Program” - 11 NIGHTS / 10 FISHING DAYS

Experience the varied fishing landscape found in the Patagonia Region of Argentina and Chile. The program consists of an eleven (11) night stay at two well-appointed and comfortable lodges and ten (10) guided fishing days (six and a half fishing days in Argentina and three and a half in Chile). The excursion includes a local English speaking guide and one assistant per two anglers.

Dates

- Monday 3rd - Arrival day
- Friday 14th - Departure day

Cost: \$5,955- includes double room, gourmet meals including alcoholic beverages, and fishing licenses (not included is airfare to and from Esquel, Argentina, customs fees, to and gratuities and incidentals).

“One Week Package” - 7 NIGHTS / 6 FISHING DAYS

During the week stay guests will enjoy spectacular fishing in the Patagonia Region of Argentina. The program is comprised of seven (7) nights at Logo Rosario Lodge and six (6) guided fishing days. The excursion includes a local English speaking guide and one assistant per two anglers.

Dates

- Friday 7th - Arrival day
- Friday 14th - Departure day

Cost: \$3,710.- includes double room, gourmet meals including alcoholic beverages, and fishing licenses (not included is air fare to and from Esquel, Argentina, customs fees, gratuities and incidentals).

For further information, please contact either

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 Dan Kathan – 415-713-8952 ddkathan830@gmail.com



It's Time to Vote for Your Favorite Photo!

The competition was fierce this year! We received the highest amount of submissions ever since we first began this competition several years ago. Our judges enjoyed seeing your photos that beautifully showcased California's waterways across the state. It was a tough choice but the judges have narrowed the hundreds of photos received down to 25 finalists. **Now it's your turn to vote for your favorite.**

The voting period runs through **September 30**. Vote up to once per day and share with your friends. Voters will determine the People's Choice Award and nine Best Photo winners. CalTrout's judges' panel will determine the Grand Prize winner.

[Click to VOTE](#)

GRAND PRIZE – 1 Winner

Photo featured on the home page of CalTrout website, one-year CalTrout membership, Sage Foundation rod and 2200 Series reel with 20 lb. Rio line, CalTrout embroidered Patagonia Fleece, and CalTrout neck gaiter (\$575 value).

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – 1 Winner

Photo featured on the home page of CalTrout website, one-year CalTrout membership, Tenkara USA Fly Rod and Starter Kit, CalTrout embroidered Patagonia Refugio backpack, and CalTrout neck gaiter (\$400 value).

BEST PHOTOS – 9 Winners

Photo included on Caltrout.org photo contest page, one-year CalTrout membership, CalTrout embroidered Patagonia Fleece, and CalTrout neck gaiter (\$215 value).

Thank you to everyone that submitted photographs and good luck! Winners will be announced on October 5th.



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

Governor Newsom has indicated he will veto SB1, the bill to enforce environmental regulations currently in place if the Trump administration rolls them back. Unfortunately, if the governor vetoes this bill, it will make it easier for the Trump administration to remove environmental protections for the delta (and endangered salmon) and send more water south.

Restore the Delta has this to say about SB1:

“We have spent 2019 working to be the voice of reason from the Delta and to build a bridge with the Newsom administration. That is all now in danger of crumbling. If Governor Newsom continues to echo the talking points of water contractors and vetoes SB1, he will allow Delta fisheries to collapse.

“SB1 is based on the 2011 biological opinions and all the related fishery management science of the Delta, and fishery protections equal water quality protections for the Delta's 4 million people. He will be rejecting protection of the estuary and its people, plus a host of needed water quality and air quality protections for the state. He is choosing big ag and big water interests over public health and a healthy and clean environment for all Californians.

“We have tracked the Voluntary Agreements to reset flow standards for the Delta tributaries, but like other Delta public entities, were never invited to the table. When the California Department of Water Resources, and California Fish and wildlife introduced the Voluntary Agreements to the State Water Resources Control Board, they promised agreements that would be more protective of the Delta than the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. But a veto of SB1 will open the door to make the Voluntary Agreements meaningless. We spent years working at the State Water Resources Control Board to advance a Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan that was protective of the Delta. We will not accept the imperfect Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan being replaced with a disastrous Voluntary Agreement based on a gutting of environmental protections.

“Governor Newsom, please sign SB1!”

This would be a good time to call the Governor's office and let him know how you feel about SB1. His office's phone number is (916) 445-2841.

Two months ago I noted that the Trump Administration suppressed a new Biological Opinion (Biop) from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that would govern operations of the Federal Central Valley Project to deliver water to San Joaquin Valley agricultural interests. The report from those agencies concluded that the Preferred Alternative (sending more water south) would adversely affect winter-run Chinook salmon, which is already endangered. Rather than use this information, the administration pulled all the scientists off the report and submitted it for review to another team of scientists assembled just for that purpose. The new review has not yet concluded, but the desire of the Trump administration is clear – they cannot deliver on their promise to send more water south unless the biop shows no harm. Science is being perverted for political purposes in the most blatant manner. The LA Times recently published a story on this issue at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2019-08-20/trump-california-water-salmon-farms>.

The Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge is a poster child for what can go wrong when humans attempt to subvert nature. Many club members are old enough to remember the reports of deformed birds at the refuge that were poisoned by selenium in the wastewater drained from agricultural fields on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. The refuge was created by draining water from fields into ponds to evaporate. This process concentrated the selenium present in the soil (and leached out by irrigation runoff water) to levels that poisoned the birds.

In 2001 a coalition of fishermen's groups filed suit, contending that the Grasslands Bypass Project, a tile drainage system like that used for Kesterson, requires a Clean Water Act discharge permit. A lower court sided with the Bureau of Reclamation, citing an exception to the permitting requirement for discharges “composed entirely” of return flows from agricultural runoff. Earlier this month, though, the

9th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision. It concluded that the defendants had the burden of establishing that the return flows were “composed entirely” of return from irrigated agriculture. It also disagreed with the lower court’s reading of “entirely”. The lower court ruled the discharge could be composed of a “majority” of water produced by irrigation. The case has been remanded to Federal District Court for further proceedings.

California Water Research (click [here](#)) has a wealth of information on water issues in the state. I’ve excerpted a recent post here that reports on a panel discussion hosted by the Sacramento Press Club that included Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of Natural Resources, Jeffrey Kightlinger, general manager and CEO of Metropolitan Water District, and Jennifer Pierre, general manager of the State Water Contractors. Stuart Leavenworth from the LA Times moderated the panel.

The Newsom administration has committed to modernizing Delta Conveyance to protect water supplies from earthquakes and sea level rise. In a July 8 update to the Metropolitan Water District’s Water Planning and Stewardship Committee, Crowfoot stated, *“if you are a state agency and you are building infrastructure that you want to exist and be operating in 2100, you need to plan for between 5 and 10 feet of sea level rise.”* Crowfoot emphasized that sea level rise was one of the reasons the Newsom administration supported the Delta tunnel, stating, *“when we’re talking about really protecting our water supply against sea level rise and saltwater intrusion, the underground conveyance or the tunnel becomes quite important.”*

The Newsom administration has relied on assertions by the Department of Water Resources that the North Delta is 15 feet above sea level. But as explained in California Water Research’s [August 12 blog post](#), this assertion is misleading. In the North Delta, only the top of the Sacramento River levee is

15 feet above sea level. Elevations at Courtland and Hood range from -1 to 8 feet above sea level, and the bottom of the Sacramento River is over 20 feet below sea level. California Water Research has recommended that new modeling be done of the performance of the North Delta intakes with high sea level rise.

During the Q&A period at the Sacramento Press Club luncheon, Deirdre Des Jardins advised the attendees of these facts. She asked Kightlinger and Pierre if they would commit to modeling the performance of the North Delta intakes with 10 feet of sea level rise and widespread levee failure. In response, Kightlinger stated that MWD is looking at moving the Delta tunnel intakes 20-30 miles north to accommodate sea level rise. Kightlinger stated that MWD is evaluating the increased costs of a longer tunnel, versus the benefits of extending the lifetime of the project.

It is unclear what intake locations Kightlinger was referring to. But in 2010, the Department of Water Resources evaluated two sets of locations north of Freeport, which would resist salinity intrusion with 10+ feet of sea level rise. The first set includes two locations on the west bank of the Sacramento River in South Sacramento, the second set, two locations upstream of the American River confluence. A third set of alternative locations was downstream of the confluence with Steamboat Slough. These would benefit salmon but have less resistance to salinity intrusion.

As part of “assessment of efforts to modernize Delta Conveyance,” California Water Research has recommended that the Newsom administration document that the WaterFix intake locations need to be reassessed for performance with 10 feet of sea level rise and widespread levee failure.

You can see maps of the possible intake locations at the [blog post](#).



Yuba Fest 2019 is a gathering of people celebrating the Yuba River watershed. People passionate about fly fishing, conservation projects, education and sharing a sense of community are invited to come.

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- Fly Fishing Traditions, an educational fly fishing guide service,
- Gold Country Fly Fishers, the fly fishing club that calls the Yuba its home river, and
- Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), representing fly fishing clubs from Northern California.

FFD OUTREACH: 2019 Putah Creek Cleanup Day

Summary by Tom Robinson

We had a great turnout for the 2019 Annual Putah Creek Cleanup Day with over 40 volunteers. Ian Hawes coordinated the Golden Valley 4H group, which numbered ~20 enthusiastic trash pickers. The group met at Access 5 at 9:00 am and divided up to clean all the Accesses in the IDR including the Lake Berryessa Dam. After picking up more that 600 lbs of trash and recyclables the group met back at Access 1 for lunch, sponsored by the Fly Fishers of Davis, and a raffle. A big thank you to Dana Hooper who offered his trailer to haul all of the trash to the drop-off point.



Over 40 volunteers showed up early Saturday



Steve Karr explains how to document the trash pickup



It was great to see volunteers young and old at the cleanup day



You would not believe the number of beer cans along the road



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The group found 4 hubcaps among the 600 lb + trash



Someone dumped their old hunting blind on the side of the road



Kim Petersen staged the lunch provided by FFD



The group enjoys their lunch after working hard



Steve Karr calls out raffle ticket numbers for PCT swag



Thanks to everyone for making a difference on our local waterway!



UTINGS FFD

2019-2020

<u>Trip 2019</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	TBD	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
<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	February	Dan Kathan	415-713-8952	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Baum Lake	Trout		March	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	
Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$194.00 / day (check only) + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	
Lake Berryessa	Mult Sp.	Boat	April	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Yuba UCD Property	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Limited Spots / Access Fee
Putah Creek	Trout		TBD	Steve Karr		sk60@putahcreektrout.org
Hat Creek	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	Fly 101 Camping
Sac River Shad	Shad	Boat	May 23	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater
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 / Frenchman Lake	Trout	Boat	June 5 - 7	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
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	John Imsdahl	775-622-3076	Camping

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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**

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