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The Fisherman's Line

# August Meeting, Tuesday August 25, 2020 7:30 pm Via Zoom Webinar (Pre-registration Required) Aaron O'Leary Presents: Fly Fishing the Florida Keys and Louisiana

his month, Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Aaron O'Leary, via Zoom Webinar, who will give a brief overview of some amazing saltwater fishing both in the Florida Keys and Louisiana. Aaron will talk about some of the tactics to sight cast to these amazing Tarpon, Bonefish and Redfish including discussions on flies, presentation, line management, gear, and spotting fish.





Fly fishing has been a part of Aaron's life since age 10, when he inherited a fly rod from his grandfather. Little did he know that a rod and reel would change his life. After graduating high school, Aaron headed to Bristol Bay, AK to become an apprentice fly fishing guide. Fly fishing became his primary passion after that summer. Aaron started guiding in Washington state for steelhead, salmon, and trout. Aaron's pursuit of fish on a fly led to destination travel, such as New Zealand and Belize. After sight casting for weeks to trout in New Zealand and then tropical species in the Caribbean and Baja, he was addicted to the hunt. Soon after that, he experienced tarpon in FL and then redfish in Louisiana. Aaron feels fortunate to be able to chase some epic fish during their peak times. Upon returning home to Washington in 2007, Aaron started his guide service, Angler's Obsession. Aaron now focuses on Olympic Peninsula Steelhead January through mid-April; Tarpon, Bonefish, and other flats species in South Florida mid-April through July; and summer steelhead and fall chinook on the Klickitat August through November. Aaron currently spends just about every day of the year on a river or flat somewhere, blown out or in shape.

# THE PREZ SEZ By Tristan Leong

# Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

With each passing day we are working to transition the club to a more user-friendly online format. Last month we hosted our first online club meeting, reaching 60 club members. We are hoping to add even more participants during this month's meeting. I thank everyone for providing some great feedback on our first foray into the online meeting world, and will be incorporating many of your ideas moving forward. Our programs and club will continue to improve and grow online, but we can be even more successful with your help. Please take the opportunity to let your fellow club members (and others) know that we will continue to host monthly speakers, future events, and flyfishing content (even if it's telling tall fish tales) online. We look forward to seeing you and growing our online community!

# Tristan









# **SPACES AVAILABLE**

# Don't miss out on this opportunity!!

We still have spaces available for the October 2020 FFD Guided Lower Sac Outing.

This outing is for ALL levels of fly fishing.

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2 Spaces	Wednesday	October 14, 2020	Guide: Greg Dean
2 Spaces	Wednesday	October 14, 2020	Guide: Bryan Balog
2 Spaces	Thursday	October 15, 2020	Guide: Greg Dean
2 Spaces	Thursday	October 15, 2020	Guide: Kris Kennedy
2 Spaces	Friday	October 16, 2020	Guide: Greg Dean
2 Spaces	Friday	October 16, 2020	Guide: Shane Kohlbeck
2 Spaces	Saturday	October 17, 2020	Guide: Shane Kohlbeck
2 Spaces	Saturday	October 17, 2020	Guide: Bryan Balog

# Cost: \$225.00 / person (personal check) + tip

To claim the spot or If you have any questions about the outing, **contact Dana Hooper** at trouthookup1@gmail.com or call (916) 343-9732

# **CONSERVATION REPORT**

By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation email list at: <u>flyfishersofdavis.org/mailman/listinfo/ffd-conservation\_flyfishersofdavis.org</u>

The four dams on the Klamath River had been planned for removal starting this year. As a refresher, the dam owner (Pacificorp) and many different groups with an interest in the Klamath Basin, including the federal government, irrigators, tribes, and environmental groups worked long and hard to craft the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) in 2008 that mapped out a process for removing the dams, restore the river, and find a solution to water allocation in the basin. In 2010, the group released the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) that, together with the KBRA, established the framework for dam removal, a funding process for river restoration and habitat improvement, increased regulatory certainty for irrigators, and other benefits.



KHSA and the funding agreements from California and Oregon presented a net benefit and was in the best interest of Pacificorp's customers. The complexity of the agreement and the solutions proposed required Congressional approval of the KHSA and KBRA, but despite concerted efforts by all parties Congress did not provide the needed legislation before the December 2015 expiration of the agreements.

The KHSA/KBRA parties did not let the lack of Congressional action terminate the agreements, but continued to renegotiate a solution under section 8.11 of the KHSA (this section was included in case the agreements were not approved). The revised KHSA required the establishment of an independent dam removal entity that would assume the dam

operating licenses and then remove the dams. This would preserve Pacificorp's customer protections that were part of the original KHSA. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) was formed to assume the licenses and would have access to the \$450 million available under the original settlement. The KRRC would also assume sole responsibility and liability for accepting the licenses and removing the dams.

In September 2016, Pacificorp and KRRC jointly applied to the Federal Energy Relicensing Commission (FERC) to transfer the licenses to KRRC. Over the past four years, both corporations have been working to address FERC's questions regarding the ability of KRRC to remove the dams, the funding needed for it, the costs of the project, and the risks and liabilities associated with it.

Last month FERC ruled on the application. FERC did not approve the concept of transferring liability solely to a third party (KRRC), but instead approved a "partial" license transfer. This allows KRRC to become a co-licensee and keeps Pacificorp equally liable for the costs and liabilities associated with the project.

This is a setback for dam removal, but is not terminal. Pacificorp is still committed to removal of the four lower dams on the Klamath, and has sent a letter to the KHSA signatories that is remains committed to finding a solution. The parties now go back to negotiating under Section 8.11 of the KHSA. It will take some more time to remove the dams, but all parties remain committed to a free-flowing Klamath River.

You can read more about the Klamath dams, Matilija dam, and the Potter Valley Project at Maven's Notebook.

Bristol Bay is threatened once again, as the Army Corps of Engineers last month issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement that will pave the way for Pebble Mine. In case you missed this issue earlier, the proposed Pebble Mine sits at the headwaters of the Bristol Bay watershed. Bristol Bay is the home of the largest salmon run in Alaska, one of the world's most productive that generates \$1.5

billion a year along with 14,000 jobs. All five Eastern Pacific species spawn in the bay's tributaries, and support a local sport fishing industry. Pollution from the mine would seriously threaten this fishery.

As an example of the disaster that could befall Bristol Bay, in 2014 a tailing pond at the nearby Mt. Polley mine was breached, releasing water and slurry waste into Polley Lake and downstream rivers and lakes. Elevated levels of selenium, arsenic, and other metals contaminated the downstream waters, leading some to call the spill the biggest environmental disaster in modern Canadian history. The Pebble Mine Limited Partnership claimed such a spill was not possible in Bristol Bay, despite the fact that the same engineering firm had been hired for both mines.

In 2014 the EPA, under the Obama Administration, determined that Northern Dynasty Minerals could not apply to the Army Corps of Engineers for a permit because a massive mine could have "significant" and potentially "catastrophic" impacts on the region. The company sued the EPA, claiming it violated the Clean Water Act and colluded with outside groups. In 2017, the EPA and Pebble Limited Partnership reached a settlement that had the EPA withdraw its determination and allow the company to pursue a permit with the Army Corps. The FEIS released by the Army Corps last month disregarded overwhelming local opposition and broad scientific consensus to conclude that the mine will yield "no measurable harm" to the fishery.

The Army Corps will issue a Record of Decision after 30 days. The EPA has the authority to veto the project, but it's unlikely under the current administration that it will do so. Under the Obama administration, and after three years of scientific study that included two independent peer reviews, EPA issued a proposed determination under 404(c) in 2014 that would have placed common sense restrictions on the mine. In a purely political move not supported by reason or science, EPA withdrew the proposed determination last year—choosing instead to rely on the Army Corps' permitting process.

Toxic algae is blooming in the Delta under the hot summer sun, causing San Joaquin County and local communities to scramble to address it. Conservation groups seized on the issue to point out that Governor Newsom's proposed water plan could worsen the problem. It relies on Sites Reservoir in northern California and the Delta Tunnel to send more water around the delta rather than flushing it out to the bay. This plan would lead to a more stagnant delta and increase toxic algae blooms.

The Bureau of Reclamation has proposed raising the Shasta Dam and is seeking public input on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. By raising the 600-foot-tall Shasta Dam by 3% or an additional 18.5 feet, the proposed project would increase water storage capacity in the Shasta Lake reservoir by 634,000 acre-feet or more than 200 billion gallons—enough water to support two million people a year. Of course, increasing capacity does not ensure that it can be used. There would need to be sufficient rainfall to fill the lake, and that happens rarely.

In October 2018, President Trump issued a Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. The memo spells out how during the 20th century the federal government invested enormous resources in water infrastructure throughout the western United States, including California, to reduce flood risks to communities; provide reliable water supplies for farms, families, businesses and fish and wildlife; and generate dependable hydropower.

The memo directed the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce to expedite environmental reviews of water resources projects in the western United States.

View the Draft Supplemental EIS online at <a href="https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\_project\_details.php?Project\_ID=1915">https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\_project\_details.php?Project\_ID=1915</a>. Submit comments by close of business on September 21 to David Brick, Bureau of Reclamation, CGB-152, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, via telephone at 916-202-7158 (TTY 1-800-877-8339) or via email at <a href="mailto:dbrick@usbr.gov">dbrick@usbr.gov</a>.

# PATAGONIA ON THE FLY

Fly Fishers of Davis, in cooperation with Lago Rosario Lodge ("LRL") is again pleased to announce the opportunity for its members to participate in a "once in a lifetime" travel and fly fishing adventure to the Patagonia Region of South America. Presently, the trip is scheduled for the Lodge's summer season of 2021 (January – March) with lodging and fishing programs being offering at up to a 20% discount off listed rates.

### LAGO ROSARIO LODGE

Logo Rosario Lodge (http://lagorosariolodge.com) is a first class, full service operator located an hour's drive south of Esquel, Chubut, Argentina.

The Lodge is designed for comfort and accommodates a maximum of eight quests at any one time. The cuisine at LRL is inspired and memorable. Meals are prepared on a daily basis by its two gourmet chefs who use only the freshest local and organic ingredients.

Its location affords fishers the opportunity to test their skills on its world-class spring creeks, small to medium sized freestone rivers, and trophy still waters in the pursuit of rainbow, brown and brook trout. One of the unique elements of the LRL fishing experience is that each day every pair of anglers is assigned an experienced local English-speaking guide and an assistant.



# FISHING PROGRAMS

# "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).

FFD Member Rate: 5,950

# "Patagonia Fishing Expedition" - 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS / 7 1/2 FISHING DAYS

The Expedition consists of two unique experiences. During the first half of the stay, guests will travel via a specially designed and equipped Mercedes Benz utility vehicle through some of Patagonia's most scenic and remote areas. These unforgettable landscapes hold glacier fed waters and afford the opportunity to fish otherwise inaccessible waters.

The balance of the stay will be spent at the comfortable Lago Rosario Lodge with daily excursions to local area spring creeks, rivers, and lakes. The excursion includes a local English-speaking guide and one assistant per two anglers.

FFD Member Rate: \$4,790

# "One Week Package" - 7 NIGHTS / 6 FISHING DAYS

During the week, 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.

FFD Member Rate: \$3,710

#### *I NCLUDED*

- Double room
- Gourmet meals
- Alcoholic beverages
- Fishing licenses

# NOT INCLUDED

- Air fare
- Custom fees
- Gratuities
- Incidentals

# **Testimonials**

Earlier this year, four members of FFD traveled to the Logo Rosario Lodge and experienced ten (10) days of fishing the waters of the Patagonia Region of Argentina and Chile. Each would be pleased to share their experiences.

For further information, please contact Ken Lazzaroni at <a href="mailto:kmlazzaroni@yahoo.com">kmlazzaroni@yahoo.com</a>







# FROM THE WAY BACK MACHINE: The Fisherman's Line - August

Excerpts from the 80s (Usually there isn't a newsletter in August)

July-August 1980

Editors: Ron Rabun/Cal Kado President: Sarge Reynolds

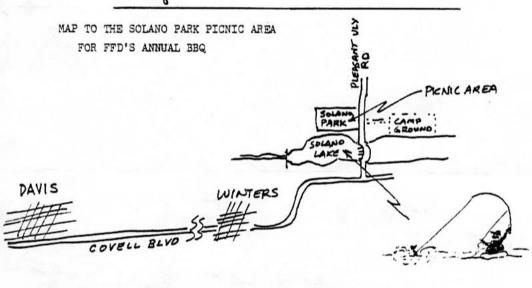


For full version of the July-August 1980 Newletter (.pdf)

# President's Message: Since this particular issue of our newsletter may be filled with fishing tales from Alaska and Yellowstone Park, I'll keep this brief. First, a reminder about our upcoming Putah Creek bar-b-que - be there if you want to get the word directly from that Lake Solano expert, Mike Monroe. Second, the registration forms for the NCCFFC Conclave '80 have gone out. If you've gotten your form, please send it in soon because the council has to get down to some nitty-gritty planning. If you didn't

gotten your form, please send it in soon because the council has to get down to some nitty-gritty planning. If you didn't get the form, just let Ron, Orris, Jon or myself know and we'll get one to you. Finally, a quick report on the Trinity River at Lewiston - fishing has been slow but smaller fish can be taken on the ol' reliable Zug Bug fished on the dead drift.

Sarge





### SPECIAL BULLETIN

The Walnut Avenue access point on the Yuba River, Yuba County is no longer open to the public. Teichert Construction Company's Rock Plant (LeRoy Gingrich, manager), owner of the access property, will no longer permit fishing access because of various abuses to the company's land (e.g. wild parties, trash, debris, too many cars, noise, etc.). Entrance to the property may only be obtained by special permission. There have been several arrests made for tresspassing.

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Editor: Stan Logan President: Jon Knapp

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Report: Annual FFD Lake Solano Picnic

#### Lake Solano was Hot?

Where was it hot? Anyone who has dipped a toe into Lake Solano knows that the water's never hot. And considering the fact that the Glory hole was high and dry, all of Putah Creek's water was gushing out of the bottom of Berryessa.

Concerning fishing--the fishing was at least luke warm. One would think that there must have been a recent trout plant. And speaking of plants, the weed beds were looking great. The water was clear enough to see the extensive development of Anacharis below the surface.

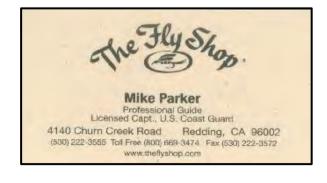
Concerning the broiling intensity of the pairs competition in the cance racing event--there must have been some confusion as Ron and Andrea paddled east, Molly and Tom paddled west, and LaVille and Stan paddled a hazardly irregular course that not only altered casting patterns from the float tubers, but was responsible for the disturbance and actual uncontrolled panic of the resident geese gaggle. The latter entry was disqualified for destroying the tranquility.

Concerning the heated lie telling competition--as expected Steve Carlson won by not only telling the most lies, but his amazing endurance found him pulling away from all competitors as the owls came out to check out the commotion. Steve unfortunately chipped a tooth as he was still talking as the gold medal was placed over his head. Sarge Reynolds was awarded the silver medal as he unrelentingly expounded on the transactions of the NCCFFF, whatever that stands for. The bronze was awarded to a dark horse entrant imported quietly from Europe. John Menkevich apparently told very effective lies since a few whispers to the judges were convincing enough (along with his size) to earn a third place. Steve Ohrwall was awarded the annual Jeff Float fourth place award for maintining a constant insistance that all the fish were in his area. All other float tubers recognized this lie, however, and stayed a good distance away. Another exposed lie was easily recognized when Mike Harding tried to promote his latest float tube inovation -- a stylish high-backed model with extensive storage compartments and absolutely no seat. Mike insisted that the seat was purposely omitted so that the fisherman would have to tread water while fishing. Mike said that this special design increased cardiopulmonary capacity and would lead to more years of successful fishing. His statements, however, became suspect when he used his float tube only in shallows where he could stand on the bottom. Since there were no medals available for Mike's contribution to the lie contest, he was given a pile of styrofoam from which to design a more successful floating apparatus.

The awards ceremony brought tears to everyones eyes. It was an evening we would all try to forget, but a solmn vow was taken by all in attendance to return to the same site one year from that day to renew the hot competition so vital to a fly fisherman's existance.



<u>Trip 2020</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
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	TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722	Day trip
Lewiston Lake	2		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
Old Foge rip	Trou	7	TBD	Bob Brodberg	530-756-9071	Backpacking
Frenchman L	Trout	Y	BD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Camping
McCloud River	On		Octub	Gene Gnatt	707-590-3446	Camping
Lower Sac Float	Trout	وا تا	October 9 - 12	a in p	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check only) + tip
Striper Fest 2019	Stripers	Boat	N ember 2	Dana Hooper	9 - 12 9732	Boater pair with non boater
Pyramid Lake	Trout		No ember	Cory Boyden	530-755-3 6	
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Trinity River Trip	Trout	Guide	Februar	Kathan	415-713-695	2 00 / (check only) + tip
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Lower Sac Float	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	916-343-9732	\$212.00 / day (check + tip
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	
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	TBD	Cary Boyden	530-753-3826	Boater paired with non boater





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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate.

Meetings and membership are opened to the public.

The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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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

For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member to attend any of our outings