

*Fly Fishers of Davis*<http://www.FlyFishersofDavis.org>

Volume 50 Issue 11

**The Fisherman's Line**

## **November Meeting, Tuesday November 30, 2021** **7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club & Zoom** **Phil Rowley: Introduction To Stillwaters**

This month, Tuesday November 30, 2021, at Stonegate Country Club and via Zoom, FFD Members will hear from Phil Rowley who will be presenting Introduction to Stillwaters. Lakes are one of the most challenging opportunities available to today's fly fisher. Stillwaters offer a long active season with numerous hatch and presentation challenges. Fish grow big and fat, an appeal many find hard to resist. But the transfer from rivers and streams is often difficult, especially if a prolonged trial and error approach is adopted. This program examines the stillwater fly fisher's kit bag, expectations, fly patterns and an introduction into the diverse food sources.

Phil has been fly fishing for over 35 years. His love of fly fishing has taken him across North and South America pursuing trout, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, char, pike, walleye, and numerous other species on the fly. Phil is probably best known for his stillwater exploits.

A former commercial fly tyer, Phil has written for almost every major fly fishing publication in North America. He has authored four books including his recently released Orvis Guide to Stillwater Trout Fishing along with numerous feature articles and has been the fly-tying columnist for B.C. Outdoors Magazine for over ten years. Phil's first book, Fly Patterns for Stillwaters, is a best seller. In 2014, Phil was the proud recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from Fly Tyer magazine, and in 2017 the Jean-Guy Cote award for his contribution to Canadian fly tying.



When he isn't on the water, Phil travels North America performing at outdoor shows, providing seminars, speaking to fly clubs, conducting fly-fishing schools and fly tying clinics. Phil also provides instructional stillwater guiding on the lakes located a short distance from his Edmonton area home.

Phil has appeared on several T.V. shows, including B.C. Outdoors Sports Fishing, Sports Fishing Adventures, The New Fly Fisher, Sport Fishing B.C., Fishing Alberta, Let's Go Outdoors, and Fishing with Shelly and Courtney.

Make a point of visiting or following Phil on-line at [www.flycraftangling.com](http://www.flycraftangling.com) or [www.stillwaterflyfishingstore.com](http://www.stillwaterflyfishingstore.com) and through his social media channels, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

## **THE PREZ SEZ**

**By Tristan Leong**

Happy Thanksgiving FFD,

I'm hopeful that in between the holiday shuffle, stuffing, turkey, and shopping you've managed to take a few moments to reflect on this past year. There's much to be thankful for and I am especially thankful to be part of this wonderful club. Aside from meeting new people, seeing old friends, and fishing new waters, FFD provides incalculable benefits. I am proud to have served as part of the stewardship of the club through these past few years. Which leads me to my main point - my term as president ends January 1, 2022. I will be staying on as Club Treasurer, but will need to surrender my presidential responsibilities. While we have some new board member candidates, we unfortunately do not have a direct line of succession to our leadership positions. Therefore, I am reaching out to you (the membership) to ask that you consider stepping up or serving as a board member and future officer. We need stewards of our club who will help us continue the great work we've embarked upon, continue outreach and the community building we've established, and to ensure this club remains strong.

Please feel free to email or reach out to me if you have any questions or interest. We are looking for 3 new Board candidates prior to the new year.

Tristan



## MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Andan Bailey is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers or if you have ideas for one at [programs@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:programs@flyfishersofdavis.org)

<b>Fly Fishers of Davis 2021 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
November	Phil Rowley	November 30	Introduction To Stillwaters
December		December 14	Home Grown

## IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



### IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS

**Website Members:** If you signed up for membership on the new FFD website, you will get an email in the late December/early January timeframe with your renewal details. No need to go to the website before that, so please wait for your renewal information email.

**Website Non-members:** If you're an FFD member, but you did not sign up on the website and you wish to renew your Membership, please stop by the membership table at our next in-person general meeting, and pay your dues with check, cash, or credit card for 2022. You can also send a renewal check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. box 525, Davis, CA, 95617.

**Note:** our preferred method is for website non-members to become website members, by signing up on the website!

Dues for adults and families are still \$30/year, and the student rate is \$15/year. Your dues help to fund almost all club activities — including our superb array of guest speakers, outings, the annual picnic, fly casting and fly tying clinics, our amazing FFD 101 classes, Salmon in the Classroom, and best of all, our contributions to numerous outreach, education And conservation organizations.

Thank you for your generosity and continuing support!



Fly Fishers of Davis is now on Facebook! Like Us and Follow Us to get the Latest updates on Club Events and other News.

[Facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis](https://www.facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis)

***Specializing in Personalized***

- Fly boxes
- Reels
- Reel seats
- Pocket knives

## *FFD Website News — November 2021*

*By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner*

Here's a quick summary of what's new in the website this month!



- New Klikitat pictures! Major trophies for John and the gang, up in the Northwest!
  - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/gallery-2021/2021-klikitat/>
- The dates for Dana's FFD 101/201 classes have been removed from the website, but please stay tuned for Dana's next set of classes. They are *very* popular!
- We've created a direct link to Cary's Youth Fly Fishing Scholarship page. Plus, at the bottom of the page, you'll find a link to his beautiful and heartwarming memorial site.
  - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>
  - If you'd like to donate towards recouping costs for the beautiful memorial plaque that is permanently installed at Cary's site at Hebgen Lake, please follow this link to our club's donation page: <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/donations/>
- And now, a special website video treat for **members only**! If you're an FFD member and you have a valid website user name and password, you will discover a new menu under **Resources** when you log in:

### **Presentation Archive Videos**

- Click the link to visit the new Archive Videos page! Here, you'll be able to watch past presentations from our recent featured speakers. Enjoy, but please, do not share or re-post these videos. Thank you!
- Many of you have asked, "How can I get a picture (or multiple pictures) posted on the website in the galleries?" It's easy! Please send a quick request to the webmaster, tell us how many pictures you have, and the location, and we'll get back to you with the procedure. Please do not send pix to the webmaster.

More to come! Please contact us with suggestions at [webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org).



# **CONSERVATION REPORT**

*By Lowell Ashbaugh*

**Conservation Mailing List** Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to join, and search for “FFD-Conservation”. Or send an email to [Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com](mailto:Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com) with your request.

**The U.S. District Court** for the Northern District of California vacated a Trump Clean Water Act rule and restored state and tribal authority to ensure that federally permitted activities fully comply with state and tribal law. The Trump rule implementing Section 401 of the Clean Water Act allowed federal agencies to approve projects against the wishes of states and tribes. “The rule changes would have devastated California’s ability to manage its rivers,” said Redgie Collins of California Trout. “We are relieved hydroelectric projects must still comply with local and state rules to provide flowing water and protect fish.”

This rule change, coupled with another rule recently invalidated by a federal court, restore both the Clean Water Act’s broad application to waters across the nation, and state and Tribal authority to ensure their standards and laws apply. The other rule attempted to roll back water bodies from Waters of the United States and exclude them from the Clean Water Act’s safeguards.

“Today’s victory is not just a win for clean water, it also restores important, basic rights of democracy to participate in public review for permitting,” said Nic Nelson of Idaho Rivers United. “Importantly, this also represents an inverse from the previous administration’s attempt to subvert state’s rights and Tribal authority and oversight.”

**The Potter Valley Project** is a hydro-electricity project that includes two dams on the Eel River (Scott Dam and Cape Horn Dam), water diversion facilities, and a powerhouse. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) owns the Potter Valley Project. The project stores winter runoff from the upper Eel River basin and annually diverts an average of ~90,000 acre-feet of Eel River water into the Russian River to generate hydroelectric power. Scott Dam blocks Eel River migratory access to several hundred miles of habitat for Federally listed Chinook salmon, coho salmon, winter steelhead, and potentially summer steelhead.

The current hydroelectric project license expires in April 2022. PG&E has withdrawn its notice of intent and pre-application document for continuing the project, and has effectively abandoned the project.

Last month the powerhouse at Lake Pillsbury failed, shutting down the Potter Valley Project indefinitely. The failure removes a large part of the diversion of Eel River water to the Russian River, and may make it impossible to refill Lake Mendocino, which is currently critically low. PG&E is currently evaluating whether to repair the powerhouse, but the cost to do so may make it more economical to decommission the project. Although some water can be diverted to Lake Mendocino through a bypass channel, most needs to flow through the turbines. That flow can not be maintained with the powerplant failure.

An additional complication is that climate change will reduce the rainfall that fills Lake Pillsbury, and therefore reduce the potential to operate the power plant and divert water to the Russian River via Lake Mendocino.

The Two-Basin Partnership, a consortium of agencies including the Sonoma County Water Agency, the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, the Round Valley tribes, Humboldt County, and CalTrout, had expressed an earlier desire to operate the project. The powerplant failure, though, put those plans in jeopardy.

**The Westlands Water District** proposed permanent contract with the Central Valley Project has been rejected by Fresno Superior Court Judge D. Tyler Tharp. The contract would have allocated nearly twice the amount of water that Los Angeles residents use in a year. Westlands currently has the lowest priority in water allocation.

Judge Tharp found that Westlands misled the court and the public, and that the contract lacked key financial terms and proper public notice under the Brown Act.

“This is a victory for the rule of law, fishery protections and the public’s water supplies,” said

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations Executive Director Mike Conroy. "Westlands hid the ball from the public and rushed this contract through to get a sweetheart deal from their former lobbyist David Bernhardt whose Interior Department put in the fix to try to escape more than \$400 million in fish and wildlife mitigation costs owed."

"The California water supply has been notoriously over-appropriated for decades, leading to massive losses of native salmon from California's central valley rivers, and major economic declines for the industry and hard-working commercial fishing families that PCFFA represents. Under the proposed contract, California State agencies would be denied millions of program dollars. Now, a revised and redrafted water supply contract will be required to ensure those dollars be protected," noted Conroy.

Read the full story by Dan Bacher [at the Sacramento News and Review](#).

**Putah Creek Council** reports that the Los Rios check dam (in the Yolo Bypass that acts as a barrier for migrating salmon) was removed in early November. [Central Valley fall-run Chinook salmon](#) (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) migrate upstream as adults from July through December and spawn from early October through late December. We can expect to see Chinook salmon in Putah Creek very soon!

The migration of Chinook salmon along Putah Creek is exciting! However, we must remember to be responsible creek users and salmon viewers! No fishing and no netting salmon. Putah Creek below Lake Solano is closed to fishing for salmon and wild steelhead trout. Please do not wade in spawning areas and be sure to keep your dogs on out of the waters during this delicate and important time! Wading in the water, whether it be by a human or a dog, can disturb salmon nests (called redds) and trample eggs.

**The Butte Creek salmon run** this past summer was one of the largest in decades, with estimates of 15,000 to 20,000 fish returning. Unfortunately, most of them died before spawning due to high water temperatures. The Northern California Water Association attempted to minimize the die-off, saying the high temperatures "appeared to be lethal for some adult fish." According to CDFW snorkel surveys,

12,370-14,500 fish out of the estimated 18,000 died before spawning.

The good news is that the surviving salmon are spawning. If water temperatures are not too high, the young fish will have a good chance of survival.

**The California Water** Blog has an interesting post on [Managing Water Stored for the Environment During Drought](#). It's too long for me to summarize adequately here, so I urge you to follow the link and read it. Here are the take-home points.

The CVP and SWP (the "projects") are designed principally to store and deliver freshwater to cities and farms. Environmental standards operate as a constraint on project operations, rather than as a water supply priority.

As a case in point, despite exceptionally low runoff during last winter, low reservoir storage at the end of winter, limited snowpack, and unusually warm and dry conditions, the projects released significant quantities of water in April and May to meet water supply priorities for municipal and agricultural water contractors.

By the end of spring, project reservoirs held insufficient water to meet water quality and flow requirements for the summer and fall. This especially [harmed salmon](#), including winter-run Chinook that are close to extinction, because the reservoirs did not retain sufficient cold water to meet temperature standards in the upper Sacramento River. It also made it difficult for the projects to maintain water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for in-Delta users and Delta exports, ultimately requiring installation of a salinity barrier.

In June, citing "critically low storage levels" in CVP and SWP reservoirs, the State Water Resources Control Board issued a [temporary urgency change \(TUC\) order](#) that relaxed environmental standards from June 1 to August 15. These changes might not have been needed if the projects had operated their reservoirs more conservatively in April and May.

The writers recommend setting aside ecosystem water budgets that would function as senior water rights to leave water for environmental use. Read the full post at the link above for more.

## *FFD Grab Bag – November 2021*

**FFD Newbie Mystery Grab Bags!**  
Attention FFD newbies, first-timers and beginners!



At our next monthly general (in-person) meeting, we're introducing a brand-new raffle-table feature for newbies, first-timers and beginners: **Mystery Grab Bags!** Each bag is chock full of fly-fishing goodies, designed to help you get started, stock up your inventory, and generally bring a smile to your face. Inside, you might find a reel, leaders, tippet, wet flies, dry flies, a selection of indicators, who knows! Each bag is very reasonably priced, and a very thrifty way to get you started. (No peeking, please!)

You may ask, why are we doing this? Well, because we just have way too much stuff, and we're passing it on to you! We consider it recycling, and besides, all proceeds go directly into the club's coffers.

Now, for all of us *current* members, we'll have a stack of *empty* grab bags available at the raffle table, ready for you to take home, fill up with your unused (and valuable) inventory, mark with a thrifty price, and bring to the next general in-person club meeting. Win-win!

See you at the next meeting!





**FFD OUTINGS: STRIPERFEST**  
Photos by FFD Members







# OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

## 2021-2022

**Proposed FFD Outings & Events Subject to Change Due to COVID-19**

<u>Trip 2021</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	November 6	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Pyramid Lake (Fall)	Trout		TBD December	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD December	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Day Trip / Fee
<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Day trip
Pyramid Lake (Spring)	Trout		TBD Feb, March	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Hotel / Camping
Baum Lake	Trout		March 25 - 27	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek 101	Trout		April 29 - 31	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	TBD March-May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
<b>FFD Annual Dinner</b>			TBD March			
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
FFD Casting Clinic			May 23, 2021	Bob Zasoski	<a href="mailto:rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net">rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net</a>	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		Prop June/July	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:trouthookup1@gmail.com">trouthookup1@gmail.com</a>	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
<b>FFD Annual Picnic</b>			TBD	Tristan Leong	<a href="mailto:tristan.leong@gmail.com">tristan.leong@gmail.com</a>	
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping

**WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT FLY TYING...**

**OUR FLY TYING STAFF**  
 BRETT DUNN  
 Denny Dunne  
 Rick Anderson  
 Ron Sneroni  
 Morgan Thalken

**FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES**

...COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF - IF YOU NEED IT, WE HAVE IT!

"They have the largest selection of fly tying materials in California!" - Andy Burk

6360 TUPELO DRIVE CUTRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95621 (916) 722-1055 HOURS: MON-FRI 10-6, SAT 9-5, SUN 10-3

*Professional Fly Fishing Instruction*

**JFF PUTNAM'S FLY FISHING SCHOOLS**

- Group Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Fly Fishing Presentations
- Hosted Travel
- Spey Casting
- Casting Instructor Classes

Website: [www.jpflyfishing.com](http://www.jpflyfishing.com) - Email: [jeff@jpflyfishing.com](mailto:jeff@jpflyfishing.com)  
 (916)366-7554

Jeff Putnam's Fly Fishing Schools- 9035 New Dawn Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826

## Officers, Directors and Committees

President:	<a href="#">Tristan Leong</a>	916-768-9359
Vice President	TBD	530-756-5038
Treasurer	<a href="#">Mark Sanders</a>	530-753-9623
Secretary	<a href="#">Mark Sanders</a>	530-753-9623
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		
2020	<a href="#">Peter Hawes</a>	530-750-1117
2021	<a href="#">Carl Lunsted</a>	707-479-0852
	<a href="#">Andan Bailey</a>	530-753-9623
2022	<a href="#">Ryan Mitchell</a>	530-756-5038
	<a href="#">Mike Rivers</a>	707-685-7878
	<a href="#">Jeff Williams</a>	
<b>COMMITTEES</b>		
Outings	<a href="#">Dana Hooper</a>	530-758-1991
Conservation	<a href="#">Lowell Ashbaugh</a>	530-758-6722
Membership	<a href="#">Ryan Mitchell</a>	530-756-5038
Communication	<a href="#">Tom Robinson</a>	530-304-0305
Newsletter	<a href="#">Tom Robinson</a>	530-304-0305
NCCFFF	<a href="#">Lowell Ashbaugh</a>	530-758-6722
Programs	<a href="#">Andan Bailey</a>	530-753-9623
Hospitality	<a href="#">Peter Hawes</a>	530-750-1117
Raffle Chair	<a href="#">Phil Reedy</a>	530-297-7535
Fly Tying	<a href="#">Bob Zasoski</a>	530-753-2241
Picnic Chair		
Youth Programs	<a href="#">Adney Bowker</a>	530-758-2674
Youth FishCamp	<a href="#">Tom Robinson</a>	530-304-0305
Video Library	<a href="#">Eric Kapucinski</a>	916-984-6438

The Fisherman's Line is published by:

**The Fly Fishers of Davis**

P. O. Box 525

Davis, California, 95617

**Copyright © Fly Fishers of Davis • All Rights Reserved**

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) is a non-Profit 501.C.4 charitable organization dedicated to the education, participation, conservation and enhancement of fly fishing. FFD meets monthly. Our regular monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except for December, and other exceptions are noted in our newsletter. December meetings are held the second Tuesday to accommodate holiday schedules.

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

### **E-Newsletter Policy**

Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed about one week before the meeting.

You may need to download Acrobat reader at:  
<https://get.adobe.com/reader/> to view our PDF newsletter.

Members are urged to maintain their current email address and other important personal data by logging in, and visiting:

<https://flyfishersofdavis.org/account/>. This ensures accurate communication and notification of our monthly newsletter, which is also downloadable at:

<https://flyfishersofdavis.org/media/newsletters/>.

**Fly Fishers of Davis**  
**PO Box 525**  
**Davis, CA 95617-0525**

## How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

FFD collects annual dues for adults (\$30), students (\$15) and families (\$30). Family membership may include a spouse and children living with named member up to maximum age of 25. All family members will share one membership and username. Please be sure to provide a valid email address. For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member or registered family member to attend any of our fishing outings.

- **Membership Benefits:** For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
- **New Members ONLY:** To join FFD, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>
- **Existing Members, Login and Dues Assistance:** email [webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org)
- **For Additional Information:** or questions email [membership@flyfishersofdavis.org](mailto:membership@flyfishersofdavis.org)