#### Fly Fishers of Davis

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## The Fisherman's Line

# December Meeting, Tuesday January 25, 2022 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club & Zoom

# Jon Martin Presents: Exploring Your Local Tailwaters: Winter and Spring on the Feather and Yuba Rivers

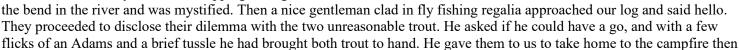
his month, Tuesday January 25, 2022, at Stonegate Country Club & via Zoom, FFD Members will hear from Jon Martin, live at the venue, who will cover seasonal target species of both the Feather and Yuba Rivers. Jon will cover, in brief, fly angling tactics for trout, steelhead, and shad as well as relevant equipment, flies, access points, river safety and other local tidbits. The presentation will focus primarily on winter and spring/early summer angling opportunities so that

attendees will be able to use the guidance to enhance their angling

experiences in the months to come.

Growing up in Sacramento Jon used to fish as a youngster when his parents took trips to the Sacramento Delta or up to the Sierras where they camped every summer. Jon still has a vivid memory of his first Bluegill and watching his bobber disappear under the water like magic and his first mountain trout caught on a salmon egg. He also remembers the day he decided he needed to try fly fishing.

Jon was sitting on a log that spanned the river with my camping buddy and they would been trying to catch two large planters all morning throwing lures and bait to no avail. They were frustrated and getting bored. Jon saw the fly line first, whipping through the trees around the



disappeared downstream. Jon's dad had an old Fenwick fiberglass rod lying around in the garage and the rest is history.



Jon has fly fished the Northern California area for the last twenty five years. Jon believes he has learned a thing or two. Having decided that he had caught enough fish for a lifetime Jon figured he should share his passion for the sport with others. This sport, steeped in history and tradition, is very special to Jon as are the people, rivers and fish that he encounters on his outings. Jon's goal is to share the joy of the outdoors and fly angling with anyone who cares to listen. Jon is a trout and steelhead angler seventy five percent of the time, but also enjoys warm and salt water angling when opportunities present themselves. Jon looks forward to enriching your angling experience in Northern California and beyond.

### THE PREZ SEZ



The Covid-19 Pandemic has been very disruptive for many Clubs. Over the last approximately two years, the Fly Fishers of Davis has pivoted, moving to Zoom for our monthly Club meetings, moving in person meetings to a new venue, and redoing the FFD website. While we have responded well to the new environment, it has been difficult to find volunteers to fill the FFD Board and Directors vacant spots.

At this time, the Fly Fishers of Davis has NO President. If you are a past FFD President, Board Member, or Director and are interested in holding this position for one or two years, please enquire at <a href="mailto:admin@flyfishersofdavis.org">admin@flyfishersofdavis.org</a>.

#### Thank you





#### **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

Fly Fishers of Davis 2022 Meeting Schedule							
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC				
January	Jon Martin	January 25	Winter and Spring on the Feather and Yuba Rivers				

## 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



## FFD Website News — January 2022

By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner

Here's a quick website update for this month!



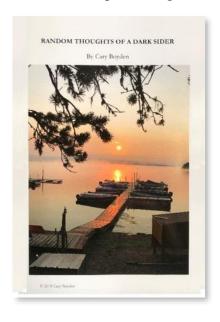
#### **Logon and Renewal Update**

**Problem**: Several of you have contacted us, relating problems with website logon issues, and with renewing your FFD dues online. We apologize, and yes, we've had a hiccup with the membership plug-in on the website, with a very small subset of all the users.

**Solution**: If you experience a problem with your user ID, and you can't login to renew, simply re-join: <a href="https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/">https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/</a>. We're tracking this issue closely, and if you continue to experience problems, please contact the webmaster: <a href="webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org">webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org</a>. Many thanks!

#### Cary's Book

Cary Boyden's wonderful little book, **Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider**, is now available. As we get ready to offer this book on the website, in the meantime, we will be bringing a limited number of copies to each general meeting. The price is \$20.00, and proceeds go to the club and to Cary's scholarship.





#### **Pictures**

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.

#### **Suggestions**

More to come! Please contact us with suggestions at webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org.

## CONSERVATION REPORT

#### By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click <u>here</u> for instructions on how to join, and search for "FFD-Conservation". Or send an email to <u>Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com</u> with your request.

The Delta Smelt Fall Midwater Trawl Survey came up with zero Delta Smelt again this year – the fourth year in a row with that finding. Delta Smelt were once the most abundant fish in the delta, numbering in the millions, and are considered an indicator species that show the health of the San Francisco Bay Delta. The survey was completed December 16, just after the CDFW, US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Water Resources, and US Bureau of Reclamation released 12,800 hatcheryraised Delta Smelt for the first time ever. A separate Enhanced Delta Smelt Monitoring survey, conducted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, caught 8 Delta Smelt, two of them wild. According to Bill Jennings, Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, the state's Fall Midwater Trawl abundance indices for striped bass, Delta smelt, longfin smelt, American shad, splittail and threadfin shad have declined by 99.7, 100, 99.96, 67.9, 100, and 95 percent, respectively, between 1967 and 2020.

Fishing in the City The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will provide trout anglers in the greater Sacramento area with an unprecedented fishing opportunity this winter: the chance to catch brook trout from a half-dozen urban and suburban park ponds and lakes that are part of CDFW's Fishing in the City program. Fishing in the City began in 1993 to provide recreational fishing and outdoor opportunities to California's urban, suburban and underserved communities.

CDFW's American River Trout Hatchery typically provides rainbow trout to the Fishing in the City – Sacramento Metro Area program during the winter months, when ambient temperatures become cool enough to support trout in these low-elevation waters. Unfortunately, due to the drought conditions experienced throughout the state this past summer, the American River Trout Hatchery was forced to evacuate all its fish as warming water temperatures would have proved fatal to the various cold-water trout species the hatchery raises. Through a coordinated effort with CDFW's Moccasin Creek Hatchery in Tuolumne County, 19,000 brook trout were transferred to the American River Trout Hatchery to support winter angling opportunities within Sacramento County. The brook trout, now 10 to 13 inches long, will be planted in participating Fishing in the City waters from January through March.

Participating waters include those at Granite Regional Park, North Natomas Regional Park, Mather Regional Park, Hagan Community Park, Howe Community Park and Elk Grove Regional Park. General dates and locations of stocking are available at CDFW's Fish Planting Schedule.

Native to the northeastern U.S. and eastern Canada, brook trout were brought to California in the late 1800s and are now found in mountain lakes and streams from the San Bernardino Mountains north to the Oregon state line. They are most abundant in the high-elevation waters of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Brook trout are popular with anglers both for their eating quality and striking appearance. Their coloration ranges from olive-green to olive-brown, often with reddish hues. They have red spots surrounded by blue halos and white, leading edges on their pectoral, pelvic and anal fins. Both sexes can become brightly colored during spawning season in the fall. Learn more at CDFW's brook trout webpage.

The brook trout being stocked into Sacramento-area waters are triploid, meaning sterile. Pre-stocking evaluations have taken place in all the waters to be planted to ensure the brook trout will not compete with, threaten or displace any native species.

To learn more about the Fishing in the City program, visit CDFW's Fishing in the City webpage.

Endangered Coho salmon are returning to Marin County, California, creeks this winter where they've long been absent, thanks to intense rains that scientists say will become more frequent as the state swings between climate-driven drought and deluge. It's a rare bit of good news for a species whose population has plummeted in recent decades due to development and pollution. In the San Francisco Bay Area, thousands of salmon historically made the annual migration from the Pacific Ocean to the redwood-shrouded creeks in Marin County where they were born. There they would spawn the next generation of fish before dying. Read more at Bloomberg Quint.

<u>Restore the Delta</u> looked through the Governor's proposed budget for reasons to be hopeful. Here is our takeaway.

This week Governor Gavin Newsom released his <u>proposed budget</u> for fiscal year 2022-23. After two years of "unimaginable challenges" the governor states

that, "This budget is a new opportunity for us to address the greatest challenges facing our state – for the year ahead and future generations. We must meet the moment once again."

California's Bay-Delta is currently on the brink. Delta smelt, an indicator species of ecosystem health, may have gone extinct. Zero delta smelt were found in the annual survey for a third year. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of winter-run Chinook salmon perished in Sacramento River warm water due to Bureau of Reclamation delivering Shasta Lake supplies to senior water right growers of rice and almonds. Harmful algal blooms have become a year-round issue for Bay-Delta communities and "temporary" clean water wavers are becoming permanent features of water management in the Delta.

#### Tim Stroshane, policy analyst, Restore the Delta:

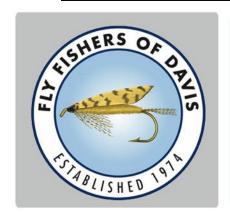
This budget proposal continues to play hide-the-ball about how much state funds are to be spent on the single Delta Tunnel project. The Delta Conveyance Program is not singled out in any one fund, as usual.

There is one reference in the January Budget Summary (p. 233) to water conveyance as part of \$5.2 billion water and drought resilience initiative, but it's just one of seven areas of funding for the initiative alongside groundwater recharge, Salton Sea, water supply reliability, water recycling, ecosystem restoration, and flood management. Program Descriptions for 3240 describes Delta Conveyance Program as "improving Delta ecosystem and ensuring water supply reliability..." and provides funding for "project-specific environmental commitments," EIR/EIS and other permit needs.

Most of the proposed water budget seems to center on small and rural community water systems for drought resilience and response investments/preparation. These are smart investments.

Now if he would apply that to saving the Bay-Delta estuary we could finally face one of the State's "greatest challenges." Governor Newsom understands what needs to happen.

#### 2022 FFD CARY BOYDEN FISHCAMP SCHOLARSHIP





#### **APPLCIATION SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 29, 2022**

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age.

This \$895 award covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop. There are four camps to choose from late June to July. The Fish Camp program teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, California, near Mt. Shasta. The program includes accommodations, meals, and use of the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible for bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp.

For more information go to : <a href="https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/">https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/</a>

Download the Scholarship Application **HERE** 

## Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

#### By Mark Rockwell, President, January 2022

Hi all, and the Board of NCCFFI wants to wish you a very Happy New Year. Unfortunately, it is again a challenging start due to COVID. We will be having our first Club President's Happy Hour Zoom meeting on January 27th, starting at 5 p.m. If you are interested in being part of this get-together, please email me, Mark Rockwell, <a href="mrockwell1945@gmail.com">mrockwell1945@gmail.com</a>. I'm sure we'll be talking about how everyone is dealing with the newest COVID Challenge.

Late last year our NCCFFI Board formed a Strategy Group to develop our future Goals, Vision, Mission and lay out action steps to support all of you as members and clubs. It is our primary purpose to add value to you and your club by working together with you in 2022. We are now finalizing our action steps and Goals, and will be reviewing with our full Board at our January meeting on the 24th at 6 p.m. You all are welcome to tune in. Again, contact me for the Zoom link, <a href="mailto:mrockwell1945@gmail.com">mrockwell1945@gmail.com</a>.

During the last few months of 2021 we began an outreach effort to several clubs asking them to recommend someone from the club to become a member of the NCCFFI Board. The purpose of this is to get both participation from our clubs, as well as input on what your club needs from the Council. It is our goal to strengthen the sense of community with all of you. We strongly feel that working together is our best way forward.

The good news is that we have now added 8 new Board members from 5 formerly unrepresented member clubs. The clubs added are: Shasta-Trinity, Amador, Delta, Russian River, and Stanislaus. We now have Board representation from 17 of our 23 member clubs. This gives us much greater diversity, better input from the club level, and allows us to take on additional tasks to help us begin to expand the benefits the Council can provide to all members and clubs. It's an exciting time for us to see this growth. We are hopeful that our new vision, mission and goals will bring greater value to all of you in the years ahead.

#### **Vision Statement:**

To inspire, facilitate & connect people with the joy, traditions & values of fly fishing, and to conserve healthy fisheries for everyone's enjoyment. We do this to preserve our traditions, support our fly fishing community, and protect our natural world.

#### **Mission Statement:**

We are a volunteer, non-profit educational and conservation organization dedicated to:

- **1.** Supporting our regional fly fishing clubs and their members through education, conservation, advocacy, and outreach on behalf of their members & communities.
- 2. Informing the public about the joy, values & benefits of fly fishing and Its traditions
- 3. Advocating for clean water, healthy fisheries & watersheds so we pass forward a healthier world to the coming generations.

#### Goals:

- 1. To firmly establish NCCFFI as the pivotal Fly Fishing organization in Northern California/Nevada.
- 2. Tighten connection with FF clubs and add value through educational programs, coordinated conservation work, effective communications, and creating a sense of community.
- 3. Create a sense of community by working together with our Board, partner clubs, like-minded organizations, and fly fishers at-large.
- 4. Focus on New/younger fly fishers to create opportunities for children & families to become involved with the sport of fly fishing by sharing our collective knowledge & expertise.

I am Hopeful we can accomplish these goals with our larger and inspired Board of Directors. You and your club's input is key to this success. We invite you to help us move forward. Fly Fishing is our

passion, and all of you and your clubs are our customer. We aim to make our fly fishing world better. Join us!

Mark Rockwell, President Northern California/Nevada Council, Fly Fishers International mrockwell1945@gmail.com



## **Show Hours:**

Friday: 10am – 6pm Saturday: 9am – 5:30pm Sunday: 9am – 4:30pm

## **Show Location:**

Alameda County Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566

FLY FISHING ISN'T PART OF THE SHOW IT IS THE SHOW!

## Admission:

Cash *only* at the gate
No need to wait in line

Advance Tickets
Sales Here

#### Adult:

One day \$15
Two-day pass \$25
Three-day pass \$35
Children: 5 and under free;
6-12: \$5

Scouts under 16 in uniform: free Military with ID: \$10

## FFD OUTINGS: LUK LAKE

Photos by FFD Members, Summary by Tom Robinson

FFD Members descended on Luk Lake in December 2021, a pay to play fundraiser event, over three days in December. Members managed to get descent weather and caught many fish, including bass and rainbow trout. The magic fly for some was an orange wooly bugger. There were even some HOGS and TOADS caught. All in all it was a great time for all.





Shawn DeArmond with this beautiful rainbow trout



Ken Lazzaroni landed this BEAST of a trout



Tristan Leong's boat looks very busy!



Double for Noah Stromberg and Evan Leong



Tom Stevenson has a nice trout



Paul Berliner lands another HOG



Ken Lazzaroni lands this TOAD



Dana Hooper and Chris Berardi have a double



Kim Petersen has a nice one on.



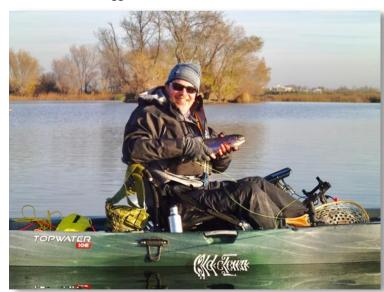
Tom Robinson shows his rainbow trout



Paul Verwey has a bent rod!



Dan Brugger nets this nice rainbow trout



Nice rainbow trout Paul

Former club member Joe Warren, who has a trip to Argentina for Golden Dorado in late August of this year. Below is the trip information.

Once in a lifetime killer price for Argentina Golden Dorado! Two seats open!



I have two seats open for a fly fishing trip to Argentina's Parana River. Dates are August 22-31, 2022. Eight days to fish! \$3,750; trip includes guide boats (2/boat), lodging, meals, angling license, and round trip transfer from local domestic airport. The trip is scheduled for four fly fishers. It was originally scheduled for 2020 but due to COVID, Argentina closed their borders to international visitors. The country is now open! Please only inquire if you are serious!

Contact: Erik Hallen efhallen@outlook.com (530) 867 3819

The trip is through Parana River Outfitters <a href="https://www.paranariveroutfitters.com/">https://www.paranariveroutfitters.com/</a>

### Paraná River Outfitters

PRO melds one of Argentina's most renowned outfitters with some of the finest golden dorado guides worldwide. Situated on the middle section of the Río Paraná—South America's second-longest river—this subtropical winter fishery (from June 20 to November 5) targets the peak of the river's legendary dorado migration. www.paranariveroutfitters.com



#### Sacramento, CA

2022 Fly Fishing Film Tour The Crest Theatre Feb 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM (PST) Sacramento, California

**Get Tickets** 



# **UTINGS & EVENTS FFD**

## 2022-2023

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

<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Pyramid Lake (Spring)	Trout		TBD Feb, March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Hotel / Camping
Baum Lake	Trout		March 25 - 27	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek 101	Trout		April 29 - 31	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	TBD March-May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Casting Clinic			TBD	Bob Zasoski	rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		Prop June/July	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
FFD Annual Picnic			TBD	Tristan Leong	tristan.leong@gmail.com	
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Annual Dinner			TBD September			
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	November 6	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Pyramid Lake (Fall)	Trout		TBD December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	Contact	<u>Comments</u>





#### Officers. Directors and Committees

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	Mike Rivers	707-685-7878						
	Jeff Williams							
2023	Rick Kennedy							
COMMITTEES								
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Conservation	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722						
Membership	Ryan Mitchell	530-756-5038						
Communication	Tom Robinson	530-304-0305						
Newsletter	Tom Robinson	530-304-0305						
NCCFFF	Lowell Ashbaugh	530-758-6722						
Programs	Andan Bailey	530-753-9623						
Hospitality	Peter Hawes	530-750-1117						
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Fly Tying	Bob Zasoski	530-753-2241						
Picnic Chair								
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Youth FishCamp	Tom Robinson	530-304-0305						
Video Library	Eric Kapucinski	916-984-6438						

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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. 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/.

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#### 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.

- <u>Membership Benefits:</u> 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
- For Additional Information: or questions email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org