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The Fisherman's Line

July Meeting, Tuesday July 26, 2022

7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club

**George Revel Presents: Lost Coast Guide to Fishing
Local Surf and Bays**

*T*his month, Tuesday July 26, at Stonegate Country Club, Members will hear from George Revel who will discuss Fishing Local Surf and Bays. George Revel will take you through fishing our Local bays and beaches



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bass, halibut and perch. One of California's most unique and accessible fisheries the California saltwater provides incredible opportunities for anglers close to home.

George is a 3X National Casting Champion, a master certified casting instructor, Cal Trout Board member, Advisory board member to Western Rivers Conservancy, and Owner of Lost Coast Outfitters.

THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

This month we will be having a speaker from Lost Coast Outfitters give an in person presentation on fly fishing the California surf. I hope you all can make it the presentation, though it will be recorded and available on the website.

I hope everyone is enduring the heat and getting out to fish. I know a group of club members is heading to Belize for some inshore saltwater fly fishing this month. (I know I am getting excited.) This type of trip becomes available from time to time and I encourage anyone who is interested to join in on one in the future. If you have an idea for one and would like help to advertise it, let us know we would be happy to try and help you put it together.

I just got back from the Lewiston outing. It was a great time even though the fishing was a little off. We were still able to tease out a few fish. Everyone caught some fish.

A little over a week ago we had our annual picnic. It was an enjoyable time where we shared good food and friendship. As it is everywhere else there were a couple of people who did attend only to later discover they tested positive for Covid (not from the picnic). Everyone seems to be doing well. Despite the virus, life goes on, and it is good to be with people.

Remember the annual dinner will be on October 15. I'm sure by then this little surge will be in the rearview mirror. We will be selling tickets starting at the July meeting for \$35 each, raffle tickets \$1 each with one high roller ticket for every 100 raffle tickets purchased.

I remember the first time a fish ate a fly that I had cast...the fish was not the only one hooked at that moment.

Andan Bailey



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
July	George Revel	July 26	Fishing Local Surf and Bays.
August	TBD	August 30	TBD
September	TBD	September 27	TBD
October		October 15	Fly Fishers Of Davis Annual Dinner
November	TBD	November 15	TBD
December	Club Members	December 13	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!



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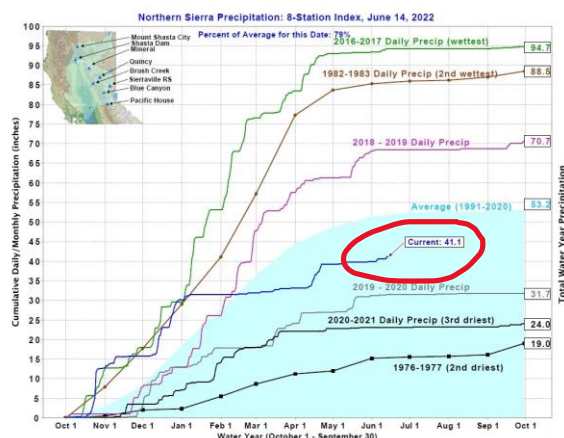
By Lowell Ashbaugh

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 with your request.

Note: If you’d like to try your hand at writing a conservation column, please let me know. I’d like to find someone to start taking over this role. I’ll help get you started.

Thousands of salmon smolts were trucked from the Feather River hatchery to San Francisco Bay a few weeks ago to help them survive drought conditions on the Sacramento River. They were released at night on an outgoing tide to avoid bird predation and help them on their way to the ocean. Although this process may be beneficial in the short term, it’s really not sustainable for the long term.

Andrew Rypel has a good piece in the [California Water Blog](#) on California’s continued drought. After a promising start to the water year, precipitation dried up in January and the Sierra Nevada ended up 13.3 inches below the long-term average for the northern Sierra. The graph below shows where we are now – not one of the driest years on record, but below average.



Reservoirs throughout the state are mixed. Shasta is at 40% of capacity, and 49% of the historical average. Last year at this time it was nearly at the same level so salmon in the lower Sac may suffer again this year. If we have the same major die-off of smolts again this year, the run will be in serious danger of extinction (this would be the third such successive year, and the salmon life cycle is generally about three years).

Some other reservoirs are doing better. Oroville is at 53% of capacity, up from 36% last year. Folsom is at 88%, up from 34% last year. Mr. Rypel didn’t mention Whiskeytown, but my observation of it a few weeks ago showed it to be nearly full.

High air and water temperatures will occur this year, leading to increased fire danger and subsequent winter runoff of ash and debris into mountain streams. Fish will suffer again for it.

Groundwater overdraft will continue, making Sustainable Groundwater Management Act objective difficult to obtain. Efforts to recharge groundwater will be more important, but also less likely to be successful.

The Delta is continuing to suffer and decline. The delta smelt is virtually extinct in the wild, and is kept alive only through hatchery rearing. There have

been some releases of hatchery smelt, but the delta habitat has not been improved for their survival. Increased water temperatures are a major factor in their decline, and clearer waters (due to effects of non-native clams) have aided the spread of invasive aquatic plants.

You can read more details in the California Water Blog link above.

There is some good news on the Klamath River. Michael Wier wrote a piece in [TheCurrent](#) (CalTrout's mag) on the Klamath. It's a good article on how the dam removal will affect the fishing. I recommend reading it all at the link above, but here's a teaser of how it starts out:

Soon the upper Klamath River will change forever, again. As you probably already know, the four mainstem dams on the Klamath River are slated to be removed. This will be the largest river restoration project in history. No one knows exactly how the river will respond in the short term, but I think just about everybody can agree that the long-term benefits will be numerous. One thing is for sure, the area that is most well-known on the Klamath is the area that will also most likely experience the greatest amount of change right away. This stretch is what

I consider the upper Klamath even though it's really the middle of the Klamath river system. I'm talking from Happy Camp to Iron Gate dam. I call this the upper Klamath because it's the upper most reach that salmon and steelhead can currently reach.

Here's a update on the progress of Klamath dam removal. At the end of June the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) submitted consolidated 100% dam removal documents to FERC and the Independent Board of Consultants (BOC) for review and comment. This was a response to FERC's request for specific construction plans. If you're interested, you can see the documents at the KRRC web page [here](#). Be forewarned, though, that there are many documents and some are very long! KRRC anticipates receiving comments on the documents prior to a License Surrender Order. FERC may also provide additional comments after an order is issued.

The dam removal had been planned to start this year, but the additional information requested has pushed the start date back. Early construction is now expected in the first part of 2023, with major dam removal expected in 2024.





2022 FFD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 15th, 2022 West Plainfield Fire Station at 5:30 pm

Plans are well under way for the must attend event of the year, the 2022 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Dinner. It's time to mark your calendars and save the date. We are lining up some great raffle items and HIGH ROLLER prizes.



SKIP THE LINE!

Tickets will be available to purchase at the next monthly FFD Club Meetings. Pay by cash, check or credit card.

\$35 for Dinner Tickets

\$1 for Raffle Tickets

Purchase \$100 in Raffle Tickets and get a High Roller ticket



2022 FFi Women Connect Calendar Photo Contest



FFi Women Connect invites you to submit your best fly fishing photos—photos taken on the water that capture the spirit of Women Connect and the beauty of fly fishing. Twelve winning photos will be featured in the inaugural 2023 Women Connect Calendar and have a shot at winning some great prizes from our sponsors!

Photos can be of your fly fishing buddies (friends, spouse, kids, pets), fish (big or small), beautiful scenery, and anything else fly fishing related. Please don't limit yourself to grip-and-grins! We are looking for creative and inspiring photos that tell a story. For March (*Take a Kid Fly Fishing month*) and June (*Women's Fly Fishing month*), we'll highlight photos that best visually represent those special months.

We welcome photos of ALL FISH from ALL WATERS—freshwater and saltwater photos and any species of fish caught and released while fly fishing. Remember to [Keep Fish Wet](#). Fish should be in the water, underwater, or dripping wet.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Entries must be received by **July 31, 2022, 11:59 pm PST**.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. 12 winning photos will be featured in the 2023 Women Connect Calendar.

- **1st Place (\$556 total value):** Fully-Loaded Orvis Mini Sling Pack (Fishewear print); Pair of Bajio Sunglasses; 1-year Subscription to onWater App plus branded apparel
- **2nd Place (\$335 total value):** \$150 Anglher Gift Certificate; Brown Trout2 Dry Bag from Fincognito; 50% Off Coupon for a Pair of Bajio sunglasses; Handmade Sterling Silver She's Fly Necklace
- **3rd Place (\$185 total value):** DamselFly Snood & Leather Lanyard; Yellow Sally Brown Trout Backpack; Bajio branded Shirt or Hat

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Directly upload your photo at: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect/FFIWC-Calendar>.
2. Post an image to your Instagram account using the tags **@ffiwomenconnect** and **#wc2022photocontest**. You must have a public profile. All Contest rules apply.

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Limit of 3 entries.

Upload a medium resolution JPG or PNG file (maximum size: 5 MB) for consideration along with a short caption. Horizontal format preferred. Finalists will be asked to submit a high resolution JPG file (minimum size: 11 in. by 8.5 in. @300 dpi) for printing.

Click [here](#) for complete Contest details including official rules.

Please submit any questions to: photos@flyfishersinternational.org

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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>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Umpqua River	Smallmouth Bass	Guide	August 1 - 2	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.net	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August 5 - 7	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Annual Dinner			October 15			
Delta Striper Fest 2022	Stripers	Boat	November 5	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Luk Lake	Trout,Bass	Boat	December 2&3	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Pyramid Lake	Trout		Feb 9-12	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel
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		TBD March	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		TBD April	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	rjasoski@sbcglobal.net	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Fuller Lake	Trout	Boat	May	Shawn DeArmond		
FFD Annual Picnic			TBD	Tristan Leong	abailey2006@comcast.net	
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping

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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.

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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.

- **[Membership Benefits:](https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/)** For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
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