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The Fisherman's Line



August Meeting, Tuesday August 30, 2022 7:30 pm @ **Stonegate Country Club** Capt. Maury Hatch Presents: California Striped Bass on The Fly Rod

This month, Tuesday August 30th, Capt. Maury Hatch will discuss catching a California striped bass on the fly rod. This presentation is a summary of Maury's 35 year addiction to the pursuit of striped bass, on the fly rod, in Northern California. This great fish lives in the Rivers, Delta, Salt and Lakes in our region and is an excellent target species for the fly angler. Maury's presentation also includes info on the unique Small Mouth Fishery in our area and a Costa Bass-N-Fly Video/Advertisement if allowable.

Maury has been fly fishing the western United States and Mexico for 35+ years. After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first striped bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing stripers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for Stripers and Small Mouth Bass. All trips include top of the line equipment as well as custom tied flies. He is the sales rep for Costa Sunglasses in Northern California as well as an ambassador level pro staffer for the following products: Simms clothing, Sage rods, RIO lines and Galvan reels.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy Y'all,

The dog days of summer offer some great fishing opportunities. It is my hope that your lines are tight and the ice chest is full and cold.

I find it interesting on many of our trips how many closet philosophers we have in the club. On one trip this summer the philosophical question of right-handed or left-handed winding of the reel came up. Though there was much passion with those who are wrong it was obvious--at least to me that I was right. Ergo reeling left is right and right is wrong unless you're a lefty (not politically but actually) in which case right is right and left is wrong. Though I stated my case rightly some remained unconvinced. One thing we all seem to agree on is--the right use of a reel is USE!

As we start leaving summer and move into fall some of the best fishing opportunities of the year will begin. Take advantage of these by signing up for an outing or two.

Remember the upcoming annual dinner October 15th. Just a reminder that same weekend is the Yuba Fest at Hammond Grove Park (formerly Sycamore Campground). There will be all kinds of activities and vendors. You can find the details on the web if you search Yuba Fest. You can attend there during the day Saturday and come to the the Annual Dinner or you can head over there afterward on Sunday. The video for October's dinner will be the COVID years so the photos and videos highlighted will be from that period of time and not as much from this year. This is because we will have another dinner in March as we try to get back on our normal schedule of March dinners. In March the dinner program will be mostly the photos and videos from the previous 12 months.

I hope you all get a chance to come to the meeting. It's time to; meet some people, find someone to go fishing with, win a raffle prize, practice casting.

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
August	Capt. Maury Hatch	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.

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First (and Last) Call for Photos and Video!

By Paul Berliner

Hey there fly-fishers, here's the scoop.

As you know, we didn't have an annual dinner video in 2020, 2021, or last March with our "make-up" dinner. Coming up on October 15th this year, the club is holding a brand-new annual dinner but then (in their infinite wisdom), the club is planning to hold *another* annual dinner next March in order to get back on our previous regular schedule. Good idea, actually.

So (if this makes any sense so far), here's what I'd like to do.

For the October 15th dinner, I'm gonna put together "FFD In Review — the Covid Years!" (How's that for brilliant.) And then for the dinner next March, I'll get back on schedule, and put together "FFD – 2022 In Review."

That being said ... I need your photos and videos of anything you might have shot during the Covid years 2020 and 2021 (but please leave out 2022)! If you took photos or video during that wacky span of time, please collect your best pix and clips, put them on a flash drive, and give them to me at the next club meeting. I'll return all drives to you promptly. If you have just a few pix, please email them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).

This is your first (and last) call.

As always, do not send me gigantic emails full of pictures! If the file size is too large, use a flash drive or simply contact me — and I'll arrange to get the files.



Important:

Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021.

For photos, high resolution JPG images are preferred.

For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.

Please include your name, and the location where you fished.

Hang on to your 2022 pix and video. I'll ask for them next January.

Many thanks!

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 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.

Governor Newsom released an updated water strategy earlier this month to address aridification, titled “California’s Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future.” You can find it at <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/22130523/2022-8-11-ca-water-supply-strategy.pdf>, and it’s not a difficult read. At first glance it sounds reasonable. It acknowledges that we’re experiencing more extreme drought conditions in the west with more rain and less snow. Because California’s water infrastructure has been built on the assumption of plentiful snow in winter that melts over a period of months, it will no longer be adequate to supply the water we’re using. Hotter temperatures coupled with more rain and less snow means more incoming water will be absorbed by dry soils, taken up by plants, and evaporated into the air.

The strategy includes

- Creating storage space for 4 million acre-feet of water
- Recycling 800,000 acre-feet of water per year
- Permanently eliminating water waste to free up 500,000 acre-feet of water
- Capturing stormwater and desalination of sea water and brackish water

The report has some unfortunate flaws, however. There is no mention of increased need for environmental water, despite the fact that we’re currently killing the delta with water exports. The call for 4 million acre-feet of increased water storage is negated by a footnote in the report that “increased storage capacity does not equate to a similar volume of new water supply.” In

other words, building more dams does not mean there will be water to fill them. And the call for more storage would take more water needed for the environment and put it toward other uses. A comprehensive water strategy must acknowledge the need for environmental water to maintain the quality of life that makes California such a wonderful state to live in.

One hopeful sign is the call for increased recycled water, desalination (especially of brackish water – not sea water), and conservation.

The report calls for increased conservation in towns and cities to produce 500,000 acre-feet of water by 2030. But agriculture is not mentioned at all for increased conservation, even though agriculture uses four times the amount of water that towns and cities use. The acknowledgement of climate change as a principal driver of the water strategy does not seem to flow through to the possibility that agriculture must also change to accommodate it.

The report calls for expanding groundwater recharge by 500,000 acre-feet per year, ignoring again that this just takes more water needed for the environment.

The Sites reservoir project is highlighted, even though it would harm salmon, fishing jobs, and the Delta. It’s touted as a 1.5 million acre-foot project, but would only yield around 200,000 acre-feet per year. Sites is needed to make the Delta Conveyance (Tunnel) work, but would not provide significant water to the state except in the wettest years. Other water storage

projects are much smaller. For example, expanding San Luis Reservoir would increase capacity by 135,000 acre-feet, if the water is even available to fill it.

One very troubling aspect of the report is the call for regulatory streamlining. The regulatory process is there for a purpose – to prevent the wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars on projects that would do more harm than good, and that may not provide the benefits desired. We have seen the result of dams built without consideration of their effects on the fisheries. The salmon runs that used to number in the millions of fish are now down to thousands. Some runs are gone permanently. To “streamline” this process is to remove protections for fish and other environmental benefits.

Thousands of fish died at the UC Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture this month. This is the center where FFD sponsors a graduate student scholarship every year, but I don’t know if any of our student scholars have been affected. The die-off seems to have been caused by chlorine exposure, although it’s not clear yet exactly what happened. In any case, about 21,000 fish died, many of them endangered or threatened species, including Chinook salmon and green sturgeon.

Another fish die-off has occurred on the Oder River in Europe. Poland has pulled out more than 100 tons of fish, and Germany has reported an estimated 35 tons of fish killed. The river runs from the Czech Republic to the Baltic Sea along the border between Germany and Poland. Early reports that mercury may have been the cause have turned out to be incorrect. Scientists now believe it may have been caused by a rare golden algae (*Prymnesium parvum*). This organism is usually found in brackish water where rivers meet the sea, but can spread inland if salinity increases. One hypothesis is that climate change has induced higher

river temperatures and a resulting increase in salinity as water evaporates. Other possible causes being investigated include runoff of mineral fertilizers from adjacent farmland or a chemical spill.

More dead fish were found along the Klamath River near Happy Camp, probably as a result of the McKinney fire. The fish were found following flash flood events from heavy rains following the fire that washed massive amounts of debris into the river. The Karuk tribe and Yurok tribe are working together along with state and federal agencies to gain access to the area and better document river conditions. Dead fish have been observed 20 miles from the source of the debris flow. It’s unknown at this time how many fish have died or what the effect will be on the fall salmon run. The fire is currently over 60,000 acres and is about 95% contained.

Megadrought may be on our minds now, but [USA Today](#) reports that megafloods may be in our future and would bring a major environmental and economic disaster. As climate change reduces the winter snowfall and increases the rain that falls on the state, there is a significant risk that a large, extended rainstorm could bring many inches of rain to dry areas, increasing debris flows like the one mentioned above, and creating huge floods in the Central Valley. California’s Great Flood of 1862 occurred prior to the construction of flood-control dams and stretched 300 miles long by 60 miles wide in the central valley.

Daniel Swain, a UCLA climate scientist, studied the effects of climate change on today’s California and concluded that even with the system of dams, levees, and bypasses a megaflood would be a major \$1 trillion disaster. Parts of Stockton, Sacramento, Fresno, and Los Angeles would be under water. Dr. Swain’s study is reported in [Science Advances](#).

FFD TRAVELS: Turneffe Flats, Belize

Photos from Members, Summary by Tom Robinson

Eight Members of the Fly Fishers of Davis met at Turneffe Flats, Belize in mid July. We had six days of guided fishing. The experience was amazing as was the lodge. Everybody caught fish, ate well, and had a great time.



View from the Beach Cabana



Rods all lined up and ready to go!



There is a ton of nervous water right outside our rooms!



The nervous water are bonefish!



Tom Robinson posing with the resident crocodile



First cast! Sam Chamberlin with a nice snook



Now Sam has on a huge tarpon!



Then Sam catches this awesome barracuda



Sam with a nice bonefish!



We all lined up to kiss Sam Chamberlin's head for good luck !



Dave Gumpel with a nice bonefish



Harry Hendricks with a nice bonefish as well



The infinity pool was the perfect place to hang out after fishing all day



View of the Turneffe Flats Resort from the water



Kim Petersen has another fish on!



Tom Robinson and Kim Petersen with one of Kim's many bonef



Mike Rivers with a fantastic tarpon!



Tom Robinson with a huge barracuda



How big was your fish Andan?



Can't go wrong with Marie Sharp's sauce and Belikin beer



The meals at the lodge were fantastic every night



What a fun group! Great time all

FFD OUTINGS: Umpqua River

Photos from Gene Gantt

Small mouth bass trip on the Umpqua River in Oregon. Just outside Sunterland Oregon. Two days of guided fishing with Wolfe Pack Guide Service August 1-2. Camping on the river and great fishing.



Gene Gantt with a 20” Umpqua Small Mouth Bass



Gene and Carl with Scott Wolfe of Wolfe Pack Guide Service



Lunch on the Umpqua River



Bobber and Andan with nice Blue Gills on top water



Carl Lunsted with a nice bass

2022 FFD Addled Angler Award

Summary by Paul Berliner and Mike Rivers



Paul Berliner, the 2021 FFD Addled Angler recipient, announced this year's Addled Angler Award: Drum roll please..... The 2022 FFD Addled Angler Award goes to Mike Rivers.

Here is the story:

- Mike went fishing with a group in Baja
- At the end of the day as they entered the cove where they had launched their boats the guides realized the police were checking fishing licenses.
- The guides had forgotten the licenses back at the lodge.
- They turned around, motored back out of the cove, called the lodge to have licenses delivered to the boat launch which took about 30 minutes.
- Unbeknownst to them, the police became suspicious and notified the Mexican Marines.
- When the boats returned to the launch ramp the Marines stormed the beach from their hiding places, boarded the boats brandishing guns and looking for drugs.

Once all was explained and it turned out to be innocent fishermen ... this wonderful picture was taken.



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

Look for an EVITE soon to RSVP for the event!



OUTINGS & 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>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
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	rzasoski@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
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	August	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.n	Fee + Tip
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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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