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The Fisherman's Line

October Meeting, Tuesday October 25, 2022
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club
Captain Mark Pinto Presents :
Fly Fishing the Central Valley

*T*his month, Tuesday October 25th, Captain Mark Pinto will be presenting, "Fly Fishing the Central Valley" at our Oct. 25th general meeting. This program has been featured at the Sacramento International Sportsman's Expo, The Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show and for numerous clubs throughout California.

The program will cover the following waters, all of which are an easy day trip from Davis....

The Stanislaus, Calaveras, Mokelumne, American, Feather and Yuba Rivers along with Putah Creek and the Delta.

Growing up in Manteca in the 60's and 70's and moving to Stockton in the early 80's, Mark focused on learning his, "Home Waters", the local fisheries that were a short drive away. Fishing these waters up to 250 or more days per year, Mark developed the techniques and knowledge to be consistently successful and in 1984, "Home Waters Guide Service " was born and Mark began sharing that knowledge with others.



THE PREZ SEZ

Hey Y'all,

Well, I know it has been a busy month for many folks. From steelhead fishing, striper fishing, trout fishing, to deer hunting or preparing for the dinner last Saturday, people have been back to normal. Stripers in the delta is starting to heat up I've heard some promising reports and gotten into a few of my own. Steelhead is so water dependent (we need some rain.)

I just want to thank everyone for making the last Annual Dinner (fall version), such a success. It was so nice seeing everyone together having a good time. The entertainment was supplied by our own Paul Berliner. Many of those who supplied photos were either immortalized or targeted on the big screen—much fun! In March, when we get back on our normal schedule of Annual Dinner, the bars will be high and open as well. I hope everyone who did not have the opportunity to come last Saturday will be able to come then.

I am thankful for all the support that you all provide to the club and myself. We have a fun year ahead of fishing and friendship. Come on out!

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
October	Capt. Mark Pinto	October 25	Fly Fishing the Central Valley
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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CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh

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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.

Representative David Valadeo and Speaker Kevin McCarthy introduced a bill in the House they call the “Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms for California Act”, or the “WATER for California Act.” It has little chance of passage in this Congress, but it’s a sure thing they will introduce it in the next one, especially if Republicans take the House.

One of my contacts sent this quick evaluation of the [bill](#), which has no number as of this writing:

- Authorizes and directs the enlargement of Shasta Dam, which would destroy Native American sacred sites, harm fish and wildlife, and violate State law, including amending the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make Shasta Dam enlargement and Temperance Flat dam eligible for funding from the BIF; (Section 301, 305)
- Extends the WIIN Act’s provisions regarding water storage, which has the effect of authorizing hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding for new dams and storage projects over the next 7 years, as well as allowing the federal government to pursue funding for any specific new dam or water storage project at the request of “any stakeholder”; (Section 304)
- Deems the CVPIA complete (notwithstanding the ongoing failure to achieve salmon doubling and Level IV refuge water supply), which could reduce the monies collected from CVP contractors for the Restoration Fund and could reduce or eliminate the (b)(2) water dedicated to protecting salmon (Section 401);

- Prohibits the United States from reinitiating consultation on long term operations of the CVP and SWP, generally locks in place the Trump Administration’s unlawful biological opinions for 7 years, appears intended to preempt state law regarding operations of the SWP and CVP (albeit implicitly, and at least with respect to the SWP, would likely violate the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution), restricts the ability of the State to adopt more protective operational requirements that reduce SWP water supply, and imposes new obligations on involving the contractors in the reinitiation of consultation process; (Section 101-106)
- Directs the CVP to increase water supply allocations for Sac Valley contractors without affecting anyone else’s water supply (violates the laws of math/physics); (Section 201-204).

In short, this bill is yet another attempt to send more water to San Joaquin Valley agriculture at the expense of fish and river/delta environments.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Klamath Dam removal project at the end of August (I missed this in the last newsletter). FERC staff recommended approval of the proposed license surrender, decommissioning, and removal of the project with a few staff modifications and mandatory conditions. This means that the license to operate the dams would be surrendered to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation once the conditions are met,

and the KRRC could then initiate the process of removing the dams.

FERC's thorough analysis largely mirrors the draft EIS issued back in February 2022, concluding that dam removal and the mitigation measures proposed in KRRC's management plans will provide greater environmental and economic benefits compared to leaving the facilities in place. The final EIS can be viewed on KRRC's website [at the KRRC's website](#).

Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA), former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior who represents the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in Congress, posted a notice on his website regarding a [letter](#) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in late September underscoring the deeply flawed Delta Conveyance Project's impact of historic Delta communities.

If completed, the Delta Conveyance Project—also known as the “Delta Tunnel”—could devastate the Delta's ecosystem. Garamendi's letter highlights the proposed tunnel's impact on historical landmarks in the Delta and exposes serious shortcomings in the Army Corps' permitting for the proposed tunnel. [In early August 2022](#), Representatives Garamendi, Josh Harder (D-CA-10), Jerry McNerney (D-CA-09), and Mike Thompson (D-CA-05) urged Governor Newsom to cancel the planned construction of the tunnel in response to the [draft state permitting](#) by the California Department of Water Resources.

Representatives Josh Harder (D-CA10), Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA11), Jared Huffman (D-CA02), Jerry McNerney (D-CA09), Mike Thompson (D-CA05), and Ami Bera (D-CA07) cosigned Garamendi's letter to the Army Corps.

“As you know, the Army Corps is the lead federal agency for the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act,” **the Representatives said in the letter**. “As such, you are responsible for ensuring a fulsome consultation process under the

National Historic Preservation Act. To date, we are very disappointed to learn that the Army Corps has not responded to the Delta Protection Commission's or the Delta Counties' written comments, requests for subsequent meetings, or provided access to the State's application materials for the Delta Conveyance Project necessary to evaluate the scope of historic properties identified.

“The Army Corps' continued failure to accommodate these reasonable requests undermines the consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act. Furthermore, the Army Corps cannot develop an accurate Draft Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act without first examining the proposed Delta Conveyance Project's glaring impacts on the Delta's historic communities identified by the Delta Protection Commission and the Delta Counties,” **the Representatives continued**.

“We urge you to ensure that the Army Corps accommodates with these reasonable requests and improves consultation with the Delta Protection Commission and the Delta Counties. The Army Corps' actions to date are unresponsive, inadequate, and undermining any credibility for the Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act for the State's proposed Delta Conveyance Project,” **the Representatives concluded**.

Garamendi's full letter is available to read [here](#).

The Delta Protection Commission's March 29, 2022, comments to Army Corps are available [here](#).

The Delta Counties Coalition's March 30, 2022, comments to the Army Corps are available [here](#).

California is pledging to reduce consumption of Colorado River water by 400,000 acre-feet per year. The state is entitled to use 4.4 million acre-feet, but with the Colorado River in crisis, four water districts are proposing to reduce their use.

This action has been hailed as an encouraging first step for managing the river, but may also lead to more water restrictions in California due to the lower availability of water.

It will be necessary to have collaboration among all Colorado River water users to develop solutions in the Colorado River Basin, which is in the middle of a 22-year megadrought.

“Growing water” may be the next big trend. An Australian-based company, Botanical Water Technologies (BWT) – cofounded by Terry Paule, has developed a process to recover and purify water from processing agricultural products.

BWT has partnered with California’s Ingomar Packing Company. Ingomar turns tons of San Joaquin Valley-grown tomatoes into ketchup and tomato paste. The natural by-product of that process is water, which, until now, just went down the drain.

“We evaporate a lot of the tomato to create ketchup. And that evaporative condensate is what we catch. Then we run that through our purification process.” Paule says. That happens in a self-contained unit, which fits inside a shipping container.

“From one factory alone, we can create up to 250 million gallons of water in a 90-day period,” says A.J. Priester, BWT’s Chief Commercial Officer. The clean water then can flow through pipelines or be trucked to

municipalities, depleted reservoirs, farms, industry and even household water tanks. BWT is currently working to provide drinking water to several thirsty California cities.

Each water purification unit costs about a million dollars and can travel to wherever any crop is undergoing processing, then move on to another area. BWT has also created a Water Exchange, where corporations who want to give back to their communities or use a lot of water can purchase the clean water and gift it to areas in need.

The “plants-to-water” technology has existed for more than a decade in Australia. Paule says it started with grapes during the winemaking process and has since expanded to nearly any other fruit or vegetable one can think of, including sugar cane.

Paule says he soon plans to take the technology to India, where clean water is scarce. He calls it “game-changing” and “a huge invention for the world.”

BWT hopes to play a major role in alleviating the world’s water problem by delivering clean and safe drinking water to 100 million of the world’s most vulnerable people by 2025.

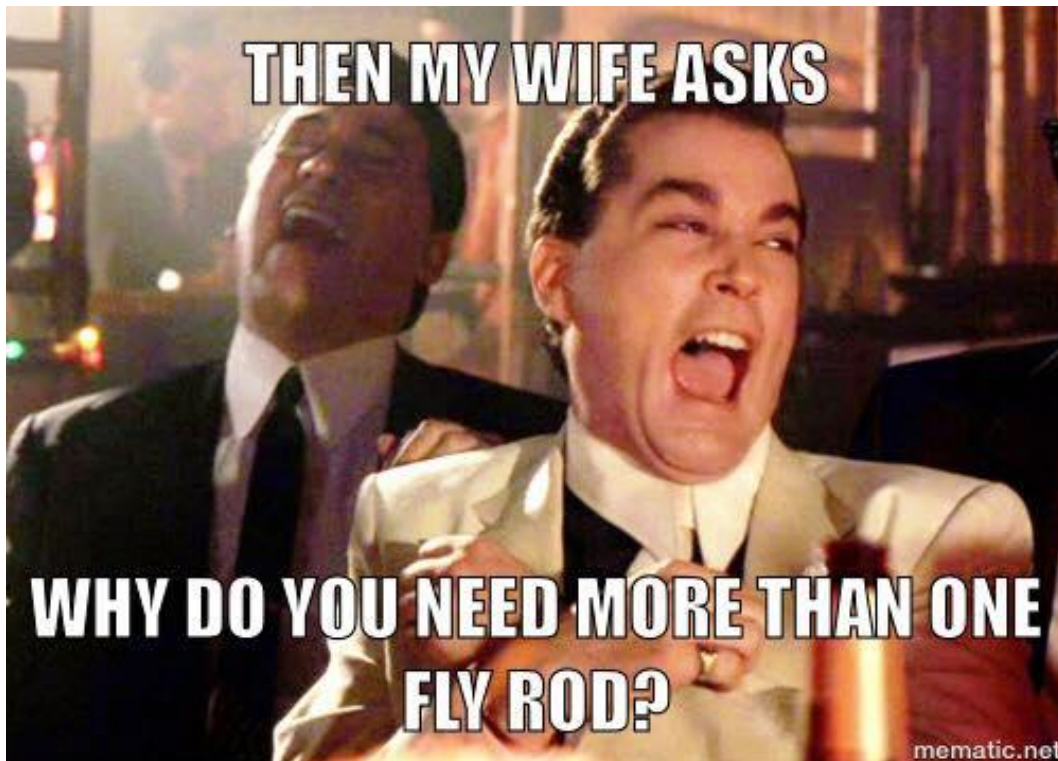
Here in the U.S., it starts with tomatoes, a drop in the bucket that could lead to a fountain of clean water

Cary Boyden;s Journey Pram w/Trailer and Pontoon for Sale

Cary Boyden's Journey pram and trailer is for sale. It is a all welded flat bottom Jon Boat made in British Columbia specifically for lake fishing. Cary had it modified to eliminate the full width center seat and replaced it with a center mounted swivel seat to facilitate moving around in the boat with out having to climb over a seat. It has a 100% flat floor. The boat features side trays and is set up for an Eide loader with rear wheels, rope buckles and a front towing bracket. The boat is 9'6" long with a beam of 55" at the gunnels and a floor width of 45". The sides and transom are 17" tall. The boat is fully welded aluminum construction with 0.08" hull, a maximum capacity of 3 persons and load rated to 580 lbs. It can take up to a 10 HP outboard motor and weighs 130 pounds. Included are two 6.5' oars and a couple of Scotty mounting brackets as well as a 15 # pyramid anchor. The boat sits on a light-weight aluminum trailer with 12 inch wheels that is rated to 400 #. The boat and trailer are easily moved around by a single person. Asking price for the boat and trailer with accessories is \$2,000. Contact Bob Zasoski for additional details. Proceeds go the FFD Boyden Youth Scholarship.



Also available is a Scadden Madison River inflatable pontoon boat with 9 foot pontoons. It has oars two gear bags a platform that spans the two tubes, a stripping apron and a large K pump. Boat the boat weighs about 60 #. Price is set at \$200. Proceeds go the FFD Boyden Youth Scholarship. Contact Bob Zasoski for additional details.



Home Grown Spey Clinic October 30, 2022 ***at Gristmill Access on the American River***

The Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring a Spey Casting Clinic on Sunday October 30, 2022. The clinic will be held at the American River Gristmill Access in Rancho Cordova, CA from 9 am to 1 pm. Bob Zasoski and Sam Yee will lead the class that will be limited to 10 participants. This is your chance to give spey casting a try or improve on your casting. We can supply spey casting outfits if needed. Just let us know. If needed, directions to the Gristmill Access will be provided. There is a parking fee payable at the self-service station on the access road.

If you are interested, contact Bob Zasoski (email: rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net), or sign up at the October Meeting. If the class is oversubscribed, we will develop a waiting list and investigate having a second session.

Spey casting is applicable to trout fishing with single handed and switch rods and to shad, salmon and steelhead fishing with longer spey and switch rods. The spey casts is a very efficient way to change direction with out numerous false casts and with limited back cast room. It is also great for casting large stonefly imitations and similar flies. Every serious fly angler should learn the basics of the spey cast. Using two handed rods is easier on the shoulders and wrists. This is an important consideration those with rotator cuff or other shoulder issues. An additional benefit is that spey rods and switch rods easily achieved good distance, great line control and facilitate mending. In addition it is fun.

Since spey casts carry less line in the air, a heavier line is necessary to properly load the rod. Therefore, it works best to over line single handed rods by two or three sizes with long belly weight forward or double taper lines. Lines designated for spey casting with spey and switch rods are manufactured with increased weight to match these rods. If you have questions, contact Bob Zasoski.





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>
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	rjzasoski@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
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	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

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