

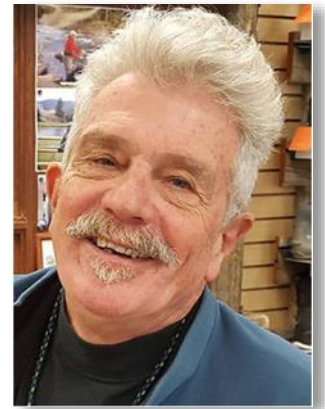
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The Fisherman's Line

November Meeting, Tuesday November 29, 2022 7:30 pm @ **Stonegate Country Club** Mark Merrill Presents : **New Zealand On Your Own**

This month, Tuesday November 29, Mark Merrill will present, "New Zealand On Your Own". The program will cover the low-cost travel to and in New Zealand, also covering airfares, rental vans, and inexpensive accommodations. It also obviously concerns the fly fishing there, including misconceptions about the necessity of guides, ease of access, and relatively straight forward techniques. Mark has been going for over 20 years, except for the last two. It is a country of extraordinarily friendly people, unusual flora and fauna, and probably the best public-access trout fishing in the world.



Mark spent 40 years in the restaurant and hotel business, started as a cook and became a chef at Slocum House in Fair Oaks and the Grand Island Mansion in the Delta. Mark Owned a restaurant downtown with Randy Paragary called Harry's Bar & Grill. Mark managed the convention center in San Jose and the Dream Inn hotel in Santa Cruz. Mark also ran the Wawona Hotel in Yosemite, and then for 20 years he was an international secret shopper for hotels and restaurants, in which he reviewed a thousand of the former and two thousand of the latter. Squeezed in there I made three attempts at having a flyfishing travel agency. Mark is Travel Director at Kiene's Fly Shop now. Mark has made over 20 mostly DIY trips to both New Zealand and the Bahamas. Mark will fish for anything that swims.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

This has been a much better year for stripers in the delta then in the recent past. We had our club striperfest early in this month. It was a good time fishing with new people. At the striperfest we pair boaters and non-boaters giving people an opportunity that they might not ordinarily have because they don't have the type of watercraft needed. Most boats found quite a few fish. My fishing partner Ron Leong caught quite a nice fish.

Many folks are still chasing steelhead, and I've heard quite a few successful stories. Its been a good fall fishing season when you can find water.

December is a short month where we have our home grown meeting on December 13. At this meeting we will

- 1) Elect officers for next year
- 2) Fly tying and fishing demonstrations
- 3) White Elephant gift exchange

I hope to see you all there the White Elephant should be great. Many people get serious gifts but many also understand the true nature of white elephant and get gag gifts usually with a fishing theme. So set your calendar for December 13.

Andan Bailey



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
November	Mark Merrill	November 29	New Zealand On Your Own
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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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.

The Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission (FERC) last week issued a License Surrender Order for the Lower Klamath River Hydroelectric Project. This clears the last major hurdle necessary to implement the world’s largest river restoration project – removal of the lower four Klamath River dams. With this order in place, the [Klamath River Renewal Corporation](#), the non-profit entity created to oversee Klamath River dam removal and related restoration activities, and the States of Oregon and California can accept transfer of the Lower Klamath Project License from energy company PacifiCorp and start the dam removal process early next year.

The dam removal and river restoration project was made possible through [a negotiated agreement](#) between Karuk Tribe, Yurok Tribe, California, Oregon, conservation organizations, commercial fishing organizations, and dam owner PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Warren Buffet’s Berkshire Hathaway Energy. Today’s action by FERC is the last step in a six-year FERC regulatory oversight process that ensures dam removal is the most beneficial course of action to restore

the Klamath River’s flagging salmon runs and improve poor water quality. Dam removal activities are expected to begin in 2023 and be completed in 2024. Personnel and equipment will be deployed in early 2023 to commence pre-removal construction, including road and bridge improvements. Copco 2 dam will be removed first, and deconstruction of the remaining three dams will occur essentially at the same time in early 2024. All four dams will be removed by the end of 2024.

Upstream of the dams, the Klamath Tribes of Oregon are anxious to see salmon return. “Our people have been without c’iyaals (salmon) for over a century. We welcome the fish home to the Upper Klamath Basin with open arms,” said Klamath Tribes Chairman Clayton Dumont.

In issuing the Final License Surrender Order, FERC Commission Chairman Richard Glick stated, “Dam removal makes sense in large part due to fish and wildlife protections. But there is a discussion in the order on the impact on Tribes and the ability to have their traditions and cultural practices improved... I think it’s a very important issue. A number of years back the commission did not think

about the impact of our decisions on Tribes. That's an important element in today's order..."

The decision comes almost exactly 20 years after a catastrophic fish kill left over 70,000 adult salmon dead along the banks of the Klamath River before they could spawn. That disaster galvanized the collective will of Klamath River Tribes, community members, fishermen, conservationists, and others who launched a two-decades-long effort to un-dam the Klamath and [Bring the Salmon Home](#).

"After the 2002 Fish Kill we committed ourselves to defending our river and our cultures no matter what it would take," said Molli Myers, co-founder of the Klamath Justice Coalition and member of the Karuk Tribe. "That kind of extraordinary commitment by ordinary Indians is what led to this victory."

Today's Klamath River salmon returns are less than 5% of their [historical abundance](#) with some runs of salmon completely extirpated from the system. Dams deny salmon access to hundreds of miles of [historical habitat](#), degrade water quality, and foster the spread of fish diseases. Scientific studies and dam removal efforts in other watersheds demonstrate that dam removal can reverse these trends.

"This is a historic day for the Tribes of the Klamath River and for Indigenous People all over the world. When we act together with a unified voice no power in this universe can stop us," said Ridges to Riffles Indigenous Conservation Group

Principal and Yurok Tribal member Amy Cordalis.

Note that one of the conservation organizations that was at the table during the long period of negotiations was the [Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International](#). Mark Rockwell, as Conservation VP, spent many hours of hard work on this project over the years. [California Trout](#), [Trout Unlimited](#), and [American Rivers](#), among others, also were key players in the negotiations, so if you're looking for organizations to support financially at the end of the year, consider any of the above.

On the subject of year-end donations

I can offer a few other suggestions. Check them out yourself to ensure that they are compatible with your own goals, but along with the organizations above here is an incomplete list of other worthy groups in no particular order.

- [Restore the Delta](#) works hard to ensure the San Francisco Bay Delta is sustainable for both farming and fish.
- [Friends of the River](#) works to preserve California's rivers as a treasure to be enjoyed, not as a resource to be exploited.
- [Save California Salmon](#) is dedicated to policy change and community advocacy for Northern California's salmon and fish dependent people.
- [Maven's Notebook](#) is a great resource for water-related news throughout the state. As a relatively small organization, your support would have a great impact.

If you'd like to subscribe to some interesting research sites, try these:

- [Maven's Notebook](#) is a great resource for water-related news throughout the state.
- [California Water Research](#), an independent research site operated by Deirdre Des Jardins.
- [California WaterBlog](#), a collaboration by scientists at [UC Davis' Center for Watershed Sciences](#) to address critical issues affecting streams, rivers, lakes and estuarine ecosystems within California's Central Valley, the Sierra Nevada and San Francisco Estuary.

You can always just check them out occasionally if you don't want to subscribe. There's usually something interesting there!

Delta Tunnel Public Comment Session The State of California is still pursuing a massive \$16 billion+ tunnel that would severely impact the Delta without providing a single drop of new water.

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) comments on the Department of Water Resources' controversial tunnel proposal are due December 16, 2022. It is critical to the future of the Delta for people to attend this meeting

and make their voices heard. The meeting will provide a brief overview of the project and include an opportunity to put your comments into the formal record. Assistance with written comment submissions will be available.

WHO: The Delta Legislative Caucus & The Delta Counties Coalition

WHAT: Public In-Person, in the Delta, Meeting

DATE: December 6, 2022 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Willow Ballroom, 10724 CA-160, Hood, CA 95639

Here are some great resources to help you prepare for this meeting.

[Delta Counties Coalition](#) - Map, Sample Resolution, Sample Letter, Myth & Fact Sheet

DWR – [Delta Conveyance Project](#)

Other useful sites for preparation

[Save the California Delta Alliance \(STCDA\)](#)

[Restore the Delta](#)

[North Delta CARES](#)

[Bay Delta Live Website](#)

[California Data Exchange Center](#)

[Water Education Foundation](#)

And finally, here's a [Petition to Sign](#)



FFD EVENTS: 2022 FFD Annual Dinner

Photos and Summary by Tom Robinson

The 2022 FFD Annual Dinner, the major fundraiser for the Club, was held in October this year due to a surge in Covid cases earlier in the year. The event was held at Lillard Hall like previous years. We had a great crew of volunteers to decorate/setup the venue. There was a great selection of bucket items, general raffle items, and high roller items. This year we had a new caterer, Matt of Eat Food Familia, who served Tri tip, Chicken, Sausage, Mac n Cheese, Beans, and Salad. The food was well received. Paul Berliner put together a fabulous presentation call “FFD – The Covid Years in Review” and Steve Ohrwall and fellow volunteers managed a fantastic General Raffle and High Roller Raffle. There were many winners and all in all everyone was very happy to attend the event. Thank you to everyone that attended!



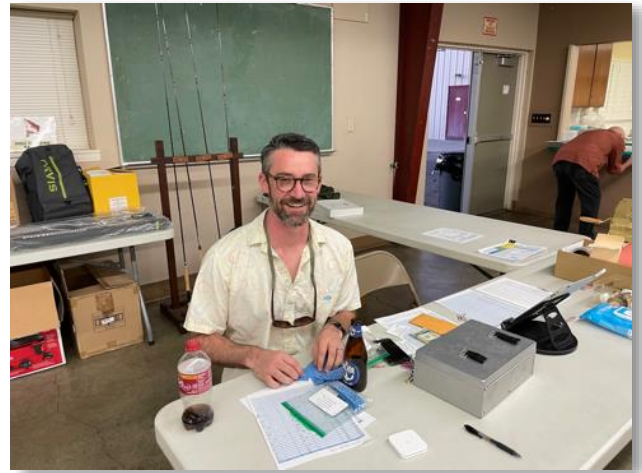
It's time to setup for the event



Look at that row of bucket items!



Great turnout to the FFD 2022 Annual Dinner



Ryan Mitchell is ready to check you in in



Great selection of General Raffle items



Fantastic selection of High Roller items



Gene Gantt is happy to provide beverages



New caterer this year. Food was well received

FFD TRAVELS: Patagonia Region of Argentina

Photos and Summary by Terence Imai

A “lifetime fishing trip” down in the Patagonia region of Argentina





FFD OUTINGS: Delta Striper Fest 2022

Photos from Members, Summary by Dana Hooper

Saturday November 5th the day started with a little fog and cloud cover but ended up turning into a great weather day of high clouds and very little to no wind. We had seven boats teamed up with other non boaters for the day. I believe everybody caught some stripers, some did better some did worse and Ron Leong got the big striper of the day. Very nice fish.

Shawn and I had a good day with good numbers of stripers up to 5 to 6lbs. Most being in the 2 to 4 lb range. We ended up with 5 doubles through out the day before we left to head to dinner.

Shad patterns and Squaw fish patterns seem to work best for us with type 3 and a type 6 sinking lines. For those that have not been striper fishing on a fly you are missing out.

Thank you goes out to all the Boaters that were very generous taking out another non boating member of Fly Fishers of Davis.



Ron Leong with a great striper



Shawn DeArmond with a striper



Dana Hooper has one!



Peter Hawes joins the fun



Eric Kapucinshi with his striper



Kurt Arens has one



Devin Bartley lands a nice striper



Double Double! Peter Hawes and Son Chong

FFD OUTREACH: 2022 Winters Salmon Festival

Photos from Rick Wallinder and Paul Berliner, Summary by Paul Berliner

Fly Fishers of Davis staffed a booth at the Winters Salmon Festival on November 5th, and just like our yearly outreach on Picnic Day and Duck Days, we tied flies for folks (young and old) who stopped by. Equally important, we talked about our club, our local fisheries, handed out many brochures, and promoted all the great things that our club has to offer — especially our outings and our upcoming FFD 101 classes. Special thanks to Bob Brodberg, Bob Zasoski, and Rick Wallinder for their wonderful help and support at this event!



Rick Wallinder has some customers!



Bob Brodberg is tying flies



What fly would you like me to make?



Bob's audience is mesmerized



International Sportsmen's Expositions (ISE) presents the largest sportsmen expos in three western states. For decades these consumer events in Colorado, California and Utah have presented the destinations, products and services that outdoor enthusiasts are seeking. The 2023 ISE Show in Sacramento will be held starting Thursday, January 19th through Sunday, January 22nd at Cal Expo located at 1600 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento, CA. The show will feature hundreds of companies in multiple buildings covering a wide array of outdoor activities & destinations including fishing & hunting, lodges & resorts, travel & destination groups as well as outfitters and guide...and much more. Attached please find "Fast Facts" about the 2023 ISE Sacramento Show.



The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI) will be participating in the Sacramento ISE Show with a 10 x 20 booth at our new location (booth #3812 in the Pavillion Building). The NCCFFI plan is to engage with as many outdoorsmen (and women) who are interested in the sport of fly fishing as much as possible, learn where they live and connect them to the fly fishing club(s) nearest to them to help them get actively involved in fly fishing or expand their knowledge. As in years past, NCCFFI will host the Fly Tying "How-To" Center where interested fly fishers can come, see, learn & interact with expert fly tyers at work creating inspired flies that catch fish.



People will be coming from throughout Northern California, southern Oregon & western Nevada to the largest presentation of outdoor sports related travel destinations, outdoor gear and services.



Please come and join us at the International Sportsmen's Show in Sacramento in January. This promises to be a great event!

For more information go to the International Sportsmen's Exposition website (www.SportsExpos.com) or the NCCFFI website (<https://www.nccffi.org>).



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>
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
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
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater

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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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