Fly Fishers of Davis

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The Fisherman's Line

February Meeting, Tuesday February 28, 2023

7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club

Andy Guibord Presents : Shad from Dawn Till Dusk

his month, Tuesday February 28, Andy Guibord will present, "Shad From Dawn Till Dusk". During the one hour presentation Andy discuss how to catch the American River Shad on a fly, reading the water, and fly presentations. Although much less sought after, American River Shad are pound for pound on the best fighting fish on the fly rod.

Andy Guibord, was born in Detroit Michigan. It was off the end of his uncle's dock on Pontiac lake where his love for fishing blossomed with the bluegill, perch and catfish that he caught with worms wiggling under a red and white bobber.



Now at 62 and still fishing. Andy moved to California in 1979 in order to go to college. Andy graduated from CSUS with a Masters in Fine Arts. Currently Andy is a fly fishing guide and Captain at Kiene's Fly Shop where he has worked for the last thirty years. Andy is a casting instructor in both single and two handed rod techniques . Andy is also a fly tier, photographer and writer published in the California Fly Fishing magazine. His job at Kienes has sent him around the world fishing in the Yucatán, Belize, Amazon, and New Zealand just to mention a few , in the pursuit of tarpon, bonefish, peacock bass, trout and other finned pursuits.







THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy Y'all,

I hope everyone is getting a chance to get out fishing. Steelhead fishing is still happening as well as Pyramid and Baum lakes and others. Early spring starts bass fishing at Berryessa and the delta.

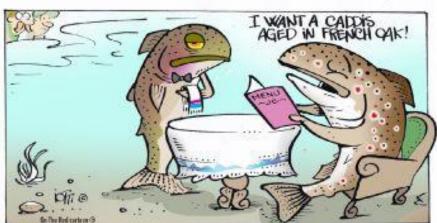
Last weekend I went on the Pyramid Lake trip at various parts of the trip we had about 20 people. It was a lot of fun with most people catching fish, most of which averaged 4-6 lbs, though there were a few double-digit fish caught. If you have never been on an outing or it has been a while since you have, you should come on one. In addition to good fishing opportunities, we usually have some pretty good food...or at least a lot of it! They are a great place to learn fisheries and meet future fishing partners.

The dinner is just two weeks away and we are getting close to filling up so get your rsvp in soon! I hear the video is great and who would miss a chance to have Steve Ohrwall give them a hard time at the raffle.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and the dinner.

Andan Bailey





MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Peter Hawes 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 2023 Meeting Schedule						
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC			
February	Andy Guibord	February 28	Shad From Dusk Till Dawn			
March	FFD Members	March 28	Homegrown Watercraft and Fly Fishing Gear Sale			

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





Fly Fishers of Davis is returning to its regular Annual Dinner schedule. This year's Annual Dinner is scheduled for March 4th. You should have received an Evite. If you have not, please email Tom Robinson @ tom.robinson@me.com. Evite: http://evite.me/8XGJCYES2b

Please RSVP BY SUNDAY. We are going back to our previous caterer, Hickory Hank Barbecue. We will need to inform Hickory Hank how many guests to prepare food for. There is also a Poll at the bottom of the Evite where you can request Vegan/Vegetarian options.



FLY TYING CLASS?

After several years of dormancy, we are trying to assess whether there is sufficient interest to justify staging a beginning tying class this spring. Classes would be held Wednesday evenings from 7-9. If you have an interest in learning to tie your own flies, either let Paul Berliner (pberliner51@gmail.com) or Bob Zasoski (rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net) know. You can also sign up at the next Fly Fishers of Davis meeting February 28. The Fly Fishers of Davis Club will provide all the necessary materials and equipment. A nominal fee covers the cost of materials. While geared to the neophyte tier, those with some experience are also welcome.

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.

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 issued an Executive Order (N-3-23) this month regarding water use during the current drought. One part of the order suspended environmental regulations designed to protect water quality in the Delta. Doug Obegi commented on the order in a well-written blog post for the Natural Resources Defense Council. He pointed out that the order 'effectively gives the State Water Project and Central Valley Project a "get out of jail free" card for stealing water from the Bay-Delta environment – water that the two massive water projects promised to the environment decades ago in Decision 1641'.

As a reminder, the Department of Water Resources manages state-owned water infrastructure, such as dams, reservoirs and aqueducts (notably the State Water Project that delivers water to the San Joaquin Valley). DWR, like any other water user, must apply for water rights permits from the State Water Board (SWRCB). The State Water Board oversees the allocation of the state's water resources to various entities and for diverse uses, from agricultural irrigation to hydro electrical power generation to municipal water supplies, and for safeguarding the cleanliness and purity of Californians' water for everything from bubble baths to trout streams to ocean beaches.

For many years the State Water Board has acknowledged that the existing Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan is inadequate to protect the Delta. D-1641 established minimum flows and water quality objectives to protect farms, cities and the environment

 including fish species – but it has repeatedly been set aside using waivers to provide more water for farms (mostly) and cities (to a smaller degree) south of the delta.

The Water Board has publicly claimed that the State Water Project has and will comply with D-1641, but it has repeatedly violated it by granting Temporary Urgency Change Petitions. So the Water Board claims D-1641 is inadequate to protect the Delta and it simultaneously repeatedly waives it to provide more water to (mostly agricultural interests) to the south.

These actions have brought us to our current situation where the health of the Delta is severely jeopardized, salmon populations and other native fish in the Delta are threatened with extinction, and residents of the Delta are bypassed in favor of water interests in the south.

Governor Newsom's action with Executive Order N-3-23 is just the latest action that threatens our fisheries, along with the proposed new dams and the Delta tunnel project. Californians consistently support protecting the environment and endangered species, yet the Governor's actions do not align with our interests.

Decision 1641, usually abbreviated D-1641, was adopted by the State Water Board on December 29, 1999. It's the implementation plan for the 1995 Bay-Delta Plan regarding operation of water projects with the Delta watershed. It includes water right permit terms and conditions to implement water quality objectives, notably salinity levels, to protect water quality in the delta for

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Municipal and Industrial uses, and to protect water quality for fish and wildlife. Specifically, it contains water flow and water quality objectives that must be measured at monitoring stations throughout the Delta. Those flow and water quality objectives are the items waived under the Temporary Urgency Change Petitions.

The SWRCB web page describes D-1641 as the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) that establishes: (1) beneficial uses to be protected; (2) water quality objectives for the reasonable protection of beneficial uses; and (3) a program of implementation for achieving the water quality objectives. The beneficial uses to be protected include fish and wildlife, agricultural, municipal and industrial uses. The Bay-Delta Plan is not self-implementing: in State Water Board Revised Decision 1641, the State Water Board amended the water right license and permits for the State Water Project and Central Valley Project (collectively the Projects) to require the Projects to meet certain objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan. Specifically, Decision 1641 places responsibility on the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for measures to ensure that specified water quality objectives are met." You can find a summary of the flow, water quality, and monitoring requirements established by the State Water Board at their website here.

The NCCFFI (Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International) has acted on behalf of fisheries advocates and anglers by sending a letter to the SWRCB requesting that the Board take immediate action to comply with D-1641 and the Water Quality Control Plan. Specifically, it asks the State Water Board to require the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources to comply with D-1641 and the Water Quality Control Plan. It points out that allowing flows out of the Delta to fall below the minimum requirements of D-1641

is likely to reduce the survival of winter-run salmon. This is particularly concerning this year as federal agencies have documented the lowest egg-to-fry survival and the lowest number of juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon passing the Red Bluff Diversion Dam since 2002.

The letter concludes with "Fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta estuary have been devastated by the combination of existing regulatory protections that the Board has admitted are inadequate, numerous waivers of those inadequate protections during every critically dry year since 2012, and repeated failure to enforce even the reduced standards. Waiving or violating the Bay-Delta Plan's outflow standards in 2023, a non-critically dry year, would unreasonably expand the Board's pattern and practice of allowing violations of the minimum water quality objectives in the Bay-Delta Plan."

If you're still looking for organizations to support that are aligned with your angling interests, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Fly Fishers International (through NCCFFI) are worth looking at.

Delta Smelt, the 2 to 3 inch fish that smells like cucumber and was once only found in the San Francisco Bay Delta, was again not found at all in this year's Fall Midwater Trawl Survey. This marks the sixth year running that no smelt were found. The fish is considered an indicator species of the health of the Delta, so this news is extremely worrisome (if you're not corporate farmer in the San Joaquin Valley, that is).

The age-0 Striped Bass index is also very low, although it's slightly higher than last year. However at only 66, it's far below the levels of the 1960s to 1980s of 2,000-20,000. It's clear that Delta Smelt are not the only fish in severe decline. Longfin Smelt and Threadfin Shad show similar trends to Striped Bass, with very low numbers compared to pre-2000 levels. American Shad are faring a little better, although their numbers are down, and Splittail shows the

same numbers as Delta Smelt, with zero found for the last 5 years.

A report by Carol Rasmussen of NASA,

in a bit of good news, finds a previously unmeasured source of water to the Central Valley. Water percolating through soil and fractured rock below the Sierra Nevada delivers an average of four million acre feet of water every year, accounting for about 10% of all the water that enters the valley. Growers have been pumping more water from the ground in the San Joaquin Valley for the past 60 years, causing ground levels in some areas to sink and groundwater levels to drop so far that some shallow municipal wells have gone dry. This new understanding of a significant water source is important as California attempts to get a better handle on groundwater resources and how to make them sustainable.

In the study, reported at NASA's Global Climate Change website, the scientific team led by Donald Argus of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory found that the groundwater volume fluctuates more widely than previously thought.

The team measured the volume fluctuations of water on and under the Central Valley using satellites of the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment missions. They can't measure the total volume of water present but they can measure the monthly volume changes by measuring the rise and fall of the ground level.

This research will give us significant new information for mananging california's groundwater.





FFD OUTINGS: Pyramid Lake, NV

Photos from Members, Summary by Tom Robinson

In February 2023, 17 Fly Fishers of Davis Members descended on Pyramid Lake, NV which is 37 miles north of Reno, NV. Many FFD Members had never been to Pyramid Lake, so they were in for an exciting fishing outing. Pyramid Lake is where you fish off a ladder, which is setup on the drop off where the fish collect. Many Lahontan Cutthroat Trout were caught over 3-4 days of fishing. Members enjoyed fishing, dinners, and more. Everyone had a great time.



It's time to get rigged up!



Awesome drone pic Shawn DeArmond- Sandhole Beach



Ladders are out! Time to fish



We are all lined up and ready to catch fish!



First time Dan Brugger has a nice fish!



Mike McDonnell has a Cutti!



Beautiful drone pic of the drop off at Sandhole Beach



More awesome drone photos!



Eric Arnold has a big Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

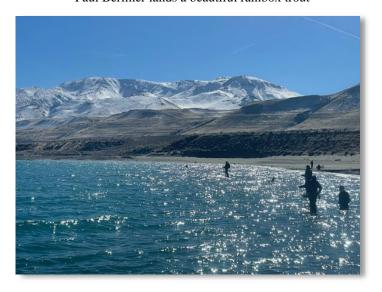


Nice fish Michael Rivers!





Paul Berliner lands a beautiful rainbox trout



Pyramid Lake is a beautiful scenic lake



First timer Jacob Orton has nice trout



That's a double digit Lahontan Cutthroat Chris Berardi



View from the infamous Crosby Lodge



Time for dinner! Kurt Arens is prepping the cilantro



Dana Hooper is cooking the skirt steak taco meat



Tom Robinson has a nice Cutti



Shawn DeArmond has another fish!

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First time Ryan Mitchell is on the board



Is that Peter Hawes with another cutthroat?



Kurt Arens, is that a double digit Lahontan?



Jeff Willaims has a nice trout



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Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, February 2023

We invite all of you to the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA., February 24, 25 & 26th. We will be there in force with our normal booth meeting fly fishers and referring them to all of you, our clubs, so they can visit and consider joining. Beyond this club communication effort, we'll be again teaching fly tying to kids, with a focus on qualifying Scouts for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. That will include tying 2 different flies, learning 3 knots, and doing some casting. In addition to our "in-the-building" efforts, we'll also be supporting a large host of fly casting instructors who will be teaching casting to the event visitors. This will take place out on the grass lawn area which is located behind the pavilion of the show through the back gate andthe right.

Look for the signs for 'Casting lessons'



A major part of the show for us is introducing club casting teachers to the *Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD)*. It is a fun way to improve casting skills for all fly fishers in a self-paced fashion. There are now four levels from beginner to advanced: Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Sarah Trenschel and Russ Carpenter will be on site to teach club casting teachers how to set up the course and the process to actually teach the various casts needed to pass the different levels. Both Sarah and Russ are certified casting instructors from the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club in S.F.

This specific program will be taught on Saturday the 25th starting at 9:30 in the morning. Please contact Clay Hash, clayhash.fft@gmail.com, to register to attend. We can only take 6 people at a time. It's possible we'll have more than one session, so it's important to register so we can advise you of the time you should be there for your session. Clubs that have started this program for members all say they have really enjoyed the casting sessions, and they are learning a lot. If you pass one or more of the levels - Bronze, Silver, Gold - you can apply and receive a certificate and pin from FFI. . We promise you, it will be both fun and rewarding!

Another activity we will be doing is our *Club President Luncheon*. It will be hosted starting at noon, location to be determined, but it will be at the show location. Our Booth will have location details, so stop by for directions.

We invite either the club President, or, if they can't make it, a club representative. We want your club to attend to meet & share information about your club, and hear what NCCFFI has prepared for 2023 activities. We have developed many exciting learning programs - casting, tying, fishing and techniques for difficult fishing locations. Clay Hash, Founder of Fly Fishing Traditions, will present at various locations in our region in 2023. All of these activities are designed to be utilized by our clubs and members,

and, we promise, they will be both educational and fun. We'll cover details of locations, times and dates for all of these at the lunch.

For conservation, a major focus of NCCFFI, we'll give you a glimpse of what we're working on to improve & recover our watersheds and fisheries. We'll also present a wonderful short video on what will be happening on the Klamath dam removal & restoration process that starts in 2023 - this year!! We are focused on improved fisheries for all fly fishers.

Please contact Mark Rockwell, mrockwell1945@gmail.com, to register for the lunch. We need to know who and how many will attend so we can provide adequate food and drinks, as well has enough space to have a restful and enjoyable time. It will be a fun time!

Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI







The Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI) is participating in the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA for three days from Friday February 24 through Sunday, February 26.



Exhibitors and Fly Tiers will be in building A, with Fly Fishing Presentations in Buildings B, C, F & G. Outside space will provided for fly casting in the pool and on the grass beyond the buildings. The event spotlights thousands of products and destinations for everything fly fishing, including fly fishing authors, celebrities, fly tiers, fly casting, fly fishing industry exhibitors,

and a learning center perfect for the entire family. The Fly Fishing Show is the place to get everything you need for fun on the water! As the slogan goes..."Fly Fishing isn't part of the show, it is the whole show". Check it out at https://www.flyfishingshow.com/



We invite you to come join NCCFFI at The Fly Fishing Show and to experience all of the great outdoor & fly fishing opportunities available that we can deliver along with many of our partners in the fly fishing industry. NCCFFI will provide information at the show about the FFI and the important work underway in the areas of conservation, education, instruction & learning.

The **NCCFFI** will be in Building A. We'll have great information about Fly Fishing and our 26 affiliated Fly Fishing Clubs in Northern California & Nevada, so you can learn more about the sport in the community where you live. We'll also be signing up interested & new fly fishers to receive

information about our fly clubs and they will have an **opportunity to win an Adamsbuilt 5 Weight Combo Fly Rod/Reel**. Other activities include: 1) demonstrating fly tying and knot tying; 2) casting instruction & practice outside, 3) partnering with Bay Area Scouting Organizations to help scouts pass up to three parts of their Fly Fishing Merit Badge (fly tying, knot tying & casting). <u>Scouts get into the show free when they come in uniform.</u>



NCCFFI is your regional organization for fly fishing. Stop by the NCCFFI Booth to learn about the importance of organizational support for fly fishing:

- . Conduit to 26 Affiliated Fly Fishing Clubs Learn about the Club nearest to you & join!
- Scout Merit Badge teaching & qualifying at NCCFFI Booth Knots, Fly Tying & Casting Skills
- Benefits of Fly Fishing International (FFI) membership talk with fly fishers at our Booth. You'll learn why membership is important to the sport of fly fishing.



UTINGS & EVENTS FFD

2022-2023

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

<u>Trip 2023</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
Putah Creek	Trout		March 15 & 19	Son Chong	vsonkilchong@gmail.com	Day trip
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
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel





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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) is a non-Profit 501.C.4 charitable organization dedicated to the education, participation, conservation and enhancement of fly fishing. FFD meets monthly. Our regular monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except for December, and other exceptions are noted in our newsletter. December meetings are held the second Tuesday to accommodate holiday schedules.

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/.

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
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