

## March Meeting, Tuesday March 28, 2023

6:00 pm @ Stonegate Country Club

## **FFD Members Present:**

## **Annual Fly Fishing Swap Meet & Watercraft Show**

his month, Tuesday March 28, FFD Members will be hosting the Annual Swap Meet and Watercraft Show:



### THE PREZ SEZ

### Howdy Y'all,

What a great annual dinner we had! Thanks to such a tremendous turnout of folks just wanting to socialize and have fun. Hickory Hank brought the BBQ, and Paul produced such a "jazzy/bluesy" "year in review" video. It seems Paul's only limitations were the models in the pictures—I'm not referring to the fish.

As far as fishing goes It's been pretty tough. The only place that isn't blown out is Pyramid (if you can get there.) Take heart! We're paying our dues now for having abundant water for the rest of this year. Dream of the streams, rivers, and lakes full of both water and fish. Hopefully by April, certainly by May. Until then tie flies, wax rods, clean the boat so you're go when the going gets good!

### **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 <a href="mailto:programs@flyfishersofdavis.org">programs@flyfishersofdavis.org</a>

Fly Fishers of Davis 2023 Meeting Schedule					
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC		
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!



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Facebook.com/FlyFishersOfDavis





## 2023 Costa Bass-n-Fly Challenge

Fly Fishing Team Tournament

#### **Prizes & Winnings:**

- \*80% payout after expenses
- \*Tournament pays out 1 for every 5 entries
- \*Trophies awarded to the top
- 3 teams
  \*Raffle prizes

### When: June 1-2, 2023 6am blast-off 2pm weigh-in

Where: Sugar Barge

RV Resort & Marina\*\*
Bethel Island, CA





#### **Tournament Contacts:**

Capt Maury Hatch firsthatchguideservice@yahoo.com 916-716-3474

Capt Noel de Guzman info@justacastaway.com 510-579-2859

### \*\* Launch ramp fee is not included in entry fees

#### **Entry Fees:**

\*Mail-in entries must be received 3 days prior to tournament

Boaters: \$250 per team Big fish option: \$10 Team option: \$20 Late sign-up fee\*: \$10

(morning of the tournament)

Kayaker: \$175
Big fish option: \$10
Late sign-up fee\*: \$10
(morning of the tournament)

## **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.

<u>Note:</u> 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 last month issued an Executive Order regarding water use during the current drought. See last month's newsletter for more details on it. One part of the order suspended environmental regulations designed to protect water quality in the Delta.

The State Water Resources Control Board approved the Governor's order on February 21, but earlier this month modified it. According to the modification order, "The February 21 Order determined that an urgent

need for the proposed changes existed at the time the TUCP was filed and that the changes were in the public interest and would not have unreasonable impacts on fish and wildlife. However, as identified in the March 8, 2023 Bulletin 120 hydrologic forecast, hydrologic conditions have improved since the Order was issued and additional significant precipitation is currently occurring and projected to occur. The State Water Board has also received public comments on the TUCP and a

petition for reconsideration. Based on the improved hydrology and in consideration of the public comments and the petition for reconsideration, this Order finds that an urgent need for the changes no longer exists, the changes are no longer in the public interest, and the impacts of the changes on fish and wildlife are no longer reasonable."

"Accordingly, this Order rescinds the suspension of the Port Chicago Delta outflow requirements for the remainder of March." All other requirements of the February 21 Order remain in place, including reporting how much water would have been saved by not meeting this outflow requirement, and reporting on how a portion of the water supply improvements will be used for fish and wildlife purposes. The full order and transmittal letter can be found at <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water-is-sues/programs/drought/tucp/index.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water-is-sues/programs/drought/tucp/index.html</a>.

The Washington Post published a story on the Delta Tunnel this month that describes the controversial project and those oppose and in favor of it. You can find the full story at

(https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2023/03/01/california-tunnel-storm-water-rain/).

Proponents say the tunnel would allow pumping of more water south when heavy rains come (instead of being "wasted" to the sea), while opponents point out that one piece of infrastructure would not solve California's water problems as climate change disrupts the states water hydrology system.

From the standpoint of the fishery and those who depend on it for fishing, water is not wasted to the sea but is a necessary part of the ecological system that supports a healthy, vibrant fishery.

### **The Public Policy Institute of California**

(PPIC) published a post on testimony by director Ellen Hanak, senior fellow Brian Gray, and senior fellow Jeffrey Mount before the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee Informational Hearing, "How Should California's Water Right System Adapt to a 21st Century Climate?".

You can read the whole post at <a href="https://www.ppic.org/blog/testimony-adapting-californias-water-rights-system-to-the-21st-century-climate/">https://www.ppic.org/blog/testimony-adapting-californias-water-rights-system-to-the-21st-century-climate/</a>, but here are some highlights.

They point out that the climate shifts that California is experiencing include warmer temperatures, less reliable snowpack, and more intense droughts. These have exposed critical weaknesses in the administration of our water rights system under conditions of scarcity. The warmer atmosphere also increases snowpack erosion, dries out soils, and increases the water demand of plants. They argue that we need to to a better job of capturing and storing runoff from high-flow storms, and replenishing groundwater.

An essential area that needs improvement is California's system of water rights. They recommend several actions to manage water during both scarcity and abundance. To manage scarcity:

- 1. Expressly authorize the State Water Board to enforce and curtail all relevant water rights. This would include pre-1914 rights and groundwater rights, which the board currently is not authorized to enforce.
- 2. Enable the board to respond more quickly to changing conditions. Currently, the board can only order curtailments if the governor declares an emergency.
- 3. Create incentives to improve measurement and reporting of diversions and use. This reporting is essential to managing water rights, but has poor compliance.
- Encourage renegotiation of Central Valley Project and State Water Project senior contracts. The current contracts promise water deliveries that can't be supported in drier years because the hydrology of the basin has changed.

To manage abundance, the PPIC suggests:

- 1. Empower the State Water Board to administer a special permitting system for high-water flows.
- 2. Develop watershed-specific high-flow diversion thresholds. That is the legislature should direct the board to study appropriate diversion thresholds for each watershed taking into account water rights and environmental requirements.

- 3. Confirm that recharge with high flows is a beneficial use of water. The board has determined that "groundwater recharge is not a beneficial use of water on its own," but has broadly defined beneficial use for some cases in a manner that is not widely understood. The legislature should confirm the board's interpretation for its high flow diversion and recharge program.
- 4. Allow for quick action when storms come. Rapidly changing high flow and flood conditions require a rapid response. The legislature could authorize the board to use modern scientific analyses to review and approve specific diversion requests quickly.

#### The PPIC concluded with:

"California relies upon its water rights system to manage competing demands for water. Originally, this system was set up to manage scarcity, but increasingly, it is being asked to manage all facets of both wet and dry periods, along with complying with regulatory standards and fulfilling public trust requirements.

"The legislature has a long history of adapting the water rights system to respond to new scientific information, changing hydrology, and evolving public values. Given the events of the past decade—along with projections of future climate change—it is appropriate for the legislature to update the Water Code to reflect these new conditions. In this testimony we offer suggestions for Water Code amendments, along with recommendations to revisit senior water right contracts. Although these policy reforms are modest, they are an important next step in matching water rights administration to current and future needs."



### **The Pacific Fishery Management Council**

proposed the closure of the recreational and commercial salmon season off the California coast for 2023. At its meeting on March 10, the PFMC acknowledged the low abundance of salmon for both the Klamath and Sacramento River fall Chinook. The primary reason for the low abundance was hostile river conditions in recent years, with water temperatures rising to the point of killing upwards of 90% of the young fish before the could grow and reach the sea. The Council will finalize the action at its meeting in Foster City on April 1-7.

The 2023 projection for Sacramento River fall Chinook, estimated at 169,767 adults, is one of the lowest forecasts since 2008. The Klamath fall run forecast is 103,793 adults, the second lowest forecast since 1997.

After the Council and NOAA Fisheries finalize the closures, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is expected to close recreational salmon fishing in all Central Valley rivers, including the Sacramento, Feather, American and Mokelumne rivers, and the Klamath and Trinity rivers this year.

John McManus, President of the Golden State Salmon Association (GSSA), said dam operation decisions favoring agribusiness over salmon survival have resulted in "very poor" natural salmon reproduction in recent years because lethal hot water left after dam releases for agriculture has killed incubating salmon eggs. In addition, he said big releases of water in the spring needed to wash baby salmon safely out of the Central Valley to the ocean have been diverted or withheld.



## FFD TRAVELS: The Lower Sacramento River

### Photos and Summary by Richard Sakai

My son, Russ, and I along with his best friend George Kasun plus his dad (Walt) were scheduled for the Trinity this past weekend. But the cold weather hit but not to deter us. We fished the lower Sac.

Saturday was cold but quasi clear but Sunday had us in rain, wind and cold. Inspite of the weather on Sunday each boat landed at least 10 good sized fish. Saturday was much better where each boat landed at least a dozen including a steelhead and a "monster" as Ernie called it.











## FFD TRAVELS: Lake Berryessa Float n Fly

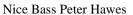
### Photos and Summary by Peter Hawes

On March the 3rd, Son and I launched at Markley Cove on the main boat ramp. Yes, it is open! We fished from noon-6 pm. The water was green and in good condition. Water temp was 51°. We did run up the Putah Creek arm but the water was muddy, so we came back and mostly fished around the Markley area with balance leeches around 9 feet deep. We hook 12 fish and landed 11, weighing between 2-2 1/2 pounds- mostly Spotted and Small Mouth Bass.

On Friday March 17th, Michael McDonald and I, launched at Markley Cove. There were a lot of bass boats on the lake due to an upcoming two day NEWGEN bass tournament scheduled for the weekend - so we had a lot of competition. In some locations, the water color was off-brown but we still found some green water with a temperature of 56°. We fished from 1-6 pm, hooked 14 fish and landed 9. Unfortunately, we both lost some really good fish! Looks like the males have started to come up in the shallow areas looking for territories. The big females should follow soon.

Hope to see you on the lake soon!







Is that Son Chong??

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Beautiful Fish



Mike McDonald has a Bass!



Another nice one Peter



Another for Mike

## FFD EVENTS: 2023 FFD Annual Dinner

### Photos and Summary by Tom Robinson

The Fly Fishers of Davis are back to the regular March FFD Annual Dinner schedule with Hickory Hank BBQ as the caterer. This year we had a terrific turn out with over 120 guests. The prizes, food, and company were great. Everyone seemed to have a great evening and Paul Berliner's 2022 Year In Review video was funny and fantastic to see. See everyone next March for another great Annual Dinner event.



Mike Rivers and Ryan Mitchell and setting up the general raffle



Nice table centerpieces Lyn Hooper!



Thank you to all the volunteer that helped setup the Annual Dinner



Look at all of those bucket items!



Great turnout for the 2023 FFD Annual Dinner



The parking lot is FULL!



Hickory Hank is busy cooking dinner



Dessert looks good Jon Knapp



Steve Ohrwall knows how to entertain a crowd!



FFD Donation to Casting For Recovery

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### Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

### By Mark Rockwell, President, March 2023

As we move into the end of winter, and with the Fly Fishing Show behind us, I wanted to let everyone know what activities we will be engaged in for the rest of 2023. We have many learning activities and events planed, and these will be held around our region to make it easier for many of you to participate. Here is a shorthand listing of the events, locations and dates. We will be doing outreach around each of these, but we wanted to give you the info so you can note them in your calendar.

### Fly Casting & Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) Events

- 'Teach the Teachers' Zoom, April 27th 6:00 7:00 p.m. for workshop in Sacramento on 5/20/2023.
  - Casting instruction in **Sacramento, May 20th,** 10-4 p.m. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for 'Teach the Teachers starts at 1 p.m.
- 'Teach the Teachers' Zoom, May 24th 6:00 7:00 p.m. for workshop in San Jose on 6/24/2023.
  - Casting instruction in **San Jose, June 24th**, 10-4 p.m. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for 'Teach the Teachers' starts at 1 p.m.
- 'Teach the Teachers' Zoom, August 31st 6:00 7:00 p.m. for workshop at Yuba Fest, September 30th.
  - Casting instruction at **Yuba Fest, Sept 30th**, 10-4 p.m.. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for 'Teach the Teachers' starts at 1 p.m.

### **Proposed NCCFFI Skills Clinics** - Clay Hash, Fly Fishing Traditions

- Euro Nymphing Clinic May 13th, 9 4 p.m. Browns Valley, Lower Yuba River
- NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing Sunday May 21st, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sacramento or Grass Valley.
- Fishing Technical Waters Workshop Saturday June 17th, 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Lower Yuba River, Browns Valley, CA
- NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing Sunday June 25th, 9. a.m. 4 p.m., San Jose, CA.
- Fly Fishing the Lower Yuba River Saturday August 19th, 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Sycamore Ranch on the Lower Yuba River,
- NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing Sunday October 1, 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Sycamore Ranch on the Lower Yuba River.
- Spey Fishing Workshop swinging & soft Hackle Trout spey, Saturday November 18th, 10 a.m. 4 p.m., Lower Yuba River, Browns Valley.

All of these Teaching programs are offered by **Sarah Trenschel & Russ Carpenter**, Certified Casting instructors of GGACC for casting events, or **Clay Hash of Fly Fishing Traditions** in Grass Valley, CA. *Mark Your Calendars!* 



# **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>
Putah Creek	Trout		April/May	Son Chong	vsonkilchong@gmail.com	Day trip
Delta Bass N Fly Tourn	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	July 24-28	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.net	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
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	





#### Officers, Directors and Committees

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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
- For Additional Information: or questions email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org