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**The Fisherman's Line**

## June Meeting, Tuesday June 27, 2023 Fly Fishers of Davis Annual Picnic

*T*his month, Tuesday June 27, 2023, the Fly Fishers of Davis will celebrate Summer with the Annual FFD Picnic. Come and visit with your fly fishing friends and their significant others. Enjoy salads, side dishes, and desserts provided by Members and feast on Tri tip sandwiches, hotdogs, and chicken provided by FFD.



Come and share a fish story or two, discuss your summer plans, and see who is this year's recipient of the 2023 Addled Angler Award.

Hope to see you there!

## THE PREZ SEZ

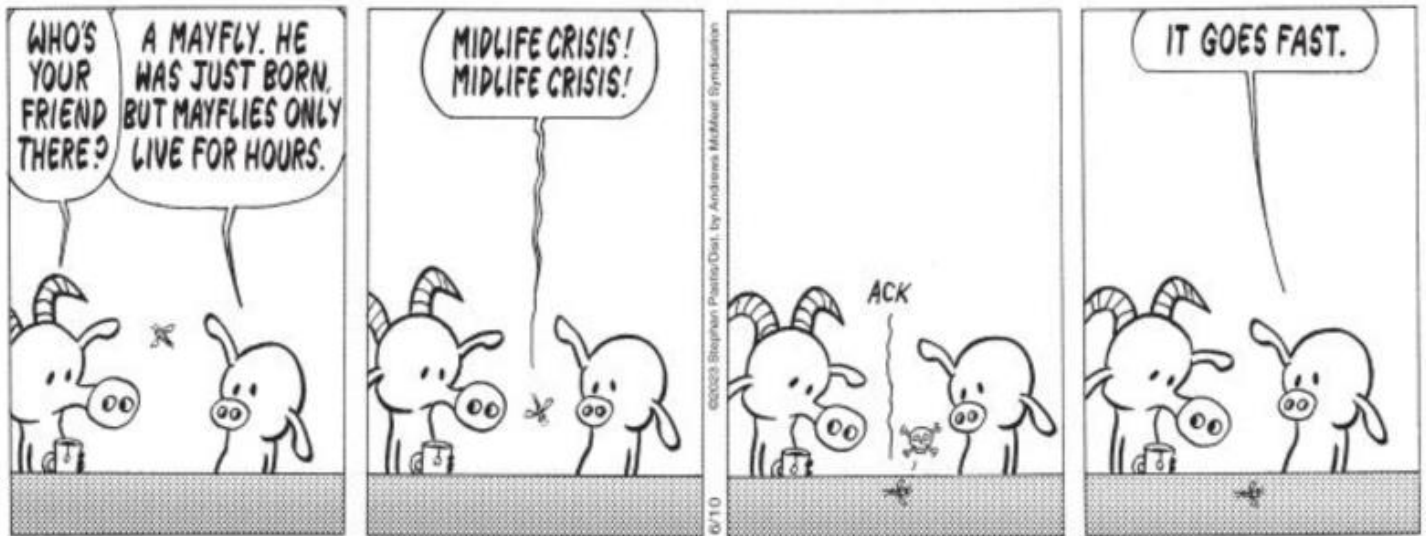
Howdy Y'all,

The summer picnic is almost here! Come out and join the us for the annual picnic at Pioneer Park in south Davis. Regale us with your most recent **FLY**fishing stories (sorry Son--sorry Knapp No luncker plunker tales.) Enjoy the food and fellowship (no gendered language implied). Mike Rivers will be presenting the Addled Angler Award and all the hoopla that goes with it. Who knows you might win. The only things forbidden at the picnic are lie detectors or rulers that measure in actual inches instead of fisherman inches. I'm not challenging the veracity of any story I've heard...but how big was it really? One of the best things about our group is we have a bunch of folks who you can tell the same story many times and they won't remember...or are they thinking doesn't that guy remember he's told me that same story ten times. I'm not sure which of those I am, but since I will be unable to attend this year, you will all be able come to consensus on that. Have fun, and if your net doesn't stink get out there and stink it up!

Andan Bailey

### Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



**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](mailto:programs@flyfishersofdavis.org)

Fly Fishers of Davis 2023 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
June	FFD Members	June 27	FFD Annual Picnic

**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*

**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](mailto: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.

## **Last Month I noted Governor Newsom**

used Endangered Species Day to gut protections for salmon and other species in the California Environmental Quality Act to expedite construction of the Delta Tunnel and other infrastructure projects. At the end of the month, though, a Senate budget committee found the Governor’s package was too complex for last-minute consideration under legislative deadlines. The cutoff for bills to pass out of their house of origin is June 2, just two weeks after the governor rolled out his proposal to adjust the landmark California Environmental Quality Act.

The legislative package included 10 trailer bills to streamline water, transportation, and clean energy projects. Several environmental groups called in to the hearing to voice concerns. “This is moving in the wrong direction for protections for the environment,” said Deirdre Des Jardins, director of California Water Research. “We urge the Senate to completely reject the governor’s proposed trailer bill language. Frankly, there was no reason to spring it on the legislature or the public so suddenly and at the end of the legislative session.” Doug Obegi, on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council, “strongly support[ed] the staff recommendation to reject without prejudice the trailer bills regarding infrastructure and agree that those bills should be reviewed in the policy process.” Peter Drekmeier, policy director for Tuolumne River Trust, made a similar comment. Erin Wooley of the Sierra Club, urged the committee to “move those [infrastructure bills] through the policy bill

process where they can be more thoroughly analyzed and subject to public involvement and engagement.” Barry Nelson, with the Golden State Salmon Association, also urged the committee to put the bills through the legislative process where the policy issues the address can be addressed properly. And finally, Regina Chichizola from Save California Salmon asked the committee to “think seriously about the funding for streamlining environmental permitting, and also funding for massive new reservoirs and water diversions.” She went on, “As you know, our water rate system is pretty broken and farmers in large ag get the majority of our water. So we feel that the committee should look very seriously at public benefits for any proposals that go around environmental laws or permitting, and also budgeting of large infrastructure projects such as private reservoirs and diversions that will mainly benefit large ag and not the general public.”

These public comments were important to get the Senate Budget Committee to accept the staff recommendation, and illustrate why it’s critical to speak up when important policy decisions are being made

**Three bills are working their way** through the California legislature that would give more power to the State Water Board. Peter Drekmeier urged support for them and passed along some background information on them:

“The SFPUC and BAWSCA are scaring community leaders into thinking these bills would lead to water shortages. This is fake news. During the recent three-year drought,

the SFPUC never had less than four years-worth of water stored in their reservoirs. They just want to protect their right to hoard-and-spill. During the recent drought, unimpaired flow in the lower Tuolumne River averaged just 13%. The water we all conserved was hoarded behind dams, and it all had to be spilled (released) this year to protect downstream communities from flooding. Unimpaired flow this year will likely be over 70% — one great year for the River at the expense of three terrible years. That’s no way to treat the river that gives us life.”

**AB 460 (Bauer Kahan)** – gives the State Water Board greater enforcement power when diverters disobey orders to stop. This is a result of last year’s action in the Klamath, where multiple agricultural diverters disobeyed the Board’s cease and desist order to stop diverting so that fish would have enough water to survive.

**AB 1337 (Wicks)** – responds to an Appellate Court decision last year that said that the State Water Board has no authority to regular the most senior water rights holders during times of shortage. AB 1337 provides that authority. Senior water rights holders divert over a third of the water supplies used in the state. AB 1337 is needed to protect downstream communities and the environment during our increasingly severe droughts.

**SB 389 (Allen)** – would change current law, which exempts senior water rights holders from reporting their water use. The bill would require senior water rights holders to follow the same reporting process as other water rights holders and would allow the State Water Board to investigate the validity of their claims. Just as with AB 1337, the state cannot properly evaluate water usage in the state when 35% of our water use is unreported.

My contacts in the water conservation community also support these bills.

**The Supreme Court** late last month issued a ruling that sharply limits the government’s

authority to regulate wetlands under the Clean Water Act.

President Joe Biden called the rollback a disappointment that would jeopardize clean water sources for millions of Americans. Biden said the ruling not only upended precedent but defied science.

"Today’s decision upends the legal framework that has protected America’s waters for decades," Biden said in a statement. "It also defies the science that confirms the critical role of wetlands in safeguarding our nation’s streams, rivers, and lakes from chemicals and pollutants that harm the health and wellbeing of children, families, and communities."

The [ruling from the court](#) was unanimous, with the justices affirming summary judgment in the suit by Chantell and Michael Sackett against the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Court ruled that only waters with a continuous surface connection are ‘waters of the United States’. Those waters with only a subsurface connection are not subject to regulation.

A more comprehensive discussion of this ruling can be found at the [Courthouse News](#), including the reasoning behind the decision for each of the justices.

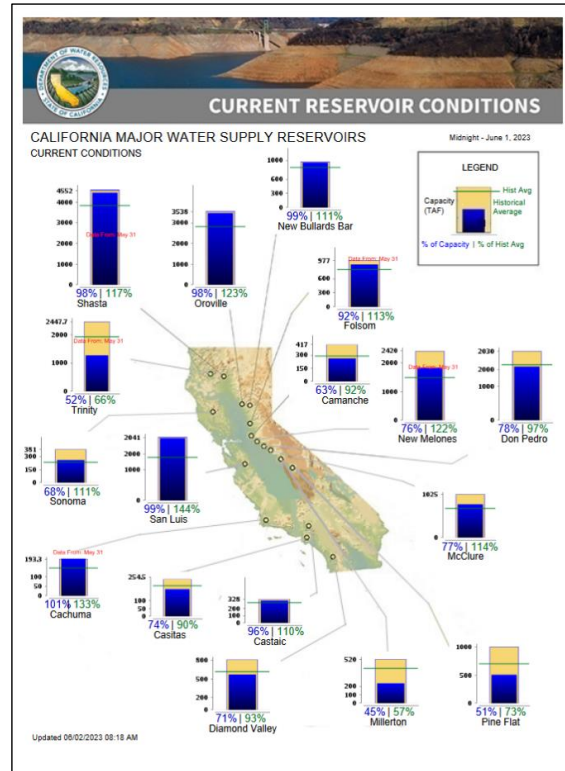
The State Water Board issued this statement on the Court ruling:

“The U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision today that significantly reduces the scope of the Clean Water Act and diminishes the federal government’s ability to protect thousands of miles of rivers, streams, creeks and adjacent wetlands throughout the Western U.S. Though the State Water Resources Control Board is extremely disappointed in the decision and the adverse impacts it will have nationally, it only narrows the scope of federal jurisdiction and does not weaken California’s more stringent wetlands protections. Under the Clean Water Act and the state’s Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the State Water Board retains regulatory authority for protecting

the water quality of nearly 1.6 million acres of lakes, 1.3 million acres of bays and estuaries, 211,000 miles of rivers and streams and 1,100 miles of coastline.”

**The big news this month** is that the record snowfall has not translated into the Statewide record-breaking floods.

Apparently many Sierra watersheds have simply used the natural storage reservoirs of the landscape to both store and attenuate this year’s runoff pulse. Nearly all the reservoirs are full.



## **FFD TRAVELS: Lake Siskiyou**

*Photos and Summary by Phil Reedy*

Not surprisingly, the Upper Sac, like pretty much every river and stream in the state, is roaring with runoff from the epic winter we just had. The flows have been pretty steady at about 5000 cfs, a good ten times what even the most sure-footed wader wants to chance. My buddy Scott, who has the good fortune to live in Mt Shasta, has been sending me pictures of the nice rainbows he has been catching on Lake Siskiyou, so I decided to join him last week, mainly to photograph him fishing, but also to try my luck with a fly rod as well.

Not only is Mt Shasta completely buried in snow, but even the lower peaks surrounding the town are still blanketed in snow above the 4000 to 5000 ft elevation. This guarantees that the lake is brimming with fresh cold snowmelt and ripe for targeting some hungry trout. We hit the water at about 4 in the afternoon on a Thursday, which meant that we had the lake almost entirely to ourselves. Scott paddled his canoe while I shadowed him in my float tube. After three hours of kicking I have decided to join him in the canoe next time.

We caught quite a few fish stripping woolly buggers on sinktip lines, all ranging from 17 to 22 inches, and all very strong fighters. If you are looking for some nice action while waiting for the rivers to come down, Lake Siskiyou not only has some nice fish, but the views of Mt Shasta are amazing. I'll definitely be heading back up in the next week or two.



Scott Hooks Up!



Still Waters Run Deep



Fish On!



Fish In!

## **FFD OUTINGS: Berryessa Float n Fly**

*Photos by Members and Summary by Dana Hooper*

The weather couldn't have been any better for the 2023 lake Berryessa Float N Fly outing this year. We had 8 boats show up mostly out of Markley Cove. Most caught fish, some caught lots some caught few but all in all the trip was a success with some very nice size fish ranging from 10 inches to 3lbs. Mostly Spotted bass but a few small mouth and large mouth sprinkled in too.

Our Boat the shad pattern fished about 9 to 10 ft down was the best combo. Others caught them on black, red and white float N fly patterns. The lake is in great shape this year and should stay fishable well into summer.

Look out for next years outing to sign up and have a chance to catch some fish on Float N Fly.







# **FFD SALUTE: 2022 FFi Women Connect WINNER**

*Photo by Phil Reedy*

Phil Reedy won first place on the 2022 FFi Women Connect Fly Fishing Photo Contest.

The winning picture is of Tom Burton and his granddaughter Kara and their picture will be in the 2024 calendar coming out later this year.





## Sacramento, The Crest Theatre

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM

## *Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News*

*By Mark Rockwell, President, June 2023*

### **Yuba Fest 2023 is Coming September 30th**



#### **Mark your Calendars!**

It is with great pleasure I announce that the Northern California Council, FFI will be having **Yuba Fest on Saturday, September 30th** at Sycamore Ranch Park on the Lower Yuba River. It's the same location as last year, and it will be more fun!

We will be starting a bit earlier - 9 a.m. and running until 6:30 p.m. the agenda for the day includes:

- Great casting instruction by Russ Carpenter & Sarah Trenchel and their team from Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club. Fly Casting Skills instruction & testing will be done, as well as beginner & above teaching.
- Clay Hash will teach 2 courses - Fly Fishing 101 and how to fish the Lower Yuba River. Something for the beginner as well as seasoned angler.
- We'll have Gary Bard teaching fly fishing knots for kids and fishers.
- We'll have a rigging table to learn how to rig all the different set-ups for different fishing situations.
- Raffle & silent auction of great fly fishing equipment & flies
- Fly Fishing Learning Center - What makes rivers and fish tick!
- Several local guides will attend to answer questions and set up trips. Pick their brains on fishing and our rivers.
- Entomology By Ken Davis and Laurie Banks. We're hoping they will do a 1-2 hour presentation on bugs and their activities so it will be easier to catch the fish that feed on them.
- We'll have many conservation groups attending to both inform and talk about fishery restoration in our Northern California region

- We'll have some of the best fly tyers in our region to both demonstrate & teach
- Great BBQ lunch available as well as many types of drinks
- Women Connect will have a booth and we invite all clubs to have their women's groups attend. Anne-Marie Bakker & Penelope Gadd-Coster will host.

## **Starting around 4 p.m. we'll have "The Gathering of the Clan!" It's party Time!**

- **Live music**
- **Good food & drinks** (BYOB for alcohol)
- **Great social time** - meet fly fishers from all over our North State.
- **Talk about fishing** local and distant places and what works and doesn't
- **Have a really fun time together** with people who like what you like & do what you do.
- **Announce winners** of the auction & raffle

**Our purpose is to bring fly fishers together just to spend some quality time talking about our sport, and the fun we have doing it.** We'll finish in time to get home (if you don't stay over) at a decent hour.

Camping is available on site:

[https://www.yuba.org/departments/community\\_development/parks\\_&\\_campground.php](https://www.yuba.org/departments/community_development/parks_&_campground.php)

**It will be like no other event all year. Please plan to attend and support NCCFFI and fly fishing.**

## **FFD OUTING: Fuller Lake Outing Postponed To July1, 2023**

The Fuller Lake FFD Outing has postponed to July 1, 2023. For more information, reach out to Shawn DeArmond at [dearmond@gmail.com](mailto:dearmond@gmail.com)



# OUTINGS & EVENTS FFD

## 2023-2024

### Proposed FFD Outings & Events

<u>Trip 2023</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>FFD Annual Picnic</b>			June 27	Tristan Leong	<a href="mailto:abailey2006@comcast.net">abailey2006@comcast.net</a>	
Fuller Lake	Trout		July 1	Shawn DeArmond	<a href="mailto:dearmond@gmail.com">dearmond@gmail.com</a>	Floatation Device, Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	July 24-28	Gene Gantt	<a href="mailto:fishinggantt@comcast.net">fishinggantt@comcast.net</a>	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee
<u>Trip 2024</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Lodge/Hotel
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	
FFD Casting Clinic			TBD	Bob Zasoski	<a href="mailto:rzasoski@sbcglobal.net">rzasoski@sbcglobal.net</a>	
Hat Creek 101	Trout		May TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May TBD	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Putah Creek	Trout		April/May	Son Chong	<a href="mailto:vsonkilchong@gmail.com">vsonkilchong@gmail.com</a>	Day trip
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Delta Bass N Fly Tourn	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	<a href="mailto:troutheadup1@gmail.com">troutheadup1@gmail.com</a>	Fee + Tip
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	<a href="mailto:hawsheatair@gmail.com">hawsheatair@gmail.com</a>	Boater pair with non boater

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