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The Fisherman's Line

September Meeting, Tuesday September 26, 2023

7:30 pm @ **Stonegate Country Club**

Brian Slusser presents: Tenkara Fly Fishing

This month, Tuesday September 26, 2023, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Brian Slusser, who will touch on what Tenkara is and how to get into it. Brian will present the setups for trout fishing, the pro's and con's of Tenkara, and where to use it as well as some other uses. He will finish with how he uses it and some of his favorite patterns.

Not long after Brian graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington, with a BS in Business Administration and Marketing, he moved to California to pursue a Ski Patrol Job at Alpine Meadows Ski Resort. 30 seasons later he is the Director of Avalanche Mitigation and oversees the Forecasting Team and the use of explosives, Gazex Exploders, Howitzer, and Avalaunchers for Avalanche Mitigation. After a few years of construction work in Tahoe, he felt a change was needed. Brian began exploring the waters of the eastern Sierra and launched Four Seasons Fly Fishing in 1997. Based in Truckee, CA he guides the rivers, lakes, and streams of the north Tahoe area. In 2000 he expanded his range of guiding to include steelhead fly fishing trips on the Upper Klamath River in California the Rogue River in Oregon. Chasing steelhead with a two handed fly rod is one of Brian's passions, and adapting these techniques to the pursuit of Truckee River trout is something that is really rewarding. Brian enjoys guiding and instructing single hand techniques as well as Tenkara. When he is not fishing, he enjoys riding his mountain bike around the various trails of the Lake Tahoe area.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy Y'all,

It has been a busy spring and summer, and I hope everyone has gotten out at least a couple of times to fish. We're starting to move into a fall fishing pattern. I know some have already been up to Washington steelhead fishing. I've talked with people who have been silver salmon and steelhead fishing in Alaska. They all sound like wonderful trips.

Locally the fall brings big trout on Putah Creek, the Yuba, Sac, and the American. The stripers have already started to make a hit or miss appearance on the delta.

Upcoming on September 30th is the Yuba fest.

Casting for recovery has an amazing fundraising auction September 27-October 5. Most items are silent auctions, however there will be a few live auctions. You can check this out at their website.

A group of us went to Baja in August I thought I'd throw in a couple of photos, including the less than flattering picture of the "first rooster fish" initiation...oh the things we do! Check out the sushi cake and the sashimi.

Some think of fishing as a pastime, rather I think of it as an embrace-time and opportunity. Many things in life seem much more important than they are, and the more important things often aren't valued enough. Go fishing take a kid, a parent or a friend fishing its more important than you realize.

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
Septembet	Brian Slusser	September 26	Tenkara Fly Fishing

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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FFD Website News

By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner

Classifieds Section Update

The website's new Classifieds section is now "public," and the page does not require a login. However, you must be a member to post, and the instructions are listed on the menu. You can find the page here:

<https://flyfishersofdavis.org/resources/classifieds/>

Remember that if you post an item, for security, we will not post member's email addresses or phone numbers.

We currently have four great items for sale:



Bass Boat – Contact Rick W.



Pram – Contact Ken L.



Fly Rod – Contact Ken L.



Inflatable – Contact Bob B.

Full details of each item are on the website. Check it out!

Many thanks!

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 use of hatcheries to mitigate the loss of habitat from construction of dams has been controversial for a long time. In short, when dams were constructed on rivers that would block fish from reaching their historical spawning habitat, hatcheries were constructed (usually just downstream from the dam) with the idea that humans could compensate for the lack of natural spawning by doing the work in a hatchery. Not much thought was given to the long-term population effects of spawning fish in hatcheries versus nature's ability to manage a diverse gene pool and keep the species robust.

A recent open access publication was just made available entitled “A global synthesis of peer-reviewed research on the effects of hatchery salmonids on wild salmonids.” The study examined 206 publications over a 50-year period to evaluate the effects of hatcheries on fish populations. You can find it at <https://doi.org/10.1111/fme.12643>, and I encourage you to read it. It's really not very long.

Here's the abstract:

“Hatcheries have long produced salmonids for fisheries and mitigation, though their widespread use is increasingly controversial because of potential impacts to wild salmonids. We conducted a global literature search of peer-reviewed publications (1970–2021) evaluating how hatchery salmonids affected wild salmonids, developed a publicly available database, and synthesized results. Two hundred six publications met our search criteria, with 83% reporting adverse/minimally adverse effects on wild salmonids. Adverse genetic effects on

diversity were most common, followed by effects on productivity and abundance via ecological and genetic processes. Few publications (3%) reported beneficial hatchery effects on wild salmonids, nearly all from intensive recovery programs used to bolster highly depleted wild populations. Our review suggests hatcheries commonly have adverse impacts on wild salmonids in freshwater and marine environments. Future research on less studied effects—such as epigenetics—could improve knowledge and management of the full extent of hatchery impacts.”

An important finding of this review is a distinction between types of hatcheries. Production hatcheries are those that primarily use hatchery fish as broodstock and are operated primarily for stocking, planting, and releasing for fishing. Supplementation hatcheries use some proportion of wild fish as broodstock to help integrate the wild and hatchery gene pool, and are operated to enhance conservation and supportive breeding. Recovery hatcheries use almost exclusively wild fish as broodstock to rebuild wild populations. Most of the reviewed literature was for production programs as those are the vast majority of hatcheries, while the smallest number related to recovery hatcheries. Adverse effects were also highest (74% proportionally) for production hatcheries, and were only slightly lower (64%) for supplementation hatcheries. The sample size was small for recovery hatcheries (17 studies), but found 29% beneficial results and 30% adverse results (41% no effect or indeterminate).

Most of the adverse effects reported related to genetics, i.e. reduced genetic diversity in the hatchery populations. The next highest effect studied was on productivity, abundance, or a combination of the two. Approximately 2/3 of the studies in this area found adverse effects. There are more detailed results in the paper that relate to ocean effects from hatchery fish.

An important finding is that in some years where there is a large number of returning hatchery fish that are allowed to spawn naturally, the hatchery juveniles can compete with and overwhelm the wild juveniles, leading to a reduction in abundance and productivity of wild fish.

The authors also commented on a few studies that showed beneficial effects on wild salmonids, primarily by preventing extinction and re-establishing extirpated populations, but those efforts are few.

Interestingly, they also found potential effects of releasing 4.5 billion hatchery Pacific salmon, which represents 40% of the salmon biomass in the North Pacific. They report “The combination of publications on the specific abundance of hatchery salmon and overall abundance of hatchery and wild salmon at sea suggest heightened abundances, particularly of hatchery chum salmon and pink salmon, have triggered density-dependent effects in wild populations resulting in reduced growth, body size, fecundity, productivity, and abundance, and delayed maturation.”

The authors recommend several topics for future research, including more genetic and epigenetic studies, well designed studies to examine the effects of hatchery fish on environmental capacity, and effects on disease resilience.

For news on the Klamath Dams, see the July newsletter or go to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation press release site at <https://klamathrenewal.org/update-on-copco-no-2/> for the most recent news. The faster those dams are removed the sooner the salmon can return to their historic spawning areas to start rebuilding their population.

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) were explored in an online seminar on September 13, 2023, by California tribal governments and environmental advocacy organizations for their impact on communities, tribes, and fish species that depend on clean, flowing rivers and healthy estuaries. Participants in the seminar included: Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Restore the Delta, San Francisco Baykeeper, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The seminar focused on harmful algal bloom impacts throughout the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.

This seminar presented data on HABs outbreaks throughout the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary since 2019. Experts highlighted the difference between freshwater HABs and saltwater HABs and discussed the importance of San Francisco Bay nutrient discharge and Delta freshwater flows via a new data analysis. The seminar also provided documented scientific findings on the link between HABs and air pollution and covered Tribal water use challenges with HABs-infested and polluted waters along the Feather River.

You can read the full story at [Restore the Delta](#) where there are links to a YouTube video of the full seminar and to the materials used by the presenters.

To help young salmon survive their perilous migration through the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has begun installing a bioacoustic fish fence at the junction of the Sacramento River and Georgiana Slough. Once fully installed, the fence will help sensitive fish species safely traverse through the Delta, including winter-run and spring-run Chinook salmon.

Bioacoustics is a cross-disciplinary science that combines biology and acoustics in the investigation of sound production, dispersion, and reception in animals. The fence uses a combination of bubbles, light, and sound to discourage migrating salmon from entering Georgiana Slough where their

chances of survival decrease. As they travel downstream through the Delta, they disperse among its complex network of channels where they are subject to a variety of conditions that affect their rate of migration; vulnerability to predation; feeding success; growth rates; and ultimately, survival.

Read the full story from DWR News at [Maven's Notebook](#). And if you like it, send a few dollars to Maven – she does an excellent job of compiling water news from many sources and making it available to interested parties

Home Grown Spey Clinic October 1, 2023 at Gristmill Access on the American River



The Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring a Spey Casting Clinic on Sunday October 1, 2023. The clinic will be held at the American River Gristmill Access in Rancho Cordova, CA from 9 am to 1 pm. The class 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 (\$6.00) 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 September 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. Spey casting is a very efficient way to change direction without 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 for 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 overline 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.

FFD 101/201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Fall Class Dates

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm at the [UCD Horticulture Room](#)

<i>101 Topics</i>		
Day 1	Wed. September 27	Beginning class, General Equipment and tools for the trade. Understanding the fly rod
Day 2	Wed. October 4	Flies -VS- Bugs
Day 3	Wed. October 11	Knots and Rigging Techniques
Day 4	Wed. October 18	Reading Water and Locating trout
Day 5	Wed. October 25	101 Class in Review Techniques

If you can't identify these Bugs then maybe you need to sign up for these classes



<i>201 Topics</i>		
Day 1	Wed. November 1	TBD
Day 2	Wed. November 8	TBD

To sign up for these classes, contact Dana Hooper at trouthookup1@gmail.com so that he can bring enough class materials for everyone.

Use this link for directions out to the classroom site:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Davis,+California/Straloch+Rd,+Davis,+CA+95616/@38.5366082,-121.7818551,14z/>



FFD TRAVELS: La Ventana, Baja

Photos and Summary by Andan Bailey

Tristan Leong, Mike Rivers, Dave Gumble and I took a trip down to La Ventana in Baja. We had a great time fishing mostly for dorado and rooster fish. The flight down was a direct from SMF with 70 empty seats for Mike and I. August is the off season for tourism in Mexico because of the heat, however it is some of the best time for fishing. Everyone caught several dorado and rooster fish with a few other species thrown in—jacks, skipjack tuna, trumpet fish, a golden travail (delicious sashimi), needlefish, pelicans etc. The accommodations were nice single occupancy rooms a/c, top-notch food, cerveza, warm water, sand, what's not to love. The days started at 5 AM gather and load gear and ice chests, eat breakfast then drive out to the launch. Boat out to the island to pick up bait to chum the fish to the surface. Fish till about 1 back to the hotel unload and rinse gear, shower, siesta. The evenings consisted of beverages of choice, games, conversations appetizers and a wonderful dinner. Rinse and Repeat! Until hurricane Hilary (no political humor reference intended), we had to rebook our flights and leave a day early because of the rain that took the roads out of commission for days. But still a great trip, good company—looking forward to next year.



Andan Tristan and Dave first rooster fish initiation



Mike Rivers with a nice dorado



Dave with a nice rooster



Sushi cake



Dave Gumble with a nice dorado



Golden Travali sashimi 3 hours fresh

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, Septembet 2023



**Join Us for a Celebration of Fly Fishing and
Protecting our Rivers with Great Food & Music -
Yuba Fest 2023!**

On Saturday, September 30th we will hold the fly fishing event of the year in Northern California! We're calling it the **Gathering of the Clan** - bringing like-minded people together for Yuba Fest. If you fly fish, love rivers, recreate on the water, or have an interest in conservation - **This event is for you!**



Saturday will offer a full day of fly fishing learning, casting with certified casters, fly tying with experts, and the opportunity to learn what is happening in Conservation from numerous organizations. Great food will be available for purchase during the day, along with drinks and you'll enjoy live music in the afternoon (details on the food & music below). In addition, there will be a raffle, silent auction for fly boxes and other great items & a live auction for selected high value items. Be sure to stick around for the Social Event from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

The food will be catered by the renowned Ryders Food Truck featuring delicious hand-crafted foods made from scratch.



- Breakfast will feature Mini Quiches, fresh baked goods (doughnuts, muffins, pastries), and Coffee or Tea for \$12.50
- Lunch will feature your choice of Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fried Chicken Sandwich (which includes produce & ranch dressing, garnishes, etc.), and choice of beverage for \$22.00
- Dinner will included BBQ Braised Brisket Sliders with Coleslaw, seasonal salad-crudite platter with dressing, and choice of beverage for \$25.00

You can order all meals in advance at the www.nccffi.org website when you click on the Yuba Fest online store!



For your listening enjoyment, the Harmony Groove Band will be playing throughout the afternoon. Harmony Groove is a professional band of multi-talented musicians from Grass Valley, CA who share a passion for singing harmony. Their "feel good" music covers an eclectic mix of nostalgic 60's and 70's classic hits and an expanding set of originals. Listeners will enjoy singing along & dancing to Crosby Stills & Nash, The Eagles, Byrds, Beatles, Beach Boys, Moody Blues and other favorites. Details to follow soon on the Raffle & Auction, Fly Casting Skills Development and more!

Sign up at www.nccffi.org to attend Yuba Fest for \$20, plus order the meals you want and raffle tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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The 18th annual FLY FISHING FILM TOUR is back on the road January 2024. Bringing a top notch selection of short films that are sure to get you fired up for the season ahead. Find your show below.



This years tour sold out night after night. Don't miss this early opportunity to lock in your spot at next years show!

Click each city below for show details and tickets!

February 8th - Sacramento, CA



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>
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
<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	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	
FFD Casting Clinic			TBD	Bob Zasoski	rzasoski@sbcglobal.net	
Hat Creek 101	Trout		May TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Putah Creek	Trout		April/May	Son Chong	vsonkiichong@gmail.com	Day trip
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Delta Bass N Fly Tourn	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
FFD Annual Picnic			June			
Fuller Lake	Trout		TBD	Shawn DeArmond	dearmond@gmail.com	Floatation Device, Day trip
McCloud River	Trout		TBD	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Umpqua River	Smallmouth	Guide	TBD	Gene Gantt	fishinggantt@comcast.net	Fee + Tip
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		August	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping

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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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<https://flyfishersofdavis.org/media/newsletters/>.

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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:** For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
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