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The Fisherman's Line

October Meeting, Tuesday October 31, 2023

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

Jeff Putnam Presents: Fly Fishing For Steelhead

This month, Tuesday October 31, 2023, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Jeff Putnam, who will talk about Fly Fishing for Steelhead. The presentation is based on my experience of fly fishing for steelhead for 37 years. We will cover steelhead fishing from CA to BC, Canada. Topics covered will include steelhead fishing seasons, when and where to go with specifics about the Rogue River and American River, equipment both single and two handed, fly fishing techniques, steelhead behavior and much more.

At eleven years of age, Jeff traded in his spinning rod for his first fly fishing outfit and started fishing many trout-filled streams in the Sierra Mountains. It was not long before fishing challenging gin-clear spring creeks, emerald green coastal steelhead rivers and fertile lakes all over the Western U.S. that Jeff realized fly fishing was more than just a sport. Jeff began fly tying commercially at 13 and started guiding fly fishermen on Northern California's waters as early as age 16. He has participated with the F.F.F. as a Certified Casting Instructor; both CI and THCI and was the 5th individual in the world to complete and pass the Double Handed Certification Test. for 17 years throughout California, Montana and Colorado. Jeff has also been fortunate to have traveled to some of the top fly fishing destinations around the world in search of the ultimate fly fishing experience including the Dean River for monster steelhead, Tsiu River in Alaska, tropics of Belize for tarpon and Christmas Island for bonefish. Jeff directed and hosted his self-titled series of instructional fly fishing videos DVD's, including the first 3D Blu-ray fly fishing video. He provides seminars and presentations for fly fishing expos, fly fishing clubs, fly shops, fly fishing manufacturers and corporate groups. Jeff consults with many fly fishing equipment manufacturers as a field tester and prostaff member. He runs one of the largest Northern California and Southern Oregon fly fishing schools and assists individuals and groups on fly fishing travel and outfitting. Jeff recently started his custom line of two handed spey rods for sale through his website. He possesses a true angling passion for steelhead on a spey rod, matching the hatch for spring creek trout and searching the tropical saltwater flats.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

I hope folks are getting a chance to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather. I have heard some good reports from members about the Trinity (affectionately known as "The T") and the Feather. There were some successful walk-wade trips. I know some folks have been doing well in the delta for stripers, though most seem to be targeting the lower delta. The stripers seem to be moving in. The club striper fest was held but I had to bow out because of a cold—grand kids are little virus factories, but we love em to death.

The next time you see Steve Ohrwall tell him he owes you a drink for his hole in one this week—don't let him off easy!

On a more serious note, a longtime club member Mark Woerner is having a very serious battle with West Nile virus. He has a go fund me account for those who would like to reach out and help. This month's meeting will be on Halloween. Don't forget to wear your favorite costume—I'll be dressed as an overweight old guy with a great moustache. Just kidding about the costume, but you feel free to do you.

We will be having a special guest from Casting for Recovery giving a short introduction at the meeting. This will be a nice to meet with them. Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

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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
October	Jeff Putnam	October 31	Fly Fishing For Steelhead

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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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.

Here's the "up-to-date" status of our **Classifieds** section:



Bass Boat – Contact Rick W



Inflatable – Contact Bob B.



Trailer Guides – Darryl D.



Pram



Fly Rod

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.

Representative Josh Harder (CA-9), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, introduced an amendment on Oct. 2 to stop the proposed Delta Tunnel water grab once and for all. Rep. Harder has a long history of working to protect the Valley’s water supply and earlier this year, he introduced a bill to stop the Delta Tunnel. He also held packed town halls in French Camp and Lodi where he gave hundreds of San Joaquin County residents an opportunity to make their voices heard on the proposed Delta Tunnel project’s plans to send the Central Valley’s water down to Beverly Hills. Their opposition was unanimous.

“The Delta Tunnel water grab is a \$16 million boondoggle that would be a disaster for our community. Water is our most precious resource, and I won’t stand by and let anyone ship it down to Beverly Hills,” said Harder. “My amendment would kill this project once and for all and make sure every drop of our water stays right where it belongs.”

Rep. Harder was joined by Reps. John Garamendi (CA-8) and Mike Thompson (CA-4) in pushing for this amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill which is headed to the House Floor this week.

Keiko Mertz has a good write-up on the Sites Reservoir at [Friends of the River Headwaters magazine](#). I’ll excerpt it here, but go read the whole thing for a comprehensive discussion.

She writes “California is at yet another critical point in its struggle toward a sustainable water future, and yet we’re still talking about the wrong solutions.

“Sites Reservoir is the latest in a long line of proposed dams that promise to end our cycle of water insecurity. However, Sites will add

very little to California’s water portfolio, and its harm to the Sacramento River, Delta ecosystem, and communities that rely on them will be irreversible and ongoing.

“The project currently awaits a water rights decision by the State Water Resources Control Board, which will come after a period of negotiations and a formal water rights hearing. We will either build one of the biggest boondoggles in California history or we will dodge this expensive bullet and move toward reasonable answers to solving our water crisis.

“Many lamented during this unusually wet year that water was “wasted to sea” – and that more dams could have captured enough water to solve California’s ongoing water uncertainty. However, water that flows to sea is essential for many uses, including salinity control for farming, wastewater treatment, and endangered species support, and sediment transport to replenish beaches and marshes. The water that flows to sea, quite literally, works for us. If the Delta ceased to deposit water into the San Francisco Bay, ocean water would further flow into the Delta, making the Delta’s water unusable for farming, and toxic for the wildlife that depends upon it.”

Ms. Mertz goes on to point out that Sites Reservoir would “only expand overall water availability in California by less than 1% in an average good year. During long drought spells, it would sit useless and not improve the dire conditions in the Delta.”

She also cites “monetized public benefits” required by Prop 1 funding that are described by the Sites proponents as:

1. Water supply to refuges - which the government is already legally obligated to provide.

2. Flows through the Yolo Bypass – with unsubstantiated claims of increasing the Delta smelt's food supply.

Although some environmental organizations support sites because it could provide water for migratory birds, there is no operational plan to guarantee such benefits.

Other impacts of Sites include (1) increased mercury levels in the Sacramento River, (2) increased harmful algal blooms, and (3) fragmented and destroyed wildlife habitat, wetlands, and riparian habitat.”

Sites Reservoir would be a major greenhouse gas emitter, emitting methane equivalent to 362,000 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent per year.

Friends of the River advocates “a suite of alternatives to more dams - holistic reforms to individual, corporate, and agricultural water use, while incentivizing less water-intensive crops, improving water management and efficiency, and recycling the approximately 400 billion gallons of treated water discarded into the Pacific Ocean annually. FOR also supports groundwater recharge and demand management.”

On the flip side of building new dams, the removal of Klamath Dams is proceeding on schedule. You can get complete news on the project at [Klamath News](#). Here's the summary – the link has more information.

“After Dam Removal: How will River Flows be Managed?”

“While larger media outlets remain focused on dam removal, Klamath communities are starting to consider the next big question: How will we manage Klamath River flows in the future? The Klamath River flows out of Upper Klamath Lake. While a natural lake, the Bureau of Reclamation blasted the natural rock reef at the outflow of the lake and constructed a dam there in 1921 to control outflow and divert water for irrigation. Hydropower dams were built downstream of Upper Klamath Lake in the years that followed, and the flow of the Klamath River

was controlled by Iron Gate dam releases for the past 60 years. With Iron Gate, Copco 1 and JC Boyle slated for removal next year, Link River dam releases will directly control Klamath River flows. In recent years, drought has made it impossible for the Bureau to balance the needs of ESA listed suckers in the lake and ESA listed salmon in the river while providing water to irrigators. Never mind keeping the nation's oldest wildlife refuges wet. This led to challenges of the Bureau's authority by some irrigators. Now a federal judge has ruled that endangered fish come first when determining water allocations and that the Bureau controls the water. But the future remains clouded. In order for Klamath River restoration to be successful, flows must be carefully balanced between the lake, the river, the refuges, and irrigators. How that will be achieved is yet to be determined! In other news, California Water Board is regulating some water users for the first time, and in case you missed it, some encouraging science on just how effective dam removal is for restoring a river. Enjoy!”

Go to the link for details on each of the subjects mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Mark Bransom is the CEO of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC), the agent charged with removing the dams. I reached out to him recently to ask how and when to view the dam removal, and he told me to watch their website (see above) and Facebook page for details. They expect to drain the reservoirs starting in January 2024 and then, depending on the type of winter we have and the timing of the Spring runoff, start removing the dams anywhere from April to June. Their schedule has removal complete by September or October.

KRRC will maintain a couple of viewing locations and schedule some times to host groups on-site for observation and updates. If you're interested in taking a trip up north, let me know and I'll keep an eye out for the best time to go.

Winter Salmon Festival

By Paul Berliner



Come celebrate the return of the Putah Creek Chinook Salmon at the Sixth Annual Winters Salmon Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Rotary Park in Winters, just across from the Buckhorn restaurant.



Fly Fishers of Davis will be there in force with our own booth, and lots of friends to help you tie woolly buggers, and maybe even practice your casting. Bring your kids and bring your friends! The Winters Salmon Festival was inaugurated in 2016 to celebrate the return of salmon in the lower reaches of Putah Creek. This festive event features lots of great booths, numerous family-oriented programs, live music, local food trucks, educational programming and much more.

The festival is free to the public!

Hope to see you there!

Many thanks!

FFD 101/201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Fall Class Dates

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



201 Topics

Day 1	Moved to January	TBD
Day 2	Moved to January	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 OUTREACH: 2023 Putah Creek Cleanup Day

Summary by Steve Karr, Photos by Steve Karr & Tom Robinson

Thank you for volunteering for the September 23rd Putah Creek Cleanup Day! We had 18 volunteers clean 3.5 miles of the Creek on Saturday. We collected 3 cubic yards of trash and half tote of recyclables.



Steve Karr addressing the volunteers



Look at that trash that was picked up



Big pieces of wood and a tire!



This trash was found along the road



Thank you to the volunteers!



Dan Brugger and Chris Yarnes found some trash



Tom, Kim, and their daughter Kayla found alot of trash



Great group of helpers that attended the Clean Up!

Fly Fishers of Davis



FishCamp Scholarship Application – 2024

The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) are offering a FishCamp Scholarship to eligible boys and girls, from 10 to 15 years of age. This **\$995 award** covers the entire cost of a five day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The FishCamp program teaches fly fishing and other outdoor skills in a safe and friendly environment, and is held on a private ranch outside of Weed, California, near Mt. Shasta. The program includes accommodations, meals, and use the finest in fly fishing equipment. Campers are responsible bringing appropriate outdoor attire, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from FishCamp. **The online application can be found [HERE](#)**

Rules:

- To apply for the scholarship, interested boys and girls must complete this application form and answer the three short essay questions listed below.
- **The boy or girl must also meet one of the following eligibility criteria:** Be related to a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis, be an active member of a Davis Boy Scout or Girl Scout Troop, be an active member of the Davis 4-H Club, attend public or private school within the Davis city limits, or a student that participated in a FFD sponsored Salmon in the Classroom Program.
- Applications must be submitted on or before **January 30, 2024**, in one of the following ways:
 - Via email: **fishcamp@flyfishersofdavis.org**
 - Via mail: **FishCamp Scholarship Contest, P. O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617** ○ Bring the application in person to our **January 30, 2024** club meeting

Applications will be reviewed by the FFD Scholarship Committee and awarded based upon merit, eligibility, and availability of funds. Not all applications will result in awards.

The winner may be asked to attend a FFD Club Meeting to give a short presentation on thier experience at FishCamp

Entry Form:

Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Phone Num: (_____)_____

Check One: **Related to FFD Member** **Scout** **Davis School** **4-H** **Salmon in the Classroom**

FFD Member, Troop# 4H Leader, or Teacher Name: _____

Previously Attended FishCamp?: Yes () No () **Essay**

Questions:

Please answer the questions listed below. If emailing, please attach a Word, Text, or PDF document. If mailing, please use a separate sheet of paper and enclose with this application:

- 1) Why do you want to go to FishCamp this summer? (100-150 words)
- 2) What is it about fly fishing that is of interest to you? (100-150 words)
- 3) What do you like most about fishing? (100-150 words)

For more information on FishCamp, go to **www.theflyshop.com/camps/fishcamp.html**, or call Chris King at The Fly Shop, 530-222-3555. For questions about the scholarship or about the Fly Fishers of Davis, contact Tom Robinson at (530) 304-0305 or email: outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org

FFD OUTINGS: 2023 Striperfest On The Delta

Summary by Dana Hooper, Photos by FFD Membes

Striperfest was a very hot no wind kind of day. Pretty rare to find on the California Delta. We had 6 boats fish anywhere from Franks Tract to Sherman Island and everywhere inbetween. I believe most caught stripers and some largemouth tossed in. Peter and Brad Tom had a great top water bass bite going with some stripers mixed in. Brad Tom and Peter fishing Jim Lawson clousers to bring in some nice schoolies up to 8 to 9lbs. Ryan Mitchel with his first large striper weighting in 7lbs. We found lots of schoolies from 3 to 4 lbs with a few 5 mixed in. Stripers should get better and better as the October weather starts to cool. If you get a chance to get out there do it.



The fly looks bigger than the fish it caught!



Ryan Mitchell has a nice Striper



Kurt Arens with a Striper



Fish On Jacob Orton



Peter Hawes has a 8-9 lb Striper



Dana Hooper has with a Striper



Jacob Orton with a Striper



Brad Tom with a nice Striper



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Click each city below for show details and tickets!

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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>
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	vsonkilchong@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
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater

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FFD is an affiliate club of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), an international nonprofit organization, and its Northern California Council (NCCFFF) affiliate. FFD meetings and membership are opened to the public. The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

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How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

FFD collects annual dues for adults (\$30), students (\$15) and families (\$30). Family membership may include a spouse and children living with named member up to maximum age of 25. All family members will share one membership and username. Please be sure to provide a valid email address. For insurance reasons, you must be a current club member or registered family member to attend any of our fishing outings.

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