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The Fisherman's Line

November Meeting, Tuesday January 30, 2024

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

Mike Pease Presents: Fly Fishing the Lost Sierra

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his month, Tuesday January 30, 2024, the Fly Fishers of Davis will hear from Mike Pease, who will talk about Fly Fishing The Lost Sierra. Mike Pease, an Orvis endorsed guide who has been guiding in the Plumas National Forest (aka The Lost Sierra) since 2014 will present a variety of waters to fish in the Lost Sierra. He will focus on his home rivers of the Middle Fork of the Feather River and the North Fork of the Feather with locations, flies, flows and techniques that work well on each. Come learn about one of the most beautiful areas Northern California has to offer.



Mike Pease is a fly-fishing guide, the owner of Mike Pease Adventures and founder of the Feather River Fly Fishing School in Plumas County near Graeagle, California. Mike grew up trout and steelhead fishing with his father and grandfather on many of the well-known streams of Northern California. He took his skill and art to a new level when he learned to fly fish over 30 years ago in the Greater Redding area with many of the masters of the Northstate. Mike is a patient and skilled fly-fishing instructor and guide. He combines a career as a Stanford-trained educator with a lifetime of fishing and adventure to provide a unique approach to the pedagogy of teaching others to fly fish. Mike strives to make you a client for life while helping you hone your angling skills and serving all of your fly-fishing needs. Mike is a permitted guide in the Plumas National Forest and will take you to hidden river gems like the Middle and North Forks of the Feather River along with Central Valley rivers including the Calaveras, Lower Yuba, Lower Sacramento, and the Lower American. In addition to walk and wade guided trips, Mike also leads fly-fishing classes and clinics at an exclusive Sierra dude ranch and personalized classes in the Central Valley. The summer program is a 1-, 2-, and/or 3-day course offered at the serene Greenhorn Ranch near Graeagle, CA, which is approximately 2.5 hours from Sacramento. Information can be found at www.mikepeaseadventures.com and/or at <https://www.greenhornranch.com/>.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

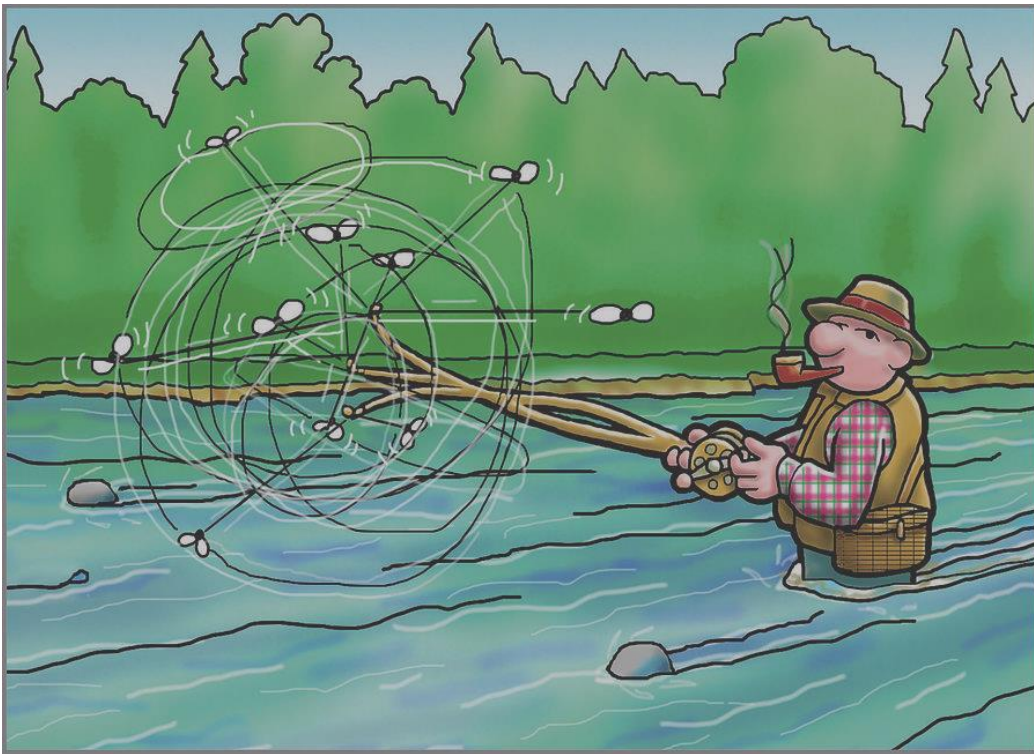
I hope winter is treating you well. The fishing has been slow for those who brave the elements. The only bright spot seems to be the Feather, with Pyramid happening soon.

Take heart spring is just around the corner! You know what that means...good fishing and the annual banquet is fast approaching. You don't want to miss this year's FFD fishing video by Paul Berliner, or the overpaid (free) raffle entertainment! The banquet will be on March 9th at Lillard Hall. You should receive an evite soon. You can respond for an entire group or just yourself. If your group size changes just go back into the evite and change the rsvp. We will have a limited number of spots. You can pay for your meal and raffle tickets at the January or February meeting or at the door. Please rsvp either way. Prebuying your tickets saves you the line at the door. I hope to see you all there as this is my favorite night of the year.

On another note I am having a trip to East Lake Oregon in June (17-20). I have a couple of spots if anyone is interested see me at the meeting.

See you then!

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*Fly fishing secret:
Never use live flies*

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
January	Mike Pease	January 30	Fly Fishing The Lost Sierra

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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Fly Fishers of Davis will have its 2024 Annual Dinner scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, 2024. You should have received an Evite. If you have not, please email Tom Robinson at tom.robinson@me.com. **Please RSVP as soon as you can!**

The Dinner will be at our usual location - Lillard Hall on County Rd 95. Our caterer will be Hickory Hank Barbecue. The menu will consist of tri-tip, ribs, sausage, chicken, salad, potato salad rolls and dessert. There is a vegetarian option but no vegan option.

Pre-purchase your Annual Dinner, Raffle Tickets prior to the event. (\$40 adults, \$25 children 12 and under, \$1/Raffle Ticket, 1 High Roller Ticket for every 100 raffle tickets purchased) to avoid the long check-in line. Pre-purchase tickets will be available at the January and February Club Meetings. Dinner and Raffle Tickets will be available at the door, the day of the event, at the same price.

FFD Website News

By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner

Classifieds Section Update

The website's **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 status of all items on our **Classifieds** section:



Bass Boat
Contact Rick W.



Inflatable
Contact Bob Z.



Trailer Guides
Contact Darryl D.



Ross Canyon Reels
Contact Bob Z.



Orvis Battenkill Reel
Contact Bob Z.



Tioga Teton Reels
Contact Bob Z.



Loon Outdoor Reel
Contact Bob Z.



Humminbird Fish Finder
Contact Paul B.

Full details and prices 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 Klamath River Renewal Corporation

(KRRC), on January 11 initiated the drawdown process on the Klamath River reservoirs by opening the low-level outlet tunnel in the Iron Gate Dam. Drawdown refers to the slow draining of the water in the reservoirs, which will be lowered in a controlled manner through tunnels located at the base of the dams. Drawdown of the JC Boyle and Copco Reservoirs will begin later this month, and all reservoirs are expected to be drained by the end of February.



Photo credit: Jason Hartwick, Swiftwater Films

“Witnessing the beginning of drawdown at Iron Gate dam was both celebration of an important moment in the story of Klamath dam removal, and a source of pride for the exceptional work done by so many people to arrive at this day.” Said Mark Bransom, CEO of KRRC

Communities downstream of the dams will start to see changes in the river in the coming days, as sediment that has accumulated behind the dams is evacuated downstream. There is an estimated 17-20 million cubic yards of sediment behind Iron Gate, JC Boyle, and Copco No. 1, the three

remaining Klamath dams slated for removal. During the drawdown process 5-7 million cubic yards is expected to go downstream during the initial phase of drawdown in January and February. Extensive testing done by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and KRRC consultants has determined the sediment to be non-toxic, mostly consisting of dead algae, gravels, and fine clay particulates.

“Iron Gate’s drawdown strategy is different than what people may have seen in the past with other dam removals,” noted Bransom. “There was no blast at this dam, instead we had the opportunity to use existing infrastructure, which allows us to precisely control the volume of water going down river, limiting downstream impacts.”

The initial drawdown period was carefully selected by KRRC’s Aquatic Resources Working Group, which is comprised of Tribes, and state and federal agencies. January and February are the ideal months for this process, as there are the fewest threatened and endangered species in the mainstem, and winter flows will assist with sediment evacuation.

While the initial phase of drawdown is expected to be completed sometime in February, because the reservoirs will be drained so slowly, they may refill a bit with spring run-off, and then need to drain again. Water quality is expected to improve in March, after the initial phase of drawdown is complete, but it will likely take up to 24 months for water to return to usual clarity, following the successful establishment of vegetation in the former reservoir footprint areas. Work on the deconstruction of the

dams is expected to commence sometime in May or June of 2024 depending on the weather, and be complete by Fall, 2024.

You can monitor the action on the Klamath River at the KRRC's website - <https://klamathrenewal.org/>. There's a good video (thanks, Paul Berliner, for the tip) on the process underway at Copco 1 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-HPz0ynN5g>. If you stay with YouTube after that video you'll get another on the Klamath Dam removal project.

From Dan Bacher - As California's salmon and other fish populations struggle to survive, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on Friday, Dec. 8 released the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the embattled Delta Conveyance Project, AKA Delta Tunnel.

The Delta Conveyance Project is a 45-mile-long tunnel that would divert water from the Sacramento River, near Hood, underneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Project opponents say it would deny critical freshwater flows to the Delta and San Francisco Bay in order to supply corporate agribusiness and water brokers south of the Delta.

The project would divert up to 6,000 cubic feet of water per second. The project is estimated to cost between \$16-40 billion and won't be completed until at least 2040, according to Restore the Delta.

DWR said it released the Final EIR to public agencies prior to certification under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. "CEQA does not require — and DWR is not providing — a public comment period on a Final EIR, but it does require DWR to send its proposed responses at least 10 days prior to a decision on certification of the EIR," DWR said in a statement.

Governor Gavin Newsom reaffirmed his enthusiastic support for the redesigned Delta Conveyance Project proposal, claiming "how critical the project is to protect millions of people's water access against the threats of climate change."

Newsom said California is expected to "lose 10% of its water supply due to hotter and drier conditions, threatening the water supply for millions of Californians. Extreme weather whiplash will result in more intense swings between droughts and floods — California's 60-year-old water infrastructure is not built for these climate impacts."

The Governor's Office also claimed that the Delta Conveyance Project would yield about 500,000 acre-feet of water per year, enough for about 5.2 million people — and "slow the decline" in State Water Project supplies by increasing the captured of high flows during short bursts of precipitation.

"This proposed project is essential to updating our water system for millions of Californians," said Newsom. "This new approach, redesigned following community and environmental input, is how we can build a California of the future."

However, fishing, conservation and Delta group representatives weren't impressed by Newsom's pitch for the construction of the tunnel — and don't believe the tunnel is "how we can build a California for the future."

The Golden State Salmon Association, Save California Salmon, San Francisco Baykeeper and the Stockton-based Restore the Delta quickly responded to the release of the EIR, slamming the project for accelerating the crisis that Bay Delta fish populations are already in because of too many water diversions and federal and state government water mismanagement.

"The salmon industry is already suffering from the Newsom shutdown," said Scott Artis, Golden State Salmon Association's Executive Director, in a statement.

"California salmon fishing is completely closed in 2023 because the Governor mismanaged our rivers during the drought. "

"Having spent five years blocking new State flow protections for salmon, he's now dancing hand-in-hand with water districts on the aching backs of the fishing industry, California residents, and the environment by trying to build one of the biggest salmon

killing projects in State history. We don't need a 1950s-style water project to help California meet 21st-century water needs — especially one that looks like an extinction plan for salmon,” he noted.

“This would be a good time for Southern Californians to keep a hand on their wallet,” he added. “Southern California residents will be on the hook to pay for nearly all of this \$20 billion boondoggle. Rich Central Valley agribusiness interests have pushed the tunnel — but they'll never pay their fair share.”

Save California Salmon also blasted the release of the Delta Tunnel EIR, describing the tunnel and the Sites Reservoir project as “connected water grabs.”

“The fact that the Delta Conveyance Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released just weeks after approval of the plan to build the privately owned, 1.5 million acre-feet Sites Reservoir, demonstrates that both projects are connected water grabs that will allow Northern California's rivers and water to be drained for water brokers,” explained Kasil Willie from Save California Salmon.

“Thousands of residents from North state communities who depend on the Bay-Delta and connected rivers, including Tribal members, fishermen, and recreational interests, have fought these projects.”

“Only water brokers and corporate interests supported them. Governor Newsom is selling us, and California's environment, out to those who seek to privatize California's rivers all the while claiming to be an environmental leader,” she concluded.

Jon Rosenfield, Senior Scientist for the San Francisco Baykeeper, said the new water diversion would doom salmon, sturgeon, steelhead and smelt in California.

“Governor Newsom's multi-billion-dollar Delta tunnel will divert excessive amounts of water from the Bay, and make matters worse for the fish and communities that depend on this ecosystem. The science clearly demonstrates that fish need increased

river flows to survive, but state agencies are ignoring it,” argued Rosenfield.

“California diverts more than half of the water flowing through Central Valley rivers to serve industrial agriculture and big cities. Because of excessive water diversions, the list of fish native to San Francisco Bay and its watershed that are verging on extinction continues to grow, and our fisheries are increasingly shut down,” he stated.

In January, Baykeeper and allied fishing and conservation organizations filed extensive comments documenting major flaws with the latest iteration of the Delta tunnel.

The Stockton-based Restore the Delta slammed the latest iteration of the Delta Tunnel Project as “another Zombie version of the Peripheral Canal.”

“Governor Newsom's proposed Delta Tunnel, as outlined in this new EIR, is another failure of state water officials to imagine alternative approaches in a climate-impacted California,” said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director, Restore the Delta. “This is sadly just another Zombie version of the Peripheral Canal idea that was rejected by California voters way back in 1982. And DWR seems to have learned nothing since California Governor Brown's Twin Tunnel (WaterFix) died in 2019.”

“What is new is the claim that Newsom's Tunnel is a climate project. But that argument is built on incomplete data and faulty analysis,” she concluded.

[The Department of Water Resources'](#) (DWR) request for an order “validating” bond resolutions that would have financed the Delta Tunnel project known as the Delta **[Conveyance](#)** Project (DCP) was denied by the Sacramento County Superior Court this month.

The Counties of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo, Butte, Plumas, and Sacramento (and their related water agencies), among other litigants, challenged DWR's authority to issue an unlimited amount of bonds to finance the DCP.

The Court agreed with the Counties and Agencies, ruling that “DWR exceeded its delegated authority when it adopted the Bond Resolutions, which purported to authorize the issuance of the Delta Program [Revenue Bonds](#).” In reaching this conclusion, the Court rejected DWR’s claim to almost unlimited authority in such matters, ruling that the Water Code “does not give DWR carte blanche to do as it wishes.” “For DWR to act,” said the Court, “it must have delegated authority. Although the Legislature plainly delegated authority to DWR, it did not delegate infinite authority.” DWR attempted to tie the bond resolutions to a purported “Delta Program.” The Court rejected this gambit, stating: “In plain words, the problem with DWR’s definition of the ‘Delta Program’ is that [it] is untethered to the objectives, purposes, and

effects of the Feather River Project of the CVPA.” The Court observed: “Since DWR lacks the authority to adopt the Delta Program,” as DWR had defined it, “it necessarily follows that DWR lacks the authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the Delta Project.”

The Counties and Agencies (other than Sacramento), were represented by attorneys Thomas Keeling and Roger Moore, who described the Court’s Judgment as “plainly correct” and “yet another nail in the coffin of this grotesquely misconceived and outlandishly expensive taxpayer boondoggle.” Said Keeling and Moore: “This is a victory for the Counties and Agencies, for the taxpayers, for the environment, for Delta farmers and businesses, and for common sense.”

[Click here for the judgement.](#)

Home Grown Spey Clinic February 4, 2024 at Gristmill Access on the American River

By Bob Zasoski



Once again the Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring a Home Grown Spey Casting Clinic on Sunday February 4, 2024. The clinic will be held at the American River Gristmill Access in Rancho Cordova, from 9 am to noon. The class that will be limited to 8 participants. This is your chance to give spey casting a try or improve on your casting. I can supply a few spey casting outfits if needed. Just let me 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 January Meeting. If the class is oversubscribed, we will develop a waiting list and investigate having a second session. In case of really poor weather, a tentative alternative day is Saturday February 10. Rain showers are not considered poor weather.

Absolutely the Last Call for Photos and Video!

By Paul Berliner

Hey there fly-fishers, our Annual Dinner is just around the corner, on March 9th! With that in mind, I'm already busy with another wacky video, and I need your pictures and videos from 2023 — yes, from all your fishing adventures in 2023. If you took photos or videos during 2023, whether in California or elsewhere, please collect your best pix and clips, put them on a flash drive, and give them to me at the **January** club meeting. I'll return all drives to you promptly, after I transfer the files. If you have just a few pix, please email them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).

Important: This is totally your last call. If I don't get the pix by the January meeting (or the deadline, **Friday February 9th**) I'll be deep into the editing, and you won't see your prized striper on the big screen.



As always, do **NOT** send me gigantic emails full of pictures! If the file size is too large, use a flash drive or simply contact me — and I'll arrange to get the files.

Important:

Photos and video must be taken between Jan 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023.

For photos, high resolution JPG images are preferred.

For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.

Many thanks!

2024 FFD 101/201 Classes

By Dana Hooper

Winter Class Dates

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

Fly Fishers of Davis 101/201 Classes have started, but it is not too late to attend the remaining classes.

201 Topics		
Day 1	Tues. March 5	Cary Boyden Still Water Techniques
Day 2	Tues. March 12	Float N Fly Bass, Lake Beeressa
Day 3	Tues. March 19	Streamer Fishing for Trout

Please Sign up at the next meeting or email Dana Hooper at TroutHookup1@gmail.com or 916-343-9732

If you would like to learn how to catch fish like these.



101 Topics		
Day 4	Tues. March 26	What Makes Up The Fly Rod and Reel Basics
Day 5	Tues. April 2	Bugs Versus Flies
Day 6	Tues. April 9	Knots and Rigging
Day 7	Tues. April 16	Locating Trout
	April/May	Casting Class With Bob Z and Company

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/>



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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

2024

Proposed FFD Outings & Events

<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	rjasoski@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
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee

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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.

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