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The Fisherman's Line

March Meeting, Tuesday April 30th, 2024

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

Kait and James Sampsel Present:

The Rogue River & the Impressions Left Behind

This month, Tuesday April 30th, 2024, Kait and James Sampsel will talk about the Rogue River. The focus of the presentation will be on steelhead using swung fly presentations. Flies, lines, tips, tactics, experiences, and imagery. We will be covering the entire Rogue River from source to mouth including the trout fishery. And finally, images of James' art from time spent with their guests on the water.



Humble Heron Fly Fishing is a fly fishing outfit out of Grants Pass Oregon. Owners James and Kait (Bailey) Sampsel started their operations the fall of 2016 but have guided rivers all over the west and Central America collectively for the better part of 24 years.

Their focus is on the zen of the swung fly to illusive steelhead. They passionately guide guests on many of Southern Oregon's premier rivers and consider the Rogue River their bread and butter.

"To be found by a steelhead and chosen is nothing to be taken lightly. We are honored and graced by each steelhead encounter." - James

"Fishing for steelhead is about the moment and time on the river. Feel your cares lift away and the river flow through your soul. If we're lucky we might bump into one". - Kait

Humble Heron takes pride in facilitating "whole" river experiences. Beyond seeking and catching a fish, the hunt for a steelhead can leave you changed forever. Locked in memory and replayed time and again.



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all,

I hope all is well with everyone, and that you get a chance to do some fishing. We are very fortunate to live in an area where we can literally fish 12 months of the year.

We are also very fortunate to have so many people that keep our club running. I'd like to thank: Tom for putting together the newsletter for so many years, and Lowell who has agreed to step up in the interim. Dana for all he does for the dinner, picnic, and outings. Peter for arranging the speakers. Paul for his A/V work and the "Years in Review." The board and the officers who fill in and support everywhere they can. I'd also like to thank those who have filled these roles in the past. I would encourage those who are new to the club to get involved if you are able. The connections you will make with the club and other fisherfolks are very fulfilling.

April 15 is Tax Day and usually the start of the shad run in the lower rivers(hint it's an Italian city where Leonardo was from). I have heard there are lots of stripers in the river. Berryessa is popping off. Spring steelhead should be happening. The lower Sac should be in prime shape.

With all this opportunity...what are you waiting for? Go get 'em!

Andan

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 2024 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
April	Kait and James Sampsel	April 30	The Rogue River & the Impressions Left Behind

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 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 Dam Removal

Project is still on track, despite what you may have read in The California Globe. A story by William Simpson implies that Kiewit Corporation has completely pulled out of the dam removal project and speculates that the dams will now remain in place. Mr. Simpson has written many stories about the Klamath River and the dams, and is convinced that a natural lava dam currently behind one of the dams being removed has always acted as a natural barrier to salmon migration.

In this report, Mr. Simpson says Kiewit has aborted a drilling program, and implies that they have pulled out of the project entirely. He further suggests that the clay core earthen dam will collapse catastrophically (with 100% certainty) as they are removed.

The Klamath River Renewal Corporation responded to this report with an email to Maven’s Notebook that gives the straight story. Kiewit chose not to implement an exploratory drilling project and informed the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. There are no delays to the project. KRRC also responded to the assertion that the dam removal would result in catastrophic collapse by stating the collapse analysis is technically incorrect. The dam will be taken down from the crest in horizontal layers until the base is reached. The clay core remains confined as the dam is removed so there is no opportunity for collapse.

Copco No. 1 is currently being removed by drilling, chipping and blasting the concrete from the top. Because it’s a concrete dam, if

there is a high flow event before it is completely removed the water can flow over the top without eroding the dam. The removal of Copco No. 1, Iron Gate, and JC Boyle dams is expected to be complete by this fall in time for the Fall run of Chinook salmon. Restoration work is underway and is expected to continue for several years.

A chemical from tires, 6PPD Quinone, leaches into the environment and may be lethal to some fish, including coho salmon. From the USEPA

(<https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/6ppd-quinone>) vehicle tires contain the chemical known as [6PPD](#) to prevent tires from breaking down due to reactions with ozone and other reactive oxygen species in the air. When [6PPD reacts with ozone](#) in the air, it forms [6PPD-quinone](#). Tires wear down through contact with roads, releasing particles into the environment. When it rains, stormwater from hard surfaces like parking lots and streets washes these particles into streams and other water bodies. As a result, 6PPD-quinone may be present and aquatic organisms can be exposed to it.

Available information on 6PPD-quinone indicates that it is toxic enough to quickly kill some fish. [A 2021 publication in the journal Science](#) linked coho salmon death to 6PPD-quinone in stormwater.

Concentrations in stormwater were found to be lethal for coho salmon [following exposures lasting only a few hours](#). Subsequent work identified some other fish species as vulnerable to 6PPD-quinone.



The potential of 6PPD-quinone to have ecotoxic effects and impact salmon populations is a key issue. These fish species have cultural, commercial, and ecological importance, and some coho salmon populations are endangered and threatened. Many Tribes rely heavily on salmon and other aquatic resources for food and cultural practices. Healthy and accessible salmon populations are critical to the health and wellbeing of Tribes, including the practice and protection of Tribal Treaty Rights. Limited information is available regarding emissions, fate and transport, and human health effects of 6PPD-quinone. [Research regarding promising stormwater treatment options](#), such as engineered green infrastructure systems, is ongoing. EPA's researchers and partners across the country are working hard to address these information gaps about 6PPD-quinone. This information will help EPA and state, local, and Tribal partners make more informed decisions on how best

to protect human health and the environment.

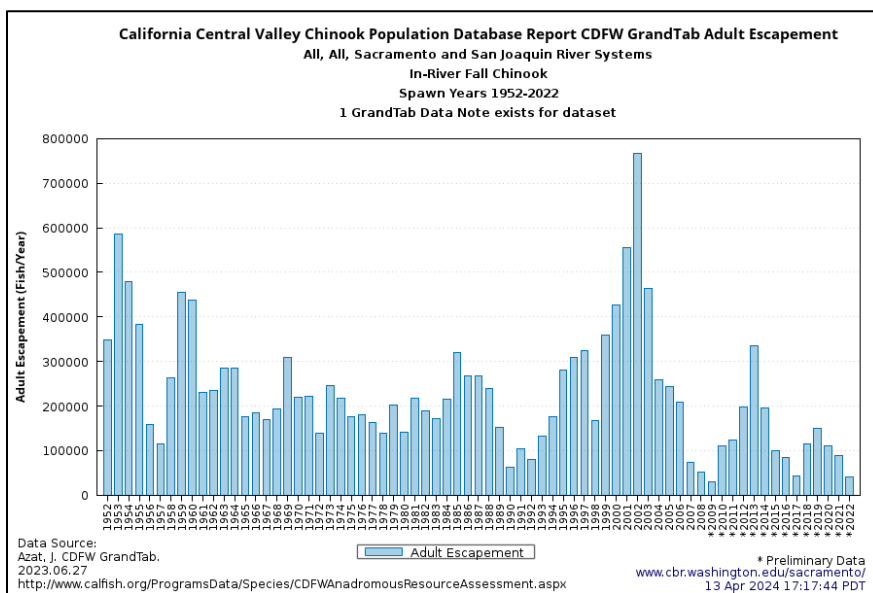
There's a good video on the issue from King 5 in Seattle at <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/coalition-brings-together-longtime-rivals-help-salmon/281-420f83c6-6a1b-47e6-a54b-1f6bf78e4bf0>.

There's an additional article from KQED in San Francisco about its impact on local fishermen, as well as a bill ([AB 1798](#)) in the state Assembly, authored by Diane Papan (D San Mateo) to begin to look for solutions and manage impacts until a replacement is found. The KQED article is at <https://www.kqed.org/science/1992122/toxic-dust-threatens-california-salmon-population-lawmaker-seeks-solution> and the bill information is at <https://a21.asmdc.org/press-releases/20240319-legislation-safeguard-salmon-and-steelhead-trout-lethal-storm-water>.

The salmon fishing season has been cancelled for the second straight year due to low numbers of returning fish. This should have been foreseen when the major reservoirs, especially Shasta Dam, were operated to provide water to agriculture at the expense of holding back cold water for spawning salmon and young fish. In 2020, 2021, and 2022 the number of fish making it to sea was low, as many eggs and juvenile fish died from warm water temperatures. See the graph above.

Most reports you will read about the cancelled season will place the blame on

ocean conditions and climate warming. These factors are certainly significant, but the death of 90+% of the eggs and young fish for two years running is more likely the most important factor. Scott Artis, executive director of the Golden State Salmon Association (GSSA), says "It's simple: when the state's water policies kill off all of the baby salmon, 2 to 3 years later you don't get many



returning adults in the rivers. This is Governor Newsom's legacy."

And then there's the operation of pumps in the Delta. From the Sacramento Bee, "Pumping plants in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta severely harmed or killed almost double the legal amount of Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout in recent months, dealing yet another blow to the struggling endangered species. An estimated 3,030 winter-run Chinook and 2,919 Steelhead were caught by water pumps that capture supplies for farms and cities from the delta between December and

March, according to state and federal water agencies. That's well beyond the agencies' own ceilings for permissible fish harm under the Endangered Species Act — referred to as "take." Those numbers are 1,776 Chinook and 1,571 for Steelhead annually, per the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "I continue to be shocked by the lawlessness and neglect of federal and state management agencies with regard to species that are on the brink of extinction," said Jon Rosenfield, science director at San Francisco Baykeeper. "You expect regulators to regulate and follow their own regulation

FFD EVENTS: New Casting Instructor – Jeff Hogan

My name is Jeff Hogan and as the new casting instructor for the Club, I would like to say hello and provide you with some background. I live in Woodland with my wife Jennifer and retired from the UC Davis Intercollegiate Athletic Department where I was the athletic trainer for 29 years. In addition to managing the health and wellbeing of the student-athletes I also taught, both in the classroom and clinically in the athletic training room. Essentially, I spent my entire career teaching body movement and now I continue this passion by teaching fly casting.

I became a Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor (CI) in 2016 and I am currently in pursuit of the Master Casting Instructor (MCI) certification. I have been professionally teaching casting lessons to groups and individuals locally and in San Francisco at the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club in San Francisco.

My goal is to make you a better angler by making you a better caster; to be able to confidently put the fly where you want.

The primary difference between a beginning and an advanced caster is the ability to first form a loop then to be able to control that loop depending on factors such as wind, obstacles, and rigging. So, to kick off this year's pre-meeting casting clinic I invite you to bring your rod and reel (no hooks please, yarn only) and join me on the lawn next to the Stonegate meeting room (between the room and the lake, April 30th at 6:30 PM) to start your journey in search of the perfect loop.

Tight lines.



FFD TRAVELS: Henderson Springs

Photos and Summary by Paul Berliner

A few of us recently went to Henderson Springs, up near Big Bend. The group included club members Marc Wilson, Randy Wood, Rick Wallinder and myself. This is a first-class fly-fishing lodge with four gorgeous lakes, all full of hungry trophy trout. The weather treated us very well this year, and the fishing was incredible. For a little bit more of the story, please check out my video of the trip! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XY2i6WeMO1s&t=10s>



Randy's huge trout



Rick on the verge of another



The Henderson Springs Boys



A beauty in Paul's net



A second before release



After the long fight



Glassy Lakes



Gorgeous lakes, gorgeous weather



Marc's rod is bent way over



OK, out you go

FFD Spring Fly Casting Clinic Sunday May 5 at Northstar Ponds

Set aside time Sunday morning May 5 for our annual fly casting clinic that will be held at Northstar Ponds from 9 -12. Jeff Hogan our club Casting Chair will lead the clinic. Jeff is an excellent caster and instructor and he is an IFF certified Casting Instructor. Jeff is currently working towards an FFI Certification as a Master Casting Instructor. He and several of our Club members will be available to help you get started or improve your casting. The clinic is designed to help the beginning caster with hands on instruction and to help work out the bugs in the casting stroke of more advanced students.

Jeff will start the session with a brief presentation of casting basics. His brief presentation will be followed by hands on practice and coaching by Jeff and other club members. Bring your rod, reel, line, leader and tippet as well as sunscreen and sunglasses. Eye protection is a necessity when you are fly fishing or casting. Our terminal gear will be brightly colored yarn rather than flies to protect the innocent. There may be a few bugs about, so bring along your bug juice. We are looking forward to seeing you at Northstar Ponds Sunday May 5. Northstar Ponds are located in North Davis, just to the west of the F Street and Anderson intersection. Parking is available south of Anderson Rd. about 800 feet west of F Street. (3434 Anderson Rd. Davis, CA - for the Google Map fans)

Our group will gather on the lawn area south of the pond near the playground. We can provide equipment for those that may need an outfit. If you will need a casting outfit, let Jeff Hogan (jeff.hogan8454@att.net) or Bob Zasoski (rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net) know. A signup sheet will be available at the April 30 meeting or email Jeff or Bob.

FFD OUTING: Baum Lake

Summary by Mike Rivers with photos by Mike and Bob Beverlin

Five FFD members, Bob Beverlin, Tom Burton, Fred Bryner, Jeff Dullum and Mike Rivers braved cold wind rain, sleet and snow but found fishing to be very good at Baum Lake. The best fishing was in the shallower areas of the lake using intermediate or floating lines with a Denny Richard's Stillwater Nymph in olive and burnt orange. Leeches also worked on a sinking line in deeper areas. Tom found success with his Baum Lake Special under an indicator. Most stayed in Burney due to the weather and patronized local restaurants for dinners.



Tom Burton on the move



Jeff Dullum & Fred Bryner



Mike Rivers' nice fish



Bob Beverlin with a nice fish



Bob with another big fish



Mike Rivers with a big fish

FFD OUTING: Berryessa Float N Fly

Photos by Members and Summary by Dana Hooper

April 17th was a beautiful day on Lake Berryessa with lots of sun, warm weather and very little wind. We had 8 boats meet up at Markley Cove for a great day fishing float N fly. I believe everybody caught fish with lots of nice fish landed. Our boat had great success with a shad pattern jig fly landing spotted, smallies and large mouth bass. Crappie had been on the bite as well.

Thank you to all the Boaters that took out a Non Boater for the day. Much appreciated.

Was a great Berryessa Outing once again.



Dana Hooper with a nice Smallie



Bob Beverlin with a nice Smallie



Jacob Orton with nice fish



Dr. Dan Brugger's first float N fly trip



Dana Hooper with a nice bass



Dr. Dan Brugger with a nice smallie



Brad Tom with a Crappie



Peter Hawes with a nice Smallie



Peter Hawes with another nice fish

FFD EVENTS: UCD Picnic Day 2024

Photos and Summary by Paul Berliner

Fly Fishers of Davis participated in Picnic Day once again this year, and the crowds were non-stop. We were hosted by our friends in the Entomology department, and once the doors opened, we tied Woolly Buggers for young and old, all day long. Our “ace” fly-tying crew was Jack Norlyn, Lowell Ashbaugh, Matt Perry, Jake Orton (and his daughter Lilliana), Rick Wallinder, and Peter Hawes. Not only did we tie flies, but we talked up the benefits of our club, and the sport of fly-fishing, and we probably gave out over 100 brochures. Another great day of outreach!



My Trout was this big



Rick and Lowell talk up FFD



These are my bugs



Here's how it's done



Huge crowds all day



Matt and Jake and Lilliana (in blue)

FFD Fuller Lake Outing



Single-day outing to Fuller Lake located at about 5,500 feet near Emigrant Gap, about a 1:45 drive from Davis. Floatation device is pretty much required as shore fishing is very limited. Float tube, kayak, or pram work best. Trout are mostly small stocked rainbows with some larger resident rainbows and browns.

Date: 6/15/2024

Fishmeister: Shawn DeArmond

Contact: dearmond@gmail.com

Comments: Day trip, Floatation device



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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>
FFD Casting Clinic			May 5	Bob Zasoski	rzasoski@sbcglobal.net	
Hat Creek 101	Trout		May 3,4 & 5	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	May	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	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@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		6/15	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	trouhookup1@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	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Delta Striper Fest 2023	Stripers	Boat	Nov. 2	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Luke Lake	Mult. Sp.	Boat	December	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Fee
<u>Trip 2025</u>	<u>Fish</u>		<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fishmeister</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Pyramid Lake	Trout		TBD	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout		TBD March	Dana Hooper	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Baum Lake

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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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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:](https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/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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