

October Meeting, Tuesday October 26, 2021 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club & Zoom Captain Stacy Lynn: Fly Fishing The Texas Coast

his month, Tuesday October 26, 2021, at Stonegate Country Club and via Zoom, FFD Members will hear from Captain Stacy Lynn who will be discussing the particulars to fly fishing year 'round in the Lone Star State's dynamic bays and nearshore saltwater lakes, flats, shorelines and marshes. The species, the seasons, the locations, the gear and the tactics are all covered by Captain Stacy Lynn who has 20+ years of focused fly fishing and guiding experience all up and down the expansive Texas coastline.

Captain Stacy has been an avid saltwater and freshwater fly angler since 1995. She has 20+ years as a professional fly fishing coach and is a Fly Fishers



Intl. Certified Instructor and a graduate of Joan Wulff's Fly Fishing Instructor's School. Captain Stacy is a TPWD Licensed Saltwater Fly Fishing Guide in the Rockport/Corpus Christi area. She has been a featured speaker, demonstrator and instructor at numerous events and has been working in the fly fishing industry for 25+ years.

Her favorite fly fishing endeavor is sight casting in saltwater, especially to Redfish from her own poling skiff, and Tarpon and Permit in tropical destinations. Her instruction specialties are conducting casting diagnostics, and helping fly casters prepare for the Saltwater Fly Fishing experience. Her business, WOW Fly Fishing, is dedicated to the experiences, education and business of fly fishing.

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THE PREZ SEZ By Tristan Leong

Hello Fly Fishers of Davis,

I have always loved autumn. In addition to the cooling weather and changing leaves, the fly fishing opportunities peak during the fall months with stripers returning to the Delta, steelhead entering their natal rivers, big brown trout coming out to spawn, salmon finishing their lifecycle, and many other freshwater fish attempting to fatten up before a cold winter. Many of my best fishing days both in CA, Alaska, and elsewhere have come in September, October, and November. I hope you all take an opportunity to get outside and fish during the next few months because soon another year will have passed! Which brings me to another point, assuming you don't get the chance this year, start your planning for 2022 now. There are so many wonderful places to fish and visit and many are right in your backyard waiting. To this end, we are revamping our outings - offering additional venues (soon), starting up fly tying classes (likely in November), and offering multiple other opportunities to re-engage you through the end of 2021 and into 2022. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Andan Bailey 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 2021 Meeting Schedule				
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC	
October	Captain Stacy Lynn	October 26	Fly Fishing The Texas Coast	
November	Phil Rowley	November 30	Stillwater Techniques	

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



It is time to renew your FFD Membership for 2021. 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. Please stop by the membership table at the FFD Annual Picnic and pay for your dues with check, cash, or credit card or renew online at https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/.

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<u>FFD 201 Classes</u> By Dana Hooper

Class Times are 7 pm – 9 pm UCD Horticulture Room

201 Topics		
Day 3	November 3	Stripers on the Delta

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

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



FFD 201 classes will follow! An Active FFD Membership is required to attend the FFD 101/201 Classes

FFD Website News — October 2021

By Bob Beverlin and Paul Berliner

Here's a quick summary of what's new in the website!



- New Baja pictures! Travel along with Mike to the wilds of Baja!
 - https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/gallery-2021/2021-baja/
- New Colorado pictures! Mary Ann takes some of the best fly-fishing trips imaginable, and you'll see why!
 - https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/gallery-2021/2021-colorado/
- The "Fishing Trips" page no longer displays the Covid banner. Lots of great upcoming trips are listed.
 - https://flyfishersofdavis.org/outings/fishing-trips/
- We've created a direct link to Cary's Youth Fly Fishing Scholarship page. Plus, at the bottom of the page, you'll find a link to his beautiful and heartwarming memorial site.
 - https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/
- And coming soon, by popular demand, we hope to make available new printed copies of Cary's book, "Random Thoughts of a Dark Sider." Proceeds from the sale of this book will go directly to Cary's scholarship. Watch this space!

More to come! Please contact us with suggestions at webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org.

CONSERVATION REPORT By Lowell Ashbaugh

<u>Conservation Mailing List</u> Want to keep up on conservation issues in between newsletters? Join the FFD Conservation Google Group list. Click <u>here</u> for instructions on how to join, and search for "FFD-Conservation". Or send an email to <u>Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com</u> with your request.

The Biden Administration requested a reinitiation of consultation on the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. The two projects are meant to operate in a coordinated manner to protect endangered species and provide water to irrigators and communities. I've reported in earlier newsletters that the Trump Administration refused to accept the biological opinions (biops) as they were first developed because they found unmitigated harm to listed species, and then fired the scientists who produced them and hired new scientists. The new biops found that there would be no harm to listed species. Since that time, species have declined further.

The request from the Bureau of Reclamation is to reopen talks on the operation of the state and federal water projects, with goals to include supporting species viability, protecting life history diversity, supporting operational flexibility, providing regulatory certainty, supporting science and monitoring, and to create a single feasible adaptable coordinated operation of the two projects.

California Republican congressmembers issued a statement opposing the BOR request. It reads in part "We strongly oppose the Biden administration's reckless, anti-scientific, and politically-motivated attempt to rewrite the 2019 biological opinions. The 2019 opinions reflect years of work by career staff experts at the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Commerce to incorporate the best available science and latest data to ensure a reliable water supply for California's families, farms, and communities while protecting listed species and their environment in our state. Just as important, multiple rigorous peer reviews confirmed the scientific findings on which the 2019 opinions are based. Yet, the opinions are adamantly opposed by most California Democrats, the Newsom administration, and radical environmental groups. This opposition is particularly shocking given that those most impacted by the lack of water supply are disadvantaged, rural minority communities.

Moreover, these opinions are less than two years old – salmon have a three-year life cycle – so the federal government has not been able to fully evaluate their effectiveness."

It shouldn't surprise anyone how egregiously wrong this statement is. The 2019 opinions they defend so strongly were not the unbiased science they imply but were developed only after the genuine unbiased opinions were rejected. The disadvantaged, rural minority communities they worry about were impacted by the agricultural irrigators overpumping of groundwater, not by lack of exported water from the Delta. And the salmon have been threatened by drawing too much water too early in the season, leaving too little cold water to keep them alive after they hatch in the Sacramento River near Redding. The very exports the current opinions allow have nearly extinguished the salmon. If current exports are maintained the salmon may well die out completely.

<u>Retired farmer Tom Willey</u> was interviewed by the <u>Madera Tribune</u> recently and had a lot to say about overpumping of groundwater. You should read the story at the link above, but here's a little bit of what he said. After 20 years of farming, "he realized he was part of the problem and, if something isn't done, the entire Central Valley could be in for a rude awakening when it comes to water issues."

"When we first moved to Madera, one of the main things I noticed was we didn't have any recharge basins. They are all over in the Fresno Irrigation District," he said.

"When the nut craze came in and nut irrigation and micro sprinklers came in to irrigate undulating land, now we have a huge amount of acreage, 100,000 acres, are being farmed where they don't have access to canal water. They are depleting their well and other people's wells across the whole district. It's a race to the bottom. If we don't wake up as a community and who's the Jonah on the boat, the whole boat could go down."

When Willey began farming, the depth to groundwater was about 120 feet. When he sold the

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farm 20 years later, the depth was 200 feet. At that time, Willey was ready to retire and that 80 feet of groundwater lost was a big reason to sell the farm.

"Most of the viable dams have been built and most aren't filled up because the rainfall was so sparse last year," Willey said. "There are talks about building dams and opposition about the dams. But, if the dam is approved, it will take 20-30 years to build. We don't have 20-30 years to play around. What we have is have huge wet years and huge dry years. When we have these wet years, there's not enough dams to put enough water. What we have to do is do more groundwater recharge. You have to spread the water out and sink it into the ground. There are some innovative farmers that have demonstrated how that is done. We have to do that on a huge scale. Madera is beginning to play with that, but we haven't developed it well enough."

"There's been a lot of disagreement about how to manage our water," Willey said. "The farmer's interests were on the top of the game 70 years ago. We stole it fair and square and had all the water to use for a long time. There were 40-year contracts for the water. In those contracts, the need to maintain native fisheries were ignored. We all were hunky dory for 40 years. The environmental movement became a reality during those 40 years and were ready when the contracts expired. The fisheries were decimated and have to be maintained. That's been a big issue over the last 30 years of how to maintain environmental stability and manage agriculture."

Willey says that in order to keep up with the water supply, a lot of acreage of farmland needs to be eliminated.

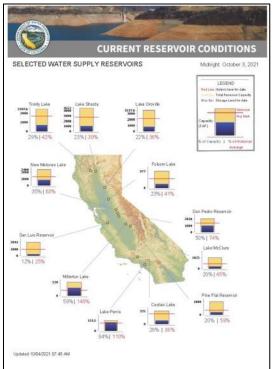
There's not much to add to that analysis, but read the full story for a few more observations. Perhaps there's hope that other irrigators will come to similar conclusions.

<u>Governor Newsom has asked</u> all Californians to reduce urban water use by 15% compared to 2020 levels. While this is a laudable goal in terms of keeping the drought front and center, it is just a drop in the bucket of water use in the state. Overall, about half the water in California is used for environmental purposes – i.e. it's left in the rivers to provide environmental, wildlife, and ecological benefits. Of the remaining water, 80% (40% of the total water) is allocated to agriculture and 20% (10% of the total) goes to urban use. In wet years such as 2006, out of 104 million acre-feet (maf) available, 62% went to environmental use, 29% went to agriculture, and 8% went to urban use. In dry years such as 2014, out of 61 maf available, 28% went to environmental use, 61% went to agriculture, and 11% went to urban use. It's interesting that in this comparison agriculture got more water in a dry year than in a wet year. The other two sectors got less water.

Year	2006	2014
Year type	Wet	Dry
Water available	104 maf	61 maf
Environmental	64.5 maf	17.1 maf
use		
Agriculture use	30.2 maf	37.2 maf
Urban use	8.3 maf	6.7 maf

An important observation here is that for the dry year shown 15% of the urban use amounts to just one maf. This is just 2.7% of the agricultural use, so the same savings Governor Newsom is seeking could be obtained by a much smaller reduction in agricultural use.

Current reservoir conditions are dire:



Spey Clinic at Gristmill Access on the American River October 24, 2021

The Fly Fishers of Davis is sponsoring a Spey Casting Clinic on Sunday October 24, 2021. Jeff Putnam, a well-known local casting instructor, will lead the class. Jeff is a IFFF Certified Single and Two Handed Casting Instructor and the author of several DVD's on Spey and Single Handed Casting. Those that have worked with Jeff know he is an excellent and patient instructor and presents information in an easily absorbed manner. A free of \$50 covers the four-hour session lasting from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Checks should be made out to the Fly Fishers of Davis. The cost of \$50 is a special half price deal extended to FFD members. The clinic will be held at the American River Gristmill Access in Rancho Cordova, CA. If needed, directions to the Gristmill Access will be provided. Class size will be limited to10 participants. This is your chance to give spey casting a try. Jeff or I can supply spey casting outfits if needed. Just let us know.

If you are interested, contact Bob Zasoski (email: <u>rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net</u>), or sign up at the September meeting. Bob will be assisting Jeff with the class. 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. The spey casts is a very efficient way to change direction with out 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 older casters like me and 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 over line 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.



<u>FFD OUT AND ABOUT: Fall River</u> Summary by Tom Robinson, Photos by FFD Members

A few members headed out to the Fall River in October. We stayed at the Cabin House at the Circle 7 Ranch. It was a beautiful setting. Fishing was a bit sporadic as the water was crystal clear and the fish were skittish and there was a lot of vegetation floating down the river with the current, but we all caught fish and they were HOT. Looking forward to trying Fall River in the Spring.



Checking into to Cabin House at Circle 7 Ranch



Very nice place. Sleeps 6 comfortably



View from the paio



Tom Robinson with first fish of the trip



Chris Berardi enjoying Fall River



Chris lands this beast



We have an audience!



These fish are HOT



Beautiful sunrise



Eric Kapucinski is enjoying Fall River



Mount Shasta still has a little snow



Time for a Fall River brew!

Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International News

By Mark Rockwell, President, October, 2021



FFI Virtual Expo 2021 – Mark on your Calendar

What is a Virtual Expo? It's an online experience that brings the world of fly fishing to you in the comfort of your own home. This year the FFI Virtual Expo will take place on November 5-7. We hope you will join us for a weekend full of learning, fun, and Community.

Highlights:

- Fantastic classes and workshops from renowned anglers, tyers & casters
- Compelling and important conservation workshops
- Fly tying demonstrations with some of the world's best tyers
- An online auction culminating in a virtual live auction on November 6th.
- Great giveaways!
- Specialty classes on cooking, nutrition, tricking out your camper, and other topics that interest fly fishers & non-fishers alike.

These days \$25 hardly covers lunch and a few flies—forget about gas money and beverages. But \$25 will get you access to over 100 free fly fishing workshops, presentations, and demonstrations when you register for the FFI Virtual Expo. This inaugural online-only event takes places November 5-7, 2021, and features over 150 opportunities to immerse yourself in every aspect of fly fishing.

Registration is limited to 1,500 participants– \$25 for members and \$60 for non-members which includes a \$35 FFI membership. Some workshops require an additional fee and have limited space; others are taking place before the Virtual Expo begins. Don't miss out!

This is Your Chance to Enjoy the Best of Fly Fishing from the Leaders in our Sport!

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo



<u>Here's a look at what is</u> <u>happening day-by-day</u>

The Latest in fly tying by Experts.

 Both on the spot demonstrations as well as multi-session workshops for a small fee.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities/Detail/join-us-for-workshopsauctions-available-prior-to-the-expo





Day 1: November 5 - All things Fly Fishing

Social time: 7 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies: 7:30

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities/Detail/join-us-for-day-1-of-theffi-virtual-expo-2021

Day 2: November 6 - More great demos & learning - Trout spey, teach-the-teacher from Pasadena Casting Club, tips for fishing in Patagonia, Fly Fishers roundtable, tying & fishing soft hackles.

Social time: 7 p.m.

Live Auction: 7:30



https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities/Detail/join-us-for-day-2-of-the-ffi-virtual-expo

Day 3: November 7 - Great learning and fun continues.

Becoming a certified caster, Casting for recovery, casts needed for casting tournaments, Tenkara fishing & how it helps.

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FFI is bringing all the greatest info on fly fishing, tying, places to fish & better casting for greater success. Please join us for this great event!!

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Submit a film for the 2022 Fly Fishing Film Tour

Calling all anglers from world-class travelers to beginners, young and old, men, women and children, and folks from all walks of life; we want to share your fishing stories on the big screen!

Rough cuts for submissions for the 2022 F3T are due **October 31st**. We'll look at what you've got at any point along the creative process. We'll want a basic film in length and structure (but not by any means the final polished process) by **November 6th**.

If you've ever had a dream of sharing your storytelling and film projects on the big screen, this is your sign! We can't wait to see your submissions!

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UTINGS & EVENTS FFD 2021-2022

Proposed FFD Outings & Events Subject to Change Due to COVID-19

<u>Trip 2021</u>	<u>Fish</u>		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Sac Float (Fall)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Striper Fest 2021	Stripers	Boat	November 6	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Trinity River Steelhead	Trout	Guide	TBD November	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
Pyramid Lake (Fall)	Trout		TBD December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Luk Lake	Trouth/Bass		TBD December	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip / Fee
<u>Trip 2022</u>	<u>Fish</u>		Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	<u>Comments</u>
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout		TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Pyramid Lake (Spring)	Trout		TBD Feb, March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Hotel / Camping
Baum Lake	Trout		March 25 - 27	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Delta Bass N Fly Tournament	Black Bass	Boat	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
Hat Creek 101	Trout		April 29 - 31	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Lake Berryessa	Mult. Sp.	Boat	TBD March-May	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
FFD Annual Dinner			TBD March			
Lower Sac Float (Spring)	Trout	Guide	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fee + Tip
FFD Casting Clinic			May 23, 2021	Bob Zasoski	rjzasoski@sbcglobal.net	Instructor: Jeff Putnam
Shad Sac or Feather River	Shad	Boat	Мау	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Boater pair with non boater
McCloud River	Trout		Prop June/July	Peter Hawes	hawsheatair@gmail.com	Camping
Manzanita Lake Trip	Trout		Prop June/July	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Floatation Device / Camping
Lake Davis	Trout	Boat	TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping
FFD Annual Picnic			TBD	Tristan Leong	tristan.leong@gmail.com	
Lewiston Lake	Trout		TBD	Need Fishmeister		Camping





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The Fly Fishers of Davis (FFD) is a non-Profit 501.C.4 charitable organization dedicated to the education, participation, conservation and enhancement of fly fishing. FFD meets monthly. Our regular monthly meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month except for December, and other exceptions are noted in our newsletter. December meetings are held the second Tuesday to accommodate holiday schedules.

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.

E-Newsletter Policy

Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed about one week before the meeting. You may need to download Acrobat reader at:

https://get.adobe.com/reader/ to view our PDF newsletter.

Members are urged to maintain their current email address and other important personal data by logging in, and visiting:

https://flyfishersofdavis.org/account/. This ensures accurate

communication and notification of our monthly newsletter, which is also downloadable at:

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.

- <u>Membership Benefits</u>: For more information about the many benefits of FFD membership, please go to https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/
- New Members ONLY: To join FFD, please go to https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/
- Existing Members, Login and Dues Assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org
- For Additional Information: or questions email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org