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The Fisherman's Line

December Meeting: Tuesday December 17, 2024 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club Fly Fishers of Davis Presents: Homegrown & White Elephant Gift Exchange

*T*his month our home-grown meeting will consist of our annual board business, followed by a white elephant fly fishing gift exchange for those who elect to participate.



To participate in the white elephant gift exchange:

1. Each player must bring one (wrapped) fly fishing or generic holiday gift (maximum value of up to \$15) to contribute to the common pool.
2. All players will draw numbers to determine the order in which they will choose gifts.
3. All players sit in a circle, where they can see the gift pile.
4. Now the play begins. The first player picks a gift from the pile and opens it. (Everyone sees the gift).
5. Each following player can choose to either (a) pick a new unwrapped gift from the pile or (b) "steal" a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same – choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
6. After all players have had their turn, the first player has a chance to steal another player's gift.
7. If a player's gift is stolen by the first player, that player must keep the first player's gift. That ends the gift exchange.

Note! If a gift gets stolen two times, it cannot be stolen again. The second person to steal the gift keeps it.

THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy y'all.

I missed the last meeting because I was redfishing in Louisiana with Tristan. It was an amazing trip with the first day being described by our guide as “the best day of redfishing he had ever seen.” We had 15 to 20 fish apiece, many over 20 pounds with some into the 30's. I'll share more later.

This month we have our “chrismahaunakwanzica and Festivus for the rest of us” white elephant exchange. (Yes, Seinfeld still lives in the memory of old people.) Just bring a wrapped gift (new, used or regifted) between \$5-15 of value, and join the fun. The gift should be flyfishing or holiday related. This is truly one of our most fun events. A few folks usually bring treats for everyone to enjoy. Please don't feel the need to bring food — there is usually plenty.

We will also have our officer and board elections. If you would like to serve on our board or as an officer, please email me or talk to me at the meeting. We are always looking for folks to help. The work for any one person is light because of the many hands that make our club work.

I hope you can all join us at the meeting. Remember, the meeting is Tuesday December 17 at 7:30 pm.



Andan's trophy Redfish



Seriously! Hurry up and take the photo.

Nomination of Officer's



If you are interested (or know someone who might be interested) in joining the Board of Directors or becoming an FFD officer next year, please let us know.

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 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.

NOAA Fisheries has been tracking ocean ecosystem indicators off Newport OR for 27 years. This year ocean conditions are varied, but overall they’re on the poor end of the scale, ranking 18 out of the 27 years studied so far.

A strong El Niño brought warmer than average winter water temperatures but strong winds in the summer brought cooler water temperatures to the sea surface. The warm winter temperatures affected the food web by reducing the numbers of tiny fish that juvenile salmon prefer. The cooler summer temperatures increased the concentration of copepods, so the fish that survived had more food available.

It’s unclear how this will affect overall survival, though. The indicator of future juvenile salmon prey was the lowest of the 27 years studied so there may be poor feed conditions ahead.

According to Jennifer Fisher, a research fisheries biologist at the Science Center’s Newport Research Station, “Right now, there are some mixed signals, reminding us how important it is to continually track ocean conditions and try to understand the mechanistic linkages between ocean conditions and juvenile salmon survival.”

Bill Kier, a champion of fisheries and public trust water, has died at age 89. There’s an excellent obituary at [C-WIN](#), but here are some highlights.

Bill’s knowledge of California’s water and fisheries history, law, and policy was encyclopedic. He was highly successful at educating people. His discussions were free-flowing and opened ended, but always had salient points to make – and he made them during media interviews, at legislators’

offices in Sacramento and Washington, in duck blinds and in drift boats.

He worked for many years for the Department of Fish and Game (now Wildlife) and he developed streamflow standards to protect public trust resources. The 12,000- acre Oroville State Wildlife Area is a direct result of Bill’s work and advocacy.

In the early 1970s he chaired the Sacramento County Recreation and Park Commission, and was largely responsible for stopping a 50,000 resident community that later became the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

He helped an old friend, Bill Davoren, establish the Bay Institute, an environmental non-profit organization dedicated to protecting water quality and fisheries – particularly salmon – in the Bay-Delta watershed. This venture led to requests from other environmentalists, which led in part to drafting a plan for salmonid restoration in the Klamath River watershed. This served as a foundational document for the removal of the four Klamath Dams that was completed this year.

Bill had his hand in many fisheries and public trust water issues in the state and continued working until recently. He and his work will be both missed and celebrated

FISH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2025

The Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship is now open for 2025!

This amazing scholarship is open to any interested boy or girl, from 10 to 15 years of age. This **\$1195.00** award covers the entire cost of the five-day program, which is conducted by The Fly Shop of Redding. The 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. The program includes accommodations, meals, and the use of the finest in fly fishing gear. Campers are responsible for clothing, a sleeping bag, and transportation to and from Fish Camp.



Rules:

- To apply for the scholarship, interested boys and girls must complete an application form and answer three short essay questions. You can download the scholarship form here, on our website.
 - <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>
- The boy or girl must meet one of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Be 10-15 years of age.
 - 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
 - Be a student that participated in a FFD sponsored Salmon in the Classroom program
- Applications must be submitted on or before **January 28, 2025** in one of the following ways:
 - Via email: outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org
 - Via mail: Fish Camp Scholarship Contest, P. O. Box 525, Davis, CA 95617
 - Bring the application in person to our **January 28, 2025** club meeting
- Please note: Previous Fish Camp attendees are ineligible for this scholarship.

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 will be selected and announced at the club's Annual Dinner in March 2025, along with two alternates. All decisions will be final. The winner may be asked to attend an FFD club meeting to give a short presentation on their experience at Fish Camp.

For more details on Fish Camp, go to www.theflyshop.com/camps/fishcamp.html, or please call The Fly Shop, (530) 222-3555. For questions about the scholarship, email outreach@flyfishersofdavis.org.

Most important, download the Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship application here:

- <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/cary-boyden-scholarship/>

California Boater Card

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An important reminder to all FFD boaters!

The California Boater Card shows that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) state-approved boater safety education examination. The California Boater Card program is phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats on state waterways.

As of January 1, 2024, the card is required for operators 60 years of age or younger. However, on January 1, 2025, all persons who operate on California waters will be required to have one. The lifetime card fee is \$10. The lost card replacement fee is \$5.

The card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, and after taking an approved course and successfully passing the test, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved.

Not only is mandatory education the law, the California Boater Card Program promotes boating safety on our waterways. U. S. Coast Guard accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements.

For more information, or to apply for the card, please visit <https://californiaboatercard.com/>



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, please let us know at the next meeting.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2024-25 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
<u>**December</u>	Home grown	**December 17	Home Grown
<u>January</u>	Sam Sedillo	January 28	Lahontan Cutthroat

****NOTE:** The December meeting is a week earlier than normal on the 3rd Tuesday.**

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 2024. 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 many 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!

WATCH FOR YOUR RENEWAL EMAIL THIS DECEMBER!

Renewal notifications will be sent out via email on **December 16th** from

do-not-reply@flyfishersofdavis.org.

Please keep an eye on your inbox, and if you don't see the email, be sure to **check your spam or junk folder**, as sometimes messages from unfamiliar addresses can be filtered there.

ALASKA TRIP – JUNE 2025

By Doug Falt

I would like to invite Fly Fishers of Davis members on a spring trip, to the new **RodnRealAk Fish Camp** on the Kenai River in Soldotna, Alaska. Since the last time FFD made the trip to RodnRealAk, the Camp has grown from 4 cabins to 10 Cabins, which all sleep 4, and the camp is under New Ownership!



Each cabin is centrally located within easy walking distance of the Kenai River. There is a New Modern Fish Processing Center located in camp, and a new store where you can purchase camp gear. We can cook our fish on the BBQ in front of each cabin, or we can choose to eat out in great Restaurants located nearby.

There is a great spring run of Sockeye on the Kenai River where the local limit is 6 fish for non-resident fishermen. We also can sign up for Halibut and Ling Cod Trips on Cook Inlet, launching from the Harbor in nearby Homer on the FV Capture (an all-day charter)!

Also available is another all-day charter on Resurrection Bay, launching from Seward on the FV Four Aces - also available for Halibut, Ling Cod. There's also sightseeing the local glaciers on a clear day, as well as whale watching! This year we saw Bull Moose, Brown Bear and lots of Eagles! There's nothing better than to hook up with a big Sockeye Salmon on a fly rod, or hook up with 60 – 80-pound Halibut or 30-pound Ling Cod!

I would like to invite you to join me in June 2025 for a memorable trip to the Kenai Peninsula for an adventure of a lifetime with our guides from RodnRealAk! Anchorage is a short 5-hour flight from Sacramento, and then RodnRealAk is a short scenic 3-hour drive to the Kenai Peninsula.

Feel free to contact me (Doug Falt) 510-427-5116, or email Dougfalt2@gmail.com for further information!

Thank you!

Pyramid Stillwater School

By Nico Sunseri

As a follow-up to my presentation last month, here's information on the Pyramid Stillwater School. This school is designed to help you improve your overall stillwater game ... and have fun doing it at the same time. You will be immersed in an instructional environment that will teach you a variety of skills, and then put them to use in practical applications.



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Register for Spring 2025 course today, to be held March 3 – 7, 2025.

Here's a link to the Stillwater School website:

<https://pyramidstillwaterschool.com/home>

For additional information, feel free to email me:

nico@pyramidflyco.com

Thanks, and hope to see y'all at school!

Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show 2025



- Dates: February 28, March 1 & 2, 2025
- Time: **Friday:** 10:00 AM - 6:00pm / **Saturday:** 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM / **Sunday:** 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Location: Alameda County Fairgrounds, 2005 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton CA 94588

[Buy Show Tickets](#)

CASTING FOR RECOVERY NEWS

2025 Retreat Dates

By Nicole Lazarus

Casting for Recovery (Northern California) held its fall Fly Fishing Retreat in mid-October on the Trinity River, and it was a blast. This group of Breast Cancer Survivors created an especially strong and supportive community from which friendships were born.



The River Helpers, those that spend the last morning of the retreat fly fishing with a participant they have been paired with one-on-one, were amazing and made the day. Several Bay Area fly fishing clubs (including Fly Fishers of Davis) were represented by its members, and we thank the clubs tremendously. The 2025 retreat dates have been set:

- Spring Retreat is **March 30st, 2025** at Indian Creek Lodge, Douglas City, CA.
- Fall Retreat is **October 19th, 2025** at Circle 7 Ranch, Fall River Mills, CA

Please consider being a River Helper, whether it be your first time or your 20th. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Nicole Lazarus, the River helper Coordinator:

nicole.lazarus@gmail.com

Thank You!

NCCFFI Board Member Needed

Lowell Ashbaugh

The Northern California Council (NCC) is the local “chapter” of Fly Fishers International (FFI). I have been on the board for quite a few years now and I would like to find a replacement. When I first started on the board we operated with a budget of over \$50,000 per year. NCC conducted two major fundraising events each year, the Festival of Fly Fishing and the Hall of Fame. The Festival of Fly Fishing held lectures, hosted vendors, celebrated fly tying with a large fly tying event, taught fly casting, and held a dinner with live and silent auctions. The Hall of Fame honored someone in our sport who contributed a great deal, and included a dinner and live and silent auctions.

About twenty years ago the board faltered with poor leadership that caused a number of board members to leave. Under new leadership the board has rebuilt itself in the last few years and has emerged from this low period with renewed determination and enthusiasm. One indication of this renewal is sponsorship of Yuba Fest. The Board also held a very successful Hall of Fame dinner earlier this month.

I’m seeking someone who would like to join as either a board member or a club liaison. There are several areas where you could participate, including fly casting, fly tying, education, and conservation. If you’re interested, please contact me at any club meeting, by phone (530-277-6722) or email Ashbaugh.lowell@gmail.com.

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FFD FLY FISHING 101 & 201 CLASSES



Instructor: Dana Hooper

Proposed Class Dates for 2025

See schedule below.

Class Times: 7pm – 9pm

Location: UCD Horticulture Room

Please sign up at the next meeting, or email Dana Hooper at trouthookup1@gmail.com or call (916) 343-9732

Course Schedule

- 1 **101: Day One** - Wed Jan 15
 - Gear, Rods, Reels and Lines how we determine why and what to buy.
- 2 **101: Day Two** - Wed Jan 22
 - Bugs VS Flies.
- 3 **101: Day Three** - Wed Jan 29
 - Knots and Rigging Techniques.
- 4 **101: Day Four** - Wed Feb 5
 - Reading Waters and Locating Fish.
- 5 **201: Day Five** - Wed Feb 12
 - Float N Fly Flies and Techniques
- 6 **201: Day Six** - Wed Feb 19
 - Striper fishing techniques on the Delta



FIRST (AND LAST) CALL FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEO!

By Paul Berliner

Hey there fly-fishers, our Annual Dinner is just around the corner, on March 8th, 2025.

With that in mind, I'm getting busy with another video, and I'd like to get your pictures and videos from 2024 — yes, from all your fishing adventures in 2024.

- If you took photos or videos during 2024, whether in California or elsewhere, please collect your best pix and video clips, put them on a flash drive, and give them to me at the **December** or **January** club meeting. I'll return all drives to you after I transfer the files.
- If you have just a few pix, please email them to me (paul@berlinerproductions.com).

Important: This is your first (and last) call. If I don't get the pix to me by the January meeting, I'll be deep into the editing, and you won't get to see your giant hog on the big screen.



As always, do **NOT** send me gigantic emails full of pictures! If the file size is too large, please 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, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
- For photos, high resolution JPG images are preferred.
- For video, any file format works fine, but the higher the resolution, the better.
- Once again, sports-fans, this is your first and last call.

Many thanks!

FFD T-Shirts!

Fly Fishers of Davis logo T-Shirts are for sale at our club meetings!



Yes, I know ... a little early for spring and summer, but for only \$25.00, get your FFD T-Shirt at the next meeting. All sizes are still available!

Sacramento International Sportsmen's Expo

January 16, 2025 - January 19, 2025



Admission: [Click here for more information or to buy tickets](#)



OUTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Fishmeister	Contact	Comments
Pyramid Lake	Trout	TBD	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lodge/Hotel
Fly Fishing 101/201 Classes	Everything	Jan/Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	
Lower Yuba Walk Wade	Trout	TBD Feb	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day trip
Baum Lake	Trout	TBD March	Dana Hooper	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Baum Lake
Annual Dinner		March 8th.			Lillard Hall
Lake Berryessa Float n' Fly	Multiple Species	TBD: April / May	Boater pair w/non-boater	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lake Berryessa Float n' Fly
Hat Creek 101	Trout	May 2 - 4	Camping	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Hat Creek 101
Sacramento River Shad	Shad	TBD: May	Boater pair w/non-boater	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Sacramento River Shad
Bassin' on the Delta	Bass	TBD: May / June	Boater pair w/non-boater	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Bassin' on the Delta
Annual Picnic		June 24th.			
Fuller Lake	Trout	TBD: June	Day Trip	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Fuller Lake
Lake Manzanita	Trout	TBD: June	Camping / Boat	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Lake Manzanita

Don't Forget to Check Out the Website Classifieds Section

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FFD meetings and membership are open 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/>.

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/>
- New Members ONLY: To join FFD, please go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>
- Existing Members, Login and Dues Assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org

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