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The Fisherman's Line



April Meeting: Tuesday April 29, 2025 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club COSTA Sunglasses Presentation

This month, Maury Hatch, Chris Schultz and Tiffany Dozier will give a presentation on Costa Sunglasses.



Maury Hatch



Chris Schultz



Tiffany Dozier

- Maury is the sales rep for Costa Sunglasses Sport, Northern California.
- Chris is the sales rep for Costa Sunglasses RX/Optical, Northern California.
- Tiffany is an optician at Winters Eye Care.

In their presentation, they will review:

- Lens Types
- 580 Technology
- Polarization
- Fishing Applications
- RX Opportunities



THE PREZ SEZ

Howdy Y'all,

"Time and tide wait for no man." As such, this is my last installment of Prez Sez. I will be moving on to secretary, and there will be a new president. We will be having an election for president at this month's meeting. We have at least one candidate Ken Lazzaroni, but we will accept nominations before the election. I do appreciate those who do serve and are willing to serve. We have a great board who keep everything running smoothly, but we are always looking for more people interested in serving.

I hope the fish have been cooperating for you. I fished the club float and fly trip at Lake Berryessa with Erik Hallen (see Erik with his best bass later, in the Float N Fly section). We had a good day and caught fish despite the wind's best effort to oppose us. The fishing was good until noon. After that it was great for kite surfing.



The stripers and shad are in the river, bass are in the lakes eating, I've been hearing reports of trout in the valley rivers (just watch the flows). There are lots of opportunities to get out and fish. The weather is great the fish are willing. You'll never regret the fishing trip you did take but will likely regret the one you didn't take.

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Nomination of Officers

Ken Lazzaroni has indicated his interest and volunteered to be nominated to the position of President and the membership will vote on this nomination at the April or May meeting. If you are interested (or know someone who might be interested) in joining the Board of Directors or becoming an FFD officer this year, please let us know. We are accepting nominations, including self-nominations, for Vice President.

In Memoriam, James Locke Wright

By Lee Livingston (Jim's lifelong friend)

Jim Wright was an athlete, a Marine, a policeman, and a salesman. He was both hard and, with his people skills, smooth.



Jim grew up in the Hingham, MA area, just south of Boston. His mom and stepdad were both teachers in the school district. He played football in high school and skied. These activities damaged his left shoulder, it would disjunct at times and repair, but it was a life-changing time bomb.

From 1961-1965 at the University of Colorado. Boulder, CO, Jim was in the Navy ROTC program, Marine Option. He worked weekends on the ski patrol, majored in biology, and was a member of the Pershing Rifles, a joint service ROTC group.



As new freshmen at the University of Colorado, Jim and I bonded in our dorm in 1961, and I was the kid next door to Jim. He graduated in May 1965, went on to be honored as #1 in his class at the Marine Basic School, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant USMC. After training, he went on his first tour to Vietnam as a platoon commander in charge of about 50 marines.

Back in the states from 1968 to 1969, Jim served at Quantico as a tactical training officer for the college kids in the platoon leaders training course. This is where kids could earn a marine officer's commission after three very difficult summers of marine training. Jim loved pushing the kids through the physical events, but on the weekends, Jim would party it up in Washington DC. Often, during my stay in and around the Pentagon, Jim would join my wife and me for a big Sunday meal.



Jim's second tour to Vietnam was as a forward airborne observer, telling the pilots where to go while simultaneously running radios to ground controllers, air bosses, troops requesting air support, attack pilots, and artillery posts (so their bullets in the air didn't hit him). He had to be cool all the time, and he did it very well.

After Vietnam, Jim was the brig officer at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. With discipline and order, Jim came up for promotion to Major, but this is when his bad shoulder pushed him out of the Corps. Shortly afterwards, Jim married Miyoko.



Jim became a police officer in Lakeside, CA., and later on went on to become a pharmaceutical rep. After I retired in 2000 and moved to the SF Bay Area in 2003, I learned of Jim's Parkinsons. When Jim walked, it was like he was listening to rock music as he shook and waved his arms and twisted along. But amazingly, when he was in his fishing boat with Miyoko, he would tie knots with skill and fish without any trouble. We also joined him and his Davis fishing group at Lake Crowley.

RIP, my dear friend.

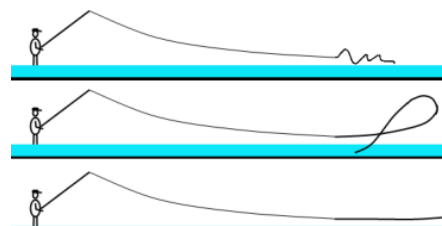
Fly Casting Program

By Jeff Hogan

The pre-meeting casting clinics will return starting on Tuesday April 29th promptly at 6:30 PM. before the April monthly meeting. Arrive early with your rod and reel so we can start on time. We will work on whatever you wish to improve. The top two casts I always practice is #1 the back cast. A great forward cast is always due to a good back cast. #2 the ability to cast and form a loop with a straight top/fly leg. This is the least wind resistant and efficient loop which enhances accuracy and distance.

The date for our monthly May casting clinic at Northstar Park will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

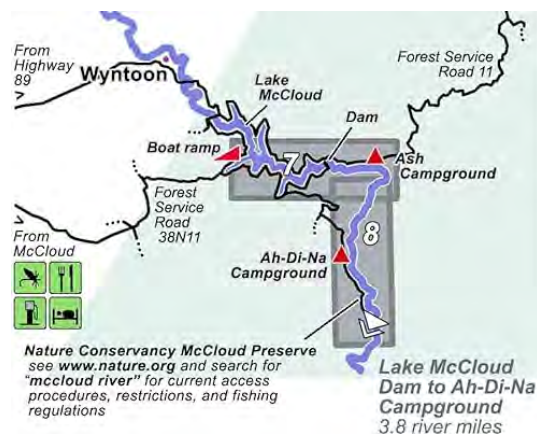
The focus of the clinic will be distance!



Ah Di Na Campground Restoration Project

By Stuart Meyers (compiled via NCCFFI)

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI) wants our club to be aware of upcoming events to the US Forest Service campground restoration on the McCloud River at Ah Di Na. Be sure to check out the full announcement and more information here: [Ah Di Na Campground Restoration Project](#).



Ah Di Na Campground Restoration Project



On behalf of the Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), and the McCloud River, we are inviting you to participate in the Ah Di Na Restoration Project 2025 -The Kirston Koths Memorial Ah Di Na Restoration Project (Phases I & 2).

NCCFFI is partnering with the US Forest Service and numerous stakeholders to give this campground on the storied McCloud River a fresh start. Ah Di Na is located on the Lower McCloud, home of the Wintu people for centuries. It is now managed by the US Forest Service.

Due to the Forest Service budget and staffing shortages, campground maintenance has suffered. It is in disrepair, with rotted picnic tables, damaged fire rings, and a lot of overgrowth at the campsites themselves. We want to give this important fly-fishing resource a much needed restoration and need your help to make it happen!

All the stakeholders have something to bring to the table; expertise, financial resources, materials, and/or volunteers. We're counting on the fly fishing clubs whose members use this campground and love this river to get engaged in the project.

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.

Courthouse News Service reports that the U.S. Department of the Interior proposed a rule this month that would redefine what it means to “harm” a threatened or endangered species and rescind nearly all their habitat protections across the country.

The deregulatory [proposal](#) issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service seeks to eliminate a “legally incorrect” definition of the term “harm” to threatened and endangered wildlife under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) based on a belief that the definition is incompatible with the “best reading” of the 1973 law.

Narrowing the regulatory definition of “harm” would strip habitat destruction from the ESA’s prohibited actions, prompting outcry from conservationists who fear it would open the door to industrial destruction of places where endangered species live. Habitat degradation and destruction is a major factor in driving species toward extinction.

The landmark conservation law prohibits people, government entities and corporations from taking a listed animal without a permit. “Take” is defined as “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect.”

Regulations define the term “harm” as “an act which actually kills or injures wildlife,” including significant habitat modifications that might impair breeding, feeding or sheltering patterns.

The notice of proposed rulemaking issued by the agencies Wednesday says the existing regulatory definition of the term “harm” “runs contrary to the best meaning of the term ‘take’” in the ESA.

The proposed rule would undermine the effectiveness of the ESA in protecting endangered species, according to leading conservation groups including the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and Earthjustice.

Andrew Bowman, president and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife, objected to the proposal, noting that the “vast majority” of wildlife listed as endangered or threatened are on the list because of habitat loss.

Drew Caputo, a vice president of litigation at Earthjustice, called the proposal “misguided” and said the organization was “prepared to go to court to ensure that America doesn’t abandon its endangered wildlife.”

The push to rescind the definition is the latest in an ongoing campaign to alter the ESA.

Conservation groups have called on members of Congress to oppose the bill, arguing it would further erode the law’s power by narrowing critical habitat designations, increasing the allowable “take” of threatened species and reducing federal agencies’ role in managing listed species.

[CalMatters reports](#) that, facing the continued collapse of Chinook salmon, officials shut down California's commercial salmon fishing season for an unprecedented third year in a row.



Under the decision by an interstate fisheries agency, recreational salmon fishing will be allowed in California for only brief windows of time this spring. This will be the first year that any sportfishing of Chinook has been allowed since 2022.

Today's decision by the Pacific Fishery Management Council means that no salmon caught off California can be sold to retail consumers and restaurants for at least another year. In Oregon and Washington, commercial salmon fishing will remain [open, although limited](#).

"From a salmon standpoint, it's an environmental disaster. For the fishing industry, it's a human tragedy, and it's also an economic disaster," said Scott Artis, executive director of the Golden State Salmon Association, an industry organization that has lobbied for river restoration and improved hatchery programs.

The decline of California's salmon follows decades of deteriorating conditions in the waterways where the fish spawn each year, including the Sacramento and Klamath rivers.

California's salmon are an ecological icon and a valued source of food for Native American tribes. The shutdown also has an economic toll: It has already put hundreds of commercial fishers and sportfishing boat operators out of work and affected thousands of people in communities and industries reliant on processing, selling and serving locally caught salmon.

California's commercial fishery has never been closed for three years in a row.

Some experts fear the conditions in California have been so poor for so long that Chinook may never rebound to fishable levels. Others remain hopeful for major recovery if the amounts of water diverted to farms and cities are reduced and wetlands kept dry by flood-control levees are restored.

By [Alastair Bland](#), *CalMatters*

This story was originally published by [CalMatters](#). Read the entire story at [Maven's Notebook](#). [Sign up](#) for CalMatters newsletters.

[**The California Water Impact Network**](#) (CWIN) has produced a paper on the current crisis identifying the primary drivers of California's salmon collapse and actions that can be taken immediately to ensure the recovery of these iconic fish. Spoiler alert: it's all about the water. Read it at [Will There Be a Salmon Season — Ever Again?](#)



Here's a teaser:

California will not have a commercial salmon season in 2025 – the third such closure in as many years. The decision by the Pacific Fishery Management Council does authorize a few days of sport angling for Chinook salmon. But as Golden State Salmon Association executive director Scott Artis noted to the Associated Press,

such a “token” allowance will hardly compensate for the massive economic loss the closure will inflict on the commercial and recreational fishing industries.

Moreover, the long-term trend remains grim. It is not hyperbolic to characterize the situation as apocalyptic for both the fish and the industries that have depended on them. California has supported robust runs of salmon since the retreat of the glaciers at the end of the last Ice Age. Over the past sixty years, however, the challenges salmon have faced have been extreme: water diversions, drought, the destruction of spawning habitat, pollution, and shifting marine conditions. Still, despite these impediments – and augmented by hatchery production – California’s salmon were able to maintain populations sufficient to support healthy fishing and processing industries until relatively recently.

But now, all of California’s salmon – including Coho and four distinct runs of Central Valley Chinook – are on the brink of extinction. The collapse may seem recent, but it is really the end point of decades of accumulating impacts from destructive water distribution and land use policies; collectively, they have made the physical survival of our salmon almost impossible.

Urban development, clear-cut logging, and occasional over-harvesting have all played roles. But by far the biggest factor in the salmon’s precipitous decline is the wholesale diversion of public trust water to corporate farms. Roughly 33 million acre-feet of water are diverted annually from the rivers of the North State and the western slope of the Sierra. About 80% of that total is devoted to agriculture, much of it to luxury export crops such as almonds and pistachios.

Though our salmon are nominally protected by state and federal fish and wildlife codes, water project operational rules, and in some cases, the U.S. Endangered Species Act, these laws are honored in the breach at best – and more typically, blatantly ignored.

The story of our salmon’s decline is thus not a narrative of missed opportunities or “mistakes being made.” It is more a matter of studied indifference to the law and caving to the Central Valley agribusiness lobby that has wielded enormous influence. It doesn’t have to be this way, of course. We can restore our salmon, and we can have salmon seasons and a salmon economy again. Here’s how we do it:

Put more water down our rivers and through the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. There is enough water for sustainable agriculture, cities, and salmon. There isn’t enough to support an agribusiness sector that commandeers 80% of our water for luxury export crops. Salmon need cold, clean water at critical points of their life cycles. We must provide it.

Adjust reservoir releases and Delta pumping schedules to accommodate basic fishery needs. State and federal laws require dam and pump operators to keep “fish in good condition.” We need to enforce the statutes that are on the books.

Establish conservation hatcheries to revive and preserve wild stocks. Salmon genetics are a priceless heritage, and we need to maintain genetic diversity within our populations to as great a degree as possible. The more diverse our salmon populations are, the more successful they’ll be at meeting the challenges of drought, habitat degradation, and shifting marine conditions.

Enhance production in commercial hatcheries. The fall-run Chinook has been the “bread and butter” of the commercial and sport fisheries. We need to augment production of this run to increase and preserve our foundational constituency for salmon – commercial fishers, sport anglers, fish processors and retailers, and consumers.

Provide improved temperature protection for Sacramento and Trinity River salmon through better regulations and rigorous enforcement by the State Water Resources Control Board.

FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS PARTICIPATES IN CASTING FOR RECOVERY RETREAT, SPRING 2025

By Stuart Meyers

The Fly Fishers of Davis participated in the Spring Retreat for Casting for Recovery (CFR) on the Trinity River and Lewiston Lake on March 30, 2025. Two FFD members, Dan Brugger and Stu Meyers, served as individual river guides for two CFR participants. FFD supported two participant scholarships this season which was held at the Indian Creek Lodge in Douglas City, CA on the Trinity River.

We fished the shores of Lewiston Lake with our partners, since the Trinity was releasing dangerously large amounts of water that weekend. It was, as usual, a rewarding, humbling, and exciting experience showing breast cancer survivors, and some current patients, how to fly fish. We even caught a few!

The participants attended an orientation by Nicole Lazarus, Laura Fisher, and staff of CFR for fly-casting basics, fly selection, and other aspects of flyfishing, then we had a group lunch with our assigned participants and then went fishing. A great time was had by all!



Dan with Sophia



Stu and Deanna



The whole group!



Learning!



River Guide Dan at Lewiston Lake



River Guide Stu at Lewiston Lake

PICNIC DAY 2025

By Paul Berliner

Our highly-advanced ace team of fly tiers helped out at Picnic Day once again this year, with huge crowds and lots of enthusiasm. Many thanks to Dave Driscoll, Bob Brodberg, Rick Wallinder, and newcomers to the team Marc Wilson, Marianne Lewis and Rebecca Hendrix. Special thanks to the UCD Entomology Department for hosting. It was non-stop Woolly Buggers all day, in both traditional colors and especially wacky colors. We not only helped the children, but we gave lots of instruction to students and adults alike. Even better, we talked up the club, handed out tons of brochures, and encouraged everyone to take up the sport. We even learned that there's a fly-tying club at Davis High, and we'll certainly follow up!



Dave Driscoll, Bob Brodberg, Paul Berliner, Marianne Lewis
Rebecca Hendrix, Rick Wallinder, Marc Wilson



Rick demonstrates for the entire family



We were all very busy tying Woolly Buggers



Marianne makes a connection with a future fly tyer



Rebecca and Dave at work



Laser focused!



Rick has his full attention



Red's my favorite color!



Let's do this together



Mom and son intently watching Bob



The whole family is watching



We had big crowds all day long.



Rebecca lets him try on his own



I'll tie your finger to the fly Mom

BERRYESSA GOLDEN MUSSEL UPDATE

Important Notice Regarding Lake Berryessa – Golden Mussel Tags



The tags that are attached to your boat and boat trailer can occasionally fall off. **Always say yes to the option of having a receipt texted or emailed to you.** They do keep a record of having installed the tag but there have been errors recording CF numbers, etc. **If you do discover your tag is missing, contact them ASAP.**

FFD EVENTS: LAKE BERRYESSA FLOAT N FLY

By Dana Hooper

Lake Berryessa has been an amazing Float N Fly fishery, and Fly Fishers of Davis hit it just right on Wednesday April 16th, 2025. The day started off with a little marine layer overhead but soon burned off with some wind out of the west which turned the day into finding every little cove and bay on the west side of the lake to hide in. Everybody caught multiple bass, either Largemouth, Spotted or Small Mouth. Some happened to find the plentiful white and black Crappie that would just about eat anything that dropped in front of their face. Most were good plate size coverage. This was a trout free outing but did see some busting shad on the main deeper parts of the lake. If you are interested in Carp fly fishing now is the time to hit the lake. There were plenty of 15 to 20 lb. Carp feeding on the surface and cruising around.

Many boats had over 30 to 50 fish with a few in upwards to almost 90. It was a great day for Float N Fly even though we had some wind that wanted to keep us from it.

Most FFD Fishers were tossing around balanced leech patterns in a crawdad red or black and some in a white to gray shad pattern.

I fished a shad pattern all day with great success on all types of Bass and Crappie.

This is a great FFD Outing - so don't miss out next year. We need more boaters and non-boaters for next year.

Sorry we have this in the middle of the week, but with the amount of pressure during the weekends it's best for the catching.

Thank you all who attended.



Eric Hallen with a nice Largemouth



Marc Wilson with a nice Spotted Bass caught between the boats



Matt Perry with one of many Smallmouth Bass



Don Erickson with one of many Spotted Bass



Andan Bailey with a nice Spotted Bass



Dave Fujino with one of his Spotted Bass



Peter Hawes with a nice Smallmouth Bass



Paul Berliner with a nice Smallmouth Bass



Jacon Orton with one of his nice Crappie



Brad Tom with a beautiful Smallmouth Bass



Dana with the Jumbo Sized Largemouth of the day



Dana with one of his nice Largemouth Bass



Marc Wilson trying to figure out what the Bass is saying



Marc finally understood what the Bass said to help catch bigger ones



Dan Brugger getting Fresh with a large Bluegill



Dan Brugger with a nice Largemouth

SPINNING SALMON SHOWCASE EVENT

By Peggy Harte, M.Ed. (she/her)

Youth Education Program Manager [UC Davis Center for Community and Citizen Science](#)

The Spinning Salmon Showcase Event is a very special showcase event, highlighting the work done by Solano County students in collaboration with watershed researchers from around the world (and right in our backyard).

Over the last four years, the [Spinning Salmon Program](#) has engaged over 3,000 students across 5 counties in California's Central Valley. This hands-on, inquiry-based program engages students in salmon biology, watershed science, and real-world data collection. The program integrates community science into the traditional CAEP, where students collect and analyze data that contribute to NOAA Fisheries' stock assessments. By fostering connections between students, educators, and scientists, the Spinning Salmon Program enhances student connection to science, STEM learning, and promotes environmental stewardship in communities where salmon are most impacted by thiamine deficiency.

This year, in collaboration with our participating schools in Solano County, we are launching our first-ever [Spinning Salmon Showcase](#), where students will present their research, findings, and experiences from their involvement in this program. This is their opportunity to highlight everything they have learned and how their work connects to salmon conservation, bringing together the Spinning Salmon team and the broader community. Join us to celebrate four years of hands-on salmon science, hear directly from students and educators, and explore how community science is shaping the next generation of environmental stewards!

Date: Wednesday May 14, 2025

Location: Maine Prairie High School,
[200 North Lincoln Street, Dixon CA 95620](#)

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Spinning Salmon Resources:
[Salmon in the Classroom Resources](#)

We would love for you to join us in celebrating the students, educators, and partners who make this program possible. Please feel free to share this invitation with others who may be interested! Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



The poster is a vertical layout with a blue and white color scheme. At the top, it asks 'What is the Spinning Salmon Program?' and explains that the program engages students in hatching and raising Chinook salmon while contributing data needed by researchers looking into Thiamine Deficiency Complex (TDC), first discovered in California's salmon in 2020. Below this, the title 'SPINNING SALMON SHOWCASE' is prominently displayed with star icons. A call to action states: 'Get ready for our very first annual Student Showcase! We're so excited to celebrate our amazing students as they share their incredible work with the Spinning Salmon Program. Come see their projects and hear their stories!'. The poster then lists 'What Will You See?' with examples like Scientific Posters, Artistic Expressions of Data, Call to Action Posters, Videos, and Articles/Essays. It also lists 'Who's Invited?' including Family, Friends, Community Members, and TDC Research Team Members. At the bottom, the event details are repeated: Date: May 14, 2025, Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Location: Maine Prairie High School (200 N Lincoln St., Dixon, CA 95620). The poster also includes a QR code for more information, logos for NOAA, California State University, and the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences, and a logo for the Solano County Office of Education.

What is the Spinning Salmon Program?

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SPINNING SALMON SHOWCASE

Get ready for our very first annual Student Showcase! We're so excited to celebrate our amazing students as they share their incredible work with the Spinning Salmon Program. Come see their projects and hear their stories!

What Will You See?
Student's Work! Examples Include:

- Scientific Posters
- Artistic Expressions of Data
- Call to Action Posters
- Videos
- Articles/Essays

Who's Invited?
Everyone! For Instance...

- Family
- Friends
- Community Members
- TDC Research Team Members

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For more information...

Funded by and in collaboration with:

- NOAA
- CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
- UC DAVIS CENTER FOR WATERSHED SCIENCES
- Solano County Office of Education

NEW FLY TYING CLASSES - SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP!

FFD is now offering new beginning fly tying classes for all club members. Below, please note the schedule, content, and sign-up information:

Time: Wednesday nights, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

Location: Map to be provided upon sign-up

Class fee: \$20.00. This fee covers the cost of materials for the class duration

Instructors: Bob Zasoski and Paul Berliner



Schedule:

- Week 1 – April 30
 - **Introduction:** Fly tying, tools, getting started, home station setup, materials, resources
 - **Flies:** Wooly Buzzer
 - **Techniques:** Knots, Wrapping, Proportions, Whip Finish, Palmering Hackle
- Week 2 – May 7
 - **Flies:** Hare's Ear, Bead Head Pheasant Tail
 - **Techniques:** Dubbing, Dubbing Loops, Ribbing, Counter Wrapping, Wing Cases, Wire Wrapping
- Week 3 – May 14
 - **Flies:** Traditional Adams, Birds Nest
 - **Techniques:** Mayfly Dry Fly Hackle, Distribution Wrap, Hackle Tip Wings
- Week 4 – May 29 (Thursday)
 - **Flies:** Gray Hackle Peacock, Elk Hair Caddis
 - **Techniques:** Dubbing, Parachutes, Posting, Elk and Deer Hair Stacking, Reverse Palmering
- Week 5 – June 4
 - **Flies:** Gurgler, Clouser
 - **Techniques:** Using Foam, Using Bucktail, Using Big Hooks, Using Dumbbell Eyes
- Week 6 – June 25
 - **Flies:** Zebra Midge, Balanced Leech
 - **Techniques:** Small Midges, Dubbing Loop, Extended Beads

Sign Up:

To sign up, contact [Bob Zasoski](#) or [Paul Berliner](#). Please provide your name, email address and phone number.

Note: You can also sign up at the April FFD club meeting.

NCCFFI Board Member Needed

By 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.



CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD

An important reminder to all FFD boaters!

If you do not have a California Boater Card you are **not in compliance with California Law.**

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 was phased-in by age for operators of motorized boats on state waterways.



As of January 1, 2025, all persons who operate on California waters were 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.

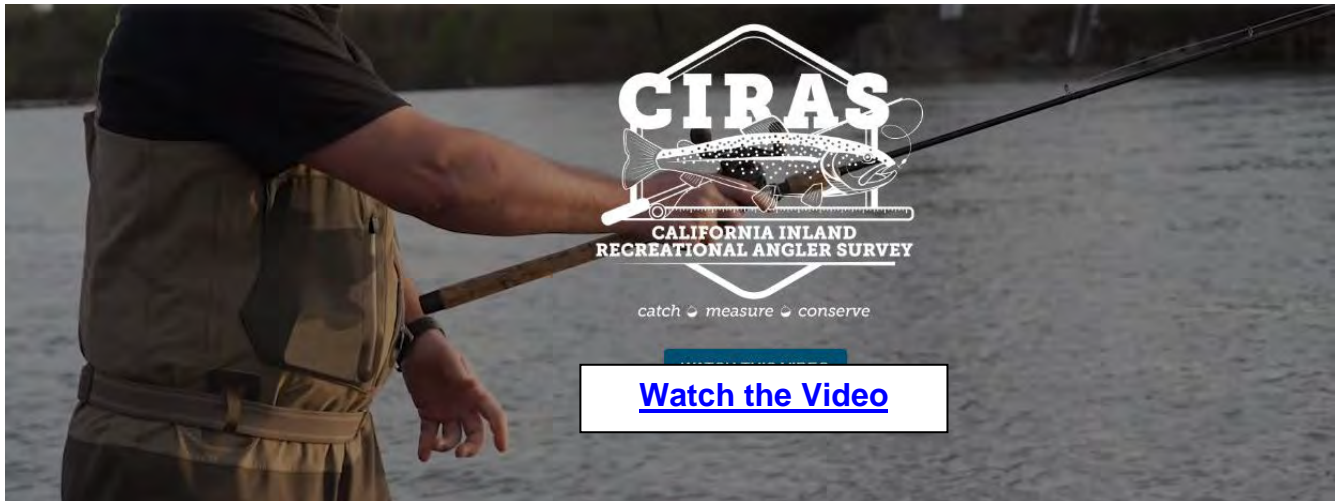
Not only is mandatory education the law, the California Boater Card Program promotes boating safety on our waterways. U. S. Coast Guard accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements.

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

CALIFORNIA INLAND RECREATION ANGLER SURVEY

The California Inland Recreational Angler Survey (CIRAS) provides the public with helpful fishing information powered by data submitted by anglers.

CIRAS is a web-based survey platform that allows anglers to submit angling data for more locations and species than ever before. CIRAS also provides anglers with access to data, submitted by anglers like themselves, through the user-friendly, interactive 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard. CIRAS is powered by anglers, for anglers, and is meant to provide anglers with information to help plan their fishing trips.



CIRAS offers anglers a web-based user-friendly experience, data transparency, and immediate access to data summaries through an interactive dashboard. CIRAS represents a paradigm shift for how we gather, process, store, and share information regarding California's diverse fisheries, getting information to anglers to help inform their fishing trips faster than ever before.

Anglers can submit data for any fishable inland or anadromous water, statewide. Currently there is a pilot outreach effort in Region 2 (Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties, plus parts of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties). This outreach effort will be expanded statewide upon conclusion of the pilot phase.

CIRAS exponentially expands the reach of CDFW's Angler Survey Boxes (ASB), a network of more than 200 metal boxes located throughout the state where anglers can record their fishing experiences on paper survey slips. While the ASB system is typically used to evaluate trout fisheries, the modern CIRAS platform will provide anglers with an opportunity to submit and interact with information about any sport fish from any fishable inland or anadromous water in the state. Historic data from ASB's will also be uploaded into the CIRAS 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard, providing immediate utility for those fisheries while anglers begin to populate new locations.

CIRAS is completely free to use. Anglers do not have to sign up for a subscription to access information and will not be subjected to product advertisements. While the new survey can be accessed using mobile devices, and was designed to accommodate mobile display, the pilot platform is not a standalone App and requires internet connectivity to submit angling data and utilize the 'Ready to Fish' data dashboard. However, CDFW plans to incorporate off-line functionality in future phases.

- CIRAS Website: <https://ciras.wildlife.ca.gov/>
- CIRAS User's Guide: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=228014&inline>

FFD T-Shirts!

Fly Fishers of Davis logo T-Shirts are for sale at our club meetings! \$25.00

Only a few remaining!



April Issue of the NCCFFI Newsletter



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
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MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule has been tentatively set for the next few months. Peter Hawes is the program chair - let him know if you like the program speakers, or if you have ideas for one, please let us know at the next meeting.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2025 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	SPEAKER	DATE	TOPIC
<u>April</u>	Maury Hatch	April 29	NorCal Costa presentation
<u>May</u>	Sam Sedillo	May 27	Lahontan Cutthroat Trout - Truckee River

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 support!

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UTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Hat Creek 101	Trout	May 2 - 4	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping
Sacramento River Shad	Shad	TBD: May	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair w/non-boater
Bassin' on the Delta	Bass	TBD: May / June	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Boater pair w/non-boater
Annual Picnic		June 24th		
Fuller Lake	Trout	TBD: June	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip
Lake Manzanita	Trout	TBD: June	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping / Boat

Don't Forget to Check Out the Website Classifieds Section

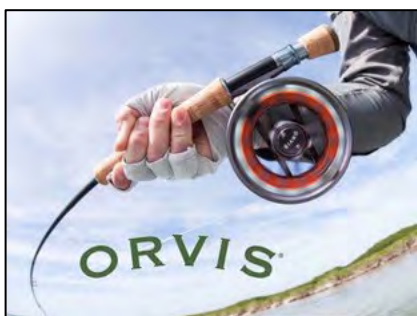
The website's Classifieds section is public. However, you must be a member to post. The instructions are listed on the menu. You can find the page here→ <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/resources/classifieds/>

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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 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

For Additional Information: or questions email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org