



August Meeting: Tuesday August 26, 2025 7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club Paul Thick Presents “Fly Fishing Adventure Travels”

*T*his month, Paul Thick will be our speaker and he will discuss his adventure flyfishing travel business. Paul is the owner of [Fly-Fishing Travel](#), a website that specializes in organizing and hosting fly fishing trips. Fly-Fishing Travel offers guided fly-fishing experiences, and also provides opportunities for anglers to book trips with Paul as their host. These hosted trips are particularly beneficial for those who are new to a destination. During his presentation, Paul will be able to answer questions and provide extensive information about a variety of trips.



THE PREZ SEZ



We regret to notify the FFD membership that our current President, Ken Lazzaroni, will be stepping down from his leadership of the club effective immediately.

Nominations for President are now open if you or somebody you know may be interested.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS



Your FFD Board of Directors meets once per month on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss many aspects of the club, including charitable contributions, conservation issues, budget planning, and planning for the Annual Picnic and Annual Dinner. If you would like to attend a board meeting, bring up an issue you're concerned about, or send a message to your board members and officers, note that the BOD meets conveniently in Davis, and always welcomes your feedback! Since meeting places may change, please contact a board member or club officer for time and place details, if you would like to attend a monthly meeting.

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.

The Eel River is one step closer to free-flowing, as PG&E has submitted a plan to remove the Potter Valley dams. CalTrout reports that PG&E officially submitted its License Surrender Application and Decommissioning Plan for the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This filing launches the formal process to remove Scott and Cape Horn dams, which will benefit salmon and steelhead recovery in the Eel River—and includes provisions for a modern, reliable water supply for the Russian River.

PG&E is removing the dams because they are no longer economically viable for customers. Economics is the most common driver for dam removal in the US, and in this case, PG&E has said removal is in the best interest of their customers. The facility has not produced electricity since 2021.

When PG&E announced its decision, it created uncertainty in the region for both people and fish; because of the importance of the Eel River to salmon and steelhead, and because of the supplemental water moved to the Russian River to support community water needs. Rather than allowing this challenge to divide the region, an unprecedented coalition formed. The Round Valley Indian Tribes, California Trout, Sonoma Water, Mendocino County, Humboldt County, Trout Unlimited, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife united behind a shared vision: restore the Eel River while securing a reliable water future for the Russian River Basin.

"PG&E's license surrender filing marks a historic step toward reconnecting the upper Eel River with the Pacific Ocean for the first time in over a century. This moment is the result of years of dedicated work by Tribes, local communities, and conservation groups to restore salmon runs while maintaining a secure water future for the region." - Curtis Knight, Executive Director of CalTrout

The Lower Yuba Stakeholders group has distributed information on a project proposed for the Yuba River. The Daguerre Point Dam (DPD) Nature-Like Fishway (NLF) is a project proposed in 2023 by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Yuba County Water Agency (YWA) as a response to the ongoing decline of Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed fish on the lower Yuba River below Englebright Dam.

The DPD NLF will divert a portion of the river flow around DPD to the south in a newly constructed “nature like fishway” channel with the intention to provide improved upstream passage for all fish species. The NLF includes replacing the fish entrainment screens on the south irrigation diversion canal. The Army Corps of Engineers operated dam and fish ladders would remain as is.

The 2014 NMFS steelhead and salmon recovery plan lists “Passage impediment at Daguerre Point Dam affecting adult immigration and juvenile outmigration” and “Predation of juveniles” as two of the key stressors on the lower Yuba. The 2018 NMFS green sturgeon recovery plan identifies DPD as a migration barrier for sturgeon. In 2015, CDFW identified Pacific Lamprey as a Species of Special Concern and listed passage barriers as a key threat.

What's at risk?

The lower Yuba River above DPD is a wild steelhead and salmon sanctuary, a world renowned destination wild trout and steelhead fishery, a California Fish and Game Commission "Designated Wild Trout Water," and is a critical part of steelhead and salmon recovery on the west coast. There is a CDFW zero take regulation for wild steelhead and a zero take, no target regulation for salmon on the lower Yuba.

While focused on fish passage, the project has no stated goal of addressing "Predation of juveniles." The main predators of juvenile salmon and steelhead are introduced striped bass that cannot pass the existing fish ladders at DPD. The DPD NLF will allow juvenile salmonid predation, currently confined below DPD, to move into the sanctuary above DPD.

What's being done and what is needed?

The Gold Country Fly Fishers (GCFF) Conservation Education Committee (CEC) took the lead to protect the lower Yuba sanctuary from the introduction of non-native predators. As a result of an April 2024 letter, two public meetings with CDFW and YWA representatives were held in April 2025, well attended by the fishing community. Members of the GCFF CEC have been added to the Pre- and Post- Monitoring technical team for the NLF project and is working to meet with project decision makers. GCFF continues to participate in the enlarged "Yuba Stakeholders Group" representing a broader range of angling and conservation parties.

The Yuba Stakeholders Group is actively working to compel project decision makers to commit in writing to the following goal:

"The DPD NLF project shall create and implement a predation monitoring and management plan and adaptive management program for the lower Yuba River, with the purpose of limiting predation by striped bass of naturally occurring ESA & CESA listed salmonids in the region above DPD opened by the nature-like fishway around Daguerre Point Dam."

Join us at Yuba Fest 2025 to learn how you can help save the Yuba fishery!

This is a great segue to Yuba Fest, coming up on September 6 at Sycamore Ranch County Park on California Highway 20 in Browns Valley. Yuba Fest is sponsored by NCCFFI as a celebration of fly fishing and the Yuba River. There should be a notice elsewhere in this newsletter. Note that the Yuba Fest Organizational Committee is proposing a gathering of interested parties, conservation groups, fly fishers, conservationists, and guides to take place at Yuba Fest 2026. The purpose is to inform, discuss, and answer questions regarding the construction of the Nature-Like By-Pass at Daguerre Point on the Lower Yuba River. The Yuba Fest organizers, which are primarily the NCCFFI and the Gold Country Fly Fishers, are concerned that Yuba River Salmon, Rainbow Trout and Steelhead are at risk of extinction if the construction of the bypass does not integrate a plan to limit the presence of Striped Bass above the Daguerre Point Dam. There will be a rally at Yuba Fest to address issues with the construction of the bypass and to inform interested parties how to (and to whom) they should express their concerns. Please come to Yuba Fest and participate in the rally to save our beloved fishery. The Yuba Fest Daguerre Nature-Like Bypass Rally will be held on September 6th, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm.

You can read more about the fishway at the Sacramento Bee [here](#) and [here](#).

The Tuolumne River had a small run of Spring-run salmon this year. This is unusual because fall-run salmon predominate on the Tuolumne. Most of the fish had been born in a Fresno area hatchery and strayed into the Tuolumne where they got stuck in an isolated pool. The CDFW rescued them and moved them downstream where they could survive until they spawn in September. You can read more about it at the Modesto Bee [here](#).

FLY CASTING PROGRAM

By Jeff Hogan

The August 17 casting clinic at NorthStar Park was attended by six members, including a very special appearance by Mark Woerner. Everyone benefitted greatly from the instruction and coaching that was provided, resulting in maximum distances achieved with good loops by all.

The next monthly casting clinic will build upon what was learned this month and focus on hauling. There are three keys to successful hauling:

1. Clean line — a line that slips through the guides more easily, and greatly enhance the return of the haul.
This is a very easy way to improve your hauling.
2. Narrow loops with a straight top leg
3. Smooth application of force during the haul.

The date for this clinic will be announced through an e-blast in about three weeks.

Pre-meeting casting will continue this month, so bring your rod and reel and join me on the lawn at 6:30 PM.



Bob Zasoski demonstrating a casting method on the lawn at NorthStar Park

RETURN TO THE GREEN RIVER

By Paul Berliner

I had the great fortune to return to the Green River, on a very special trip hosted by Ben Sittig, of “Huge Fly Fisherman” fame. In addition to meeting Ben, and fishing with him on Day 2 of the trip, I also met four other great anglers from across the Midwest.



Ben Photographing my 22!



One Amazing Fishery



One Epic Catch!



Back Home

We spent three days on the river, fishing dries with different guides and different anglers each day, and no two days were alike — but each day was an amazing adventure. The fly that the guides used every day is a caddis imitation called a Triple Double.



If you’ve never fished the Green, the scenery is beyond spectacular, the bows and browns are remarkable, and the weather can change on a dime. Since the pictures alone can’t do it justice, if you have a moment, please check out my 15-minute video of this trip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_kYDhMOEIw

UMPQUA RIVER BASS FISHING

By Devin Bartley

Fly fishers of Davis divided and conquered the smallmouth bass of the Umpqua River in Oregon by sending two squads north from August 10-16.

The first attack (August 10-13) included Bobber B., Ken L., Jim L., Devin B., Randy W., and guest George N. The second (August 13-16) was manned by Andan B., Paul B., Bob B., Dan C., Mike R., and Ron R. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife introduced the smallies in the 1960's to create more sport fishing opportunities – and it worked! Using a combination of topwater gurglers and poppers along with tightlining brightly colored rubber legs when the sun got too high for topwater, each boat got at least 30 fish/day – mostly 8-10" but a few nice ones around 18".

The Umpqua around Elkton is slow moving, a bit shallow and beautiful; we saw beavers, deer, osprey, bald eagles and a few buck elk. From Wolfe Pack Guide Service, Scott Wolfe and guides Cameron, Cai, and Gray were excellent, and they put us on lots of fish. Using 5-7 weight rods, good times were had by all. Special thanks to Bobber for organizing and handling logistics. (There are witnesses that heard Ron R. offer to be fishmeister for next year's assault.)



A quiet moment on a cloudy morning



Dan and Andan with Guide Gray



Paul's FOD (Fish of the Day) at 16 inches



Mike and Ron with Guide Cam



Oscar the Osprey gets a treat



Guide Scott with Bob's Sunfish (and Bob)



Bob's FOD (Fish of the Day)



Guide Cam is seriously happy



Beautiful day. Nice fish Randy



Bobber's baby



Devin's Pride



Pals



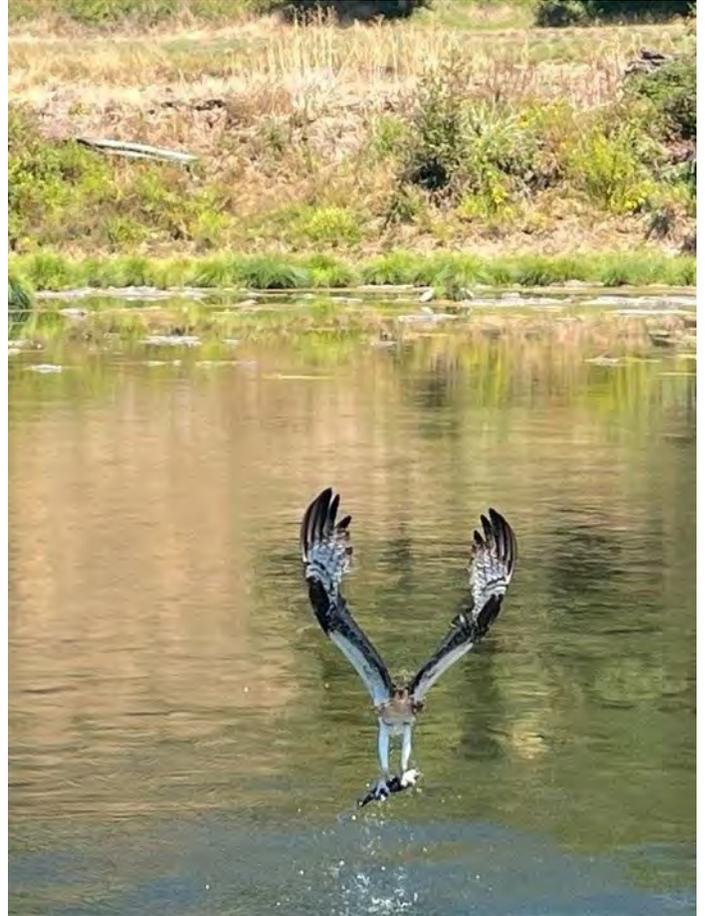
George's catch



George, Devin and Jim – relaxing at the cabin



We're All Smiles!



The ultimate angler



Another Top-Water Trophy for Jim



Ken's Secret Cornbread Recipe

FFD IN BIG SKY COUNTRY.

By Dana Hooper and Dan Galloway

A “home grown” presentation pays off for a member! Dan Galloway watched Dana's FFD presentation on streamers and wanted to add this to his fishing repertoire. Dan happened to be on vacation in Montana the same week as Dana this summer. So, the two met up for a fun day of fishing.

This was Dan’s first day streamer fishing on the Gallatin River in Big Sky Country and he had a successful day stripping streamers. The Gallatin was very low and clear, but fish were still eating — and the two ended up with over 35 fish that day. Dana's streamer techniques definitely work on Gallatin trout.



Dana's brown beauty



Dan in the hunt



Dan's and his rainbow



A brown beauty with Dan

FULLER LAKE OUTING, AUGUST 2025

By Shawn DeArmond

Five FFD members, Shawn, Paul, Bob, Dan, and Jim, took a day trip to Fuller Lake — and there was not one disappointed angler in the group. The lake was recently stocked, and the fish were not particularly picky. There was a good selection of rainbows and browns, mostly caught on Prince Nymphs under an indicator, as well as stripped woolly buggers on an intermediate line. The dry-fly game was not so hot.

While everybody got their share of fish, Dan was the undisputed champion with over fifty fish to the net, including two, count them: TWO natural doubles (see the next page for details).

Grand times were had by all; even Shawn, despite backing into a neighboring car on the way out of the parking lot. This gaffe cost him \$600 and a lesson in humility.

Pro tip: On the way home, stop by Burgers and Cream in Auburn for some excellent local grub.



Dan gets another one



Paul – the fight is on!



Paul lands another nice rainbow



Shawn has another nice brown

Yes, these are Dan's "natural" doubles — two of 'em! The fishing was *that* good!



Dan gets a natural double!



Dan gets double-doubles!

INTERDAM CLEANUP EVENT

Putah Creek Trout (PCT) is sponsoring its 15th annual Putah Creek Interdam Reach cleanup day:

- When: Saturday September 20, 2025
- Time: beginning at 8:30 AM
- Where: CDFW Fishing Access 5

To support PCT, FFD would like to invite you to this year's event, and encourage you to share the link with fellow Flyfishers, friends, or club members. Particulars and signups are found at the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1g15QCGum1MRN-amLun6MmZoYUJdYmGwI1npyRbBaILc/edit?usp=sharing>

More information can be found at <https://putahcreektrout.org/>

YUBA FEST 2025

Join us at Yuba Fest!



A CELEBRATION OF THE YUBA RIVER
 Saturday September 6, 2025
 9am - 5:00pm
 Sycamore Ranch County Park
 \$20 Entrance Under 18 Free

Activities
 Fly Casting Clinics
 Conservation Groups and Rally
 Fly Fishing Vendors Auction
 Fly Tying Demonstrations
 Breakfast and Barbeque Lunch
 Live Music

Hosted By
 Northern California Council
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QR code: nccffi.org/yubafest



Join Us for the Yuba River Conservation Awareness Event at Yuba Fest 2025

Protecting Our Rivers, Protecting Our Future
 Rally for the Lower Yuba River Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River at YubaFest

Date: Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025
Time: 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Location: Sycamore Ranch

Join us for a day dedicated to preserving the natural beauty and ecological integrity of our local rivers. Our rivers not only provide us with water and recreation but also sustain diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Come to hear and talk to speakers and authorities on the fishery to discuss the current status of the Nature-like Bypass construction.

Topics:
 Why is the Nature-Like bypass being built?
 Yuba River Salmonid Fishery - Can It Survive the Nature-Like Fishway around Daguerre Point Dam?
 Will Striped Bass end the Salmon, Steelhead, and Rainbow Trout fishery on the Lower Yuba River?
 How can fly fishers and conservationists make a difference And More!

Why Attend

- **Make a Difference:** Learn how your individual actions can contribute to the health of our rivers.
- **Community Engagement:** Meet like-minded individuals who are passionate about conservation and sustainability.
- **Inspiration and Education:** Leave with valuable knowledge and ideas to implement in your own life.

How to Register:
 Online: Visit our website at NCCFFI to sign up.
 On-site: Register in person at the event entrance on the day of the event.

Let's work together towards a sustainable future for our rivers.
Your participation matters!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US BY YUBA FEST@YUBA-RR.COM OR SOCIAL MEDIA @YUBAFEST, @NCCFFI

FFD T-Shirts!

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

Only a very few remaining!



California Fly Fisher Magazine – Special Offer



Celebrate California Fly Fisher's Relaunch Anniversary with a Special Offer for Fly Club Members

For more than three decades, *California Fly Fisher* has been the go-to publication for anglers who care about California's fisheries, wild trout, and the craft of fly fishing. In July 2024, the magazine underwent a beautiful redesign and relaunch—and it's better than ever in both print and digital formats.

To mark their one-year relaunch anniversary, *California Fly Fisher* is offering club members an exclusive subscription discount—plus 10% off all merchandise.

Special Anniversary Rates for Fly Club Members:

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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://californiaboatercard.com/>



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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
August	Paul Thick	August 26	Fly Fishing Travel Outfitters
September	Noah Sondgroth	September 30	Carp on the Fly
October	Doug Rodricks	October 28	Sierra Drifters Guide Service Mammoth Lakes
November	Chris Deweese	November 18	Gyotaku or Japanese Fish Printing
December	Club Members	December 30	Homegrown

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!



OUTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2025

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Lake Manzanita	Trout	TBD	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Camping / Boat
Striper Fest	Striped bass	November 2025	trouthookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip

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/>

Jeff Putnam's
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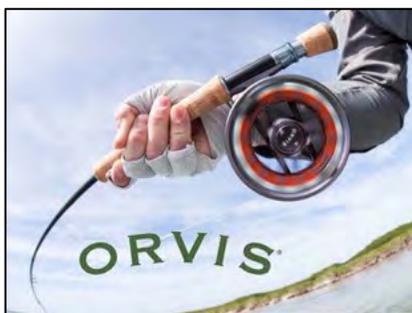
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FFD meetings and membership are open to the public. The Fly Fishers of Davis provide equal opportunity membership without discrimination on sex, race, origin, age or religious orientation.

E-Newsletter Policy

Each month, the e-newsletter will be posted to our website and emailed prior to the meeting. To view our PDF newsletter, download Acrobat reader at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

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 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. For more information or if you have questions, please email membership@flyfishersofdavis.org

- Membership benefits: go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/about/membership-benefits/>
- New members ONLY: to join, go to <https://flyfishersofdavis.org/memberships/>
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