



October Meeting
Tuesday October 28, 2025
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club
919 Lake Blvd, Davis, CA 95616

Doug Rodricks of Sierra Drifters Guide Service
Presents:
The Eastern Sierra - A Guide's Fresh Look

*T*his month, on Tuesday October 28, 2025, Doug Rodricks, owner/operator/guide of Sierra Drifters Guide Service, Mammoth Lakes, CA will tell us all about fly fishing around the Sierra and Mammoth Lakes. Doug grew up in sunny southern California and would spend many summers vacationing in Yosemite with his family since before he could crawl.

His patience, outgoing personality, and teaching techniques have served him well in guiding clients to some of the best fishing areas in the Eastern Sierra. Doug's knowledge of the area and fly fishing techniques have also challenged and rewarded some of the most experienced of fly fisherman. Doug has appeared numerous times on the pages and covers of Western Outdoor News, with his clients displaying their trophy catches accompanied by their smiles.



(NOT) THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Berliner

Well, as mentioned at the September meeting, I'm *not* the Prez, but I'm very happy to run the meetings during our current officer vacancies. No, our FFD government is not shut down. We'll be rotating the master-of-ceremonies job a bunch in the coming months, thus giving lots of your friendly board members the opportunity to "try out" the role!

In the meantime, we actually have two new board Directors lined up already, whom we'll be officially nominating at the November meeting, and officially voting at the December meeting. Many thanks to our two mystery volunteers ... soon to be announced. Yet, we still have openings for Prez and Vice-Prez, so if you're interested, come and speak to one of the current board members, and we'll outline the roles.



Yes, that's me with a fine, fine hog at Luk Lake a few years ago (fought like hell, too). We used to have huge well-attended Luk Lake outings, and it would be great to bring 'em back. So ... I'll be mentioning a *possible* Luk Lake outing at the meeting, and ... if we can get six (6) to sign up, we'll get a discount from the Fly Shop.

Also ... did you know that if you're new to the club, you can ask around to borrow some gear if you don't have a garage full of Helios rods? Don't have a float tube? Ask! Don't have a rubberized net and a nice 5-weight? Ask! Don't have any Woolly Buggers? Take Bob's fly-tying class ... or simply ask!

Lastly, it's about time to start thinking about your White Elephant gift, the highlight event of our December meeting. The gift can be useful, unusual, or simply wacky ... keep it fishing-centric if possible, keep it wrapped up tight, and don't spend all your poker winnings.

Many thanks, Paul

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Your FFD Board of Directors (BOD) meets once per month on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss many aspects of the club, including charitable contributions, conservation, budget planning, and the Annual Picnic and Annual Dinner. If you'd like to attend a board meeting, bring up an issue or send a message, the BOD meets conveniently in Davis, and 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.

I thought it would be nice to showcase some good news this month. I’m sure we’ll get back to more disappointing news later on, but here are some things to celebrate.

If you’ve fished the McCloud River at Ah-Di-Nah in the past few years, you know the condition of the campground has severely deteriorated. A restoration project has been in planning for a year and took place last month to restore the infrastructure and improve safety. The Kirston Koths Memorial Ah Di Na Restoration Project was created by the Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers to honor long-time trip leader Kirston Koths. Scott Harrison initiated and led the project, coordinating with the US Forest Service Shasta-Trinity Unit (USFS), the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), and numerous other stakeholders from November 2024 and throughout the project. All project work was performed on a volunteer basis.

The following was summarized from a report to the NCCFFI on the project. The anticipated (and achieved) outcomes for this work were:

- An improved Ah Di Na campground with refurbished campsites and better safety.
- New and improved relationships through a collaborative effort from USFS, NCCFFI, fly fishing clubs in northern California, Tribal leaders, and other important stakeholders.
- A collaborative model that can be replicated elsewhere for other joint conservation efforts.

The onsite work was conducted during three distinct work sessions from September 7-11; September 11-13; and September 24-27. Session 1 focused on bathroom renovation and some tree work. Session 2 continued bathroom renovation, picnic table and fire ring removal and replacement, and deadwooding of trees in the campsites. Session 3 focused on campsite brush clearing, picnic table refinishing, and punchlist items. Trail clearing (Phase 2 of the project) was planned for Session 3 but was not completed because of an emergency search and rescue operation not associated with the project that requested the team’s assistance. They will implement Phase 2 as part of follow-up activities to be conducted later.



Bathroom interior, before & after. Photos: Scott Harrison, D’Arcy Richardson

The bathroom roof was removed and replaced, and the interior was completely renovated. The septic tanks were cleaned out, and new toilets and sinks were installed.

All irreversibly damaged picnic tables were broken down and removed, and were then replaced with picnic tables from Forest Service stock; all picnic tables were refinished/touched up. Damaged fire rings were also removed and replaced. All fire rings were re-leveled.

Extensive brush clearing took place to remove Himalayan blackberry and poison oak, and dangerous limbs and small trees were removed. With the concerted efforts of all stakeholders involved, the project was a tremendous success. According to people who have been going there for more than 40 years, Ah Di Na Campground is now in better shape than it has been in decades. None of this could have happened without the multisectoral partnership that grew around this project. I'll let you know as soon as the full report is available.



A newly refurbished picnic table at Site 7. Photo: D'Arcy Richardson

The Klamath River salmon spawning recovery is going well. Mark Rockwell sent the following message – Mark was heavily involved in the negotiations to remove the dams. There are two new videos about the Klamath dam removal and salmon recovery which is in full swing for the second spawning season since dam removal.

The first video is from NBC news in Oregon about the first Chinook salmon moving through the fish ladder at Keno dam in Oregon. Keno, an agriculture diversion dam, is one of two dams that remain on the river. The other is Link River Dam, an enhanced natural dam that forms Upper Klamath Lake above Klamath Falls, Oregon. The fish that get past Keno will then head to the ladders on Link River Dam, and pass into Upper Klamath Lake, and then into one of three tributaries - The Wood River, Sprague River, or the Williamson River - the headwaters of the Klamath.

Mark says he's happy to see the fish now able to reach their historic spawning and rearing habitat in tributaries beyond the former dams locations, and he's proud to have been one of many who worked to achieve this milestone. Restoration work continued all summer this year, and will continue for another eight years. Restoration Environmental Solutions (RES) are just the best at what they do. Thanks to Shane Anderson & Swiftwater films for their tireless work. Here's the link - 20 minutes total.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiSrfRJGz1I>

Governor Newsom signed into law AB263 earlier this month. This bill, introduced by Assemblymember Chris Rogers on behalf of the Karuk Tribe, Yurok Tribe and California Coastkeeper Alliance, extends emergency water regulations for two key Klamath River tributaries, the Scott and Shasta Rivers, until January 1, 2031, or until permanent rules are adopted by the State, to protect struggling salmon populations.

AB 263 was introduced in partnership with the Karuk Tribe, California Coastkeeper Alliance, and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association. The bill would maintain river flows for at-risk salmon runs on two critical Klamath River tributaries – the Scott and Shasta Rivers.

FISH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2026

The Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship is now open for 2026!

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 fly fishing equipment. 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 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 27, 2026** 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 27, 2026** Fly Fishers of Davis 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 2026, 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 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/>

FLY CASTING PROGRAM

By Jeff Hogan

The October 5th Spey casting clinic lead by Bob Zasoski and assisted by me was a very successful event. The 4 casters who attended received focused instruction on placing the anchor, swing to a D-loop, and delivering the fly. A lot of time was dedicated to the Switch cast as it is the foundation for every Spey cast. The participants also learned what casts to use based on wind direction which is an extremely important safety concept.

The next casting clinic will be on **Sunday, November 9th at Northstar Park**. We will work on the long game but with accuracy vs. distance being the goal. After all, if you can't put the fly where you want it the distance doesn't really matter. In fact, you may have put the fish down and ruined any chance of success.



Equipment to bring:

- Eye protection (required)
- Hat
- Your favorite rod and reel
- **Floating fly line only**
- Short tapered leader
- 7 ½ foot
- 0X – 3X is preferred for learning. These stout short leaders are great for turning the loop over and delivering the fly. They also help reduce wind knots and make removing them easier.

Yarn flies will be provided.

If you don't have a rod and reel, I can provide one for you. **Please contact me ahead of time to request an outfit.** If you have questions please contact me, Jeff Hogan, at jbhogan@ucdavis.edu

FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS SUPPORTING CASTING FOR RECOVERY

By Dana Hooper

Casting for Recovery wants to thank everyone at Fly Fishers of Davis for the sponsorship and support. These wonderful women are so grateful for the experience and opportunity provided by our club. Jacob and I got the pleasure to spend half the day with four women on the water at Fall River on Sunday October 19, 2025. They learned the basics of Fly Fishing during the Retreat at Circle 7 Ranch on the Fall River, and got to use them on the water for half day of fishing.

Jacob and I both had very excited participants to be on the beautiful river, enjoying the scenery and learning some new hobbies — AND both participants landed trout which is a huge bonus — not just for them but for us too! The impact of this retreat is bigger than you can imagine. They are truly grateful!
Thank you FFD!



The whole group on the Fall River



Dana and his two participants



Appreciation all around for Jacob and his two participants



Dana getting his mutual thanks!

CASTING FOR RECOVERY SWEEPSTAKES

By Nicole Lazarus, CFR

Who wants to go to Alaska AND support the Northern California region of Casting for Recovery?

As you know, Casting for Recovery offers 2 retreats each year to a total of 28 women who are at any stage of their breast cancer journey. The retreats are free to these women but our cost is \$1,500 per participant. We are sponsoring a sweepstakes for a chance to win the ultimate five-night, all-inclusive Alaskan getaway for two—complete with private charter flights, guided river fishing, cozy lodge accommodations, gourmet meals, and more. For each ticket sold our program will receive 70% of the proceeds. Ticket sales end December 3, 2025 and drawing is on December 11, 2025.

This is your chance to win a once-in-a-lifetime trip for two to Alaska's Anvik River Lodge — a \$15,000 value — plus \$3,000 in travel cash to get you there. With odds far better than Powerball, all you have to do is click the link below to enter and directly support our Northern California program! Plus, you get bonus entries through this link!

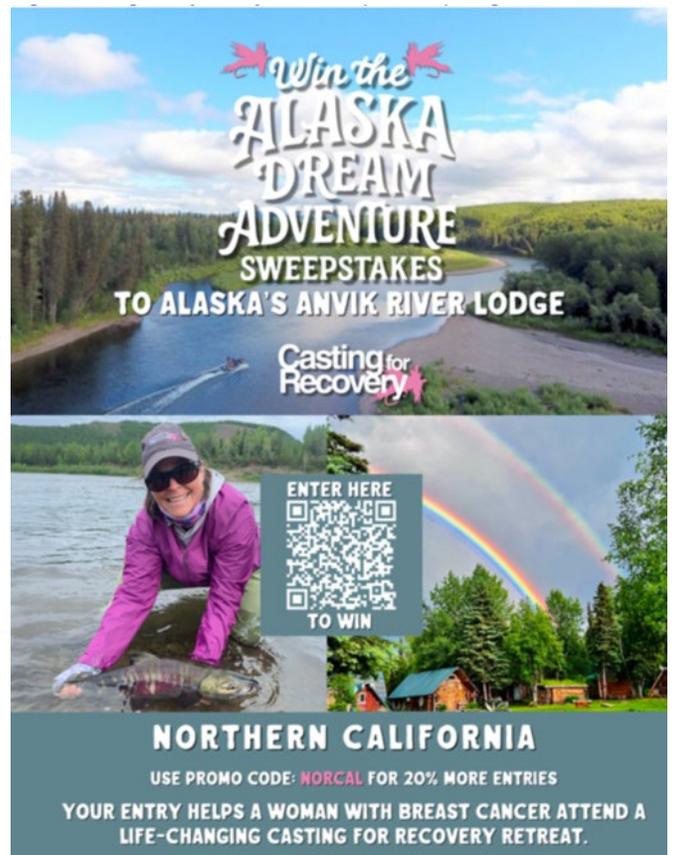
Please visit our direct sweepstakes link:

<https://www.tapkat.org/casting-for-recovery-inc/xEeymE?promo=NORCAL>

Prize Details

All Inclusive 5 Night Package for 2 Includes (Good in 2026/2027 Season)

- \$3000 travel stipend for airfare to Anchorage
- Round-trip private airplane charter from Anchorage to Anvik. (an over \$700 value)
- Round-trip boat transportation from Anvik to the Lodge
- All meals, snacks, complimentary cocktails, beer, wine & soft drinks
- Comfortable lodging in spacious guest rooms
- All fishing gear – fly & spin cast – you may also bring your own if you wish
- Use of steam lodge
- Use of internet & wi-fi
- Chest waders, boots & rain gear as needed
- Fly-fishing & spin casting lessons if you'd like
- Daily housekeeping & laundry service as needed.
- Processing your salmon catch within House and State limits (male salmon only) – frozen & smoked
- *Does not include fishing licenses and stamps, staff gratuities or optional trap shooting activities. Licenses and stamps can be purchased at the lodge.



WINTERS SALMON FESTIVAL

Join us **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, for the **8th Annual Winters Salmon Festival!**

The [Winters Salmon Festival](#) celebrates the [return of Chinook salmon](#) to Putah Creek each fall. This year, we're also honoring the **25th anniversary of the [Putah Creek Accord](#)** — the landmark agreement that restored flows to the lower creek and made this remarkable salmon comeback possible. Thanks to decades of restoration and the dedication of countless volunteers, these iconic fish now return each October to spawn. Come enjoy **live music, local food trucks, and family-friendly vendors** as we gather to celebrate the salmon's journey and our community's stewardship of Putah Creek.



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:

- \$39.95 – One year print + digital
- \$20.00 – One year digital-only

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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
October	Doug Rodricks	October 28	Sierra Drifters Guide Service Mammoth Lakes Area
* November	Chris Deweese	November 18	Gyotaku or Japanese Fish Printing FFD Officer Nominations
* December	FFD Club Members	December 16	Homegrown, White Elephant FFD Officer Elections

*** Note:** The November and December meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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

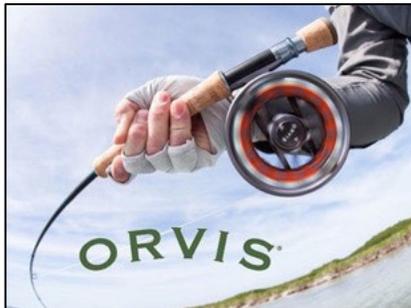
Trip 2025	Fish	Dates	Contact	Notes
Casting Class		November 9, 2025	jbhogan@ucdavis.edu	Northstar Ponds - 9-noon
Striper Fest	Striped bass	November 2025	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip
Luk Lake	Trout, Bass	December TBD	trouhookup1@gmail.com	Day Trip

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OFFICERS			DIRECTORS		
Term:			Term:		
President:	* Open *		Dan Galloway	Through Dec. 2027	
Vice President	* Open *		Stuart Meyers	Through Dec. 2026	
Treasurer	Andan Bailey	Through: Dec. 2026	Marc Wilson	Through Dec. 2026	
Secretary	Matt Perry	Through: Dec. 2026	Matt Perry	Through Dec. 2026	
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Outings	Dana Hooper	Programs	Peter Hawes	Youth Fish Camp	Andan Bailey
Conservation	Lowell Ashbaugh	Hospitality	Dave Fujino	Casting	Jeff Hogan
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Newsletter	Wilson / Meyers	Fly Tying	Bob Zasoski		
NCCFFI	Lowell Ashbaugh	Youth Programs	Adney Bowker		

The Fly Fishers of Davis

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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 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 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/>
- Existing members, login and dues assistance: email webmaster@flyfishersofdavis.org

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