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November Meeting - Tuesday November 17, 2026
7:30 pm @ Stonegate Country Club

919 Lake Blvd, Davis, CA 95616

Richard Bruglia presents: Custom Rod Building

This month, Richard Bruglia, from Cutlass Custom Rods | Custom Fishing Rod Builder | Sacramento, will speak on custom rod building. Richard learned the basics of rod building in Washington State and Hawaii. He built his first rod in 1973. Following that he built a number of rods for himself as well as family and friends.



In 1977, Richard began building rods and doing rod repairs for customers and local bait shops in his spare time and, after retiring from the US Navy in 1994, he worked at it full time doing custom builds and rod repairs for local bait shops in Solano county, including Norms Bait & Tackle in Vallejo, Pierce Harbor Bait & Tackle, and Benicia Bait & Tackle in Benicia as well as Longs Drugs in Fairfield through 2001.

Upon his second retirement in 2017 he resumed custom rod building and rod repairs on a full-time basis. He currently does repair referrals from Sacramento Pro Tackle, Ghost Bait & Tackle, and the Rancho Cordova Sportsman's Warehouse.

Richard specializes in fabricating high-performance distinctive quality rods to fit both form and function. His rods are built to pair with the customer's anthropometric characteristics, angling method and personal preferences. The Cutlass priorities are performance, durability and aesthetics and the rods are built using premium rod blanks and components. He provides a comprehensive range of rod repair and restoration services as well.

Richard is a member of the Rod Builders Guild and regularly pursues continuing education through a number of available rod building forums. He was pleased to be selected by Golden One Center to build a presentation fly rod for country artist Cody Johnson.

THE PREZ SEZ

By Ron Rabun

I'm happy to announce the Nominations Committee has completed their work, bringing a full slate for the upcoming FFD 2027 Annual Officers and Directors Election. The slate is published within this month's newsletter in accordance with the Bylaws and Charter. **The FFD Election will be conducted at the Annual (Regular) Meeting to be held Tuesday, December 15, 2026.**

In addition to the Annual Election, the evening's Holiday Festivities will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange. The rules for the Exchange will be published in the December newsletter. If you wish to participate, bring an inexpensive wrapped gift. Also, members are encouraged to bring homemade holiday goodies and treats.

Still in the forefront, our Aquarium Chiller Project, supporting the FFD Salmon/Steelhead in the Classroom Program is nearing completion of the $20,000 project goal. Matt Perry, Dave Fujino and Paul Berliner have been working tirelessly to finish up project tasks. Matt reported that FFD is expanding our efforts with a UCD fisheries sciences program utilizing high schools for observation and data collection related to salmon egg/fry survival. Matt will be providing more detailed reports on the full nature of this new effort. It was also reported that Adney Bowker (mostly his wife) expressed appreciation for the additional garage space gained from implementing these new classroom aquariums from the FFD inventory. Note that Wednesday, November 18th is Salmon Egg Deliveries by our crew of competent spawners.

We need your help for 2027 Programs. At present, we have no program speakers scheduled for next year. We are reserving the January 2027 membership meeting for HOMEGROWN presentations. Homegrown presentations can possibly be a 15-minute slideshow on your topic; a table presentation about a topic; fly tying technique demonstration; equipment; and so on. If you have a suggestion on a Program Presentation (free or for a fee), contact Peter Hawes at a monthly meeting or Programs@flyfishersofdavis.org.

The FFD ANNUAL Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2027, at our Plainfield Station location. Dana has committed to bringing us another "excellent meal" as the Iron Chef Chairman would say. BUT you are requested to search your fly-fishing inventories and donate surplus high value items for the Silent Auction and High Roller Drawing. There will be the usual big number of Bucket Items aside from a Regular Drawing for a plethora of accessories.

Monthly NAME BADGE DRAWING (Ron Rabun, President)
At the October 2026 regular meeting, we held our second fly box drawing for all those members wearing their name badges. There were 34 participants of the 50 attendees that received a drawing ticket for wearing their Name Badge. I did see many members who I know received their name badge but did not wear it. Most excuses were merely, "I forgot it." So put it in your car and keep it there to be available for FFD activities and meetings. The November 2026 meeting is the 3rd month (last month) of the Name Badge Drawing pilot. It's unsure whether the 2027 FFD Board will continue supporting a future monthly or random Name Badge Drawing after the November meeting.

TO PARTICIPATE, come up to Ron Rabun prior to the start of the meeting to receive a ticket for the Name Badge Drawing conducted following the regular monthly drawing.

NOMINEES FOR FLY FISHERS OF DAVIS (FFD)

2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee has provided a list of nominees for FFD's 2027 Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors. Officers serve a one-year term. Directors serve a three-year term, with two officers being replaced at the end of each year.

Please be sure to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on December 15th to vote on the new board members.

We need a quorum of at least 20 members present at the meeting to conduct the voting.



Our 2027 FFD Board

Nominated Officers 2027

- **President**: Dana Hooper
- **Vice President**: Stuart Meyers
- **Secretary**: Matt Perry
- **Treasurer**: Andan Bailey

Nominated Directors

- **Director 2028**: Dave Fujino
- **Director 2029**: Brad Tom, Dan Tanner

All terms expire on December 31 of the year listed.

Continuing Directors (not up for election)

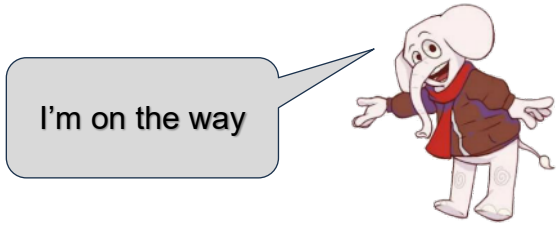
- **Director 2028**: Dan Brugger
- **Director 2027**: Dan Galloway, Marc Wilson

Outgoing Directors

- **Director 2026**: Peter Hawes, Stuart Meyers

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTES

- Remember, the **November meeting** is early: **11/17/26 – Mark your calendar!** Nominations for FFD board positions and officers will be announced, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
- Remember, the **December meeting** is early: **12/15/26 – Mark your calendar!** This is our annual business meeting. We will vote on all board nominees and hold our amazing White Elephant event. Now's a great time to start thinking about that special inexpensive gift! Don't miss it!



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 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.

This column is an experiment —I used Google's Gemini AI to prepare the following report. I participated in the Sites Reservoir water rights hearing on November 4. I prepared a statement that described why it is important for fly fishers to protect salmon in the Sacramento River by requiring 55% unimpaired flows. In fact, 65-75% unimpaired flows would be better – 55% is a bare minimum. The board did not agree with me and other environmental advocates, and the result is described below by my AI queries. The report generated seems too accurate.

Sites Reservoir Water Right Decision (November 2026)

Summary Report | Prepared November 2026

Executive Summary

On November 4, 2026, the California State Water Resources Control Board unanimously approved a major water right permit for the **Sites Reservoir** project. The permit allows the off-stream reservoir to divert up to **986,000 acre-feet** of water per year from the Sacramento River during the wet season. While state leaders praised the vote as a major step for water reliability, environmental groups and Tribal representatives opposed the decision, arguing that its ecological safeguards were weakened.

Key Permit Terms & Environmental Safeguards

- **Seasonal & Volume Limits**: Pumping is restricted exclusively to the wet months (November 1 through June 14) and capped at 986,000 acre-feet annually.
- **Surplus-Only Diversions**: Because Sites holds a junior water right, it can only pump water during heavy storm flows after senior water rights, Delta water quality standards, and minimum river flows for fish are fully met.
- **Infrastructure & Design**: As an off-stream reservoir, Sites avoids damming the main Sacramento River. Intake facilities must also meet strict pumping rate caps and fish screen rules to protect migrating salmon and sturgeon.
- **Ecosystem Allocation**: A dedicated portion of stored water is reserved for environmental releases during dry years.

The Unimpaired Flow Debate

- **The Core Issue**: "Unimpaired flow" refers to the natural amount of water that would flow down a river without upstream dams or diversions. Environmentalists pushed for a strict 55% minimum unimpaired flow requirement to protect struggling native fish and the Bay-Delta ecosystem.
- **The Board's Compromise**: Instead of locking a hard 55% floor into the permit, the Water Board tied Sites to the updated Bay-Delta Plan's broader 45% to 65% unimpaired flow range.
- **Ongoing Pushback**: Environmental advocates remain unsatisfied. They contend that relaxing earlier draft restrictions to keep the project financially viable leaves the Delta vulnerable and makes flow rules harder to enforce.

Next Steps

- **January 2027 Hearing**: The Water Board will hold a separate hearing to decide on local water diversions from Funks and Stone Corral creeks.
- **Construction Timeline**: Project backers aim to begin construction as early as 2027, pending remaining approvals.

FFD FLY FISHING 101 & 201 CLASSES

The 2027 Fly Fishing 101/201 classes are now ready for sign-ups!



Instructor: Dana Hooper

Times / Location / Sign-up

- **Class Times**: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **Location**: UCD Horticulture Room
- **Sign up** at the next meeting, or email Dana at flyfishing101@flyfishersofdavis.org

Course Schedule and Class Dates for 2027

Class 1 – FFD 101: Wed. Jan 13
- Gear, rods, reels and lines - how we determine why and what to buy

Class 2 – FFD 101: Wed. Jan 20
- Bugs vs. flies

Class 3 – FFD 101: Wed. Jan 27
- Knots and rigging techniques

Class 4 – FFD 101: Wed. Feb 3
- Reading waters and locating fish

Class 5 – FFD 201: Wed. Feb 10
- Float n' Fly flies and techniques

Class 6 – FFD 201: Wed. Feb 17
- Still water techniques for Lake Manzanita and Baum Lake

FISH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2027

The Cary Boyden Fish Camp Scholarship is now open for 2027!

This amazing scholarship is open to any interested boy or girl, from 10 to 15 years of age, according to the rules listed below. This valuable 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. 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 26, 2027,** 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 26, 2027** 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 2027, 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/

FFD FLY CASTING PROGRAM

By Jeff Hogan

Improving the Double Haul



- **When:** Sunday, November 15th, 2026 RAIN OR SHINE
- **Where:** Northstar Park 3434 Anderson Rd, Davis. Just west of the F Street and Anderson Road intersection in north Davis. A parking lot is located off Anderson Rd.
- **When:** 9:00 AM – Noon

This clinic will focus on learning or improving different casts that will allow you to place your fly where desired under various circumstances. As a successful fly angler, you need to possess the ability to do this. Dedicate this winter to honing your skills and start next season with added confidence and skill. The following casts will be performed:

- Horizontal Cast 35 ft.
- Shooting Line 40 ft.
- Accuracy to Targets 25 and 35 ft. (the Holy Grail)
- Roll Cast Dominant Side Minimum 35 ft.
- Distance Cast Minimum 50 ft.

What to bring:

- Pen and paper to take notes
- Hat and eye protection is required
- Your favorite trout rod
- Floating, weight forward line to match your rod
    - Note: sinking lines will not be allowed
- 0X-3X, 7 ½ foot tapered leader is ideal
- Yarn flies only; I will provide.
    - No flies with the hook cut off with be allowed.
- Sunscreen
- Water and snack

We will start promptly at 9:00 AM so please arrive early to rig your rod, put your name tag on and warm up. For questions please contact me at casting@flyfishersofdavis.org

CASTING FOR RECOVERY SWEEPSTAKES!

By Nicole Lazarus, CFR Fishing Coordinator

To all our friends at Fly Fishers of Davis:

Help support Casting for Recovery, and get the chance to win a 2026 Ineos Grenadier Fieldmaster — complete with Off-Road Rough Pack, plus $10k cash for registration, taxes and other fees. The total value of this prize is close to $100k. The winner will work with their local Ineos dealer to customize the vehicle to their liking.



Scan the QR code (to the left) for details. Through the QR code, our Northern California CFR chapter will receive 70% of the proceeds from your ticket purchase.

This is a great way to donate to Casting for Recovery with the possibility of winning a prize. The more tickets you purchase, the more bonus entries you get.

For example:

- $25 gets 18 entries + 4 promo entries
- $100 gets 90 entries + 18 promo entries

The sweepstakes runs through 12/1/26. The winner is drawn on 12/9/26.

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If you love swapping stories at the next meeting, tying flies at the bench, or planning your next trip to the Sierra, this magazine belongs on your shelf (and in your inbox).

MEETING SCHEDULE

Peter Hawes is FFD's program chair. Let him know if you like the program speakers, or, if you have ideas and suggestions for one, please let us know at the next meeting. You can email Peter at programs@flyfishersofdavis.org.

Fly Fishers of Davis 2026 Meeting Schedule			
MONTH	**SPEAKER**	**DATE**	**TOPIC**
November	Rick Bruglia	November 17	Custom Rod Building FFD Officer Nominations
December	FFD Club Members	December 15	Homegrown, White Elephant Gift Exchange FFD Officer Elections

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DETAILS

Website Members: If you signed up for membership on the 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 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. You can also send a renewal check to Fly Fishers of Davis, P.O. Box 525, Davis, CA, 95617.

Note: Our preferred method for renewal is to become website members, by signing up on the website! Dues for individuals and family memberships are $35/year, and a student membership is $10/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!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Your FFD Board of Directors (BOD) meets once per month on the second Tuesday of each month (effective February 2026) 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 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.



UTINGS & EVENTS - FFD 2026

PROPOSED FFD OUTINGS & EVENTS

Trips & Events	Information	Dates	Contact	Notes
2026				
Casting Clinic No casting clinic in December	Jeff Hogan Instructor		Jeff Hogan	Northstar Park 9-12
Luk Lake The Luk Lake outing has been postponed until December	Trout and Bass	**Dec TBD**	Dan Brugger	Float Tube needed
2027				
Fly Fishing Classes	Fly-fishing 101 course Fly-fishing 201 course	Jan. 13, 20, 27, & Feb.3 Feb. 10, 17	Dana Hooper	Instructor Dana Hooper Click this link for details

Here's a link to NCCFFI Website, Calendar of Events and Membership.

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OFFICERS			DIRECTORS	
		Serving:		Serving:
President:	Ron Rabun	Through Dec.2026	Stuart Meyers	Through Dec. 2026
Vice President	Dana Hooper	Through Dec.2026	Peter Hawes	Through Dec. 2026
Treasurer	Andan Bailey	Through Dec.2026	Marc Wilson	Through Dec. 2027
Secretary	Matt Perry	Through Dec.2026	Dan Galloway	Through Dec. 2027
			vacant	Through Dec. 2028
			Dan Brugger	Through Dec. 2028

COMMITTEES					
Outings	Dana Hooper	Programs	Peter Hawes	Youth Fish Camp	Andan Bailey
Conservation	Lowell Ashbaugh	Hospitality	Dave Fujino	Casting	Jeff Hogan
Membership	Marc Wilson	Raffle Chair	Peter Hawes	Website	Bob Beverlin
Newsletter	Meyers / Wilson	Fly Tying	Bob Zasoski	Website	Paul Berliner
NCCFFI	Ron Rabun	Youth Programs	Adney Bowker		

E-Newsletter Policy

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How to become a member of the Fly Fishers of Davis

FFD collects annual dues for individual memberships ($35), student memberships ($10) and family memberships ($35). 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

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