

On the Fly

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CFFU CONSERVATION UPDATE

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The CDFW search for the Little Kern Golden Trout



Photo courtesy of CDFW.

By Keith Pfeifer

As part of our mission to promote fisheries conservation, CFFU provided funding in 2018 for two important projects: the Genetic Management and Recovery Plan for the Little Kern River Golden Trout and the documentation of winter-run Chinook salmon migrations in Auburn Ravine.

Little Kern River Golden Trout

In 2012, the Heritage and Wild Trout Section of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) initiated a study to document and protect the genetic integrity of the Little Kern River Golden Trout. In 2017, the CFFU Conservation Committee authorized funding

to support the final year of this project to determine the distribution, abundance, size, and genetic characterization of the trout in the lakes and headwater tributaries in the Little Kern River drainage. The funding was to pay for pack animals and packer staff that are needed to transport the technical equipment and other gear into this remote study area, approximately 16 miles from the trail head. Unfortunately, because of the significant late season snow pack in 2017 and local wildfires, the staff could not access the study area.

This final field study was re-scheduled for 2018 and was completed in the final week of

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CFFU Calendar - JANUARY 2019


DISCLAIMER: Dates on this calendar are subject to change. Check the CFFU website for the most up-to-date event schedules. [CFFU Calendar LINK](#)

JANUARY	EVENT	INFORMATION LINK
7	CFFU Board Meeting (East Ranch Clubhouse)	Board Meeting
8	Steelhead Fishing with Chris King	General Meeting Link
17-20	International Sportsman's Expo	ISE Link
24	Tech Thursday - Fishing the Yuba	Tech Thursday
30	Social - Welcome 2019	Social Link

January 2018 Speaker - Chris King

Over the past 25 years, Chris has had his hand in all aspects of the Fly Fishing industry. From an industry rep to guiding and instructing on three different continents, Chris' passion for Fly Fishing has taken him around the world. Chris is a Master Certified casting instructor, two handed (Spey) certified casting instructor and an Emeritus member of the board of governors. Chris has been guiding professionally since 1995 and has established himself as one the more well-known guides in the area. Simply put, Chris is a wizard with a fly rod and has a unique and very effective way of teaching his world class skills to others. All of this accompanied with his witty personality makes a day on the water with him one you will not soon forget.



Chris will be visiting us to share his expertise of Steelhead Fishing. Come gain some knowledge of Fishing Techniques, Gear and Destinations. 

ISE - International Sportsmen's Exposition - January 17-20th

Location:

Cal Expo
1600 Exposition
Sacramento, CA 95815

Tickets:

Adult Admission - \$16.00
Active Military & Youth 15 &
under - FREE!

No Pets

Hours:

Thu... 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Fri..... 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sat.... 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sun... 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Veterans:

Visit Vettix.org for a pass
(limited quantity)

NO

**Weapons, Firearms or
Ammunition.**

Parking

Cal Expo Parking: \$10 per
vehicle

Message from the CFFU President - Mary Ellen Mueller

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope Santa provided a plethora of new fishing toys that were on your want (versus need) list! January is definitely the time to get our gear organized, tie flies and plan trips while we wait for warmer weather and for the ice to melt. But for me, it is also a time to think about the honor I have been give to serve as the new President of our club.

I began by looking at the list of former Presidents which may have been a mistake. They were very big shoes to fill and as some of you know, I'm only 5'2 (on my best day)! However, despite the challenge of me trying to find my own shoes, I also could see the many things these Past Presidents have contributed to make our club the great one it is. Clearly, most of the tough ground has already been plowed. Thank goodness it does not take a genius to see that making sure this ground remains productive and fertile is my primary task.

The reason I joined CFFU in the first place was because I saw the enormous opportunities available to me to learn so much about this sport. As I have often said, "I had no idea this sport was so deep. Lifelong learning indeed". But for me, being a member for about 3 years now, the greatest gift has been the opportunities to participate in things I have always cared deeply about: the




Mary Ellen is holding a beautiful cutthroat trout she caught at Crowley Lake.

environment and giving back to my community. The Hagan Oaks fish Derby, the Kids in the City fishing, our Veterans Program, the Howe Ave Park fishing and many others were not only fun but tremendously rewarding. By now, we have all learned that the giver receives way more than the receiver.

Also rewarding in more long lasting ways has been participating on the Conservation Committee and helping the club direct resources that we hope

will provide for continued fishing opportunities for us and those long after us. I will do my best to see that these programs live long and prosper (insert Vulcan hand sign).

And finally, I will always encourage your participation, ideas and feedback (positive or negative) that will make our club the most welcoming and meaningful club in California and beyond.

And oh yeah, Please remember to pay your dues! 

December 2018 CFFU Presentation



Summer Montana Trip

Ken Giesser & Matthew Barlow

If you missed the meeting and want to see Ken and Matthew's video, click on the link: [Ken and Matthews Video](#)

The DFW Search for the Little Kern Golden Trout - Continued

August. CFFU provided funding of \$4840 to the Balch Park Pack Station to assist CDFW with the project.

Fish population and habitat data were collected for various headwater tributaries, including Wet Meadow Creek, Shotgun Creek and also Silver Lake. Fish were collected by various methods, including electro-shocking,

gill netting and angling to obtain tissue samples for genetic analysis.

A draft report of this 2018 work will be completed in January 2019 and submitted for review. The report includes the population assessment, habitat survey, barrier analysis and methods of genetic tissue collection. The final genetic analysis will be compiled into a

separate report. When the reports have been finalized, the CDFW staff will give a presentation to the CFFU membership at a monthly meeting in 2019.



Digital Salmon Camera System on Auburn Ravine in Lincoln, Dec. 2018



Photo by Friends of Auburn Ravine

Auburn Ravine Monitoring Project

In 2016, the CFFU Conservation Committee authorized \$5000 to the Friends of Auburn Ravine for video monitoring and support equipment to quantitatively document the movement of winter-run Chinook salmon, and possibly steelhead, in Auburn Ravine. The study site is located at the gauging station in the City of Lincoln. Monitoring began in October 2016 and continued until April 2017, and documented the movement of 326 salmon through the study area. In the following year, 2017-2018, approximately 50 fall-run salmon were counted.

In 2018, the Friends of Auburn Ravine requested additional funding from

CFFU to purchase and install digital cameras, support structures, as well as software for improved resolution, to improve the documentation of fish moving in Auburn Ravine. The CFFU Conservation Committee authorized \$5000 to provide the Friends of Auburn Ravine with the equipment to continue this important conservation project.

A preliminary project update for the current 2018-2019 monitoring year is not very encouraging. The good news is that the new digital cameras are working fine, with the ability of staff to remotely view live salmon videos on a computer or a cell phone via a cellular data connection. However, Auburn Ravine, as

of early December, has only received about 6 inches of rain, which is about 50% of the amount during the same period in the drought seasons of 2012-2013 through 2015-2016. Because of the extremely low flows, very few salmon have been recorded moving through the study area. Also, volunteers walking the creek, and local residents contacted by staff, have confirmed the low numbers of salmon in the stream. Hopefully, these disappointing results are only part of normal salmon life-cycle fluctuations, and that future seasons will show an increase in returning salmon.



A Leg Up - Fishing Ladders at Pyramid Lake

By Ken Giesser

From 1975 to 1978 I lived in Susanville, California and it was during that time period I began to Fly Fish Pyramid Lake. I would drive across the desert on a semi-improved Lassen County gravel road, cross over into Nevada and fish for the day at Warrior Point. It was almost close enough to call "home water." At that time Warrior Point had a concession stand and campground. If you look around today, you can still see the foundations of those structures. If you wanted to keep a fish you would not only need a Tribal Permit, but also a Nevada state Fishing license. A ten-pound Fish was considered a monster, ladder Fishing had not been invented yet and if you drove south a few miles you could get a decent chili burger at the Sutcliffe Inn.

Generally speaking, the lake looks about the same today as it did then except for major improvements at Pelican Point. As far as Fishing technology goes, I've witnessed quite an evolution in Fly Fishing methods and gear over the years. There have been amazing advances in rod and line technology along with major improvements in cold weather apparel and waders (Pyramid can be a cold place!). We used to wear rubber-boot-footed chest waders that kept us dry but cold. I still prefer boot-foot waders but now with neoprene tops. Oddly enough, even neoprene has fallen out of favor with most modern Fly Fishers, but not Pyramid Fly Fishers (we're a little different) and here's why. The roomier boots allow for heavier than normal wool socks that don't cut off circulation and when you combine that with neoprene, they're just plain warmer. In addition, if you feel like going to Crosby's for lunch, you can get out of them quickly and wear dry clothing into the dining area. For my money, they're more practical and the best way to go, but I only use them at Pyramid. That puts them on an odd list of gear and contraptions you typically won't find



anywhere else in the fishing world. The list is unusual and I won't bore you with all of it, but I would like to talk a little bit about the number one item on that list—"the fishing ladder."

For the most part, Pyramid Lake Fly Fishing is beach fishing with lots of sand and clear alkaline water. It's shallow water fishing over sand flats that gradually slope down to shelf drop-offs ranging anywhere from 10' to 12' deep. In the spring, fish move closer to shore and are easier to reach, but as a general rule you want to find the shelves and fish the drop-offs where they cruise most of the time. Fishing platforms (ladders) of some sort or another have evolved out of a desire to fish closer to the shelf. They have also been instrumental in helping anglers face conditions in this harsh alkaline desert environment where weather can range in the extremes. The water temperature during trout season (Oct-June) is always cold, but the outside air temperatures can go from sunny T-shirt days to arctic blizzards in a hurry, sometimes during a single weekend trip! It can also quickly change back from whitecaps to mirror glass and leave you wondering why you're even on a ladder? I like to

use a ladder but am not married to one. The back and forth among anglers who favor a ladder and those who don't is ongoing and I've come to the conclusion there is no conclusion. Maybe it's just a situational thing based on where you are or what the weather is doing at the time. It's another tool in the toolbox that sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. If I lived in Reno I might be tempted to own a full size pickup and haul one of those large swivel seated ladder contraptions out there, but I don't live in Reno and it wouldn't be practical for me. What I do use is a small 3 step stepstool that fits nicely into my Honda CRV (which by the way drives over sand much better than a heavy truck, thank you). For me, this is the best of both worlds because the ladder is not in my way if I don't feel like using it.

These are just a few of my scattered thoughts about ladders and Pyramid. You may already have your own thoughts about ladders, but if you haven't ever tried one, I would encourage you to do so. Like them or not, they most definitely have their place and Pyramid Lake is that place.

A Leg Up - Fishing Ladders at Pyramid Lake

By Ken Giesser - continued

	Why you should use a ladder		Why you shouldn't use a ladder
1.	You will be able to fish closer to the shelf	1.	They don't work well if you don't have one. Ha!
2.	They keep your kidneys out of the water and you stay warmer	2.	They will hamper your mobility if you have an open beach to work
3.	They help protect against white caps coming over the top of your waders	3.	They absolutely can get in the way when playing a large fish
4.	They make it easier to lift and cast heavy shooting-head lines	4.	Your back and legs will stiffen and get sore after a while
5.	They help keep your arms out of the water when strip fishing	5.	You could fall off
6.	They will mark your territory although this is only quasi-legal	6.	They can spook fish
		7.	They take up a lot of space in your vehicle
		8.	You will look like every other copycat on the beach
		9.	Technically, you will need to tend your ladder at all times and bring it back to shore when taking a break. This can be a pain.

CFFU Helps at Camp Fire - Protecting Spring-run Salmon

By Ken W. Davis

Due to the massive amount of damage caused by the Camp Fire and potential run-off into Butte Creek the CFFU Conservation Committee donated \$1000 to the "Save the Butte Creek Salmon: stop the Runoff" Project. The donation was to assist Friends of Butte Creek in the effort to protect the bank of Butte Creek and to prevent erosion, mudslides, siltation and toxic materials from reaching the creek. Butte Creek supports a significant population of Spring-run Chinook salmon. Salmon alevin were emerging from the redds about the same time as the Camp fire.



Straw wattles were staged by volunteers trained by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Photo courtesy of the Friends of Butte Creek.



FROM THE FIELD: The Eagle has landed - Restoring the Putah Creek Salmon Run



Bald Eagle on Putah Creek. Ken Davis image

Submitted by Ken Davis. The restoration of the Putah Creek salmon run has reached a new level with the arrival of several bald eagles that returned on a regular basis to forage on dead salmon. The birds were caught on trail cameras deployed to determine which scavengers were feeding on the salmon.



[Alaska's Bearclaw Lodge website](#)

[Val Adams Website Link](#)



[Link to Kiene's website](#)



Tech Thursday - Kiene's Holiday Party

A huge thanks goes to Kiene's Fly Shop for keeping their doors open late for our Holiday Tech Thursday/Social.



Tim Au Young, Dave Lentz and Greg Howard help themselves to the abundance of food and drink brought by members.

Craig Williams, Mary Ellen Mueller and new member Greg Nyland take advantage of a special treat; Kiene's 50 cent fly sale.



The white elephant gift exchange is always surprising fun. Alyson Cardoza gets a mini cooler which can even run off a car's cigarette lighter.

OUTSTANDING CATCH at Eagle Lake



**Look at that
SNOW!
Where are these
guys fishing?**

Eagle Lake ✓

Nick Ciani
(1st V.P. for 2019)
caught
another
Heritage Trout!
-
Eagle Lake
Rainbow.



Veterans Enjoying the Bounty of High Hill Pond

By Mary Ellen Mueller

Ever see such giant smiles on grown men? Trevor Segelke and I did on November 28, 2018 at High Hill Pond when we took three Veterans fishing as the culmination of a 5 week fly fishing course. We were challenged by the weather and the speed and frequency with which they were catching fish and needed our netting help. These guys had never fished with a fly rod and had barely any casting experience. Watching them catch fish after fish, that was getting hard to believe. How did this come to be?

As many of you already know CFFU is very proud to have formed a partnership with Northern California Health Care Services (NCHCS) which facilitates our Veterans Fly Fishing Program. It was a bit of a rocky beginning as we were unfamiliar with the issues faced by many of our Vets who return from active duty. How best could we serve those who have served our country so very well? We began by developing a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with the Veterans Administration near Mather Field. Our intention was to provide instruction in the art of Fly Fishing in hopes that it would provide stress relief and instill a lifetime passion that we all experience in this sport. Sounds good right? Our members were quick to respond and embrace this effort. An Open House was held at Hagan Community Park with about 35 volunteers showing up to help out wherever was needed. We had 24 Vets signed up to attend but only 4 or 5 showed up. What had we done wrong?

Disappointed but determined we reached out to our liaisons with the Veterans Group and found out two very valuable lessons. First, we learned that many more Vets had come to the Park only to see so many people waiting for them that they felt intimidated and anx-



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Veterans Enjoying the Bounty of High Hill Pond - continued

ious. Of course, when you think about what they have experienced that made total sense. Secondly, we learned that the Vets really want to participate but many of them have issues that require them to live "day by day". While their intention is to participate when they sign up, it is often the case that on the day of the event they may feel differently. These are but a few of the tolls that active duty has taken on our soldiers. So what can we do?

We rethought our game plan and decided to embrace these difficulties and "take the program to them" by providing our instruction in a familiar

place and at a convenient time. Thus began the classes at Mather Air Force Base. Under our Program Director Rich Kendall casting clinics were conducted along with rigging rods, fly tying and use of proper flies and techniques. Most often these were conducted on the lawn in front of the hospital. Not ideal conditions, but enough to get several regulars interested.

Recently we have been able to secure a classroom and provide a somewhat more structured 5 week class. We had 8 participants sign up with some preferring a different day. About 4 participated regularly and with great

enthusiasm. I am hopeful we are on the right track. And as I mentioned at the beginning, we ended this last class with a "kick ass" day at High Hill Pond with 3 determined Veterans (rain was definitely in the forecast and delivered as promised) catching so many fish we lost count. They barely noticed the buckets of rain pouring down on their heads. Their pure joy in catching their first fish on a fly made me realize we may be on the right track! Many thanks to Richard Boyman, Ernie Alcantara and Ricardo Galicia for showing Trevor Segelke and me a spectacular day.



American River Clean-up - by Bill Felts



I want to thank the following Club members for their participation in the December 15th clean-up of our Mile 16 South of the American River: Bill Conway, Chuck Odell, Russ Heckley, Sally and Vance Regan, Sheila Cavanagh, Brad Stone, Jeff Howard, Rico Quarles, Ken Waterstreet, David Cardenas, Maricela Salazar, Bob Kristunas, Greg Nyland, Dick Angus, Nick Ciani, David and Carol Tevlin, Bev Lorens, and Louis Hein. It was a great day for the clean-up, and we left the area better than we found it.

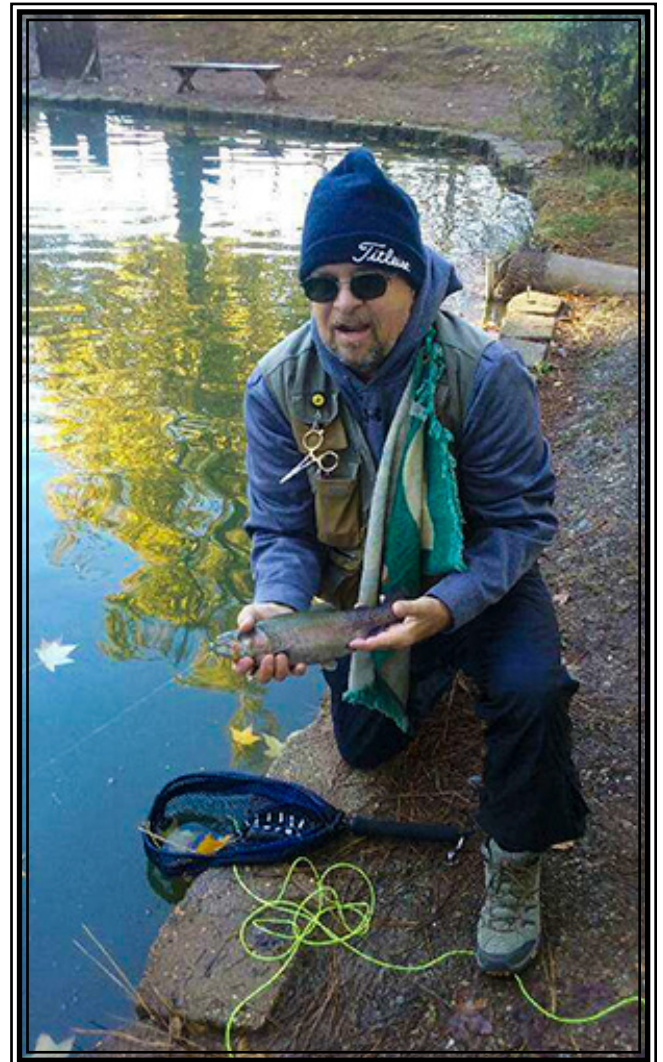
Casting Clinic and Mentor Outing

By Laurie Banks

On December 1st we held a casting clinic for the new members at Howe Park. Thanks to Chuck Honeycutt for working with each new member to teach roll casting and help improve their tight loop casts. New Member Liaison Jim Walker set up a mentor outing to High Hill Ranch the following Thursday so the guys could have some practice catching, and boy did they catch!! Most lost count of the fish they had on their lines. After we helped net their first two fish the guys were on their own to experience netting and safely releasing their fish.



David Cardenas



Terry Block

Kid's Fishing - Auburn Regional Pond

By Gary Flanagan

On behalf of the Placer County Fish & Game Commission, Auburn Regional Parks and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, a huge "THANK YOU" to members of California Fly Fishers Unlimited, Gold County Fly Fishers, and Placer Sportsmen's who participated in this weekend's Fishing in the City event at Auburn Regional Park Pond. We had over 20 people from these respective organizations help over 150 kids and their families have a fun filled of fishing and catching.

This event was a huge success, in great part due to everyone's help. We hope to provide additional Fishing in the City events in our region later next year.



CFFU President Mary Ellen Mueller instructs a young angler.



John Daniels shows visitors how to tie knots.



A young angler with her "good luck" fishing doll.



Young visitors at John Daniel's knot table.



Is he having fun fishing with Dad?

Liars & Tyers Christmas Party at Gary and Melanie Howard's Home



Rich Wilson showing a Christmas ornament he tied using deer hair.

Hosts
Melanie and Gary
Howard.



Jeff Howard guides tyers making spun deer hair Christmas ornaments.

December Demo Tyer - John Coldiron

Photos by Jim Simon

John Coldiron was the demonstration tier for December. He tied the Chernobyl Hopper on a size 8-12, 2x long nymph hook (Fly Shop) or Dai-Riki 730, using White UTC Ultra 140 Denier thread. The tail is Pearl Crystal flash. The abdomen is ice dubbing. The body is foam. The wing is white poly synthetic. The thorax is ice dubbing. The legs are Sili legs.



The gift certificate was won by Tim Au-Young

December Fly Tyers Exchange - Submitted by Don Wallace

Gold-ribbed Hare's Ear



Rob Scafe tied a Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph on a size 10-18, 1x1 2x stout, (TMC 3761, Partridge G2A, Daiichi 1550, Mustad AC3906, Mustad 3906,) using black 8/0 Uni thread. The tail is guard hairs from a hare's mask. The nymph is weighted with 10-15 turns of non-lead wire. The abdomen is blended lighter tan hair from the hare's mask (or Hairline dubbing #4, Hare's ear or equivalent), with gold oval tinsel or flat gold tinsel rib. The wingcase is mottled turkey tail feather over the thorax. The thorax is blended darker brown hairs from the hare's mask or Hairline dubbing #5, Dark Hare's Ear or equivalent.

Tan Soft Hackle



William Conway tied a Tan Soft Hackle on a size 12 Tiemco hook using black 200 Denier thread. The abdomen is mixed tan dubbing wrapped copper wire. The body is the same as the abdomen. The wing is soft hackle. The thorax is ostrich. The hackle is soft hackle. Weight with 5 wraps of .015 lead or non-lead wire. This is easy to tie, mix it up and tie in a variety of colors.

Vintage Fly Corner - The Micky Finn

Submitted by Rob Scafe

Mickey Finn

Compiled By Deanna Birkholm

Jungle cock cheeks are not called for on the official version, although they frequently are used. In Canada, the fly is dressed with feathered wings, by adding to the tinsel body a long but narrow tail of a section of a red goose feather, a yellow hackle throat and a wing, extending to the end of the tail, of married sections of yellow, red and yellow goose wings. The wing is a double wing and is long but narrow. The Mickey Finn also can be dressed as a marabou streamer by substituting for the wing, two yellow marabou tips and by adding shoulders of red saddle hackles, as long as the marabou. Jungle cock cheeks also are added in this dressing.

This fly was an unnamed and relatively unknown pattern until Mr. John Alden Knight, angler and author of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, popularized it in his writings. The story of its introduction is quoted from letters to the author from the principals, Mr. Knight says:

"In the spring of 1932, when I was living in Rye, New York, I was invited to fish the waters of a trout club a short distance out of Greenwich. My host, Junior Vanderhoff, gave me a small bucktail which he had found most effective for catching stocked square-tail trout from this little stream (the Mianus River). It delivered the goods that day; in fact, it was the only fly that did so.

I learned from Mr. Vanderhoff that this fly was one of a series of six small bucktails in various color combinations which were at one time put out by William Mills and Son. Then, the fly was known only as the Red and Yellow bucktail. I used the fly for a couple of years quite successfully."



Fly above dressed by John Alden Knight

In his travels, John Alden Knight had several occasions when this fly, now called the Assassin caught more fish than any others used. In the fall of 1937 Mr. Knight wrote a story for *Hunting and Fishing*, about the Mickey Finn, (now re-named from Assassin) and the producers, (The Weber Company) took for an ad in the same issue featuring the fly. John Alden Knight is also the person who developed the Solunar Tables in 1930.

According to Dick Surette's *Trout and Salmon Fly Index*, The Mickey Finn is "A very durable fly that will take trout, salmon, bass and just about anything that swims."

"The magazine appeared on the newsstands when the Sportsmen's Show was on in New York. In the space of two days not a single copy of Hunting and Fishing Magazine could be found on the New York news stands. I suppose that the name and the flashy colors struck the public fancy. In any event the fly tiers at the show were busy for the entire week tying Mickey Finns. Each night bushel baskets of red and yellow bucktail clippings and silver tinsel were swept up by the cleaning crew at Grand Central Palace, and by Friday of that week not a single bit of red or yellow bucktail could be purchased from any of the New York supply houses. It was estimated that between a quarter and a half million of these

flies were dressed and distributed during the course of that show. How accurate that estimate is I have no way of knowing but I do know that almost everybody encounter in the aisles had a Mickey Finn stuck in his hatband . . .

Mr. Gregory Clark . . . adds this:

"A day or two after I named the fly the Assassin I recollected a story that recently had been published in Esquire Magazine about how Rudolph Valentino had been killed by Mickey Finns administered to him by the resentful waiters of New York and Hollywood and I re-christened the fly the Mickey Finn. All we did up here was to make it respectable and legitimate and to give the nameless waif an honest name."

Mickey Finn as dressed by John Alden Knight:

Head: Black.

Body: Medium flat silver tinsel.

Ribbing: Narrow oval silver tinsel.

Wing: A very small bunch of yellow bucktail, over which is a very small bunch of red bucktail, which a bunch of yellow bucktail equal in size to the first two bunches over this. (In dressing this fly correctly, it is important to note that the lower yellow band and the red band are of the same size, but that the upper yellow band is about twice the size of the lower.)

Vintage Fly Corner - The Micky Finn - Continued

Submitted by Rob Scafe



The Dressing

Hook:	4X long 6-10 Mustad: 79580 or 7674, Tiemco: 9395
Thread:	Black for the head 6/0. White under the tinsel body 170
Tail:	None
Rib:	If flat tinsel is used for the body then an oval silver rib is required. Tie in at the head and wrap to the bend keeping it on top of the hook shank with white (keeping it flat) and back to the eye of the hook. Palmer the rib counter to the flat tinsel up to the eye.
Body:	Embossed Silver Tinsel (or flat silver tinsel). Using flat tinsel, tie in 3 eye widths behind the eye down to the bend of the hook and back with touching wraps. Tie off with white thread and clip. Install the black thread at the eye.
W I N G	1. In three parts: yellow, red and yellow buck tail each tied in with black thread.
	2. 1st bunch is a small bunch yellow at least as long as the shank or a third longer cleaned and stacked. Put a dab of head cement at the tie-in point and tapered toward the eye.
	3. 2nd bunch is red the same size as the 1st yellow bunch. Does not have to be stacked. Even up the tips by hand before tying in. Put a dab of head cement at the tie-in point and taper toward the eye.
	4. 3rd bunch is yellow bucktail the size of both the 1st and 2nd bunch together. Does not have to be stacked but even up the tips before tying in. Taper to the eye building the head, whip finish and apply head cement.

[Link to Scribner Bend Website](#)



[Link to Larry Lee's website](#)



DECEMBER 2018 Fly of the Month - The Flame

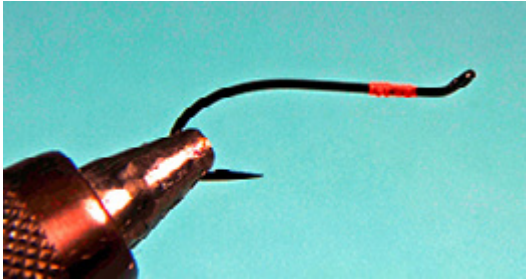
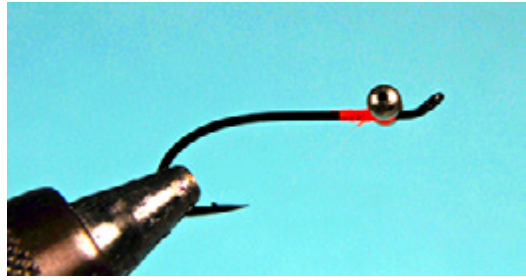


By Bob Bettati

Background:



The Flame was created by Ralph Stone for the Russian River.

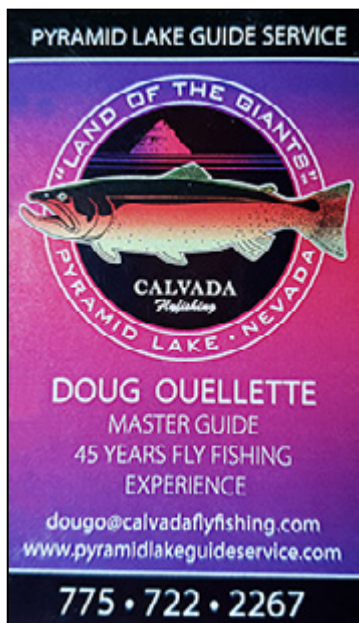
Materials	
Hook:	Tiemco 7999
Thread:	Hot Orange
Tail:	Black Bucktail 1 ½ body
Ribbing:	Oval Silver Tinsel
Body:	Hot Orange Dubbing (UV Hot Orange iced dubbing used)
Hackle:	Hot Orange hackle tied on as a collar
Eyes:	Bead Chain

The Flame

STEP	IMAGE	TYING INSTRUCTIONS
1.		1. Pinch the barb, place the hook in the vise and start the thread.
2.		2. Tie in the bead chain eye and leave enough room between the bead chain and the eye for a head.
3.		3. Tie in the bucktail and a length of tinsel (Gold side up)
4.		4. Start the dubbing (I use a dubbing loop) and wrap forward creating a slight taper to just behind the bead chain.

The Flame

STEP	IMAGE	TYING INSTRUCTIONS
5.		5. Counter wrap the tinsel forward to the bead chain and tie off.
6.		6. Tie in the hackle behind the bead chain and tie off. Build a head of thread in front of the bead chain - Done.



[Doug Ouellette website link](#)

[Link to Fly Fishing Specialties Website](#)



Down River - Obituary for Joseph F. Patterson

Submitted by Jim Victorine

Joseph F. Patterson was born on July 12, 1926 in Broderick, California and passed away at the age of 92 on October 23, 1918 in Auburn, California. Joe married Donna the love of his life, best friend and fishing partner in 1952. They were married for 63 years until she passed away in 2015 due to Parkinson's Disease. Joe worked for the California Department of Fish and Game as supervisor of a fish hatchery near Orrick. He eventually worked for the Courtland Line Company and gave fly casting demonstrations at major sporting events across the country.

Services were held on November 6, 2018 at the East Lawn Memorial Park where he was laid to rest next to his loving wife, Donna.

CFFU Club Meetings

First Tuesday of each month.

Richard Conzelmann Community Center ([PDF Map Link](#))
2201 Cottage Way, Sac., CA 95825

General Meeting Schedule:

6:15 p.m.: Fly Tying Demo

7:00 p.m.: Program Presentation

8:00 p.m.: Club Information

CFFU Membership

New Member: Individual: \$40.00

New Member: Family: \$55.00

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