



ON THE FLY - March 2024

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JEFF STEPHENS

Many thanks to those stepping up to enhance our member's experience and others outside our group...

CONSERVATION

Dave Lentz

Activities of the Conservation Committee,,They have been busy!

SOCIAL/GATHERINGS

ANNUAL DINNER !

April 6, 2024

Dante Club

Laurie Banks

FISHING REPORTS!
American River and the coast.

EDITOR/EDITORIALS

EDITOR-FORREST OLDHAM

Getting restarted, expect stuff to show up here in the future.

TECH SERVICES/SKILLS

Tech Services Corner

Jeff Morin

What we do and will do, some thoughts.

OTHER EVENTS

SPORTS SHOW

This is a wrap-up of the most recent Cal Expo Sports Show

Rich Wilson,

Coordinator

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

GENERAL MEETING

SURPRISE SPEAKER

Unfortunately I am probably at fault in not being able to inform you at this time our speaker. Should get better at this in the future.

OUTREACH/ YOUTH

Canoemobile-4/9,10,12,16-19

Cosumnes Preserve.

John Durand

Girl Scouts-April 20

Lake Camanche

Beverly Thomas

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS!

Our specialty shops are exactly that, SPECIAL ! They are sources of items and information conveniently we need to continue to enjoy our sport. Without our supporting them, they wither away and so does the convenience

President's Corner

by Jeff Stephens

Many thanks to past president Forrest Oldham for getting this monthly newsletter going after a long hiatus. February's been a busy month for CFFU. We had a large New Members Meeting, Tim AuYoung's Beginning Fly Tying Classes and a great Tech Thursday with Andy Guibord. CFFU volunteers helped the Fish in the Classroom Egg Delivery and assisted the parks department with their Fish in the City Derby at Howe Park. We held 101 Classes for Beginners, the monthly Social and many of us attended the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show.

Just yesterday, the new 2024 President's Pins arrived and I'll start handing them out to members who've volunteered and are eligible for the President's Outing later this year.

We're in the middle of the winter months now, but the club is staying busy with activities, our Annual Dinner, Canoemobile, and Girl Scout Program just to name a few. There's a lot going on and don't forget the Otters meet twice a month, keep checking the calendar; Laurie always keeps it updated.

CONSERVATION "A FISH IS TOO PRECIOUS TO BE ENJOYED ONLY ONCE"

Dave Lentz

Who made this quote?

Conservation Committee report for newsletter, Feb, 2024

During 2023, The Conservation Committee's focus was working on a report for Solano County Water Agency. The report was completed and submitted to SCWA in December, 2023. The report concerned habitat restoration and enhancement in lower Putah Creek and fishery management in the "interdam reach" downstream of Lake Berryessa. The Committee's Putah Creek team includes several retired biologists and aquatic habitat professionals. In January, 2024 the Committee met and reviewed organizations and conservation efforts that CFFU donates to and supports. The Committee made recommendations to the CFFU Board of Directors for continued support for these efforts. Also, the Committee continues to research other conservation needs and efforts that we can support with donations and/or volunteer effort. We are following current issues on the American and Yuba Rivers.



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Tech Thursday meetings cover fly fishing topics, ranging from intermediate fly casting and fly tying, to more advanced topics such as rod building, tying Atlantic Salmon patterns, and spey casting.

My brain smokes and my anxiety fuels the flames. I have to come up with topics for Tech Thursday? I have to speak, teach or find presenters? What did I get myself into? I've been told not to worry as I've worked at Kiene's Fly Shop and getting to know the industry. Yeah, but I'm still SO green! This conversation loops in my head on a continuum, like the recurrence button in Outlook was accidentally clicked, as I attempt to piece together a Tech Services schedule for 2024.

With your collective wisdom you may already know the only solution to this anxiety and fear is to, well yes, just GET ON WITH IT!

So, how did I end up as your director of Tech Services? Could the reason be my drive for learning new things? Seeking out the knowledge and wisdom from those who have been fly fishing and tying years before me? Trying to keep up with the ever changing innovations and challenges in today's fly fishing world? Or, what most likely happened, was that I was bamboozled by our current President! Ah, now I know how that saying goes, "I serve at your pleasure Mr. President".

We are here in 2024 and the community, the country, the world is saying let's go out and do something. In our case, as fly fishers, let's get out and fly fish! For me, winter months involve tying flies by the hearth with a glass of bourbon within reach. I recommend a short pour, so that your flies remain recognizable and do not look like a trout has chewed them up.

January was a lucky bye month in my preparation for the year. Tech Services was focused on getting members to, and volunteering for, the International Sportsman Expo Jan 18th - 21st. Our members came out strong and supported the CFFU booth, the youth fly tying and the Nor Cal Fly Tyers and I personally thank you for sacrificing and volunteering your time.

Editor's note: Jeff had much more to say. Check with him to find out!

CANOEMOBILE-Cosumnes River Preserve

April 9-19, certain weekday mornings to early afternoons.



CANOEMOBILE-JOHN DURAND, CHAIRPERSON

ONE OF CFFU'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH PROGRAMS WILL BE RETURNING TO THE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE IN APRIL.

THE CANOEMOBILE IS A FLOATING CLASSROOM, PROVIDING YOUTH FROM THE SACRAMENTO AREA OPPORTUNITIES TO PADDLE CANOES, CAST FLY RODS, EXPLORE A NATURE TRAIL, AND NAVIGATE A COMPASS COURSE. THE SCHOOL CLASSES ARE MOSTLY 6TH GRADERS/11-12-YEAR-OLDS EXCITED TO BE LEARNING NEW SKILLS.

NEW THIS YEAR ARE FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS COORDINATED BY TIM AU-YOUNG!

CFFU VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH FLY CASTING INSTRUCTIONS AND FLY-TYING. WE NEED YOUR HELP APRIL 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19. CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR A TWO-HOUR SHIFT 9:00-11:00 OR 11:00-1:00. PLEASE JOIN US FOR MULTIPLE SHIFTS AND MULTIPLE DAYS IF YOU ARE ABLE.

DEMONSTRATION FLY TIERS, PLEASE CONTACT TIM AU-YOUNG TO SCHEDULE AND FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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CASTING INSTRUCTORS, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN DURAND TO SIGN UP AND FOR MORE DETAILS.

J_DURAND@FRONTIERNET.NET

IMPORTANT: YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT; NEW MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE FUN.

YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANOEMOBILE HERE:

[CANOEMOBILE](#) | [FLOATING CLASSROOM](#) | [WILDERNESS INQUIRY](#)

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE VISIT
[HOMEPAGE - COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE](#)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ENCOURAGE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FISHERS AND CONSERVATIONISTS!

TIM & JOHN

GIRL SCOUTS-

Beverly Thomas, Chair

Lake Camanche

April 20, 2024

CFFU Volunteers,

This year we will only be doing 2- 90 minutes sessions from 9-10:30am and 10:45-12:15pm. The Girl Scouts wanted us to be at the Trout pond, so they could possible catch some trout! They gave us campsites 17-23 overlooking the Trout pond. We will setup the Fly Tyers, Entomology and Fish identification booths on these campsites. The Safety, knots and rod booth with dry and wet casting will be on the lake near us.

I also would like to setup a fishing hut so the girls could use it like a photo booth. We could have hats, fishing vests and possibly a boat or canoe for props! If you have any ideas, please send them to me.

I will be gone from 3/9-16. Thanks to all of you for volunteering.

You're the best!!!

Beverly Thomas 916-613-5803

ANNUAL DINNER- ONCE AGAIN AT THE DANTE CLUB!

April 6, 2024 Save the Date! Annual Dinner and Fundraiser April 6th

CFFU's 2024 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 6th, at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. Sacramento. This is our big fundraiser and social event. We'd like everyone to join us for the terrific food, great raffle and auction items, and wonderful camaraderie! Everyone is welcome: club members, family members, friends, co-workers, or neighbors... anyone who's interested in having a wonderful time, winning great prizes, and supporting a great cause. So please mark the date on your calendar.

You can buy your dinner and raffle tickets at the March General Meeting, but the sooner the better! You can also buy dinner tickets from our website with your credit card or PayPal account. Tickets are \$45. Proceeds from the dinner support our Fish in the Classroom program, local conservation and restoration

<http://www.cffu.org/annual-dinner.html>

efforts,

monthly speakers.



One of the raffle items



CAL EXPO SPORTS SHOW REPORT



CFFU was at the annual International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) event at Cal Expo in Sacramento, January 18-21, 2024. The ISE is one of CFFU's annual new members recruiting event, and we also raise funds for club activities and Kids programs by direct solicitation and a fly rod raffle. I asked club members to volunteer and help participate in manning our membership booth and making this year's recruiting drive a success. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the ISE CFFU Membership Booth this year. Helping me set up our booth before the show was: my wife Sandy Wilson. On the first day of the show, I drove to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery to pick up the fish for our fish tank display. The members who helped man our membership booth during the ISE show were: Gary Howard, Bob Bettati, Laurie Banks, Paul Wisheropp, Sheila Cavanagh, William McZeek, Mike Giusti, Dick Angus, Richard Stinson, Jeff Howard, Steve Payer, David Duenas, Brandie Herron, David Jepma, Patricia Simms, Julie Kaye, Tim Landrus, Penny Ivanovich, Dan Nelson, Ron Rabun, Diane Terrell, Steve Brisby, Mark Tankersley, Terry Block, James Haufler, Joe Luna, David Andrada, Forrest Oldham and I Rich Wilson.

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I would like to thank Sam Martinez and Joe Colton who also maned our booth and who help me take down the booth right after the ISE show closed and a special thanks to Forrest Oldham who helped man our booth all 4 days and Brandie Herron who helped in the booth for 3 days. Brandie also took credit card payments for new memberships and Fly Rod raffle tickets. During the ISE show we recruited 21 new memberships with a number of people who said they were interested and would attend our regular meeting to check us out. Thank you everyone for all your help and dedication during this year's Sportsmen's Exposition!

On February 6th at our general meeting our Membership Director Sheila Cavanagh signed up 7 more new members who checked us out at the ISE show, for a total of 28 new memberships. We now have a new record for memberships from the ISE show. At the end of the general meeting the winning ticket was drawn for raffle TFO fly rod from the numerous tickets sold at the ISE show and the general meeting. It was a 9 foot, 5 weight, 4 piece, fly rod with storage case valued at \$269.95. Not bad for purchasing a few dollars of raffle tickets.

The winning ticket belonged to Carol Wells from Decatur Texas. Carol purchased a number of tickets for the fly rod as she was manning the booth right next to our booth. Carol's booth was representing Women Fly Fishers. Congratulations Carol on your new fly rod. Thank you everyone for all your help and dedication during this year's Sportsmen's Exposition!

Rich Wilson
ISE / CFFU Membership Booth Coordinator