



CASTING NEWS FROM DAVE LENTZ

Walking around Cal Expo, looking through the booths and exhibits at the International Sportsmen's Expo, one particular video showing on a monitor stopped me. There were images of anglers casting flies in some far northern waters and landing Arctic Char and Northern Pike....hmmmm. OK, there's two species that I haven't caught and I suppose they should be on the ol' bucket list. I should think about that some more. A while ago I figured that by the time I would be CFFU President that I would also be retired and have abundant time to engage in activities that our Club provides and go places I haven't been to and fish lots more than usual. Well, it didn't quite work out that way. I'm still working (I still enjoy what I do at work) and I just have to be a better time-manager to fit everything in. I'm pretty sure that I won't be fishing the Northwest Territories or Yukon this year but that means I still have time to figure out how to get there another year. An easier target for this year is to fish somewhere that I haven't been to before a little closer to home. Fortunately, California is a big place and there's places I still need to hit here.

Speaking of the 2017 ISE, more than 40 CFFU members volunteered to staff our two booths. A ton of wooly buggers were tied with kids at the ISE Youth Fair and some new members were signed up at the Club's booth after hearing about the opportunities we offer to meet new flyfishers, learn and expand flyfishing skill and go fishing on club outings. New members and folks new to flyfishing have some great opportunities in February, starting with the New Members Meeting, February 8. We also have beginning Fly Tying and Fly Fishing 101 classes. Thanks to all who represented CFFU at the ISE.

Cheers, Dave Lentz

FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our February 7th speaker is Ernie Gulley and he will be presenting a program on Crowley Lake Fishing Tactics. Ernie is "the" recognized expert on fly fishing Crowley and has helped revolutionize the way we look at indicator fishing for trout! He will show us how to find fish, set up, and how to maximize our chances for success. He will reveal secrets about indicators but will also touch on sinking lines and stripping tactics that work as well. He will talk about the history and geography of the lake, and will also take a look at the trout's diet.

The fish in this lake are fabulous and Ernie does a tremendous job of putting his clients on them. He's known as one of the hardest workers in the industry and I can attest that he's also one of the nicest guys! Many of our club members have taken advantage of his services while attending the Mammoth campout and he's been very generous with his time and talents.

This is a terrific program that I highly recommend!

Ken Giesser
Programs Director



FLY TYING DEMO

Come see February's demo tier. They will start tying at 6:15 pm so come early to watch him tie some of their magic at the vise.

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TECH THURSDAY

California Fly Fishers Unlimited offers a series of programs each month on the "technical" aspects of fly fishing. The program covers fly fishing topics, ranging from beginning fly casting and introductory fly tying, to more advanced topics such as rod building, tying Atlantic Salmon patterns, and spey casting. Let Carl Lang know if there are any subjects you would like to see... or to teach! Tech Thursday's are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA

NAME BADGE DRAWING by Rich Wilson

Each month we will be drawing for a \$30.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at one of the 3 fly shops in our area. Each month the \$30.00 gift certificate will be from a different fly shop in rotation. To qualify for the name badge drawing a member MUST be wearing his or her CFFU engraved name badge. Each member will receive one ticket for wearing his or her engraved badge. At the end of the meeting one ticket will be drawn for the gift certificate. You must be present at the time of the drawing. New members will still be eligible to receive the 10% off any item at the LOGO table.

FREE FLY DRAWING

Bring a Fly to the monthly meeting and have a chance to win. Drop the fly in the cup at Rich Wilson's desk and receive a ticket. At the end of the evening, a ticket is drawn and the winner gets all of the fly's in the cup.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New members are encouraged to attend one of the quarterly meetings held at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA. The next meeting will be February 8th at 6:30 pm. Here you can meet other new members, ask questions, receive contact information and possibly find a fishing buddy. President Laurie Banks and Membership Director Rich Wilson supervise these meetings and will help you get the most out of your club. You will also receive a certificate for 6 free flies from local fly fishing shops. Look for more info in the coming newsletters.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| February 6 | CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 |
| February 7 | CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm |
| February 8 | New Member meeting at 6:30 pm |
| February 13,15,17 | Fly tying for beginners |
| February 16 | Tech Thursday at 6:30 pm, topic: rod building |
| February 21 | Fly fishing 101 class, part 1 |
| February 22 | Social Night, topic: Cancelled |
| February 23 | Fly fishing 101 class, part 2 |
| February 25 | Deadline for article submission to newsletter |
| March 6 | CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm |
| March 7 | CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm |
| March 16 | Tech Thursday, topic TBA |
| March 25 | Deadline for article submission to newsletter |
| March 29 | Social Night, topic teaching youth |

FLY FISHING 101

This class is generally offered on two consecutive Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Northminster Church (Social Hall, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento).

This class for new fly fishers includes: selecting the proper fly rod and reel, essential knots, rigging the fly rod, selecting flies, safety, equipment and accessories. Participants bring their fly rod and reel, leader material and tippet material to the first class. If you do not yet own a rod, let us know. We will provide you with a loaner rod and reel. If you have any questions, please contact the course coordinator, Tim Landrus.

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JANUARY 2017 SPEAKER

On January 3rd, we were treated to an outstanding program from guide Jon Baiocchi that featured Dry Fly Fishing. This program was exceptional in a number of ways! First, it centered on a very popular method of fly fishing, but one we seldom hear about in any type of forum these days, at least not around here. There's a lot of nymphing clinics going on but hardly anything on dries. Dry fly fishing is a little bit more personal to each angler's skill set. It's a style easy enough to pick up but also difficult enough to ever completely master! You could spend a lifetime enjoying and never really tire of it. Secondly, this program kind of broke new ground with the way in which Jon used animation to illustrate his points. It can sometimes be hard to explain things verbally and dry fly fishing in real time can be very hard to capture on video. Timing and all must be perfect. By framing in animation, Jon was able to slowly and deliberately break down everything involved in the process. Brilliant! I might also add, the quality of his animation and photography was over the top!

This program was so good and had so much in it that I'm tempted to just say, "You should have been there", but in case you weren't I'll try to summarize. Jon started off with a brief history of the dry fly and then moved to understanding rise forms, simple to complex presentations, approaching water structure, tips and tricks, and finally to his all-time favorite dries for eager to educated trout. Jon had everyone's attention and many questions were asked and answered. I think we all left with a little more knowledge, enthusiasm, and encouragement to fish the "Drys". Dry fly fishing really is the epitome of fly fishing in the truest sense. Great Program! Thanks Jon!

Ken Giesser

CFFU Programs Director

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's renewal time for CFFU members.

Sign up at the general meeting, or

Send the Membership Form, found on page 6, along with your dues to:

California Fly Fishers Unlimited
Attn: Membership Chair
P. O. Box 162997
Sacramento, CA 95816

Or renew online at <http://www.cffu.org/renew.html>.

New Membership Dues: (Includes \$10 initiation fee.)

After September 1, annual fees are pro-rated through December 31.

New Member-Individual: \$40.00

New Member-Family: \$55.00(Includes spouse and children under 18 years old.)

New Member-Junior: \$25.00 (Under 18 years old)

2017 ISE SHOW

Each year California Fly Fishers Unlimited has a booth at the Youth Fair. California Fly Fishers Unlimited is a fly club here in Sacramento, established in 1962, is dedicated to the promotion of fly-fishing and conservation issues related to fishing. California Fly Fishers Unlimited has over 120 classrooms here in the Sacramento area that participate in the Fish In The Classroom Project. The sole purpose of the club's booth here at the ISE Youth Fair is to help youth tie a fly. Each year we tie over 200 hundred Woolly Bugger flies with the youth. They take home the fly that they tie. There are Woolly Buggers that would be welcome at the next rock concert for their colors and then there are Woolly Buggers that would be welcome for lunch for the next trout or bass that might see it. The Woolly Bugger is a very popular fly with bass and trout fly fisherman. Drop by our booth with your child and tie a fly with us. I would like to thank the tiers that helped us this year Rich Wilson, Roman Gardea, Dick Angus, Jeff Howard, Christie Roberts, Michael Roberts, Robert Rountree, Ken Nordeste, John Coldiron, Tim AuYoung, Tim Landrus, Chuck Honeycutt, Glenn Yee, John Coldiron, Gary Eastman, Greg Van Koersel, Lanny Garman, and Ken Giesser.

Gary Howard



SOCIAL NIGHT MEETING

Social Nights offer a great way to connect with other club members, enjoy refreshments, and participate in an educational fishing presentation in a smaller gathering. Previous evenings have included fly tying lessons, entomology 101, fishing and catching techniques, rod rigging and knot tying, casting techniques, and more. We've learned about fishing lakes and rivers, toured local fly shops, and fished together.

Everyone is welcome. Think about attending if:

- you are new to CFFU and want to meet new people,
- you are a beginning fly fisher,
- you are a woman, regardless of fly fishing skill level,
- are not a CFFU member, but are interested in fly fishing and the club,
- you have nothing to do that night and want to socialize with other fly fishers,
- the topic of the month is of interest to you. See Calendar.

HISTORY

The socials were started in 2013 as a way to bring together women fly fishers. It was so much fun, the women decided to meet monthly. Since the original meeting the concept has grown. Women brought husbands and boyfriends to the meetings. Soon additional club members who were interested in the monthly topic joined us. Although the makeup of the meetings has changed the purpose is the same. The socials are a nice way to meet and talk to other fly fishers in a small, relaxed environment.



FLY TYING EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

The Fly Tying Exchange provides an opportunity for members to practice their tying skills and share their flies with other tiers. Another benefit is the chance to win a gift certificate to a local fly shop.

Each month members submit one dozen samples of the same fly, along with the written recipe of the fly and any comments they wish to provide. The club will take two of the flies to be sold in fly boxes at the annual dinner. One additional fly is kept to be photographed and archived on the CFFU webpage. The remaining flies are then distributed among the participants for that month. Each contributor will receive flies from all the other contributors, but none of their own.

Monthly Setup

The Fly Tying Exchange table is set up at each monthly meeting. A table and three chairs are made available on the left side of the room (when facing the stage). The tools for conducting the exchange are in a marked box that is stored on the top shelf in the far right cabinet on the stage. The sign for the exchange is stored on top of the box.

The box contains several items. There is a blue folder that has blank recipe sheets, and a lined form entitled “CFFU Fly Tiers Exchange” (call this the “Summary Sheet”) to list the monthly tiers and their flies. “Date” is written on the top right corner. An open sectioned tray, with numbers written in each section, is used to distribute the flies back to the participants. A fly box with flies from preceding months and a couple of empty fly boxes are also in the marked box. These are used to hold the flies that will be photographed and uploaded to the CFFU webpage.

Exchange Procedures

The number of flies submitted will vary from month to month. Each fly must have a completed recipe page along with the container. The Fly Tying Exchange coordinator writes the month and year in the top right corner of the recipe sheet and puts a number corresponding to the order in which the fly is submitted (1,2,3, etc). This number will be used to distribute the flies and to identify the fly and it’s tier for the photographs.

Preparing Flies for Photography

One sample will be placed in the fly box used to give to Jim Simon who photographs the flies. The sections in this box are numbered. The fly is to be placed in the section with the number corresponding to the number put on the recipe form.

The month and year are written in next to the “Date” at the top of the Summary Sheet. The name of the fly and the fly tier’s name are put on the Summary Sheet in numerical order. A recipe sheet and sample fly must be collected from the Demonstration Fly Tier for that evening. The name of the fly and the tier are entered at the bottom of the Summary Sheet. The sample fly is placed in the section marked “demo fly” in the photography fly box. This sheet will be attached to the fly box and given to Jim at the end of the meeting. He will come to get it when he is ready to leave.

Distributing the Flies

When distributing the flies, two of each submission will be placed in the large fly box containing the previous months’ flies.

The open sectioned tray is used to distribute the remaining flies among the participants. Note the number of flies submitted this month. This will determine how many sections will be needed. There should be a raffle ticket in the tray. This is used to mark the number of each fly as it is distributed so that none of that fly goes to it’s tier. Place the raffle ticket in the section marked “1.” Take the remaining flies from the participant marked number 1 on the recipe sheet and place one in each of the other sections with numbers equaling the number submissions for this month. Repeat until all of the Number 1 flies have been distributed. Number 1 will not be getting any of their flies back. When finished with number 1, move the raffle ticket to space 2. Take the flies for number 2 and put one in each section. Section 1 will get one of these flies along with everyone else. When all of the flies have been placed in the appropriate spaces in the tray, you have the collection to be returned to the tiers. All of the flies put into space number 1 are returned to the fly box for recipe 1. All of the flies in space 2 are returned to the fly box for recipe 2, and so on...

The recipe sheets are collected and kept by the fly tying exchange to be typed up and uploaded to the website with the corresponding photograph. The fly tying exchange coordinator will be responsible for the typing of the recipes and distribution to the Fly Tying Demonstration Chair and the Newsletter Editor.

Don Wallace

FLY TIERS EXCHANGE by Don Wallace

Photo's by James Simon



Rob Scafe tied a **Mickey Finn** on a Mustad 9674 or other 3X or 4X hook using 6/0 black thread. The ribbing is oval silver tinsel and the body is flat silver tinsel. The wing is small bunches of yellow bucktail, then red bucktail, with 4 strands of red crystal flash and yellow bucktail on top.



Christie Roberts tied an **Pale Morning Dun** using 8/0 black thread. The tail is zebra striped hackle feather. The rib is small gold wire and the body is light natural dubbing. The wingcase is turkey biots and the thorax is razor foam (1 mm or 1/2 mm). The legs are dark crystal flash.



Tim Landrus tied a **Candy Cane Midge** on a curved scud hook size 18-22 using white 8/0 thread. The rib is red 8/0 tying thread twisted tight or red wire. The body is white floss.



See tying instructions in the next column.

Sam Yee was the demonstration tier. He tied a **Flashtail Clouser** on a size 1/0 60 degree bend jig hook using yellow 140 ultra thread.

Size 1/0 60 degree jig hook

- UV flashaboo
- White bucktail 3-4 inches hairs
- Yellow or olive or black bucktail with 3-4 inch long hairs
- Dumbbell eyes of your choice, none, bead chain & heavier
- Yellow 140 ultra thread
- Schlappen feathers, white, barred,
- Puglisi dubbing brush, uv, white, ice or pearl about 1-1.5 inch from wire to tips

Tying instructions for Flashtail Clouser

Note: We are tying the fly upside down so the top is the white belly and the bottom is the yellow top when fishing the fly normally between the two layers is the uv flashaboo which is 3/4 inch longer than the bucktail. On the side is the barred schlappen which acts as the lateral line or the par marks

Pick 4-8 strand of uv flashaboo cut about 3/4 inch longer than the bucktail tie to the hook at the start of the bend, tie this fly upside down with the hook point & eye down. Wrap the thread around the hook shaft and wind back to the start of the bend tie in uv flashaboo wrap securely.

Cut white bucktail, not too much about 12-20 hairs, cut close to the skin to make it as long as possible. If you are tying smaller flies you can cut the bucktail again at the fat end of the hairs to save the tips for the fly. You can also use a hair stacker to even the tips if you like. Tie in the white bucktail on top of the hook (which is the bottom of the fly since we are tying the fly upside down).

Turn the fly point up and cut and tie in a equal length of yellow bucktail

Cut about 10 yellow buck tails and tie in backwards with the butt pointed towards the point and the tips towards the eye. Now the hook is point up wrap about 1/4 inch in front of the previous yellow bucktail.

Cut about 10 white hairs turn the hook point down and tie white bucktail with the butts facing the point and the tips towards the eye about 1/4 inch away from the previous white bucktail.

Use your fingers to fold back the tips away from the eye and towards the point work the bucktail to surround the hook shaft and push the bucktail back towards the point. Hold the white & yellow bucktail back towards the point and wrap the thread tightly against the bucktail to you can keep wrapping until a ramp is formed that will hold both the yellow and white bucktail so the tips are towards the back of point end of the fly.

Pick 2 matching barred schlappen, match the tips and cut to length about 3/4 - 1/2 the total length of the fly, tie one schlappen feather on each side to mimic the lateral line or par marks.

Turn point down, tie in dumbbell eye about 1/3 the look length from the eye, use figure 8s and then wrap around the base, glue or hard head in place

Wrap Puglisi Dubbing Brush onto point side of dumbbell, wrap one complete time around hook shaft & 2 times around hook shaft on the eye side of the dumbbell wrap to cover the wire completely, check hook eye to see if there is a gap, if there is a gap fill the gap with the thread and apply head cement and whip finish

FLY OF THE MONTH

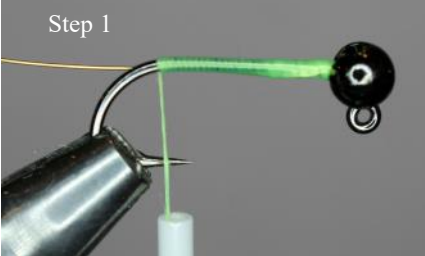
Simple Cased Caddis Jig

Tied and photographed by: Jim Berdan

MATERIALS:

Hook: Daiichi 4647, Size 10
Bead: Slotted Tungsten, Size 5/32", Black
Thread: UTC Ultra Thread, 140 Denier, Chartreuse
Rib: UTC Ultra Wire, Medium, Gold
Dubbing: Hare's Ear, Natural

This fly originates from Darlington, UK, and was tied by Andy Saunders. It is an extremely easy fly to tie. It's tied on a jig hook, which means it will ride in the water column hook point up. It represents a cased caddisfly and the dubbed body can be a variety of colors and materials. Here I used natural hare's ear dubbing. It is normally tied in sizes 10 through 14 and can be fished as a dropper under an indicator or another fly.



Step 1

Step 1: Slide the slotted bead onto the hook. Start the thread just behind the bead and tie in the wire rib. Wind the thread over the wire rib and finish at the start of the hook bend.

Step 2: Start a dubbing noodle at the bend of the hook and dub forward to just behind the eye.



Step 2



Step 3

Step 3: Counter wrap the wire forward in open spirals, four to five evenly spaced turns, and secure the wire behind the bead.

Step 4: With tying thread form a collar behind the bead to create a hot spot, which represents the body of the caddis protruding from the shell. Whip fishing, apply head cement, and don't forget to pinch the barb.



Step 4



Step 5

Step 5: The finished fly. Give it a try.

UPDATES ON CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION TOPICS

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURTS BANS SUCTION DREDGING

Suction dredging is a technique used by miners to remove gold from the rocks, gravel and sand that comprise the bottom of a stream. A high-powered, gas operated suction hose initially vacuums any loose material from the streambed. Heavier material, including gold, is separated at the surface by passing it through a floating sluice box, with the remaining water, silt, sand and gravel discharged back into the waterway. This operation results in large craters on the stream bottom, along with altering the spawning substrate for fish and damaging the habitat of aquatic invertebrates. There is also the potential to release mercury into the water column along with significant amounts of fine particulates resulting in downstream siltation. Generally, mercury occurs in the non-toxic, inert form; however, subsequent environmental chemical processes may convert the released mercury into a hazardous form that is potentially toxic to aquatic species and humans.

In 2009, the California legislature imposed a temporary moratorium on issuing dredging permits. An individual miner challenged this decision stating that the old, but still current, federal mining law pre-empted California environmental protection laws. Initially, a local trial judge ruled in favor of the State; however, a subsequent Court of Appeals review modified that decision, favoring the plaintiff. Finally, the case made its way to the California Supreme Court. The State argued their right to protect the environment was not pre-empted by the federal Mining Act of 1872. The plaintiff argued that the State failed to show that dredge mining was harmful to the environment, i.e. killed any fish. In a unanimous decision, the State Supreme Court ruled that the federal mining law did not guarantee a right to mine free of regulation, and thereby, the Court upheld the ban on dredge mining in California streams. This issue is far from over, since the plaintiff, with support from fellow gold miners, is likely to appeal the California decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

SMITH RIVER PROTECTION FROM MINING

In 2016 members of the California legislature approved Senate Joint Resolution 3, which urged the federal government to protect the North Fork of the Smith River watershed in Oregon from possible nickel mining operations from Canadian companies. These open pit activities could have potential adverse impacts on water supplies, local economies, recreation and the environment in California's section of this watershed.

Recently, (January 12, 2017) Congressional representatives from Oregon and California secured a 20-year ban on new mining projects in this environmentally sensitive region. The areas protected include the watershed of the National Wild and Scenic North Fork Smith River in Oregon, the watershed of Rough and Ready Creek (a tributary to the Illinois and Rogue Rivers) and 17 miles of the National Wild and Scenic Chetco River. All these systems are known for their wild salmon and steelhead populations which are vital to the economic, recreational and natural resources of these areas in Southern Oregon. The representatives involved in this action were: Reps. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Jared Huffman (D-CA) and Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR).

Other recent activities in 2016 to provide future protection for the Smith River Watershed include a California Department of Fish and Wildlife proposal to designate the Upper South Fork as a Heritage Trout stream, which is home to one of California's native fish, the Coastal Cutthroat Trout. This proposal has the support of the Smith River Alliance, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout and other conservation groups, as well as the Northern California Council of the International Federation of fly Fishers, who is currently developing a Fisheries Management Plan for the Smith River watershed.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AND FISH HABITAT PROTECTION

California voters passed Proposition 64, which legalizes the recreational use of marijuana. In contrast to Colorado, which grows most (all?) of its marijuana in greenhouses, California's unregulated marijuana "industry" has thrived for decades in the secluded wilderness regions of the north state. Many of the cultivation areas are located near the small headwaters of coastal rivers (e.g. the Trinity, Eel, Mattole), primarily because of the significant amount of water required for the marijuana plants. Diverting water from these tributaries, particularly during periods of drought, can impact the migration and spawning habitats of salmon and steelhead. Additionally, the practice of clear-cutting trees, and the use of herbicides, rodenticides and other hazardous chemicals has had a detrimental effect on these pristine and sensitive ecosystems.

A significant part of Prop. 64 is the provision of funding to repair environmental damage associated with the illegal cultivation of marijuana. Specifically, Prop. 64 allocates funding to restore watersheds and habitats that have been damaged, to improve stewardship and the operation of state parks and wildlife areas to prevent future damage, and to enforce environmental laws that affect fish and wildlife habitat. Funding for these activities will come from a tax on the sale and cultivation of marijuana, with 20% of that revenue dedicated to Environmental Restoration and Protection.

Prop. 64 also contains restrictions on pesticide use, as well as funding to enforce regulations on water diversions. Prop. 64 further requires licenses to prove that growers are in compliance with a number of environmental laws and regulations, including lake or streambed alteration permits and agreements, rules that protect endangered species and water rights, and the Clean Water Act.

Whether you voted for or against Prop. 64 is not the issue at hand. The issue is protecting the habitats of our fish and wildlife where marijuana has been or will be cultivated, and insuring that our regulatory agencies do what is necessary to enforce the environmental laws under Prop 64.

Keith Pfeifer, Conservation Director
February 2017

Note: for more background information on these three topics, please refer to previous CFFU Newsletter conservation articles in the archives on our web site. Smith River Mining: March 2015; Suction Dredge Mining: April 2015; Marijuana: Nov 2015

Upcoming outings

UPCOMING OUTINGS

FOR DETAILS ON A PARTICULAR OUTING, PLEASE CONTACT THE FISHMEISTER OR ASST. FISHMEISTER

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| March 25, 2017 | Lower Yuba (UC Preserve) | Fishmeister: Mike Wigginton; tr109mike@comcast.net |
| March 31 - April 2, 2017 | Pyramid Lake | Fishmeister: John Daniels; jedaniels@ucdavis.edu |
| April 9 - 11, 2017 | Lower Sacramento River | Fishmeister : Jeff Howard; jhighcntrv1@gmail.com |
| April 22 - 23, 2017 | Pyramid Lake | Fishmeister: Meloney Welborn; melwel2222@gmail.com |

LOWER YUBA OUTING MARCH 25, 2017

SUMMARY:

The Lower Yuba River is one of California's top wild trout tailwater fisheries. The Yuba river rainbows are known to be hard fighting and at this time of year they are usually willing to rise to dry flies that are big enough for us to see. UC Davis opens up their Sierra Foothill Research Station to fly clubs allowing 20 anglers a unique access to fish the Yuba River between Englebright Dam and the Hwy 20 bridge. This section of the river receives far less pressure than the rest of the river but the fish are still pretty wary.

MEETING LOCATION:

8279 Scott Forbes Rd Browns Valley, Ca 95918

We must enter property as a group so we will meet by the gate and enter together. NOBODY ENTERS ON THEIR OWN!

DIRECTIONS:

A good meeting place is the gas station at Hwy 20 and Marysville Rd. From there drive east on Hwy 20 for 2.5 miles, turn left on Peoria Rd for 1.6 miles then take a slight right onto Scott Forbes Rd. The entrance is about 3.5 miles from there. Park on the shoulder of the road until everyone has arrived, at that point I will hand out passes and we will enter as a group.

MEETING TIME:

8:00 am

FISHING FEES:

\$10 (covers fees charged by UC Davis and main course for lunch)

UC Davis limits this outing to 20 people so the first 20 people with \$10 cash will be on the list. We will also have a wait list.

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION:

4-6wt rod with floating line (sink line if you want to throw streamers or swing flies), 3-5x leaders, split shot, strike indicators, waders, wading boots (preferably with spikes), I would also recommend a wading staff. 2017 California Fishing License with a Steelhead Report Card

FLIES:

Dries:

Skwala Stone or Olive Stimulator, 10; March Brown, 12-14; Parachute Adams, 14-18; Comparadun, Olive, 16-18;

Blue Winged Olive (BWO), 18-20;

Nymphs:

Fox Poopah, 14-16; Prince Nymph, 12-16; Rubberlegs Stone, 6-8; Pheasant Tail, 16-20; Micro May, 14-18; Hogan's S&M, 16-18

MEAL INFORMATION:

Around 1:00pm a prepared lunch is planned. Part of the fee for this outing covers the main course. Please bring a side dish to share and your own beverages. Please let Jeff Stephens (FFJeff4@AOL.com) know what side dish you are planning to bring.

FISHING NOTES:

The most effective way to fish the Lower Yuba River is with nymphs, either tight line/Euro or indicator. On a normal water year, whatever that is in California, this is Skwala and March Brown time so there could be some opportunities for dry fly action. If you're into Spey fishing swinging soft hackles and caddis pupah can be very effective.

Mike Wigginton

OTTER'S ACTIVITIES

The OTTER'S (OLD TIMERS TYING, EATING and RECREATIONAL SOCIETY) generally meets weekly for lunch, fly tying and fishing. Everyone is welcome at CFFU OTTERS events. Even "working" folks who may have a day off. An e-mail is sent on the CFFU listserv before each activity; please respond if you will be attending and then just show up.

Check the listserv for upcoming OTTERS events.

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CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS UNLIMITED

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Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of the month at Conzelmann Community Center, 2201 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA.

Individual annual dues are \$30 per member, \$45 per family, renewed in January of each year and prorated after June 30th for those joining later, and a \$10 initiation fee. Board of Directors meetings are held on the Monday preceding the regular first Tuesday meeting at East Ranch Clubhouse, 150 East Ranch Road, Sacramento, CA 95725

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