



## CASTING NEWS FROM DAVE LENTZ

Last month's Club meeting we saw some examples of the things that that CFFU's support enables. The Bittner Scholarship winner, Tawny Scanlan, provided a summary of her Ph.D. research at UC Davis. Bittner winners receive some meaningful support from the scholarship funding that the CFFU provides. Also, we saw a video clip and heard an account from the Friends of Auburn Ravine. The Club provided funding to acquire a camera system that is used to help document Chinook salmon that migrate into the Ravine to spawn and we heard about the progress that this project is making. And finally we saw a fascinating presentation by our own Forrest Oldham on "Why he fly fishes." Forrest continues to give back to the Club and to others by teaching and sharing his knowledge and talent with those that are new to our sport. Thanks, Forrest!!

Also, in September, dozens of CFFU members, led by Tim Au-Young, participated in the annual Hagan Park Fish Derby, one of the Club's signature community service events. An event where we give back to those less fortunate in the community with some experience of the joy of fishing. Thanks, Tim !!

Coming up in October there are many great fishing opportunities that you will want to pursue. There is a Club outing to the Lower Sacramento River in Redding, involves a float on the river with guides that will get you into some thrilling fishing. Also, Sunday October 15, the annual President's Outing will take place at the Green River Brewery/Taproom and event center in Winters. There will be a fabulous lunch prepared by the chef at Green River and fishing will be available at Putah Creek and Lake Solano. Also there will be some entertaining fun with horseshoes, cornhole, and casting contests on the lawn. Please check the CFFU website for more info on this outing and stay tuned for additional information on the list serve. The President's Outing is an event to thank those members who have helped the Club and its many activities during 2017. You are invited to the Outing if you have earned your President's Pin—participated in at least two CFFU education, community service, or conservation events, or served on a committee or held a leadership position. Past President Laurie Banks has the database tracking the membership's contributions that have earned them the "Pin." Check with Laurie if you are unsure if you have completed the service to earn the pin. Thanks, Laurie!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the President's Outing!

Cheers, Dave Lentz

P.S. Buy Your Annual Dinner (November 12) Ticket now!! You won't want to miss that either.

## OCTOBER 2017 SPEAKER

Our October 3rd speaker is Squaw Valley Guide, Matt Heron and he will be presenting a program entitled Seasons on the Truckee-A Guides Perspective. It's a real treat to have Matt come back and do a program for us. He's one of the premier guides for the Tahoe region and this program ties in nicely to the Truckee outing we just had in late June. As a club, we used to visit the Truckee every year but this was our first time back in a long while. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions while they're still fresh in our minds and also build a foundation for future outings to the region. Matt knows the Truckee like few others, is natural born teacher, and runs one of the most amazing fly fishing schools in the country! You don't want to miss this one!

Ken Giesser  
Programs Director



## FLY TYING DEMO

Come see September's demo tier, Ken Nordeste. Ken will start tying at 6:15 pm so come early to watch him tie some of his 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.

## PRE-MEETING CASTING by SAM YEE

You are invited to join us for **Fly Casting Instruction** before the monthly meeting from about 6:00 pm until the meeting starts by Forrest Oldham, Bruce Bartholomew, Bill Siska, Craig Williams & a cast of CFFU Volunteers. We even have a FFF Certified Casting Instructor on hand to help out (Sam Yee). The monthly format is a good way to learn a few new skills, practice them & learn a few more new skills the following month. Bring your favorite fly rod and a brightly colored floating line. We have a few loaner fly rod available. Don't be shy, just ask for some help, there is usually others who are more than happy to help you, Beginning Fly Casting to Advanced, Double Hauling, Wind Knots, Roll & Spey casting, Distance, Accuracy, Plus Switch & Spey casting.

## REFRESHMENTS

Bev Lorens will be selling refreshments before the meeting.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 2	CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm
October 3	CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm. Topic: Matt Heron, Seasons on the Truckee, A Guide's Perspective
October 15	President's Outing (see page 11 for more details)
October 19	Tech Thursday 6:30 pm—Topic: TBA
October 25	Social Night-Topic: TBA
October 25	Deadline for article submission to the newsletter
November 6	CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm
November 7	CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm. Topic: Bill Forward, What Trout See.
November 8	New member meeting at 6:30 pm
November 12	Annual Dinner (for more info see page 13)
November 16	Tech Thursday at 6:30 pm. Topic: Fly in an ornament
November 25	Deadline for article submission to the newsletter
December 4	CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm
December 5	CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm. Topic: Member's slide show
December 21	Tech Thursday at 6:30 pm
December 25	Deadline for article submission to the newsletter

## 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 meetings occur on the second Wednesday in February, May, August, and November. 6:30 p.m. Here you can meet other new members, ask questions, receive contact information and possibly find a fishing buddy. Past 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.

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## SEPTEMBER 2017 SPEAKER

As a member of CFFU you receive many benefits. One of which is the opportunity to receive first rate presentations from some of fly fishing's premier sportsmen. This month was no exception as we were treated to a video of fly fishing history created and narrated by none other than our own Forrest Oldham.

Forrest is one of the oldest continuous members of our club, a Past President, casting instructor, naturalist, photojournalist, and videographer he culled through over 50 years of personal photographs to bring forth a presentation titled "Why I Fly Fish." This was indeed a special night as we were treated to photos of some of fly fishing's early greats along with images of a young Forrest fishing and at the tying bench.

We were challenged to take time for reflection and introspection on this sport we so richly enjoy. I personally enjoy the interesting slant Forrest puts on nature and tools of the trade. His tongue-in-cheek approach to the topic keeps things interesting and lively. Forrest has a rich history with CFFU, generously giving of his personal time and expertise; we owe him a great deal of gratitude.

Thank you, Forrest.  
John Coldiron



Photo courtesy of KJ Fong.

## 2017 BITTNER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



Photos courtesy of KJ Fong.



## 2017 HAGAN FISH DERBY

Well, another year has come and gone for this Community Service Award winning Event. These are the organizations that made it all happen:

1. Sacramento County, Therapeutic Recreations Services, TRS - Invite, pre-register, and register the participants the day of the event
2. Department of Fish and Wildlife - Procure and make arrangements for the 1000 pounds of farmed catfish donated to the event, FREE!
3. Carmichael Kiwanis, and their Foothill High School affiliate Key Club, grilling lunch, FREE!
4. The Big Red Worm Company, Elverta, for donating the bait all FREE of charge!

Last and not least, California Fly Fishers Unlimited, CFFU, all 36 of us, sharing the wonderful life of fishing, catch and release, conservation and ecology.

The weather and Mother Nature cooperated greatly with high 50's to start the day at 8 AM and the dedicated CFFU volunteers doing the inventory of rod/reel outfits, rigging the rods, sorting the worms, eating the donuts, drinking the coffee, and basically sharing lies about fishing.....

I would like to say that the enthusiasm was high with expectations and positive thoughts of "catching the big one!", but the day was not to be.

This being the 4th year that Hagan Community Park has hosted the event, the first 2 years was incredible with participants hooking up all morning. Unfortunately, this year, that was not the case. For some unknown reason, there were few catfish caught, 3 only, for the excitable 110 fish worthy fishers. When those fish were caught, hoops and hollers from around the pond yelled support. The various sunfish and red ears that were caught, were definitely well appreciated by the victors!

When "last call" at 11:30 AM was shared, the highly positive fishers disappointed in the low catch rates, did not show it as their hopes and spirits were lifted by hopes for next year, AND LUNCH at noon!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of the supporting organizations. We will re-rig, re-bait with perhaps another type of bait, and be ready once again, for the next encounter, next year.

To the dedicated 35 CFFU volunteers, my appreciation is endless for your dedication and passion in making this event happen.

Fish on!

Tim Au-Young



Photos courtesy of Sam Yee from CFFU Facebook page.

## FLY TIERS EXCHANGE by Don Wallace

Photo's by James Simon



**Jim Cardoza** tied a **Micro Pheasant Tail** on a size 20 Umpqua U203 hook using 8/0 camel Uni-thread. The tail, body, thorax and



**Trevor Segelke** tied a **JuJuBee** on a size 18 scud hook using black 8/0 Uni-thread. The body is two strands of purple and one strand of red Super Hair. The wing case is 4-6 pieces of Krystal Flash. The thorax is black thread. Comments: Wrap the Super Hair similar to a biot body. Tie in the Krystal Flash on the top laying back to form the wings. Then finish forming the head with the thread and tie off. Hints: Tie the Super Hair on the side of the hook, not the top. It will make the wrap much cleaner. If you do not tie down the base layer smooth, it will cause the hair wrap to separate and create gaps in the body.



**Rob Scafe** tied a **Modified Quigley Cripple** on a size 10-16 standard dry fly hook using brown or olive thread. The tail is Z-Lon Lite tan or light olive. The body is 5 pheasant tail fibers with a fine or X-fine copper wire rib. The thorax is Poly blend brown, olive or lite olive. The wing is Para Post in white and the hackle is dunn saddle.



**Tim Au-Young** tied **Carey Special** on an Umpqua 300 series 2XL hook using 8/0 florescent orange thread. Wrap the hook with 9 wraps of 0.35 lead. The tail is pheasant rump. The body is peacock herl with red medium copper wire rib. The wing is pheasant rump. Comments: British Columbia origination. Fish for lake trout, small mouth in particular, or any trout.



**John Turner** was the demonstration tier this month. He tied a **Gartside Sparrow** on a Mustad 9672 2XL hook using gray thread. The tail is pheasant rump "Church Window"  $\frac{1}{2}$  the hook shank. The body is a dubbed blend of  $\frac{2}{3}$  rabbit fur and  $\frac{1}{3}$  squirrel tail. The hackle is "Church Window" –full shank length and the head is after shaft feather.

### Fly Tier's Exchange Gift Certificate Award

To be part of the Fly Tier's Exchange, just tie 12 flies, turn them in to the exchange at the beginning of the meeting, and the exchange will distribute the participants flies to one another. You do not get your contribution back; you get everyone else's work! Your pattern can be of different sizes, but generally the flies are all the same pattern, the same size. *Give it a try!*

Everyone who ties a dozen or more flies and donates them to the Fly Exchange, or to the club to support any club program, will have their name entered into a drawing. The winner of this drawing will receive a gift certificate for \$25 to **Kiene's American Fly Fishing Company**.

*The next \$25 gift certificate will be raffled in October.*

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### The Tellico Fly

Tied and photographed by: Robert Bettati

The Tellico fly was originated in eastern Tennessee, and was very popular throughout the eastern part of the country, and to some degree in the west. This fly was more of a n attractor pattern, however, some say it can mimic caddis or stone flies. Try it with different body colors.

#### MATERIALS:

HOOK: 3761 SIZES 10 - 18  
THREAD: DANVILLE 210 TO TIE IN TAIL RIB SHELLBACK AND PEACOCK HERL, AND FINISH THE HEAD, HACKLE AND SHELLBACK WITH BLACK 8/0.  
RIB: PEACOCK AND COPPER WIRE: USE THE COPPER WIRE TO FORM A ROPE. (CAN ALSO USE A THREAD LOOP).  
BODY: USE THE WHITE DANVILLE 210 TO FORM A TAPERED BODY, THEN OVER WRAP WITH YELLOW FLOSS. TIE OFF THE YELLOW FLOSS AND START THE 8/0 BLACK THREAD TO FINISH THE FLY.  
HACKLE: I USED BROWN HEN HACKLE, (CAN USE GUINEA OR PARTRIDGE).  
SHELL BACK: MOLTED TURKEY TAIL WITH LIQUID FUSION COATING.



Step 1: Crimp the barb, and place the hook in the vice. Start the white 210 thread and wrap back to the barb. Tie in the tail fibers, the shellback, copper wire, and peacock hers. (Can substitute a thread loop for the copper wire).

Step 2: Build a tapered body with white thread, tie off and start the yellow floss top layer (go back and forth 2 or 3 times) now attach the 8/0 black thread.



Step 3



Step 3: Make a rope with the copper wire or thread loop and spiral wrap the peacock rope forward and tie off just before the head.

Step 4: Tie in the hackle and separate the hackle fibers on top so the hackle fibers are sticking out the sides and down.



Step 5



Step 5: Bring the turkey shellback forward (keeping the shellback on top of the hook shank) and tie off.

Step 6: Now tie off the shellback and build a head. Then coat the shellback with liquid fusion. Done.



## FLY OF THE MONTH

### October Caddis Dry

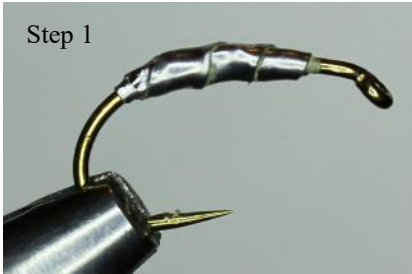
Tied and photographed by: Jim Berdan

The October Caddis pupa is fairly large; hook size 8 is not uncommon, and definitely orange in color. A great place to see the October Caddis is on the annual CFFU outing to the Upper Sacramento River at Dunsmuir, which will be held September 30th through October 1st this year. This is a fairly simple fly to tie. It can be tied weighted or un-weighted, or can be tied with a bead.

#### MATERIALS:

Hook: Curved Shank sizes 18 - 8  
Thread: Black – Danville’s Flymaster 6/0 Waxed  
Weight: Medium Flat Lead Wire (Sticky Back)  
Back: Clear Thin Skin (or plastic sandwich bag cut in 1/8 inch Strips)  
Rib: 3X Monofilament Tippet  
Body: October Caddis Orange Dubbing  
Head: Hare’s Ear Dubbing – Black

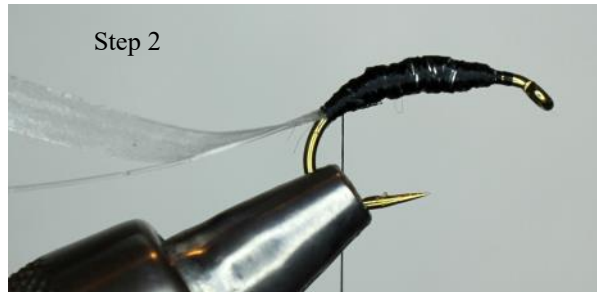
Step 1



Step 1: Pinch the barb. Start with the sticky back lead on the bend just above the barb. Wrap forward to just behind the eye as shown, then wrap back about ¾ of the way toward the start point.

Step 2: Tie in the monofilament and thin skin as shown, then wrap over the lead with the tying thread.

Step 2



Step 3



Step 3: Dub the body with the orange dubbing and don't skimp with the dubbing, this is a big bug.

Step 4: Dub the head with the black dubbing and leave the thread just behind the hook eye.

Step 4



Step 5



Step 5: Pull the thin skin over the body and head and secure behind the hook eye. Make sure you keep the thin skin centered over the dubbing. Trim off the excess thin skin.

Step 6: Wrap the monofilament forward in open spirals, which will provide segmentation, and tie off behind the hook eye. Trim off the excess monofilament and apply head cement.

Step 6



Step 7



Step 7: With a dubbing brush, brush out the black dubbing of the head to form legs and you're done. Give it a try.



## VINTAGE FLY CORNER

THUNDER CREEK

BY

KEITH FULSHER

Note: I was to highlight a different fly this month until I noticed that Keith Fulsher passed away August 11, 2017 at 95 years young, as us fly fishers seem not to age as many others do!

Thank you Keith for your contributions!



There was quite a surge of streamer fly development in the 50's and 60's of the twentieth century of which the Thunder Creek Series was and still is a significant style. They can be tied successfully with many color combos and materials to suit your needs for your favorite waters whether you "Match the Hatch" or just like to create attractors. Originally Keith developed the fly with only two colors to simulate the baitfish in the waters he fished and later introduced the third color that is often seen today. The top and bottom colors are tied on facing forward and sized in length to be tied back to match the middle color tied on after the body element, if used. I say that as often there was no body element tied in, only the streamer elements, which were originally buck tail. I have used other items as marabou, or other hairs, synthetic materials, etc. for the wings. The fly casts like a bullet and I often fish it pretty fast to elicit a hard strike! The top and bottom wings are often tied down with a red thread which some believe simulates gills. A little red is always good! You can also glue doll eyes or with glues/paints and such make eyes on these especially the larger versions.

Hook: Generally a longer shank, originally 4X long

Body: Optional, often something shiny

Middle Wing: Often some color to simulate lateral line, any streamer material

Top Wing: Color to imitate top of baitfish, any streamer material

Bottom Wing: Color to imitate bottom of baitfish

Note: The design of this fly is brilliant from the "balance" standpoint in that 2/3 of the materials are on the top of the fly thus causing it to stay upright!

Forrest Oldham

### THE KLAMATH RIVER: THE DAMS WILL SOON BE GONE

### THE ELWHA RIVER: THE DAMS ARE GONE

#### The Klamath River Dams

In April 2016, representatives from the States of Oregon and California, the federal government and dam owner, PacifiCorp signed an amendment to the historic Klamath Basin Hydroelectric Agreement. This amendment provided a path forward for the removal of the four hydroelectric dams from the Klamath River by 2020. At the same time, conservation and fishing groups, along with agricultural leaders and Native American Tribes, recommitted to a basin-wide solution for water sharing, water supply infrastructure and habitat restoration with a new Klamath Power and Facilities Agreement.

*Note: For more background information on this topic see previous CFFU Newsletter conservation articles in April 2015, December 2015 and September 2016.*

With the Klamath River dam removal and restoration project moving forward, many people are asking: Will this be the biggest dam removal project? While there have been dam removal projects involving taller dams or more miles of habitat restored, the Klamath removal project will arguably be the most significant dam removal and river restoration effort in U.S. history. For example, the tallest dam on the Klamath is Iron Gate at 173 feet high, while the Glines Canyon Dam on the Elwha River (see discussion below) was 210 feet tall. When the Klamath dams come down, salmon and steelhead will have renewed access to more than 300 miles of historic habitat. By comparison the removal of the Elwha Dam in Washington State, opened access to roughly 70 miles of new habitat. The cost of the Klamath dam removal is currently estimated at approximately \$340 million; the Elwha project cost approximately \$325 million. It needs to be emphasized that the Klamath is not just a dam removal project; it is an effort to improve water quality and water management for the entire Klamath basin and revitalize fisheries, agriculture and tribal communities.

The following discussion about the Elwha River and the removal of two hydroelectric dams in 2012 and 2014 might provide some perspective on the challenges of removing a dam and what to expect when acres of water, along with tons of sediment and debris are released into a narrow river channel

#### The Elwha River Dams

The Elwha River originates in the mountains of Olympic National Park in the state of Washington. The main river channel flows 45 miles through temperate rain forests into the Pacific Ocean at the Strait of Juan de Fuca near the city of Port Angeles. The watershed includes over 100 miles of tributaries that drain an area of 270 square miles. The Elwha is home to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe whose reservation is located at the river's mouth.

These people relied on the bounty of anadromous fish that inhabited this rich ecosystem. Historically, the Elwha had 10 runs of native salmon, including coho, Chinook, sockeye, pink, chum, and steelhead trout.

In the early 1900s, the Olympic Power and Development Company began their quest to harness the Elwha River for its power generating potential. In 1914, the 105-foot Elwha Dam was completed in the lower section of the river, approximately 5 miles from the ocean. The dam created Lake Aldwell, a 2.5-mile, 267-acre reservoir, devoid of any fish ladders, which were required by State law.

In 1927, the 210-foot Glines Canyon Dam was built upstream by Northwestern Power and Light Company and also did not have any fish ladders. Another large reservoir, Lake Mills, was created and became the primary depository for the upstream debris and sediment that normally would have flowed downstream to the ocean.

Since neither dam had any form of fish passage, the main Elwha's upper 45 miles and 100 miles of spawning tributaries became inaccessible to the salmon and steelhead for 85 years. Fish still entered the five miles of available water in the lower river, only to be stopped in the large pool below the Elwha Dam.

In the 1980's, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe began to defend their treaty rights to the Elwha's fish and wanted the two dams removed. The U.S. Congress determined that the anadromous fishery should be fully restored, and that the only effective way to accomplish that goal would be to remove the dams. In 2001, the Federal government purchased the dams, but it took 10 years before the destruction of the dams began in September 2011. The Elwha Dam removal took three years and was completely gone by March 2012. The upriver Glines Canyon Dam was removed by September 2014. Researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey department, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, the University of Washington and the National Park service have since documented how the dam removal affected sediment migration and water quality, native fish, birds, small and large mammals and the ocean topography. This insight may be useful to the people and organizations that will be involved in the removal of the four Klamath River Dams beginning in 2020.

Probably the most significant and spectacular event when the upstream Glines Canyon Dam came down was the eventual movement of 22 million tons of sediment, along with other debris and logs, moving towards the ocean. The logs and sediment helped reshape the main river channels, form islands and log jams, and create new side channels, which are all important habitat requirements for a healthy fishery. Not surprisingly, the undammed river "found" its pre-dam channels and began to reoccupy its historic floodplain.

The massive shift of sediment downstream was not without some significant adverse effects. Initially, the populations of aquatic invertebrates suffered a total population crash as the sediment covered the developing caddisflies, mayflies and stoneflies in the lower river. These essential species appear to be slowly recovering and repopulating their niches in the river bottom.

The fish are making a dramatic return to their native waters. More than 4,000 Chinook spawners were counted in the first year after the dams were removed. The middle Elwha and its tributaries went from zero coho salmon to about 32,000 migrating fry in 2014. Chinook redd numbers were up 350 percent and steelhead 300 percent from 2013 to 2015. In 2016, steelhead, bull trout and sockeye salmon were seen spawning in the upper river. Also, chum salmon are beginning to appear in the lower river.

The entire river ecosystem is quickly trying to return to its pre-dam days of abundance. Wildlife, birds, plants and trees are reestablishing themselves in the areas previously underwater from the two reservoirs. The large sediment flow that reached the mouth of the Elwha has formed new beaches and a sandy estuary where Dungeness crab, shrimp, clams and forage fish (e.g. sardine, herring) are establishing themselves in the near-shore environment.

The rebirth of the Elwha River is the perfect example of how resilient a river ecosystem can be after years of "abuse." Let us hope that the Klamath River system can return to its historic days of salmon and steelhead migrations once the dams are down and the waters flow freely to the Pacific Ocean.

Keith Pfeifer, Conservation Director

October 2017

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

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

September 30-Oct. 1	Upper Sacramento River	Fishmeister: Craig Williams <a href="mailto:craigwilliams@zetabroadband.com">craigwilliams@zetabroadband.com</a>
October 15	President's Outing	Fishmeister: Dave Lentz <a href="mailto:dlentz@surewest.net">dlentz@surewest.net</a>
October 22-24	Lower Sacramento River	Fishmeister: Jeff Howard <a href="mailto:jhighcntry1@gmail.com">jhighcntry1@gmail.com</a>
November 14-15	Trinity River	Fishmeister: Craig Williams <a href="mailto:craigwilliams@zetabroadband.com">craigwilliams@zetabroadband.com</a>

## UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING 2017

Anyone interested in attending the Upper Sac Outing September 29-October 1 and are planning on staying at the Cedar Lodge (the outing headquarters) should make reservations now. They are routinely taking reservations through online booking agencies but held reservations for that weekend for us so we can call in and reserve how many rooms we need. Last year we used all but one room. To reserve call the office at 530 235-4331.

Craig Williams

## PRESIDENT'S OUTING OCTOBER 15, 2017

CFFU has a wonderful tradition called the President' Outing. This outing is a special day which includes, fishing, camaraderie and great food. This year, our president Dave Lentz will host this event as a way of honoring members whose efforts make CFFU such an outstanding club.

Where: Green River Brewery, 4513 Putah Creek Road, Winters, CA Picnic Area

When: Sunday, October 15th

8:15-9:15 Coffee and Donuts

9:15 to 12:30 Fishing in Lake Solano, the interdam reach of Putah Creek, or lower Putah Creek just past the Brewery downstream for one mile

12:30-1:30 Lunch catered by Green River Brewery: barbecued tri-tip, chicken, corn on the cob, salad and the chef's special "dirty rice".

1:30- Games and Tournaments: Cornhole, Horseshoes, Cast-in-a-cup

2:30- ? No host beer at the Brewery or fishing

Miscellaneous: Park on lower level. The turnoff is approximately ¼ mile from the Winter's bridge. Look for the CFFU signage.

Who: Members eligible to attend this special outing are those who have helped in 2017 by participating in two CFFU approved education, community service or conservation projects. Also, those who have served on a committee, or held a leadership position. Still not sure if you qualify? Email me at [laurie@creekchick.com](mailto:laurie@creekchick.com) and we can check the records.

## LOWER SACRAMENTO RIVER FLOAT TRIP OUTING OCTOBER 22-24, 2017

WHERE: Redding Area & Downstream on the Sacramento River.

Meeting Time is 8:00 AM at The Fly Shop 4140 Churn Creek Rd. Redding, CA. 96002

Cost is \$382.50 per. Guide / Boat or 191.25 \$ per person.

Lodging: The club has used The Gaia Hotel in Anderson, the Hampton Inn & Hilton Inn

What to Expect: These Fish are Wild Rainbows mostly + Steelies. We will be Drift Boat fishing which is mostly Nymphing under an indicator with Nymphs; although Soft Hackles, Jimmy Legs, Sucker Spawn (yellow Egg) and other new flies are options. OBVIOUSLY for the Fall Trips an Egg Pattern is the GO TO. I do recommend a 9 ft. 6 or 7 WT. rod for this or even better a 10 ft. 5 WT. Mending is the key!

We will meet for dinner after fishing at the CR Gibbs and The Gaia for the April trips at 7:15. MORE LATER

Fishmeister: Jeff Howard (916) 834-7202 Asst.: Craig Williams (916) 224-3630

# Upcoming outings 2017

## TRINITY RIVER OUTING NOVEMBER 14-15, 2017

Where: Fishing will be Upstream and Downstream of Douglas City , CA

This Outing will be a Float Trip Outing with The Fly Shop Guides

The Meeting location and Lodging is the Indian Creek Lodge in Douglas City , CA. 59741 Ca. 299 ,Douglas City ,CA. (530) 623-6294. This is a great place to stay and has a great section of the Trinity River in the Lodges Backyard . So fishing the arrival day is only yards from your room.

What to Expect: You will meet your guides in front of the ICL (outside your room door) early AM and Float all day ( catching tons of Steelhead ) WE HOPE !! The other common fish to catch are Sea Run Browns and Salmon plus too many Smolts :). I would bring a 9 ft. 6 or 7 wt. Rod (OR LONGER IS BETTER ) Mending is key when your Indicator fishing AND this float will mostly be Nymphing under an Indicator.

I would recommend bringing some #12 Red Copper Johns , #6 & 8 Jimmy Legs - Brown & Black + others, Tangerine , Peachy King Beads ( guides usually supply these though ) More on Flies Later. Weather can vary so bring warm and cold weather layering for under your waders PLUS Hats , Gloves ,ETC. (YES ; YOU WILL NEED WADERS ) CALL ME IF YU HAVE QUESTIONS

Fishmeister: Craig Williams (916) 224-3630

Asst.: Jeff Howard (916) 834-7202

# OUTING REPORT

## MAMMOTH OUTING 2017 REPORT

Hi Everyone, If you did not attend the 2017 Mammoth Outing , you missed a ton of fun and way better temps than we have in the Valley ( it was a real bummer to come back to 107°; after leaving 75 °).

Thursday most of the group arrived and a bunch of us fished Upper Twin Lake. The lake had been planted on the 20th . Lots of conventional fishers were doing ok , but the fishing was on the tougher side for us bug slingers.

Friday we all met at the Crowley Fish Camp Gate at 6:45 to meet our guides . Most of the guides started fishing in the shallows of Mc Gee Bay. Lots of us had radios and the guides were texting each other. Fishing was not on fire , but we all caught some real nice fish .

Some fishers did better than others ( like always ) & I believe Sam had the hottest rod at 17 nice Crowley Fish.

After fishing, a big group of us met at the Village for food, music and even some dancing at Mammoth Rocks 2017 ; A Taste Of The Sierra's. It was a Friday packed full of fun.

Even though the fishing was tough Thursday we figured we would try Twin Lakes again on Saturday.

We had a bunch of us on 2 of the 3 Twin Lakes trying our luck . I had seen a Spin Fisher catching a bunch on a 4 in. Red plastic worm so I pulled out my Sqirmy Wormy ties ( that I have never done much with ). Well these things were getting grabs, but not always hooking fish and they eventually got torn apart . Mel and Sheila were having action until the worm tore off.

We fished these under an indicator , with giving them movement. Most of us got grabs but not a bunch of fish. Most of the fish were pretty small , although I did manage a 4+ lbr.

Dave , Laurie and Ken fished Rush Creek on Saturday and had a blast, although I forgot to ask how many were caught. Sam and Guy fished Crowley again and actually did better guiding themselves up the North Arm.

Saturday evening was our big potluck at camp 46B. Everyone brought some great eats, with the main course being 41/2 lbs. of Tri-tip and Dads 6lbs. of Smoked Brisket , YUM!!

THANK YOU BEV for organizing the potluck and everyone for pitching in some great stuff!

Other places that were fished was Convict Lake, Mc Gee Creek Rv Park Ponds ( great park like pond fishing ) & cheap too ! & Gull Lake.

Unfortunately a trip to Devils Post Pile got interrupted by truck problems for 2 of our members. (Mike, I hope that all worked out). I love Mammoth and all the great things around this area . While staying at the Bridges we seen some really big bucks and shadow and mom encountered a big Black Bear on the way for a Shadow Potty Stop.

I know EVERYONE had a great trip !

Thanks Again Everyone !

Jeff Howard

# OUTING REPORT

## EAST FORK CARSON RIVER OUTING 2017 REPORT

During the time at Markleeville I tried to spend some time in as many areas as possible to be able to give an all-around report of the conditions.

Heenan Lake: I fished Heenan Lake Friday Morning. I did not catch any fish, but Craig Did. Many others I ran into also confirmed that fishing was slow. I saw a lot of fish moving and people were catching fish. Many told me that fishing is always slower in the beginning of Sept, and only gets better into Oct. This is a beautiful little lake that can be easily fished from a Float Tube or Pontoon Boat. Expect to be fishing with many others around.

E Fork of Carson River: I fished the E Fork Friday Evening and Saturday. Water levels were good. The water color was off on the lower section due to showers Friday Evening. The water color was good up top, and cleared by end of Saturday down lower. Fishing was slow, but I did manage to catch a few. I got confirmation that the Town of Markleeville will continue to stock through October. Being that Fall hasn't quite Started yet, there was no key fly or type of presentation to make. Nothing I tried was Hot, but everything tried has some success.

West Fork Carson River: This was the most productive area of the trip. I fished here Sunday for about 5 hours. I fished in the Canyon below Sorenson's and in the Meadow. I caught several fish on Dry Flies. Caddis and Mayflies both worked. The takes were slow. If the presentation was good, you could consistently get a fish to rise. I caught about as many Rainbows as Cutts. Water level, temp, and clarity were all very good.

Trevor Segelke



Photos courtesy of  
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# CFFU Annual Dinner

## CFFU ANNUAL DINNER 2017

CFFU's Annual Dinner and Fundraiser will be held Sunday, November 12th at the California Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento. This is our only fundraiser and 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. You can buy your dinner and raffle tickets at the September, October, or November 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 efforts, the Bittner scholarship winner, our fledgling Veteran program as well as our terrific monthly speakers.

You can help benefit the cause by donating something you own or made, asking businesses in town to donate goods or services, putting together a gift basket, bringing a case of beer or wine, or giving a cash donation. Please bring your donations to the September or October general meeting or mail them to Laurie Banks 2443 Fair Oaks Blvd #209, Sacramento, CA 95825. You can also call me to arrange a pick-up. We hope everyone will join us for this special night out. Your annual dinner committee is working hard to plan a truly memorable evening for you and your guests! For more information visit our website <http://www.cffu.org/annual-dinner.html>.

Thank you for your support!!

Laurie Banks

## 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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**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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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