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Casting News Lines from the President *by Vince Jacobs*

FISH-IN-THE-CLASSROOM

Barbara Williams, Richard Wilson, and Bessie Orndoff have joined **John Durand** with the responsibilities for managing the Fish-In-The-Classroom program. The program provides equipment, fertilized salmon and steelhead eggs, and full curriculum support for 125 classrooms. The classrooms are primarily in grades 1-4. We also have a few upper school classes that have been involved in the program for a long time.

John Taylor moved the program from pencil and paper to computer driven with the guidance of **Leon Powell**. Leon has retired to the Bitter Root Valley, Montana and is our long distance technology consultant.

Barbara Williams is taking over the technology, CFFU's laptop, and the sophisticated software. We have a list serv for all of the teachers, so that we can communicate with all of them efficiently. Communication focusses on delivery dates, training, equipment failures, and most importantly, sharing of common experiences. Successes, failures, and advice are part of the listserv chatter.

Barbara will be responsible for inventorying all of the equipment for one hundred twenty-five classrooms, shifting equipment and accounting for new teachers, preparing the Department of Fish and Game permits, preparing maps for the delivery volunteers, and general computer database management. This is a big job.

John Durand is our institutional memory, and provides all in-service training for teachers involved with the program, whether they are sponsored by CFFU, or other clubs in the area. John works with the Statewide Aquatic Education Coordinator and Meg Grow with the Nimbus Fish Hatchery. John has been an instrumental force in CFFU's programs since the beginnings in

1990. For the last nine years John has been conducting the Fall and Spring teacher training at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery. John attends the Department of Fish and Game Environmental Education meetings, and is involved with bringing standardization to the program statewide. John is the CFFU member on the Salmon Festival Schools, a teacher with Galt Unified School District, and Service Learning Coordinator for Consumnes River Preserve committee for the last eight years. This committee puts on the Salmon Festival School's Day for four hundred school children on Friday preceding the Salmon Festival weekend event.

In March, 2005 John presented at the National Service-Learning Conference, the largest gathering of youths and educators from the service-learning field, drawing nearly 2,500 attendees from across the United States and 18 countries. John presented an exhibit showcasing CFFU's Fish-In-The-Classroom project. The project has tremendous educational value and is a great way to teach environmental stewardship, which

July Meeting Program

By Terry Thomas

Golden Trout by Gary Howard

California's state fish: the Golden Trout, certainly one of the most beautiful fish to be found! However, the "finding" of these fish is still quite a challenge. Our own Gary Howard, has been pursuing these wonderful fish for many years. Gary, along with his son Jeff Howard, participated in a D & A sampling program for the California Department of Fish and Game this past year. This adventure led them over a 12,200 ft. pass to the Tyndal Creek region. Here, they began their research in the Golden Trout Wilderness Area. If you have ever wanted to learn more about golden trout, this is a program that you will want to see.♦

was the focus of the exhibit. The project has tremendous potential for developing a sense of civic responsibility in our youth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

CFFU joined Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) as a part-
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What About Blanks?: Rod Building 102

By Larry Lee

Fly rod blank materials have come a long way in terms of strength and weight in the last 50 years. Prior to the early 1900's, fishing rod blanks were made of green-heart wood or whatever suitable wood stick one could find. Bamboo cane and then split-bamboo were two other materials utilized for rod construction. Around 1950, fiberglass materialized in to both solid and hollow blanks. In 1974, the Fenwick Company introduced fishing rods made of a revolutionary new material called graphite or carbon fiber. This material has been patted, pinched, and tweaked over the last 30 years to become the outstanding fly fisherman's dream it is today.

While graphite will not solve all angling issues (such as operator error), graphite does possess some qualities that make them the best fishing instruments yet created (at least in the humble opinion of the author). Graphite rods are very sensitive to vibration caused by fish (or maybe a rock) striking the fly. They transmit vibration along the blank from the tip to the angler so you can feel the action. After hooking the fish, the extra sensitive graphite rod magnifies movement of the fish, while the allowing the angler to experience greater joy in the fight between man and fish.

Graphite is much more responsive than wood, split bamboo, or fiberglass. Energy is stored and released more quickly, so a higher degree of control and accuracy is possible. Advantages include:

- Ability to control tighter loops for longer and more accurate casts.
- Sensitivity and responsiveness enabling a quicker hook set (which means more hookups, woohoo!)
- Dampens out more quickly at cast completion, meaning less vibration in line and higher achievable casting distance.
- Allows for more tolerable casting in a significant wind.

When comparing similar weights, graphite is four times stronger than steel and 2.5 times stronger than fiberglass. This means that less material is needed to build the blank as opposed to fiberglass for the same strength. Smaller diameters can be used, thus cutting down air resistance resulting in even more carefree casting.

Graphite blanks do have drawbacks however. For example, the blanks are much more difficult to make than fiberglass. They also act as lightening rods during thunderstorms, and are more subject to breakage when hit by a hard object. There is one graphite rod, however, that is not as sensitive to impacts - Hexagraph. It is a solid blank which, when looked at in cross-section, is shaped like a hexagon and resembles split bamboo. The casting action is similar to split bamboo. This rod made its acting debut in "A River Runs Through It", in which it was used to imitate a bamboo rod. Hexagraph it is more expensive (\$1500) and heavier than hollow graphite.

Graphite is a wonderful material for a fly rod, however fiberglass or bamboo can still produce an experience or feeling that you may prefer. Building your own rod with *any* material can add a certain amount of pride and enjoyment to each fishing day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, email: larrylee@L3rods.com. ♦

CALIFORNIA FLY FISHERS UNLIMITED (CFFU)

CFFU is a non-profit community organization serving Sacramento and statewide. Since its inception in 1962, the club's objective has been to promote increased awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing, particularly among families. CFFU also promotes the enhancement and preservation of resources through conservation efforts and in-school programs. Club activities and membership participation include monthly fly fishing programs where special guest speakers provide information on angling around the world. The club also has at least one club outing a month on the water, technical fly fishing clinics and classes, and conservation projects.

Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of the month at Camp Pollock, 467 Del Paso Blvd., 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 the law offices of Hiroshima, Jacobs, Roth & Lewis, 1420 River Park Dr., Sacramento, 95815, 916-923-2223.

Classes and Tech Thursday clinics (Third Thursday of the month - 6:30PM) are generally held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento, CA.

ON THE FLY NEWSLETTER

On the Fly is the official monthly newsletter of the California Fly Fishers Unlimited, P.O. Box 162997, Sacramento, CA 95816. No claim is made by the organization as to the accuracy or veracity of any information within this publication. After all, this is a "fishing" newsletter and no other type of sportsman is known for broader exaggerations of what was once the truth. Apologies are made in advance for all errors and offenses as none are intended. No warranties are made by CFFU on any products or services discussed in this newsletter.

Submission of articles and news items is welcomed and encouraged. Preferred format is in a PC file, plain text-no formatting, via e-mail to dan.garrett@comcast.net or by disk sent to Dan at 1001 4th Ave. Sac'to, 95818; 441-3542, with a printed copy included. Pictures will only be returned upon request.

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OTTERS Report

by Richard Wilson



May 17th and 18th Camden Lake

The CFFU OTTERS attending this outing were **Dick Angus, and Glenn Yee.**

Camden Lake feeds off of Laguna Creek in Elk Grove. When Glenn arrived on Tuesday he looked at the lake he thought they may have widened the lake sometime ago because he didn't remember it being as wide and long.

Glenn arrived at 1:30 pm and left about 4:30 pm. He said the weather kept sprinkling off and on, really light. Anyway, he caught a 14 inch black bass, a crappie that measured 12 1/2 inches long plus a dozen or so small bluegill and about 4 more small crappie. He had the lake all to himself and left early.

Wednesday was a washout due to the heavy rainfall.

Thursday, May 19th Lunch and Fly Tying

OTTERS attending were **Jack Meyers, Dick Angus, Bruce Bartholomew, Gary Howard, Ross Boehm, Richard Wilson, Jim Kelley, and Wes Lee.** We all gathered at Denney's on Florin Road for breakfast, and then moved to Gary's to tie

flies. Wes Lee could not be with us for the fly tying session. Gary led the group in tying the Doomsday Dee Dee. Detailed tying instructions for this fly can be found in two locations on the CFFU website at www.cffu.org in the Fly Index and the Fly-of-The-Month January 2005 News Letter on the Fly. Thanks Gary for sharing and instructing us on this hot fly. See photo on page 5.

Friday, May 20th Breakfast and Rancho Seco Lake

The CFFU OTTERS attending this outing were **Jim Kelley and Ross Boehm.**

After breakfast at Original Perry's on Hwy 50, Jim and Ross traveled to Rancho Seco Lake for their maiden voyages. Both of them had just purchased a new pontoon boat with a standup platform for fishing. That might be good for the legs and back. Sorry I don't have a report of what they may have caught. ♦



OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	F = Fishmeister; Asst. F = Assistant Fishmeister; S = Species; T = Type of fishing; D = Distance; O = Overnight?; G = Gear; C = Cost; N = Notes.
July 16-17 Saturday & Sunday	Manzanita Lake	F= Sam Dasher, 371-9183 Asst. F: Terry Thomas 391-5324, S= Rainbow & Brown Trout, T= Floating & Sinking Lines G= 4 - 6 wt. Rods, Float Tubes or Prams (no motors), some shore line fishing, Callibaetis nymphs & Dries, leaches, O = yes, C=To be determined, D=60 minutes from Redding. N = Where To Stay:Lassen Park Camping, Hat Creek Cabins (12 miles), Old Station Rim Rock Ranch, Burney 45 Minutes. Where To Eat:Big Wheels 12 miles toward Redding, Shingletown 22 miles towards Redding. There is a store by the Lake. Saturday evening will fix Tri-Tip & Beans, Salad, everyone bring their own drinks, at camp site 23.
July 30 Saturday	North Yuba	F: Greg Van Koersel: D: 80 miles O: no
August Saturday	To be determined	Proposal to have a joint outing with the Granite Bay Club.
September 9-11	Fall River	This trip is currently completely filled up, with a waiting list in case of changes.
September 18	Gibson Ranch	See President's Message
Sept. 30- Oct. 2 Weekend	Sugar Creek Ranch	President's Outing: everyone who has contributed significantly to CFFU activities in 2005 (two events or more) qualify for attendance. See page 10.

Ideas, comments and corrections to: Gary Crotwell, (916) 686-8690, broker1@frontiernet.net

Tech Thursdays

by John Daniels, Tech Services Director

For Tech Thursday on **July 21st**, **Andy Guibord** of **Kiene's Fly Shop** will lead a class on everything you need to know about "**Shooting Heads.**" Anyone who has ever been to Kiene's knows that Andy is an endless wealth of information about fly fishing in general, and there are few people, if any, that know as much as he about fly fishing for stripers in our area. The line of choice for chasing stripers, as well as steelhead and shad, is a shooting head rig, and for this class Andy will discuss the elements of a shoot head rig, the various line types available, how to rig and use heads, and finish with some casting practice out on the lawn. A great chance to learn about a very versatile line system.

On **August 18th**, **Jim Wright** and **Tim Au-Young** will host their combination on-stream "**Entomology Class and BBQ**" on the American River. A great opportunity to learn about the bugs fish eat, and to enjoy some good food too. Never had time to stop to learn the difference between a caddis larva and a mayfly nymph? Well, now is your chance to not only familiarize yourself with the insects fish love and their habitat, but to also learn about their habitat and even collect some samples for later examination. The class is followed by an on-river barbeque. The event will run from 6:30pm to dusk at the Watt Avenue Access on the American River, under the bridge. More details to follow at the July general meeting.

Mark your calendars!◆

Tech Thursdays are held on the 3rd Thursday of the Month, 6:30pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento. (Pope Ave. intersects Watt Ave between Marconi & Whitney).

NCC/FFF

Festival of Fly Fishing Hold the Date!

Bigger than last year

The 2005 Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers' conclave event will be held on **October 14 & 15 2005** at the Redding Convention Center and special "On Stream Presentations" on Sunday the 16th.

We are looking forward to another wonderful celebration of fly fishing.◆

June Program

by Terry Thomas

Rachel Andras was our June speaker. She is one of our top fly fishers in the north state and brings a different perspective as well as a high degree of enthusiasm to our sport. Her primary focus is the upper Sacramento River, however, she spends quite a bit of time on the Mc Cloud River. Rachel may be reached at 530-227-4837. ◆



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Thursday, June 30
Board Meeting-6:30 PM
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Jacobs & Roth Law Office
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Tuesday, July 5
Monthly CFFU Meeting
6:15 PM: Fly tying demo,
7:00 PM: General Meeting,
Camp Pollock,
Northgate & Hwy 160
Sacramento

Thursday, July 21
Tech Thursday, 6:30 PM
Northminster Church
3235 Pope Avenue
Sacramento

Monday, Aug. 1
Board Meeting-6:30 PM
All Members welcome
Jacobs & Roth Law Office
1420 River Park Drive
Sacramento

Tuesday, Aug. 2
Monthly CFFU Meeting
6:15 PM: Fly tying demo,
7:00 PM: General Meeting,
Camp Pollock,
Northgate & Hwy 160
Sacramento

Thursday, Aug 10
New Member Meeting

Thursday, Aug 18
Tech Thursday, 6:30 PM
Northminster Church
3235 Pope Avenue
Sacramento



BILLS, BAD AND GOOD

Several pieces of state legislation that may affect fly fishing are moving through the legislative process. One may have adverse impacts on our sport, two may enhance it.

AB 7 (Cogdill)

In its introduced form, this bill would have changed the percentage of our sport fishing license money that is allocated to hatchery operations from the current 15% (approximately) to a whopping 33%. That change in funding would have been at the expense of wild trout and other Department of Fish and Game (DF&G) programs that are important to fly fishers. The author amended it to add an "inland fisheries" program to the 33% allocation. That sounds better, but no one knows what the "inland fisheries" program would include. It is not defined and therefore there is no assurance that it would benefit fisheries habitat, wild trout, or the other needs of fly fishers. We just don't know what will be the impact to DF&G's programs and responsibilities.

AB 7 has passed the Assembly and is currently to be heard in the Senate Natural Resources Committee. CFFU will monitor the bill and keep you apprised of its status.

AB 672 (Klehs)

As it stands now, many California reservoirs that provide water for domestic purposes, also prohibit fishing and other forms of contact recreation. Assemblyman Klehs' bill would require the agencies that operate such reservoirs to develop a master recreation plan that fully considers appropriate forms of recreation in and around these bodies of water. This legislation could ultimately open up new lakes for fishing. In light of California's expanding population and its fishing pressure, this could be a good thing for fly fishing. Of course, the first priority will be to maintain safe drinking water. But this is an encouraging development.

AB 672 has passed the Assembly and is now headed to its first Senate committee.



AB 1328 (Wolk)

Assemblywoman Wolk's bill would add a segment off Cache Creek to the state's Wild and Scenic River System. The segment begins at the Cache Creek Dam at Clear Lake and extends to Camp Haswell. This is a beautiful waterway and would benefit from the long term protection that the California Wild and Scenic River Act provides. To eliminate the opposition of water users along the Creek, the author amended the bill to prohibit the Governor and his agencies from applying for Federal Wild and Scenic River System protection. AB 1328 has passed the Assembly and is headed for its first Senate policy committee.

I will keep you posted on these as they proceed through the sausage maker known as the legislature♦

Caddis and mayflies are the two most important insects for fly fishers. This pattern treats with the emerging stage of the caddis's life cycle. This fly is exactly the same as last month's simple elk hair caddis, just on a different hook and designed to float differently. There are many variations of this fly, most of them are much more complicated...

Hook....curved body hook similar to 2457 Tiemco. Regular dry fly hooks can be used, but the curved body probably looks better (at least to the tier). The hook used here is oversize so it is easy to see...most are tied in size 12 to 18

Body....dubbing in choice of color...dry fly dubbing is used here, choose tan, black, brown, green or yellow as needed

Wing...Elk hair. Tan is used here, but brown, light brown or olive might be used.

Thread....tan, black, brown as needed 6/0 to 8/0



1. Set the hook in the vise and tie in the thread at the rear of the hook just behind the barb. Dub a slim body in choice of color to just behind the eye. I often tie in a little dark color head just behind the eye with a small amount of dark dubbing.

2. Choose a nice bunch of elk hair, cut from the skin and comb out broken tips and excess fuzz. Tie in the elk hair WITH THE TIPS FACING FORWARD, just behind the eye not rearward as in the elk hair caddis dry we did last month. This will simulate the wing of the emerging caddis. I use about ¼ to ½ an inch forward of the eye. Wrap the hair securely, and tie off.



3. Cut off the base of the hair as shown, so the tips project out past the eye. Put a small amount of dubbing over the wraps, I usually use a dark material. Move the thread to just behind the eye and tie off.

This fly is designed to float just beneath the surface or at the surface and is a killer when the caddis are emerging. Its tough to see in dim light because just the wing is visible. The fly is designed to float vertically as shown in the picture, with just the wing sticking out of the water....it is important to put floatant just on the wing and not the body. Some folks use bright colors for the wing and figure the fish won't notice, but they are much easier to see.♦





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 Contact Gregory Shaffer at
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 to be connected to the list.

Always be alert while fishing in any area but especially in the American River Parkway. Recent years have brought increasing numbers of crimes to the Parkway.

In case you are a witness to any crime, keep the following phone numbers handy.

- Sacramento County Parks: **875-6672**
- State Parks—Emergency: **358-1310**
- Non-Emergency: **358-1300**
- Information: **988-0205**
- Sacramento County Sheriff
- Non-emergency: **874-5115**
- Sacramento City Police
- Non-emergency: **264-5471**
- All Emergency Calls: 911**

Clip this article and store these important numbers where they'll be available while you are on the river. It's up to all of us to make the Parkway a safer place.



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Random notes

... The golden trout restoration project will need volunteer workers on work projects until the snow flies in October.

Contact Warren Carlson for more information. Thanks

Patronize CFFU contributors!

With Fly Tying Demo Chair **Tim Au-Young** missing in action (floating the Deschutes, actually), the duty has fallen to me to write up this month's Fly Tier's Exchange report. Everyone must be fishing instead of tying, because we had only two participants in June's exchange.

Rich Wilson continues to impress while honing his skills by tying Jack Meyer's **Hatch Master**. Rich used a TMC921 size 12, and camel Uni-thread, with an extended duck-flank tail/body, and a grizzly hackled thorax. I am going to have to tie up a few of these myself -- looks like a killer pattern. Heck of tie, Rich!

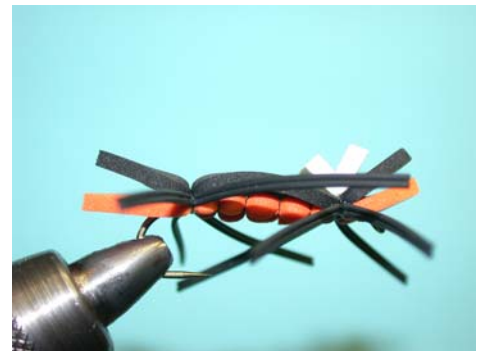


Yours truly contributed two flies to the exchange, a **Chernobyl Ant** tied in salmon fly colors, and Jack Schlotter's **Rogue Foam Stone**



For the Chernobyl Ant, use a TMC5263 #6 hook, black 6/0 thread, with a segmented underbody of orange 2mm foam, an overbody of black foam, rubber legs, and a white foam indicator/wing. Using two separate pieces of foam, rather than gluing the two pieces together, creates a much better looking fly, and a couple of drops of Zap-a-gap where the legs meet the body, will lock them in place.

The Rogue Foam Stone is tied on a TMC200 #6 with orange Danville 210 thread, an orange foam extended body, elk hair wing, bullet head/collar of black deer hair, and black rubber legs. Color the abdomen with a black or brown permanent marker, when the fly is finished.◆



If you that are new to the club, or are not familiar with the Fly Tier's Exchange, all you have to do is tie up 12 flies, turn them in to the exchange at the beginning of the meeting, and the exchange will distribute all of the participants flies to one another; you do not get your contribution back; you get everyone else's work! It has to be one of the best values that CFFU has. Your pattern can be of different sizes, but generally the flies are all the same pattern, the same size. Give it a try!

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Everyone who ties a dozen or more flies and donates them to the Fly Tying Exchange, or to the club to support any club

You may recall that I sent out a request on the listserv asking my fellow CFFUers about their tips when it comes to fly fishing on backpacking trips. As I expected I would, I received some food info, and this article will share what I learned.

Van Dun was good enough to suggest flies to bring when hitting the backcountry, they were: 1) Black and olive woolly buggers; 2) elk hair caddis-tan & olive; 3) e/c caddis; 4) prince; 5) flashback pheasant tail; 6) humpy or royal wolf; 7) assorted colors of midges; and 7) micro mayflies if still room in your box.

"I've back pack for years. However, I'm a beginner fly fisherman and carry a three piece poll for back packing. I do not carry very much fishing gear, only caring a very small box of flies that are mostly dry flies. If I were to guess on the flies, I would call up a ranger station in the area I'm fishing and ask what is hatching at that time. Can't say that I slay very many trout, but I have fun just the same," added **Kevin Phillips**.

Long time CFFUers **Charlie Costner** shared his thoughts, "As far as backpacking-- 1 rod, floating line, 2-4x 9' leaders, and spools of 4x, 5x, 6x, and one box of nymphs and one of dries. Include some woolly buggers, one 2' section of sinking line, and few split shot. Oh yeh--bug repellent!" Yea, the big repellent, thanks Charlie.

Taking step back, **Jerry Kilbert** noted that, "My advice is to decide where you want to go in the back country. Then contact a local guide service who will take you there on a horse, set up camp, prepare all meals, pack in every conceivable piece of fly fishing equipment and materials and supplies to tie flies at the site, clean your fish, and have dry ice available to pack out a limit of freshly caught fish." You know, Jerry, I think you are on to something here.

Finally, **Forrest Oldham** provides some sage advice; "Check out Ralph Cutter's book Sierra Trout Guide. Most of the info you request is probably there. I recommend 4-6 flies each mostly smaller (12-18's) in nymphs of three to four colors, standard "A.P." style (black, pheasant, grey, peacock) and a similar arrangement in dries. Throw in an assortment of caddis in similar sizes, some woolly buggers (small!) and a few smaller streamers and away you go! Unless you fish the same place often, it is very difficult to have a very regimented do all selection. The above is a shotgun approach, and after all, how heavy are a pile of flies, anyway? Besides, it sounds to me the whole point is to fish, so the focus should be on what you need to improve chances of success. As to leaders, again, they are light. Take 2-3 9' tapered down to probably 4x and some tippet spools 3x-6x or 7x. Build and adapt as needed on the water. For instance if heavy buggers or streamers seem to be the need, add a little more 4x to the leader, but if small nymphs or dries, tie on small pieces to taper down to 6x. Now as to the 3x, you may end up cutting back the taper as you change flies to the point you may need a little 3x to build back down to the smaller tippet sizes. As to lines, take a floater and a spare spooled sink-tip and call it good! You should gladly carry what I have outlined here as this stuff is the mechanism for this here expedition you is about to embark upon! Good luck."

Thanks to all who provided the great info I have included above. Here's to a summer of great backpacking and even better fly fishing!♦

More from Vince

(Continued from page 1)

ner with more than 1,415 affiliated organizations, clubs and businesses with a combined membership of nearly 6,000,000 people. TRCP works with individual and affiliate partners to ensure that both public and private lands will always provide clean water, healthy habitat, bountiful fish and wildlife populations, and opportunities to fish, hunt and enjoy the outdoors. TRCP's website is www.trcp.org. Check it out.

TRCP's mission, with CFFU's small support, is to help re-establish conservation as a priority in Congress and Sacramento. It's obvious that numbers count, therefore CFFU's participation and support contributes in a large way.

TRCP is a nonprofit conservation organization, focusing on national and select state issues effecting hunting and fishing. TRCP devotes its efforts to supporting legislation, such as the "Open Fields" bill (Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program of 2005), which focuses on expanding public access to fishing and wildlife related activities. Habitat conservation and improvement, protecting isolated wetlands, promoting conservation tax incentives, making farmland work for fish and wildlife, increasing conservation funding and achieving conservation benefits through federal transportation policy are the key issues for which TRCP focuses its attention.

President-elect and Conservation Policy Director, **Bill Felts**, will be the key contact person with TRCP. Bill will regularly
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Yet More from Vince

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report to our membership meetings and through "On The Fly". Through Bill's efforts other local fly fishing clubs have been invited to join TRCP.

If the "Open Fields" legislation is passed by Congress, \$50,000,000 per year for four years will be available for state run programs that offer private land owners financial incentives for voluntarily opening their acreage to the public.

PRESIDENT'S OUTING

The President's Outing will be at Sugar Creek, North-east of Redding, on October 1, 2005. The President's Outing in 2004 was such a success, **Gary Crotwell** and **Gary Howard** worked with the owner to arrange for a repeat. Fishing will be on October 1, Saturday. If you have provided significant contributions to CFFU programs, then you are eligible to attend. Lodging will be available for approximately twelve people, and lodging assignments will be made available on a lottery. Rooming will be double occupancy, except for the sofa in the common area. **John Daniels** said that sofa is not very comfortable but adequate.

A Saturday Bar-b-que prepared by a talented chef. Arrangements for fishing on Friday and Sunday can be made with Sugar Creek. A sign-up will be available at the July general meeting. If you have any questions whether

you have contributed significantly to CFFU which qualifies you for attendance, please speak with any officer or director. We know who have been good boys and girls.

The cost for the fishing will be nominal. Lodging is available near Sugar Creek. Information will be provided at the club general meetings, and through the listserv. **Gary Howard** reports that an Alderberry fly was successful. The lunkers were hungry.

GIBSON RANCH FISH DERBY

Tim Au Young has arranged for the Gibson Ranch Fish Derby to be held on Sunday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The event is sponsored by the County of Sacramento, with the support of Sacramento Kiwanis and CFFU. Kiwanis provides a BBQ lunch for the participants and all volunteers. Prizes are given to the participants at lunch.

The California DF&G provides rods and reels, and stocks the lake. **Elkhorn Bait and Tackle** provides bait and tackle such as bobbers, and hooks.

Every year CFFU makes this event a huge success for the participants. They are of all ages, residing in care facilities. This event brings great joy to the participants, family members, and CFFU volunteers. CFFU always generously supports the event, with a large number of volunteers. Tim will remind everyone about the event, and has this event very well organized. Look for the sign up sheets at the membership meetings.

Tim will continue to remind everyone about the program through the CFFU listserv. ♦

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