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CASTING NEWS LINES FROM THE PRESIDENT BY BOB LARNE

When I volunteered to take the job of 2009 CFFU President fourteen months ago, January 1, 2009 seemed like a long way off. Well, after the General Membership Meeting on December 2, 2008, President Gary Howard officially handed me the Presidential "Cowbell" (a.k.a. gavel), a ring of keys, and a box of "stuff" and said, with a twinkle in his eye and a big grin, "Here it is - it's aaaall yours". How time flies! But with January 1 fast approaching, and backed with a great Board of Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, and a whole bunch of enthusiastic CFFU members, I am really looking forward to being President. And "thank you" Gary and all of the other members who worked so hard to keep everything shipshape and in order for 2008. I would like to encourage each and every CFFU member to add the following New Year's Resolution to their list: **"Get active, volunteer, and participate in as many of the CFFU activities as my schedule allows in 2009."** Take a class, go on an outing, or volunteer for a committee. You can't beat the camaraderie and who knows, you might even hone your fly fishing skills a bit and meet a new fishing buddy. You'll be doing something rewarding for yourself and the community, and I guarantee that you'll have fun doing it. Be sure to check out the CFFU website (www.cffu.org) on a regular basis to learn about all of the upcoming activities that CFFU has to offer. The list grows daily.

Happy Holidays and many "tight lines" in 2009!

ON LINE FLY FISHING MAGAZINES

BY CRAIG McCULLOCH

I recently found a couple of online fly fishing magazines that I wanted to pass along.

<http://www.catchmagazine.net/> is Catch Magazine. It is on the second issue now with some incredible photography. It takes a while to load the images even with broadband connection, but the wait is definitely worth it.

Fly Fishing America - <http://flyfishamerica.com/index.htm> is not a new magazine, but is now online. I understand this magazine has been printed and available free at fly shops in the past, with a subscription if you wanted to receive it by mail. Now there is no subscription, registration, user names, or passwords etc needed to read the online version of the magazine. Here is the blurb from the magazine describing it - "Fly Fish America informs subscribers of the latest in fly fishing with up-to-date information on fly fishing articles, gear and product reviews, fly fishing techniques, fly patterns, reports from the field and much more."....

Check it out. There is even a corner marked on the pages where you flip them to turn the page, along with a page turning sound. It makes it seem like a real magazine without getting ink on your fingers. Unfortunately, I didn't find a way to take the magazine along to my favorite reading room to get caught up on the older issues.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING BY RICH WILSON

Meetings for new members are held the 2nd Wednesday of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. **THE NEXT MEETINGS IN WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2009 AT 6:30 PM**

Learn about the club! , Meet other new members! Ask questions where you will get answers! , Receive contact information! , Find a fishing "buddy"

NORTHMINSTER CHURCH
3235 Pope Avenue
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PROGRAM NEWS BY JEFF HOWARD

The members did a great job coming up with new programs for our December meeting. **Forest Oldham, Ed Littrell & Sam Yee** made presentations at the meeting. A special thanks to **Frank Yamanaka & Dick Angus** for producing programs with that professional look. **But wait there's still more!** There was not enough time so we will squeeze one more in next meeting.

Next months speaker is **Ken Davis**. Ken is an aquatic biologist and wildlife photojournalist who is a consultant to numerous governmental agencies, nonprofit groups, and corporations on aquatic invertebrate and invasive species issues. He is currently the lead biologist for two New Zealand Mudsail projects, a zebra mussel survey program, several creek restoration endeavors, and an intermittent creek survey in coastal California.

His images have been published in over 3000 different periodicals, encyclopedias, and textbooks that include: *National Geographic Books, Wildlife Conservation, Zoobooks, Sports Afield, American Angler, Montana Magazine*, and the *Flyfisher*. Until recently, Ken wrote a column for the FFF Flyfisher called "Biology on the Fly" where he addressed biological subjects that are important to fly casters. Those efforts are now being used to write a book with a similar title. He routinely speaks to fly fishing clubs and civic groups about water quality, aquatic invertebrates, and fly fishing.

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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.

**TECH THURSDAYS BY CARL LANG
TECH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

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).

The December Tech Thursday, scheduled for Thursday, 18 December is postponed until the first part of January. This is due to the unavailability of REI's GPS units for that date. I will keep you posted on the new date.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DECEMBER 18: Tech Thursday
JANUARY 5, 2009: Board Meeting
JANUARY 6: General Meeting
JANUARY 8—10: Sportsman's Expo—San Mateo
JANUARY 15—18: Sportsman's Expo—Sacramento
JANUARY 24: Outing to Rancho Seco
FEBRUARY 11: New Member Meeting
FEBRUARY 19: Tech Thursday



Jim Berdan'S Woven Fly

OTTERS REPORT AND PHOTO'S BY RICHARD WILSON

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.

OTTERS **Gary Howard, Dell Clark, Dick Angus and Rob** (sorry I don't have a last name) fished Stillwater Ranch on Friday, November 14th. Dick reported they arrived about 9:00 am, Rob came by at noon. They had a good day and caught quite a few fish. Dick said he didn't keep count but well over 10 fish were in the net. He said Gary caught the biggest Cat Fish in the lake about 3 or 4 pounds. Dick caught a very large trout with a hook nose, but he said he didn't measure it, but it had to be around 28 inches or so. Dick mentioned that the water was still murky, so the fishing was not as much fun as last year. They do not intend to go back until the water is clear enough to see the fish.

On November 19th, **Gary Howard, Dick Angus, Bill Siska, and Stan Stolt**. This was the first day fishing at Big M for the winter before the planting of trout. The fishing was very slow reported Gary and Dick. Stan walked down to the other pond and caught a number of blue gills.

On November 26th, **Glenn Yee** reported four and a half OTTERS came out to Big M, even though the weatherman forecasted rain. Glenn said it was great, no rain, until he showed up about 10 am. Just after he got all set up and made his first cast a light rain started to come down and continued all day long. Gary Howard and Dick Angus had no problem hooking up and landing trout all morning. This time the trout are much bigger. The owner planted trout from one to 3+ pounds. Glen found they were still picky on what flies they like. He said he didn't catch as many trout as Dick or Gary, but he did catch a number of them anyway. Bill Sika caught a few nice trout before he left when the rain started. Gary and his grandson left about noon right after Bill. Dick departed about 1 pm. That left Glenn all by himself. After lunch, he landed two nice ones and missed a few more. He said he is still having problems setting the hook with the rod instead of using the line. Glenn said he will try again next week hoping the weather will be a bit better.

On December 2, 3 & 10 OTTER'S **Barry Tang, Glenn Yee, Jim Kelley, Bill Siska, Bill Ozawa, Bob Effa, Dell Clark and Brian Thomas** (Not all on all 3 days) fished at Big M. The fishing was reported as "Slow" but each caught a few fish.



Fly Tying at Gary Howard's
Photo by Rich Wilson

FREE MONTHLY FLY DRAWING BY RICH WILSON

The program began at last month's general meeting. Please bring ONE (1) fly of your choice and put it in a fly cup located on the membership table at the door. Pick up (2) free tickets for the drawing held at the end of the meeting. If you don't have a fly to put in the cup, you get (1) free ticket for the drawing. You must be present to win all the flies that are dropped in the fly cup.

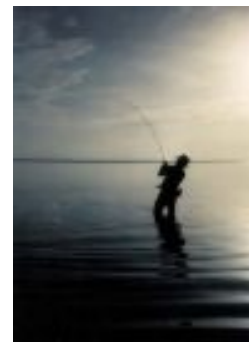
Bring in a fly you have tied, one from your fly box or one you bought at the fly shop all flies are welcome. You can bring in any type of fly, size or color and drop it into the fly cup to share with one very lucky member.

If you forget to bring a fly to the meeting that's OK too. We will be having this fly drawing each month. Everyone is eligible to win all the FREE flies whether or not you bring in a fly. So don't forget to bring a fly to meeting and pick up your free ticket at the membership table then stay for the drawing at the end of the meeting. The winner could be you!!

This free fly drawing is separate from the fly exchange, so please continue to bring in your dozen flies for exchange and a chance to win a \$25.00 gift certificate.



Fly Tying at Gary Howard's
Photo by Rich Wilson



OUTINGS CALENDAR

DATE	LOCATION	F = Fishmeister; Asst. F = Assistant Fishmesiter
December 20	Lower Yuba	F; Jeff Howard
January 24, 20029	Rancho Seco	F: Joe Puglisi Asst. F: Mike Miller

FLY TYERS EXCHANGE BY DAVID ZOOK
PHOTOS BY DICK ANGUS



Jim Wright tied a **Seal Bugger** on a #6 hook with black thread, black marabou and black crystal flash for the tail, copper wire rib, body of gray ice dub, purple grizzly hackle palmered over the body.

To be part of the Fly Tier's Exchange, just tie up 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! 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.



Jim Berdan tied a **Hogan's S & M Nymph** on a Tiemco 3761, #16, 2mm copper bead, 8/0 brown thread, 5 or 6 pheasant tail barbules for the tail, abdomen pheasant tail, chartreuse wire rib, olive brown dub thorax, brown goose biot wing case, 2 strands pearl crystal flash for legs.

Fly Tier's Exchange \$25 Award

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 \$25.00 gift certificate for the **American Fly Fishing Company**. The drawing will be held at the monthly meeting. A special thanks to Gary Eblen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST MONTHS WINNER, JIM BERDAN

I.S.E. SHOW BY RICH WILSON

CFFU will be back at the annual International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) event at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Dates for the upcoming show: January 15-18, 2008 (Thursday through Sunday). Come check out the latest in fly fishing equipment, fly tying demonstrations, hunting gear, RVs, etc., and get information from the multiple guides and resort vendors vying for your patronage. ISE is CFFU's main yearly new member recruiting event, and we also raise funds for club activities by direct solicitation and a fly rod raffle. As always, we're asking for your help and participation as a volunteer to make this a successful recruiting drive. Please remember to put your name on any new member applications you sign-up! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the November and December general meeting for volunteers to help staff the CFFU booth. We are limiting volunteers to 3 people per shift this year related to quantity of 1-day passes available from ISE. Rich Wilson is the contact person for CFFU booth [e-mail: wilson-re7@yahoo.com phone (916) 364-7545].

BEGINNING FLY TYING BY JOHN DANIELS AND TIM AU-YOUNG

Tired of paying two bucks for a bit of fur and feathers on a hook? Interested in advancing your knowledge of fly fishing to the next level? Well, now is your chance because this February and March, the CFFU will offer a Beginning Fly Tying Class, open to all members interested in learning the art of tying flies. The class will cover the fundamentals of fly tying including: tools, materials, basic patterns, and various tying techniques. You will complete your first fly by the end of the first class. Each session will build on the skills learned in the previous one, and by the end of the class you will be exposed to at least half a dozen different patterns, dry flies as well as wets. To cover club costs, there will be a \$25 fee per person due at the first class meeting. Tools and all materials will be provided by the club. A similar class at the local shops can easily cost 3 times as much, so this course is a real bargain! The class is designed for beginners as well as members who have not tied in a while and need a refresher. The class will meet for seven sessions. The first session will be on Tuesday, February 10th from 6:00-9:00pm at the Northminster Presbyterian Church Class Room, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento. Subsequent sessions will be on the following Tuesdays: February 17th, 24th, March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. Sign ups will be available at the January general meeting.

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LOWER YUBA OUTING 12-20-2008

Jeff Howard will be your fishmeister for this outing. The Assn-fishmeister is **David Zook**

*Please note ** - you MUST RSVP to Jeff Howard prior to outing with \$20 and confirmed signature (signup sheet will be avail for Dec meeting) - do not contact me directly for signup as I will not be organizing the signup this time around. \$20 includes fee for annual use of premise by CFFU and cost of PREPARED communal lunch/drinks. This Outing is limited to 20 confirmed signups (policy of the UC Sierra research property)*

The fishing on the Lower Yuba can be challenging, as can the gravel and flows. This is probably NOT an outing for a beginner. This outing has created more candidates for the CFFU wet fly award this year than any other outing - you have been warned. You will have to work to catch your fish. However the Yuba River in 2008 has come back with a vengeance with LARGE native rainbow trout after years of tough fishing - the bugs have finally started to recover after the scourge due to high flows in 2005.

Meeting Location for the outing:

Univ. of California Sierra Research Station,
8279 Scott Forbes Road
Browns Valley, CA

Meeting Time: 7AM (please be on time – **gates will be locked if you are late!**)

Directions: Take 1-5 to Hwy. 99, then Hwy. 70 towards Marysville. Take Hwy. 20 east 14 miles to Peoria Road. Turn left, follow signs 5.6 miles. Look for gate with sign "NO FISHING ACCESS" on the right. If you reach the actual research facility, you have gone too far.

Equipment: 5-7wt rod floating line, sinking line if you want to swing flies. Tippetts 3X-5X. Weather is difficult to predict but be prepared for rain, and dress in layers. CA fishing license needed. Steelhead **AND** Bay Delta Enhancement stamp needed. Waders with felt soles and wading staff. Catch and release only, BARBLESS hooks only – yes they will check and ticket you.

Cost: \$20 (premise fee and pays for lunch) Part of this also goes to maintenance of the Porto-Let.

Lunch: Jeff and David will prepare a delicious lunch ~ noontime

Notes about the fishing: The Lower Yuba River is one of northern California's premier rivers for rainbow trout fishing. The trout can be challenging and finicky, but they fight hard when caught. The Lower Yuba can be fished almost year long (except when closed to fishing in fall). The Yuba can be fished with DRY FLIES almost year long. It's hard to argue with catching large trout on dry flies in the middle of winter just 1 hour from Sacramento! The fish are all native and self-sustaining – no planted fish here! In December, the predominant hatch is the blue wing olives. Blue Wing Olive hatches usually occur around 11AM-1PM. We can hope for an overcast day – we should see a hatch for a couple of hours if that's the case. Imagine catching a 16-20" fish on a size 20 BWO dry!

Steelhead will be around. Traditional swinging techniques will work. Nymphing techniques with nymphs and eggs work better. There will be spawning salmon, so egg fly imitations work well.

The Yuba flows are difficult to predict this time of the year. If it rains heavily before the outing, the river may get blown out. Last year's outing in March had a tremendous hatch of pale morning duns, both emergers and dries.

Recommended flies: Blue Wing Olive (BWO) parachute size 18-20, BWO nymphs and emergers size 16-20, egg patterns, parachute Adams, large stonefly nymph, prince nymph, caddis pupas, mayfly nymphs (pheasant tails, etc), San Juan worms

There will be easy ups for shelter and lots of great food (to be decided) and lots of fish stories if the fishing is not to our usual high standards.

So be sure to sign up and pay up at or before the next meeting or your spot may get filled.

Jeff can be contacted at jefrosbugbox@sbcglobal.net.



FLY OF THE MONTH

TIED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY JOHN DANIELS

SLF Caddis Variant

Davy Wotton's SLF caddis pupa is a wonderful example of how a simple pattern can still be an effective imitation. The only "problem" with his pattern is SLF dubbing is pretty hard to find and a bit pricey. This simplified variant was originally tied by Dave Sloan of American Fly Fishing and I have found it to be a very effective alternative, especially in lakes during a late evening caddis emergence. Bead head versions can be fished deep to imitate emerging pupa, diving egg laying adults, and spent caddis as well, so it is really a general all purpose caddis pattern. My favorite versions are tied in either olive or cinnamon.

Pattern

Hook: #12-16 1XL 2XH nymph hook (e.g.TMC3761)

Thread: Danville 6/0 olive

Abdomen: olive hare's ear in a dubbing loop

Wing: cream Swiss Straw

Antennae: wood duck or dyed mallard

Head: Arizona Synthetic Peacock

Lay a thread back to the bend of the hook and create a dubbing loop. Dub a shaggy body, not too thick, to about a quarter shank length from the eye.



Roll out a piece of Swiss Straw (aka raffia) and cut a piece about two gape widths wide. Round one end and tie in where the body ends so that the wing extends just past the bend of the hook, before trimming the excess.

Take two fibers of wood duck or dyed mallard, tie in at the wing, about the length of the body. I like to cut out the center of a feather, stroke all but one fiber on each side of the stem back, tie in, pull to length, secure with thread, and then cut off the remainder.



Dub the head/thorax of the fly with artificial peacock, whip finish and you are done.

RANCHO SECO OUTING BY JOE PUGLISI—FISHMEISTER

PLACE: RANCHO SECO RECREATION AREA
DATE: Saturday, January 24, 2009
FISHMEISTER: Joe Puglisi (916) 663-1573 email: j_puglisi@yahoo.com
ASST. FISHMEISTER: Mike Miller (916) 776-4693 email: mdmiller4706@yahoo.com

CFFU will be starting off the year with an outing at **Rancho Seco Recreation Area** on January 24th. Located just 25 miles southeast of downtown Sacramento, Rancho Seco is owned and operated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. The park is open year-around. See SMUD's web site: <http://www.smud.org/en/about/Pages/recreation-rancho.aspx>

The lake contains largemouth bass, bluegill, red ear sunfish, crappie, and catfish. SMUD also stocks the lake with thousands of pounds of rainbow trout, November through March. Many of the trout are brood stock and can weigh over 5 lbs. Rancho Seco contracts through Mt. Lassen Trout Farm and is stocked every week beginning November 12th through December 31st with 500 pounds of trout per week. Other than Rancho Seco's Annual fishing derby in December, there should be plenty of fish available in the lake for our event.

DIRECTIONS: From Sacramento, take Highway 99 south to the Twin Cities Road/Highway 104 exit. Go east on Highway 104, 15 miles, to the Rancho Seco Park entrance. Take the first right after passing the two towers.

We will meet at the south end of the dam in **Area 5 Ramp Dock at 8:30 a.m.** Or, whenever you arrive is fine. (See *Rancho Seco Park map*)

COST: \$5 per vehicle, Senior/disabled is \$4 (*Senior is 62 years and above*; disabled must have disabled person parking placard).

LUNCH: Bring your own lunch, snacks, refreshments, etc. I'll bring hot coffee. Picnic tables and barbecues are available on a first-come basis.

GEAR: A floating device is recommended, i.e., pontoon boat, float tube or pram. Electric motors only; no gas engines allowed. Anchors may be advisable in windy conditions. If you have one, bring a 2-way walkie-talkie (set to channel 10-4) to communicate with other CFFU members as to where and what's working that day while out on the water.

ROD: A 5 or 6 weight rod; with an Intermediate line, sink, or sink tip. You may also want to bring a floating line for fish that may be on the surface.

FLY SELECTION: Leech or Wooley bugger Patterns, size 8—10; Hares ear, pheasant tail, Zug bugs, 14—18; Jay Fair Wiggle tail nymphs, and Sheep Creek Special, 12—14. A nymph as a trailer or dropper fly behind a wooley bugger or leech is sometimes effective.

LAKE AMADOR REPORT BY ROBERT ROUNDTREE

Under cool and foggy conditions, ten intrepid CFFU members made it to Lake Amador in search of the lunger from their dreams. Most of us met for breakfast at the Lone Cafe early in the morning to try and fortify ourselves for the day to come. Those attending included: **Bruce Bartholomew, Gary Crotwell, Val Dun, Gary Eastman, Russ Heckley, Bob Larne, Jake Mater, Mike Miller, Robert Roundtree, and Brian Thomas.** Apologize, if I missed anyone inadvertently.

Fishing was pretty decent for most people, but a couple of us struggled, including the fishmeister (me). Gary Eastman, and Bruce Bartholomew were the stars of the day and ended up with 6-7 fish apiece. Gary was moving around, and getting bites on his "Gary Eastman Special" fly, and Bruce knocked them out in front of the dam with an oldie, but a goodie, the Stayner Ducktail. Fish were definitely holding in the top 3 feet of water with floating or intermediate lines the best bets. My best catch guesstimate for the group was an average of 3 fish per rod for the day, and larger fish were around 23-24 inches. Russ Heckley caught x2 very nice fish running 4-5lb each. Both Val Dun and Brian Thomas had stories of huge fish that got away (LDR'd) or broke off. The stuff dreams (or nightmares) are made of to keep us coming back.

We had another sad story of woe this year regarding equipment when Russ Heckley inadvertently ran over his rod tip at the end of the day. Thank goodness for rod warranties, and Russ should be back in business before too long. The future of Lake Amador as an ongoing trout fishery is very much uncertain with the recent decision by DF&G to stop stocking trout there. The lake concessionaire is uncertain at this point in time whether they will be allowed to continue stocking the large Donaldson hybrid trout we all enjoy pursuing.

Thanks to everyone who came out to make it another enjoyable outing.



Brian Thomas with a nice one!

CONSERVATION REPORT BY BILL FELTS

Limitations on Fish Stocking

In 2006, the Pacific Rivers Council and the Center for Biological Diversity initiated a lawsuit against the California Department of Fish and Game. Their argument was that the Department has not complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regarding its fish stocking operations. These groups' concerns relate to the impact that non-native fish have on about 25 species of native fish and frogs. To attain compliance, DFG must complete an environmental impact report (EIR).

In 2008, a Sacramento Superior Court judge agreed, and he initially placed severe restrictions on fish planting in our lakes and streams. However, he then asked the two groups and DFG to negotiate an agreement to permit some degree of stocking. Accordingly, the Department has developed a list of waterways that will not be planted and those that will be planted. This list can be found on the DFG's website: www.dfg.ca.gov/news/stocking

Two noteworthy exemptions to the ban are any man-made reservoirs over one thousand acres and DFG's "Aquarium in the Classroom" program. The latter means that our "Fish in the Classroom" program can continue (fish eggs available permitting).

The next step is the completion of a combined state EIR and a federal environmental impact statement (EIS). Fish and Game will work with state and federal agencies on this joint effort. The document is to be completed in January 2010. Until then, you may want to visit DFG's website to identify where fish will and will not be planted.

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