



California Fly Fishers Unlimited

LISTSERV QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Who would have thought?

Everything from questions about fly fishing gear, updates on outings, and fly tying questions have been addressed using the **listserv**. What a great tool for club members to stay well informed in conjunction with the internet site.

Seeing that we usually have many new CFFU members, and members who just recently gained access to e-mail and the internet, I thought I would share a few questions that often come up about the **listserv**—along with the answers of course.

Q. Who can join the listserv?

A. Any member of CFFU in good standing.

Q. What do I have to do to get on the listserv?

A. Just let me (Gregory Shaffer) know! E-mail me at shafe@gshaffer.com or phone me at (530) 271-5514.

Q. I'm not really savvy about web pages and all, so can I use this listserv?

A. You bet! Just think of it as sending and receiving e-mail, that's all there is to it.

Q. Once I'm on the listserv, how do I "post" or send an e-mail?

A. Simple. Just send an e-mail to: CFFU@yahoogroups.com, and 150 or so of your fellow CFFU members will get your e-mail. Be sure to add the **listserv** e-mail address to your e-mail address book.

Q. For those of us who know our way around the internet a bit, I hear there is a web site with previous listserv messages, a list of members, things like that. Is that true?

A. Yes, but to be honest, I'd bet less than 5% of the people on the CFFU **listserv** ever access this web page. One reason is that the first time you go to the web page you need to register and that confuses some folks. However, if you have Internet access, you are encouraged to go to the club's CFFU Yahoo Groups homepage at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cffu>.

Q. The listserv is great, but what if I find there are just too many e-mails?

A. Let me know. There are three options:

1. I can set it up so you only get one e-mail a day, called a "digest". This one e-mail will have all the e-mails from that day combined into a single e-mail
2. If you are willing to register to visit the web page described above, I can set it up so you don't get any e-mail and you just visit the web page whenever you want to browse old messages.
3. I can remove you from the **listserv** (but I don't like to do this).

Q. Are there any policies for the CFFU listserv?

A. Yes. There are six—they are, simply put,  besides asking that folks use common sense.