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A QUICK LOOK

President's message:

For president Jeff Stephens by past president Forrest

We have lots to do and look forward to in the months ahead. We hope many will volunteer to help others enjoy the sport we have come to enjoy...

Conservation committee

Dave Lentz- Chairperson

No current reports.

Social/Gatherings

Laurie Banks- Chairperson

Annual Dinner April 5 at the Dante Club

Otters- Tim Landrus- Chairperson

Editor/Editorials

Forrest Oldham- editor

Lots happened and lots to happen

Ponderings- thoughts on fly fishing

Tech Services

Jeff Morin- Chairperson

A report on lessons learned

Fly Of The Month

Don Wallace- Chairperson

March was Flies Of The Month! Take a look!

General Meetings

Frank Rinella- Chairperson

April-Truckee/Tahoe Area

May-Swap Meet; Chili cook-off; DFW biologist and the CIRAS Program

June-Big Sky, Montana

Outreach/Youth

April-Canoemobile

John Durand- Chairperson

May-Girl Scouts

Beverly Thomas- Chairperson

Other Notes

Support our supporters! Our specialty shops provide us materials and information about our sport that we lose if we do not support them.

Fishing Reports

Come to the meetings and interrogate the members that are catching fish!

New Members

Chairpersons: Laurie Banks, Tim Landrus, Sheila Cavanah

Fly fishing 101

Fly Casting 101

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeff has his hands pretty full now even with lots of help organizing all that is going on. Thankfully, our members really step up to get things done! Laurie Banks has a giant chore making sure the Annual Dinner goes off without a hitch. Thankfully, again, she has a number of people she can count on to help. All of these chairpersons can use whatever help any of us can provide. We are a club that others envy I am told by many sources. Jeff has been very busy handing out Challenge Coins and Presidents Pins, evidence of the quality of our club members. We strive to make our collective experience one of quality and improvement not only of the club itself, but also our individual abilities as fly fishers.

Thanks all and keep it up!

By Forrest Oldham helping Jeff

ANNUAL DINNER

April 5 at the Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd.

The Dinner once more promises a great time and opportunities to collect needed fly fishing items, trips, and other stuff. Social Hour starts at 4PM, and Dinner is served at 6PM. Of course there are plenty of opportunities to purchase raffle tickets and bid on auction items.

OTTERS

The Old Time Tyers Recreational Society meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Black Bear Diner Arden Way, across from the Cheese Factory. Come enjoy a meal, some stories, maybe outright fishing lies, and possibly see some fly tying. You may learn something if you can attend. We would love your company!

"I still do not know why I fish or why other men fish, except that we like it and it makes us think and feel."

Roderick L. Haig-Brown

'A River Never Sleeps' (1946)

PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

I will keep this brief. I do know why I Fly Fish. I do it for the world I see, the people I encounter, the challenges I think through and solve, and much, much more. What about the beauty of the fish we catch, as well as the flies we create to entice them. Maybe you can add to this list for me…

TECH SERVICES

Jeff Morin- Chairperson

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TECH SERVICES continued

For March a good number of us gathered to learn from Ron Calvert proper fish handling to ensure they are returned to the water safely. Yes, we were shared some of the best ways to get a photo of our trophies as well ! Jeff continues to provide us with good programs that fill the need for closer looks than we may get at Monthly Meetings. Thanks, Jeff!

GENERAL MEETINGS

April 1,2025 The owners of Truckee River Outfitters will fill us in on some of the fishing in the Tahoe /Truckee area. Those of you going on the Truckee Outing should pay attention!

May 6, 2025 We will have our Swap Meet, Taco Dinner, and DFW biologist Mike Mamola will give us the lowdown on the CIRAS Program.

You don't know what CIRAS is? Well come find out! Enjoy some Tacos, and maybe find a treasure at the swap meet.

June 3, 2025 Dana Hooper from Big Sky Montana promises to inspire us to visit his part of Heaven.

July, 2025 There will be no meeting as many are out fishing somewhere! Get out there!

OUTREACH/YOUTH

Canoemobile

We still need volunteers to help with teaching casting and demonstration tying.

April 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 slots are available.
On most days we need help from about 8:45 – 1:30.

This year we are expecting about 800 sixth grade students over the nine days. For most this will be their first time seeing or holding a fly rod. They will love hearing and telling fish stories.

Location is the Cosumnes River Preserve in Galt, CA.

Hope you can join us for a really fun and rewarding event. I'll have signup sheets at this evening's CFFU meeting.

With great appreciation,

John Durand
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OUTREACH/YOUTH continued

Girl Scouts Fly Fishing

May 3, 2025 Comanche Reservoir South Pond

Hello past volunteers for the Girl Scouts!! This year fly fishing lessons will be Saturday May 3. We will be returning to the Pond (just past the trout pond) we use 2 years ago. Yeah!! our own area plus we are going to try and get some of the girls to fish off the platform. Same format, 2-90 minutes sessions. Thanks, Beverly.

Contact Beverly Thomas

FISHING REPORTS

Probably best to show up at the meetings and make contacts there with people of similar interests. You can expect Shad to start showing up in the local rivers depending on conditions. Striped Bass could be another target, again conditions count. Black Bass and other panfish should start hitting, and if things work out, trout will be available in streams probably later than usual, maybe late May, early June. If you have the gear, lakes may be a good bet for trout soon.

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MARCH 2025 FLIES OF THE MONTH

Two Bit Hooker

Originator: Charlie Craven

Tied By: Dick Angus

Hook: TMC 3769 Nymph Hook, 2X strong, size 14

Two copper 2.4mm Tungsten Beads

Thread: Black 8/0 Uni-Thread and red 70 Denier Ultra thread

Tail: Hen back in mottled brown, 8-10 fibers

Rib: Black thread

Abdomen/Body: Red thread

Wing/Wing case: Opal Mirage or Pearl tinsel, medium

Thorax: Rusty brown superfine dubbing

Legs: Mottled brown hen back fiber, 15-20 fibers, divided

UV epoxy coating

Comments:

Check out this website for basic tying instructions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAOrLYflU5I

Pale Morning Sparkle Dun

Tied By: Ken Nordeste

Hook: Dry Fly 14-24

Thread: 8/0 color Pale Morning Dun

Tail: PMD Antron

Abdomen/Body: 8/0 thread PMD

Wing/Wing case: Deer hair

Miscellaneous

Tyed by: Penny Ivanovich

Note: No tying info submitted though this appears to be a Chernoble something.

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Lead Wooly Titan

Hook: Tiemco, size 8 3X Long

Bead: Silver or gold 3mm (7/64) Tungsten bead

Thread: 6/0 black

Tail: Black marabou/ Krystal flash, black

Rib: Ultra wire, small, copper Counter wrapped

Weight (body): 25 non-lead wire

Abdomen/body: Ultra chenille, olive

Hackle: Black Rooster Saddle Palmered

Comments:

This **Lead Titan Bugger** is designed to dive deep and quick to the bottom of a lake where the big fish live. It is also very good at finding deep logs to snag on…you have been warned.

Wet Fly

Hook: Dry Fly Standard length size 6

Thread: 6/0 Olive

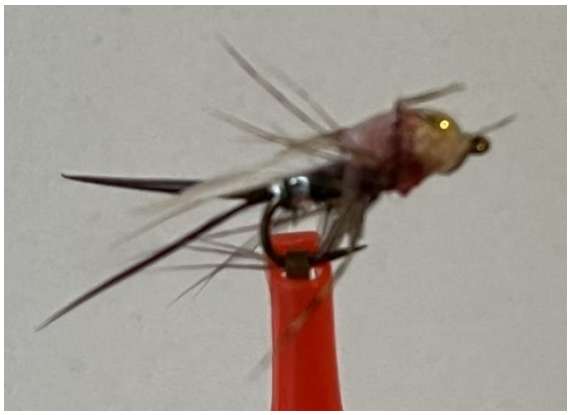
Tail: Barred olive and black Schlappen Fibers

Abdomen/Body: Ice dub peacock/black

Rib: Copper ultrawire Counter wrapped

Hackle: Olive grizzly hackle Hen or Rooster

Bead Head Prince Nymph



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Bead Head Prince Nymph continued

Hook: Daiichi size 16 2X Nymph

Bead: 3/32 gold tungsten slotted

Thread: Red 6/0 W Unithread

Tail: Splayed Brown Goose Biots

Abdomen/Body: Three strands peacock herl

Rib: Mylar tinsel silver and gold

Wing: Splayed Goose Biots

Trout Fin Wet Fly

Tyer: Jim Berdan

Hook: Mustad 3399 size 8

Thread: Danville Flymaster Black

Tag: Flat Silver Tinsel Size 16

Abdomen/Body: Orange Floss over White 70 Denier Thread Underbody

Rib: Flat Silver Tinsel Size 16

Wing: Married Duck Quill- White over Black Over Orange

Throat Hackle: Orange Schlappen

Editor's notes:

The Pale Morning Sparkle Dun is tied in a style called "Haystack".

Tying anything like the peacock body on the Prince Nymph try wrapping the peacock around the thread for wrapping on the body for more durability.

The Two Bit Hooker has a beard hackle.

Schlappen is mentioned a couple times. These are feathers mostly on the sides near the bottoms of the birds. They are generally very webby. Hen hackles tend to be webby as well. All these types of feathers work well on wet flies.

I mention these things not for the experienced tyers but for the newer tyers.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We have several new members and have put most through the 101 Fly Fishing and Fly Casting programs. I believe they are off to a good start!

Forrest

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