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PYRAMID LAKE

Matthew Barlow with a 10 pound Lahontan Trout. Photo by Ken Giesser

Pyramid - Lake of the Giants – CFFU Outing

By Robert Rountree

A "baker's dozen" or the lucky number 13, that's the final tally of CFFU members who braved the nicest bluebird weekend I have ever attended in mid-November (16th-18th) to fish Pyramid Lake. The lake looked in good condition, still with high water levels. We all started the weekend hoping to land the BIG one, and some were indeed rewarded. "Weightgate" may live in CFFU infamy for those lucky enough to have required two different scales to verify their catches' official weight in front of

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"Nice weather is not your friend at Pyramid..."

CFFU Calendar - DECEMBER 2018

DISCLAIMER: Dates on this calendar are subject to change. Check the CFFU website for the most up-to-date event schedules. CFFU Calendar LINK

NOVEMBER	EVENT	INFORMATION LINK
1	Casting Clinic / Mentor's Outing (Howe Park)	Casting /Mentor Link
4	Board Meeting (Conzelmann Center)	Board Meeting Link
4	General Meeting (Member's Presentations)	General Meeting Link
13	Social / Tech Thursday at Kiene's	Social Link
15	American River Clean-up	American River CU Link
15	Kids Fishing in the City Event (Auburn)	Kid's Fishing Link

DECEMBER 2018 CFFU - Presenters

Fishing Cancun
Gary Howard & Dick Angus

Summer Montana Trip
Ken Giesser & Matthew Barlow

Delta Stripers
Sam Yee

CFFU Officers and Directors Nominees for 2019

OFFICERS	
President:	Mary Ellen Mueller
President Elect:	VACANT
1st V.P.	Nick Ciani
2nd V.P.	Laurie Banks
Secretary	Jeff Gordon
Teasurer:	Jim Berdan
Past President:	Dave Lentz

DIRECTORS	
Programs:	Tim Au-Young
Membership:	Sheila Cavanagh
Conservation:	Keith Pfeifer
Outings:	Trevor Segelke
Tech Services:	Jeff Stephens
Public Affairs:	Paul Wisheropp
Community Services:	Carol Tevlin

CFFU would like to welcome our new members: Donald Terry, Terry Block, Charles Mogayzel, Mike Porter, David Andrada and Greg Nyland.

Annual Dinner 2018

Thanks to everyone who made our 2018 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser a terrific success. We had so many donations from club members that every available table was loaded with a huge variety of raffle and silent auction items. We had 133 members and guests attend. Our main meal was cooked and served by the Buckhorn Steakhouse. This year we had the wonderful addition of live music with Andy Penn's jazz quartet.

Our Fundraiser would not be possible without our wonderful Annual Dinner Committee members: Brandi Herron, Sandy and Rich Wilson, Anita Scuri, Meloney Welborn, Carl Lang, Sheila Cavanaugh, Lona Banks, Mary Ellen Mueller, Jim Walker, Ken Davis, Tim Au-Young, Betty and Keith Pfeifer, Jim Berdan, Justin Trick, Julie Kaye, Paul and Lori Wisheropp, Rob Scafe, Mary and Michael Wall, Greg Howard, Ty Espinoza, Rosie Vasquez, Jim and Alyson Cardoza, Bev Lorens, and Mike Williams.

Kudos to the following club members for making donations: Andy Penn, Barry Tang, Brandi Herron, Christie Roberts, Chuck Honeycutt, Craig McCulloch, Craig Williams, Dave Lentz, Dennis Lee, Don Moura, Gary Flanagan, Gary Howard, Glenn Yee, Greg Howard, Howard Ross, Jerry Kilbert, Jim Berdan, Jim Simon, Jim Walker, John Daniels, Julie Kaye, Keith and Betty Pfeifer, Ken Davis, Ken Giesser, Lanny Garman, Larry and Colleen Riley, Laurie Banks, Leo Signorotti, Lindy Giesser, Lona Banks, Marna Ambrocelli, Mary Ellen Mueller, Mary and Michael Wall, Mic McPherson, Mike Wigginton, Nancy Yee, Nick Ciani, Paul Wisheropp, Phil McKibbin, Rosie Vasquez, Rich Trimble, Rob Scafe, Roman Gardea, Sally and Vance Regan, Sam Yee, Carol and Dave Tevlin, Tim Au Young, Ty Espinoza and Waldo Dewitt

Annual Dinner 2018

The following Companies also donated: Bailey Creek Lodge, Berryessa Gap Winery, Ted Fay Fly Shop, Cedar Lodge. Cornerstone Café, Waffle Experience, Bacon and Butter, Carmazzi Carmel Corn, DM Associates, Dr. Slick, Fanny Krieger, Green Acres, Hop Gardens , Jeff Putnam Taproom and Pizza, La Perla Restaurant, Mountain Hardware, Orvis, Pangaea Bier Café Sacramento Aquatic Center, Sacramento Zoo, Sheila Cavanagh, Six Flags, , Simms, K2 Designs, Texas Roadhouse and Urban Roots

A Special Thank You to our VIP donors:
Joe Bania, George Farrell, Jerry Kilbert, Carl Lang, Brad and Virginia Stone

Our VIP Companies:
Bearclaw Lodge, Fly Fishing Specialties, Calvada Fly Fishing, Kiene's Fly Shop, Scribner Bend Winery, Val Adams Insurance Company, Camp Sacramento, Yuba River Inn.

Val Adams Website Link

Tackle Shop Website Link

Volunteers Needed

CONTACT: Gary Flanagan
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FREE KIDS FISHING DAY and FISHING CLINIC

Día de pesca Gratis para niños

Saturday, December 15

Sábado de Diciembre 15

8AM – NOON

REGIONAL PARK, AUBURN, CA

(3770 Richardson Dr., Auburn 95602)

Ages 15 and under

Menores de 15 años

Instruction, gear and food provided

Instrucción, equipo y comida proporcionada

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Message from the President

Current President Dave Lentz and Upcoming CFFU President Mary Ellen Mueller hooked up for a double at Pyramid Lake during the April 2018 CFFU Outing. They are with Guide Doug Ouellette.

From Dave Lentz

Greetings Everyone. This will be the last of the monthly newsletter President's messages from me. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a leader for CFFU these past two years. It has been both rewarding and meaningful for me. The best part for me has been the many experiences I've had doing stuff with our members…even fishing with these folks. The best part for you is you won't have to listen to me every month or hear the dreaded President's Cowbell wielded by my unforgiving hand. Kidding aside, you will enjoy seeing someone new up front every month and Mary Ellen will do great things and be a welcome change from my stale routine.

Reflecting on the past couple of years, there are many things our club does that provides meaning and reward. And these things are available to you and all of our members. CFFU is a positive force in our area—I'm sure you know that—but, hey a little reminder is OK. Our Salmon and Steelhead in-the-Classroom efforts are enriching hundreds of students' lives. CFFU leaders are making a difference for Veterans and for people with disabilities and their families (Thanks-- Tim Au-Young for keeping the Fish Derby going all these years) and for the users of the American River Parkway among the things we do to serve our community. We make a difference in the lives of fishery students every year with our Bittner Scholarship.

Part of the Purpose (Mission) of CFFU is to "promote and take part in conservation, preservation, and enhancement of fishery resources", an aspect of the club that is very important to me. While I was CFFU President our Conservation Committee has been involved in a number of worthwhile projects and provided funding to enhance these efforts for fish and natural resources. I am most proud of our Club being recognized for these efforts with a Conservation Achievement Award from the California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. You can see this Award every month at the Membership Table as you enter the monthly meeting—take a look—it's pretty cool.

I would be a dirtball if I didn't mention how much we—the CFFU—benefit from all the folks who give of their time and energy to make CFFU work and provide all the activities and aspects of a fly fishing club that we enjoy. I will acknowledge as many as I can at our December meeting because we should all know that these folks make a difference. My thanks goes to our Board Members and all the Committee Chairs and folks in charge of making all of our member service and activity functions every month and throughout the year—well done! You make CFFU great. So, for all of our members, keep coming to CFFU every month, get involved in our activities, take some reward and meaning home—it's not the same without YOU.

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witnesses. Hey, we are fisher people after all, and prone to a certain amount of hyperbole. In no certain order, the attendees included: Laurie Banks, Ken Davis, Ken Giesser, Matthew Barlow, Phil Shipley, Jeff Howard, Erik Blihovde, Paul Wisheropp, David Zook, Gary Eastman, John Daniels, Paul Woolley, & Robert Rountree. I want to thank everyone for their good attitudes, and various contributions of food to potluck dinners, and labor doing dishes, etc.

Nice weather is not your friend at Pyramid, and fishing Friday at various beaches was tough. Mr. Wisheropp scratched out a couple of fish stripping flies at Indian Head early in the morning. We finished the day at Shot Dog, and were pulling our hair out until the sun dropped behind the local mountains. As the shadows increased, fish started showing up, & our indicators began plunging below the surface. David Z. stuck the first large fish, with Erik B, & Jeff H. rewarded shortly afterwards with similar sized fish. Their fish were somewhere in the 8-11lb. range, depending on whose scale you could believe, and hence, "Weightgate" will not be forgotten. I am bringing my own de-liar scale next time! They helped this fishmeister give a big sigh of relief since we actually landed some very nice fish. We caught around eight fish between us, and olive leeches under an indicator were the best option we identified.

On Saturday, some of us started at Marina Beach, which is just across from Crosby's, but without success. Jeff & Erik started right back up at Shot Dog, & Jeff quickly landed two fish. Half of group then then drove back up to Shot Dog, hoping to repeat the previous day's success. Monument Beach,way up north, finally re-opened for fishing, after road washout repair, and a few of the group headed there. Ken, Phil, Matthew & John had decent success at Monument. Jeff's hot chili plus bratwurst lunch was highly appreciated. If I recall correctly, the tally was five fish to hand for all of us who gritted it out at Shot Dog. Fishing on Sunday morning had similar poor results, but Ken & Matthew drove back up to Monument and again, did pretty well.

I appreciate all the valuable photographic contributions from everyone. Thanks again to all for a great outing.

Jeff's hot chili plus bratwurst lunch was highly appreciated.

CROSBY LODGE

The Crosby Lodge office, store and bar.

Our weekend home at Crosby Lodge. It was actually very comfortable.

For large groups. Kitchen and sleeping areas.

BIG CATCH

Paul Wooley Breaks a Spell and Lands One!

David Zook

Eric Blihovde

Ken Geisser

THE WEATHER

This image was clipped from a video taken on December 2nd by Matthew Barlow.

Pyramid Lake - It's Mystic, Bizarre & Wonderful

Robert Rountree's Pyramid Outing: Dinner at Sutcliffe Inn

Alaska Postcard - From Gary Howard

Fly Tying at Effie Yeaw

Rich Wilson

Gary Howard

Jeff Howard

Vintage Fly Corner - Western Coachman

The Dressing	
Hook:	#6-14 Mustad 7957BX or standard wet-fly
Thread:	Buck Nymo A (original) or black 3/0 or 6/0
Tail:	Golden pheasant tippets
Rib:	Fine gold wire, counter wrapped through body
body:	Peacock herl
Hackle:	Coachman brown (wet) i.e. dark brown hackle
Wing:	White deer hair from the flank or belly of whitetail deer tied to flare widely.

Submitted by Rob Scafe

Said to have the kind of hands and fingers of a concert pianist, Wayne "Buz" Buszek used his hands to become one of the best fly tiers to come out of the west.

Born in Porterville, CA in 1912 and in the natural progression of growing up, Buz went from bait fishing to fly fishing and along with that, fly tying. He turned it into a business and by the mid-50s Buz's Fly and Tackle Shop was doing well. He sold his flies to his local clients in and around Visalia, CA as well a creating a wholesale business throughout the west and to the east coast.

Buz helped to popularize several patterns such as the Prince Nymph but the flies he is best known for are the Kings River Caddis, Buz's Hopper and the Western Coachman which was born in 1934. As true to the premise of CFFU's "Vintage Fly Corner" many flies are adapted from other previous patterns already in existence. The Western Coachman is one such fly that spun off from a fly called the Old Grey Mare.

The Western Coachman is best fished as a wet fly because the white coarse deer hair allows the fly to ride just under the surface; it doesn't fully sink, nor does it fully float. It has been a popular fly on the Kaweah, Tule, Kern, and Kings rivers in Central California.

A final note; FFI Awards exceptional fly tiers the "Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award" honoring the exceptional skills and friendships Buz demonstrated throughout his life.

Link to Scribner Bend Website

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Link to Larry Lee's website

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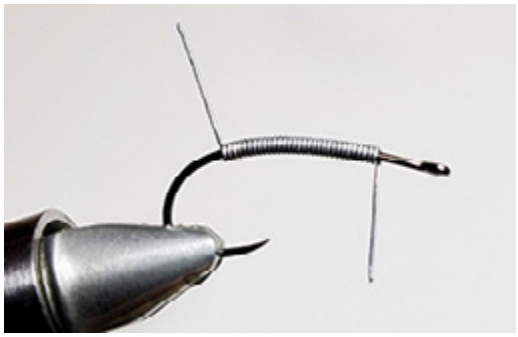
DECEMBER 2018 Fly of the Month - Pat's Rubberlegs

By Ty Espinosa

How to fish:
This pattern inmates various Stonefly species. Best fished tumbling along river bottom as an anchor fly either suspended under an indicator, or with the tight-line method.

Materials	
Hook:	Any size from #4 to #10. Preferably 2x long.
Thread:	70 denier. Black or brown depends on chenille color to match.
Weight:	Lead Wire: Size 1.0 to 2.0 depending on hook size.
Abdomen:	Chenille: Small/Med/Lg depending on hook size. Black or brown color.
Tail	Flexfloss in Small/Med/Lg depending on hook size and color of choice - Black, brown, tan, white, clear, etc.
Legs	
Antennae	

Pat's Rubberlegs

STEP	IMAGE	TYING INSTRUCTIONS
1.		1. Secure hook to vise and wrap with lead wire. Be careful to leave plenty of space below the hook eye.
2.		2. Apply thread and wrap over lead wire and attach two strands of flexfloss along side length of hook to form antennas and tail legs.

Pat's Rubberlegs		
STEP	**IMAGE**	**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**
3.		3. Attach the three other legs with flexfloss approximately two-thirds front of hook, then palmer thread towards rear of hook and secure chenille.
4.		4. Counter wrap chenille forward weaving between the flexfloss legs then whip finish at head of fly. Be careful not to crowd hook eye. Use sharp scissors to shape and taper the lower part of the chenille body down to tail as shown in picture.
5.		5. Trim flexfloss legs for uniformity to achieve completed fly.

[Link to Fly Fishing Specialties Website]

FLY FISHING SPECIALTIES
Wild Rivers to Blue Waters
6360 Tupelo Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

CFFU Club Meetings

First Tuesday of each month.

Richard Conzelmann Community Center (PDF Map Link)
2201 Cottage Way, Sac., CA 95825

General Meeting Schedule:

6:15 p.m.: Fly Tying Demo
7:00 p.m.: Program Presentation
8:00 p.m.: Club Information

CFFU Membership

New Member: Individual: $40.00

New Member: Family: $55.00
(Includes spouse and children under 18 years old.)

New Member: Junior: $25.00 (Under 18 years old)

New Membership Dues:
(Includes $10 initiation fee.)
After September 1, annual fees are pro-rated through December 31.

JOIN CFFU: Membership Form: (PDF Link)

CFFU RENEW Membership Online: (PDF Link)

CFFU Board of Directors

Please visit the CFFU Website for information about the Officers, Directors and Club Committee Leaders

LINK to CFFU Leaders

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Pyramid Lake at Monument. Image by Matthew Barlow.

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