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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JEFF STEPHENS

Many thanks to those stepping up to enhance our member's experience and others outside our group…

EDITOR/EDITORIALS

EDITOR-FORREST OLDHAM

Second Edition! Some info repeats.

PONDERINGS

Some thoughts on fly fishing.

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER MIKE MAMOA

5 Great California places to fish and the CIRAS App

CONSERVATION

Dave Lentz

Activities of the Conservation Committed, They have been busy!

TECH SERVICES/SKILLS

Tech Services Corner

Jeff Morin

What we do and will do, some thoughts. What we did last.

OUTREACH/ YOUTH

Canoemobile-

John Durand

Girl Scouts-May 3

Lake Camanche

Beverly Thomas

SOCIAL/GATHERINGS

ANNUAL DINNER !

April 6, 2024

Dante Club

Laurie Banks

An update!

OTHER EVENTS

FLY OF THE MONTH

Here is a note on those that tie flies for the Fly Tyer's Exchange

MISCELLANEOUS INFO

SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS!

Our specialty shops are exactly that, SPECIAL ! They are sources of items and information conveniently we need to continue to enjoy our sport. Without our supporting them, they wither away and so does the convenience

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OTTERS

Come join us for a good meal
Some lies, and fly tying.

FISHING REPORTS!

American River and the coast.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

President's Corner

for Jeff Stephens written by Forrest Oldham

April has been busy and May will be also. We experienced our best Annual Dinner ever in terms of "Profit" and comradery, as best we tell. We have our Swap Meet and Tacos coming up, as well as our assisting the Girl Scouts. The Canoemobile came off without a hitch thanks to our great volunteers. Matter of fact, so many volunteers showed for each of these we debate if it makes sense to list them all in this newsletter in fear that people will not read it for the never-ending list! We want to encourage the fly casting proficiency program, however. Cannot seem to find an appropriate open date to do so! It will happen. We will deliver some of the best casters on the planet, especially if the excitement for everything else we do is reflected in the Casting program! Keep it up CFFU!

CONSERVATION " A FISH IS TOO PRECIOUS TO BE ENJOYED ONLY ONCE"

Dave Lentz Who made this quote? Lee Wulff.

Conservation Committee report for newsletter, Feb, 2024

Dave promised us the committee will be busy on several projects this year in between their fishing excursions, of which there are many planned…!!!

The ancients wrote of the three ages of man, I propose to write of the three ages of the fisherperson.

When he wants to catch all the fish he can.

When he wants to catch the largest fish he can.

When he studies to catch the most difficult fish he can find, requiring the greatest skill and most refined tackle, caring more for the sport than the (taking of the) fish.

Edward R Hewitt, "A Trout and Salmon Fisherman for Seventy-Five Years" (1948)

MAY SPEAKER
CAPTAIN MIKE MAMOA
FIVE GREAT CLOSE PLACES TO FISH AND CIRAS APP

Mike has given us great presentations in the past and promises another for this month. He will share his knowledge gained as a California Fish and Wildlife employee about some locations to fish and the use of the CIRAS App. You say "What's that?" Well come on by and find out. We will also have our swap meet happening, and some tacos to enjoy. What more could one ask for?

It is the constant—or inconstant—change, the infinite variety in fly-fishing that binds us fast. It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year

THEODORE GORDON (1914)

PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

For a thought experiment try the following. You arrive at a nice modest-size pool on a stream with little to no challenge to casting. You see evidence of trout and begin casting. After a few casts you have no results and change the fly. This is done a couple more times with the same result. After many fly changes you finally get a few fish for a short while at which time the action ends. Question: Does this fly become the go to fly for this stream, and or every beginning on future stream approaches? There is no absolute answer. I just want you to be thinking about your fishing experience!

Any thoughts? Talk to

me!

THE ANNUAL DINNER RESULTS !

The preliminary results are in, and it looks like our 2025 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser beat last year's amount of $14,583 by $5,000! The preliminary report puts the proceeds at $19,615! This is a record high!! Our average has been closer to $10,000.

Thank you everyone who bought dinner and raffle tickets and bid on our auction items!

The 2025 Annual Dinner and Fundraiser was a Huge Success!

An enormous thanks to everyone who made the CFFU Annual Dinner and Fundraiser such a success. This includes not only our wonderful committee, but everyone who bought dinner and raffle tickets and bid on auction items. Kudos to all of you who donated over 200 items for our auctions and raffles! Cheers to our pastry chefs who made such wonderful desserts. Without these desserts and auction items we would not have been able to exceed last year's record by almost $5,000!

The proceeds from our fundraiser go to help support all the terrific things our club does including conservation, education and outreach. **Mark your calendars for next year's dinner and fundraiser,**

Saturday, April 4th, 2026.

FLY TYER'S EXCHANGE APRIL 2025

Month: April **Year:** 2025 **Number:** 1

Fly Name: Royal Coachman Wet

Fly Originator:

Tied By: Paul Smith

Hook MFG, Size: 2X Nymph, Size 14

Thread Color and Size: Black UniThread 36D

Tail: Golden Pheasant Small Tippets

Abdomen/Body: Peacock herl

Mid Body: Red Glow Brite Crimson #3 floss

Wing: White Duck Quill

Hackle: Brown Dry Fly Hackle

Month: April **Year:** 2025 **Number**: 2

Fly Name: CDC Soft Hackle Wet Fly

Fly Originator: Dave McPhail

Tied By: Jim Berdan

Hook MFG, # Size: Medium Nymph Hook Size 12

Thread Color and Size: 70 Denier Tan or Light Olive

Bead Head:

Rib: Small Flat Tinsel--Gold

Abdomen/Body: Buggie Nymph Dubbing--Tan

Hackle: CDC Feather—Tan or Light Cinnamon

Head: Peacock Herl--Natural

Month: April **Year:** 2025 **Number**: 3

Fly Name: Bass Fly

Fly Originator:

Tied By: William Conway

Hook MFG, # Size: Size 12 or 14

Thread Color and Size: 6/0 Black

Tail: Jay Fair Maribou--Black, Flash

Rib: Small Wire

Abdomen/Body: Jay Fair Long Shuck

Hackle: Hen Hackle--Black

Head: Black Thread

Comments: Weighted .025 wire, Tie like a Woolly Bugger

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Month: April **Year:** 2025 **Number:** 4

Fly Name: Rusty Spinner

Fly Originator:

Tied By: Kenneth Nordeste

Hook MFG, # Size: Dry Fly Size 14-20

Thread Color and Size: 8/0 Rust

Tail: White hackle Barbs

Rib:

Abdomen/Body: Dubbing--Rust

Wing/Wingcase: Poly Light Dun

Special note: We could use the help of someone to photograph the fly submissions at the meeting that they may be shown in the next Newsletter.

Otter's Lunch Dates:

Thursday May 8, 2025
Thursday May 22, 2025
Lunch is at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner across from Arden Fair Mall.

Come enjoy a good lunch, conversation (no politics please) and tie a few flies if you are so inclined.
Mark your calendars, hope to see you all there

Tim Landrus
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Quick Note of Possible Interest

Cast Off, Cash In: Simms Launches ReCast, Used Gear Resale Site

Introducing Simms' peer-to-peer used fishing gear marketplace. Start fishing for less or upcycle your hardy gear for something new. April 08, 2025 Think of Simms' ReCast as the catch-and-release of high-quality fishing gear. You might love your gear for a bit, but passing it on to a fellow angler boosts your karma points. Rather than tossing aside gear that still has several seasons of life, Simms says, it wanted to create a peer-to-peer marketplace to rehome that gear. "By making our products

Read in GearJunkie: https://apple.news/A8XqBar-hSlyH0e0kiG8b_g

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CANOEMOBILE UPDATE

CFFU Volunteers teaching the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts!

Thanks to CFFU volunteers for another successful Canoemobile program at the Cosumnes River Preserve! Our team of 20 volunteers introduced approximately 800 youth to fly fishing! Each of the 5th -8th grade students spent part of the day paddling on the water and part of the day exploring on land Over the first two weeks of April we led 72 small group casting and tying sessions!

A few notes from students:

Fly fishing

Thank you very much for taking the time out of your day to be with us. I learned what bugs looked like and that was cool. I also learned how to fly fish which was amazing. I loved fly fishing, that was by far my favorite part. Thank you again for everything. Sincerely, Ava

Thank you for teaching us so many things on the land…. My favorite part was fly fishing. My partner was very sweet and he made me understand the concept of fly fishing more. Thank you again for the amazing experiences and activities. Sincerely, Violet

Thank you, Land Volunteers. This was my favorite field trip ever! Thanks for the amazing experience! -Riley

Canoeing

This was my first time canoeing ever. I didn't know that this was something for my bucket list—I don't even have a bucket list—but this is 100% on it, and I am so happy I got to do this. I could cry, I am so happy I got to canoe today. I can't believe we got to paddle and learn at the same time; it was so cool, and there were so many birds. I felt like I was going to cry the whole time. I still could. I am so happy, and it was so beautiful.

With great appreciation for CFFU's long commitment to education and conservation,

Lanny Garman
Sam Martinez
George Lazar
Forrest Oldham
Lary Olson
Jay Dudley
Penny Ivanovich
Tim Landrus-tying
Julie Kaye
Bob Kammerer
David Jepma
Beverly Thomas
Nick Ciani
Ken Giesser
Jerry Govier
Gaven Zunie-tying
William McZeek
Tricia Simms
Steve Payer

Thanks CFFU,

John Durand

Canoemobile coordinator

MAY SOCIAL

May 28 – Baja Fly Fishing, something for everyone

When: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 / East Ranch Clubhouse. 150 East Ranch Road, Sacramento

6:30-8:30 pm

Saltwater fly fishing is not just for expert casters and wealthy travel enthusiasts! Join us for an evening conversation about an easy fishing destination with a diversity of hard fighting species that are eager to chase flies. Rooster fish and dorado are a couple of the species we will highlight. Bring your questions and let's talk Baja.

John Durand

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May Tech Services

Shad Fishing with Jeff Morin

Jeff is an avid and dedicated shad fisher. You will not want to miss this meeting if you want to improve your shad catching.

Northminster Church (Social Hall), 3235 Pope Ave. Sacramento, CA 95825

May 22, 2025 6:30 PM

NEW MEMBERS MEETINGS/CLASSES

New Member's Meeting: May 14, 2025 @6:30 PM

Fly-Fishing 101 Session 1 May 20,2025 @6:30 PM

Fly-Fishing 101 Session 2 May 27, 2025 @6:30 PM

All sessions at: Northminster Church (Social Hall), 3235 Pope Ave. Sacramento, CA 95825

Mentor Outing : Information will be at above meetings. We will get you started well !!!

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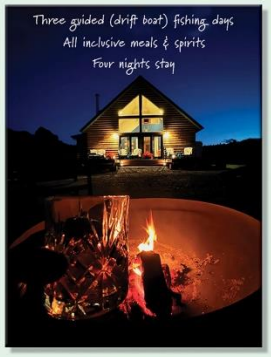

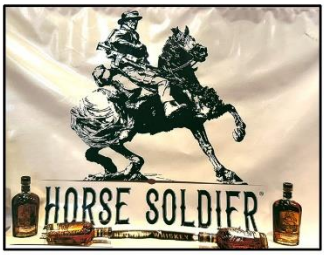

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CAMP SACRAMENTO WOULD HAVE US RETURN !

The camp staff would like to have us back twice for summer 2025. We have the ability to do a clinic for Thursday June 26 and Thursday July 24. I have been coordinating with Mike Mamola and it looks like there will be favorable fish stocking the weeks of the clinics. Mike will be at camp the preceding day to teach about the CIRAS system. Last summer we had Fishing 101 stuff, fly tying, casting, and fishing.

What I need at this time is your interest or commitment to participating in one or both events.

RSVP to this email with your thoughts.
Paul Wisheropp
wisheropp@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE JUNE PROGRAMS !!

June 3: General Meeting Topic: Fishing the Big Sky Country (Montana) with Dana Hooper

June 5-15: New Mexico Trout Challenge Pursuit

This is a small cadre of intrepids seeking some special trout in the New Mexico area.

There is much more coming down the Pike!!