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CASTING NEWS FROM DAVE LENTZ

Unlike the past few years of drought the rivers and streams are still flowing high through July. In some cases the flows have been too high causing the canceling or postponing of Club outings. Lakes and reservoirs have been the more frequent targets for fishing. The streams in the high country will likely have good conditions well into August giving us some outstanding stream fishing this summer. Club outings coming up (Yuba and Mammoth) should have optimum conditions. Get out there whether it's a club outing or otherwise and let's hear some fishing reports at the next meeting.

CFFU could use your service in the future. We will need to find some new Club Directors to replace some of our long-serving Directors who will be heading for "retirement"… volunteering is good for you and for the Club. Please let me or our other Officers know if you have questions or are interested in how you can participate.

Thanks, Dave Lentz

AUGUST 2017 SPEAKER

Our August 1st speaker is Robert Stewart and he will be talking to us about the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP). Robert is my cousin from back East and is currently residing in Weaverville, Ca. where he works as a Hydraulic Engineer for the U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation. Robert studied Civil engineering as an undergraduate and in his spare time floated and fished streams in Middle Tennessee. It was there he developed a passion for water resources. He finished his education by getting a Master's Degree and PHD from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, studying the characteristics of water velocity and turbulence in open channels.

The goal of TRRP is to restore and sustain natural production of anadromous fish populations downstream from Lewiston Dam to pre-dam levels. TRRP works in partnership with federal, state, tribal and county entities. The strategy for accomplishing this goal is to restore the processes that produce a healthy alluvial river ecosystem. We have many club members that enjoy fishing the Trinity and it will be very interesting to find out some of what's going on there.

Ken Giesser
CFFU Programs Director

FLY TYING DEMO

Come see August's demo tier, Christie Roberts . Christie will start tying at 6:15 pm so come early to watch her tie some of her magic at the vise.

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TECH THURSDAY

California Fly Fishers Unlimited offers a series of programs each month on the "technical" aspects of fly fishing. The program covers fly fishing topics, ranging from beginning fly casting and introductory fly tying, to more advanced topics such as rod building, tying Atlantic Salmon patterns, and spey casting. Let Carl Lang know if there are any subjects you would like to see... or to teach! Tech Thursday's are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA

NAME BADGE DRAWING by Rich Wilson

Each month we will be drawing for a $30.00 gift certificate to be redeemed at one of the 3 fly shops in our area. Each month the $30.00 gift certificate will be from a different fly shop in rotation. To qualify for the name badge drawing a member MUST be wearing his or her CFFU engraved name badge. Each member will receive one ticket for wearing his or her engraved badge. At the end of the meeting one ticket will be drawn for the gift certificate. You must be present at the time of the drawing. New members will still be eligible to receive the 10% off any item at the LOGO table.

FREE FLY DRAWING

Bring a Fly to the monthly meeting and have a chance to win. Drop the fly in the cup at Rich Wilson's desk and receive a ticket. At the end of the evening, a ticket is drawn and the winner gets all of the fly's in the cup.

PRE-MEETING CASTING by SAM YEE

You are invited to join us for **Fly Casting Instruction** before the monthly meeting from about 6:00 pm until the meeting starts by Forrest Oldham, Bruce Bartholomew, Bill Siska, Craig Williams & a cast of CFFU Volunteers. We even have a FFF Certified Casting Instructor on hand to help out (Sam Yee). The monthly format is a good way to learn a few new skills, practice them & learn a few more new skills the following month. Bring your favorite fly rod and a brightly colored floating line. We have a few loaner fly rod available Don't be shy, just ask for some help, there is usually others who are more than happy to help you, Beginning Fly Casting to Advanced, Double Hauling, Wind Knots, Roll & Spey casting, Distance, Accuracy, Plus Switch & Spey casting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 31	CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm
August 1	CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm. Topic: Trinity River restoration project with Robert Stewart
August 9	New member's meeting at 6:30 pm.
August 17	Tech Thursday– Topic: TBA
August 25	Deadline for article submission to newsletter
September 4	CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm
September 5	CFFU General meeting at 7:00 pm. Topic: The legacy of CFFU with Forrest Oldham
September 16	Annual Hagan Community Park Fish Derby 2017
September 21	Tech Thursday– Topic: TBA
September 25	Deadline for article submission to newsletter
September 27	Social Night - Topic: Flies-Real and Artificial

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New members are encouraged to attend one of the quarterly meetings held at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sacramento, CA. The meetings occur on the second Wednesday in February, May, August, and November. 6:30 p.m. Here you can meet other new members, ask questions, receive contact information and possibly find a fishing buddy. Past President Laurie Banks and Membership Director Rich Wilson supervise these meetings and will help you get the most out of your club. You will also receive a certificate for 6 free flies from local fly fishing shops. Look for more info in the coming newsletters.

REFRESHMENTS

Bev Lorens will be selling refreshments before the meeting.

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JUNE 2017 SPEAKER

On June 6th we were treated to an outstanding program from outfitter Lance Gray that featured fly fishing Lake Almanor during the Hex Hatch. Just to show you what kind of a guy Lance is, he began by reporting Putah Creek and Manzanita Lake are both fishing very well right now and would be great alternatives for us to try during this time of extreme high water. He told us how to fish each place and which flies are currently working. Great bonus information. Thanks man!

Anyway, getting back to his Hex program, he started off by explaining the entomology of the Hexagenia Mayfly and what kind of environment it prefers. He listed the three necessary ingredients… mud, water temperature and sunlight. The Hex is a uniquely beautiful and very large insect that trout love to gorge on during the weeks leading up to and just after the summer solstice. He talked about the history and geography of Lake Almanor and why the west side of the lake is a perfect place to find the Hex. He then got into the guts of the thing by revealing which fly patterns consistently work and also talked about rods, lines, leaders and methods of fishing including the use of versileaders. He touched on which types of water craft work the best on this lake and how to use buoy lines to determine proper bottom structure and depth. Great information for those of us that don't use fish finders. He also mentioned the subject of thermal columns and why pond smelt patters can sometimes be very effective. This was a tremendous program that had everyone's attention. Many questions were asked and answered and I, for one, will by trying for them around the 4th of July. This might be a good destination for a future club outing.

Great Program! Thanks Lance!

Ken Giesser

CFFU Programs Director

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

I would like to thank Dick Angus Trevor, Seegelke, Rich Wilson, Laurie Banks, Forrest Oldham, Meloney Wilburn Christe Roberts, Carol Tevlin, David Tevlin, Dave Lentz, Tim Landrus for volunteering for the Cub Scout Day camp in Yuba City. We were scheduled for three days but the last day was cancelled so not all of us participated. The boys and adults all greatly appreciated learning about Etomology, fly tying and fly casting and each of us had a great time with the Scouts. Pitchers below, I hope you can use these pictures I can not figure out any other way to send them to you. They were send to me by Rich Wilson.

Gary Howard

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FLY TIERS EXCHANGE by Don Wallace

Photo's by James Simon

Christie Roberts tied a **Red Dart** on a size 12-16 TMC 403BLJ 60 degree jig hook using red Veevus 16/0 thread. The tail is red rooster schlappen feather (blue or chartreuse) or red saddle hackle (original directions). The rib is pearl flashabou and 6x tippet counter wrapped (original directions- Sulky pearl tinsel). The body is peacock ice dub and the thorax is hot pink UV ice dub. The hackle is furnace rooster hackle and the collar is red thread hot spot.

Tim Au-Young tied an **Albino Wino-Pyramid Lake** on a size 10 Daiichi 1120 hook using black thread. The head is a white tungsten 1/8" -3.2 mm bead. The tail is pink krystal flash 61/2 strands folded 4 times. The body is Veevus large black holographic tinsel.

Rob Scafe tied a **Professor** on a size 8-14 Mustad 3399 hook using black thread. The tail is red hackle. The body is yellow floss with a flat gold tinsel rib. The throat is brown hen hackle and the wing is grey mallard flank. The head is black thread.

Bill Conway tied a **Woolier Bug** on a size 10-12 long shank hook using black or olive thread to match the body (the fly can be tied in black or olive). The tail is marabou black or olive to match the body. The body and abdomen are Jayfair dubbing. Marabou is palmered over the dubbing and the copper wire rib is palmered over the marabou and dubbing to hold the body together. Two strands of green flash are added. The fly can be weighted with 6 wraps of .015 lead.

Christie Roberts was the demonstration tier this month. She tied a **Holy Grail** on TMC eye-down emerger size 10-14 hook using UTC olive brown thread. The fly can be tied in several different colors. The abdomen can be "natural" rabbit dubbing, "caddis green" ice dub or "squirrel belly" rabbit dubbing. The thorax can be "brown" or "natural" rabbit dubbing, "olive green" ice dub or "rusty brown" rabbit dubbing. The rib choices are small gold, chartreuse or copper wire. The wingcase is natural pheasant tail (Loon UV thick /flow glue). The hackle is natural Hungarian partridge. Comments color combinations respectively are tan, green, rust.

Fly Tier's Exchange Gift Certificate Award

To be part of the Fly Tier's Exchange, just tie 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! Your pattern can be of different sizes, but generally the flies are all the same pattern, the same size. ***Give it a try!***

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 gift certificate for $25 to the **American Fly Fishing Company**.

The next $25 gift certificate to will be awarded at the August meeting

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FLY OF THE MONTH

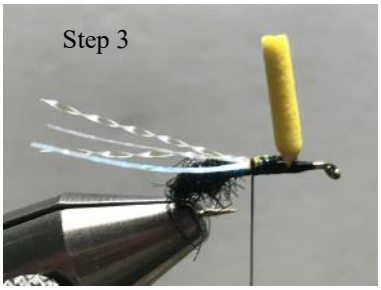
Montana Parachute Winged Ant

Tied and photographed by: Christie Roberts

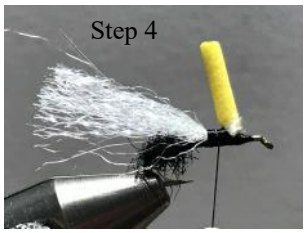
Step 1: Dress hook with thread to bend in hook. Abdomen: Dub on about 2-inches of ice dub (color of choice on butt) in a thin, fine dubbing noodle. Wrap in a space of rear 1/3 of hook in a football shape.

MATERIALS:
Hook: TMC 5262 #16-18
Thread: UTC 70 Black
Body: ice dub UV black (UV Red for butt, optional)
Underwing: 1 strand each UV Krystal Flash and polar flash (I used Fire Fly)
Wing: Antron or Z-lon White (split in ½)
Post: 1/16" foam cylinder in Chartreuse, Yellow, White or Orange
Hackle: Black gauged for hook size
Glue: Zap a Gap or other super glue

Step 2: Advance thread forward to about 1/3 spot on front of hook towards eye. Pinch wrap post onto hook at that spot and tightly wrap down the little end in middle 1/3 of hook to secure.



Step 3: Underwing: Fold the Krystal flash and polar flash around base of post with it extending about a hooks length beyond hook (will be trimmed to size later). Secure with 3-4 wraps behind post.



Step 4: Wing: fold white Antron around post and secure with 3-4 wraps behind post.

Step 5: Prepare hackle feather by trimming away from base of quill small amount of barbules by trimming or cutting close to quill. Tie feather to hook in front of post with convex side (dull side) of feather towards the post. Then up the post about 3-5 thread wraps and wrap back down post—ending with thread posterior to post on back side of hook away from you.

Step 6: Front Body: Dub front body section of ant taking a SMALL amount of ice dub and preparing a tight thin dubbing noodle. Criss-cross dubbing alternating behind and in front of post ending with thread behind post. Making sure not to crowd the eye of hook.

Step 7: Post: Wrap hackle down post 3-4 wraps. Secure end of feather by wrapping around post under the hackle. (Place a small amount of "zap-a-gap" or super glue on thread to insure secure finish of thread.)

Whip finish thread and trim off thread. Trim off end of feather (save for Nat wings or other small fly). Trim wing and underwing to about 1/3 of hook size past the end of bend (Total length about size of hook shank). Trim off post to desired length.

Enjoy fishing…Tight Lines! Christie Roberts

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CONSERVATION ARTICLE

Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the January 2016 newsletter.

FISHERIES CONSERVATION: A PERSPECTIVE FOR A FLY FISHING CLUB

We all have personal reasons for joining a fly fishing club. Most of us joined CFFU to either learn how to fly fish or improve our skills in fly-fishing. Many members wanted to find someone to fish with or learn about different places to fish. In other words, we joined CFFU because it is a fly fishing club, and we wanted to fly fish. It is unlikely that most of us thought very much about fisheries conservation as a primary reason for joining CFFU. Nonetheless, as you attend meetings, listen to speakers or read our Newsletter, you become aware of environmental issues that have a direct impact on your recreational fly-fishing. Climate change, drought, invasive species, mining, logging, dredging, dams, water diversions, water and habitat quality, and poaching are just a sampling of potential problems that our native and hatchery species face today. Many of these issues seem so complex and involve so many organizations and governmental agencies that many people who fly fish simply decide to let somebody else solve these problems, mainly because they don't think their involvement will make a difference. Believe me, your participation in fisheries conservation will make a difference.

CFFU is committed to protecting fish and their habitats. In my first year as your Conservation Director, our President, Laurie Banks, has established a Conservation Committee, on which I serve as Chairman. Other members are Carl Lang, Jim Berdan, Ken Davis, Dave Lentz and Bill Templin. The Mission Statement for this Committee states: "The overall mission of the Conservation Committee is to promote and support CFFU goals of conservation, preservation and enhancement of California's fisheries, aquatic resources and the watersheds that sustain them". Furthermore, the front page of the CFFU web site states: "CFFU is dedicated to promoting awareness and participation in the art of fly fishing and promoting the conservation, preservation and enhancement of our fisheries resources".

So, what exactly is "conservation" as it relates to fisheries? A common, general definition could be: "The preservation, protection, and/or restoration of the natural environment, natural ecosystems, vegetation and wildlife". With respect to "fisheries conservation", my own definition would be: "Fisheries conservation is the preservation of the species by protecting fish and maintaining their habitat (i.e. ecosystem) to insure reproductive success". All of the environmental issues listed above are relevant concerns and should be addressed to insure the survival of our fisheries.

As a member of CFFU, what can be your role to help maintain our State's fisheries and insure the future of fly-fishing for future generations? There are several levels of conservation participation:

Passive: the contribution of money to organizations, such as Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited and many others.

Slightly Active: these are activities that most of us already do, such as practicing good catch and release techniques, using non-toxic weight, picking up monofilament, cleaning gear to avoid transferring invasive species and avoiding spawning redds while wading.

More Active: participating in river cleanups, habitat restoration projects, reading published or web site articles on conservation issues related to fisheries and the environment.

Very Active: attending meetings of conservation groups, governmental regulatory agencies and special interest groups to become knowledgeable about issues and policies affecting fisheries. Also, writing letters and e-mails, making phone calls to your governmental representatives to voice your opinion on conservation topics and current legislation affecting fisheries.

Unfortunately, political agendas have become part of the conservation discussion for many current fisheries issues. I understand that some of our CFFU members feel uncomfortable becoming involved in the politics of regulatory topics that appear unrelated to the sport of fly-fishing. My perspective on this issue is pretty straightforward. Without sufficient clean water and adequate habitat for our fish species to thrive, many of our current ecosystems, such as the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, will no longer support the diverse populations of resident and migratory sport fishes.

As the largest fly fishing club in Northern California, we can have a positive impact on the environmental decisions being made that will affect our fisheries for many future years. As your conservation representative, I will do my best to keep you informed about important environmental/conservation projects, topics and issues related to our fisheries and fly-fishing, and as a fish biologist, I always base my perspective on what is best for the fish and their habitat.

As the iconic wildlife scientist and conservationist, Aldo Leopold, once said: "We abuse the land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect". In other words, the environment is not some abstract thing or place. It is everything you have been and everything you will be. You are a significant member of the environment.

Keith Pfeifer, CFFU Conservation Director
January 2016

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UPCOMING OUTINGS

FOR DETAILS ON A PARTICULAR OUTING, PLEASE CONTACT THE FISHMEISTER OR ASST. FISHMEISTER

August 5	**Lower Yuba (UC Preserve)**	**Fishmeister: Mike Wiggintgon tr109mike@comcast.net**
August 5	**Silver Fork– CANCELLED, HIGH FLOWS**	
August 11-18	**Talkeentna, Alaska**	**Fishmeister: Andy Penn andypenn@frontiernet.net**
August 24-27	**Mammoth Lakes**	**Fishmeister: Jeff Howard jhighcntry1@gmail.com**
September 30-Oct. 1	**Upper Sacramento River**	**Fishmeister: Craig Williams craigwilliams@zetabroadband.com**

LOWER YUBA OUTING JUNE 8, 2017

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:
THE FISHMEISTER AND ASSISTANT FISHMEISTER ASSUME NO LIABILITY SHALL BE HELD HARMLESS FOR ANY ACCIDENT(S) AND/OR INCIDENT(S) THAT MAY OCCUR TRAVELING TO, FROM, AND DURING THIS OUTING REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CFFU OUTING LIABILITY WAIVER WAS SIGNED, AND, WHETHER OR NOT THIS OUTING FACT SHEET WAS READ.

EVENT: Lower Yuba River – UC Davis Sierra Foothill Research Station

DATE: August 5, 2017

FISHMEISTER: Mike Wigginton email: tr109mike@comcast.net 530-635-1676
ASSISTANT FISHMEISTER: Jeff Stephens email: ffjeff4@aol.com 916-838-7513

SUMMARY:
The Lower Yuba River is one of California's top wild trout tailwater fisheries. The Yuba river rainbows are known to be hard fighting and at this time of year they are usually willing to rise to dry flies that are big enough for us to see. UC Davis opens up their Sierra Foothill Research Station to fly clubs allowing 20 anglers a unique access to fish the Yuba River between Englebright Dam and the Hwy 20 bridge. This section of the river receives far less pressure than the rest of the river but the fish are still pretty wary.

MEETING LOCATION:
8279 Scott Forbes Rd Browns Valley, Ca 95918
We must enter property as a group so we will meet by the gate and enter together. NOBODY ENTERS ON THEIR OWN!

DIRECTIONS:
A good meeting place is the gas station at Hwy 20 and Marysville Rd. From there drive east on Hwy 20 for 2.5 miles, turn left on Peoria Rd for 1.6 miles then take a slight right onto Scott Forbes Rd. The entrance is about 3.5 miles from there. Park on the shoulder of the road until everyone has arrived, at that point I will hand out passes and we will enter as a group.

MEETING TIME:
8:00 am

FISHING FEES:
$10 (covers fees charged by UC Davis and main course for lunch)
UC Davis limits this outing to 20 people so the first 20 people with $10 cash will be on the list. We will also have a wait list.

EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATION:
4-6wt rod with floating line (sink line if you want to throw streamers or swing flies), 3-5x leaders, split shot, strike indicators, waders, wading boots (preferably with spikes), I would also recommend a wading staff. 2017 California Fishing License with a Steelhead Report Card

FLIES:
Dries:
Skwala Stone or Olive Stimulator, 10
March Brown, 12-14
Parachute Adams, 14-18
Comparadun, Olive, 16-18
Blue Winged Olive (BWO), 18-20
Nymphs:
Fox Poopah, 14-16
Prince Nymph, 12-16
Rubberlegs Stone, 6-8
Pheasant Tail, 16-20
Micro May, 14-18
Hogan's S&M, 16-18

MEAL INFORMATION:
Around 1:00pm a prepared lunch is planned. Part of the fee for this outing covers the main course. Please bring a side dish to share and your own beverages. Please let Jeff Stephens (FFJeff4@AOL.com) know what side dish you are planning to bring.

FISHING NOTES:
The most effective way to fish the Lower Yuba River is with nymphs, either tight line/Euro or indicator. On a normal water year, whatever that is in California, this is Skwala and March Brown time so there could be some opportunities for dry fly action. If you're into Spey fishing swinging soft hackles and caddis pupah can be very effective.

Mike Wigginton

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MAMMOTH LAKES OUTING AUGUST 24-27, 2017

WHEN: Thursday - Sunday August 24-27, 2017

WHERE: Twin Lakes (Mammoth Lakes), CA Twin Lakes Campground 518 Twin Lakes Rd, Mammoth Lakes CA 93546

CAMPING: Go to recreation.gov to make your reservations for a campsite. I will be shooting to get camp #46B . As I see it #30-54 will be great sites to fill; or any really. CAMPSITES CAN NOT BE RESERVED UNTIL FEBRUARY 25th (6 months in advance to the day). I do suggest you reserve the spots early to get the spot you want. OTHER ACCOMODATIONS: If you are not into camping; you're in luck!! There are tons of places (condos, hotels, etc.) I would suggest maybe The Bridges or Snow Creek Condo's. We will be staying there a few more days after leaving the campsite.

MEALS: SEE POTLUCK FOOD LIST BELOW! We will do the Potluck Saturday Evening starting around 4:30-5 p.m. Cocktails.

I will be looking for an Asst. Fishmeister to help organize the potluck. Mikw Williams did a great job last year and may help this year?? Other than the Potluck, bring your own food or plan to eat out. Many choices. Breakfast: The Stove, Perrys, Goodlife, Slocums, MANY to choose from!! Dinner out: Nevado"s for a killer Price Fix 3-course (OUR FAVORITE). Moguls Restaurant is really good too. Mammoth Brewing Co. has taken Whiskey Creek"s spot and they are great for happy hour deals and dinner. Grumpy"s is also good. Many places around Mammoth ; for more go to Google Play or App Store and type in Mammoth Lakes Resort Deals and get the App.

FISHING FEES: You will need your regular California fishing license.

TWIN LAKES(Mammoth Lakes): This year's summer camp out will be held at Twin Lakes in Mammoth Lakes Ca. Mammoth lakes area is one of my favorite places to vacation AND fish. There is so much to do and see in this area you cannot get it all in ; in just one trip! The Minarets are awesome at sunset!! Devils Postpile, Reds Meadow, Rainbow Falls, Hot Creek; The list goes on and on!! We will be staying in an area that has 5 lakes to fish. Load your buddies and tubes up and pick one. We will do the same 2-fly Event on Saturday AND The Natural Tie Event as well at Saturday's Potluck. At this point I am not sure which lake will be fishing the best to hold the 2 Fly event; time and research will tell. Huge Alpers trout have been planted for years in this area, but since last year the Trout have been coming from Oregon; due to Hatchery issues, i.e., WATER ISSUES. There will be fish and that's all that really matters :)

DIRECTIONS: Take US 50 East 77 miles from Hazel; Turn right on CA-89 South 11 miles; Turn left on CA-88E/CA-89 S 12 miles, continue on CA88 N 4.4 miles; Turn right onto NV-756 E/ Centerville rd 1.4 miles (or just stay straight on hwy 88 till right at US 395 South); Turn right on to US-395 South 113 miles; Turn right on Ca-203 West 3.7 miles; Continue straight on Lake Mary Rd 2.3 miles; Slight right onto Twin Lakes Rd, Destination on right. If you're not pulling a trailer, you may want to take the prettier drive over Monitor Pass At Woodfords turn off; turn right CA-89 (Go past Markleeville and Carson Resort) Then left on CA-89 DONT MISS THIS LEFT!! Then right on US-395 and follow above directions from there. Fishing is your standard Trout Flies and Equipment; I will report on that more later; I have to be forgetting something??

Jeff Howard (916) 834-7202 for questions.

TALKEENTNA, ALASKA 2017

Trip date: Aug 11 -18th. Talkeentna, Alaska
Twelve hearty CFFU members are heading for Talkeentna, Alaska for the week of August 11-18. Fishmeister Andy Penn has arranged a terrific trip for CFFU members at a huge discount. The trip is only $2,500 which includes lodging and lunches, pickup and return to Anchorage and a vehicle to use in town.
The fishing is with Dave Fish Alaska River Guides and includes, wading, floating and fly-outs.
The 2017 trip to Alaska is filled, but if you are interested in going in 2018 please contact the fishmeister, Andy Penn andypenn@frontiernet.net Six people have already signed up and the maximum number is 12.

UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING 2017

Anyone interested in attending the Upper Sac Outing Sept 29-Oct 1 and are planning on staying at the Cedar Lodge (the outing headquarters) should make reservations now. They are routinely taking reservations through online booking agencies but held reservations for that weekend for us so we can call in and reserve how many rooms we need. Last year we used all but one room. To reserve call the office at 530 235-4331.

Craig Williams

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HAGEN PARK FISH DERBY SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Come one, come all…...…to the Annual Hagan Community Park Fish Derby for the mentally and physically challenged people who reside in the County of Sacramento on September 16, 2017!

The County of Sacramento, Therapeutic Recreation Services, TRS, Pre-registers, Registers, and Invites people with disabilities to come, and fish for a half day. THANK YOU Kathi Barber.

Hagan Community Park, Rancho Cordova, will host the event in Picnic Area B-4, as they have for the last past 3 years. I have negotiated FREE ADMISSION for all Volunteers, so PLEASE wear your CFFU NAME BADGES FOR YOUR FREE ENTRY. Justin Trick, trickauctioneers@yahoo.com, has generously donated the entire park fees so that CFFU would not have to pay that Day Usage Fee. THANK YOU JUSTIN!

The Big Red Worm Company, Elverta, (the largest bait distributor in the state of California!), will again donate all the bait, FREE of charge again for the nth year in a row (15 years maybe?). THANK YOU Steve and Glen Chadaris, Owners.

The Carmichael Kiwanians will again donate a grilled lunch FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, CARE PROVIDERS, AND VOLUNTEERS, for the 4th year in row, all FREE! THANK YOU Brad and Virginia Stone!

The Department of Fish and Wildlife, DFW, will donate the 1000 pounds of catfish, as they have done from infinitum, THANK YOU retired Joe Fererria.

And YOU, the loyal, dedicated, and kind CFFU Membership will provide the casting guidance, baiting of the hooks, discuss catch and release, with conversation all day long about fishing in general, and de-hooking the fish caught, will assemble at 8 AM, 1 hour earlier than the official start of the Event at 9 AM, to rig the rods, and partake of donuts with coffee (THANK YOU CARL LANG, TECH SERVICES DIRECTOR!).

Every year, I solicit to the grand CFFU Membership, an opportunity to give back to the community, a little bit of your time to share the wonders of fishing, not fly fishing, but fishing in general. People not fortunate as all of us, have the opportunity to fish, something they may only do this one time of the year. These hearty participants look forward annually to get outside, enjoy the park and facilities, then do something that may not normally do, catch fish! The hooping and hollering, shrieks of excitement, with broad smiles on faces is truly worth the little bit of time we take out of our day, Sept. 16, 2017, Saturday.

Again, the Event officially begins at 9 AM and fishing ends at 12 noon. The dedicated CFFU membership has the option to assemble early at 8 AM to get the gear ready, i.e., rig the rods ready for fishing. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1 PM, when the Event officially ends.

Do yourselves and the community a favor, volunteer for this Coachman Award qualifying event, and pay your soul with the joy you impart on the registered participants. I will have a sign up sheet at the next CFFU General Meeting in August, August 1, 2017, Tuesday evening. Ask any of the CFFU Membership how wonderful this event is for everyone involved.

See you all at the General Meeting, then at the Event! I think that one of the most endearing stories I have ever heard was the story of the family who would only see their son once a year when they would take him to this Event. He lived in a Care Facility.

Make a difference! If the 30 plus loyal CFFU members do it every year, then so can you!

Tim Au-Young

Hagan Community Park Fish Derby Event Chair, 1999-Present

California Fly Fishers Unlimited, CFFU

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MAY'S NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, May 10, we had 7 new members attend the quarterly new members meeting. Their names are: Rico Quarles, Chris Dahl, Jordon Clegg, David Carlson, Nancy Fresquez, Leo Signorotti, David Kirstien. To the other new members who were unable to attend, we extend an invitation to attend our next quarterly new members meeting on Wednesday, 9 August at 6:30 p.m. The CFFU members who attended were: CFFU President Dave Lentz, Past President Laurie Banks, New Members Liaison Jim Walker, and I, Membership Director, Rich Wilson. Laurie Banks chaired the meeting and informed our new members of all aspects of the club, answered questions and lead discussions regarding what CFFU is all about. At the end of the meeting we all enjoyed the brownies Laurie made and our new members were presented with a certificate for 6 free flies from each of the three fly fishing shops in Sacramento and Roseville for a total of 18 free flies, which more than covers the cost of their membership dues for the first year.
Rich Wilson

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FISHING REPORT BY KEN GIESSER

It's July 9th, 2017 and for the past twelve days I've been camping with my family; sadly they've all gone home, leaving me alone, but not lonely. I've made friends with the chipmunks of all people. At the moment I'm sitting at a picnic table in Gurnsey campground which is in the Lassen National Forest near the town of Chester, California. I'm retired so I figured I might as well stick around and fish the Hex Hatch at Lake Almanor for a few more evenings. It's been pretty good!

I also thought I might do a fishing report this month because there was no program to report on. Kudos to president Dave Lentz for encouraging everyone to just go fishing! I'm in the kind of mindset that thinks maybe we should take every July off. What do you think? We are a fishing club, after all.

Anyway, I just want to share a few thoughts about our camping trip and hopefully relate a little of why it's been special to me. I've been up here with my wife Lindy, our oldest daughter Katie, her husband Peter, and our grandsons Ryan and Andrew. We've also been joined by our adopted daughter Brandy, her husband Jeremy and their son Matthew. Matthew is my other grandson, who at 15 years old, is at that perfect age where he's mature enough and skilled enough to really participate in and enjoy the fly fishing action to be had. He's picked up casting very well and I'm confident he will do just fine when we journey to Alaska later this summer. We've been to Pyramid Lake Nevada a few times and he's already proved to me that he can cast the heavier lines with ease and confidence. Each time we fly fish together it feels like there's more purpose than just the present. It seems somewhat like a building block game for the future, if you know what I mean? Matthew is also way ahead by picking up fly tying on the internet. He's light years beyond where I was at 15. It makes me wonder how much longer guys like me will even be needed?

Now, getting back to the report…Matthew had spent the night at my house on the eve of our trip and so early in the morning of June 28th, we started up the old Tacoma and headed for Gurnsey. When we got there, we spent the better part of the first day setting up camp so things would be just right for everyone else once they arrived. As it played out, Matthew and I would be having two days to ourselves and when we rolled out of our sleeping bags the next morning, we were both very anxious to get at it. I fried up some Spam, eggs and toast (with a little shredded sharp cheddar melted on top of the Spam), and camp coffee, which Matthew is now old enough to enjoy. After breakfast, we got our float tubes ready and headed over to Crater Lake off of Highway 44. We got to know this lake from having previously been on Bucky May's club outing to Eagle Lake last summer. Bucky showed it to us because Eagle was fishing a little slow at that time. It's located approximately 45 minutes from Chester on good paved road with the last 7 miles being somewhat more difficult and dusty, but plenty doable in most vehicles. We fished Crater for two days in a row and landed approximately 115 Rainbows up to 17" with most of them averaging 10"-12". Matthew likes to keep score while continually reminding me of his count over the walkie talkies, so I couldn't help but bring to his attention the final score of 51 to 22 in favor of Papa. The next day he rubbed it in that he landed 24 to Papa's 17 or so. There's an old adage that says you should never let your grandkids win and I didn't. He just had the hot rod! However, our second day was much shorter than the first and he had learned lessons from the previous day (those darn building blocks again). In reality, I'll be 64 years old this year, and I was a little tired and off my game. Hey man, my arm was sore!

The third day came and the rest of our family finally arrived. From that point on, we ate like kings, dining on much better food and of a "slightly" healthier nature. My wife and daughters really do it up right! We were completely spoiled! My 5 year old grandson Ryan and his 4 year old brother Andrew each caught trout on spinning gear in Gurnsey Creek and I must confess we enjoyed them for breakfast. John Gierach says "In every catch and release fisherman's past, there's an old black frying pan." I think he's right and sometimes we tend to forget that. Ted Fay regularly kept a couple for breakfast. In the evenings Matthew and I enjoyed great dry fly action down on Deer Creek, where he learned a lot about mending. By the way, those little native Rainbows look like finely painted porcelain dolls with their white tipped fins and parr marks.

Okay, I sort of promised that I would report back on the Hex hatch fishing at Lake Almanor so here goes… I used to live in Susanville many years ago and regularly fly fished streams in the area, along with Eagle Lake, and Pyramid Lake Nevada. I fished Almanor in the dead of winter with bait, but had never really fished it much with a fly rod. After hearing Lance Gray's program in June, I was fired up to try fishing the "hatch". So my grandson Matthew and I booked an afternoon Hex Hatch tour with Lance that included a fabulous tri-tip dinner his wife Kirsten prepared at their Almanor cabin on the lake. Lance is a very positive, down to earth teacher and he communicated very well with my teenage grandson. I had taken Matthew to dinner with Lance earlier in June and they seemed to hit it off right away, talking a lot about sports which is also right up Lance's alley. I have to tell you this tour was a tremendous learning experience for both of us and I would highly recommend it to anyone! Before I went, I kind of had the mistaken idea that I would be lucky to catch one. That's sort of true for the dry fly, but I was pleasantly surprised to find out they readily take the nymph. It is not that unusual to have 6-12 takes in an evening. I had 11. I didn't land all of them and sometimes the takes were subtle, but usually not. The fishing is best when you slow down and become very methodical. Most of the time, the takes are violent, the trout are big and they really smash it! The best way I can describe the grab is to have you think of a freight train plowing into a stalled car in the middle of a railroad crossing (with all the occupants evacuated and safe, of course). I really believe they could wake somebody out of a coma! It's actually a wonder the rod doesn't shatter in your hand! My goodness! You better be holding on or else! Anyway, I'm really not joking about the grabs, but to put things in perspective and give a fair assessment, I would say that if you learn about this hatch and methods of fishing it, you should have a reasonable shot at landing 2 or 3 super quality fish in an evening. The experts might land 6 or more. I would also like to mention that besides the Rainbows, Browns and Smallmouth Bass, you might catch a Sacramento Perch, which I observed to be quite large based on the ones we landed. As far as the hatch goes, the Hexagenias are magnificently big and beautiful and it really is an event to behold! It's kind of a social thing like Lance said, but all in all, a really relaxing, wonderful experience with great big rewards. I liked it so much, that being retired, I decided to stay a few extra days after my family went home. I'm very glad I did. Each day I've learned more and my technique keeps getting better. Almanor is one of the most beautiful reservoirs in our state, and at dusk is a magical sight to behold with Mt. Lassen looming in the background. The Chester area has always been my family's favorite and I think it always will be. I've been getting into fish every evening and last night I landed a Rainbow that was 27" and approximately 6-7 pounds and a Brown that was 25" and approximately 5-6 pounds. It's easy to make friends out there and I met a guy named Jeff from Austin Texas that just happened to have a camera with him so I had him take one shot of one fish so I could at least give you some idea of what is representative in this lake.

Photo: Courtesy of Jeff from Austin

And finally, I would be remiss or possibly even negligent if I failed to bring up the subject of campfires. If you have ever been troubled by anything at all, can't figure something out, or just plain wonder why other people act like they do, then I suggest you stare into an open campfire with a coffee cup in hand and I promise you that almost everything in your life will fall into place and you will have perfect clarity of vision at least for the length of time the campfire is going. I promise!

It works like magic baby!

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OTTER'S ACTIVITIES

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.

Check the listserve for upcoming OTTERS events.

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Meetings are held at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of the month at Conzelmann Community Center, 2201 Cottage Way, 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.

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