



## CASTING NEWS FROM LAURIE BANKS

The Annual Fundraising Dinner...more than just one night of fun

As I write this it is still September and I am in Ennis, Montana waiting out the lightning storm so I can get back on the water. Brad and Virginia Stone were kind enough to auction a stay in this Montana home at last year's annual fundraiser. I started reflecting on all the experiences I've had and objects I own because I have attended CFFU's Annual Dinners. I won a rod which was my favorite for years. In the spring, President-elect Dave Lentz led Ken and I on an unforgettable trip to the Kern Plateau to catch three different heritage trout. Again, it was an auction item at our fundraising dinner. From past years I got my waders for only \$40, I can't count all the fish I caught on the flies I won, Stan Stoltz's framed Coachman fly painting with Jim Berdan's flies adorn my wall over my tying bench by the wooden fish clock hand crafted by Jim Walker. Last year I wanted to give something personal so I auctioned a "Confidence Day" where I would spend a day helping a new fly fisher. As a result, I made a new friend and had an incredible day fishing with Margaret Slabaugh. All these prized possessions and memories came from attending the CFFU annual dinners.

So mark Sunday, November 13th on your calendar. You will have more than just a fun night out. You can buy your dinner tickets and raffle tickets from our website, or at the general meeting. Put some money aside to bid on live or silent auction items. Your tax deductible dollars go to our Fish in the Classroom Program, local conservation projects, the Bittner scholarship winner, and our new Veterans program. You are a member of a tremendous club sponsoring some wonderful projects in our community, so please show your support for our one-and-only Annual Fundraising Dinner. Get some terrific deals and make some wonderful memories.

Laurie Banks

## OCTOBER SPEAKER

Mike Copithorne will be sharing a program on Fly Fishing Putah Creek. This unique stream is only a short drive from Sacramento and is really coming back as a great fishery, due to strong conservation efforts and fishing regulations. Mike will take us there to probe its waters and unlock its secrets! He will go over insect hatches, flies to match and methods to fish. Mike has fly fished for over 30 years, traveled all over the world in search of adventure, and has been featured in many fly fishing publications. He started a company called Off The Hook Fly Fishing in 2005 and resides in Napa, California. This is a must see presentation for anyone in our club interested in finding new "home water". Putah Creek is an amazing place.

Ken Giesser  
CFFU Programs Director



## FLY TYING DEMO

Come see October's demo tier. They will start tying at 6:15 pm so come early to watch them tie some of their 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 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.

## REFRESHMENTS

Bev Lorens will be selling refreshments before the meeting.

## 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

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|-------------|--|
| October 3   | CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm  |
| October 4   | CFFU General meeting at 7 pm (Topic: Putah Creek with Mike Copithorne) |
| October 25  | Deadline for article submission to newsletter                          |
| October 26  | Social meeting at 6:30 pm  |
| October 27  | Tech Thursday at 6:30 pm   |
| October TBA | CFFU Board meeting at 6:30 pm  |
| November 1  | CFFU General meeting at 7 pm (Topic Fly lines with Jeff Putnam)        |
| November 9  | New members meeting at 6:30 pm   |
| November 13 | CFFU Annual Dinner at California Auto Museum                           |
| November 17 | Tech Thursday at 6:30 pm   |

## 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.

## 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 next meeting will be August 17 at 6:30 pm. Here you can meet other new members, ask questions, receive contact information and possibly find a fishing buddy. 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.

## WHO'S WHO IN CFFU

### OFFICERS NAME PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL ADDRESS

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| Annual Dinner       | vacant                        |                                      |
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## CFFU ANNUAL DINNER

We hope you will join us for a special night out and come to our Annual Dinner and Fundraiser. Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13th.

### Food and Drink:

The regionally famous Buckhorn Steakhouse will be catering the event. The menu includes:

mixed greens salad, char roasted Tri Tip, BBQ chicken, locally grown roasted seasonal vegetables, herb roasted red potatoes, multigrain rolls and coffee.

(Vegetarian dinners are available upon request.)

There will be a no-host bar with wine, beer and sodas available for purchase.

Appetizers and dessert are complementary.

### The Venue:

You may pick up your name tags at the Welcoming Table at 3:30. If you would like to come earlier to spend more time wandering through this spectacular auto museum you may do so at no charge. Your entrance fee is included in the price of the dinner ticket; just tell the docent at the door you are with CFFU. The museum opens at 10:00.

You can climb in several of the cars and trucks, making for great photo opportunities.

Docents (including our own Don Wallace) will be available to answer your questions and provide information.

### Special Deals:

We have some terrific raffle, silent auction and live auction items!

Professional auctioneer Justin Trick has volunteered to lead our live auction.

### Tickets:

This is CFFU's one and only fund raiser! Proceeds support Fish in the Classroom, all conservation efforts, our Bittner Scholarship winner and more. You can buy your tickets at the October, or November General Meeting, You can also buy them from our website with your credit card or PayPal account. Tickets are \$45. Please give the names of those attending so we can have a name badge at the welcoming table.

### Donations:

You can help benefit the cause by donating something you own or made, asking businesses to donate goods or services, putting together a gift basket, or choose any other imaginative idea. Please bring your donations to the general meeting, or mail them to Laurie Banks, 2443 Fair Oaks Blvd #209, Sacramento, CA 95825, or call me to arrange a pick-up. If you cannot attend but want to make a cash donation, you can do so on the CFFU website. Go to OUTREACH (on the blue banner at top of page) choose SUPPORT CFFU, scroll down to ANNUAL DINNER.

Questions? Don't hesitate to call or email me!

Laurie Banks (916) 709-1309

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

On September 6th we were treated to an outstanding program from Matt Heron that featured fly fishing in Cuba. He started off with a brief history of Cuba and general information that still applies today. I was surprised to learn Cuba is 750 miles long, has 11 million people, and is the number one tourist destination for Canadians. It is still a communist country with very low average income for its people, but has recently been opening up more and more fishing area for visiting anglers. This has been a real boon to their economy, such as it is. Surprisingly, Cuba has environmentally protected its coastline for many years and is the envy of the rest of the world! The fishing flats and mangrove canals are in pristine condition and the fishing is regulated so as to provide virtually virgin water for the angler to experience. You will need a Person to Person Visa and direct flights to Havana are now becoming available. Matt recommended you spend a few days in Cuba before or after your "fishing" to take in some of the sights. It's a magical place that you will want to explore. The food is exceptional and you'll be treated like a king, but remember to bring it all, because there are no fly shops in Cuba.

He closed his program by talking about the amazing fishing. It's a Bonefisher's paradise with a "grand slam" opportunity available at every single location. The grand slam consists of Bonefish, Tarpon, and the "Holy Grail" of the flats, Permit. He joked about the difference between a beginning Permit fisherman and an expert is usually one Permit. The alternative species fishing is also off the charts with Snook and Grouper heading that list. This was a nice change of pace program that perked everyone's interest. A lot of members had questions and gathered around well into the break. Thanks Matt.

Great Program!

Ken Giesser



## PRESIDENT'S OUTING OCTOBER 16TH

Where: Lake Solano County Park, 8685 Pleasant Valley Road, Winters

Private Picnic Areas A&B (next to the boat ramp)

When: Sunday, October 16th

- 8:00-9:15 Coffee and Donuts

Clinic by Mike Copithorne and Jordan Romney

“How to Maximize Your Lake Solano/ Putah Creek Fishing Experience”

- 9:15 to 12:30 Fishing in Lake Solano or Putah Creek. Jordan Romney will take any interested people to Putah Creek for a technique demonstration.
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch catered by the Buckhorn Steakhouse: barbequed chicken and beef ribs, potato salad, garden salad, baked beans, cornbread and ice tea.
- 1:30- Continue fishing or socializing (park closes at 4:30)

Who: This is a special outing to thank those CFFU members who have earned their President's Pin by participating in two or more community service, conservation or leadership events. If you think I have made an error in your status, please contact me by email or call (916) 709-1309.

For a listing of eligible members, please refer to the email sent out on the list-serve.

Laurie Banks

## WET FLY AWARD 2016 NOMINEE

I, Ken Giesser along with my grandson Matthew Barlow, would like to acknowledge and recommend consideration for Past President John Coldiron to receive the prestigious and coveted Wet Fly Award for the year 2016.

This all happened on June 25th as we were gearing up for an afternoon of fishing on Crater Lake in Northeastern California. Matthew and I were already in our tubes and watching John “try” to enter his. One little misstep with his fin under a rock sent John immediately to the sitting position and I'd like to say that was that, but from the look in his eye, it suggested he thought about it for a split second and decided to take the full baptism, with only the top of his hat showing. I think he might have done it on purpose except that he came up gasping for air and shaking the water off like a Saint Bernard. We tried to turn away and not look but like all good freeway rubberneckerers, we just couldn't help ourselves. It wasn't quite as bad as looking at the sun and having our eyes damaged but we both have mental photographs and video footage imprinted on our brains. Some people will do anything for attention and this water debacle just goes to show you! It may have just been a boo boo but either way we feel John is deserving of this highest of all awards!

We hope you will ponder this matter and regard it with purposeful deliberation and sober consideration.

## NCCIFFF DINNER OCTOBER 8, 2016

The Northern California Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers Presents:

# FESTIVAL OF FLY FISHING

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

**Hall of Fame Dinner**

6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

- Free Casting Instruction
- Fly Tying Demos
- Equipment Displays
- Speakers
- Raffles

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Please see [nccfff.org](http://nccfff.org) for more details

### THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO INDIVIDUAL STATES

The Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 stipulated that public lands be managed by our federal government, specifically by the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. The National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are all part of the Interior Department. The Department of Agriculture is responsible for our national forests and wilderness areas. The history of public land, primarily in the Western United States, goes back to the purchase of the Louisiana Territory lands from France. Thomas Jefferson understood that this “investment” was for the betterment of the American people. Our public lands are a gift to all citizens who enjoy outdoor recreation in some of the most beautiful settings in the world. As fishing enthusiasts, we have access to many streams, rivers and lakes in our national parks, national forests and wilderness areas.

There is currently a renewed concern about the concept of transferring control and management of federal public lands to the individual states in which these properties are located. The federal government presently manages and assumes financial responsibilities for more than 300 million public acres used for recreation, fisheries and wildlife conservation, mining, logging, cattle grazing, and oil and gas drilling. The federal government has a long history of issues with Western states over the management of public lands. For example, federal lands are not subject to state or local taxes, which limits an individual state to generate local revenue. Also, there may be federal environmental laws that can impact adjacent state or private properties.

The current debate over public land-transfer reflects similar issues during the Sagebrush Rebellion of the late 1970s when Nevada filed an unsuccessful lawsuit against the federal government in which Nevada claimed the rights to the Bureau of Land Management lands within its borders. In recent years there have been some limited, but determined, efforts by some Western states to transfer control of public lands from the federal government to individual states. In 2012, Utah passed legislation, the Utah Transfer of Public Lands Act, to require the federal government to grant control of public lands back to the State of Utah within two years. In 2014 Utah initiated a “plan” of education, negotiation, legislation and litigation to obtain control of 31 million acres. In December 2015, the Utah Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands began the process of preparing a legal complaint that would be the basis for a lawsuit against the federal government.

Over the last two years, other Western states have approached “states rights legislation” in various ways with limited success. Arizona passed a bill similar to Utah’s 2012 legislation, but the Governor vetoed it. In New Mexico, a bill that would have created a study commission failed in part because of objections from conservationists and American Indian tribes. Wyoming has a task force that is currently studying legal avenues for land-transfers. In Colorado, a transfer-study bill died after opposition from conservationists and sportsmen convinced their representatives that this concept was “contrary to Colorado values of environmental protection and equal access to all the open spaces and natural areas“. Another important point made by the Colorado conservation groups was the significant cost obligations that would be tied to any public land transfer to the State.

Growing interest in this public lands transfer idea has also come from non-governmental groups, such as the American Lands Council, a non-profit organization based in Utah. Current council members include county commissioners, industry representatives (e.g. mining, cattle and energy), and the author of the 2012 Utah legislation, who serves as the Council’s president.

A key issue surrounding the transfer of public lands to the individual states is one of cost, i.e. who will pay for maintaining the services required for these lands? For example, costs of fighting wildfires alone could easily overwhelm the individual states. In 2012, the U.S. Forest in Idaho spent \$169 million on fire suppression, which is more than three times Idaho’s law enforcement budget. The obvious answer to this cost of services question is that the public land would be sold by the state to generate revenue. For many years, private groups and industries have been interested in gaining access to public lands. These include mining, oil and gas, timber grazing, recreation and real estate development. National parks and wilderness areas would likely be off limits for these activities, but our national forest lands would be “fair game”. Remember in the 1960s when our “Magic Kingdom” folks at Disneyland wanted to develop a ski resort and highway system in the Mineral King Valley of Sequoia National Forest. They proposed the largest resort to date in California with 27 ski lifts; hotels and parking to accommodate a projected two million people a year. Thanks to the heroic efforts of the Sierra Club, this development never happened, and Mineral King was eventually annexed into Sequoia National Park.

In California, we have a long legacy of public access to our coastal beaches, our rural waterways and forests. If you travel to other Western states, many rivers and streams have limited general access because the once public lands have been sold by the state to private real estate developers, or they are owned by industrial corporations. As advocates for access to public lands and clean waters to present a fly to a wild fish, let us all work to preserve our environmental heritage. Please remain informed and stay vigilant about the stealthy efforts of special interest groups that want to control our public recreational lands and limit your access or the future access of our descendants to our beautiful beaches, forests and streams.

Keith Pfeifer  
Conservation Director  
October 2016

*FLY TIERS EXCHANGE by Don Wallace*

*Photo's by James Simon*



**Wally Dewitt** tied a **Foam Black Ant** on a dry fly hook size 10-16, using 6/0 black thread. The body and the thorax are 2mm black foam. The hackle is grizzly saddle or hen cape.



**Tim Au Young** tied a **Copper John** on a TMC size 18 hook using black Veevus 12/0 thread. The tail is goose bi-ots. The body is small copper wire. The thorax is peacock herl. The wingcase is super fine flashabou. The legs are brown hen hackle.



**Rob Scafe** tied a **Pheasant Tail and Partridge** on a TMC or Dia-Riki #75 hook, using dark brown thread. The rib is copper wire wound counter for more durability. The tail is pheasant tail fibers as is the abdomen. The hackle is Hungarian partridge, 1 1/2 to 2 turns. The thorax is peacock Hareline Ice Dubbing, try lighter and darker colors for variations.



**Tim Landrus** tied a **Sheep Creek Special** on a size 10-14 1x to 4x long hook using black thread. There is no tail but there are three or four wraps of hackle at the rear of the fly. The body is olive or black chenille. The wing is Mallard flank.



**Trevor Segelke** tied a nameless fly given to him while fishing. We will call it the Trevor Special. It is tied on a 14 1x long hook using black 6/0 thread. The tail is sparkle tinsel. The rib is copper wire over palmered ostrich herl. The abdomen is squirrel dubbing. Comments: This is a medium sink fly.



**Christie Roberts** tied a **Bead Head Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail** on a size 12-16 hook using black 8/0 thread. The tail is pheasant tail fibers as is the abdomen. The rib is gold wire and the hackle is pheasant.

## FLY OF THE MONTH

### FOAM BEETLE

Tied and photographed by: Jim Berdan

#### MATERIALS:

Hook: TMC 100 size 12-16.

Thread: Black, 6/0 or 140-denier

Underbody: Peacock Herl

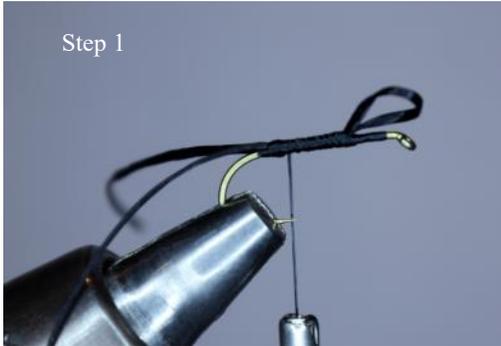
Legs: Black Super Floss or black round rubber legs

Overbody: Black 2mm craft foam about one hook gap in width

Hot spot: 1/8 inch Foam Cylinder – Chartreuse

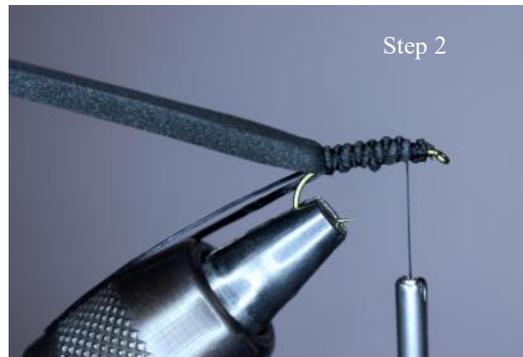
COMMENTS: This fly is based on an original pattern from Tim Flagler of Tight-line Productions. Most foam beetle patterns use hackle to represent legs, but here I use super floss or you can use mini or small round rubber legs. The legs help the fly float in the surface film. The chartreuse hot spot is there to make the fly easier to see. Beetle patterns work well in late summer and fall, but I've caught fish year round with the foam beetle.

Step 1



Step 1: Pinch the barb and mount the hook in the vise. Start the thread just behind the eye and take a length of super floss, fold it in half and tie in as shown. Once secure, stretch the floss loop and trim close to the shank.

Step 2



Step 2: Cut a piece of the 2mm craft foam ¼ inch wide and trim one end to a point. Tie the foam in by the point just behind the hook eye and wrap back to the bend of the hook compressing and tying down the foam to the hook shank as shown.

Step 3



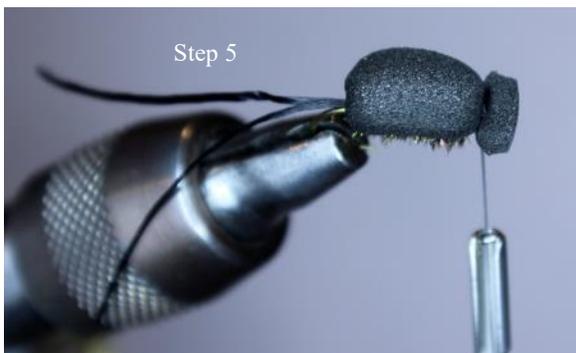
Step 3: Take six peacock herls, trim the tips even, tie in behind the hook eye and wrap back to the hook bend.

Step 4



Step 4: Make a rope with the peacock herl and wrap forward to the tie in point or 1 to 1 ½ eye widths behind the eye.

Step 5



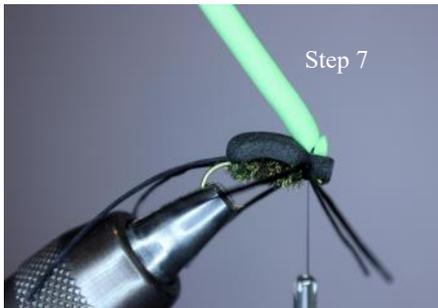
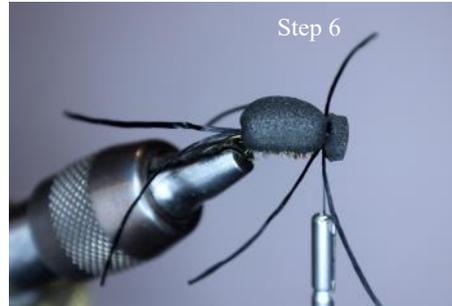
Step 5: Pull the foam forward and tie in as shown. Trim the foam just in front of the hook eye to form a small head. You can trim the corners of the head if you wish.

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Step 6: Tie in the front legs as shown. There are several ways to tie in legs, so use whatever method works for you.



Step 7: Tie in the foam cylinder as shown. Whip finish and trim the cylinder fairly close, but leave enough so you can see it at a distance. You can also trim the legs to the desired length.

Step 8: The finished Foam Beetle 2.0. Give it a try.



## COME MEET HENRY HOFFMAN

WHO : You and any other CFFU member

WHAT : A PRESENTATION BY HENRY HOFFMAN, 1970's genetic breeder of feathers

WHERE : Richard Conzelmann Community Center, 2201 Cottage Way, Sac., CA 95825 (Where we have our monthly meetings)

WHEN : OCTOBER 12, 2015, Wednesday , Time TBA ( probably 6-9 PM )

WHY : To share the history and learn more about how the fly fishing industry started using feathers as a vital component to fly tying. Meet and greet Henry!

Tim Au-Young has met Henry 5 times at International Federation of Fly Fishers, or other fly tying events, was fascinated by meeting a living legend, and learning a little about feathers by Henry, the man himself. He is a very soft spoken gentleman by all definitions of the word, a pioneer in the history of breeding chickens, and a wealth of information. Whether you are a fly tyer or not, learning more about something as important as how feathers we use today in fly tying had it's roots, should be an opportunity not missed.

The location and start time will be addressed in next month's Newsletter, so mark you calendars!

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

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

|                        |                            |                             |                         |
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| September 30-October 2 | Upper Sacramento River, CA | Fishmeister: Craig Williams | Asst. Fishmeister: open |
| October 7-8            | Fall River, CA             | Fishmeister: Val Adams      | Asst. Fishmeister: open |
| December 9-11          | Pyramid Lake, NV           | Fishmeister: John Daniels   | Asst. Fishmeister: open |

## UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER OUTING 2016

WHEN: Friday, Upper September 30- Sunday, October 2, 2016

SHORT LINE NYMPHING AT THE PARK

WHERE: Upper Sacramento River near Dunsmuir, CA

LODGING & MEALS: There was difficulty finding a rental facility as in the past so there are a number of us booked at the Cedar Lodge in Dunsmuir. The remaining four rooms available are in my name for those of you wanting to stay there. Do not use Expedia but call the office there at 530 235-4331 and tell them you want one of the rooms left in my name. Other motels are also available in town or Mt Shasta.

DINNER FRIDAY: 7:30 PM Railroad Park Restaurant, Dunsmuir

BREAKFAST SATURDAY 8:00 AM. - Cornerstone Cafe, 5759 Dunsmuir Avenue

LUNCH SATURDAY: You may want to pack a lunch to take fishing with you.

SATURDAY 7:30 PM Mexican Restaurant, La Perla de Nayarit on Dunsmuir Ave.

DETAILS: With 37 miles of fishable water, most of which can be easily accessed, the Upper Sacramento is one of California's best fly fishing destinations. Hat Creek, the McCloud River, and a myriad of lakes are also within easy striking distance from Dunsmuir.

SHORT LINE NYMPHING: After breakfast Saturday, for those interested we can go to the Dunsmuir Park where CFFU members competent with short line nymphing will explain and assist others with this highly effective method on the river.

Our very own Ken Davis is planning on sharing his expertise regarding the aquatic insects found in the river at the park.

Fishing may be pretty good this year with early evidence of the October Caddis. The planting program of DFW and the trophy fish program by the city of Dunsmuir city is still happening. Much of the river hosts the feisty wild Upper Sac rainbows.

GEAR: 4-6 weight rods with floating lines. Flies should include a selection of nymphs #14-18 such as Prince, Copper John, Dark Lord, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail, Micro Mayfly, Fox Pupa, Hogans S&M and larger nymphs Bill's Stick Caddis, Posse Bugger, Black or Brown Rubberlegs. For dry flies when applicable Light Cahill, Parachute Adams and Mercers Missing Link could work. You will need 3x-4x tapered leaders (7.5'), 4-5x tippet, indicators, and split shot. A wading staff is required for the Upper Sacramento and studded wading boots are definitely a plus.

The Dunsmuir area has a wealth of great guides if you are so inclined. I would recommend the following: Ron Rabun, Fred Gordon, Wayne Eng, and Steven Bertrand and Rick Cox.

Craig Williams 916-224-3630

## SOCIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28TH

Topic- Indicator Fishing on the American River

When: Wednesday, September 28th, 6:00-7:30ish p.m.

Where: Gristmill Recreation Area (directions below)

Please join us Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for an evening of indicator fishing on the American River, followed by food, drinks and conversation at Brookside Restaurant and Bar (directions below).

Jeff Howard is going to put on a clinic to demonstrate the very successful method of indicator fishing. Jeff suggests bringing a floating line, indicator and several nymphs. Although the clinic starts at 6, Jeff will be there at 5 if anyone wants extra help. Come just to observe and learn, or better yet, participate! You may want to bring your rigged rod, fishing license, water, a chair, hat, sunglasses, sun block, water shoes /boots. The water may still be warm enough to wet-wade. If you want to join us at the restaurant, wear waders or bring a dry set of pants and shoes.

Directions to Gristmill Recreation Area, Mira Del Rio Dr., Sacramento

From Folsom Blvd turn north onto Butterfield Way. (Butterfield Way is between Watt and Bradshaw). Take the 1st right onto Stoughton Way. Stoughton Way will end at Mira Del Rio. When you are at that stop sign look across the street, one house to the left, and you will see the entrance to Gristmill. (The area is residential. The entrance to the park almost looks like someone's driveway.) Follow the road to the parking lot. Parking costs \$5.

Directions to Brookside Restaurant & Bar, 9819 Horn Road

After our evening on the river, join us at this casual, rustic bar. (It is only 1 mile from the corner of Butterfield and Folsom.) Go east on Folsom Blvd, past Bradshaw. Turn right at the next light, Horn Road. The Restaurant is on the left. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant if the small front parking is full. They have appetizers, dinners, desserts, adult beverages and sodas. They have a private room reserved for us.

Laurie Banks  
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# OUTING REPORT

## MAMMOTH OUTING REPORT 2016

All can say is; Mammoth has so much to offer that a long weekend is too short.

The 4 of us arrived on Sunday 8/21. We tested the water a couple times at our favorite spots for the girls to relax and the guys to fish a little. This became a run for the truck in early afternoon with down pours.

The T-Storms quit Wednesday, just in time for our relaxing day at Gull Lake and our Patio Boat Excursion. The fishing was hardly serious, although we managed a few.

Thursday the group started rolling in and it was time to get serious about fishing. With the weather early in the week, it was tougher fishing than we would have liked and I missed my 2 grabs on Upper Twin Lake.

Friday all members had about 10 options or ideas to fish with 3 spots to meet if they were not fishing the Crowley Guided Trip.

The Crowley Trip was great for most of the boats. I counted grabs and my total was 13 and only landed 7.

Sheila and Russ did well with 12 & 28, Meloney had a bent rod the whole time it seemed like (while we were close) I think Meloney and Laurie got 12-15 to the boat each. Sam and Guy did really well, with 40 to the boat. Mike and Craig got 35 or so. Joe and Andy did not get a ton of fish, although I was told Joe got a 5 & 6 pound fish. Betty and Keith hooked around 18 and unfortunately only 10 made to the net. Luckily the fishing had started to turn back on after the weather had shut it down for more than a few days.

Most of the Fish caught were Rainbows, Browns & Cutthroats.

After Fishing, a BIG Group of 14 Members and Spouse's met at the Mammoth Rocks, a Taste of the Sierra's Event. We had a great time listening to a Johnny Cash cover band. Enjoying great food and Drink. At 8pm, In The Led came out and the Volume Cranked. I missed a great shot of Meloney covering her ears. Needless to say, it was too loud for Shadow and the rest of us.

Saturday 9 of us fished Twin Lakes for the 2 Fly Event. The Fish had been planted on Friday afternoon Russ told us. Many conventional guys were doing well. These were super healthy fish and grabbed super hard. Russ Heckley took the Pot of Cash, landing 7 of those feisty fish.

Prior to the Potluck Saturday, a bunch of Natural Tied Flies were created. The flies created were Awesome, with the 3 judges choosing the fly tied by Keith And Betty Pfeifer as the Natural Tie Winner. Great Job you 2 !!

Ernie Gulley blessed us with his presents and even offered to help numerous times. Ernie is the guide I called to arrange the other 5 guides needed. I had to apologize to him for being a little busy; although many of the group had lots of questions for him. Everyone brought a ton of great creations for consumption and we all had a ball.

Saturday morning some members went to fish creeks. Betty and Keith went to Devils Post Pile and then fished the beautiful headwaters of the San Joaquin River with their 3 Wts. This is a beautiful stretch and if your ever there, you must see Rainbow Falls.

Laurie and Ken went to the June Lake area to fish Rush Creek and explore. I believe they captured a few little ones on their hike. Craig and Brenda saw Hot Creek and also visited June Lake Brewery.

I'm hoping I'm not forgetting anyone. I was waiting awhile for more reports. At least I know some of the group got to see a small amount of the reasons we annually go to Mammoth.

Thank You Everyone for the great food and your help.

Thank You Mike Williams (Asst. Fishmeister) for organizing the Potluck

Jeff Howard.



Meloney fishing at Twin Lakes



Gary Howard showing off his catch.

## 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 listserv 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 30<sup>th</sup> for those joining later, and a \$10 initiation fee. Board of Directors meetings are held on the Monday preceding the regular first Tuesday meeting at East Ranch Clubhouse, 150 East Ranch Road, Sacramento, CA 95725

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