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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JEFF STEPHENS

One of our members has passed on to Fly Fish on High.

Howard Ross Passes.

EDITOR/EDITORIALS

EDITOR-FORREST OLDHAM

Sixth Edition! Some info repeats.

PONDERINGS

Some thoughts on fly fishing.

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER

Mike Pease, "Fishing the Lost Sierra"

Bittner Scholarship winner, Cassidy Cooper's latest research.

CONSERVATION

Dave Lentz

Activities of the Conservation Committee, 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

A NUMBER OF US TRAVELED UP TO CAMP SACRAMENTO TO BRIEFLY MENTOR A FEW CAMPERS ON SOME ASPECTS OF FLYFISHING A COUPLE MONTHS AGO. MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO COME!

SOCIAL/GATHERINGS

ANNUAL DINNER !

Though awhile away, check your calendar and reserve the day for next year's Annual Dinner! You do not want to miss it!

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

OTTERS

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

FISHING REPORTS! Salmon should be showing soon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

President's Corner

by Jeff Stephens

Howard Ross passed quietly in a care home recently. He was a warm hearted fly fisher that was a member of the club for quite some time. He sponsored the CFFU BBQ a number of years on his property overlooking the Rossmoor Bar area of the American River. He also allowed the OTTERS to use his Granny Pad for fly tying after the luncheons. Enjoy fishing with one another while there is still time!!

THE ESSENCE

"I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHY I FISH OR WHY OTHER MRN FISH, EXCEPT THAT WE LIKE IT AND IT MAKES US THINK AND FEEL."

Roderick I. Haig -Brown, *A RIVER NEVER SLEEPS* (1946)

Dave Lentz - Conservation Committee Chair

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SEPTEMBER SPEAKER
MIKE PEASE
"FISHING THE LOST SIERRA"

Mike will share with us his thoughts on the Sierra's fishing. Previous to Mike Cassidy Cooper a Bittner Scholarship winner will share her latest findings

PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

We lose fly fishers all the time, however, some leave behind their thoughts and such to benefit us via their writings. One of them is Roderick I. Haig-Brown. One of the things a dedicated fly fisher does is read everything one can to help the pursuit of our quarries as well as just to enjoy the many other aspects of our sport. Roderick has a way of presenting that captivates the reader. At least he did me many times. I highly recommend his works for the thoughtful fisher.

TECH SERVICES by Jeff Morin & Brandon Harell on June 25, 2024

Most every month Jeff has some gathering for a Tech Services Meeting. Check the CFFU Calendar for information on upcoming events

This June, at Claimstake Brewery, we had the pleasure of sharing shad stories.

To learn more, watch your email for the Tech Services Corner, to read the full article.

The photo above is from the June Tech Services get-together.

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Otter's Lunch Dates:

Thursday, September 5, 2024 & September 19, 2024
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

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FLY TYER'S CORNER
COHO SILVER SALMON BLONDES

Suggested bucktail winging variations:

Tail:	White	White	White
Middle	Red	Red	Blue
Tip	Blue`	Green	Green

1)Hook: 1X long, 2X strong, Sproat, nickel or bronze

2)Weight: 12 turns +/- 2amp(.025") lead or equivalent, leave room at head and a bit more at tail

3)Thread: White A or 3/0, start in front of lead, secure front and tie over to rear and secure rear of lead.

4)Tail: Bucktail 1 ½- 2 X body using butts to fill in area between rear of hook and back of lead, post tail.

5)Tinsel (Body): Tie in Silver Mylar Braid at rear of tail using thread and tinsel to further fill in area behind lead and leave thread at mid point of body.

6)Wind tinsel forward with first turn under tail to mid point and tie off and back on far side of hook.

7)Mid wing: Tie in Bucktail length to be short of end of tail to prevent fouling and taper butts to front of lead using thread to tie down butts leaving thread at rear of head after building taper in front of "fall off" at front of lead.

8)Wind tinsel forward to thread stop and tie off./cut off.

9)Top wing: extends to end of middle wing, taper butts to secure with thread for tapered head.

10)Head: build with thread to desired size tie off and cement.

Option: Use paints/markers to make eyes and top color to match top wing, and coat with durable clear coat.

A NOTE ON THE SOCIALS

The September Social may be held on the last Wednesday of the month at the East Ranch Clubhouse near Fair Oaks Blvd. and Munroe St. Check the website to verify.
The October Social to be determined. Consult the website.

YOUTH CAMP

CFFU sponsored Andres to attend FLY FISHING YOUTH CAMP. What follows is his thankyou letter and a couple photos. It was obviously a success!

Fishcamp was an amazing experience. The food was great, the tents were nice, the fish were bi-i- I mean what more could you ask for. At fishcamp we learned different casts, how to tie flies, diffrent types of bugs, and different knots. All of this was fun and couldn't have been done without the counselers who were nice and helpful. The fishing was good. At camp we had freetime and that was spent talking and playing sports or swimming. At night we had a campfire and ate smores, played games, and listened to spooky story.

Thank you so much for paying for fish-camp.

From: Andres