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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JEFF STEPHENS

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

Rob Scafe, practiced fly tyer, great citizen, and respected CFFU Member.

CONSERVATION Dave Lentz

Activities of the Conservation Committee,,They have been busy!

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!

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Fourth Edition! Some info repeats.

PONDERINGS

Some thoughts on fly fishing.

TECH SERVICES/SKILLS Tech Services Corner

Jeff Morin

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

OTHER EVENTS FLY OF THE MONTH

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

GENERAL MEETING SPEAKER

We have no meeting in July as many are out of town for the Holiday and possibly fishing!

We resume meetings in August, Speaker: Hogan Brown "Valley Stripers"

OUTREACH/ YOUTH
BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS A NUMBER OFCFFU MEMBERS WILL HAVE ALREADY HELPED CAMPERS AT CAMP SACRAMENTO BEGIN A LIFE OF FLY FISHING. CAMP SACRAMENTO IS UP HIWAY 50 ALMOST TO ECHO LAKE.

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! WELCOME NEW
Shad are in! MEMBERS !!

President's Corner

by Jeff Stephens

Words can't describe what Rob meant to our club.

Rob was a great person fisherman and friend. His Fly tying craft was simply the best. He will be greatly missed by everyone. This is a tough one to swallow. RIP my friend Jeff Stephens

Many left notes on Rob's passing, all very thoughtful. I submit my response given how close he and I were due to his pursuit of fly tying expertise. Another very close, as many of us were to Rob, was Tim Landrus's message. Check your email for others.

Very sad news, but expected. I had a "heart to heart" talk with him after the last Otters we attended before leaving for our Western States Trout Challenge expedition. He was very settled in knowing what was to come shortly. I am very glad for knowing and sharing time with Rob. He achieved the Bronze and Silver levels in the FFFI fly tyer's challenges and was working on the Gold. I had opportunity to encourage Rob in his tying and helped him in his research about Carrie Stevens and her fly tying. He shared with me a number of things he discovered about flies and fly tying, as well. I, and I believe I can speak for a number of others, will miss him and think of him as events in daily life cause us to remember such activities. Count your thread wraps carefully Rob!

Forrest

CONSERVATION

“ THERE IS ONLY ONE THEORY ABOUT ANGLING IN WHICH I HAVE PERFECT CONFIDENCE, AND THIS IS THAT THE TWO WORDS, LEAST APPROPRIATE TO ANY STATEMENT , ABOUT IT, ARE THE WORDS ‘ALWAYS’ AND ‘NEVER’ .”

Lord Grey of Fallodon, *FLY FISHING* (1899)

Dave Lentz

Conservation Committee report for newsletter, July, 2024



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AUGUST SPEAKER HOGAN BROWN “VALLEY STRIPERS”

Hogan will share with us his thoughts on catching the landlocked stripers we have here in the Central Valley.

PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

Given the loss of some of our beloved members causes me to pause and ponder how precious each of our days and relationships are. Most do not know that Bill Ozawa was a Manzanar detainee during WWII. I approached him one afternoon in which he verified his experience, but no details. I mentioned I would like to visit with him one day over pie, coffee, or other such to hear his tale. At that moment it was more a priority to help with fly casting skills those that showed early for the meeting. To my great disappointment Bill passed very shortly after that event. I feel robbed, not only for me, but for many others as well, by not getting to hear his story. I encourage you all to share some fishing time with others not only to catch fish, but to catch a glimpse of their experiences...

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

When you think of fly fishing on the American River - what comes to mind? For us, we picture serene waters amongst an urban jungle, abundant wildlife, and the thrill of catching anadromous species of all shapes and sizes. This June, at Claimstake Brewery, we had the pleasure of sharing these experiences with fellow shad lovers during our Tech Thursday event, "American River Shad Stories." The evening, filled with camaraderie and learning, was led by us, Jeff Morin and Brandon Harrell, and it turned out to be a delightful gathering.

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



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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, July 18, 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

Tim Landrus

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A NOTE ON THE SOCIALS

The June Social was held Wednesday evening June 12th at the East Ranch clubhouse. Ken Davis prepared a slide presentation to point out where fish may be located in lakes, rivers and small streams. About a 18 participants came to the clubhouse and brought awesome food and drink. Using the PowerPoint images, participants discussed where the fish would be located and what techniques they would use to fish the area.

Our next social will be held on Wednesday, July 31, at the East Ranch Clubhouse. The topic will be Tenkara fishing in small streams.