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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JEFF STEPHENS

Jeff is as busy as a cat herder so I step in to his shoes for now for his corner of the newsletter-

Forrest

CONSERVATION

Dave Lentz

Activities of the Conservation Committee. They have been busy! They collected on their activity!

SOCIAL/GATHERINGS

ANNUAL DINNER !

Cannot wait for next year's!

Check Calendar for a Social or contact:

Laurie Banks

EDITOR/EDITORIALS

EDITOR-FORREST OLDHAM

Fourth Edition! Some info repeats. Get your articles in by 25th.

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. Did you miss our last meeting? Poor you! Some thoughts on approaching new water.

OTHER EVENTS

FLY OF THE MONTH

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

GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER

Tom Page

"Yuba River Steelhead"

OUTREACH/ YOUTH

A note on American River safety, and check the calendar/website for fishing opportunities.

Beverly

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!

Announce at the meeting! Don't be bashful! You do not need to give out a secret!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

President's Corner

by Forrest Oldham (Past President)

The coming months traditionally are trout months for many of us. This will be true for myself and others that I know. We enjoyed a great social event at Chuck's CFFU BBQ! Laurie is lining up more social events many of you will not want to miss, as well. This is all part of being a "connected" fly fisher. You find out places and techniques you might not otherwise know of at such gatherings. Keep looking at the calendar!

The new 2024 President's Pins arrived and Jeff will start handing them out to members who've volunteered and are eligible for the President's Outing later this year.

We're approaching spring's months now, but the club is staying busy with activities, maybe going fishing as the conditions permit. There's a lot going on and don't forget the Otters meet twice a month, keep checking the calendar; Laurie always keeps it updated.

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

During 2023, The Conservation Committee's focus was working on a report for Solano County Water Agency. The report was completed and submitted to SCWA in December, 2023. The report concerned habitat restoration and enhancement in lower Putah Creek and fishery management in the "interdam reach" downstream of Lake Berryessa. The Committee's Putah Creek team includes several retired biologists and aquatic habitat professionals. In January, 2024 the Committee met and reviewed organizations and conservation efforts that CFFU donates to and supports. The Committee made recommendations to the CFFU Board of Directors for continued support for these efforts. Also, the Committee continues to research other conservation needs and efforts that we can support with donations and/or volunteer effort. We are following current issues on the American and Yuba Rivers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Conservation committee received a significant check for CFFU!

If, as I suspect, trout fishing is something of a disease, then it is also something of a therapy in itself.

Tom Sutcliffe, MD

Reflections on Fishing (1990)

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MONTH YEAR ISSUE

JUNE SPEAKER TOM PAGE "YUBA STEELHEAD"

I have it on good faith that this guy knows his stuff relative to catching steelhead on the Yuba. I am sure some of the info will apply to other waters, as well. You will not want to miss this!

PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

One of the things I notice that many of us fly fishers struggle with is "courage". We do not want to "trouble" others with questions about our fishing, who, what, where, when, etc. Truth is, other than secret fishing holes, most would be happy to share what they know to help a fellow angler, newbie, or experienced. We also tend to always go with what we know, whether our favorite fly, technique, fishin' spot, or other such. I suggest you "break out of these" from time to time. Who knows you may discover something wonderful, an even better piece of water, a fishing buddy, or who knows what else! It is a big, wide, wonderful world out there! Gather up your courage and run with it!

"Fly tying is the next best thing to fishing; it is the sort of licking the lips that eases a thirsty man in the desert. -Arthur Ransome "Fly Tying in Winter"-ROD AND LINE 1929

Tech Services Corner

Jeff Morin

May's Tech Thursday had fourteen club members in attendance where James, Owner and Operator of About Trout, a fly fishing outfitter based on the San Juan River, spoke about his approach to the water and the decisions he makes, that we all should make, throughout the day as the fishing environment constantly changes. Remember that "T is for trout, T is for transition". When you first approach water and you don't know where to start fishing, James says to remember your "Ts". Look for trout by looking for transitions and personally, I interpreted this as a period of time or piece of environment that displays change. This is why I was first so intrigued with fly fishing when I entered the sport. My body and my mind are not in a static state while fly fishing. There is always a period of change, something different, something that excites me or catches my attention that doesn't allow me to get, well, bored. To learn more, watch your email for the Tech Services Corner, to read the full article.



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SOME UPDATES TO BE AWARE OF

American River Parkway
Update from Chief Ranger Orman

Currently 39 of 42 Peace Officers positions have been filled. These officers are being hired as law enforcers not naturalist.

This year the officers have abated 723 camps on the lower American River. Removal of camp tonnage has gone down. About 20-30 people still moving from place to place.

Call 311 to report camps, with picture if possible.
Call dispatch for immediate "Ranger Assistance" 916-875-7275
Call 911 for a fire

Stay safe fishing , Beverly

There are a number of Club opportunities for fishing coming up. Check the Calendar/Website.

Shad are in the American and other rivers. Stripers are being reported to the north of us in places, as well

Beverly

....."I know literally thousands of fishermen, yet in all this multitude I can number only four men who can handle a bass flyrod the way it should be handled...:"

John Alden Knight

BLACK BASS 1949

FLY TYER'S EXCHANGE

Fly tiers exchange from May by Don Wallace

1. **Tim Au Young** tied a **Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph** on a Masu size 10 hook using red flat waxed nylon. The tail is mink. The rib is metallic French ribbing. The abdomen and throat are Wapsi Awesome Possum. The wingcase is turkey tail. The head is a brass bead.
2. **Rob Scafe** tied a **Milton Midge** on a TMC 2457 size 14-18 hook using 8/0 or 70 denier black thread. The rib is small red wire. The thorax is peacock herl. The head is a 2.4 mm tungsten bead. Special items are: UV resin, "Loon Clear Fly Finish, Thin," or equivalent. For basic tying instructions check out the following website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8g3yGg8Xhu>
3. **Bob Bettati** tied an **Orange Comet** on a size 8 Tiemco 7999 hook using orange 6/0 thread. The eyes are bead chain. The tail is orange calf tail. The body is silver tinsel. The wing is orange hackle.
4. **Paul Smith** tied an **Elk Hair Caddis** on a 12 TMC 5262 dry fly hook, using 6/0 dark brown thread. The rib is fine copper wire and the body is light brown dubbing. The wing is elk hair. The hackle is brown.
5. **Diane Terrell** tied a **Zebra Midge** on a size 10, 16, 18 hook using black, orange or brown thread. The rib is small fine wire in black, silver or gold. The head is a small glass beads or small gold beads. Tie in the ribbing and use thread to create a tapered thorax, wrap the ribbing to behind the bead.

DEMO TYER

The **Demo Tyer** was **Jeff Howard**. He tied a **Hot Butt Caddis** on a size 10 Daiichi 4640 jig hook, using hot orange or fluorescent orange thread. The bead head is a slotted tungsten fluorescent orange size 1/8 inch bead. The tail is 2 strands krystal flash, UV pearl. The rib is gold wire The body is hares ear dubbing or other. The hackle is Hungarian Partridge.

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, June 6, 2024 ;

Thursday June 20, 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.

CALL FOR CASTING INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES

Looking for Committed Casting Facilitators for pre meeting and CFFU casting events. Fly Fishers International Master Fly Casting Instructor Willie George Russ and Sarah are coming Sept 28th be prepared for their free facilitator training and testing. Get trained as a casting facilitator learning new casts and helping others work their way thru Foundation, Bronze, Silver & Gold Levels of the Fly Casting Skills Development program. We can help you work on Accuracy, distance 20 ft to 70 ft, casting in the wind, get rid of wind knots, shooting line, double hauling, horizontal casting, j casts, tighten your loops and increase your distance. We can practice on the water or on the grass. We might even catch a few fish.

If interested contact Sam Yee 916-505-7722 mostly free learning opportunities to learn to cast better, must be willing to help CFFU casters at pre meeting casting and casting outings.

SOCIALS!

I'd like to give a huge thank you to Chuck Odell and Mary Ann Hampton for hosting the CFFU Annual Barbeque. Their backyard provided the perfect setting for this wonderful event. Chuck's BBQ was outstanding as were the side dishes crafted by Mary Ann. Members brought a wide variety of desserts and beverages. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful evening. Chuck and MaryAnn outdid themselves and put a great deal of time and effort into providing us with this magical evening and it was much appreciated by all!

Our next social "Reading Water" will be held on June 12th at the East Ranch Clubhouse, For more information go to [CFFU: Social Night](#)

ANOTHER THANK YOU FROM TIM AU YOUNG

To Master Chef Chuck - All of your preparedness definitely showed at showtime. Your smoked chicken, ribs and tri tip with the pulled pork was masterfully grilled.

To Sous Chef Mary Anne - Your baked beans, and potato salad were yummy yummy yummy, in the tummy tummy tummy. There was an unscrupulous member who threatened to take my left over potato salad and hide it, but fear not. There is no telling what else you prepared?

To all of the members who donated other meal accoutrements, like the salads, appetizers, AND, of course, the desserts, which we had MANY, THANK YOU!

One last THANK YOU goes to all of the members who donated sodas and various forms of alcohol, from the nice wines to the beers.

It takes many spokes to turn the wheel, and the Odells were definitely the hub. A hearty THANK YOU goes to all the attending 50 plus participants who came to the annual BBQ. The one thing that really bonded the entire evening was all of the time for everyone to catch up as much as they could with everyone else. Hearing about everyones travels, where they came from and where they were going, to events of the day, the personal events going on, the overall chit chat was mind boggling, and quite a wonderful way to bond relationships.

So, a HUGE THANK YOU goes to one and all who made this perfectly temperate evening, most enjoyable.

COMING MEETINGS

JULY SPEAKER:
WE TAKE JULY OFF

AUGUST 6 SPEAKER
HOGAN BROWN
“VALLEY STRIPERS”