



# ON THE FLY - May 2024

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JEFF STEPHENS

Many thanks to those stepping up to enhance our member's experience and others outside our group...

## CONSERVATION

Dave Lentz

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

## SOCIAL/GATHERINGS

ANNUAL DINNER !

Cannot wait for next year's!

Check Calendar for a Social or contact:

Laurie Banks

## EDITOR/EDITORIALS

EDITOR-FORREST OLDHAM

Third Edition! Some info repeats. Get your articles in by 25<sup>th</sup>.

## 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! Mike on Pyramid Lake.

## OTHER EVENTS

### FLY OF THE MONTH

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

## GENERAL MEETING

SPEAKER

Matt Dover, Guide

"Covering The Basics"

## OUTREACH/ YOUTH

Canoemobile-4/9,10,12,16-19

Cosumnes Preserve.

John Durand

Girl Scouts-April 20

Lake Camanche

Beverly Thomas

## 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

.Fishermen (persons) are born honest, but they get over it.

Ed Zern

## OTTERS

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

## FISHING REPORTS! WELCOME NEW

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

## MEMBERS !!

### President's Corner

by Forrest Oldham (Past President)

April's been a busy month for CFFU. Tim AuYoung's Beginning Fly Tying Classes and great Tech Thursdays behind us. CFFU volunteers helped the Fish in the Classroom Egg Delivery and assisted the parks department with their Fish in the City Derby at Howe Park. We held 101 Classes for Beginners, the monthly Social and many attended the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. Our Annual Dinner, Canoemobile, and Girl Scout Program kept many of us busy.

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.

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)



# ON THE FLY

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## MAY SPEAKER MATT DOVER "COVERING THE BASICS"

Matt is a guide and, based on the title, we believe he will share with us his insights that hopefully will help us with our efforts to catch fishes on flies. You really do not want to miss any of our guest speakers, including Matt.

## PONDERINGS

By Forrest Oldham

Following is a list of reasons for a fish to grab one of our offerings based on a book titled "Why Fish Bite". You may want to refer back to last month's edition of "Ponderings" and consider the offering based on this list.

- 1) Competition
- 2) Conditioning (Dinner Time)
- 3) Water agitation-Tide, dam release, etc.
- 4) Hunger
- 5) Curiosity-Fish "handle things" with their mouths.
- 6) Impulse- Something flies by, grab it!
- 7) Aggression-spawning battles
- 8) Attraction-to color, shape, action...

Which apply?

## Tech Services Corner

Jeff Morin

Mike kindly agreed to share lessons learned during the most recent club outing to Pyramid Lake during this April's Tech Thursday. He said the weather was actually balmy for the 2024 outing! This year may have been more challenging than years past and the fish count was drastically less than last year but there were still tight lines down the chair alley. Todd Carr got his first LCT and the first fish of the outing; great work Todd! Guide scuttlebutt and Mike's personal opinion is that the lake is fishing a bit more tough than years past, which could be due to increased water from the past rainy season and possibly the lack of stocking during the COVID year(s).



If you want the chance to catch a 12 pound LCT like Laurie did this month, then you can learn more about Pyramid Lake at [www.pyramidlake.us](http://www.pyramidlake.us) or check out Reno Fly Shop's interactive Pyramid Lake Beach map [www.renoflyshop.com/map-1](http://www.renoflyshop.com/map-1). No Nevada state fishing license is needed, just purchase and have available your tribal fishing permit, which can be purchased at the Pyramid Lake Online Licensing webpage at <https://pyramidlake.us/permits>. You can also get your camping permits here as well.



Thanks to Mike for hosting the wonderful conversation on Pyramid Lake this past month. Hope to see you at next month's Tech Thursday. My full Tech Services Corner article will be distributed in May.  
Stay fishy!



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## CANOEMOBILE-Cosumnes River Preserve



### CANOEMOBILE-JOHN DURAND, CHAIRPERSON

ONE OF CFFU'S OUTSTANDING YOUTH PROGRAMS RETURNED TO THE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE IN APRIL.

THE CANOEMOBILE IS A FLOATING CLASSROOM, PROVIDING YOUTH FROM THE SACRAMENTO AREA OPPORTUNITIES TO PADDLE CANOES, CAST FLY RODS, EXPLORE A NATURE TRAIL, AND NAVIGATE A COMPASS COURSE. THE SCHOOL CLASSES ARE MOSTLY 6TH GRADERS/11-12-YEAR-OLDS EXCITED TO BE LEARNING NEW SKILLS.

NEW THIS YEAR WAS FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS COORDINATED BY TIM AU Y

CFFU **volunteers** SHOWED UP TO DEMONSTRATE AND INTRODUCED FLY FISHING TO THE YOUTHS AS WELL AS THEIR CHAPERONES.!

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YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANOEMOBILE HERE:

[CANOEMOBILE](#) | [FLOATING CLASSROOM](#) | [WILDERNESS INQUIRY](#)

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE VISIT

[HOMEPAGE - COSUMNES RIVER PRESERVE](#)

THANK YOU, LIKewise TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING ENCOURAGE THE NEXT GENERATION OF FISHERS AND CONSERVATIONISTS!

What an amazing group of CFFU volunteers helped with Canoemobile 2024 at the Cosumnes River Preserve! We had seven very full days of casting and tying with approximately 600 students from 4 school districts, 9 schools, and 25 classes.

Look for some photos at next week's meeting! Be sure to give these talented and generous folks a pat on the back!

Forrest Oldham, Lanny Garman, Julie Kaye, Nancy Yee, David Duenas, Terry Block, Stan Stolt, Bill Barron, Sam Martinez, Tim Au-Young, Gary Howard, Robert Roundtree, Gaven Zunie, Penny Ivanovich, Laurie Banks, William Conway, Beverly Thomas, Bill Beckett, Jeff Stephens.

With great appreciation,  
John Durand

## GIRL SCOUTS-

Beverly Thomas, Chair

Lake Camanche

April 20, 2024

Many volunteers made the trek to Lake Comanche to make the Girl Scouts experience a success.

Our part was limited to those skills needed for fly fishing and our members did an outstanding job!

Volunteers,

You're the best!!!

**Beverly Thomas 916-613-5803**

.....had I a river I would gladly let all honest anglers that use the fly cast line in it, but where there is no protection, then nets, poison, dynamite, slaughter of fingerlings, and unholy baits devastate the fish, so that 'free fishing' spells no fishing at all.

Andrew Lang

Introduction to *The Compleat Angler*

By Izaak Walton (1906)

## Fly tiers exchange 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 May 2, 2024 ;Thursday May16, 2024  
Thursday June 6, 2024; Thursday June20, 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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# JUNE SPEAKER: Tom Page- “YUBA STEELHEAD”

You do not want to miss this one!