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President's Message

October 2010



By Steve Allen

"Of all the times of the year...the fall is the most exciting, spring the most beautiful, summer perhaps the most delightful, winter the most testing...but fall is the time of movement." I completely agree with those words of the great Roderick Haig-Brown in his excellent 'Fisherman's Fall'. This writing blends the seasons of our lives with those of our fishing in a way that assures us that we have chosen a wonderful lifetime sport to pursue and enjoy. Right now is the time to pursue our fishing on our local waters. The North Yuba is starting to show fall color on the drive to our favorite fishing spots; and soon there will be the chance to take some larger fish from this fine River, as the Fall/October Caddis will soon be out.

The Lower Yuba is settling down from the decreased flows, and is fishing very well for those staying late enough for the Caddis activity to take place. Let's all get out and enjoy this time of movement soon.

Please remember that our Christmas Party is Dec. 4th in our usual meeting place. We now have room for many attendees and would like to see all Members in attendance.

The future of our sport can be shaped by getting involved with the youth programs we staff and take the lead in. Right now a teacher from Bear River is starting a class called 'Bear River Academic Enrichment'. Former guide and friend of many in our club Matt Bishop (the teacher), is taking the lead and responsibility for training future stream keepers and fishermen. Frank Rinella is working with Matt to provide instructors and equipment for this program. It is off to a good start thanks to Frank, Dennis, Sam, Scott, Clay, and others. Good job everybody. Want to jump in and help? Please let one of the above members know you are available.

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One of the most important parts of our meetings is the beginning where we hear from all Officers, Program Chairs, and others with important messages to get out. I have noticed and have received many comments about the talking going on during this meeting. We cannot allow this to continue, please respect our meeting structure and those working hard to keep our Club going strong. I request those needing to converse during our business meeting take it to the hallway. The Board realizes that our warm fellowship is a big part of our Club experience. We will find a way to get more time for this in the future. Please, let's all respect our important traditions and meeting structure.

Our own Mark Rockwell will be speaking at our October meeting. Come and listen to Mark explain the problems and competing interests that threaten our Rivers and waterways in California and beyond. Mark will be returning from his annual Steelhead trip in British Columbia, and might have some pictures of large fish for us to see. Get on out and enjoy the best fishing of the year. I'm heading out for The Yuba right now!

Steve

MEETING & PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Gold Country Fly Fishers will be Tuesday October 5th at the Ponderosa Building (formerly known as the Senior Center) in Nevada County Fairgrounds – Grass Valley. Use Gate #2. The General Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Members of the Board meet at 5:30pm & the Conservation Committee meets at 6:00pm.

Program:

Mark Rockwell – Update on California Water Situation

Mark is Past President of GCFF and Past Conservation Chairman for Northern California Council of Fly Fishing Clubs



By Trent Pridemore

Gold Country Fly Fishers Programs

October brings our own Mark Rockwell to give us a much need assessment of the water situation in California. Mark works for The Endangered Species Coalition, Is immediate past president of Gold Country, is the Conservation Chairman of the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishermen and has pipelines in Sacramento. This should be a very interesting Power Point Program, particularly since we face an important water bond vote in the November election. Mark speaks around the state on this subject.

Our Conservation Chairman will also update us on all Gold Country involvements. Note that other clubs are envious of our stewardship role and the widespread interest in our conservation activities.

November features John Gantner who will speak on the trout and bass fly rod resources of Lake Shasta. I'm already thinking about a late fall or winter trip for threadfin eating trout.

Trent



Tim Ackerman couldn't be happier with this HUGE Striper form the Delta



Keith Scott, with a whopper of a Striper



Fishout Schedule for 2010

By Mike Williams

Date	Location	Fish	Fishmaster	Comments
October 7/8	Upper Sacramento River	Trout	Wayne Holloway	This will be held in the Dunsmuir area, with a two night stay
October 9	North Yuba River	Trout	Ralph Wood	Possible BBQ
November	Outings still in planning stage			
December 18 3:00 PM, all depending on the weather	Lower Yuba UC Davis	Trout	Mike Connor	This outing will be from 8:00 AM to
December TBA	Trinity/Klamath River	Steelhead	Need Volunteer	



Gery Anderson and David Bear with a double on Rainbows on the Bighole River



Jim Lynch sends this picture of two Roosevelt elk bulls that he and Walt O'Dwyer encountered on a backpacking trip to the Lost Coast, Sinkyone Wilderness Area

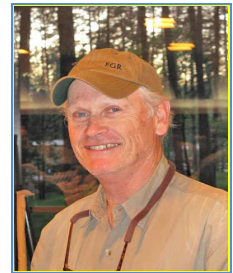
Note: If you have photos from a recent trip, please email them to your Newsletter Editor, David Bear at opabear@comcast.net and I will be happy to include them in the next edition. Photos don't have to be of fish but should show what you enjoy about the whole fly fishing experience.



By Mike Williams

Fishout Report

Note: Don Steffa assists Mike Williams with coordination of Fishouts.



Don Steffa

We had a big turnout for the Frenchman's Reservoir fishout. Wayne Holloway reported; "We had fifteen fly fishers show up, thirteen of which camped out over the couple of days and all had a marvelous time. Thursday started out cool and cloudy, but the fish seemed to prefer that, and the bite was on. Zandi Holloway was doing very well with a Red Headed Step Child and before long, having passed a few around, everyone was catching fish. Red Copper Johns were also working well. The fish in Frenchman's are Eagle Lake Rainbows and they're fun to catch, acting bigger and tougher than they actually are. We caught some very colorful fish up to 16" and Trent from his boat brought in a nice 18 incher. Talk around the campfire was lively and spirited and on Friday everyone contributed to the "steak feed", including several very good wines from around the world. I think we all slept very well that night. I'm ready to go again."

As I write this we still have not had our Eastern Sierra outing. The weather outcome looks good for this event. We'll let everyone know how this turns out.

For October we have a 2 night stay in Dunsmuir fishing the Upper Sacramento River. We additionally have a stream outing to the North Yuba River. The Henderson Springs outing has been cancelled along with the Lower Yuba Dry fly clinic. Refer to the current schedule for dates. More information on all of these outings will be available at the next regular meeting.

Fall is upon us. Water temperatures are getting into the prime range now. Get out and fish.

Mike



Man your float tubes, boys! Those fish are risin'



Barbecuing steaks at Frenchman's Campground



Dinner time at Frenchman's Campground



Don Steffa, with a good example of the Scrappy Rainbows in Frenchman's Reservoir



These 'bows are a strain from Eagle Lake and they fight like they're two sizes larger

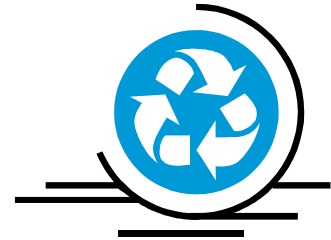


An omen of good fishing



By Gery Anderson

Conservation Corner



South Yuba Clean Up Day

Since this newsletter is being sent out before the September 25 clean up day it is not too late to register. Our club has been and is an active participant so it is not too late to register on line at www.syrcl.org. Sign up for the Parks Bar site and we'll see you there at 8:45 AM. We meet on the Marysville side of the River at the Highway 20 Bridge.

Wounded Warriors Event

The Wounded Warriors event has been moved from the week of October 4th to October 11 through October 14th. Horseshoe Bar Fish and Game Preserve will be hosting seriously wounded veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Last year's event covered three days and this year the event will take place over 4 days. The overwhelming expression of appreciation by the Veterans has been noted as one of the most humbling experiences of the hosts. These young people have high spirits in spite of the disabilities and suffering they have received protecting our safety and freedom. For those of us who may be able to help, please see Frank Rinella for all the details at our next meeting.

Trout in the Classroom

Because of problems with school vacation times, we have decided to focus on using steelhead eggs exclusively this next spring for the classes. We expect a total of 6 schools to be involved in the program. Several new volunteers were scheduled to be trained at the Nimbus Hatchery this week. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project, see Don Hess or Ed Tom at one of our meetings.

Gery

Wanted:

New to Tying

I'm looking for a sturdy starter vise and a few good tools. Please no junk.

Mary Crooks

Fly Exchange

Don't forget to tie some flies for the monthly meeting Fly Exchange. Just bring 7 identical flies of your choice to the next meeting of Gold Country Fly Fishers. One of your flies will go into an assortment of flies from each tier which will be raffled off during the meeting. The remaining flies will be redistributed to each tier, so that each comes away with a variety of flies tied for that meeting. If you have questions or want more info on the Fly Exchange program, contact Ed or Trent Pridemore

Note: The fly exchange will take place at each monthly meeting, including the October 5th meeting



By Stan Sanderson

Minutes from the Gold Country Fly Fishers Board Meeting for September 7th 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Allen at 6:05 pm. Roll was called and in attendance were: Steve Allen, Tim Ackerman, Neal Brunckhorst, Wayne Holloway, Trent Pridemore, Mark Rockwell, Frank Herwatt, Gary Smith, Mike Connor and Frank Rinella (acting Secretary for this meeting)

Secretary's Report The August Meeting was the annual Barbecue. No minutes were taken.

Treasurers Report / Neal Brunckhorst

\$322.30 was spent on the Annual Barbecue. Current balance is \$7619.00 for September. Neal asked for any new budget items are given to him in a timely manner for the 2011 budget, a budget meeting will be held before the current year ends. A vote was taken and the Treasurers Report was approved as read and written.

New Business

Draft proposal for new changes in our By Law's were submitted by Neal Brunckhorst and Mike Connor. The Board discussed and reviewed the changes, the item was then tabled for a final review and vote at the October meeting.

Mark Rockwell spoke on behalf of the NCCFFF about the need for protection of the Striped Bass in the Delta. There will be a fund raiser in Placerville given by the NCCFFF on October 2nd. Mark asked the club for a \$100.00 donation, a motion was made, voted on and approved.

Frank Rinella asked the group if we could support the Wounded Warriors program at Horseshoe Bar Preserve and if we could ask members to be volunteers. A comment was made by Steve Allen that we should pass the hat at the general meeting and ask for volunteers then. A motion was made that in passing the hat that the Club make up the difference up to the next \$50.00 level. The motion that we make up the difference to the next higher \$50.00 level was voted on and approved. (at the meeting passing the hat collected \$204.00). The Treasurer made up the difference of \$46.00 and we sent a check out for \$250.00 to the program.

The board had discussion about the nominations for candidates for the 2011 election. Steve said he would appoint a nominating committee to start looking for members to fill open positions.

Steve Allen asked that we start our next Board Meeting on October 5th at 5:30 pm
The Speaker for tonight's program is Hogan Brown

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm; the motion was voted on and passed.

FLY TYING and FLY CASTING

Fly Tying: Wednesday October 13th 6:00 to 8:00 PM at 13835 Seven Cedars Dr. Grass Valley
Call Sam at 477 7537 before you come.

Fly of the month: *BH Caddis Pupa*

Hook TMC 2487 size 12-14 or 16

Thread olive or brown

Body olive dubbing & green bead

Note: I have the green beads

Rib

Wing

Overbody

Head

copper wire

dark elk hair

olive Antron yarn

peacock herl & brass bead

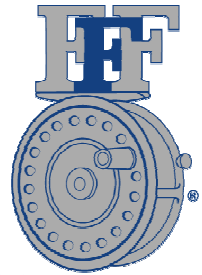


By Sam Higginbotham

Fly Casting:

Wednesday October 13 if enough are interested. Call Sam

Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers



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The evening begins with a no host bar from 5 to 6 PM dinner for only \$30.00. The evening events will include a raffle and auction



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October 1-3, 2010

Featuring

“The Learning Center”

Certified Casting instructors will be on hand along with some of California's best fly tiers.

For more information about the BBQ go to: www.nccfff.org



Gery Anderson, with a nice Brown, caught on the Beaverhead River in Western Montana



David Bear went on the Montana trip with Gery and got this nice Brown on a hopper pattern while drifting the Bighole River.

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Support the “catch and release” ethic

To promote fly fishing for the recreation of members

Promote and support the conservation of our water and fisheries

Provide assistance to members in the skill and techniques of fly fishing

Publicize and promote fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and other related topics

To represent fly fishers through liaison with sports and conservation organizations

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