

GOLD COUNTRY FLYFISHERS

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President's Message



By Mike Conner

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I will discuss a few club housekeeping duties this month. It was good to see such a great participation at the club barbecue. We put out 80 chairs and had to add some, so we had a good turn out. Everyone seemed to be having a good time, so congratulations to Trent and his cooks, and thanks for all the good side dishes, appetizers and desserts.

Seaman's Lodge was a good site for the barbecue, but we are still looking for a meeting room with better acoustics and more parking. Your officers should have a proposal for you soon. It may include staying where we are, as it may be hard to beat in our price range. I thought we had the solution in the LOVE building in Condon Park, but it appears that parking can be a disaster there, too, when baseball games are in progress.

I would like to offer my apologies to those who

received the last newsletter via hard copy. The formatting seemed to get mixed up somewhere between my computer and Staple's copy machine. We have a solution, so we shouldn't have that problem again.

We have been having at least three fish outs a month. Those who have attended have had a good time and seen some good fishing spots, but we don't seem to be able to get more than ten or so to turn out. I urge you to check the newsletter for fish outs and make an effort to attend. It is a good chance to get to know your fellow club members better and learn about fishing in the area. Ridge Lakes and streams, and he has graciously offered to take a couple club members along on some of his hikes this year, another example of the expertise available to club members. This is a great way to learn more about a very interesting area.

Meeting & Program Announcement

The next meeting of the Gold Country Flyfishers will be **Wednesday August 6th** at Seaman's Lodge at Pioneer Park in Nevada City. The Board & Conservation meeting start at 6:00pm and the General Meeting starts at 7:00pm

Program: Jerry Neuberger from Lodi will speak on Fly Fishing for Largemouth Bass in the Delta

Programs

By Trent Pridemore

Many thanks to everybody who made the July Barbecue a great success. RSVP's really helped. Last rough count showed 81 folks socializing and gobbling mesquite grilled chicken and tri tip. The homemade pot luck dishes were fabulous, even if a little picked over by the time the pit crew got there. Don't feel sorry for us. We carved at grill-side and got the best pieces. Also, I would like to the great guys at the Peardale/Chicago Park Fire Department who loaned us their barbecue wagon. It did make a difference!!!! I visited several times in setting the loan up. It gave me a real appreciation at what they are going through this fire season. Do your part. Karen and I are sending a donation to The Fire Safe Council. We owe everybody far and wide for what they do!

August brings Jerry Neuberger from Lodi to speak on Fly Fishing for Largemouth Bass in the Delta. As I mentioned at the meeting, I have fished with him and know how hard he works and how much he knows about the Delta which is his back yard. Last month saw the first sanctioned Fly Fishing Bass Tournament held in the Delta. A twelve pound fish came to the boat. I had heard that a six pound fish only got fourth place. I've caught bass in the delta while striper fishing. One of my rules was to explore if the fishing was slow. One day I found an outlet from a sunken Island in the South Delta that wasn't well known. The entrance was guarded by rebar and a sunken refrigerator. It fished best on minus tides when the authorities weren't pumping at Clifton Court. I would only fish it on minus tides that fell on weekdays in "off" season. I didn't want anyone seeing me fishing inside the barrier. Doe twelve years it produced largemouth, stripers and once a steelhead on crawdad patterns. It never failed to produce. Unfortunately a misguided guy with a dredge messed up my "honey hole" or I would have been fishing for the money.

We are honored in September to have Nancy Foley. Nancy is head warden for California Fish and Game. She is in charge of enforcement. As you know their numbers are stretched thin and it is a miracle of dedication that produces the results. I've heard her speak at Fish and Game Commission meetings and hearings. You will be fascinated at the tales and I hope write letters of support for increasing the number of enforcement people, their salaries and their budget. This is a tough one in a budget crisis situation. This Republican would vote for a tax increase in this situation. October will be a video presentation on the big screen with our digital projector. November will be the first showing of An Argentina Odessa...including where to find the best Gelato in the world in Buenos Aires. Don't forget Andes Condors, hawks, Guanacos, Lamas, Gauchos, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Perca, colorful Golden Dorado, fly line eating Piranha and a silvery pink and yellow tailed fish they call Salmoon. The Asado and Malbec weren't too bad either. December is the Christmas party!

Fishout Schedule

By Ed Stember

Here is the schedule for our fishouts through September. To attend club sanctioned trips you will need to have a signed waiver on file.

Date	Location	Leader	Phone #	E-mail Address
Aug. 22 (Fri.)	Milton Reservoir	Ed Stember	265-2210	edstember@att.net
Aug 9 th (Sat)	Fuller Lake Family BBQ	Len Valente		
Aug. 30 th (Sat)	Lower Yuba (UC Davis access)	Mike Conner	432-3236	jmconnor@ucdavis.edu
Sept. 5 (Friday)	Frenchman Res.	Ed Stember	265-2210	edstember@att.net
Sept. 16,17,18,19	Eastern Sierra	David Bear		

Special Events

Family Picnic at Fuller Lake will be Saturday August 9th

Master BBQ chef Len Valente will work his magic once again for our annual family picnic at Fuller Lake.

Ed Stember will give further details at the August meeting but we wanted to give all members an opportunity to mark your calendars for this fun event.

The plan is for the club to provide the food but we are asking members and their families to bring your favorite beverage.

See you there!



Summer BBQ a great success!

Over 80 club members and family attended the July 3rd BBQ. Here we have our two chefs Trent Pridemore and Don Liljebblad showing great BBQ flipping style! Photo submitted by Gary Smith.

Fly Tying and Casting

Flytying session – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Due to little in the monthly flytying sessions, Sam has decided to cancel the sessions at his home.

August Flycasting – Tuesday August 12th. Sam Higginbotham will be available on Tuesday August 12th to help club members with flycasting. Call Sam if you are interested and he will let you know the place and time. His number is 477-7537.

Conservation Corner

By Allen Gere

Trash Bash

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20th. It is time once again for community participation in cleaning up our home-waters. It is truly amazing the debris, litter, and junk that is pulled from the Yuba and its banks. Last year we had 28 GCFF members join in on this worthy cause sponsored by SYRCL. Our section was below Parks Bridge to De Guerre Dam. We worked as a team scoured the area and transported our treasure to a main collection site. After our labors we enjoyed a barbecue lunch, and entertainment provided by SYRCL. Our club was the largest contingency to participate!!!

To the Rescue!

Recently Jim Richards, Sam Higginbotham, and I were called out to remove bass and bluegill from a neighbor's pond before it went dry. Well, believe me, this was a difficult job as we had to fish for them in order to take them out. The rescued fish were transferred to a very healthy pond nearby and acclimated well to their new waters.

A Good Move

Water4Fish.org, a group of Bay Area based fishermen fighting to restore salmon, striped bass and sturgeon are joining forces with the Sierra Club to collect signatures in an effort to reduce water diversions from the delta to points south and increase flows into San Francisco Bay, and in the process, restore habitat and fish population. The Sierra Club is recognizing that the quality of habitat not legal sport fishing determines the populations of fish and wildlife. Over 50,000 signatures have been collected at this time. This kind of partnership could have profound benefits.

Wanted

Weed pullers for Deer Creek -This has been an ongoing project sponsored by Friends of Deer Creek. The goal is to remove invasive species from the banks of Deer Creek. If you have a morning free, bring a pair of gloves, water, and join the group. For more information, call "Friends of Deer Creek" at 265-6090

Yuba River& Deer Creek Stewards - The first year of this program is underway. It is not too late to become involved. Information learned from fieldwork studies by stewards will be important to the FERC re-licensing project. You work with a partner and there is flexibility as to time and place of field studies. Jim Richards of GCFF is one of the stewards.

Fishing for more than fun - We may need volunteers to fish some local waters as part of a survey to gage the quality of fishing relative to the amount of CFS. This may take place the first week in August. More information will be communicated when the planning for this event is completed.

Salmon Symposium feedback - I am interested in member response to the SYRCL sponsored spring salmon symposium on July 11, 12 and 13th. If you attended perhaps there was a watershed project that particularly interested you that you would like to get the club involved in

Fishing report on June Shad Trip

The shad trip started with us first traveling up to Colusa looking for a good place to launch our two boats. We didn't like the looks of the launch ramps, so we headed to Hamilton City. We started catching fish right off the bat, but it slowed to a fish now and then. We tried numerous places on that stretch of Sacramento River, and never really got into them. We fished sinking lines, and caught most our fish on the bottom. We had four in one boat and three in the other, and managed to all fish without too much trouble. The green colored flies seem to work the best. Each boat caught about a dozen fish. Thanks to John Felde who brought his boat and guided like a professional.

Bob Alveres

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