

GOLD COUNTRY FLYFISHERS

July 2008

President's Message



By Mike Conner

As Gold Country Fly Fishers members we are lucky to live where we are surrounded by so much good fishing, and we are fortunate as well to have a club that helps us so much in learning about those fishing spots and how to fish them. For example, at the June meeting Frank Rinella gave us some pointers on the lower Yuba River, and Ralph Wood discussed the North Yuba. Both are among the most knowledgeable about those respective streams. Although the Yuba is back up to 1300+ cfs it is very fishable at those flows, as Ralph pointed out the North Yuba is coming into its own right now.

I moved here from the Eastern Sierra, and for several years returned there for my fishing because I wasn't aware of the great opportunities here locally. While the Eastern Sierra has some great streams and lakes, it's 300 miles away. Mostly through the club I gradually learned about the fishing locally, and now I rarely go to the Bishop area just to fish.

Rick Aeschliman has traveled to a lot of the Grouse

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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.

I have learned of many fishing spots from club speakers, too. I plan to fish Caples Lake and some of the Alpine County fisheries described by our June speaker.

And of course our club fish outs, led by members who are familiar with the fishing site, offer fine opportunities to fish a new area and take advantage of the knowledge of those who are familiar with it. Independence Lake should be a new lake for many members, and somebody on the Truckee River fish out should have the key to fishing that tough river.

So, take part in our fish outs, try some of the fisheries mentioned at club meetings, and good luck.

Meeting & Program Announcement

July 2nd BBQ – Starts at 6:00pm at Seaman's Lodge

(don't forget to bring a side dish, plate/utensils, and BYOB)

Programs

By Trent Pridemore

Gold Country's summer and fall schedule is lining up. July 2 is the date of our summer Barbecue. We have secured a barbecue wagon, found a source for real mesquite and are getting tremendous response from our members. It is going to be a big, fun turn out. Keep the RSVP's coming in. It really helps with our buying and logistic. As it stands we are going to have a lot of people. About seventy or so have signed up by mid month. We will need a set up crew help for the tables and chairs inside our meeting hall. Remember that you have to bring your own plates and utensils and any beverage that you may want as well as a signature dish for the pot luck. Call or e-mail if questions.

Trentpridemore@dishmail.net. 530-274-8770. The Rod tuning clinic will be helped by Sam Higginbotham and several others down by the stage near the baseball field. I checked it out last week from the tennis courts. We will have reels with different line weights and tapers for you to try. Sam tells me that he sees lots of unbalanced outfits. Here is a real chance for beginners and advanced casters alike. Don't forget to bring a rod that needs guidance.

August's speaker will be Gerry Neurburger on Delta fly fishing for largemouth bass. Gerry guided for Tim Ackerman and me a year ago. He knows the delta. Bring a notebook.

September is Nancy Foley from Department of Fish and Game. She is the Head Warden and in charge of enforcement. I have met her on several occasions. Her program will talk about the warden recruitment problem and insight into the adventures and dangers that our wardens face. October will probably be another video presentation on our large screen, using our digital projector. Stay tuned. The Cutter video was outstanding. November will be the first showing of Dirk, Norm and my Argentina Odyssey where we chased trout, Golden Dorado and giant Piranha for two weeks. I caught six new species on the trip! The food wasn't bad either! December brings our annual Christmas party.

Fishouts

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
July 11-12 (Thurs & Fri)	Davis Lake	Norm Sauer	478-1679	normsauer@aol.com
July 24 (Thurs)	North Yuba River (Dry Fly Clinic)	Frank Rinella	878-8708	sierraguide@sbcglobal.net
Aug. 22 (Fri.)	Milton Res.	Ed Stember	265-2210	edstember@att.net
Date TBD	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		

Fly Tying and Casting

Flytying session – Tuesday July 8th Will be held at Sam Higginbotham house on Tuesday July 8th. The flytying session starts at 6:00pm and go to 8:00pm. If you plan to attend, call Sam at 477-7537. Sam's address is 13825 Seven Cedars Drive. For this month's fly bring TMC 2487 hooks in size 12, white poly yarn, pheasant tail, and copper gold wire.

July Flycasting clinic – Monday July 7th Certified casting instructor, Sam Higginbotham will be at Lyons Lake (fairgrounds –gate 4) from 10 am - 12 noon on July 7th to help club members master the art of flycasting. This clinic is open to all levels. Call Sam before you come. His number is 477-7537.



Fishing without Limits

On Sunday April 27 at Lyons Lake, this happy face says it all. GCFF members helped make this a memorable experience for all involved. Thanks guys and gals!!!

Special Events

3rd Annual Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Symposium Miners Foundry, Nevada City, July 10-12th

The Salmon Restoration Federation's 3rd Annual Spring-run Chinook Symposium will be held in Nevada City on July 10 followed by field tours on the Yuba River and Butte Creek on July 11 & 12. Symposium presentations include Ecological Perspectives on Spring-run Chinook salmon. Session topics will highlight status of populations and specific recovery opportunities for Central Valley Rivers, and recovery challenges including FERC re-licensing, climate change, and resurrecting the Klamath run. Afternoon panels will representatives from DFG, NOAA Fisheries, SYRCL, State Water Board and Conservation Groups will discuss recovery through habitat expansion, water supply, and water quality improvements. Field tours will include a Yuba River float, site visits to the Bear-River Feather Set-back Project by way of the Lower Yuba, a Restoration thru Re-licensing Driving Tour, Snorkeling Investigations of the South Yuba River, and a Butte Creek tour of Spring-run Fish Populations. Symposium and field tour costs are \$105-135.

Conservation Corner

By Allen Gere

Trout in the Classroom

Conservation Council members, Don Hess and Ed Tom are working on an exciting project to bring the highly successful Trout in the Classroom to a local Grass Valley School. This is an exciting hands-on adventure for kids and teachers as they raise trout or steelhead eggs in the classroom until their eventual release into a local river. There are many rewarding educational activities and Ed and Tom will need the support of GCFF members to participate when a school is selected. A formal presentation will be made to the Board for some seed money for equipment and supplies. In the past we provided support to the Grass Valley Charter School and the program is going strong through grades k-8.

Sad but True

The committee vote on AB 1806, which would require plans for emergency fish rescue before the fish die in water projects, was right down party lines: 12 Democrats voted yes, 5 Republicans voted no. The bill was inspired after a devastating fish kill in the Delta last winter at flooded Prospect Island when the water was pumped out. So.... just when the fish need all the help they can get, it will not happen.

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.

Board Meeting Minutes – June 2008

By Gary Smith

Treasurer's report from Neal: the balance in the treasury as of 5/31/08 is \$5982.73. He noted we now have 113 members

Joe Abel and David Luger have volunteered to serve as co-chairmen making sure we have snacks and drinks at meetings.

Fishouts discussed by Chairman Ed Stember: the Memorial Day trip to Fall River was cancelled as we didn't have enough signups. We may lose our \$300 deposit if they didn't find a replacement group.

Board agreed to recommend our Conservation Committee for mention in the California Fly Fisher magazine's column, the "Best of the Fly Fishing Groups". We will coordinate letters to the magazine through Tom Martens.

We still have sites we are checking on for meeting locations.

The Newsletter is now on E Mail or our Web site. Newsletter editor will send to web master when the newsletter is available. We still need to delete some old stuff from the web site.

We will send club mass emails as blind copies to protect against someone from stealing our email list from a server.

The new fish out roster/calendar is ready and will be published in the July Newsletter

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To promote flyfishing 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 flyfishing

Publicize and promote flyfishing, flycasting, flytying, and other related topics

To represent flyfishers through liaison with sports and conservation organizations

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