

GOLD COUNTRY FLYFISHERS

November 2008

President's Message



By Mike Connor

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The November meeting promises to be an especially important one. Members will have a chance to vote on a new meeting place, elect officers for 2009, sign up for the Christmas party and sign up for several fishouts planned for November and a December 13 outing at the University of California access point to the Yuba.

New Meeting Place

Your officers are recommending moving the meeting place to the Senior Center at the Nevada County Fairgrounds beginning January, 2009. The Senior Center offers a big, nice meeting room and ample parking. Hopefully, the acoustics are better than at Seaman's Lodge. The cost will be \$80 per month, \$30 more than currently. It has taken most of the year to find a better meeting spot that we can afford, testifying to the good job that Bill Sunderland and his officers did finding a replacement when we outgrew the room at the library. Now that our club is even bigger I think the fairgrounds location will be an improvement. If you want to look at the proposed new meeting

room, you can quietly poke your head in at the Senior Center any afternoon from about 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Officers for 2009

We are developing a slate of officers to nominate at the November meeting. Anyone wanting to get involved or to nominate someone just give me a call. And, of course nominations from the floor will be welcome. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Club Christmas Party

The club Christmas party is traditionally our fun event and fund raiser for all members and spouses or important others. See the flyer in the "Special Events" page in this newsletter. Dennis Carlson is chairman for the event. He will have sign up sheets for the dinner and for those agreeing to help with the set up or the clean up. Wally Holton has been lining up donations for the raffle and Neal Brunckhorst will run a BIG raffle and [silent auction, so don't miss it.](#)

Meeting & Program Announcement

The next meeting of the Gold Country Flyfishers will be **Wednesday November 5** 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: November will feature Roger Beyers on Feather River access

Programs

By Trent Pridemore

Hi folks! November's speaker will be Roger Bevers from the Chico Area. He will be giving a program on Feather River Access. Roger also has a program on Sacramento River Access and is a wealth of information. I have good reports on his presentation from other clubs. He will weave in fishing information and answer any questions. Rogers is a retired school teacher who has been fishing the area for over 43 years. He has developed his own series of special lines for his techniques and runs a Fly Fishing School. There should be some good information given out on meeting night!

Roger fishes the Feather and Sacramento, but says that the techniques for success are very different for each river. So are the flies that he uses.

The Christmas Party will be upon us in early December. January's speaker is Dr. Greg Pasternack from U. C. Davis. Dr. Pasternack will talk on river hydrology, targeting research on the Yuba and other interesting stuff. Again we have good reports on his presentation.

February is open. March will be the long awaited Argentina presentation and April brings the dynamic David Lass from Trout Unlimited.

Fishout Schedule

By Mike Williams

Here is the schedule for the remainder of 2008. As we get into the fall and winter season fishing can change dramatically according to the weather. All of these fishouts will depend on the weather as well as lake, stream or river conditions at that time. I need a volunteer to lead the Boca Reservoir/ Little Truckee River outing. For me, these fishouts are one of the main reasons that I joined the club. It's a good opportunity for you to practice at or contribute your skills. We have new members that I know could use help.

Date	Location	Leader	Phone#	E-mail Address
11/11 Tue.	Amador Lake	John Kusanovich	273-2578	jkfly@hughes.net
TBA	Feather River Steelhead	Roger Bevers		
TBA	Little Truckee River Inlet to Boca Res.	Need a Vol.		
12/13 Sat.	Yuba River UC Davis		432-3236	jmconnor@ucdavis.edu

Lake Amador has always been known for its quality and quantity of warm water fish. The trout fishing can be excellent, especially in fall, for large planted Rainbows.

The Salmon spawning is in full swing now in our valley rivers and the Feather River has Steelhead Trout. The Oroville Wildlife Area will be the location of this event. This is primarily indicator fishing with green flies, (i.e. green Pheasant Tails, Caddis Pupa's, Birds Nests, Glo Bugs or other egg patterns). Coastal Steelhead techniques don't work as well on this river. We'll look forward to Roger Bevers program to learn more about fishing this river.

The Truckee River inlet to Boca Reservoir should be a good choice for fall flyfishing for large Brown's. Although the lake is low, access is good and we can fish either the lake or stream depending on conditions. The Little Truckee River is open through winter now. (See Fish and Game's List of Waters with Special Fishing Regulations)

Special Events

GCOFF Christmas Dinner

December 13, 2008

Seaman's Lodge

Appetizers - 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:30

Main Entrées – Honey glazed, spiral cut ham and turkey with gravy

Vicki will prepare the turkeys, hams, coffee, tea and provide her beautiful table set ups including plates and utensils.

Bring a potluck dish

It will work best if those with last names starting with:

A-F bring an appetizer

G-K bring a salad

L-R bring a side dish for the main course dinner

S-Z bring a desert

Make your portions large enough for 10-15 servings

If you have something really special please let Dennis Carlsen know and he will arrange to have some one else cover your dish.

Dennis Carlsen, Denniscarlsen@sbcglobal.net 530-913-6821

Beverages – bring whatever you want to drink besides coffee and tea.

Wine is fine (bring enough to share with your neighbors)

HARD LIQUOR IS NOT ALLOWED according to our rental agreement.

Open to GCOFF members and close family members - \$10 per person

Sign up will be at the November meeting; attendance must be limited to 115 persons due to the size of the room.

Raffle

Buy raffle tickets to win fantastic prizes donated by national, regional and local fly shops, outfitters and manufacturers.

Bid on fishing equipment, vacation destinations and fishing trips in the silent auction.

This is a major fund raiser supporting club activities during the year.

We will need volunteers to stay after the dinner to help set up and clean up; we will have sign up sheets at the November meeting.

Flytying and casting

Flytying - Don't forget the fly exchange. Someone will have to volunteer to be the bag man at the November meeting. Remember to bring seven. Six for the exchange and one for the raffle. Trent is asking all participants to work on a dozen for the Christmas raffle.

Flycasting – Wednesday November 12th. Sam Higginbotham will conduct Fly Casting instruction at the Discovery way pond on Wednesday November 12th, weather permitting. Session starts at 9:00am and runs until 11:00am. This will be the last opportunity to take advantage of this great club benefit until May of 2009. Call Sam at 477-7537 before you come. All are welcome!

Report on Lower Yuba River Steelhead Clinic

By Mike Williams

Thursday night October 23rd club members attended the Steelhead fishing clinic at Hammon Grove Park Day use area. This event hosted by Frank Rinella began with Frank talking to the group about spawning salmon and how this process takes place. The group learned first and foremost what Salmon redds are and more importantly how to identify them. Redd's are clear depressions in the gravel, usually located in riffles along the shallows, on the sides of the river. Frank discussed the various egg patterns available and went over the techniques for making your own patterns. The clinic covered tackle, set up and how to fish successfully using indicators.

After the initial discussion participants rigged their own rods with help from other members and everyone went to the water for some practical instruction. We were able to see active redds right out in front of us and for some it was a first time look at how to successfully identify them. Local River guide Tom Page helped with the overall clinic and brought along a seine. Tom seined a riffle or two and I was surprised, as other members were when we easily saw numerous aquatic worms (i.e. San Juan Worms). We also saw some Caddis, Stones and other aquatic life. Frank demonstrated the proper casting technique, letting the water load your rod to enable casting weighted egg and nymph patterns.

Although the evening was short we were able to get some practical fishing in while working on our casting technique. Again, the key here was to be able to successfully fish while not stepping on active Salmon redds. Some trout were hooked and caught. I personally was happy to participate and contribute to helping other members learn this technique. I want to thank Frank for putting the clinic on, and also thank Dennis Carlson and Tom Page for adding their expertise in helping with this.

Conservation Corner

By Allen Gere

Gold Country Fly Fishers October Conservation Committee was fully attended by our dedicated members. Our ongoing programs are growing and responding to the needs of our community. Don Hess and Ed Tom have added a Trout in The Classroom program for the students at Union Hill School. The Trout will be in Georgia Jacobs classroom, and all second, third, and fourth graders will enjoy this living experience. The Program will come to life when the eggs are added on January 10th. Good job Don and Ed!

Mark Rockwell enlightened our committee on several subjects including the options available for shaping water policy in the Delta. Mark reports there is NO good option now, but he feels that a Peripheral Canal will be the final choice. Mark was again pressed into service when our scheduled program would not play for our general meeting. Mark shared his insight on removing the dams on the Klamath, and discussed the competing interests that must find common ground before decommissioning begins. Mark struck a positive note when he assured us that most of the parties involved sought a science based solution. At the end of Mark's presentation Ace Emmerling stood and said what we all were thinking: We are fortunate to have Mark's expertise and leadership in our conservation effort. Thanks everybody!!

November is Club Officers elections for 2009

Your 2008 officers offer the following nominations for officers for the coming calendar year:

President – Mark Rockwell

Vice President – Steve Allen

Secretary – Stan Sanderson

Treasurer – Neal Brunckhorst

Directors beginning the first year of a two year term – Gary Anderson and Frank Rinella

Mike Connor will serve on the board as past president and Barbara Driscoll and David Bear will serve the second year of their two year terms as directors.

Nominations will be open from the floor and elections will be held at the November 5 meeting. Those elected will be installed at the Christmas party on December 13.



October Board Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of the previous meeting approved and accepted by the Board 6-0.
- The Treasurers report was presented, a \$4,467.61 balance as of 9/30/08, with September expenses of \$213.25, accepted and approved 6-0.
- The board met with our new Fishout Chairman Mike Williams and discussed future fishouts.
- Mike has also found a replacement to tackle the Christmas Raffle donor letters, Wally Holton.
- A new meeting location was discussed again and Mike reported the progress. The best spot so far is the Senior Center at the Fairgrounds. We are getting close to presenting a deal for the membership.
- The Christmas Dinner plans were updated and continued at Mike's house on October 7th as we need to finalize plans and move forward.
- Membership now stands at 122.

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Officers and Board Members

President: Mike Connor

Vice President: Mark Rockwell

Secretary: Gary Smith

Treasurer: Neal Brunckhorst

Board Member: Frank Rinella

Board Member: Barbara Driscoll

Board Member: Ed Stember

Board Member: Trent Pridemore

Board Member: David Bear

Committees

FFF: Mark Rockwell

Mentoring: Frank Rinella & Ed Stember

Conservation: Allan Gere & Steve Allen

Programs: Trent Pridemore

Fishouts: Ed Stember

Raffle: Tim & Sue Colbert, Ann Sanderson & Barbara Driscoll

Gear: Steve Allen & Tim Ackerman

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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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