

GOLD COUNTRY FLYFISHERS

June 2009

President's Message



By Mark Rockwell

It is hard to believe that it is already June. Nearly half of my year has passed. In looking back on the past 5 months I am heartened by the number of members who find time in their busy schedules to work on club business and programs. Dave Bear does a great job on our Newsletter, with interesting articles, good pictures and timely information on fishouts, and other club activities. Neal Brunckhorst continues to do a yeoman's job as treasurer, wearing many hats from new member registration to name-tag sign-up and payments. He is amazing! Stan Sanderson does a great, concise job as secretary, and is a contributor in our Board meetings. V.P. Steve Allen always provides thoughtful input on planning and needed club strategy, and fills in for Allen Gere on the conservation committee. If you can, please take a moment to thank Joe Abrell and Dave Lugar for all their work on monthly refreshments. Trent Pridemore continues to schedule exceptional programs, but we are looking for a future volunteer to replace Trent at year's end. Please let Trent or I know if you have an interest in program chair. Tim Colbert, with some help from Neal does a great job on our raffle, and brings us useful items to spend our \$ on each month. Mike Williams has done a great job lining up a great list of fishouts and finding helpful fishmasters to organize and mentor each trip. Allen Gere and the conservation committee continue all their great work, including Boy Scouts, Trout in the Classroom, local stream work, and community outreach. Len Valente always shows to display our extensive library and make sure everything is accounted for each month. Lastly, our directors keep me on the straight and narrow, with ideas, tasks and accountability.

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Thanks to everyone who helps out. Please take the time to thank them for all their work. Our club is a wonderful experience because of the committed members who contribute!

This month we are doing a member survey, which is coming out via e-mail and will also, be available at the June meeting. We ask you to complete the survey and either send it via e-mail to me, summerhillfarmpv@aol.com, or fill out the survey and hand it in at the June meeting. The purpose of the survey is to give everyone a chance to voice your opinion on club activities, and make suggestions on how we can improve our club and our meetings. We on the board want you, the members, to enjoy all the club activities, but especially the monthly meetings and special events we hold. Your input on the survey will help us craft changes where appropriate, and develop better understanding of what can enhance your club experiences. We want to have the survey completed by the June meeting, so if you are not able to attend, make sure you submit a reply via e-mail to me. We'd like to encourage e-mail responses as it is paperless, but if that is tough, we'll have paper surveys at the June meeting. Please remember to turn them in before going home. See you on June 2nd.

Mark Rockwell

Meeting & Program Announcements

The next meeting of the Gold Country Flyfishers will be **Tuesday June 2nd** at the Senior Center in Nevada County Fairgrounds – Grass Valley. Use Gate #2. The Board & Conservation meeting start at 6:00pm and the General Meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Please note our 2009 location and day-of-week for our meetings

Program: Bjorn Stromness, Development Director of Friends of the River – Water Issues

Programs



By Trent Pridemore

Gold Country Programs

June will feature a visit by Bjorn Stromness of Friends of the River speaking on California Water issues. Should be fascinating. Will be interesting to see thoughts on Peripheral Canal and other considerations as well as organizational positions.

July is Phil Fisher on Entomology. Here is a chance for everybody to upgrade their knowledge, whether as a beginner or advanced. Those new to Fly fishing should realize that you have to have casting skills and you have to gain knowledge of aquatic entomology. Here is a jump start!

Remember the **August** Free Pot Luck and Mesquite barbecue.

June 9 Fishout to Truckee River:

I will be hosting. There will be a sign up at June meeting with updated conditions. I will e-mail signee's with suggested flies, tactics and gear. It's basically four or five weight rods with floating line. Could use indicators, large on Truckee and smaller on LTR. All depends on water conditions. Runoff should be largely over by then. We hope for an ant fall and or Green Drake Hatch, but will be prepared for dredging or streamers. LTR might have PMD's going and some carry over Golden Stones. BWO's too! We will look at the LTR and the Truckee. I will fish with anyone who is new and help as much as possible.

I will be going up to area a day early and staying a day late. Can have three guests overnight at my place in Carnelian Bay. Could take two more in sleeping bags on deck. Will Barbecue in evening and prorate expenses. Call if interested. 274-8770. Trentpridemore@dishmail.net

Fly Exchange:

Let's get it going and I need a permanent Chairman to remind us every month and distribute the goods!

Trent

Call for Fishing photographs: My thanks to Ed Tom for sending me photographs of his fishing trips. Ed always has some good shots to add color to the newsletter. If you have taken photos of your fishing experiences and would like to have them included in the newsletter, please send them to me at opabear@comcast.net and I'll include them in the next newsletter if space is available.

Newsletter Editor, Dave Bear

Fishout Schedule



By Mike Williams

Schedule for 2009

Date	Location	Fishout	Leader	Phone
June 9	Truckee / LTR	Trout	Trent Pridemore	274-8770
June 12	Horseshoe Bar Fish and Game Preserve	Trout	Frank Rinella	878-8708
June 25 26	Davis Lake	Trout	Norm Sauer	478-1679
July 17	Milton Lake	Trout	Mike Williams	265-3589
July TBA	Lower Yuba River Dry Fly Clinic	Trout	Frank Rinella	878-8708
August 29	Lower Yuba River UC Davis Property	Trout	Mike Connor	432-3236
September TBA	Frenchmans Reservoir	Trout	Wayne Holloway	916-826-8652
September 22 23 24	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Dave Bear	265-2269
September TBA	Boca Reservoir	Trout	Rex England	272-5385
October TBA	Lower Yuba River Nymphing Clinic	Trout	Frank Rinella	878-8708
October TBA	North Yuba River	Trout	Ralph Wood	477-0780
November TBA	Feather River	Steelhead	Need Volunteer	
December 5	Lower Yuba River UC Davis Property	Trout	Mike Connor	432-3236

Fishout Report

By Mike Williams

May Fishouts



May has been another busy month with club activities and the Little Kids Fishing Derby held at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park Saturday May 9th. I want to thank those members who showed up, represented our club and made an effort to help out. The derby was well attended by kids and parents and lots of good sized planted trout were caught. The largest fish we saw caught that day was a 22 inch Rainbow a little over 5 lbs. The park staff extends their appreciation for the help.

I have no reports for the May fishouts yet, as of now, as they are scheduled after the newsletter deadline. Just a reminder that we have Clear Creek Sports Club, Fuller Lake Trout and Feather River Shad all in the latter part of this month. You can refer to last month's newsletter for the schedule of dates.

For June, we have the Truckee/LTR on the 9th, Horseshoe Bar Fish and Game Preserve on the 12th and Davis Lake Fish / Camp Out on the 25th and 26th. Signup sheets for these events will be available at the next meeting.

I'm sorry to say that the Independence Lake fishout is canceled for this year. Today I spoke with Robert Haug, USFS Park Ranger at the Sierraville Ranger Station. Some of you may know Robert as he lived in the gate house as you entered the lake. He was the caretaker there for some time. Independence Lake is privately owned by Sierra Pacific Power Company. Today I called and talked to them and learned that due to all the fires in California last year and another fire season upon us now that they have been advised by their risk management department to not reopen this year. They purchase fire insurance annually and because of all the fires in California insurance costs have gone up 10 times.

SPPC was under contract with the Nature Conservancy to purchase the land but problems with the economy have put that on hold. At this time SPPC has no plans to reopen the property for public use. As far as I know this is the first year in the last 77 years that there will be no public access allowed. The bottom line is the public has been locked out.

We fish Independence Lake every year at least 3 to 4 times and have always enjoyed our outings and have had some exceptional fishing. Hopefully the Nature Conservancy will eventually purchase the land and we can get back in there.



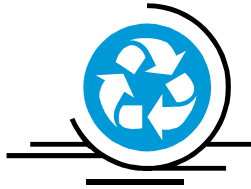
←Lake Wildwood Bass,
caught by Ed Tom

Another Ed Tom bass –
this one from Salt
Spring Valley
Reservoir→



Conservation Corner

By Allan Gere



More of a Good Thing

Our proposal to FFF (Federation of Flyfishers) for monies to establish more Trout in the Classroom programs was approved!! Club Coordinators Ed Tom and Don Hess received from Mark a check for \$750 which will set us up two more schools to become involved in this highly successful program where students incubate eggs and monitor their progress as they grow into smolt and six weeks later release them into their home river. There is a great deal of interaction between students, teacher, and club members as the students learn about what it takes for trout to survive. It is my hope that these students will grow to be stewards of our watersheds with experiences like this.

If you would like to participate in this program next year contact Ed Tom. Thank you, Ed Tom, Don Hess and John Carcerano for a job so very well done.

Water going south

Conservation Council member, Dennis Monax, reported on the FFF Conservation Network meeting. The topic was "Water Export from the Delta" The consensus is that the prognosis for the fishery is grim. Ironically, the Peripheral Canal proposal may help mitigate the situation as it would manage flows. This plan is backed by many groups. Overall, professional fishery organizations are very pessimistic about saving the Delta fishery. Stay tuned to this issue.

New kid on the Block

There will be a new wildlife biologist for the Tahoe National Forest and he is interested in becoming a member of GCFF. He would join the Conservation Council as well and we welcome his ideas and projects as they relate to the fisheries in the watershed. He has been informed that we would be willing to cooperate with him on projects by lending manpower and well as our input. Welcome aboard wildlife biologist!!

Seven more graduates

As of this writing there are 12 scouts that received the coveted Fly Fishing Merit Badge. It took 4 clinics and a small army of club volunteers ably coordinated by Bob Alvares. In the end, there were all smiles as the final requirement was completed and the last card signed off. There were appreciative parents, satisfied instructors, and scouts eager to use and expand their new skills.

There are many members I want to acknowledge for their time and energy.

Minutes from Gold Country Flyfishers Board Meeting May 5, 2009:

By Stan Sanderson

In Attendance:

Mark Rockwell
Neal Brunckhorst
Barbara Driscoll

Frank Rinella
Mike Connor
Stan Sanderson

Gery Anderson
Stephen E. Allen

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
- April meeting reviewed and approved.
- Treasurers Report (Neal B.) Budget as of April 2009 reviewed and accepted
- Hats (Neal B.) 3 dozen two-toned hats have been ordered
- Board voted to place Gene McCallister's business advertisement in the newsletter in appreciation of all he has done for the club
- NCCFFF has donated 2 videos to our club 1) The Way of Trout 2) Endangered Species
- Two changes proposed (Mark R.) in the way the raffle is run 1) move drawing to end of mid-meeting break 2) member to be able to choose item/items they would prefer to play tickets on
- Projection screen (Trent P.) proposed club purchase an 84 inch pull down screen. Board approved with a \$350 limit
- NCCFFF donated a DVD and \$750 to the "Trout in the Classroom" program
- Revised Members Survey (Mark R.) 1) to email to members 2) to collect at June meeting
- Meeting adjourned 7:00PM

FLYTYING and FLYCASTING

By Sam Higginbotham

Fly casting at Alan Gere's pond June 9 at 9:00-----12:00 AM
Call Sam if you plan to come 477-7537.

Fly tying at 13835 Seven Cedars Dr Grass Valley
June 9 6:00----8:00 PM Call 477 7537

Fly of the month: **Parachute Ant**

Thread 8/0 Black Body Black dubbing
Hook #12 TMC Post White Poly
Hackle Black
Call 477 7537 before coming

Do you recognize these members who continue to work to make Gold Country Flyfishers a better club? Others will be shown next month...



Treasure- Neal Brunckhorst



Secretary – Stan Sanderson



2007 Ex-President & Mentor
Leader – Frank Rinella

Gold Country Flyfishers

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- President: Mark Rockwell
- Vice President: Steve Allen
- Secretary: Stan Sanderson
- Treasurer: Neal Brunckhorst
- Director: Frank Rinella
- Director: Barbara Driscoll
- Director: Gery Anderson
- Director: David Bear
- Past President: Mike Connor

Committees

- FFF: Mark Rockwell
- Mentoring: Frank Rinella
- Conservation: Allan Gere & Steve Allen
- Programs: Trent Pridemore
- Fishouts: Mike Williams
- Raffle: Tim Colbert
- Gear: Steve Allen
- Library: Len Valente
- Casting/Flytying: Sam Higginbotham
- Webmaster: Terry Hobart
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Support the “catch and release” ethic

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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