

# CONEJO VALLEY FLY FISHERS

MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

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**Dear Members,**

This month we will be having our annual fund raising auction for the club to plump up the bank account and help defray the costs of our programs. As most of you know your annual dues only cover a fraction of the cost of operating the club so it is important that we have an alternate source of income and the fundraiser has always filled that requirement.

This year we will be doing something a little different for the fundraiser. Yes, we will still be having our live auction with lots of interesting goodies to bid on, but in addition to that we are going to change things up a little bit and make the fundraiser more of a social function and revenue enhancer. Have I got your interest yet?

So here it is, this year the fundraiser will be held at my home. I will provide a Texas style BBQ and homemade wood fired pizza along with an assortment of beverages including sodas, beer & wine. If you prefer your own adult beverage, please feel free to bring that along. I would like a donation of \$25.00 per person given to the club for your participation in this event.

Attendance will be limited to paid up club members only with one guest per member and you must RSVP by 3/17/17. E-mail reservations preferred. *\* Address will be made available when you RSVP*

Here are the details:

**When:** March 25th, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**RSVP:** [solson@loair.com](mailto:solson@loair.com)

*Tight lines, Scott*



## Going, going, gone!

At this time, we are asking club members to consider donating or requesting from family, friends and acquaintances auction items to submit for the bidding at the March Fundraiser.

To donate or get information regarding the auction/donation items, please contact:

- Peter Sumner at:
- Cell: 805.279.2307
- Email: [allaboutscreens@gmail.com](mailto:allaboutscreens@gmail.com)

**The fundraiser social outing will be in lieu of the  
March 2017 meeting. Hope to see you there!**

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**Sneak peek:  
April 12, 2017  
Meeting**

**Speaker – Jim Cox**

*“Sometimes To Save A River You  
Have To Buy It.”*



# CVFF MEMBER'S PHOTOS

1 & 2 - Scott Olson:  
Upper Owens River at  
Benton Crossing  
where it was 14  
degrees. Newly added  
to our website header  
media. Visit to the  
website to see the  
whole breathtaking  
view!

3. Scott's campsite at  
Pleasant Valley  
Campground with  
member Mike Bereny  
& friend Joe  
Callewaert.

4. Gary Scott's catch  
last November,  
Owens Gorge.

5. Cameron  
Cipponeri's  
captivated audience at  
February's fullhouse  
meeting. Nice to see  
many new guests &  
visitors in the house!

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# **FISHING COLORADO**

## **PRESENTED BY:**

### **CAMERON CIPPONERI**

### **FRYING PAN ANGLERS**

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#### *Notes taken by Mike Weigand*

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Frying Pan Anglers is in the small town of Basalt, about 18 miles Northwest, and down river, of famous Aspen. And, important to fishing, Basalt is at the confluence of the Roaring Fork River and the Frying Pan River. Both rivers are considered "Blue Ribbon" waters with good trout populations and some big ones.

Cameron started his talk with the Frying Pan which flows west from Ruedi Reservoir, about 15 miles. toward Basalt, where it joins the Roaring Fork. There is fishing in the reservoir as well as in the river above it, but the primary fly fishing area is below the dam. As in any tail water fishery, the water temperature is relatively consistent throughout the year which is beneficial to aquatic insects for the trout to feed on.

Another source of protein rich food to fatten the trout is the myseis shrimp that live in the reservoir. They are pulled into the power generating turbines of the dam and come out whole or in pieces. Yum, yum for the trout. The pool in front of the dam has the very technical name of "The Toilet Bowl". Why I didn't hear, but that is the place where anglers fight for spots to cast to big trout. Both dry flies and nymphs are used, depending on hatches. Blue Wing Olive, Pale Morning Duns, and lots of midges. This is a wade only river, boats are not permitted.

Along the Frying Pan there are sections of public water, but most is private. Frying Pan Anglers owns Taylor Creek Cabins, about 5 miles from Basalt, and a mile of river. In Colorado property owners own the river bottom, unlike some other states, such as Montana, in which the riverbed is public. So, you must pay attention to signs. If you stay at one of the cabins you have rights to fish their part of the river. And, there may be times when you can pay a "rod fee" to fish it. Check with the shop. Look up Frying Pan Anglers website for information about the cabins and guided fishing on the "Pan".

The Roaring Fork earns its name during run off. No dams to control it, so during spring melt you need to be very careful about wading. The shop offers float trips on this river, and there are several sections which can be floated. From Aspen to Glenwood Springs, where it joins the Colorado River is about 40 miles, so Basalt is about half way.

There is both guided and unescorted fishing on the Colorado. I-70 follows the river from north -east of Glenwood Springs all the way to Grand Junction.

Cameron talked about many small streams in the area where you can get away from the crowds. The fish may not be as big, but feisty native trout rising to a dry is great sport.

*Mike Weigand, Idaho*







# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

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 *Report by: Rich Bollinger*

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This past year we continued with a very good relationship with CDFW. For most of 2016 Jenifer O'Brien (CDFW Region 5 rep) was off on maternity leave. Dwayne Maxwell filled in for her and continued with coordinating CAEP in Region 5. He secured Lake Casitas as a release site for use in the central northern part of Region 5.

Many thanks to Dwayne CDFW and Lake Casitas!

Region 6 added Hillary Grez as the coordinator for San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial Counties. She worked for Jennifer O'Brien in Region 6. Hiring Hillary was a fantastic choice by CDFW. She is really passionate about CAEP.

We have grown in classrooms as well adding Clubs and teachers to the south San Diego. Also to the north we added three classrooms in Port Hueneme school district. Along with adding more teachers to clubs that have existing programs.

**The SWCIFFF clubs assisted CDFW in training teachers in the following areas:**

- San Diego, Newport Beach, Thousand Oaks and Riverside.

**Our contacts in Region 5 are:**

- Jennifer O'Brien Jennifer.Obrian@wildlife.ca.gov
- Dwayne Maxwell Dwayn.Maxwell@wildlife.ca.gov

**Region 6:**

- Hillary Grez Hillary.Grez@wildlife.ca.gov
- James Erdman James.Erdman@wildlife.ca.gov

We had a really nice display once again at Fred Hall with live trout aquarium. Aquarium and trout provided by CDFW. Many people stopped and asked questions about the program. The CDFW set up a display at the Fly Fishing Faire in Bishop and had several CDFW reps there answering questions.

Other SWCIFFF Trout in the Classroom activities are the same as every year. Helping teachers set up tanks, assisting CDFW at Fillmore Hatchery packaging trout eggs for classrooms, picking up and delivering eggs all over SoCal. No small chore many hours and miles driven. **(continued -> next page)**

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM (continued)

### For 2017

- o Is basically keeping up with all the above.
- o Fred Hall
- o Fly Fishing Faire
- o Support of schools and teachers
- o Keeping a good relationship with CDFW
- o Continue to assist in training classes
- o Seek out equipment and provide some funding.
- o We are open for any comments or suggestions

~ *Rich Bollinger, Trout in the Classroom Rep*

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## HEART PUMPING VIDEO ON YOUTUBE!



<http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/the-one-that-got-away-tim-alpers-youtube/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2Hy0m64zsk>

**fishermen's spot** **SAVE THE DATE!**  
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**The 71<sup>th</sup> annual Fred Hall Show** is right around the corner and will take place March 1 – 5 at the Long Beach Convention Center and March 23 – 26, 2017, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Also, added this year is Bakersfield at the Kern County Fairgrounds March 10 – 12.



## Humboldt Steelhead Days

### January 1st To March 31st, 2017

January thru March there are more steelhead in Humboldt County than anywhere else in California. Celebrate with us! Experience Humboldt in the wintertime: Eat, drink, explore the natural beauty of the Redwoods, go on a restoration & spawning tour and fish for our legendary steelhead.

**GET HOOKED! VISIT THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT:**  
<http://www.conejovalleflyfishers.com/>





# The Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

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*\* Meet on the Wednesday after the first Thursday of every month*

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## **NEW LOCATION:**

Church of Christ, 2525 E Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
For more information, please call 805-498-2944 (Kit Korf)

- ✦ **5:00 – 6:30** Dinner at “**Bandits**” 589 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
- ✦ **6:30 – 7:00** Fly Tying / “Fly of the Month” – Gary Scott
- ✦ **7:00 – 7:30** Club business
- ✦ **7:30 - 9:30** Program

## **2017 MEETING DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Saturday, March 25 – Fundraiser Dinner

Wednesday, April 12 – Speaker – Jim Cox “Sometimes To Save A River You Have To Buy It.”

**\* Meeting dates are subject to change per speakers’ availability.**

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## **EQUIPMENT FOR SALE BY MEMBERS** page has been discontinued.

Recommend going to this Facebook page to buy and sell used fly fishing gear:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418559711595022/>



**Link on our website:**

<http://www.conejovalleflyfishers.com/fly-fishing-gear-buy-sell-or-trade-on-facebook/>



# **“First Annual soon to be legendary: CVFF July Fishing and camping outing”**

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*Charley Beals, Club Outings Coordinator*

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- **Dates:** July 21-23
- **Camp site:** Prefer Soda Springs in the Red's meadow area

## **The Reds Meadow Valley - Area History**

In the 1800s, prospectors traveled to the region along the French Trail, a route from Fresno to the Mammoth area. Red Sotcher settled in the area, farming vegetables and selling to the miners. While people came from far and away to mine for gold and silver, it was Sotcher who prospered. Reds Meadow and Sotcher Lake were eventually named in his honor.

**The Devils Postpile National Monument** was created in 1911 to protect Devils Postpile and Rainbow Falls. Support for the monument included letters to President Taft from the Sierra Club and signed by John Muir.

**DETAILS:** I will arrive early in the morning of Friday July 21st and secure a campsite in the Reds' Meadow area. I will post the location on the bulletin board at Devil's Postpile bus stop as the camping is first come, first serve.

## **EXPECTATIONS AND EXTRAS:**

- The trip will feature a dry dropper clinic on Saturday hosted by **Gary Scott** (pending). This should get everyone up to speed on the most effective technique for catching lots of fish.
- If I can talk **Dan Millis** into running a Nymph clinic Saturday afternoon, we'll all be better for it.

If you are interested in participating, please complete and return to [charley@bealsagency.com](mailto:charley@bealsagency.com) the attached info sheet (next page) along with \$10.00 a night per car to cover camping costs. Any overages in receipts will be donated to CVFF.



## **"First Annual, soon to be legendary: CVFF July Fishing and camping outing sign up form:**

**Names of campers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year / Make / Model vehicle:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I'd like to enroll in: Nymph Clinic / Dry Dropper Clinic - Circle one:** YES    NO



## Member Spotlight:

### CVFF's founding member Rod Tochiara / Part III

#### Rod Interview > Final Install

**CVFF:** When you do go fly fishing are you drift boating, walking, wading or all three?

Do you have a drift boat?

**Rod:** Yes, I have a drift boat, but do all three styles of fishing. I like drifting and wading. I fish mostly rivers. I don't do

much lake fishing. Rivers are definitely my preference. I enjoy the movement of the water and it's kind of a spiritual thing. It's just really neat.

The club used to go to Crowley & Convict. My favorite river was the Lower Owens. We fished that quite a bit. Over by Pleasant Valley Reservoir. A lot of the guys from the club, friends would go fishing there. There are very fond memories of that area.

**CVFF:** You were explaining the high-water mark rules to fish on the Madison or rivers on private property. If you had advice to give a new fly-fisherman (person), what would that be? One of our club members, Mike Weigand, has a beautiful home in that area.

**Rod:** Ah yea. I remember Mike Weigand. I think he lives in Lynn Ranch in Thousand Oaks

**CVFF:** Yes, and his vacation home is located in Island Park, Idaho.

**CVFF:** Mike took us fishing on the Madison when it was busy, a little bit like being on the 405, but who cares. It was beautiful and being on the outskirts of Yellowstone made for quick in and out visits to the park and we enjoyed looking for the local wild animals or eagle's nests in the evening coolness after a day of fishing.

**Rod:** It's a beautiful area, no doubt about it. We live about 2.5 hours away from the Madison. Between Billings and Bozeman in Montana.

**CVFF:** If you had any advice for the new fly-fisher.

**Rod:** I would tell them that there is no number one right way. You do what's comfortable for you. I'm mean you can learn the basics, but there is no perfect way. I've come to that conclusion myself. I think you have to adapt to what's comfortable for you. What's your style or where you prefer to fish. Some people like to fish dry flies only, some wet flies. And I would encourage the new person to always ask questions. Right?

**CVFF:** Right!

**Rod:** Not to become too much of a gearhead, if that's possible...(laugh). Because I know we get carried away with all the gear. Kind of keep it in perspective. We always had a joke that fish don't care if you have \$300 waders or \$100 waders... (laugh). You know?

**CVFF:** Right!

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**CVFF:** If you had advice to the club organizers or members - what would that be?

**Rod:** My wife pointed this out to me "remember why you got together to begin with". I think we kinda lose sight of that. What was the initial reason why we joined or formed the club was to create some friendships and bonds and learn/share knowledge. And I would say the biggest factor was to really go overboard to encourage newcomers. I think that's the biggest challenge is to make them feel welcomed. And just that they're really part of the group.

It's like a band, sometimes you need new members with new members to keep ideas fresh. And that's a tough one in today's society, how do we recruit new members? Even up in living in a fly fishing mecca there are not many people who fly fish.

**Rod:** In closing I just have one last statement I'd like to close the interview with if you can squeeze it in. I have had the opportunity to fish many different places and many types of waters. And during those trips I've managed to catch a few fish. But I think the most thrilling and rewarding times were when I helped a newbie to the sport whether in my class or on a group outing learn some of the fundamentals and at times struggle but finally being reward with that near perfect cast and BAM! Fish On! Just the large grin on their faces said it all. If I could meet them again I'd like to thank all those individuals who I helped for providing me with many wonderful memories.

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# ARTICLES OF INTEREST & ENDORSEMENTS:

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## Membership Application and Renewal Form

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Check one): New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual dues are \$50 per family living at the same address.
- Membership is per calendar year.
- New members joining in the last quarter have their membership extended through the following year.
- There is a one-time additional \$10 fee for each name badge.
- Please indicate if you would like additional name badges for family members and include \$10 for each.
- Student (under 18) dues are \$10.

Make checks payable to: **Conejo Valley Fly Fishers**

Send payment/correspondence to: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320-3115

### FEE(S) ENCLOSED:

Family Membership \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

New Member badge \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Membership \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to CalTrout \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership \$500 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### I wish to help with the following programs:

- ☐ Trout in the classroom
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Fundraiser
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Trips/Outings
- ☐ Other