



Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

Newsletter for June 2017

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GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017

SPEAKER: Steve Schalla

One of the Sierra Nevada's well known fly fisherman, historian and conservationist.

***Presentation on: Cottonwood Lake,
Monache Meadows & Upper Kern River Lakes***

- ◆ 6:30 - 7:00 - FLY TYING / MEET AND GREET
- ◆ 7:00 - 7:30 - CVFF CLUB BUSINESS / FISHING REPORTS
- ◆ 7:30 - 9:00 - SPEAKER PRESENTATION & WRAP UP

LOCATION: Church of Christ
2525 E Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

~ free to the public ~



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PRESIDENT'S FLYBOX



**SCOTT
OLSON**

"... you can never cement your plans too far in advance."



LOOKING AHEAD

Since it is the beginning of trout season planning a trip for Fall fishing may seem like getting ahead of one's self a bit. In reality though if you are thinking about fishing somewhere new and maybe just a little bit further away than the Sierra's, now is not a bad time to start thinking about it.

As a matter of fact in some of the more popular areas you may already be out of luck as some guides and lodges book a year (or sometimes more) in advance, and as anyone who has flown recently knows, the airlines are packing them in like sardines as never before.

So whether you are planning on heading off to Idaho for trout, British Columbia for steelie's or the Gulf for bone fishing you can never cement your plans too far in advance. Traveling, like fly fishing, requires a certain amount of anticipation.

Where ever you are headed I wish you tight lines and big fish.

Tight lines.

President, Scott Olson

FISHING news



CA SPORTFISHING LEAGUE -California State Senate Unanimously Passes Fishing License Reform Bill — Last night, May 31, 2017—the California State Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 187, authored by Senator Tom Berryhill, state legislation that will transition California's calendar-based fish-

ing license to one that is valid a full 12-months from the date of purchase. Before reaching the Governor's desk, SB 187 must pass the State Assembly. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

CAL TROUT: Today's decision by President Trump to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Change Agreement increases threats to California's trout, steelhead and salmon and the cold, clean waters they need to survive. Fast on the heels of CalTrout and UC Davis' release of SOS II: Fish in Hot Water report finding that climate change is the major

overarching threat affecting our state's native salmonids, we are extremely disheartened at the President's decision. Fish rely on cold, clean water to survive. Climate change is likely to reduce availability and access to cold water as a result of increasing air temperatures and extreme weather.

SOUTHWEST COUNCIL IFFF.

President, Michael Schweit — I am honored to announce that we have a great candidate that has stepped up to be president of the Council. Most of you know Bill O'Kelly from the Faire, FlyBuy and just about any event we held. He is enthusiastic, versed in the inner happenings with FFI (more on that below) and just an all around good guy. I am also proud to call him a friend. Please give Bill a hand as he moves the SWC forward in the coming years.

We are now officially Fly Fishers International. This name change did not come lightly. There were surveys, marketing analysis and countless meetings. Name changes are always fraught with uncertainty and this is no different. It was felt (and told to us by those surveys) that the previous name was too long and just did not ring well with audiences. With the change comes some housekeeping so if you see the old name in places, give us a few months before telling us where we missed one. I am always surprised how long and involved these things are.

TROUT UNLIMITED: As every TU member knows, salmon and trout depend on a steady supply of cool or cold water to survive. Although we don't expect to find salmon and trout in waters with bath-like temperatures,

this usually-reasonable generalization has the risk of lulling us into an overly conservative vision of salmonid habitat

Read more at: <http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/a-dynamic-vision-of-trout>

IDAHO—MONTANA FISHING REPORT



Article feature:

Mike Weigand

- ◇ Club member
- ◇ Casting instructor
- ◇ Resident of Idaho & California
- ◇ Fly-tier
- ◇ Reporter for waters local and abroad

Arrived at Henry's Lake on May 16 to mostly clear skies and temps in the upper 50's. Not bad. Then a front moved through and Wednesday it snowed off and on with little sticking because the temp hovered at freezing. Wednesday night a few inches of snow accumulated.



Drove to Bozeman and snow through most of the upper Madison Valley. Picture is Raynold's Pass Bridge, looking down river. By the time I got back to the house almost all

the snow had melted. As they say up here; "If you don't like the weather just wait a few hours."

Fished the Madison at the Log Jam four times, twice by



my self and twice with a friend or two.

First outing was Saturday the 20th. River was over 2,000 cfs which was more than 500

over average. It had been almost 3,000 earlier. A few warm days increase the snow melt and the flows, then a few days of cooler weather and the river drops a little.

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IDAHO—MONTANA FISHING REPORT

The log jam is still in good condition, but showing the effects of high water. Tried nymphs and caught a small brown on a Prince nymph. Waded out to the jam and a few small mayflies were coming off. Put on a Parachute Adams and a BWO Post Wing Emerger and took a 14" Rainbow. Changed the emerger to a size 18 Callibatis nymph and landed a 17" Hookjaw Rainbow. A good start of the season.

With the river flow changing fishing is tough, especially since I will fish dries 80% of the time. Did get some rises to the parachute in a dry/dropper rig, but most were on the nymphs or emergers.

The last day I fished the Madison was Sunday the 28th. Got to the log jam about 1 pm and as I was getting out of the car a guide in a drift boat pulled in and anchored behind the jam. Bummer !! I fished down river and got a few bumps but not takers. I did not see the guide and client fight or land anything. After 45 minutes or so they left.

I slowly worked my way up and behind the jam and felt "great" ! Took three nice rainbows on nymphs; two on a Ross Marigold green caddis (a very old pattern) and one on a Pheasant Tail.



The river will only get higher in the next few weeks as the snow pack melts.

That is OK with me as I leave here tomorrow.

Mike Weigand



Member Photos

- ◆ Bob Kieling on the Upper Owens “Dances with Trout”.
- ◆ Jim Kottra brings new meaning to the saying “catch & release!”
- ◆ “Hey Mr. Cuttie... smile for the camera” - Gary Scott
- ◆ Fishing the gorge. Always productive with dry drop-per rig.— Gary Scott





Member Photos

- ◆ Don Honus
“hooked up”
- ◆ Charley Beals
posing with the
elusive “Sierra
Fanged Trout”
- ◆ Bob Kieling’s
many catches of
the day!
- ◆ Gorgeous day on
and in “the
Gorge”.
- ◆ Fishing Friends
for life—Gary
Scott, Bob Kiel-
ing, Don Honus





Member Photos

- ◆ Mike Bereny's grandson, Jaden, catching a nice bluegill on Sherwood during our May meeting .
- ◆ Sierra beauty gently handled by Scott Olson.
- ◆ Three's not a crowd on the Owens with fishing buddies (L-R) Bob Kieling, Jim Kottra & Gary Scott.
- ◆ What did and did not make it to the dinner table. Pass the horseradish!





Fishing Report for Reyes Creek by Blake Aaron

I would like to introduce myself. I am a competitive high-power rifle marksman, and belong to the Tri-County Rifle Club in Cuyama, right on the border of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties. Their annual Work Weekend took place May 20/21, which I attended and camped at the club. Prior to leaving, I had read trout stocking reports on the CA DFW website at Reyes Creek, off of Lockwood Valley Road.

Since my trip to Cuyama involved driving up and over the mountains on Hwy 33, and near Reyes Creek, I packed my 7' 3wt small stream fly rod and related gear. I stopped by Reyes Creek on the way up that Saturday, and found the creek with excellent water conditions and full of fish. I noticed that the fish appeared to be of good size, 12"+, compared to the smaller fish stocked in the past. The camp host told me that DFW had dropped 2,500 pounds of trout in the stream the day before. There were fish stacked up everywhere!

I caught and kept a limit fairly quickly, some fish up to 14" and very healthy for stocked fish. I quickly cleaned the fish and put them in the cooler for dinner at the rifle club that night. In preparing the fish, I



rubbed each trout inside and out with olive oil, seasoned inside and out with my homemade BBQ dry rub, and filled the cavities with fresh minced onion, garlic, cilantro, and sliced fresh jalapeno pepper. I placed the fish together in a heavy foil wrap, and placed this into a Webber Kettle Grill with the lid closed, cooking indirectly to the coals.

The other members were using the grill to cook hot dogs. I let the trout simmer for about 20 minutes, basically until steam was coming from the wrap and I could hear what sounded like liquid boiling. I removed the each trout from the wrapper, using a fork to separate the filets from the bones starting at the tail, making sure to capture all the stuffing.

All of this was put on a metal camping plate, and I ate a tasty trout dinner. I also grilled some Wyoming antelope that another member that he

had bagged on a hunt last fall. The fellow club members happily supplemented their hot dog dinners with the fresh trout and rare grilled antelope, all of which turned out great!

The following day, driving south on Hwy 33 south from Cuyama, I heard on the radio that Hwy 101 was a parking lot from lot from Santa Barbara through Thousand Oaks, partly due to the Strawberry Festival, and several accidents. Hearing that, I turned left at Lockwood Valley Road, and went back to Reyes Creek. I spent about an hour pulling out another limit to take home. Each fish was 14" or better, and cleaned each fish as I dragged it up on the bank. I ended up making the same meal for my wife the next day.

The conditions at Reyes Creek could not have been nicer. Not that many people, and not many fishing either. Those that were fishing were using big globs of powerbait and experienced slow fishing. I used a dry/dropper combo, with a parachute adams on top and various typical nymphs below, and had no trouble enticing the many trout. I ended up giving out some nymphs to the camp host and to some dads fishing with their kids. The camp host told me on Sunday that everyone I gave flies to caught fish with them, which was nice to hear.

This was my first fishing on my 2017 license. Even though it was a side trip it was a lot of fun and very satisfying. Give this local a fishery a look because conditions are great this year and it is being regularly stocked.

FISH TALES

While interviewing Bob Kieling and Don Honus the interview quickly turned from an interview of questions and answers to many, many stories of adventures involving fly fishing or the travels while fly fishing.

Here are some of their stories that will make you laugh, gasp or wonder, “what the heck were these guys thinking?”

I was on a float trip with my son in Alaska. for 8 days. We went about 3 days from where they were dropped off in so remote an area that there were no other persons in sight.

From the landing area, there was be a path that looked like a heard of elephants had run up and down on the grass. It was a thoroughfare for the bears.

Next day we were going to be picked up by the plane. Our other fishing buddies from Detroit decided to keep 10 fish to take home so they put them in a trash bag in the camp area.

In the middle of the night, a bear came into the camp, walked by the tents and grabs the trash bag full of fish and drags it out of camp. About 50 yards out the bear discovered that the bag had a hole and the fish had been sliding out of the bag.

By that time the guides had hear the bear and fired off their guns.

The next morning we discovered a bear footprint 12 inches away from where my son’s head had been laying in the tent. Now I can say my own son came within 12 inches of a grizzly bear!

~ Bob Kieling

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

TU's mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

TU encourages trout and salmon anglers to voluntarily practice catch and release because of its proven benefits to trout and salmon populations. TU, and its local chapters and state councils, often...

There are many wonderful benefits to being a member of Trout Unlimited such as membership in your local chapter - get involved and make a difference.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

CVFF Member: Rich Bollinger



October 29, 2016

Location: Earth’s Magnet School

Address: 2626 Michael Drive, **Newbury Park, CA 91320**

Time: 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

Free Workshop

November 5, 2016

Location: Upper Newport Bay Back Bay Science Center

Address: 600 Shellmaker Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Time: 9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m

Free Workshop

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"First Annual
soon to be legendary:
CVFF July Fishing
and camping outing"

Charley Beals



Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's July 2017 Outing

Dates: July 21-23

Camp site: Prefer Soda Springs in the Red's meadow area

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 CONTACT CHARLEY AT: charley@bealsagency.com**

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Conejo Valley
Fly Fishers
generally meet on
the Wednesday
after
the first Thursday
of every month

LOCATION:

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

SCHEDULE:

5:00 - 6:30 JUNE ONLY / Dinner meeting at:
- **CISCO'S, 925 S Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village, CA 91361**
6:30 - 7:00 Fly Tying / "Fly of the Month" - Gary Scott
7:00 - 7:30 Club business
7:30 - 9:30 Program

2017 UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- ♦ JULY - TBD
- ♦ AUGUST—TBD

>>> Meeting dates are subject to change per speakers' availability.





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____ (Check one): New _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____

Other family members' names: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____

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- 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 & mail to: **Conejo Valley Fly Fishers**, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320

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

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