# Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

Newsletter for March 2018

Established 1983



#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

**SPEAKER:** Gary Bulla

# **SALT WATER Fly Fishing**

OPEN TO MEMBERS, GUESTS AND THE PUBLIC

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

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

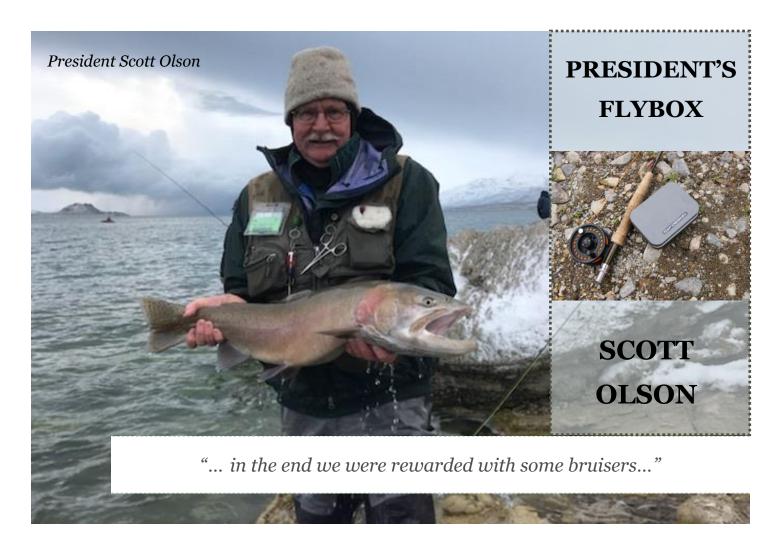
#### **CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE**

6:30-7:00 pm:
Set-up / Meet & Greet
7:00-8:30pm:
Program / Speaker / Presentation



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#### FREEZER FISHING

Not all fly fishing can be done in shorts and a t-shirt as I experienced recently. Waking up to stalk the early bite with temperatures in the low 20's and a wind chill around 13 is indeed a bracer that makes standing in 50 degree water seem balmy by comparison.

Having picked the coldest week so far of the season to try our luck for the denizen cutthroats of Pyramid Lake, Nevada we donned multiple layers (3 on my feet and legs and 7 on my torso) and headed in to the breach.

Blowing wind and snow added to the cold temps did not dissuade too many as was evidenced by the crowds at Pelican Point. We slipped in to an open slot and proceeded to cast a rig consisting of Root Beer Balanced Leeches and midges to what we hoped would be some cruising cutties.

Constant icing of our rod guides added to the discomfiture, but in the end we were rewarded with some bruisers weighing over eight pounds and the warm feeling of knowing that we had prevailed for however a short period of time.

The lesson learned for us was that sometimes stepping out of your comfort zone can yield large rewards. In this case cutthroats up to thirteen pounds.

Tight lines and fighting fish to all!

Scott Olson, Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, President

# MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE FOR 2018



#### Membership dues for 2018 are now due.

- 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.

Please see KIT KORF, membership chairman, to make payment in person.

### HERE'S WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES DID FOR YOU IN 2017!

#### **GREAT GUEST SPEAKERS, INSTRUCTORS, TEACHERS:**

• Pat Jaegar, Cameron Cipponeri, Jim Cox, Steve Schalla

#### **MEMBERSHIP WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Fly Fishers International
- Cal Trout
- Trout Unlimited
- Southwest Council of The Fly fishers International (SWC-FFI)
- Trout in the classroom
- Casting for Recovery

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS THAT ARE NOT SO MUCH MISCELLANEOUS.

• Meeting room rentals, website hosting/domain name, club brochures, insurance.

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED BUT COSTS NOTHING!

- The time and energy of your knowledgeable board members, access to our website, newsletters, outings organizer, hosted parties, monthly club and fly tying meetings.
- The friendship and the sharing of ideas on how to become a better fly fisher!

#### ONLINE LINK TO MEMBERSHIP FORMS—click here



# FLY FISHING EVENT / FISH REPORT BY CHALEY BEALS

**Locations fished:** Lower Owens River, Hot Creek

**Dates fished:** Feb 22 - 25, 2018

**Anglers:** Gary Scott, Ken Walters, Donna Phillips, Rick Speidel, Mike Bowden, Cece Worrall Rubin, Matt Rubin and Charley Beals.

The weather was our biggest challenge with two of the three days showing cold and gusty winds which made nymphing difficult at best.

When we did have some pleasant weather the fishing turned on with most everyone getting into some fish.

The big winners were the red and black zebra nymphs, BH Pheasant Tails and the random olive streamer.

The fires in the Chalk Bluff road section produced a large amount of fish kill and will take some time to recover.

On the whole it was a lot of fun to get out with everyone, make some new friends and see some new anglers hone their skills.

~ Charley Beals, Event Organizer & Casting Instructor







# BISHOP FISHING FOLLOW-UP BY CHALEY BEALS

*I* wanted to follow up on the trip and thank everyone for attending.

On the whole I thought we did good considering the tough conditions, the ash, access and the weather. I watched many of you make some very good progress in reading the water, casting and setting up a drag free drift with that nymph rig.

We do have some work to do on the knots and Scott and I have a pre meeting class setup for the next two meetings – <u>click here for more details</u>.

The second issue that I noticed is fly selection. Experience will solve this puzzle for you. So get out there.

I did meet with Joe Smurlo on Monday night – he's local here in Thousand Oaks and is selling his gear – much of it is older but still very usable. He's got a 7' 4wt that would be perfect for the next outing on the San Joaquin.

Joe's contact info: 805-492-3433 / smurloj@yahoo.com

If you are looking for an upgrade and addition to your tool kit you may want to call him.

There are two very good books you may want to pick up and keep as reference: Dynamic Nymphing by George Daniels and Prospecting for Trout by Tom Rosenbauer.

~ Charley Beals, Event Organizer & Casting Instructor

# CVFF Upcoming Outings for 2018



Hello Conejo Valley Fly Fisher members,

- I have put together the framework for a schedule of outings for the club and I would appreciate any feedback as I solidify the dates.
- If you know of a productive month to visit a certain destination then please let me know.
- My goal is to have at least one local outing per quarter and add in one to two "other than mammoth" trips in the better fishing months.

#### 2018 CVFF CLUB OUTINGS:

⇒ April 5, 2018

Fly Fishing Film - more info here

⇒ June/July 2018 – San Joaquin / Reds Meadow:

at road opening, when the flow is 100-150 cfs

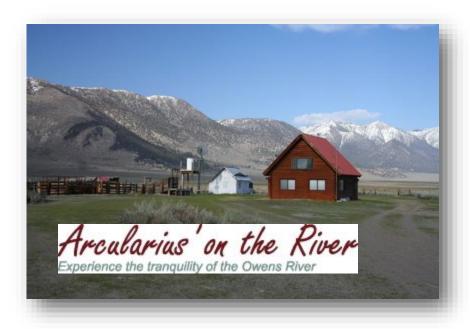
⇒ Mid-August – Mammoth's "Hopper hatch"

\*\* Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch

⇒ **September** – Nor Cal – Sac, McCloud etc....

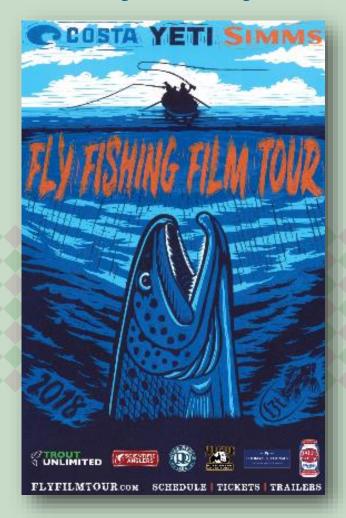
If you have any energy on where, when etc please let me know via email:

charley@bealsagency.com



### **CLUB OUTING — FLY FISHING FILM TOUR**

Thursday, April 5, 2018—7:00pm Hosted by: Charley Beals



### **EVENT ITINERARY**

3:30pm – CARPOOLS depart Conejo Valley 5:30 to 6:45 – Dinner/Drinks at "Eat Chow" 6:45 – Drive to Yost Theatre 7:00 – Fly Fishing Film begins

The Yost Theater, 307 N Spurgeon Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact Charley at: <a href="mailto:charley@bealsagency.com">charley@bealsagency.com</a>
Click "here" for more info on the CVFF website





#### Come Join Us In Boise, Idaho

August 7-11, 2018



VENDORS | IRON FLY
TYING AND CASTING DEMONSTRATIONS
KIDS ACTIVITIES | AUTHORS BOOTH
PHOTO CONTEST



Shauna Williams fishing the Owyhee River, near Boise ID



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

A WEEK-LONG EVENT PROVIDING FLY FISHING EDUCATION AND FUN ACTIVITIES STARTING TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018.

#### **WORKSHOPS**

Tuesday, August 7 through Saturday, August 11, 2018.

#### **FISH FEST**

**Exhibit Hall Opens** 

**Guest Speakers & Celebrities** 

Vendors | Fly Tying & Casting Demonstrations | 1-Hour Seminare Iron Fly | Kids Activities | Auctions & Raffles

& Much More!

Thursday, August 9 through Saturday, August 11 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Daily

#### **REGISTRATION**

Opens May 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. MDT more info / click here



#### CA SPORTFISHING LEAGUE STATE ASSEMBLY PROPOSES BAN ON

#### LEAD FISHING WEIGHTS AND SINKERS

**SACRAMENTO** — Lead fishing weights and sinkers are the target of a new bill proposed by Assembly member Bill Quirk, D-Hayward.

Quirk's proposal – Assembly Bill 2787 – would ban the manufacture, sale or purchase of fishing weights or sinkers across the state.

Weights or sinkers would be banned if it contains more than 0.1 percent lead by weight, is less than 50 grams in mass and doe not have a cross section greater than or equal to 2 centimeters in length.

AB 2787 would effectively create a new crime for the manufacture, purchase or sale of banned fishing weights or sinkers.

READ MORE CLICK HERE



#### CALIFORNIA TROUT



Solving complex resource issues while balancing the needs of wild fish and people.









Do you know where your water comes from? What do the iconic trout waters of Mt. Shasta and the meadows of the High Sierra have in common? The future of California's water is uncertain, demand is surpassing supply. Watch the video—click here

Please visit the Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's



#### TROUT UNLIMITED

#### **MARCH 2018**

#### PROTECT SO, I WROTE A LETTER TO JEEP

TU President and CEO Chris Wood wrote a letter to Jeep after the company's Super Bowl ad showed a vehicle driving up a stream. Here's how it all shook out.

Then the Associate Press picked up the story. I expected that TU members and supporters would back me up, and they did. What I did not expect was the backlash from some in the off-road vehicle community. I was accused of perpetuating the "over sensitivity that is ruining America today"; told that I am "part of what's wrong with this world;" and cursed at..... READ MORE!

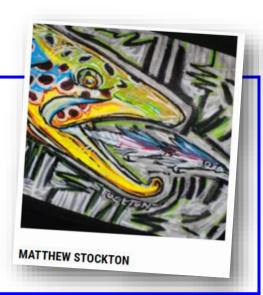






Wounded Veterans Find Peace Through the Serenity of Fly Fishing

MARCH 2018—We are proud to announce the return of the REEL SERVICE PROJECT IV – a pairing of the industry's best and brightest artists with our hand-built craftsmanship to deliver a series of truly one-of-a-kind messenger bags. MORE



#### Please visit the Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's calendar online at:









**RETREAT 2018: May 18-20, 2018** 

Application deadline: by March 9, 2018

UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead, CA Women from southern CA are eligible to apply to this retreat.

Online application link: <a href="https://castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/southern-california/">https://castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/southern-california/</a>

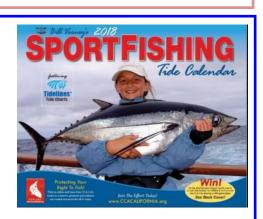




# COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (CCA)

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018

CCA CAL CCA CAL Raises \$237,643.50 for Marine Conservation & Saltwater Anglers.— MORE INFO









**SPEAKER: Mel Light:** 

"DIY New Zealand Fly Fishing"

March is when WFF holds its annual Super Auction.

This is our principal fund raiser and a great time to shake the winter blahs by placing the winning bid on a trip to your dream fly fishing destination. (Not to worry, there is no shortage of adventures to choose from. Outfitters and lodges from around the world donate trips to our auction.)

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 RSVP/EVENT \$10— MORE INFO

#### Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's Newsletter ARCHIVES at:

http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/newsletter/





### Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:00-9:00 PM

#### **Annual Auction "Deals and Steals Galore!"**

Hundreds of useful items in the silent auction
More than 2000 fly tying items for sale and live auction
items that include discounted, artworks by famous fly
fishers, vacation property stays, rare and unusual gear,
Top of the line gear and other great bargains.

**EVERYONE** is welcome!

More info-click here

# Annual SPFF Fundraiser and Auction March 15, 2018—MORE INFO

#### EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

If attendees want dinner, they have to book at: Encino Glen montereyatencino@gmail.com The charge is \$32 and the choices are salmon or corned beef and cabbage. It is OK to attend without having dinner.



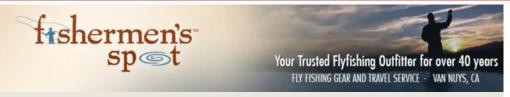






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#### March

#### **ORVIS DAY AT THE SPOT!**

24th

See What's NEW from Orvis, FREE viewing of the Orvis Movie, Presentations and FREE hot dogs and beverages!



#### SAGE/REDINGTON/RIO/SIMMS DAY!

31st

Tryout the NEW \$325 Sage Foundation Rod Made in USA and Simms G3 Waders, upgraded construction NO price increase!

Checkout the Incredible NEW lineup from Sage, Redington, Rio and Simms!



#### SIERRAS OPENER PREVIEW!!

14th

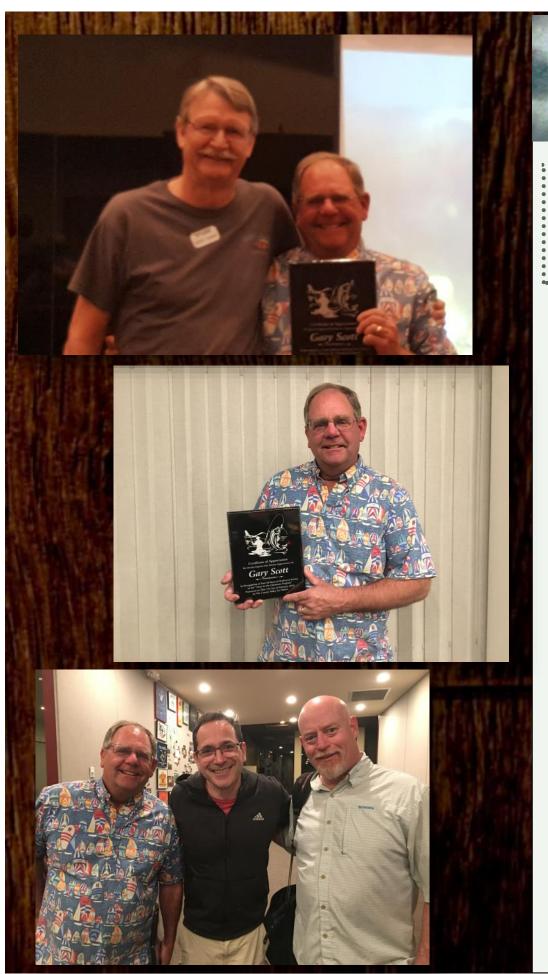
Find out What to Expect in the Eastern & Western Sierras in 2018! We're bringing in Experts from both sides of the hill...

# MANY UPCOMING EVENTS!! CLICK HERE FOR

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!

May 5—Join SA and Winston Rep Darin Elmore at the PCC Casting Pond from 8am – 11am as explains how Fly Line tapers influence your cast.

May 5—CARP FISHING
Q&A & FLY TYING AT
THE SPOT! Al Q and
friends join us at the shop
sharing their expertise on
the elusive Carp, Just in
Time for the "Carp
Throwdown" on June
2nd!





Gary Scott
recognized for 20
years of service
with the Trout in
the Classroom
Program.

#### Top:

Club President, Scott Olson & Gary Scott

#### Middle:

Gary Scott & plaque

#### Lower:

Gary Scott, Matt Rubin & guest speaker Joe Contaldi



Steve Anderson, Gordon Stolla & guest

Guest Speaker
Joe Contaldi
encouraging
member Matt
Rubin to come fly
fish Pyramid Lake in
March.

Post meeting,
meeting with
members:
Judy & Rich
Bollinger
Steve Anderson
Jim Purvis &
guest Tom
Greenup





nice cast in good form.



### Member Photos

Successful Casting Class led by Charley Beals on February 17.

Many members took their newly found skills to the banks of the streams in the Bishop-Mammoth Area.

Members included:

David Fox,
Mike Bowden,
Rick Speidel,
Leesa McBurnie,
Kerry Murphree,
& Donna Phillips.



Charley Beals
coaching
Donna
Phillips.

Kerry
Murphree (right)
& Leesa
McBurnie

(not shown)
prepping for a
driftboat outing
with Guide Pat
Jaeger.







Club members line up and spread out at Sunset Hills Park...

"Let the casting begin!"





Joe
Callewaert
and
Mike
Bereny
getting
ready to do
battle
with the
denizens of
Pyramid
Lake.



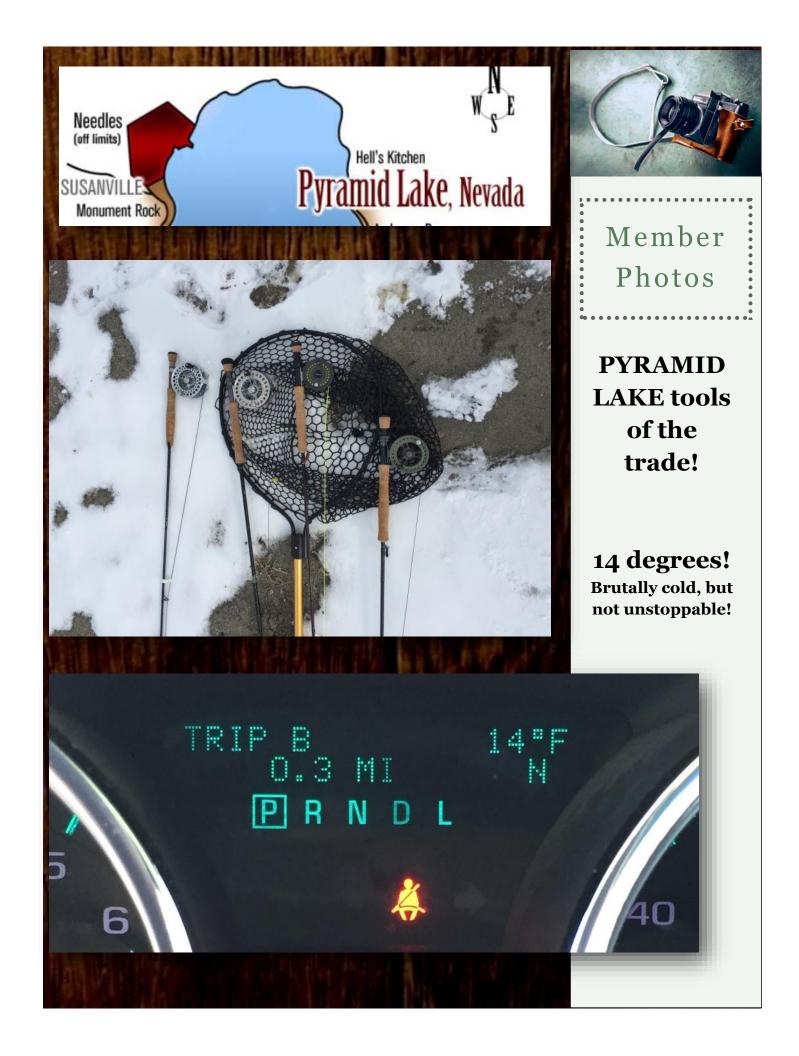
Club President Scott Olson,

"This is a
13 pound,
31" cutthroat
that I caught on
Pyramid Lake
this last
weekend."

\*\* Read Scott's article
"Freezer Fishing"
on page 2 of this
newsletter!

Joe
Callewaert
with a beautiful
Pyramid Lake
cutthroat.





# FEBRUARY OUTING—FLY FISHING THE BISHOP-MAMMOTH AREA







Member Photos

CLUB
MEMBERS
EVENT
GOERS:

L-R: Matt & Cece Rubin, Charley Beals, Ken Walters, Rick Speidel, Donna Phillips, Mike Bowden & Gary Scott

**EVENT LEADER:** 

**Charley Beals** 

Charley scoped out the area on Thursday and caught this beauty on a midge.

# With the **White Mountains**

in view it reminds us that the Sierras are always a beautiful place to fish even in cold temps and unrelenting winds. Photo—Charley Beals







# FEBRUARY OUTING—FLY FISHING THE BISHOP-MAMMOTH AREA





Member Photos

New member

Donna
Phillips
honing her
newly found
casting skills!

New member,
longtime
fly fisher

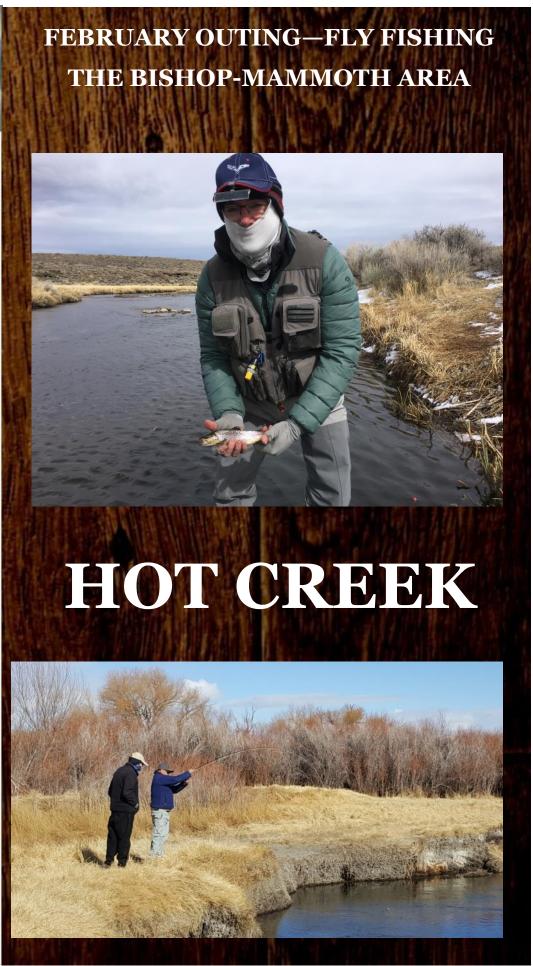
Ken Walters'
first time on
Hot Creek.
Trout took the
fly on almost
every cast!



#### **Matt Rubin**

with a sweet little Hot Creek brownie.

Gary Scott
with a nice
brown on line
with Ken
Walters
looking on.



# PHOTO OF THE MONTH Leesa McBurnie's largest catch yet! Fly fishing guide Pat Jaegar!





Leesa's comments,

"Apparently Pat and Kerry think that I am dangerous. In my defense, I will say the wind started kicking up pretty high by this point."

#### TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM VIDEO

Click on **YouTube** image below:





#### TROUT in the CLASSROOM

Connecting Students with their Watersheds

#### TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

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

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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** 

#### Waiting for upcoming dates!

**Location:** 

Address:

Time:

Free Workshop!

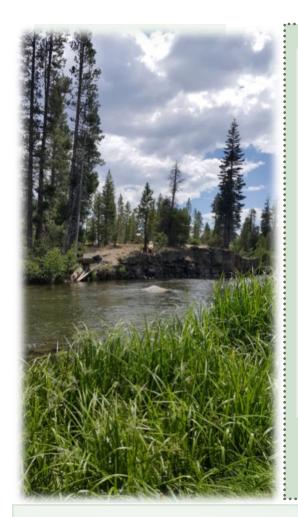
#### **South Coast Region CAEP Coordinators**

Jennifer O'Brien:

Jennifer.Obrien@wildlife.ca.gov

#### **Dwayne Maxwell:**

Dwayne.Maxwell@wildlife.ca.gov



# Trout in the Classroom — Connecting Students to their Watersheds



Be sure to explore www.troutintheclassroom.org to learn more.

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# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM CVFF Member: Rich Bollinger



#### TIC tank Peach Hill School video on YouTube!



### Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's

**Charley Beals** 

If you have any suggestions for outings— please let me know via email: <a href="mailto:charley@bealsagency.com">charley@bealsagency.com</a>



# CVFF's EVENT OUTINGS / PLANNING 2018 EVENTS

#### March, April, May

TBD / Or invite others to meet "go with"

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San Joaquin / Reds Meadow at road opening, when the flow is 100-150 cfs

#### Mid-August – Mammoth's "Hopper hatch"

\*\* Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch

#### September 2018

Nor Cal – Sac, McCloud etc.....

MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE -> CLICK HERE

#### **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 Dinner at:

#### - BJ'S BREWHOUSE-WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA

3955 Thousand Oaks Boulevard

6:30 - 7:00 Fly Tying / "Fly of the Month" - Gary Scott

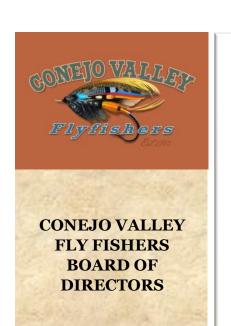
7:00 - 7:30 Club business

7:30 - 9:30 Program



#### 2018 UPCOMING MEETINGS (subject to change)

- March 7 Gary Bulla
- April 11 Sam Sedillo / Trout Unlimited
- ♦ May TBD
- ♦ Meetings online— <u>click here</u>



President: Scott Olson / solson@loair.com

**Secretary:** Bob Kieling / <u>bkieling@aol.com</u> / 805-509-5555

**Treasurer / Membership:** Kit Korf

korfknb@netzero.net / (805) 498-2944

#### **Trout in the Classroom:**

Gary Scott / grsfish@hotmail.com

Rich Bollinger / RichBollinger@msn.com

Program Coordinator: Don Honus / teamhonus@yahoo.com

Fundraiser Chairman: Peter Sumner / allaboutscreens@gmail.com

Raffle Chairman: Rich Bollinger / RichBollinger@msn.com

Newsletter/Website: Cece Rubin / <a href="mailto:cwr.music@gmail.com">cwr.music@gmail.com</a>

Club Outings: Charley Beals / Charley@bealsagency.com

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Work:
Email:
address.
membership extended through the following year.
ne badge.
adges for family members and include \$10 for each.
•
ly Fishers , 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320
I WISH TO HELP WITH
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:
Trout in the classroom Membership
Conservation
Fundraiser
Newsletter Trips/Outings
Other

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Sierra Classica Fly Rods by ROK

http://www.fishpo.com/fishingprofile.php?id=3064







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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

PLEASE VISIT: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers Calendar <a href="http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/cvff-calendar/">http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/cvff-calendar/</a>

# VENDORS FLY FISHING GUIDES SPONSORS

#### **Convict Lake Cozy Mountain Cabins Near Mammoth Lakes!**



We have 28 cozy mountain cabins and 3 lodges that can accommodate from 2 to 34 people. All cabins are pet-friendly, fully furnished, warmly heated with forced air and/or wall heaters, have free Wi-Fi, propane grills, DirectTV, fully equipped kitchens, paper products, towels, and bedding.

#### Click here for Resort Wide Lodging Availability Calendar

If you cannot find the dates or the cabin that you want... call the reservation department at 760-934-3800

- ♦ Nestled in the aspens of Convict Canyon, below the towering peak of Mount Morrison and adjacent to a 170 acre crystal clear lake, Convict Lake Resort provides the perfect setting for a romantic getaway, family vacation, special occasion, stop on your annual road trip or base camp for your favorite Eastern Sierra adventure.
- Relax in one of our cozy cabins or deluxe lodges.
- Dine in casual elegance at The Restaurant at Convict Lake.
- ♦ Escape in the majesty of the scenery, wildflowers and fall colors.
- ♦ Fish in our lakes and streams.
- ♦ Explore trails on foot, horseback, skis, snowshoes or snowmobile.
- ♦ Revel in the history and geological significance of our region.
- ♦ If you cannot find what you are looking for and would like assistance in making a reservation or to book lodging specials, 1 night or weekly stays, please contact our reservation department directly at 760-934-3800 X 1 info@convictlake.com