

Newsletter for July 2018 - Special Edition

Established 1983

Remembering Don Honus



WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

Members Only BBQ, Memorial & Fundraiser.

The July general meeting this month will be at the home of member Eric Miner for a BBQ to honor the memory of our late, great, long time member and all around good guy, Don Honus.

We will also have a silent auction of Don's fishing gear and other items to benefit the club.

If you would like to donate an item to the auction please inform Scott Olson when you RSVP so he can add it to the list.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11th starting at 5:30 p.m. Details will follow after we have the final guest list.

This meeting is for members only, so please no guests.

PLEASE RSVP—ASAP so the organizers can get a head count for the menu planning. **Scott Olson at: solson@loair.com**



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PRESIDENT'S FLYBOX



SCOTT OLSON

THE LAST CAST

The recent loss of our longtime member and speaker chairman, Don Honus, got me ruminating on how precious and ephemeral life can be and what a tremendous honor and pleasure it was to have been in his company and to have shared a little fishing time with him.

All of us journey through life in contact with other people, some of whom are unremarkable and others who are true gems. I've been fortunate to have been surrounded by more than my share of those rare people, some of whom belong or have belonged to our club.

I find it's the little things that tend to endear us to our fellows, things like inviting a friend to share a particularly productive fishing spot even when you want to hog the whole thing to yourself. Or perhaps it's that one fly that is working for you when no one else is catching a thing that you share, and especially the end of the day where tales are told over a vintage glass.

We miss our friends when they are gone, but we have been blessed with the distinctive gift of memory that allows us to re-live those special times with friends who have passed until it is time for our inevitable last cast.

Tight lines and fighting fish to all!

Scott Olson, Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, President



DON WAS MY FRIEND HONUS WAS MY FISHING BUDDY

DON HONUS 1942 – May 6, 2018

Kathleen and I moved to the Westlake Island in 1976. One night while out fishing I started a conversation with a gentlemen fishing off his dock. That was Don Honus and the beginning of 40 years of adventures that took us to Alaska, Canada, Idaho, Wyoming, and the most special trips to Montana. Wherever we went Don would stop and talk to anyone and everyone to find out "where are you fishing?" "what are you using?".....he was a master at sponging out all the needed info......one of his nick names became "*THE SPONGE*".

Don was very proud of his firemen service and wherever we went he loved to tell his firemen stories. I heard them so often that some of them I could tell better than he could. We had many experiences with bears, moose, buffalo, rattlesnakes, leaking tents, leaking boats ,leaking waders, etc. Of the many stories the one that still brings a smile to my face occurred on one of the Montana trips.

After finishing our fishing late into the evening at Dupuys Spring Creek outside Livingston, we made a mad dash in the RV to beat the 10:00 closing of "Taco Johns" to get the \$2.80 special of two enchiladas, rice and beans and a glass of water. That's thrifty ...not cheap!!!! While flying through town we were stopped for speeding. Honus was always working the firemen thing, so when the officer was collecting my info Honus leaned over and said, "would it help if I was a firemen?" At that point the officer leaned in and said, "only if you've got a fire in there". It was a double hit. We got a \$100 fine AND we missed Taco Johns. Honus paid half.

Over the years we caught 1000s of trout and never kept one, although we kept track of the size and numbers, we never competed. In the early years we always carried guns with us. On one trip while in Slough Creek of Yellowstone we were confronted by a bear that started walking towards us. At about 40 yards Honus pulled out his two bullet 22 long rifle pocket pistol. Thankfully, the bear turned away at which time we looked at each other and started laughing.

That was the last year we carried guns. I never did find out if that gun was for the bear or for me??????

We all have special friends that we share life's experiences and adventures, Don was that friend to me. I will miss him dearly, but will always have memories of some of the best times of my life. Ill miss you bud.

~ Bob Kieling



Remembering Don

How many years ago did I meet Don Honus at a Conejo Valley Fly Fishers meeting? ? Maybe thirty or more? ? Wow, time flies when your having fun, and many others and I had lots of fun being with and fishing with Don.

When it came to most things Don was fastidious. His equipment was in top shape and the flies he tied were beautiful and functional. He worked at proper presentation in both fly fishing and everything else.

Several times Don and Bob Kieling, with two others, rented a motorhome in Bozeman and fish their way up the Yellowstone River into Yellowstone National Park and then west to the Madison River. Most years we would meet to fish from the private property by the famous "Log Jam". Don, Bob, and others would wade behind the log jam for the evening caddis hatch, fishing until they could not see their fly, but set the hook when they heard a splash or rise. Great times were had by all.

As a "reward" for taking them to this "little bit of heaven", they would treat me to drinks and dinner in the motor home. As Bob Kieling mentioned, Don was "Thrifty". Yes, he would pay \$100 or \$150 to fish Armstrong's Spring Creek, but when it came to fishing the Log Jam on the Madison he would spring for a "grommet" dinner - Pasta and Ragu Sauce! No meat or sausage in the sauce, just plain Ragu from the jar. Wow, I felt special!



But it was worth it. Don was that kind of friend. Watching him enjoy himself while fishing was my pay-back. Many times, I wish I had spent more time and fished more often with him.

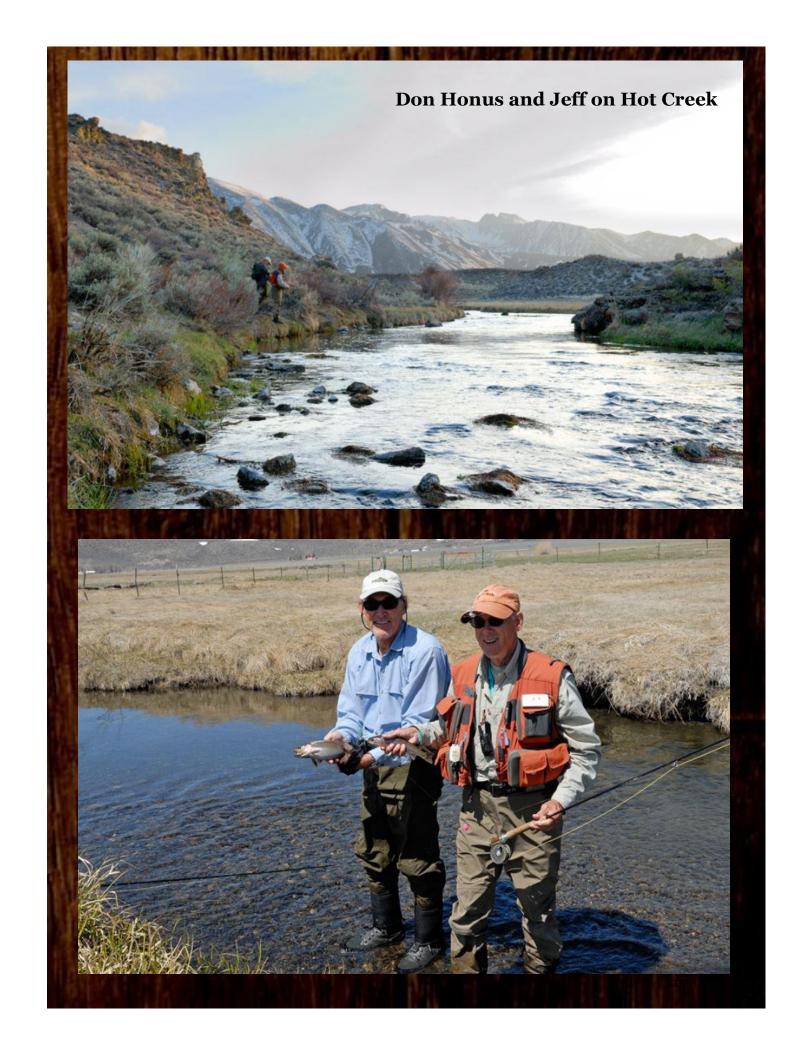
Don, you will always be in our thoughts and sincerely missed.

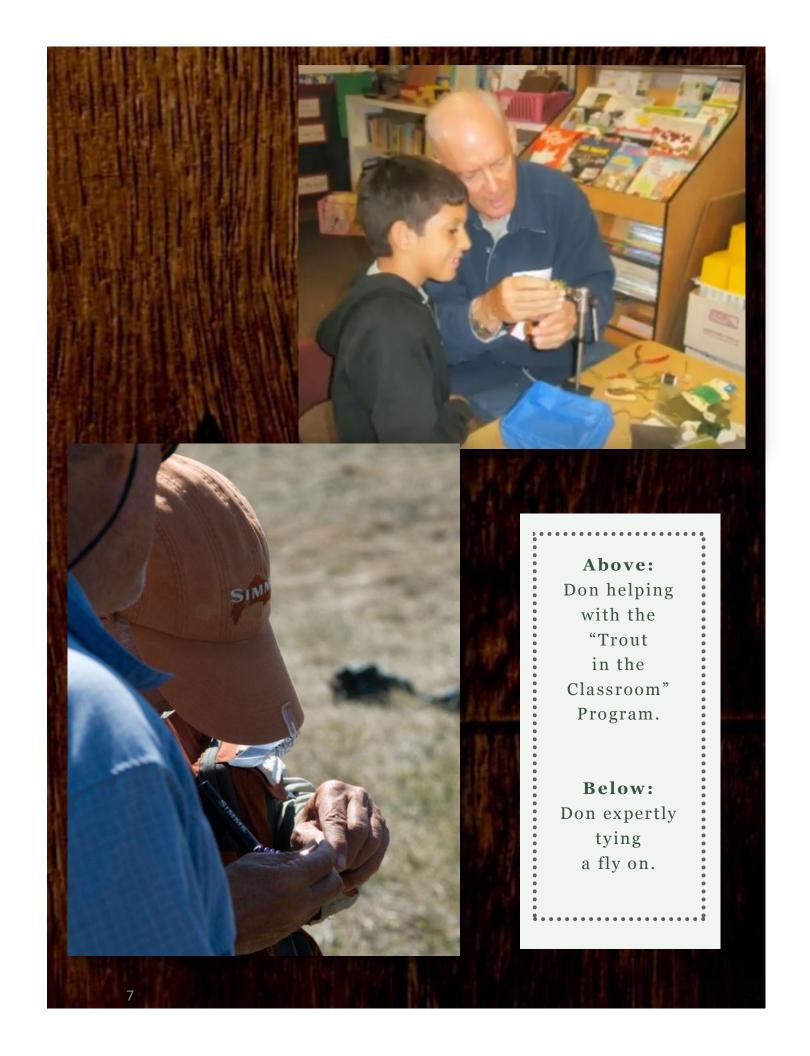
~ Mike Weigand



Remembering
Don Honus
by
Jim Garrett

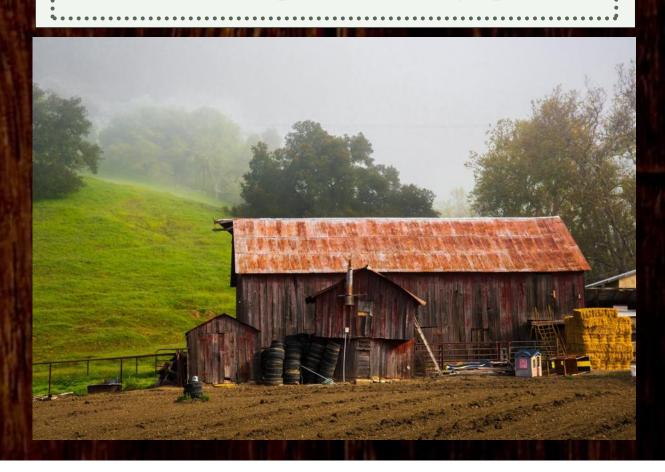
Don Honus taking a midday break - August 1998. Part of an annual trek to the West Yellowstone area of Montana. A week of motorhome living including Don Honus, Bob and Todd Kieling, and Jim Garrett touring every great fishing spot (and some not so great) throughout the "Park" and surrounding areas. Great memories...

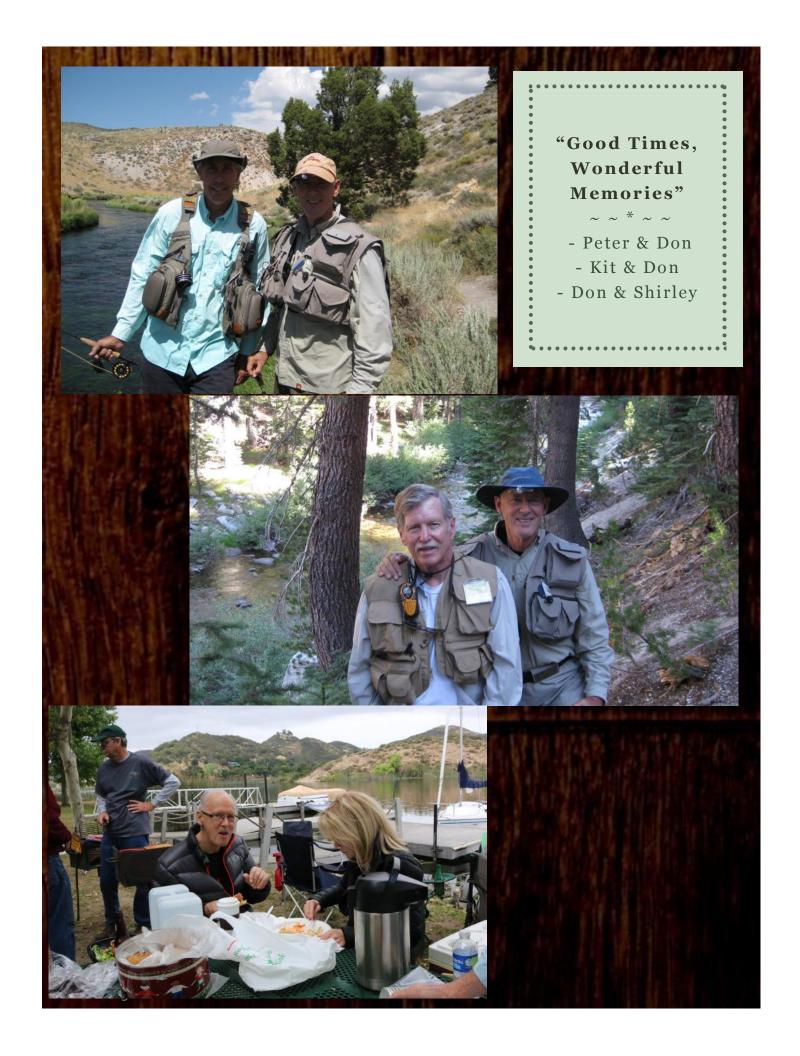


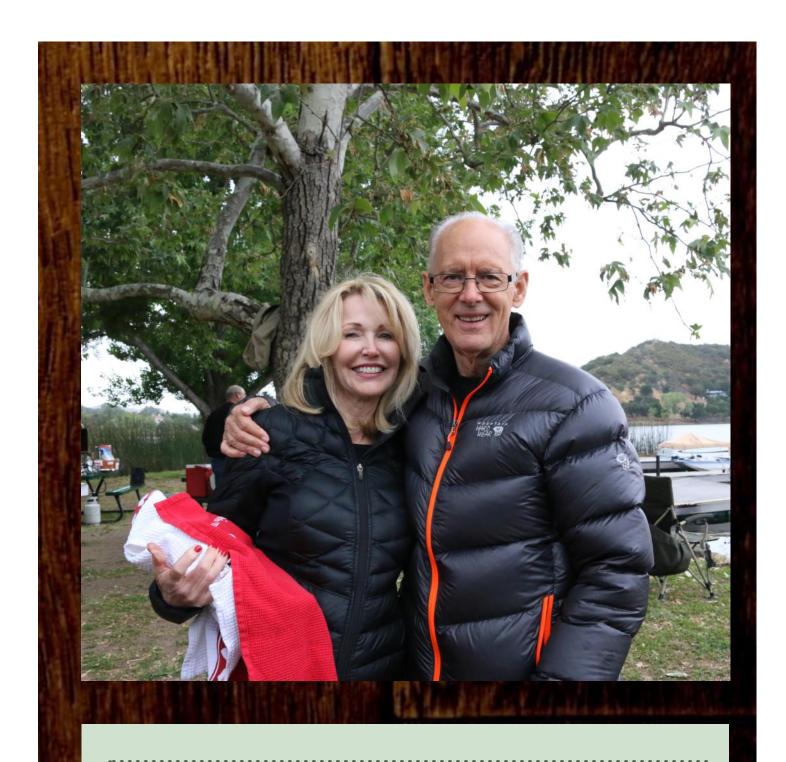




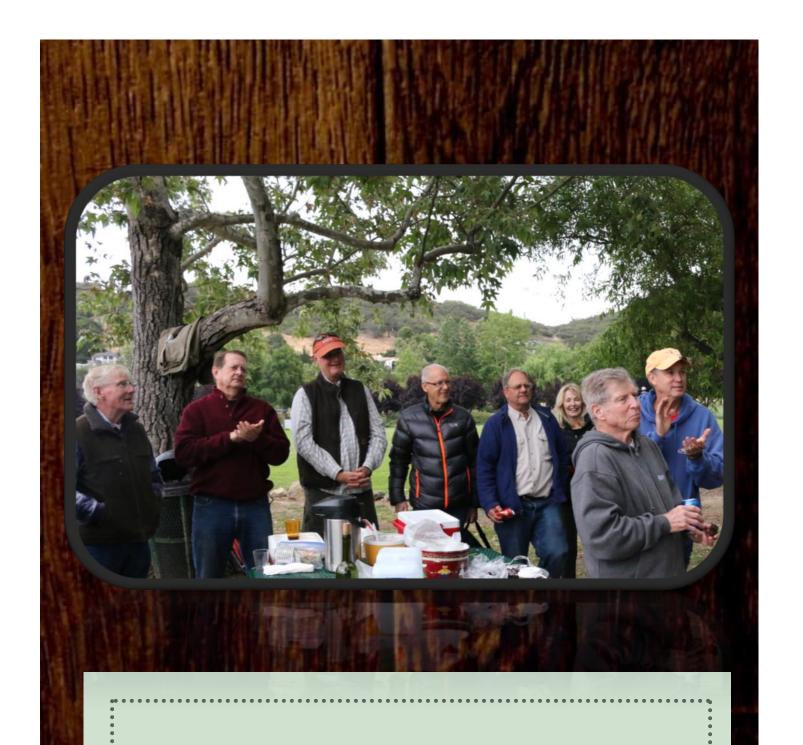
Don's other passion: Photography







Don and Shirley enjoying the BBQ potluck club meeting in May 2017 at Lake Sherwood.



Don surrounded by club members.

He will be dearly missed.



Two fly fishin' cowboys: Bob Kieling & Don Honus



FISHING AT THE RANCH AT THE ROARING FORK

Bob Kieling
Larry Martin
The DON
James Meyers





Above: Kit Korf & Don Honus

Below (L-R):
Gary Scott,
Bob
Kieling,
Don Honus

(photo credit: Don Honus)

DON HONUS

FIREMAN, HERO

Excerpt from the "Van Nuys Valley News" - July 13, 1969

https://newspaperarchive.com/van-nuvs-valley-news-jul-13-1969-p-2/

Give Emergency Aid

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Both Mrs. Cushing and her daughter were severely injured by the flaming gasoline but were given immediate emergency treatment by the firemen, Don Honus and Calvin Taylor, assigned to Rescue Ambulance 39.

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Read tributes from the Los Angeles Fireman's Relief Association at: https://www.lafra.org/donald-w-honus/



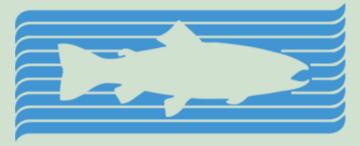
October 7, 2014

Don Honus winner of the Cal Trout Photography Contest

http://caltrout.org/photo-contest/winners/10-don-honus-westlake-village-ca/



CALIFORNIA TROUT



FISH · WATER · PEOPLE



Don's Photography on <u>Flickr</u>



A fond farewell to Don Honus

Fall Stream by Anthony Naples Everything Has Its Season, Poem #25

Born in late winter and populated with fingers of trees still naked and grasping for the dull tin pie plate that passes for the sun in that cold country, the season begins.

It begins with fly boxes fattened with speculation, cabin fever and hope, books with folded corners, maps torn with folding and re-folding, the click of a reel in the basement.

And then somehow the season ends with a last trip, a last fish.



OUTING INVITE AND UPDATE San Joaquin / Red's Meadow:



HOSTED BY CHARLEY BEALS

ONLINE LINK: CLICK HERE July 20-22 weekend.

Current conditions as of June 4, 2018 are showing river flows at 400cfs with the road expected to open "Mid June" per NFS.

If you are at all interested in coming along with us please send me an email to: charley@bealsagency.com

CVFF Upcoming Outings for 2018



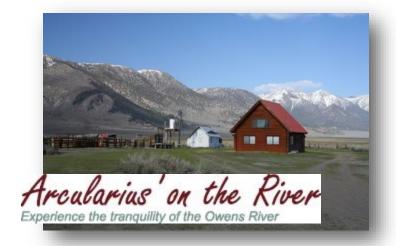
Hello Conejo Valley Fly Fisher members,

- 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:

- ⇒ July 20-23 San Joaquin / Reds Meadow:
 More info—click here
- ⇒ Mid-August Mammoth's "Hopper hatch"
 ** Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch
 - \Rightarrow **September** Nor Cal Sac, McCloud etc....

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CLUB OUTING:

July 2018—Preparation Info: San Joaquin / Reds Meadow:

Look for "Routes & Schedule" for Mammoth Lakes for information about the Reds Meadow Shuttle: http://www.estransit.com/

Devils Postpile National Monument provides additional shuttle information.

For Reds Meadow recreation information click here.



Southwest Council FLY FISHING FAIRE

October 20-21, 2018 Glendale Civic Auditorium

This should be a great event as we've already sold about 90% of the vendor booths, Steven Fernandez and Dave Boyer are lining up dozens of great fly tiers to occupy the 30 demonstration tables, guides from all over California and other locales will be doing presentations, and we'll have some form of shuttle to take folks over to the Pasadena Casting Club pond for casting workshops.

We'll have something for everyone from the beginner to the advanced fly fisher. Also as this is our major fundraiser for the year there will be lots of raffles and silent auctions to get lots of goodies.

MORE INFO—CLICK HERE

GLENDALE CIVIC AUDITORIUM 1401 NORTH VERDUGO ROAD GLENDALE, CA 91208





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 FFST

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





DON'T LET FISHING LICENSE REFORM GET KILLED AGAIN!

READ MORE: CLICK HERE



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

CalTrout joined members of State Parks and Resources Legacy KEEPER OF THE STREAMS Fund on a coast-to-crest tour of Malibu Canyon on June 6, strategizing for the future removal of Rindge Dam.



Read more: "click here"

Please visit the Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's





GREAT ARTICLES THIS MONTH / SHORT READS:

IF YOU LOVE FISHING, **GIVE THE FISH A BREAK**

TROUT TIPS: MENDING YOUR LINE

KLAMATH RIVER DAM REMOVAL PLAN SUBMITTED







Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since then, PHWFF has expanded nationwide, establishing over 200 highly successful programs in Department of Defense hospitals, Warrior Transition Units, and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and clinics. In 2017 alone, 3,636 PHWFF volunteers served 8,470 injured and disabled military service personnel and disabled veterans nationwide. Visit www.projecthealingwaters.org to learn more.

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



http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/mark-your-calendar/



Southern Oregon Breast Cancer Retreat

- September 8-10, 2017
- Apply by June 30, 2017
- Big K Guest Ranch, Elkton, OR
- More info—click here





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CALIFORNIA (CCA)
NEW CCA CAL VIDEO
RELEASED.

CLICK ON VIDEO (RIGHT) --->







Glen Ueda-Corbina on So. Cal Beaches

When: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 More info—click here



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



SESPE FLY FISHERS VENTURA California

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

6:00-9:00pm

Glen Ueda—"Corbina on Southern California Beaches"

More info—click here



Meeting / Speaker: Glenn Ueda

"Corbina on So Cal Beaches"

6pm - Social Hour 7pm - Dinner 8pm - Program

** This is a joint meeting with Wilderness Fly Fishers

More info—click here







JULY SPEAKER:

Ghosts of Our Coast with Glen Ueda. Thursday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Pasadena Casting Club

415 S Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, Ca 91105

PCC Website-click here



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MANY UPCOMING EVENTS!!



Shop Events

FREE! FLY TYING SUNDAYS @ THE SPOT!

We have lined up some of the finest local tyers who will be sharing the expertise on a wide variety of flies. Don't miss the chance to learn from these experts for FREE at these events.

They will be tying in the shop on select Sundays from 11am - 2pm (See Dates below).



CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO!



Member Photos

Rick Spidel's gorgeous catch on the Owyahee River.

David Fox getting rich while mining for trout on Hot Creek.







Member Photos

Jim Kottra & Bob Kieling mugging the camera.

They might miss "the take!"

Keep your eyes on the prize!

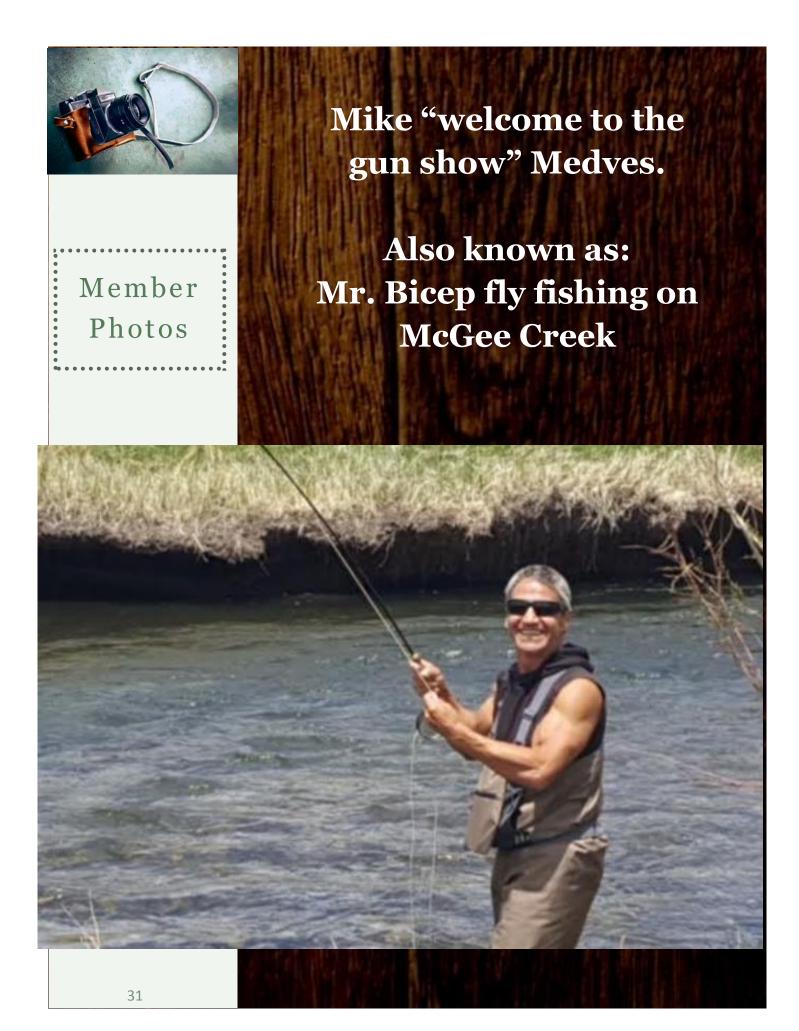


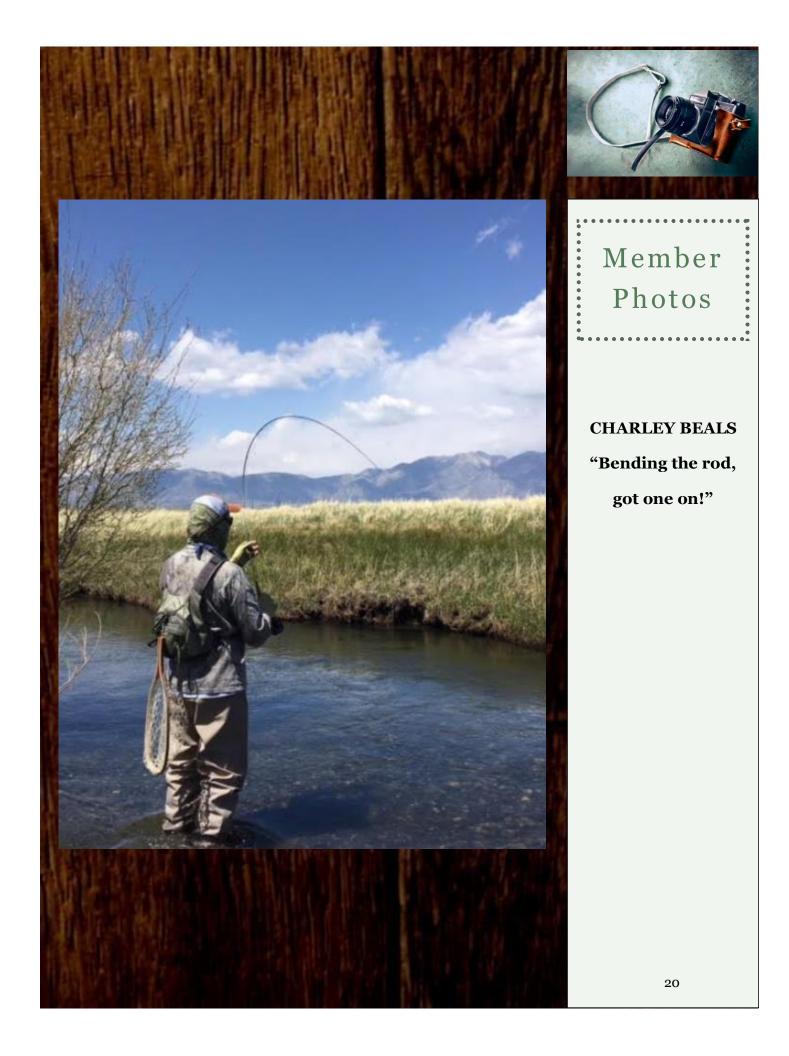
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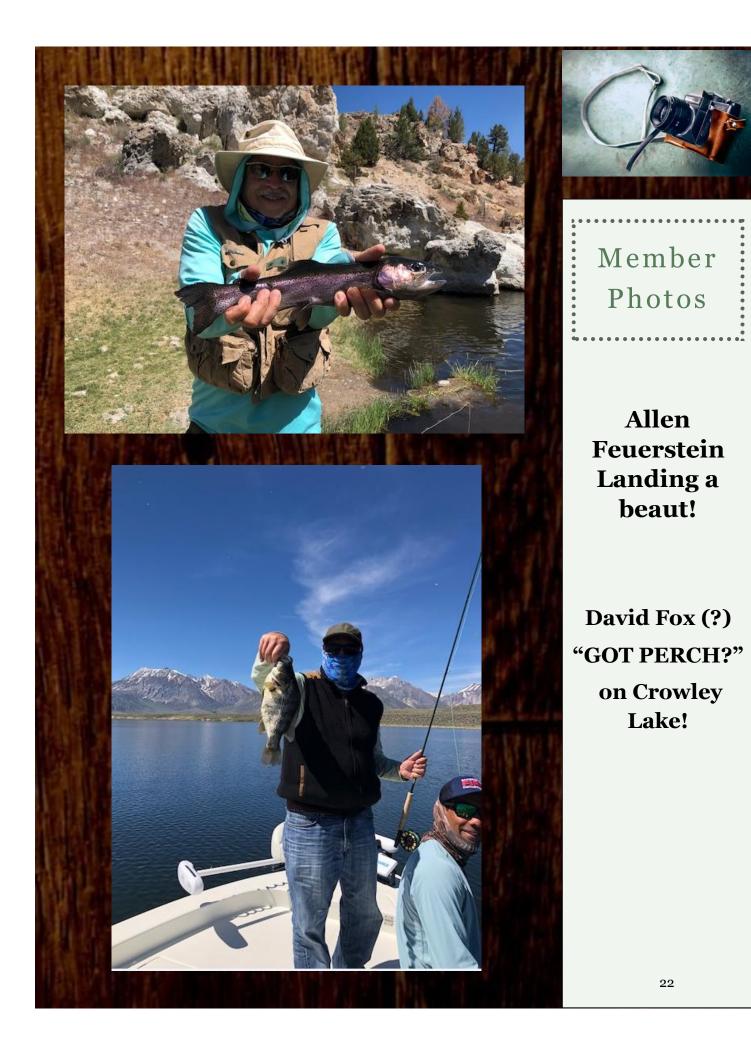
Gary Scott gearing up to catch some cutthroats.

A nymph, a smile—what more does one need?

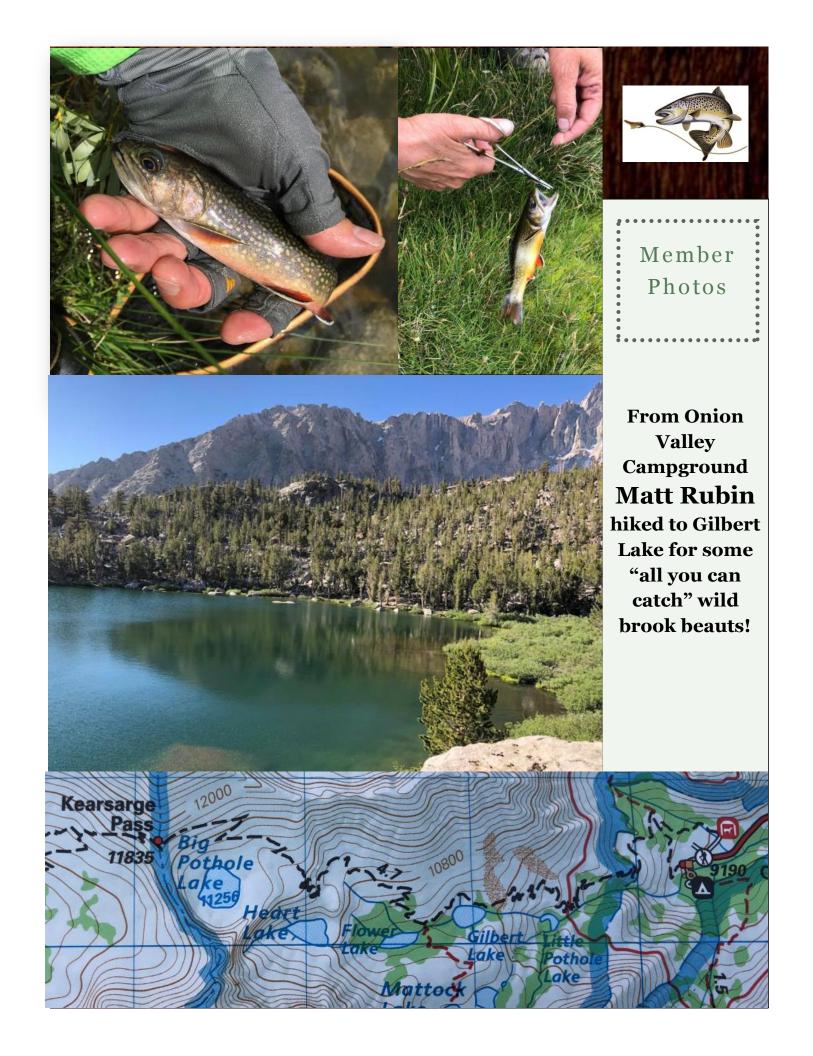












TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

South Coast Region CAEP: Classroom Aquarium Education Program

Serving Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Teachers: The first step in getting started is to attend a free workshop. The workshop is required for participation in the program. Many teachers obtain grant money or funding through other sources for the equipment needed.

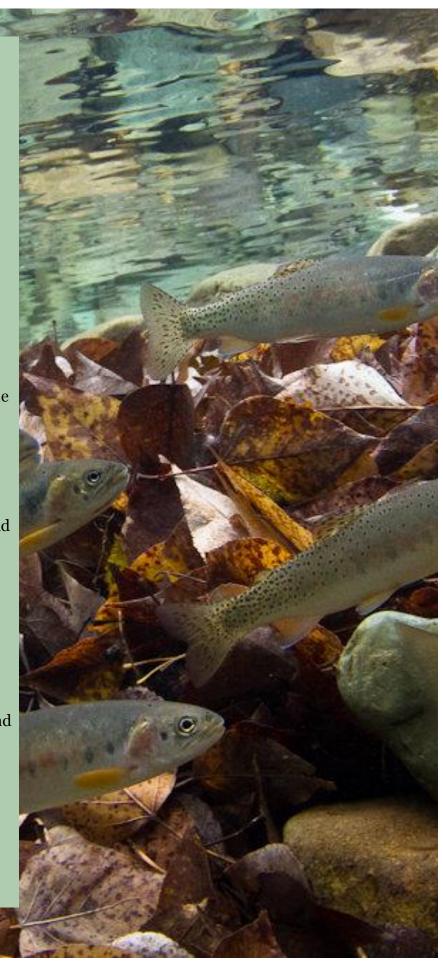
Volunteers: Help is needed in a variety of ways including delivering eggs to schools, classroom presentations, and assisting with field trips. Angling Clubs and other organizations may donate their time and/or resources.

For more information about how to get started in the program, please contact South Coast Region CAEP

Coordinators: Jennifer O'Brien and Dwayne Maxwell

R5CAEP@wildlife.ca.gov

More information, click here.



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.

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 Members: Rich & Judy Bollinger

Waiting for upcoming dates!

Location:

Address:

Time:

Free Workshop!

South Coast Region CAEP Coordinators

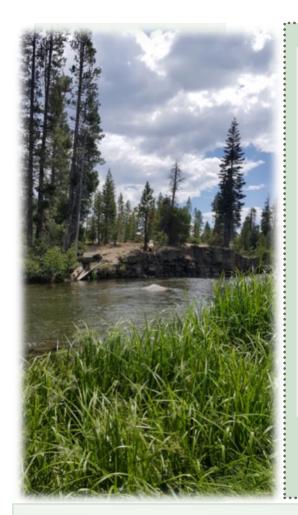
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Trout in the Classroom — Connecting Students to their Watersheds



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: charley@bealsagency.com



CVFF's EVENT OUTINGS / PLANNING

2018 EVENTS

July 2018

San Joaquin / Reds Meadow at road opening, when the flow is 100-150 cfs WEBSITE INFO—CLICK HERE

Mid-August - Mammoth's "Hopper hatch"

** Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch

September 2018

Nor Cal – Sac, McCloud etc.....

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)

♦ Meetings online— <u>click here</u>

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

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Rich Bollinger / <u>RichBollinger@msn.com</u> Judy Bollinger / <u>judybollinger6@msn.com</u>

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Club Outings: Charley Beals / Charley@bealsagency.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Work:
Email:
ly living at the same address.
rear.
ast quarter have their membership extended through the following year.
l \$10 fee for each name badge.
ke additional name badges for family members and include \$10 for each.
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o: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320
I WISH TO HELP WITH
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS: Trout in the classroom
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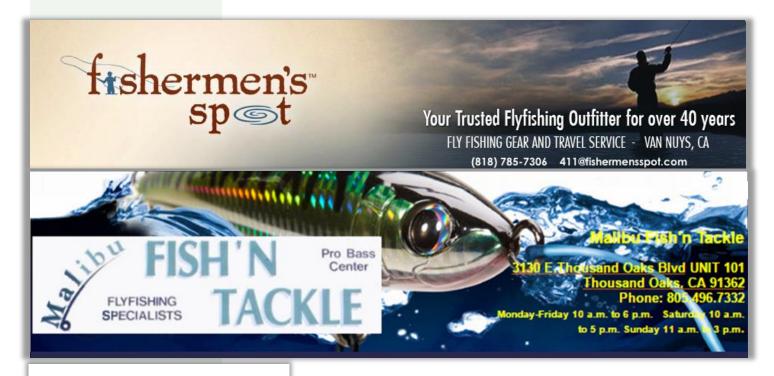






Sierra Classica Fly Rods by ROK

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







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California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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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