

Newsletter for August 2018

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### NO MEETING FOR AUGUST "go fish!"

#### TEASER FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING - GLEN UEDA "Corbina in the Surf!"



More info in the September newsletter!

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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# THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

The Dog Days of Summer derives its name from the fact that the hottest days of the year tend to coincide with the ascension of Sirius (the Dog Star) in the constellation Canis Major, interesting, but that is not why I brought it up.

For still water fishermen the dog days can make fishing doggone difficult. Higher water temps drive the fish in to deeper / colder water and make them less likely to feed when we diurnal creatures are more apt to be after them.

What's a fly fisherman to do you might ask? Well, you must adjust your tactics constantly to be a successful angler. That means rising early or staying up late to stalk your quarry when temperatures are cooler. Looking for those pockets of cold water in the lake where fish tend to take refuge from the *heat* of 70 degree water or searching out where streams enter the lake and where fish are likely to hold in the cooler current should create successful situations for you.

We know for certain the Dog Days will be upon us every year (it's nothing to get catty about), but that does not mean that we will end up with daphnia. (a beer to whoever figures that one our first)

May you have tight lines and copious fish!

Scott Olson, Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, President



# CLUB OUTING THE SAN JOAQUIN

I wanted to thank everyone for coming out to San Joaquin Outing. Higher than expected water flows made the fishing tougher than usual at this time of year but those who put in the extra effort were rewarded with some feisty native trout! For me, fishing is always a puzzle to be deciphered, I like that.

Perhaps my experience can help you. I started fishing the upper section of the river with the standard Dry / Dropper set up but quickly abandoned that tactic as my dropper was being ignored and the Dry fly, although being attacked was receiving short strikes. A "short strike" is when the fly is struck by the trout but the trout, for whatever reason

missed the mark. Smaller fish are usually the culprit with short strikes. Sometimes downsizing the fly will produce hook ups.

After 15 minutes of dry / dropper I made the change to a double nymph rig under an indicator and my production, in both size and volume of fish increased immediately.

Casting a dry fly on a narrow, fast moving, brushy river will frustrate even the most seasoned angler - casting across current seams demands continual mending with more than likely short unproductive drifts. I try to work with what the river gives me - last weekend she was screaming indicator fishing!

Fishing the SJ was not as much about presenting a particular pattern, but more about making a presentation to the place the trout were swimming. My success was determined from reading the water then casting accurately. If you want a good book on the subject of reading a river then pick up "Prospecting for Trout" by Tom Rosenbauer.

Another tool I used to my advantage was my 10' 6" Cortland Nymph rod. The extra length on this rod allowed me to reach across multiple seams of current and pick apart my beat. I like to work upstream with about 12 feet of flat 5x. I try to hold as much of the line off the water as possible and gently steer the indicator where I believe the trout are holding.

I move the indicator for almost every seam. At times I will fish through a seam, hook several fish then change the indicator to reach other fish within that seam laying at a different depth. I like the ones with the tooth pick in them, they are easy to adjust quickly.

In the hands of an experienced angler a fly rod looks almost magical. It's not the easiest way to inconvenience a trout - but isn't that why we do it?

I propose to you that angling with a fly rod is a form of art that will demand from you years of practice, perhaps you will never reach the level of maestro but what a beautiful journey it will be.

### Charley Beals | CV77 Outings & Events Director

### Article feature: Charley Beals

- Oclub Board Member
- Outings Director
- Casting Instructor
- ◊ Fly-tier
- Meeting Organizer





### "HENRY'S LAKE" IDAHO, U S A

One problem when fishing a lake is trying to guess where fish might be. In a river or stream you can "Read The Water", looking for rocks, currents, riffles, etc. But in a lake.... well there can be some hints.



## Article feature: **Mike Weigand**

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

Would you call this "structure" ?? Anyway, I thought I would give this spot a try. I had heard that damsel fly nymphs were working so I tied one on below a "Wood Chuck" fly.

Oh Yeah, make sure of your knots. Wouldn't you know it, after a few casts I hooked a nice fish and as I was getting it close to the boat it bolted, taking my flies with it! Bummer! OK, time to re-rig. Tied on another damsel nymph with a green fly below it. Wow! ! I was really tempted to keep this nice Cutthroat. Photo #2 (below).



Probably 22 - 23" and about 5 pounds. But, the fish gods convinced to released it. Another 10 casts and I had the one in photo 3 (above). Not quite as big, but a nice one. Now, lets put this in perspective. If I were fishing the Madison and hooked and brought a 14" trout to the net I would be really excited. But no, not at H Lake. Most anything under 18" is "small" ! I saw my friend Dave and texted him what I had caught the two on and, of course, that jinxed everything. Saw a couple really little ones follow my fly to the surface, but no more takes. I moved to the other side of the "structure" and caught two more, 18 - 20".

~ Mike Weigand, CVFF member / Thousand Oaks & Idaho/Montana

# **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.

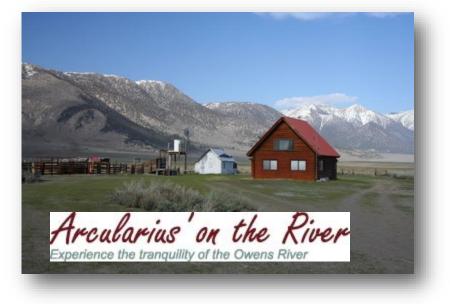
 If you know of a productive month to visit a certain destination then please let me know.

- 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:**

⇒ Mid-August – Mammoth's "Hopper hatch"
 \*\* Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch
 ⇒ September – Nor Cal – Sac, McCloud etc....

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



# 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



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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





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### **BUILDING A GREEN WALL IN CALIFORNIA**

On June 5th, California voters approved Prop 68, the Parks, Environment and Water Bond, a record \$4.1 billion bond package that will provide funding to a host of environmental priorities ranging from climate change resilience to stream restoration. This is a big win for protecting California's natural resources and getting more people in nature, which is very important since you cannot steward what you do not know. **TED** Read more - click here





**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 <u>in</u> 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 <u>www.projecthealingwaters.org</u> to learn more.

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



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





### **COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION OF**

<u>CALIFORNIA (CCA)</u> NEW CCA CAL VIDEO RELEASED.

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# SO CAL FLY FISHING CLUB CONSORTIUM



<u>Sespe Fly Fishers</u>: Aug 15 - Sam Stello "Trout Unlimited <u>Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers</u>: August 19: Family Picnic <u>Wilderness Fly Fishers</u>: August - no meeting <u>Golden State Fly Fishers</u>: <u>Deep Creek Flyfishing</u>: August 22 <u>Long Beach Casting Club</u>: August 30 - <u>Captain Bob Day (Orvis)</u>

FFC of Orange County: August 8 - Mike Williams "Trout in the Clouds"





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<u>Annual Seymour Singer</u> <u>Memorial Yak Fest</u> Thursday, August 9, 2018 The Yak Fest is an entirely unstructured social event. All of our other monthly meetings have specific programs and speakers, which always seem to cut-off the lively pre-meeting banter. Without the interruption of a speaker, club members have the chance to get to know each other, make new friends and chat aimlessly about fly fishing.

MANY UPCOMING

**EVENTS!!** 

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They will be tying in the shop on select Sundays from 11am - 2pm. Call ahead to confirm





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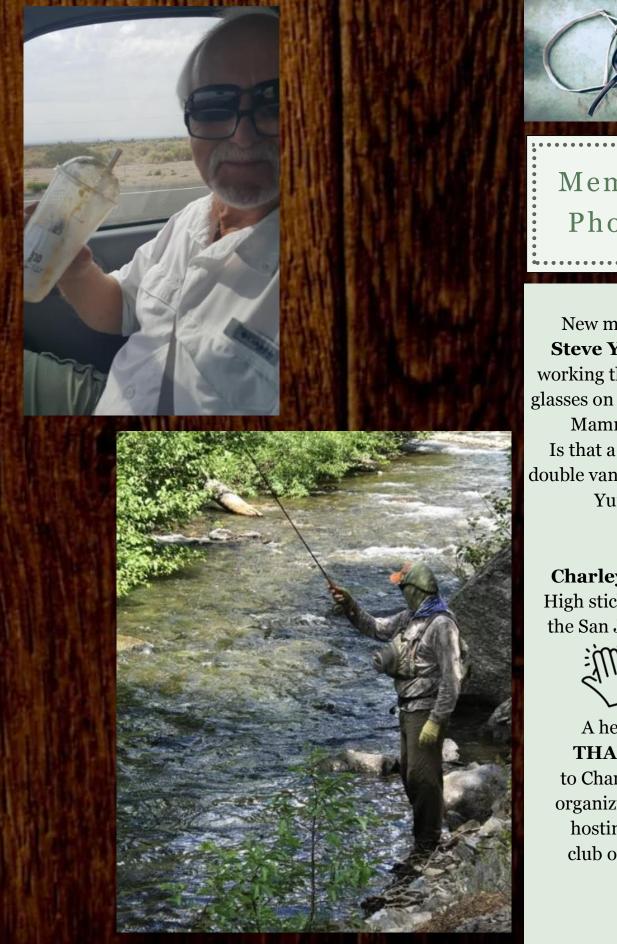
Gary Scott & Bob Kieling fishing the Sierras and Weir Pond.





**Bob Kieling** fishing during thunderstorm on the Dana.

The lightening and thunder was so intense you could feel the ground shake.



New member **Steve Yantzer** working the double glasses on the way to Mammoth. Is that a doubledouble vanilla shake? Yum!

**Charley Beals** High stickin' it on the San Joaquin.



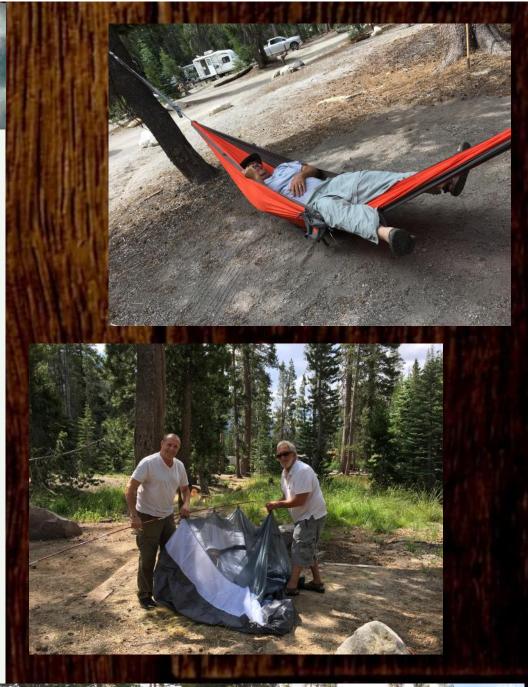
A hearty **THANKS** to Charley for organizing and hosting the club outing.

Club Outing / Camping at Red Meadows, fishing the San Joaquin

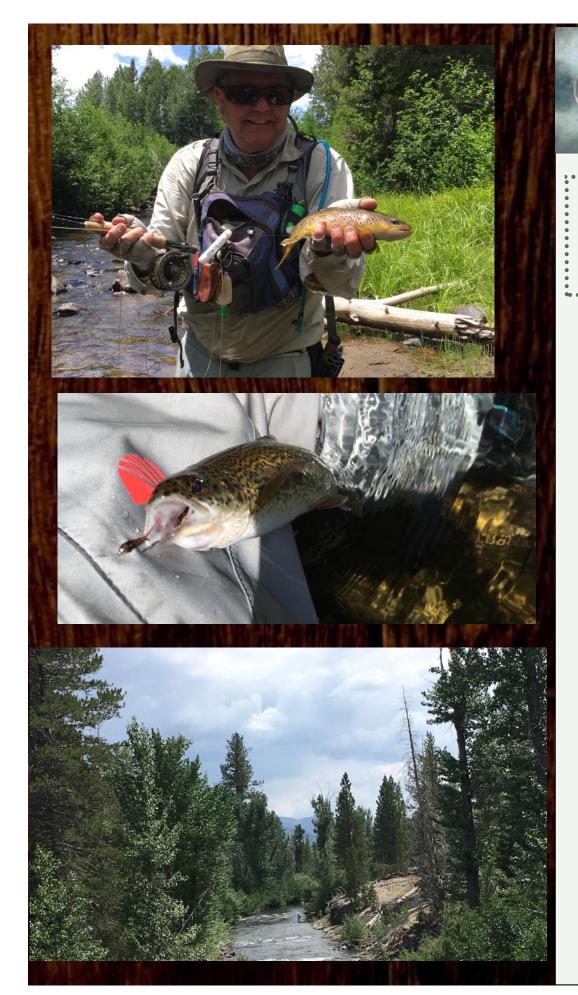
Gary Scott "lowriding" while camping.

Allen Fergusson & David Fox setting up camp.

**CVFF's Tent City!** 







Gary Scott's first catch of the day.

### **Cece Rubin's**

first catch of the day. Holding rod, controlling trout and trying not to drop the iphone in the drink for the shot.

### Jim Kottra

in the stream on a soon to be stormy day on the San Joaquin.



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Gary Scott conducts a "dry dropper" clinic on a "wet afternoon" in Matt & Cece's truck camper with members: Mike Bowden, Donna Phillips, Allen Ferguson, Jim Kottra & David Fox.





READY TO HIT THE STREAM...

David Fox & Allen Ferguson

Peter Sumner & Rich Bollinger

> Peter & Donna Phillips







*Top:* Judy & Rich Bollinger hiking to the fishing spot on the JMT. Expedition guide: CVFF member, Peter Sumner

Middle: Catching a breather surrounded by breathtaking views -Peter Sumner, Judy & Rich Bollinger

Bottom photo: Judy's got her game face on while working a nice pool out in the Ansel Adams Wilderness.



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### PHOTO OF THE MONTH:

Forget "fish on" how about "gotta a double on!"

Rich Bollinger with TWO on the fly or corrected to flies... one on the dry, one on the nymph!







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### Peter Sumner "tying one on".

Gary Scott scoping out his next hopper pattern.

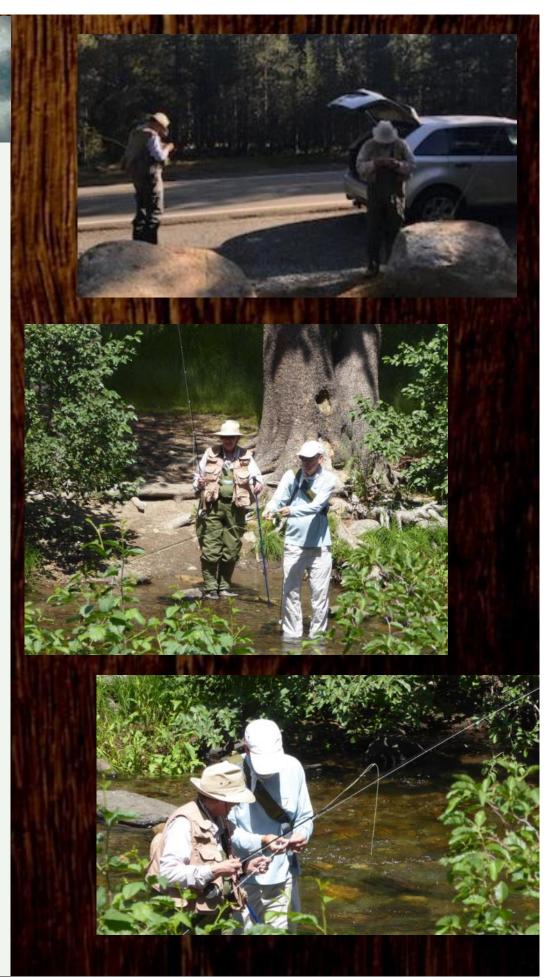
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Scott Olson & Joe Callewaert gearing up for the "tonnage" of trouties soon to be landed on Dana Creek. Photo credit: Michael Bereny.

\* Jim Kottra coaching Leesa McBurnie on how to make the perfect cast.

\* Leesa McBurnie teaches Jim Kottra how to make a perfect Rat's Nest.

\*photos and commentary by Kerry Murphree!







\* Jim Kottra brings in a "nice one".

\* Gary Scott gives instruction to Leesa McBurnie.

\* Gary Scott & Jim Kottra - wet wading.

\*photos and commentary by Kerry Murphree



Jim Kottra and Gary Scott consult regarding the perfect fly. - Kerry Murphree

#### TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

South Coast Region CAEP: Classroom Aquarium Education Program

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#### **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

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#### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM** CVFF Members: Rich & Judy Bollinger

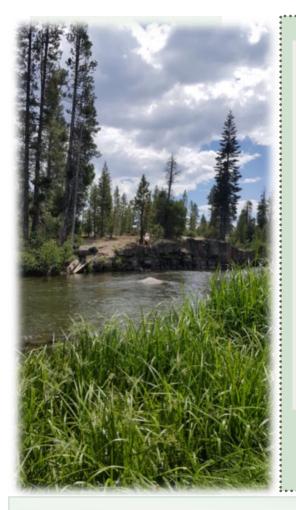
Waiting for upcoming dates! Location: Address: Time: Free Workshop!

#### South Coast Region CAEP Coordinators Jennifer O'Brien:

Jennifer.Obrien @wildlife.ca.gov

**Dwayne Maxwell:** Dwayne.Maxwell@wildlife.ca.gov

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Trout in the Classroom – Connecting Students to their Watersheds



Be sure to explore <u>www.troutintheclassroom.org</u> to learn more.

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### 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: <u>charley@bealsagency.com</u>



### **CVFF's EVENT OUTINGS / PLANNING**

### 2018 EVENTS

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### 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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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date:	_ (Check one):	New	Renewal
Name:			
Other family members' names:			
Address:			
Home phone:			
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 & mail to: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320

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