

Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

Newsletter for April 2019

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2525 E Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

CLUB MEETING:

6:45 - 7:30 pm

Meet & Greet | Fishing Reports | Club Announcements

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Speaker Presentation / Program



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ANTICIPATION

It's the time of year when the winter doldrums seem to almost be behind us. It's when the hours of tying flies, cleaning reels and checking out the myriad other things involved in our sport are about to pay off. The opening of the Sierra trout season is almost upon us.

For many of us fly fishers the opening of the Sierra trout season (the last Saturday in April) is something we start anticipating on November 16th each year (the day after closing) even though it is months in the future. And although there are other angling opportunities available in other locations, nothing can quite match the beauty and indescribable grandeur that sets the Sierra apart as the trout fishing venue in California.

So in a few weeks our pilgrimage to trout Nirvana will begin anew with high hopes and the anticipation that accompanies any obsession. Here's hoping you find your favorite stream loaded with willing fish and devoid of other anglers.

Tight lines and fighting fish to all!

Scott Olson, Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, President

Editor's Note: In 2019, Opening Day, aka "Fishmas," is Saturday, April 27, 2019. This is when most waters in Mono County are open to anglers to fish for as many as 5 trout to catch-and-keep per day (Always check local regulations. Some waters have special restrictions. View regulations here - https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/ Regulations) or call 760-872-1171.



Membership dues for 2019 are up for renewal!

- > Annual dues are \$50 per family / 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 to make payment in person or mail a check to: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers 2970 Diana Court Newbury Park, CA 91320-3115

HERE'S WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES DID FOR YOU IN 2018!

GREAT GUEST SPEAKERS, INSTRUCTORS, TEACHERS, OUTINGS:

Fly Tying with Gary Scott & Mike Weigand Gary Bulla / Salt Water Fly Fishing Bob Kieling's "One and Done!" Greg Vinci / Tailwater in Central CA Lake Sherwood BBQ & Fly Fishing

Joe Contaldi / Pyramid Lake Sam Sedillo / Trout Unlimited Glen Ueda / "Corbina in the Surf!" Nicolas Blixt / Mako Fly Fishing Outings to Bishop & Mammoth Areas

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 REALLY "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

GOLDEN TROUT SAFARI 2019







Saturday, August 17 to Friday, August 23

ORGANIZED BY BOB KIELING & CHARLEY BEALS.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR COMMITMENT BY MAILING A CHECK FOR \$500 MADE OUT TO GTWP BY APRIL 4.

BOB KIELING 968 CEDARCLIFF COURT WESTLAKE, CA 91362 805-509-5555

For more information - click here

Fly Fishing Article | Charley Beals

The season is ended. There was not enough of it; there never is." - Nick Lyons*

At some point along my journey I became aware that anglers I fished with who got into a greater volume of larger fish practiced a few things in common:

- > Time on the water.
- > Knowing when to change the fly.
- > Details count.
- ➤ Being OK to just "Be"

"Being" or better said, "Being Present" is something you owe yourself while angling and you can only be effective angling if you are "Present." Angling is more than catching. Angling is a delicate balance between art and science that will cleanse your mind and bring a sense of purity and simplicity that is difficult to arrange in our 24/7 world. For that angler who is distracted by a cell phone or some random thought or worry that'll never happen, is better served to stay home and suffer through the endless and feckless news cycle.



Time on the water will teach you when to change the fly – look for clues, they are all around you. Shake the bushes on the stream bed, notice what does or doesn't fly away. Is it small or big? Go to a riffle section and turn over a few flat rocks. Is it a baetis, a stone fly or maybe a caddis? Touch them with your finger, they don't bite. You don't need to know the names just tie on something that looks similar in size then shape then color.

Details count – I prefer fishing nylon tippet, I like the Rio Powerflex Plus, if the water is off color then you can get away with nylon line, if not then you better have some flouro on hand. Flouro can be tricky with knot strength. Nylon is better for Dry Fly presentations because it floats. Use the thinnest tippet you can get away with while still honoring the fish.

Know your knots, Floro and Nylon – I use a loop knot for all nymph work – the easier to tie is a Perfection Loop, the more effective is the non slip mono loop. For Dry Flies I use the improved clinch. Feel the tippet near the hook, if it's been rubbed against a rock, tree or a row of teeth the you need to re-tie. Do it! If your tippet looks like a curly pig tail either pull to straighten or re tie. It's makes a difference.

Tromping into the streambed like a thirsty heifer will not support your daily fish count. Be gentle – there's strength there. Listen to your heart, it's telling you to spend more time this season with a fly rod in your hand.

- Charley Beals | Outing Director, Casting Instructor, Program Coordinator

^{*} excerpt from "A Fly Fisher's Sixty Seasons: True Tales of Angling Adventures" - by Steve Raymond



Conejo Valley Fly Fishers Fly Fishing 2019 Outings:

** ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

EVENT ORGANIZERS:

CHARLEY BEALS | GARY SCOTT | BOB KIELING

- > **EARLY JUNE:** Monache Meadows
- > JUNE/JULY: San Joaquin/Red Meadows
- > **AUGUST:** Golden Wilderness "SAFARI" Pack train Fly fishing trip. (See page 4)
 - > Check back for new outings listed according to fishing conditions and weather.



SOUTHWEST COUNCIL EVENTS FOR 2019!





Saturday, May 4
"RIPTIDE RENDEZVOUS"

More info - click here

July 23-27, 2019 2019 FLY FISHING EXPO

> Bozeman, Montana more info - click here

October 5-6, 2019

SWC FLY FISHING FAIRE

more info - click here

International Fly Fishing Film Festival

Laemmle's Playhouse 7, 673 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101 April 24, 2019 | 7:30 PM - 09:30 PM



Enjoy an evening of inspiring films and fun at the 2019 IF4 screening presented by California Trout. The IF4 consists of films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing.

All proceeds from the event benefit CalTrout and its work to ensure resilient populations of wild fish living in healthy waters for a better California.

Purchase tickets online by clicking the register button above, in person a Fishermen's Spot in Van Nuys, or by phone by calling Megan Nguyen at 415-392-8887 x101.

Tickets: \$20 General Admission.

Students/Youth, use code: STUDENT at checkout

Doors Open: 7:00 pm | Show Starts: 7:30 pm



2019 FLY FISHING EXPO COME JOIN US IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA JULY 23-27, 2019 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY STRAND UNION BUILDING & SPORTS FIELDS

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL



TENKARA Tanuki Rods



ESSENCE OF TENKARA FISHING WORKSHOP

Public · Hosted by Tenkara Tanuki Rods Saturday, March 31, 2018 9 AM – 5:30 PM

Long Beach Casting Club 5201 E 7th St, Long Beach, California 90804

Space is limited, please contact LBCC register.

Intensive 3.5 hours of seminar and workshop on Japanese Tenkara.

Fishing Students will have opportunities try out different tenkara rod brands, lengths, lines and casting techniques.

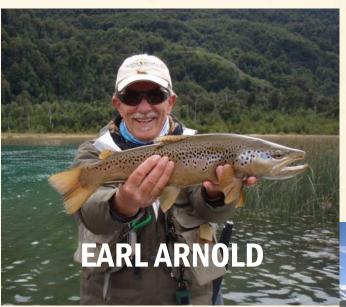


LEARNING TO FLY FISH

Introduction to Fly Fishing Conejo Adult School Saturdays, March 23, 30 & April 6, 2019

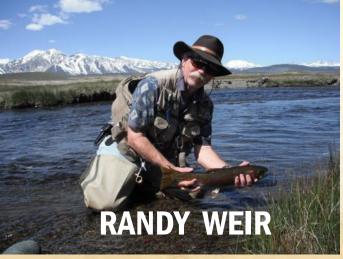
Go from classroom instruction to hands on experience in three weeks! The first session will include instruction on gear, knots, fly selection and fishing location. The second session covers rigging your gear, casting techniques and learning to cast a fly. The final session will find you casting at Lake Casitas and nymph and dry fly fishing at a local stream.

Instructors: <u>Randy Weir</u> and <u>Earl Arnold</u> have over 50 years of fly fishing experience and enjoy teaching others. Both instructors are members of <u>Sespe Flyfishers</u>, and Randy has been guiding on the streams of Ventura County since 1994. **More info - click here**.











CA SPORTFISHING LEAGUE

Protect Pier Fishing – Report Unlawful Local Regulations!

Today, California ranks dead last in fishing participation, despite its vast coastline and thousands of lakes and rivers. This is unacceptable, and illegal regulations are a contributing factor! lease report local abuse by providing us the name of the municipality that is limiting access, gear and manner of take, and provide copies of the regulations or ordinances to info@savefishing.com.

Like the City of Manhattan Beach, local government has been known to limit fishing gear and manner of take, or have imposed outright fishing bans! Together, we can grow access and increase participation in one of California's favorite pastimes, recreational fishing. Thank you for your assistance.READ MORE



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

CalTrout's photography contest winners - click here









Please "Like" Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's FACEBOOK





EASTERN SIERRA TROUT PROJECT

The Eastern Sierra is well known for its majestic peaks, geographic isolation, and world-class angling for wild trout. This region often draws comparisons to Montana for its diverse year-round fishing opportunities in the Walker, Owens and Carson River watersheds. more info

- Protect fish and game habitat on public lands
- > Restore native trout waters
- > Enhance wild trout fisheries
- > Sustain our work through outreach and education



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



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







SO CAL FLY FISHING CLUB CONSORTIUM

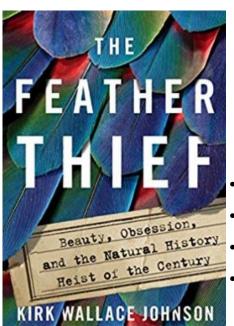












CONSORTIUM SPEAKER

KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON

- Pasadena Casting Club Thursday, April 11
- Wilderness Fly Fishers <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 16</u>
- Sespe Fly Fishers Wednesday, April 17
- Sierra Pacific Fly Fishers Thursday, April 18







FLY CLUBS HOSTING CASTING CLINICS:

PASADENA CASTING CLUB - INFO LINK

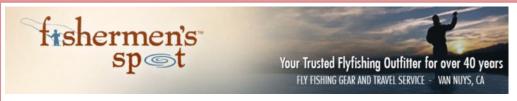
LONG BEACH CASTING CLUB - INFO LINK

SIERRA PACIFIC FLY FISHERS - INFO LINK / DATES

SESPE FLY FISHERS - INFO LINK

Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's Newsletter ARCHIVES at:

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



MANY UPCOMING
EVENTS!!
CLICK HERE

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.

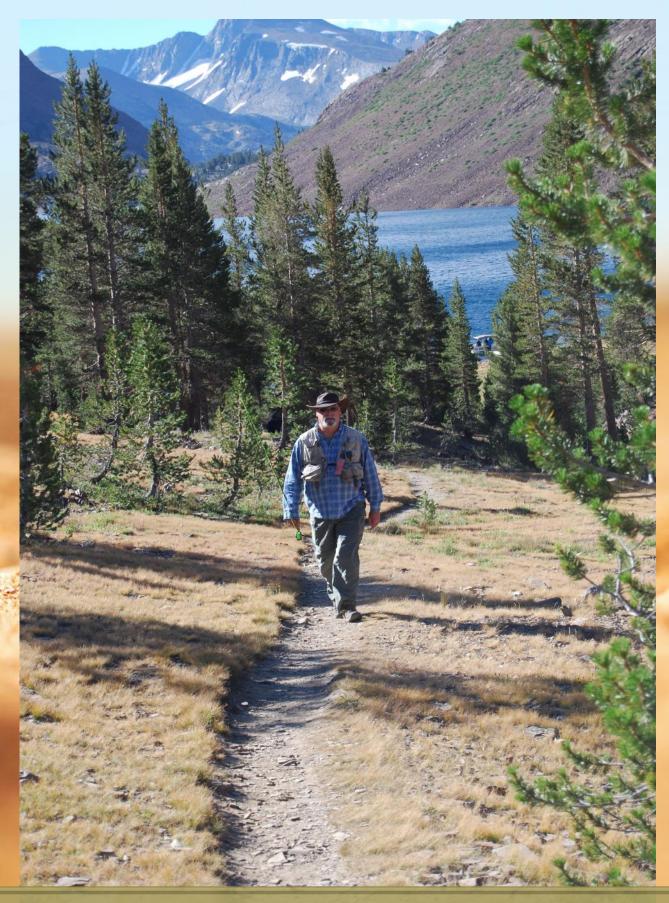
They will be tying in the shop on select **Sundays from 11am – 2pm**. Call ahead to confirm





This one got away from the editor last July, but not from Joe Callewaert!

 $Submitted\ by\ Scott\ Olson\ |\ Crowley\ Lake$

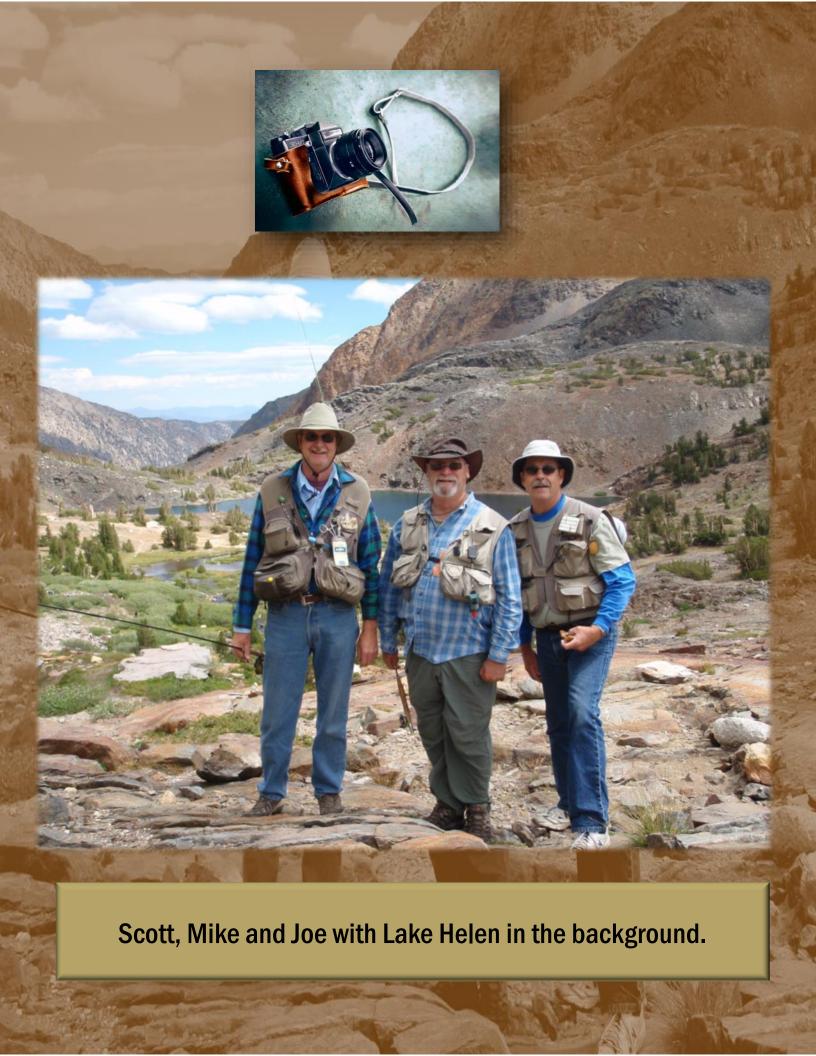


Mike Bereny on the trail to **Odell Lake.**

Photo submitted by: Scott Olson

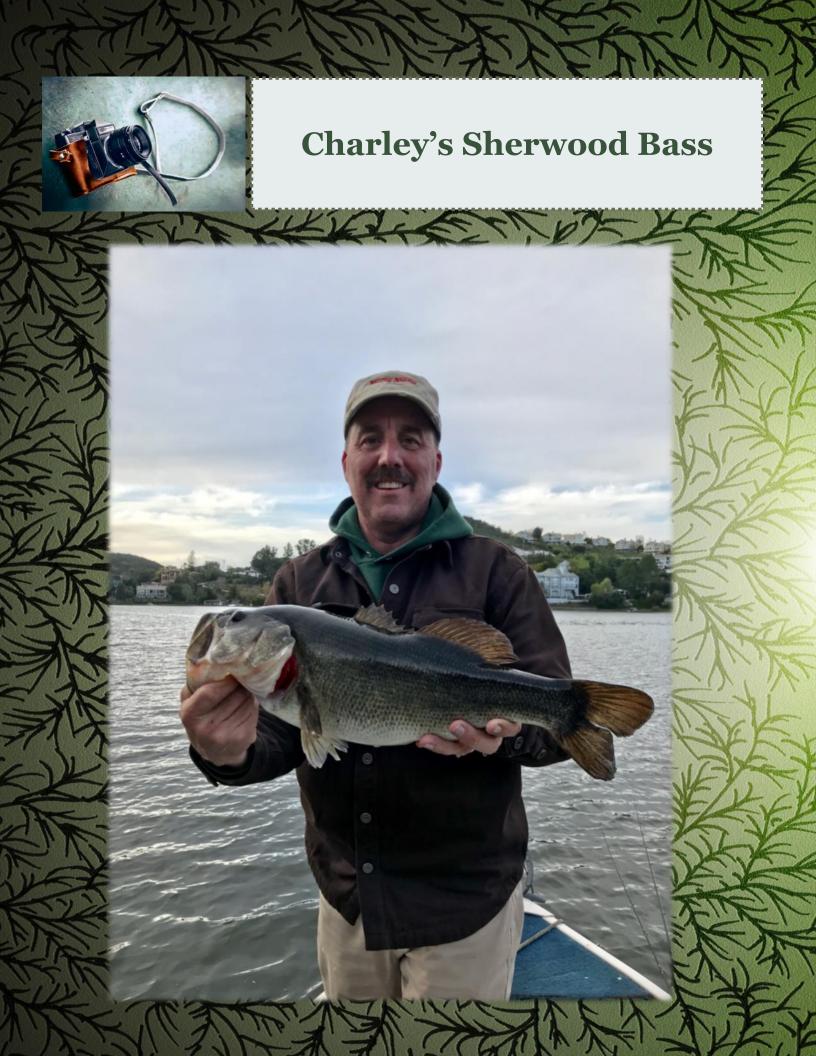


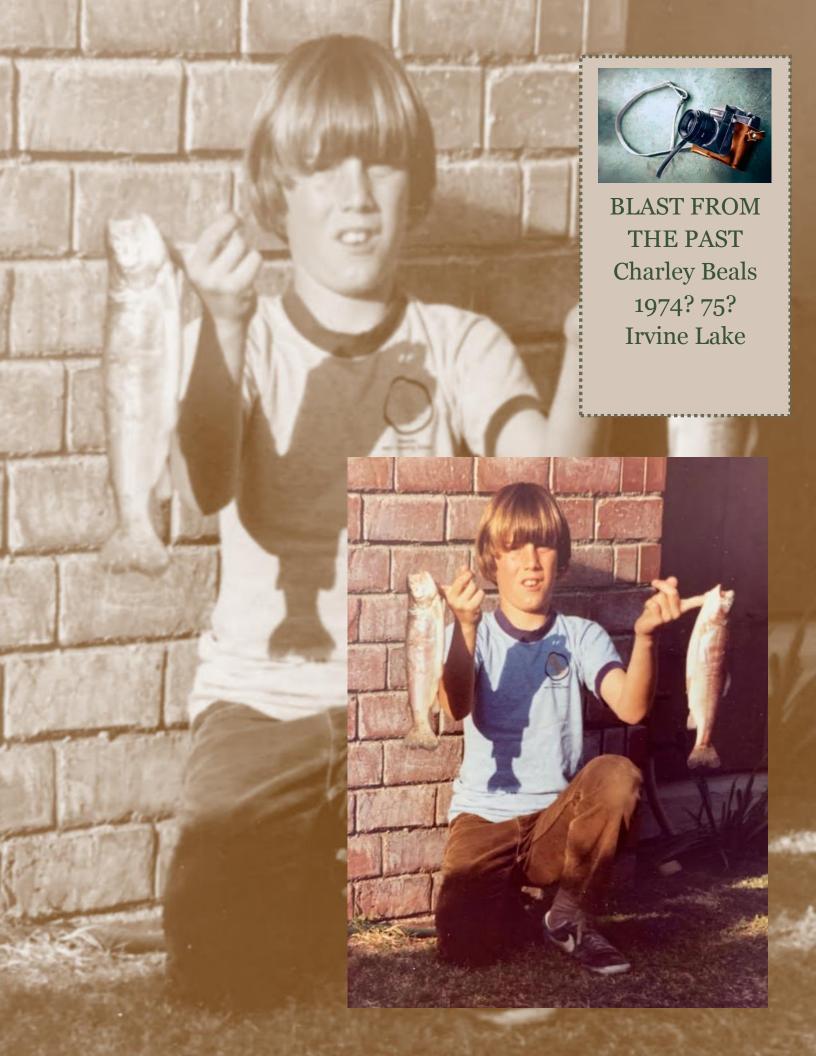
Rod storage - Owyhee style!



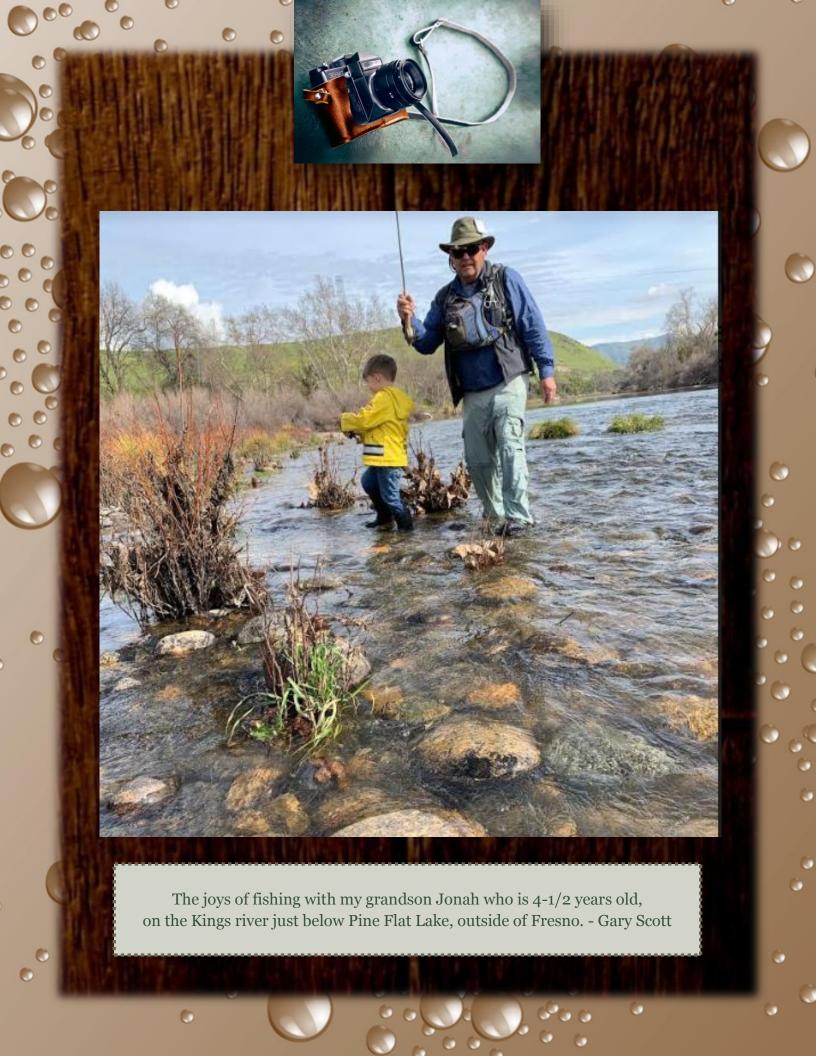
Big Mouth Bass with Gary Scott at Lake Sherwood



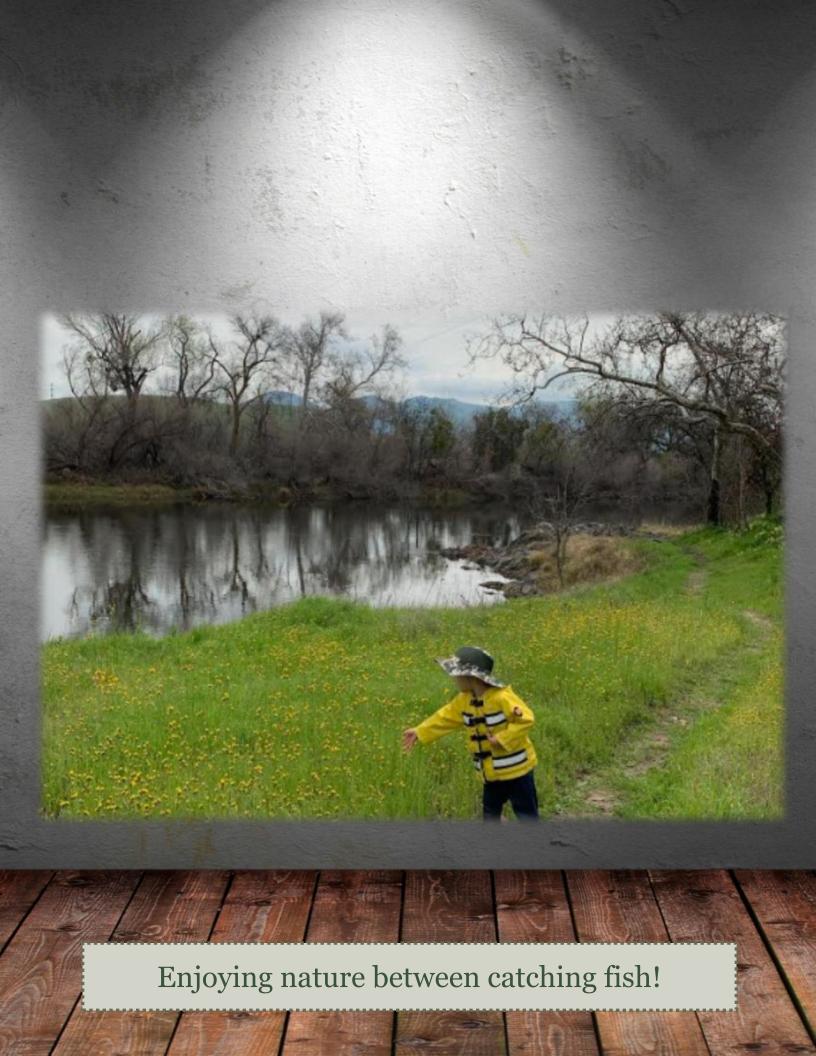












FOR SALE BY CLUB MEMBERS

Click on photos to learn more about each item.

\$1200 - Abel SUPER 11-12N Reel | NEW!

- Special DORADO finish
- Abel Arm
- · Pre-loaded with 30# backing
- WF12F SHARK Skin fly line

Bob Kieling

bkieling@aol.com



\$90.00 - PISICIFUN FLY FISHING REEL PACKAGE DEAL

- FLYLINE
- BACKING LINE
- LEADER ALL INSTALLED
- READY TO FISH.



\$356 - CUSTOM FLY ROD (LIFETIME GUARANTEE)
THE ROD IS A MODERATE FAST ACTION ROD
WHICH IS A PLEASURE TO CAST IN ANY FRESH
WATER APPLICATION.

- 9' X 5 WT. X 4PC. HOOK N HACKLE I M-7 ROD BLANK KIT
- CORDURA CLOTH 4 PC. ROD TUBE
- PISCIFUN "SWORD" 5/6- CNC MACHINED FLY REEL
- PISCIFUN "SWORD" 6 WT. WF FLY LINE AND 100' FLY LINE BACKING AND LEADER





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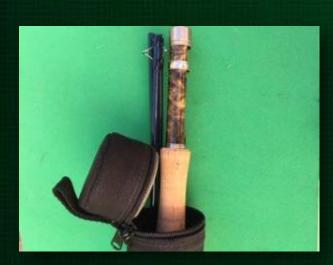
\$300 - LIGHTWEIGHT | BACKPACKING ROD FOR FISHING THE SIERRA

- 7 1/2 foot
- 5 piece
- 3 weight fly rod
- Includes | Classic 3 weight reel
- Includes | BLACK 5 piece case with internal dividers.

Bob Kieling bkieling@aol.com







FOR SALE BY CLUB MEMBERS ONLY



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 cold-water 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!

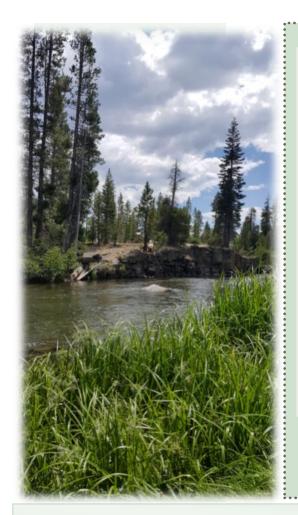
South Coast Region CAEP Coordinators

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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: charley@bealsagency.com



CVFF EVENT OUTINGS

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO



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—3955 Thousand Oaks Boulevard (WLV)

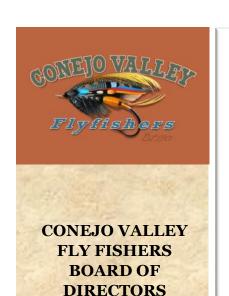
6:30 - 7:00 Fly Tying / "Fly of the Month" - Gary Scott

7:00 - 7:30 Club business

7:30 - 9:30 Program

2019 Meetings | Subject to Change

- ♦ March 13: Steve Day Golden Trout Wilderness Pack Station
- ♦ Monday, April 1st: Alex Ramirez / Rio Sales Rep / Specialty Products
- ♦ May TBD: Sherwood Picnic / Fishing & Potluck / Members Only
- ♦ June TBD: Fundraiser
- ♦ July 10: Kesley Gallagher* "Introduction to flats fishing"
- ♦ August No meeting / Go Fish!
- ♦ September 11: Charley Beals "Sitka fly fishing"
- ♦ October 9 : David Gregory* "Fishing the Yosemite area"
- November 13: John Baiocchi* "Northern California"
 * consortium circuit



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:

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

Program Coordinator: OPEN / Interim: Charley Beals

Fundraiser Chairman: Peter Sumner / allaboutscreens@gmail.com

Raffle Chairman: Rich Bollinger / RichBollinger@msn.com

Newsletter/Website: Cece Rubin / cwr.music@gmail.com

Club Outings: Charley Beals / Charley@bealsagency.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 s	ame address.	
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 Make checks payable & mail to: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320 		
FEE(S) ENCLOSED:	I WISH TO HELP WITH	
Family Membership \$50 \$	THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:	
New Member badge \$10 \$	Trout in the classroom	
Student Membership \$10 \$	Membership	
•	Conservation Fundraiser	
Donation to CalTrout \$	Newsletter	
Lifetime Membership \$500 \$	Trips/Outings	
Total Enclosed \$	Other	

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Sierra Classica Fly Rods by ROK

http://www.fishpo.com/fishing-profile.php?id=3064







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Pat Jaegar | Eastern Sierra Guide

Beryl Rae | Bishop and Lower Owens

Cameron Cipponeri | Frying Pan, Co

Sam Vasily | Sierra Troutsdoorman

Ernie Gulley | Crowley Lake

Mickey Baron | Crowley Lake

Gary Bulla | Saltwater Fly Fishing

Joe Contaldi | Bishop to Bridgeport & Pyramid Lake

Jim Stimson | Mammoth & the Sierra

Glen Ueda | So Cal Flats Fishing Guide Service



PLEASE VISIT: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers Calendar http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/cvff-calendar/

CONVICT LAKE RESORT

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