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October 28, 6 PM Sportsman's Club Fly Fishing Movie Night

Special Points of Interest:

October 23

*Upper Kings
Outing*

October 28

*Fly Fishing
Movie Night
Sportsman's club*

**November
12**

*Sam Donalson,
Trout Unlimited*

Check the Bulletin board!



Help protect our Lower Kings River Rainbow Trout

Announcing the 2nd Annual Kings River Fundraiser and Awareness Event
Saturday, October 30th - 10AM to 4PM Location: Choinumni Park

We are rallying to raise funds for additional warden hours on the lower Kings River. Last year's funds were used successfully in implementing additional hours resulting in citations and warnings.

To kick off this event, a free Barbecue will be hosted by the Kings River Conservancy, Fresno Fly Fishers, Kaweah Fly Fishers and Sierra Fly Fisher Guide Service. The event will include a bonus of casting instruction from FFF certified instructor Dan Busby along with demonstrations by local fly tyers.

Admission to Choinumni Park will be waived for event attendees.

Can't attend? Here's how to contribute:
Please Make Checks Payable To: Kings River Conservancy
Memo: Game Warden Fund
(Tax Deductible)
Kings River Conservancy
1384 S. Frankwood Ave.
Sanger, CA 93657

Every dollar goes directly to execute our contract with DFG to patrol & cite poachers & violators. Thank You Everyone! Questions? Call 787-9500

Presidents Message

Bob Papazian



1st Graduating class of FFFC's Youth Fly Fishing Academy

Youth Fly Fishing Academy- Mentoring our Future

We all love it when a good plan comes together. Saturday was one of those rare moments when it happened. Last weekend was the fruition of many months of planning for our first ever Youth Fly Fishing Academy for kids between the ages of 11-15. It was a close call on who enjoyed it more...the kids or us adult volunteers.

On Saturday, eleven kids along with their adult sponsors attended a full day of instruction at the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies. Jeff Trafican, Bill Bruce, & David Grubbs (thank God we have teachers in our club!) opened with an overview of our club & the San Joaquin River Parkway. We watched the "Way of a Trout" video about fly fishing & conserving our fisheries. Then we split the kids into groups of three for the first of four round robin learning sessions:

Station 1 was on Entomology (bugs to the kids)- Phil Davis did an excellent job describing the life cycles of the crawling & flying trout food in our area.

Station 2 was on Fly Tying- another 1st class teaching job, by Monty Trinkle, explaining the basics of fly tying as they all tied their own wooley buggers.

In between sessions 2 & 3 we were treated to a BBQ lunch compliments of chef's Scott West & Glen Andree

Station 3 was on Knots- with Roger Miller teaching the basic knots: arbor knot, clinch, & surgeon's knot. By the end of the session they all had the clinch & surgeons knots down pat.

Station 4 was Fly Casting- where instructors Dan Busby & Ming Moua gave the kids one on one instruction on casting. It was a 1st class, hands on clinic by our instructors.

After the kids completed the four learning sessions we gathered back in the Hallowell House conference room for a wrap up by Jeff T & Bill Bruce. FFFC presented each of the kids with a 2011 family club membership. Next they were given a box of flies tied by our members. And then the big surprise...all of the kids were given a Redington rod & reel outfit, compliments of FFFC!

Sunday's activities completed the weekend Fly Fishing Academy. We carpooled early Sunday morning to a private pond adjoining the San Joaquin River for a day of fishing with the kids new rods. Fred Ramirez started the day with a 30 minute session on stream etiquette. Fred did an excellent job describing the proper ways to respect other fishermen while on the water. Then Fred finished by demonstrating the proper way to revive & release a fish. After that it was off to the pond for a few hours of fishing. The fishing was great; however the catching was not so good. The weather had turned cold & blustery & the big pond was a little too big for youngsters still striving to perfect a 25' cast. In any event, everyone had a great time even though the fish were uncooperative.

Why did we do it...go to such lengths to educate (& maybe spoil a little) these youngsters? I know it's obvious to everyone reading this. These kids are our future & our hopes are this will be the first of many kids education events our club will sponsor in the coming years. Finally, I leave you with this quote on a comment card filled out by one of the kids: **"It was very fun. I also learned a lot. And I will continue to fly fish. And I will definitely stop using Powerbait!"**

Thank you, Mark Thaxter...Mission Accomplished!

Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

In Wildness is the Preservation of the World “Henry David Thoreau



The World Is A Rich Place If We Open Our Eyes To See

She never picked up a fishing rod as far as I know, even though she was raised in a family of outdoors enthusiast. If she thought of fishing at all it was something that her brothers had loved to do. She grew up in the hollers of the Mississippi river, swinging on grape vines from tree to tree, and running from copper heads. She loved the outdoors and grew up camping with her family across the U.S. during the depression. She also felt that nature was not tidy enough and needed to be weeded and cleaned, but she loved it anyway. About three years ago, through her son, she entered a world that she barely thought about.

When Mom's Alzheimer's began to flourish she became my constant companion, I went to her social events and she went to mine. Over the past three years you have seen Gloria at most of our club meetings, board meetings and many of our outings. Mom was blessed with an open mind, so she was not pre-prejudiced when she started to attend our meetings. She was fascinated by our love and enthusiasm for fly fishing, the grace of the casts and knowledge that it takes to be good at this past time. After our club meeting we would discuss the places that were presented, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Russia, Mongolia, Argentina and our own California rivers and streams. She recognized and identified with the beauty of the places we visit, to follow the fish we pursue.

Mom loved the attention that you gave her and the visits she had with our club members, you made her welcome and she looked forward to our monthly meeting. On outings, she basked in the warmth of the mountain sunshine while setting in a camp chair on the banks of a river, stream or lake while I fished nearby. She knew the peace of the mountains, meadows and streams. While she sat quietly in the back at club board meetings, she followed our discussions on conservation and education efforts and she found hope in our commitment to preserve and protect this thing we love called fly fishing, for future generations. On fishing trips that she could not go on, she always wanted to know where I had gone, what I had seen, and how the fishing was and she listened attentively to my stories. She made sure I read to her each of my monthly articles in the Fly Dope and was present when I received the Chairman's Award.

Mom passed away on September 22nd in the arms of her children and her daughter in law. We held her as she passed from this life to the next, as she had held us when she brought us into this world. She was not a fly fisher but she loved, what we loved to do. She knew the beauty and grace of this wonderful past time and her life was richer for knowing you.

It is true that what you participate in is what you treasure and take responsibility for. But fly fishing touches people who do not fish, our efforts touch the lives of all living creatures. The world is a richer place for everyone because a stream is saved, or a river runs clear, and a trout is released to delight the fisher and the non fisher.

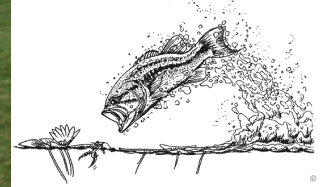
Thank you for your warmth for my mother.

“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after” Henry David Thoreau





Juan with casting instructor Ming Moua, Youth Fly Fishing Academy



Nominations for 2011 Board

President	Jeff Trafican	
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Outings	Tim Lawrence	
Education Director	Bill Bruce	
Communication	Scott West	
Fair	Mits Kozuki	
Director at Large	Kevin Wren	
Director at Large	Roger Miller	
Director at Large	Dave Grubbs	

Nominations open contact Scott West to Nominate—Election December 10, 2010

Fly's from Jerry's Bench

Jerry Hopewell

RICKARDS STILLWATER NYMPH

By Jerry Hopewell



Here is another good Stillwater fly. This and many others were developed by Denny Rickards from the California/ Oregon border.

Denny's Stillwater Nymph #1

Hook: Size 10 or 12 2x long.

Thread: 8/0 Olive when weighted and black when not weighted.

Weight: 6 wraps of .020 wire at the head of the fly.

Tail: Medium olive Marabou taken from the side of the plume.

Hackle: Grizzly saddle hackle dyed burnt-orange. Clip the fibers on the top of the fly before tying the wing case in place.

Body: Olive seal fur substitute. I used a blend of Ice Dub Olive and Life Cycle light olive.

Rib: Small Copper wire.

Wing Case: Medium olive Marabou tied over the top of the body.

Stillwater Nymph #2: The fly is tied the same as above with the exception of the tail.

Tail: Burnt-orange Marabou

Fishing Announcements

Fly Dope Distribution

This is an issue that the board wrestles with just about every year due to publication costs and keeping members informed and funding environmental and conservation efforts. The bottom line is that the printing and mailing of the Fly Dope is now costing us over \$4,000.00 per year. Even of more concern is that this is the cheapest publication cost that we have received estimates for.

In 2009 we were only mailing out 40 copies of the Fly Dope and that was costing us around \$3,400.00 per year. To get a cheaper cost we went back to a full publication and club mailing in 2010. Unfortunately printing cost again increased in 2010 so the cost of printing and mailing the Fly Dope was brought back to the board for further review and discussion. The \$4,000 cost exceeds the income we receive from membership dues. If income and expenditures remain the same and we continue mailing the fly dope the club will run through our operating budget in 2014.

The board had to chose between the following options: raise membership dues, eliminate our conservation and environmental goals and revert to a purely social club, seek grants to fund our environmental and conservation efforts or cease printing and mailing of the Fly Dope.

We have decided to stop printing and mailing the Fly Dope. We will continue to publish and email a monthly Fly Dope. We will use the \$4,000 savings to fund our conservation and environmental efforts. This decision will also support the clubs environmental and conservation efforts by reducing our clubs carbon foot print by saving paper, ink and energy use to print the clubs news letter.

We are holding true to our founders wish that we our Fly Fishers for Conservation.

The Fly Dope will become all electronic on January 1, 2011

Sincerely 2010 Board of Directors



Jim Johnson manning the booth at "The Big Fresno Fair"

Picture by Jerry Hopewell

Our community outreach is a very important part of our clubs activities on behalf of conservation and public awareness. This is a big thank you to Mits Kozuki and all his and his volunteers efforts each year at setting up and manning the Fly Fishers for Conservation booth at the Fair.



Club Meeting Dates 2010

October	4	Board Meeting	Carrow's Restaurant	7pm
	16	Fishing Academy		
	23	Outing- Upper Kings River	Garnet Dike	
	28	General Meeting—Fly Fishing Film	Sportsman's Club	6pm
November	1	Board Meeting	Carrow's Restaurant	7pm
	12	General Meeting- Sam Donalson TU	Sportsman's Club	6pm
	TBA	Outing- Stripers	San Joaquin Delta	
December	6	Board Meeting	Carrow's Restaurant	7pm
	10	General Meeting	Sportsman's Club	6pm

Our Mission:

Fly Fishers for Conservation (FFC) was organized in 1961 by a group of devoted Fly Fishers deeply concerned with the preservation of trout and all game fish, their environment, and the quality of fishing. Our club has maintained two goals since this time:

To foster and promote the sport of angling with artificial flies

To protect, conserve, and increase our angling resources.



BULLETIN BOARD

Mark your calendars early for the calibrated fisherman November 6. We will need 25 volunteers to fish, watch the fisherman, and record the catches. This is a Saturday, and Fresno State doesn't have a home game that day (we checked), so you have no excuse. Besides, the calibrated fisherman is a lot of fun! Mark your calendar now, quick, before you forget. November will be here before we know it.

John Cameron (559) 896-6919

FFFC Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth mm/dd _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Fees are due February 1, each year.

Pro-Rate: Pay for months remaining until January 30 including current month at 1/12 annual rate.

* Add initiation fee, \$10.

One newsletter per household.

Family Membership \$36

Senior Membership \$24 (over age 65)

Lifetime Member \$500

Shoulder Patch \$5

Fly Dope Mailing fee \$10 (Life Member Exempt)

Conservation Donation

\$ _____

Initiation fee \$ 10.00

Total: \$ _____

Make Check payable to FFFC.

Mail to 100 E. Sierra, PMB 3310, Fresno, CA 93710

I would like to receive the Fly Dope by EMAIL

I would like the Fly Dope mailed to the above address (\$10.00/yr service fee)

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4th Thursday of every
Month
6 PM Skills Training
7 PM Program



McKenzie Cup Winner
 1989
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**2010
 Slate**

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