

President's Message

Looking back at the activity of the 16 months since I took on the role of being your council president, we have progressed in some areas are making some progress in others and are not fairing so well in a few. Together let's objectively examine our council:

We are doing well in the communications area with our webpage www.nccfff.org, River mouth, the Club Presidents News Letter and the board talking to each other via a monthly teleconference and physically meeting (4) times a year. Our VP of Education Bill Brauner has been developing a special needs youth program which has been very successful in the gold country, the hope is that it be duplicated in a wider area. Our past president Gene Kaczmarek has been working with the national Fly Tiers Group and they have launched a series of fly tying skills awards that tiers can achieve. Our Award winning Trout in the Classroom program continues to flourish. Our Veterans First Fly Fishing program is slowly spreading to other states. Our conservation group has investigated and provided several grants for restoration, tracking fish movement, tracking macro-invertebrates & biomass, fighting for water related protections and flows, involvement in the relicensing of dams, as well as working with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife on regulations that protect our fish.

We have developed a new presentation wrapped around the California Heritage Trout program, let us bring it to your club – we'll tell you about the (11) species and where these fish are to be found.

The area of the greatest concern for the council, the IFFF and myself, is the need to understand what it is,

you our fly fishing audience, wants from us, how can we better serve you?

If you care to comment on this send me an email at steamntrout@comcast.net.

Finally your board of directors is in need of people who want to be involved and make a difference, as with any organization without involved and active people the objectives of the organization cannot be met, we need you our members to be involved. Without active board members to organize and produce a Fly Fishing Festival, Conclave or Hall of Fame, your council will soon deplete the meager financial resources affecting all the good things we are currently doing.

Ken Brunskill, President NCCFFF

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EDITOR'S NOTES

THE RIVER MOUTH is published by the Northern California/Nevada Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers. It is distributed to all FFF members in Northern California, Northern Nevada, and Hawaii.

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THE RIVER MOUTH seeks articles, news items, story ideas, photographs, and any other material which would be of interest to the NCCFFF community. Please send your newsletter contributions to the editor at:

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INTRODUCING YOUR NEW EDITOR

I started fly fishing in 1996 and joined Flycasters of San Jose in 1997 which is also when I joined the FFF.

You may notice some changes to the "look" of the River Mouth – this is due to my using Microsoft Word to edit and format the newsletter. If you would like to submit an article – **and believe me I can use all the material I can get** – it helps if your submissions are in Microsoft Word format. If not I will do my best to make it work.

Being a member of Flycasters in San Jose means I am most familiar with that particular club. You will no doubt notice the number of pages devoted to Flycasters Inc. in this, my first issue. I can always promote YOUR club and its activities just as easily – but again, I need you to submit articles regarding your club's activities and events.

If you have a hard time reading my email address it is wade_tull @ Comcast.net (underscore between "wade" and "tull")

I am committed to providing a good looking and informative newsletter – one that communicates the NCCFFF's involvement in preservation and education efforts as well as the events and activities of its member clubs which reflect the same goals and purpose. I welcome your suggestions and, hopefully, gentle criticism.

A big THANK YOU to JB Brahy for all his work on The River Mouth ... I hope to continue in the excellent tradition he has passed on to me.

Wade Goertz - Editor

NON-PROFIT STATUS OF FFF, COUNCILS, AND CHARTER CLUBS

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is a non-profit New York corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt organization.

This non-profit tax-exempt status has been extended to FFF's Councils and Charter Clubs through a non-profit Group Exemption from the IRS.

The FFF's EIN is 23- 7037444

The FFF Group EIN is 81-0514222

and the FFF Group Exemption Number (GEN) is 9453.

ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Sorry for this being late)

With the Bylaws change in 2014 having NCC calendar align with the IFFF calendar NCCIFFF's election for new officers and directors has been changed from May to October/November.

Our last election of officers and directors was in June of 2013, with the bylaw change of year end and length of terms change to two years those officers & directors elected in June of 2013 are serving until December 31, 2015.

The nomination committee has nominated the following for a two year term beginning in January 1, 2015.

Tom Smith **Vote For**_____ **Vote Against**_____

Remaining in office are: (We need to sort out which 50% will remain through 2016 – that for 2015 action)

President: Ken Brunskill

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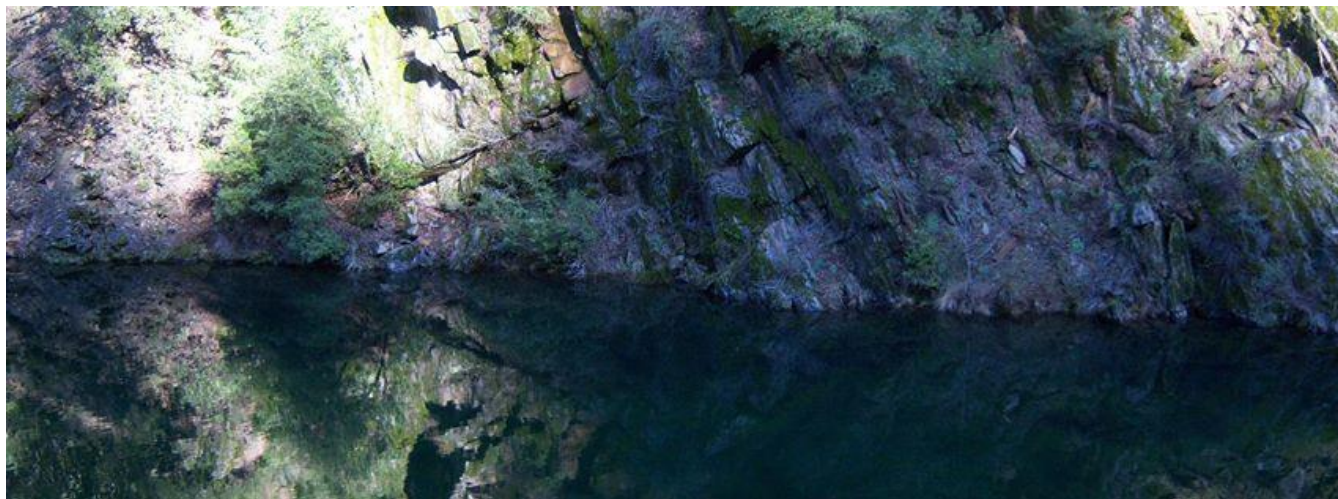
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Non-Profit Organization



Your Northern California Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers has a Facebook page where you can find up to the minute posts of events, activities, forums, and links to partners that share the NCCFFF's dedication to preserving and restoring the environment and promoting the sport of fly fishing.

If you are already on Facebook simply type in NCCFFF in the field at the top of the FB page and click on the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers. LIKE us and FOLLOW us and keep up to date with the Council's activities, recommendations, and warnings.

If you haven't yet joined Facebook – it is easy to do – and you can tailor your Facebook page to be as PRIVATE or as OPEN as you like ... It can be a valuable resource if you like to keep up to date on things you are concerned about – like the environment, fly fishing, and the NCCFFF.





3rd Annual Benefit Dinner

Saturday - November 15th 2014

**SINODINO'S STEAK HOUSE & RESTAURANT
36665 CEDAR BLVD., NEWARK, CA 94560**

Live & Silent Auction - Bucket items available

No Host Cocktails:

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Before October 31st price is \$45/person or \$425 for table of (10)

November 1st to 7th price is \$50/Person or \$475 for table of (10)

Banquet Ticket sales end November 7th, 2014 at 5:00 PM PDT

Menu - Choice of:

New York Steak & Mashed Potato

Chicken Marsala & Rice

Salmon & Rice

Vegetable, Salad coffee & tea Included

****We will contact you for entrée choices****

Bucket item tickets available at the door

25/\$20 or 12/\$10 or 6/\$5

Contact: Ken Brunskill 510-793-7913 -/- Email : steamntrout@comcast.net

Order online at www.nccfff.org (Individuals or Tables)

Order/Reserve by mail – make check payable to NCCFFF/VFFF

Mail reservation to VFFF, PO Box 8114, Fremont, CA 94536

CONSERVATION

SECRET RAVINE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Lowell Ashbaugh, Conservation VP

Kevin Mather spoke to the Fly Fishers of Davis last April on a Trout Unlimited project at Secret Ravine near Roseville. Secret Ravine contains a small stream that is used by salmon and steelhead for spawning grounds. The stream has been impacted by activities that have increased siltation, reducing the available spawning beds. In conjunction with the Dry Creek Conservancy, Trout Unlimited has put together a restoration project that shows promise to increase spawning habitat. Permits are already in place for the proposed activities, and most of the labor needs and other problems have been addressed. The NCCFF recently approved a grant of \$1500, and the Fly Fishers of Davis has also contributed \$400 to the project. I visited the site a couple of weeks ago to see personally what it looks like. Here's what I found.

Secret Ravine is in the middle of an urban area, but it's wild and has a year-round stream flowing through it. There's been restoration work downstream of the proposed project, but the sites you can see in the photos contribute silt that affects the stream further down. This work would be of immense importance to the entire streambed.

I was surprised to see how much water is currently flowing. I was also very surprised to see two fairly large fish (~6" and ~8"). The water temperature seems to be cold enough to support them. There were several pods of fingerlings – I've included one photo below.

There are two restoration sites in the short section of creek that is most impacted. Restoration Site #1 is shown below:



The bank here is severely eroded and continues to dump silt into Secret Ravine Creek. This is a prime salmon and steelhead spawning stream so the silt is a serious impediment to successful spawning. You can see some spawning gravel just upstream from the eroding bank. The work plan here calls for moving soil back from the bank, sculpting it to the "angle of repose", and creating a ledge to trap any soil that erodes later. This work is planned for a backhoe if it can be moved to the site. There are two options for getting it there, but if it becomes impossible the work will be done manually. TU is not allowed to work in the creek itself, so the bank will be sculpted only up to the water's edge.

SECRET RAVINE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT - CONTINUED

Restoration Site #2 (shown below) is at a road crossing used by a local ATV club.



The road enters the stream at the upper right and crosses to the middle left of the photo. There's also a foot trail right at the stream's edge. The trail here is too close to the bank and contributes additional silt at this location.

There is another trail about 10-20 yards away from the stream so the streamside trail is not necessary. At this site, the road crossing will be eliminated with brush and debris, and the trail will be rerouted so hikers will use the upper trail.

The lower trail will be removed and covered in debris, and the berry vines will do the rest. Some manual shoveling will be necessary here to obliterate the trail before covering it.

SECRET RAVINE CREEK

RESTORATION PROJECT - CONTINUED

The next photo illustrates the damage done by ATVs in the area. The ATV road circles this large oak tree to a foot or more below the natural surface, potentially damaging its roots. TU plans to work with the ATV community to get their buy-in on the site restoration. This is necessary so the work done here will not be undone by continued ATV use.

In the background, behind the oak tree, you can see a slope that's one possible route to get a backhoe into the area for use at Site #1. That site is directly behind me as I took this photo.



SECRET RAVINE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT - CONTINUED

The photo below shows one of several schools of fingerlings I spotted in the creek. I also saw two larger fish, about 6" and 8" at the site of the road crossing.



There's an opportunity for hands-on conservation work here if you have the desire to count salmon in the fall. TU conducts fish counting surveys when the salmon spawn.

Let me know if you're interested.

CONSERVATION REPORT

By Lowell Ashbaugh, VP of Conservation, NCC IFFF

The Water Bond, Proposition 1 on the ballot for November, remains the top conservation issue in the state. I've read through the proposition, read pro and con arguments, and investigated where the proponents and opponents funding comes from so I could understand it. The bond proposal would reallocate \$425 million in unused existing bond funds and would authorize the sale of an additional \$7.12 billion in bonds, giving a total of \$7.545 billion to allocate for a number of proposals.

There's no question that there are some worthy projects and objectives in the water bond. There are also some really objectionable projects. It all comes down to which is dominant. As someone mentioned to me, there's nothing in the middle of the road except double yellow lines and dead armadillos. When you get into the ballot box you can't pick and choose which parts of this bond to vote for.

I urge a NO vote on it. The legislature needs to go back and get it right.

The water bond would do nothing to alleviate the current drought – only a good winter can do that – but the drought will have a psychological impact on voters and many will think it is needed because of the drought. There are some good things in the bond: projects to improve water quality and especially those projects that would ensure good drinking water in disadvantaged communities are sorely needed. The bond projects are not very innovative, though. Most of the innovative projects from the original bond were eliminated to slim it down. Most of the funds require appropriation by the Legislature so there's some oversight.

Notably, the \$2.7 billion for dams does not require appropriation – it is specifically appropriated continuously without regard to fiscal years and the language makes it very difficult to change the funding for this section. Furthermore, the surface storage projects this money would fund would add very little new water to the system. Estimates are that the new storage would add only 1% to the total water available in California. The projects would only be useful in very wet years, and they would require water management that has not been demonstrated by the State or the Federal systems so far. A specific example is the 800,000 acre-feet of water that was transferred south above and beyond what was required in 2013, leaving the north state with dry reservoirs.

Detailed Analysis

Let's look first at where the money would be allocated. Then we'll see supporters and opponents, and finally look at where the money comes from on each side. Specific spending proposals in the proposition include:

- \$520 million (6.9% of the total) would go to improve water quality for beneficial use. Half this amount, \$260 million, would go to the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund for wastewater treatment projects. The remaining \$260 million would be available for public water system infrastructure improvements and to meet safe drinking water standards and ensure affordable drinking water. Priority is given for reducing and preventing drinking water contaminants, and for actions that benefit disadvantaged communities. These funds would require appropriation by the legislature and cost sharing would also be required.
- \$1.495 billion (19.8%) is allocated to specific areas for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects. \$327.5 million would go to eleven specific watersheds through conservancies specific to those watersheds. \$200 million would go to the Wildlife Conservation Board for enhancing stream flows. \$100 million would go to protect and enhance an urban creek in southern California. \$20 million would be available to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to fund multi-benefit watershed and urban rivers projects. \$475 million would be available to the Natural Resources Agency for a number of projects that fulfill obligations of the State. \$285 million would be available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for watershed restoration projects outside the Delta, and another \$87.5 million would be available for projects in the Delta. These funds would require appropriation by the Legislature.

- \$810 million (10.7%) would be available for expenditures on, and competitive grants and loans to, integrated regional water management plan projects that respond to climate change and contribute to water security. Of this amount, \$510 million, in specific amounts, would be allocated to 12 hydrologic regions identified in the California Water Plan. Another \$100 million would be used for water conservation and water use efficiency programs. The remaining \$200 million would be available for storm water management projects. These funds would require appropriation by the Legislature. Cost sharing would also be required.
- \$2.7 billion (35.8%) would be allocated to the California Water Commission for water storage projects, dams and reservoirs. This chapter of the bill is worded much differently from the rest, and includes language that says the people recognize that this chapter is necessary, integral, and essential to meeting the objectives of the act. It also would require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to amend it. The funds would be continuously appropriated to the commission without regard to fiscal years. The funds in this chapter may only be used for surface storage project identified in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision dated August 28, 2000, groundwater storage projects that provide water storage benefits, conjunctive use and reservoir operation projects, and local and regional surface storage projects. It's widely understood that the funds would be used primarily to raise Shasta Dam, construct Sites Reservoir, and to build the Temperance Flats Reservoir. The California Water Commission was originally formed in the mid-1950s to support the State Water Project. It was moribund for almost two decades until it was reformed in 2009 to advise the Resources Agency on the 2010 water bond. Members are appointed by the governor. The commission has the final word on how the funds are spent, and would be able to allocate funds independent of the views of the Director of Water Resources. Although the bill mentions subsurface storage, it also requires funding projects that provide recreational benefits (and you can't water ski in an aquifer).
- \$725 million (9.6%) would be available for water recycling and advanced water treatment technology projects, including desalination and pilot projects for water reuse. The funds would require appropriation by the Legislature and would require cost-sharing.
- \$900 million (11.9%) would be available for competitive grants and loans for projects to prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water. It would require appropriation by the Legislature. At least 10% of the total would be allocated to disadvantaged communities.
- \$395 million (5.2%) would be available for statewide flood management projects and activities. Of that amount, \$295 million would be available to reduce the risk of levee failure and flood in the Delta. These funds would require appropriation by the Legislature.
- Supporters of the bond include democrats and republicans, water agencies, San Joaquin Valley farmers, and some environmental groups. Opponents are primarily fishing groups and other environmental organizations. Opponents are far outnumbered by supporters. The arguments for the bond include:
 - It ensures a reliable water supply for farms and businesses during severe drought
 - It's fiscally responsible
 - It grows California's economy
 - It safeguards our existing water supplies
 - It stores water when we have it
 - It protects the environment
 - It contains strict accountability requirements

The arguments against the bond include:

- It undermines the public trust doctrine by sending a public trust to private interests
- It undermines the principle of “beneficiary pays” by using taxpayer money for private interests
- It undermines the principle that projects that benefit private interests, not the taxpayer, should mitigate adverse impacts
- It reverts to an era of big dams that no longer applies to the California of today
- It provides very little or no cost-effective near-term drought relief
- It diverts us from efforts to meaningfully resolve California’s continuing water crisis, which is the over-appropriation of limited water
- It diverts money that is needed for other critical investments in public schools, roads, public health and safety
- It’s fiscally irresponsible
- It contains a lot of pork by not identifying specific projects in making allocations to various groups – e.g. the conservancies could use the funds for non-water uses.
- Although 6.9% of the bond would be used for worthy projects, including to provide safe water to disadvantaged communities, they are held hostage to fiscally irresponsible and environmentally damaging projects
- Only 13% of the bond in total would fund conservation, storm water capture and treatment, and recycling
- It would require taxpayers to buy water they already own to protect fish – it’s a transfer of wealth from taxpayers to private interests
- An argument has been made that, despite assurances to the contrary, the water bond paves the way for the Twin Tunnels by allocating funds to projects that would make it easier to build them.

Let’s now take a look at where the money comes from for supporters and opponents. Note that the supporters have linked Props 1 and 2 even though they have nothing to do with each other. Supporters have collected over \$4.5 million as of October 6, 2014, and spent nearly \$760,000. The following are the donors who contributed \$150,000 or more to the Yes on Prop. 1 and 2 campaign as of October 6, 2014:

Donor	Amount
Sean Parker (cofounder of Napster)	\$1,000,000
California Alliance for Jobs - Rebuild California Committee	\$500,000
Health Net	\$445,600
Laborers Pacific Southwest Regional Organizing Coalition PAC	\$400,000
California American Council of Engineering Companies	\$250,000
California Farm Bureau Federation	\$250,000
California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems	\$250,000
Northern California Carpenters Regional Council Issues PAC	\$250,000
Reed Hastings	\$250,000
SW Regional Council Of Carpenters	\$250,000
Western Growers Service Corporation	\$250,000
Doris F. Fisher (the Fisher family owns the Gap stores)	\$245,000
John J. Fisher	\$245,000
Robert J. Fisher	\$245,000
William S. Fisher	\$245,000
California Cotton Alliance	\$200,000
Northern California District Council Of Laborers Issues PAC	\$200,000
Stewart A. Resnick	\$150,000
The State Building And Construction Trades Council of CA	\$150,000

Organizations backing Proposition 1 include the following:

California Democratic Party
 California Republican Party
 California Farm Bureau Federation
 Trout Unlimited
 The Nature Conservancy
 Audubon California
 California Chamber of Commerce
 Delta Counties Coalition
 Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
 Ducks Unlimited
 American Rivers
 Silicon Valley Leadership Group
 Natural Resources Defense Council
 California League of Conservation Voters
 Northern California Water Association
 State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
 Association of California Water Agencies
 Western Growers
 League of California Cities
 California State Association of Counties
 California Citrus Mutual
 Fresno Irrigation District
 Friant Water Authority
 Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners
 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
 San Diego Water Authority

Opponents have collected \$71,000 and spent just over \$41,000 as of October 6, 2014. The following are the donors who contributed \$2,500 or more to the campaign in opposition to the initiative as of October 6, 2014:

Donor	Amount
Dante Nomellini	\$12,500
Jack Klein Partnership	\$7,500
Conrad Silva Farms	\$5,000
Del Carlo Farms, Inc.	\$5,000
Thomas Zuckerman	\$5,000
Ferguson Farms, Inc.	\$2,500
George Perry & Sons, Inc.	\$2,500
Lory & Victoria Mussi	\$2,500
R&M Ranch	\$2,500
Rudy and Toni Mussi	\$2,500
San Joaquin Delta Farms, Inc.	\$2,500
V and A Lagorio	\$2,500

Opponents include the following:

AFSCME District Council
Ballona Institute
Butte Environmental Council
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
California Striped Bass Association
California Water Impact Network
Coast Action Group
Center for Biological Diversity
Central Delta Water Agency
Concerned Citizens Coalition of Stockton
Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)
Environmental Water Caucus
Factory Farm Awareness Coalition
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Friends of the Eel River
Friends of the River
Food and Water Watch

Foothill Conservancy
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
Potrero Hill Democratic Club
Pulga Rancheria Concow Maidu Indians
Restore the Delta
Sacramento River Preservation Trust
San Francisco Baykeeper
San Francisco Crab Boat Association
Save the American River Association
Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fishermen's Association
Sherman Island Duck Hunters Association
Sonoma County Conservation Action
South Delta Water Agency
Southern California Watershed Alliance
Tar Sands Action
Wetlands Defense Fund
Wild Heritage Planners
Winnemem Wintu Tribe



Maureen Brown - the VFFF program lead at Menlo Park - recently asked Golden West Women Fly Fishers to assist with her group of women being treated for PTSD. That wonderful group led by Fanny Krieger and a group of ladies from the Golden West Women Fly Fishers gave those women some casting lessons at the Golden Gate Casting Ponds. Now they are looking forward next to do some actual fishing.

"I would like to let you know that the Golden West Women Fly Fishers has adopted the project of instructing Women Veterans the art and science of fly fishing. I had the privilege of teaching 4 sessions of fly casting to 7 women with the help of 4 GWWF instructors. On October 25th, we are taking them fishing, probably to Lake Lagunitas in Marin."

"It has been a very rewarding experience to work with these so deserving women who are so excited about learning how to fish and to go on a fishing adventure"

Fanny Krieger

fannykrieger@me.com

Fly Tying:

The IFFF Fly tying group has launched a series of (3) awards for Fly Tying, based on the European model. They looked at their program and thought; 'Gee those folks are having a lot of fun while improving fly tying skills at the same time'. So they developed and launched a Bronze level for the lower level, a Silver level for the middle level and a Gold for the highest (presentation level). All these are explained in detail on the IFFF website www.fedflyfishers.org (Click on tying tab, then on Fly Tying Group Fly Tying Skills Awards Program, to learn more – you will find the booklet, and how to videos to assist those wanting to achieve these levels of tying.

Annual Mission Peak Fly Anglers Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560
(510) 793-6272

Saturday, January 24, 2015

5:00 – 6:00pm No Host Bar

Check Raffle Items

6:00pm Dinner

Choice of: Tri-Tip, Salmon or Chicken (Pasta Primavera for non-meat guests)

Complemented with mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes Coffee or tea and Desert

Served as a Buffet

\$35.00 per person

----- MPFA Installation Dinner-----

Member Name: _____

Dinner Selection: Tri-Tip:_____ Chicken:_____ Salmon:_____ Pasta_____

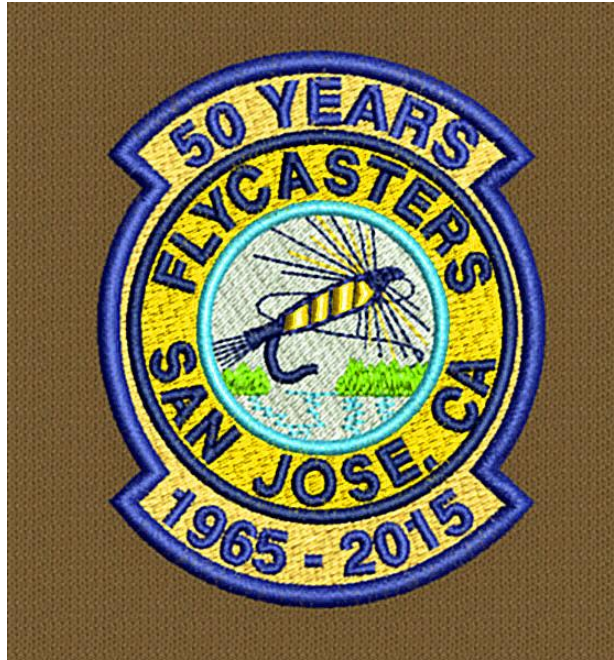
Number of Dinners selected _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Mail Checks to:

Stephen Culp
29293 Whalebone Way
Hayward, CA 94544
Phone 510-461-3831

Make All Checks Payable to: Mission Peak Fly Anglers

FLYCASTERS INC., OF SAN JOSE CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2015



Founded in 1965, Flycasters is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015.

FLYCASTERS INC. is a charter member of the Northern California Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Flycasters has enjoyed its long affiliation with both the IFFF and its local council the NCCFFF and is proud to support both in their conservation efforts, their tradition of community outreach, and their preservation of all things fly fishing.

NCCFFF directors Bob Shoberg and Mondy Lariz are longtime members of Flycasters – as is your current River Mouth editor, Wade Goertz.

For more information about Flycasters go to the website

www.flycasters.org

You can find out more about meetings, fishouts, events, seminars and clinics, and a lot more by spending a little time searching around the website.

Be sure to go to the File Sharing menu and check out the club newsletter FLYLINES



Established 1965

Calling All Flyfishers! Save The Date!

2015 Annual Banquet and Conservation Fundraiser

Circle **Saturday, January 31** on your new 2015 calendars! Join us for the Flycasters **50th Anniversary Banquet and Conservation Fundraiser**! This fun evening offers you a chance to hear our guest speaker, enjoy some great food and drink, socialize with your fellow flyfishers, an awards ceremony to give recognition to Flycasters members for outstanding service throughout the year and a chance to win some valuable prizes, all while benefiting the conservation efforts of the Flycasters Conservation Committee. **Please note that the event is open to all interested in fly fishing, as well as family members and friends.**

Go to www.flycasters.org

Click on the Meetings tab and go to the Online Store



Flycasters Conservation Committee will again have a large number of raffle and silent auction prizes that include rods, reels, discounted guided trips and destination trips, float tubes, coupons for local restaurants, wines and wine tasting and a multitude of other items for the non-fly fisher. Don't miss out on this opportunity to win some great prizes.

The evening will start at 5:30 PM with a social hour, hors d'oeuvres, free drinks, and fundraiser prize viewing and bidding. After enjoying the great selection of buffet dishes, you can enjoy an entertaining presentation from our guest speaker, followed by our annual awards ceremony and announcement of silent auction and bucket raffle prize winners.

So, save the date, Saturday, January 31, 2015. The banquet location is the beautiful Cupertino Room of the *Cupertino Quinlan Community Center* at 10185 N. Stelling Avenue just north of Stevens Creek Blvd in Cupertino, CA. Tickets for the event are \$45 per person.

So, come on out and join your other Flycaster friends and help raise funds for some important conservation efforts. You will not be disappointed.



Established 1965

50th Anniversary Banquet & Conservation Fundraiser

Saturday January 31, 2015 starting at 5:30pm Cupertino Quinlan Community
Center- Cupertino Room, 10185 North Stelling Road, Cupertino CA 95014

TICKET ORDER FORM**(NOTE: Ordering deadline: January 16, 2015)**

**Buy two tickets before December 31st and get \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets
FREE!**

Name(s) for nametags: _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I request _____ event reservations at \$45 per person. Subtotal _____

I request _____ lot(s) of 25 raffle tickets at \$20 per lot. Subtotal _____

Total _____

Make your check payable to FLYCASTERS INC - Mail this form and your check to:

**Flycasters' Banquet
c/o Mike Culcasi
1358 Keenan Way
San Jose, CA 95125**

Or you can bring this reservation form and check to the Flycasters' meetings in November, December or January. * **Buy two tickets before December 31st and get \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets FREE!**

You can also make your reservation on-line by January 16, 2015 at www.flycasters.org. The "Online Store" is under the "Meetings" menu.

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WHY JOIN THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

INTRODUCTION

Having been around for more years than most, I've seen the Federation go through all sorts of gyrations, ups and downs, working for you and our fish. We have a stable of 12,000 individual members and perhaps another 20,000-30,000 independent club members. We have great plans, not enough money and not enough people to implement them all. However, as the unique international voice for all fly fishing, that gives your interests first priority, we have much to offer within our strictly low overhead framework. There is no "they" in the FFF, its "we." Take advantage of our environment that gives you the freedom to do your own thing effectively. Get started in the club, join a committee like the conservation committee and then join our family and help save our fisheries.

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Casting Certification:

Based on Mel Krieger's invention and origination in Argentina, the FFF adopted and significantly improved the FFF Casting Certification Program. Instructors that stay active are FFF members and get strong support. We have over 100 in California with the key to our results the Federation's emphasis and training to improve casting instruction rather than championship performance demonstrations. The program has an independent Board of Governors and Basic, Master, and Spey Casting levels.

Education:

The FFF established an excellent International Fly Fishing Center in West Yellowstone, but once it moved to a back street in Livingston, MT it was doomed to failure. The building rental costs were unbelievable and the organization just could not afford to operate a quality museum under its low overhead mantra. Future planning could relocate it to a major city where it might capture broader public interest. Presently it's on hold.

A major educational achievement of the Federation is the Ron Cordes-Gary La Fontaine Fly Fishing Instruction Manual that was based on Cordes-La Fontaine Pocket-Guide series of booklets, but done in a full size binder format. Fly fishing class curricula are provided for all aspects of the sport and arranged so that photocopies of appropriate pages provide everything necessary for the students.

The FFF and its clubs have been heavily involved in the establishment of the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge

FFF Learning Centers:

If you've been to any of the fly fishing sport shows or our conclaves, you've probably seen the FFF Learning Centers that encourage newbies and youth to get involved. Displays and volunteers instructors are present to provide basic tying and casting instruction and insights into the need for your support to save our dwindling fisheries resources.

Trout In the Classroom:

NCC's award winning Trout-In-the-Classroom in various forms has become a major NCCFFF club activity. Literally hundreds of classroom projects are underway in most regions such as Northern California and Nevada that are coordinated by the NCCFFF Vice President, Education.

Veteran Support Projects

Over the past few years FFF clubs have become increasingly involved in teaching veterans fly fishing. Veterans First Fly Fishing helps hundreds of disabled veterans, both the physically disabled and those with PTSD, find peace and rehabilitation with the Veterans First Fly Fishing program. Fly fishing aficionados will be especially interested in seeing the adaptive fly-tying equipment designed for veterans who have the use of only one hand.

Fly Tying:

Fly Tying is a very important our member and club activities. At the national level, San Francisco surgeon David Nelson's FFF Fly Tying Committee is developing plans and activities for the future.

The FFF Buz Buszek Award is a major event that has international stature. FFF tyers are found globally and contribute much to the sport.

Conservation:

The three graduate school of business membership surveys that were done of FFF individual members clearly indicated that the most important priority of our members has always been conservation. We have established a great Internet Conservation Network and invite non-club affiliated FFF members and others, even nonmember network participants, to volunteer. Our VP Conservation, Mark Rockwell, has done a fantastic job joining the growing number active coalitions of fishery conservationists and agencies. The Federation of Fly Fishers is more than just another trout organization. Our All Species - All Waters focus gives a unique focus that is unequalled. The NCCFFF has a number of conservation committees, including a Steelhead Committee and a Bay Delta Committee that is up to its armpits in the current water wars.

The experienced and educated fly fisher, who makes the investment of the time necessary to know watersheds and participates in the regional and national fishery conservation issues that we face every day as NCCFFF Directors and committee members, comes away with a total experience that gives our organization an important knowledge based viewpoint. Our unique voice, ethical outlook,

and perspectives make significant contributions to the battle to save our waters and fish that are unmatched. If we are to pass the outdoor heritage we have enjoyed to future generations, fly fishing clubs must take on the responsibility of giving their members who are conservation oriented, the opportunity to obtain this level of individual fishery conservation education. This can't be done for you or by professional paid staff members, that are common these days, who are often the same as agency staff people. We are a bottoms-up conservation organization that offers individual anglers the equivalent of an All Species - All Waters PhD in fish that is unavailable from any of the more publicized groups.

Public Relations and Communications:

The Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) is the FFF regional coordinating arm in Northern California and Northern Nevada. We are the international voice for the millions that enjoy our sport and work to communicate with our large nonaffiliated fly fishing public. The Council has established a recognized annual Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Event and holds regional conclaves.

Why a National-International Organization:

The Federation of Fly Fishers was first discussed in 1962 by members of fly fishing clubs as an association of independent fly fishing clubs and individual members because they saw the need for a national organization that truly reflected all their interests in fly fishing. Founders such as Lee Wulff, Ed Zern, and Ted Trueblood, shared their knowledge and companionship with our growing number of fly fishers who began to identify common causes, goals, and dreams. As the sport grew, the FFF has been the way to increase the ability of fly fishers to organize themselves for social, educational, and political purposes. The Federation is a philosophical conscience for the sport by providing an open forum for facing new issues and evaluating our rapidly changing all waters, all species environment. Through participation, thoughtful consideration, and example, members of the Federation participate in the development of tomorrow's ethical standards of good sportsmanship. The Federation uniquely promotes the art, science, literature, and above all the education and enjoyment of fly fishing. These concepts and goals are the same today as they were 48 years ago. All of us need to take on the obligation to make the Federation of Fly Fishers, your voice, and that for all fly fishing, grow and prosper as part of our core values.

Fly Fishing Club Obligations:

Fly fishing clubs vary widely in size, emphasis, and interest. Many club members are primarily interested in social activities or just in going fishing. However, many club members have broader interests in areas such as fly tying, rod building, fly fishing literature, casting, travel, conservation, and the betterment of our sport. I believe that all clubs have the obligation to provide the opportunity for those members with broader interests to move up through the ranks to the regional, national, and international levels.

No other organization considers all fly fishers and all fly fishing. The Federation, as a loosely organized from the bottom-up organization, takes the best and forms impartial stands on issues without compromise. It gives all of us the freedom to achieve our personal goals and is totally worthy of your support.

THE FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS OFFERS

Our unique focus on "All Species - All Waters"

Common Ethical Standards

Best Practices Emphasis in all aspects of our sport

A practical fishery conservation PhD for participants

Regional, National, and International Conservation Support

National Conclaves and Shows

Representation in major State fishery Conservation Coalitions

Representation in the major State legal and water war battles

A seat at the table where the action is

Up to the minute network communications

Participation in Fishing Regulation Change Cycles

Financial Support and Guidance for Individual Projects

Educational Curriculum for all Aspects of Fly Fishing

Trout-In-The Classroom Project Coordination and Support

Boy Scout Merit Badge and Veterans Support Projects

Fly Tying Coordination, Events, and Awards

Fly Casting Instruction and Certification

Regional Hall of Fame and Conclaves

National and International Exposure

This article was originally written in 2010 by Marty Seldon – long time fly fisher, Flycasters Honorary Life Member, NCCFFF Hall of Fame inductee, and recipient of the FFF's Lapus Lazuli Award



The poster features a dark gray background with a stylized illustration of a fly fisherman in silhouette on the left, casting a line. The central text is in white and yellow. At the top is the IFF logo, followed by the year '2015' with a globe icon. Below this is the event title 'INTERNATIONAL FLY FISHING FAIR' in large, bold, yellow letters. A white banner contains the dates 'AUGUST 11-15, 2015', and below that, 'BEND • OREGON' is written in white. The phrase 'Save the Date' is in a yellow script font. At the bottom, '50th ANNIVERSARY' is displayed in yellow and white. The location and website are listed at the very bottom in white.

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