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October 22, General Mtg.

Film

Endangered Species

California Fish & Game Wardens

Skills 6 PM, Film at 7 PM Join us for an informative evening on how the lack of game wardens affects us all.

Presidents Message

Bob Papazian

Special Points of Interest:

October 22

Endangered Species

Skills at 6 PM

Presentation at 7 PM

Sportsman's Club

Check the Bulletin board!

A Plea for Help

There is a new public access site along the banks of the San Joaquin River in Northeast Fresno that needs our help. It's open to the public because it's on State sovereign land. Eventually this will be a showcase park for the City of Fresno, called "River West"*. At the moment, many people- including adjacent land owners would like to see it closed. The problem is it's not under the control of the San Joaquin River Parkway, nor maintained by any other public entity.....meaning: trash, vandalism, & lack of public safety. It's a slice of Fresno I'm not proud of- certainly not a place you would take the kids for an Easter egg hunt. It should be that kind of place...hopefully it will be soon. In the meantime there is something we can do.

At present there is a small "grass roots" group of citizens led by a Fresno Kayaking group, attempting to keep the access area next to the river clean. Currently there are



just two 55 gallon refuse cans in an area that generates at least ten times that much waste per week. Volunteers have been emptying the two cans & hauling waste out by themselves. It's not a pretty site on a Monday morning, as the pictures attest. More volunteers are needed to join in the effort to keep this river access site clean. Our club is looking into getting the City to provide trash pickup,

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Presidents Message

Bob Papazian Cont. from pg 1

along with providing an adequate size refuse bin. That will help groups like ours with cleanup efforts, eliminating individuals having to haul the waste out.

In spite of the problems, it's a beautiful river property...one that's sorely needed for Fresno- especially our kids. For now, I suggest you drive down & take a look. I hope you feel the same way I do. And please take an empty trash liner with you!

Thank you for joining in the voluntary cleanup effort.

Bob



*To find the "River West" access area, drive west of Blackstone on Nees Avenue. As you come to Palm Ave, continue west on what would be the extension of Nees- skirting the alley way behind Roe Restaurant. A one lane road descends to the river. At the end of the road there's a broad dirt parking lot next to the river.

Try to imagine the area a few years from now, with hiking trails along the river, kids playing, salmon & Steelhead spawning in the river...all in a park like setting. Then, open your eyes & please take a bagful of trash with you!



Sammy Devito on a nice riffle at River West



The good - Stephen and Morris enjoying River West Access area

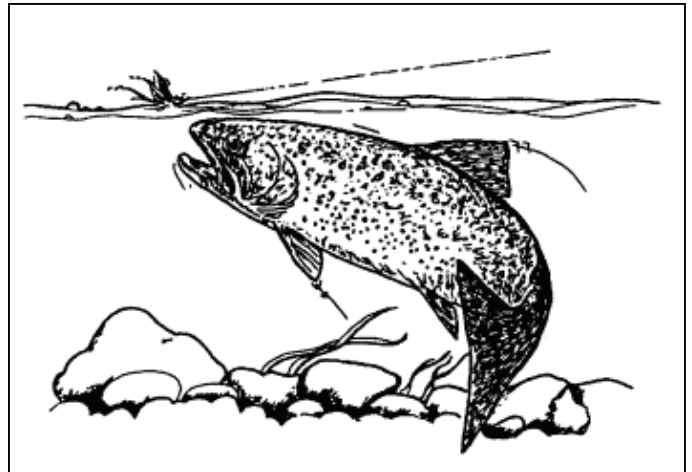
2010 Election of Officers

President	Bob Papazian
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Editor	
Fair	Mits Kozuki
Director at Large	Kevin Wren
Director at Large	Roger Miller
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Our annual election of FFFC officers takes place at our December meeting. If any one would like to nominate or run for a club officer position please contact Bob Papazian at (559) 434-6544 bobpapazian@comcast.net.

Your name will be placed on the ballot. **The Fly Dope is in need of a new editor** and we are looking for someone to take on a **director at large position to head up our The No Child Left Inside program.**

Your help is what makes our club work !!!



Raffle Donations Needed

Jeff Trafican

As most of you know we conduct a small raffle at most of our monthly meetings. To keep our raffle expenses down, we are asking for any donations of fly fishing related items. This would allow us to put more into our education and conservation efforts. Every little bit helps. Many of you have helped out in the past and it is greatly appreciated. If there are any items you would be able to donate, please bring them to our next general meeting or contact me at 299-0591. Our club is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Thanks,
Jeff Trafican



Conor Kelly tying at the Big Fresno Fair

A big thank you to Mits Kozuki for organizing and staffing the Big Fresno Fair on behalf of the Fly Fishers for Conservation. Mits has nice way with people and it is always a pleasure watching him work. Also a big thank you to Jack Leveque and Roger for the set up and take down efforts.

Outing Report

Sue Leveque

Fishing the Truckee from a Ladies Point of View

Our Sept 19th trip to the Truckee was well worth the time and spent flies. It was the planned club outing and Tim chose a perfect group site at the Boco Springs Campground complete with a very colorful camp manager. Jack, I and Tim showed up on Thursday evening and Lance made it a point to schedule his last day of vacation to fish the Truckee with the group. It was just the four of us but more fish for us.....you would think.

The fish were not tremendously cooperative but I was the only one who got skunked. I attribute that to the fact that when the bolders got bigger and shoreline less friendly, I opted to retreat to that shady spot overlooking Boca Reservoir or the Little Truckee and soak in the view. As it's been said, you have to be on the river to catch fish.

We made our trips to Andy Burke's fly shop and bought his recommended flies for the Truckee at this time of year, the yellow bellied PMDs and San Juan worm. Apparently that worked for the guys. I must say however that though I enjoyed the Big Truckee River, I really look forward to fishing the Little Truckee again. Wading is not difficult, the water moved well creating some good feeding lanes and just enough pockets to convince you you're not wasting your time. The brush and trees were far enough away to allow occasional back casting should the need arise. But most of all, the scenery was awesome; just what you would expect to see in the changing fall colors in Montana. After all, if you don't catch fish, isn't that the other prize?

Thanks to Tim for arranging the details and picking out a great restaurant in Truckee for dinner on Saturday night. I would definitely recommend this trip for next year for both ladies and men.

PS. Ladies, there are great little shops in Truckee. Isn't that our other prize?

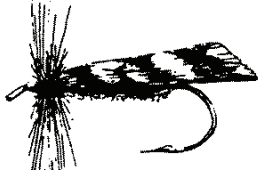
Calibrated Fisherman

Hank Urbach

The third annual "Calibrated Fisherman" event will take place on November 7th, 2009. We will fish 9 beats, one hour per beat from Winton Park to Avocado Lake. All trout caught will be weighed and measured with the data to be used to augment the other fish population measurement efforts. We will need nine anglers and nine helpers (they transport the fish to the people doing the measuring). Contact KRCD's Louie Long at 559-237-5567 to volunteer.

November is also the time for the annual electro fishing exercise. We will be shocking the river in a number of locations. The dates are 9, 10, 12 and 13 November and the 16th through the 19th of November. Requirements are simple, waders that do not leak and a willingness to see what's in the River. Contact Louie Long at the number above to volunteer.





**FRESNO FLYFISHERS
FOR CONSERVATION, INC.**
MEMBER CLUB, FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERMAN

Dear Club Member,

It's that time of year again to renew your club membership

We want you to continue be part of the club for 2010. Regardless of the amount of fishing you were able to squeeze in during this past year, the Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation offers the best opportunity you'll find to meet and share stories with those of like interests and lots of experience. This is our 48th year in existence, promoting the sport of fly fishing and conservation through out our local and regional areas. Here are some of the ongoing benefits of your membership:

- *The Fly Dope - Check it out; Read up on articles ranging from recent fishing trips to what is happening in and around our waters to how to tie that great little fly.*
- *Fly Casting Classes - Given every season, and you're welcome to bring a friend*
- *Monthly Speakers - We do our best to bring you a speaker each month that will hook your interests and give you new insights in what is happening in our sport.*
- *Monthly Outings - We're looking at what's worked best in the past and putting together an outing package that will have something for everyone. Check the Dope out for the latest. Don't miss it.*
- *Opportunity - Multitude of opportunities to work with youth and community agency projects related to the sport of fly fishing, local conservation projects and restoration*
- *INVOLVEMENT - Do you want to have a voice and make a difference in the legislation related to land and water use and conservation in our state? This is a great way to put your energy into making a difference. We welcome involvement.*

We have a great Board this year with an unbelievable amount of enthusiasm. Don't miss out on being one of the Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation members.

Look for your 2010 Renewal Application coming to you soon.

*Jack Leveque
Membership Chair*

**Fresno Flyfishers for Conservation
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Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

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

Finally it's Fall

Its been a hot dry summer and every where I went these last few weeks the conversation has included the topic of boy I'm ready for cooler weather or I am ready for a good rain. Mind you that none of these people were grape or cotton growers so their livelihoods' were not at stake, just everyday valley residents looking forward to fall.

Our Mediterranean climate maybe good for the vineyard industry but it is hard on those of us who live and work here; radio spots are full of ads for summer getaways to cooler climes. We in the valley dream of beach forays or weekend escapes to mountain retreats; just to help us make it through the San Joaquin Valley summer. For most of us summer is something to endure and we look forward to the fall when cooler days and nights become the norm. Working outside becomes enjoyable and the nights bring brighter stars, deeper rest and a little more peace to our troubled souls, as our cares are eased by the deeper sleep.

In early California history, all the stagecoach and freight trails stayed in the coastal or Sierra foothills trying to avoid the heat on the valley floor. More than likely for the safety of the stock pulling the stages and wagons, than for the passengers comfort. Most homes had screened in sleeping porches, some even had 2nd story screened sleeping areas to catch stray breezes to help one make it through the night. One famous Fresno resident dug down into the earth to form his home and to stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

Our modern convinces of air conditioning has made our valley more habitable but it still does not meet the human need for air naturally cooled by our own earth's atmosphere. Those of us of the fishing persuasion seek rivers, lakes and streams to help us get through the summer heat. Just being on the water refreshes us, having your feet and legs in the water does tend to bring down the bodies core temp, just a mite, and when we cool down a lot of what bugs us seems to drift away on the current flow.

Sometimes it takes a change of scenery to give you a new perspective, and that's what fall does for the valley, fall breezes and rain clean the valley air and the Sierra Foothills and Mountain Ranges become visible and we remember what a beautiful place we live in. Those fall views give us a new perspective we no longer get just the short smoggy view but the bigger picture is laid out before us. Our world opens up. We are no longer isolated from the rest of the world, we become part of the whole. With advent of fall, the need to escape even for a little while usually eases, but not for me this year, it's been too long since I've been out of Dodge!

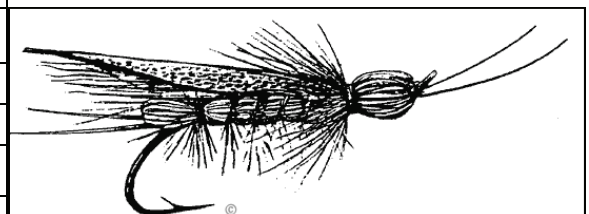
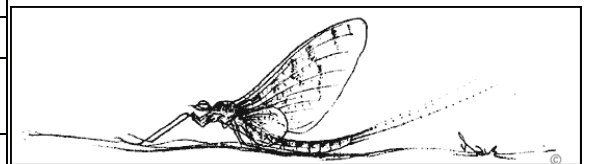
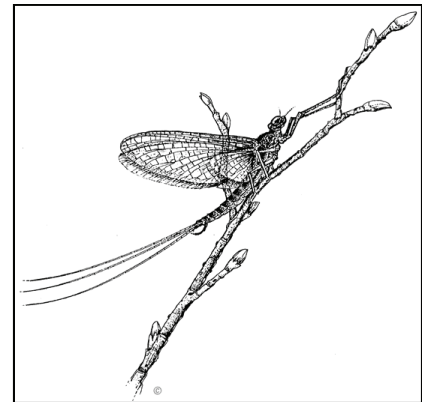
Now, that it's finally fall, my dream trip of the year is just about here. I'm going to stand knee to waist deep in the upper Sacramento River and fish for big trout and breathe deep the fall air as it flows down canyon. A whole blessed week of on the water time, my bags are packed, the rods and reels are prepped and I've got my travel 'in shoes on. The Canadian geese are migrating south but I'm kickin her North, come Sunday morning the bags get tossed in the back of Kevin's truck and its "Good by old paint I'm a leaven Cheyenne". I'm looking forward to fall evenings with good friend's lots of laughter and good natured ribbing. Home made soups, Jeff's Crown Royale (always drink the other guys liquor), Bob's shy smile, Scott's sense of humor (what happens in Dunsmuir stay in Dunsmuir), Rogers stories about the size of fish he caught with no witnesses or pictures, and Kevin company.

Thank goodness it's finally fall with cool evenings, bright stars, clouds passing in front of the moon and fall fishing trips.

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

Club Meeting Dates 2009

Date	Meeting	Location	Speaker
Jan 5- Mon	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	Jack Dennis
Jan 12 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Feb 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Feb 21	Outing	Low Kings River	
Feb 26- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Clovis North	Fly Fishing Film
Feb 27 - 28	Outing	Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show	
March 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
March 14 & 15	Outing	Pyramid Lake	
March 7	No Child Left Inside	Willow Lodge	
Mar 26- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Apr. 6 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
April 18 - 19	Outing	Kern River Outing	
May 2- Sat	Banquet	Sportsman's Club	
May 4 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
May 16	Outing	Hume Lake	
May 29 - 30	Ladies Outing	Shaver area	
May 28- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Jun 1 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
June 13	Outing	Dinkey Creek	
Jun 25- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
July 6 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
July 18-19	Outing	Edison Lake	
Jul 23- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	Pic Nic Potluck
Aug 3 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Aug 15 & 16	Outing	Morro Bay	
Aug 27- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Sept 14 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Sept 19 & 20	Outing	Truckee River	
Sept 24- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Oct 5 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Oct 17 & 18	Outing	Upper Kings River	
Oct 22- Thur	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Nov 2 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Nov 13- Fri	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	
Nov 14	Outing	San Luis Reservoir	
Dec 7 - Mon	Brd Meeting	Carrows	
Dec 11- Fri	Gen. Mtg.	Sportsman's Club	



BULLETIN BOARD

There will be a river clean up on the Lower Kings on Saturday, November 21 in cooperation with the Kings River Conservancy. Details to follow.

Mark your calendars.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE LOWER KINGS

Since 1999, the Kings River Fisheries Management Program (Program) has been working to restore the lower Kings River to the fishery it used to be. A history of the program as well as documents relative to the program's beginning are to be found at the web site run by the Public advisory group. The URL is: <http://www.kingsriverfisheries.org>. Not only can you read these documents, you can report your success, or lack, on the lower Kings via the Anglers' survey, get the latest reservoir levels, be a part of the ongoing discussions in the forum section and view

Place your bulletin here

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.



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: \$ _____

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 Slate**

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