

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROY LITHERLAND

I was whining to myself (no one else will listen) that it's been too long since I've been fishing. Sound familiar? And I wish someone would call and invite me along on a fishing trip. Well, if you find yourself feeling that way, I may have a solution. It's on our web page.

From the home screen, click on the Community tab, then Forums > [Destinations](#). Let's take a look.

Top of the list is a post from my good friend Wade Goertz describing an opportunity to go Bonefishing in the Bahamas this coming May. It sounds like a great trip, and I have heard many good things about Bonefishing. You think he would have at least called me.



The second post is from my good friend Richard Otto about an Argentina trout fishing trip in 2024. Sounds like great fishing and tourist opportunities, and spouses are invited. You think he would have at least called me. But then he and I, and six others are making that same trip next month and the group is doing a Zoom call in ten minutes to discuss last minute details. So maybe that's why he hasn't called.

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FLYCASTERS CALENDAR

MARCH

Wednesday, March 1st

Beginning Fly Tying | 7pm - 9pm
 Moreland Apts Meeting Room

Saturday, March 4th

Breakfast Gathering | 8am - 10am
 Holder's Country Inn
 10088 N Wolfe Rd. Cupertino

Tuesday, March 7th

Board of Directors Meeting | 5 - 6:30pm
[Zoom Link](#)

Wednesday, March 8th

Club Meeting | 7pm - 9:30pm
 Moreland Apts Meeting Room
 more information on page 3

Saturday, March 11th

SBCCC Creek Cleanup | 8:45am - 11am
 West Virginia Street at Harliss
 more information on page 7

Wednesday, March 15th

Beginning Fly Tying | 7pm - 9pm
 Moreland Apts Meeting Room

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On the other hand, maybe I should have called them rather than waiting around for an invitation from someone. Staying home and doing nothing certainly is comfortable, until it isn't, then we wish for anything that will get us out of the house.

Maybe you should consider giving someone a call to discuss an outing. You might respond: "But Roy, I'm new to the club and I don't know anyone well enough to do that." My question is, "How do you plan to change that?"

Well, you aren't going to get involved until you get involved. Probably ten percent of the club members carry the burden of the club's activities, and we enjoy sharing the work. We have become friends by doing so. You too can be part of that group. For example, the call has gone out for people to volunteer at the booth our Club will have at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing show. I've signed up for two shifts, Friday and Saturday afternoon. This will provide me plenty of time to talk with the other members who have volunteered and catch up with what is new with them and renew our friendship bonds. And except for two people, these are members of that same ten percent.

Think of volunteering as a social opportunity. And I'm an introvert. And I'm invited to go on many fun fishing adventures.

Ladies, here is an idea for you. Fly Fishers International has a group called FFI Women Connect which is "a program established to assist women in becoming successful fly fishers through skill development and camaraderie with other women." The northern California chapter of this group seems to be pretty active. They are doing a 3 day float trip down the famous Deschutes River canyon in Oregon June 29th to July 1st. Check it out. Here's the link:

[NCCFFI Women Connect](#)

Or do a web search for "NCCFFI Women Connect," or read more on page 19 of this very issue of Flylines.

Saturday + Sunday, March 28-29th
Rancho Seco Fishout

FLYCASTERS Code of Ethics

As a member of Flycasters, I will do all in my power to conduct myself in a manner befitting the traditions of our sport of fly fishing.

1. I will follow the fish and game laws wherever I fish.
2. I will support conservation practices in order to preserve our natural resources for this and future generations.
3. I will encourage the practice of "Catch and Release" in all but "put and take" waters.
4. I will encourage other fishers, whether they fish with flies or other means to abide by the same standards as expressed in this Code of Ethics, and I pledge to report any violations I observe to the appropriate authorities
5. I will always remember that my conduct afield is a reflection on our Club, its' members, and our sport, and I will endeavor to conduct myself accordingly.



MARCH PROGRAM

BRANDON WORTHINGTON

Fly Fishing the Klamath River and Dam Removal Updates



Brandon Worthington is the operator of Worthington Fly Fishing and spends over 250 days each year guiding and fishing the waters of the “State of Jefferson” whose famous rivers include the Klamath, Rogue, and Umpqua systems.

Brandon has made it his top priority to understand the intricacies of the region’s diverse fisheries. He features a year round guide program for wild Redband Rainbows on the Upper Klamath in spring and summer, fall steelhead on the Klamath and Rogue Rivers, and winter Steelhead on seven different area streams including the Umpqua and Southern Oregon coast.

He possesses a B.S. in Outdoor Adventure leadership and is a Wilderness First Responder. Dedicated to the refinement of his craft, Brandon’s energy and passion for sharing the region’s great rivers is evident every day he spends with his guests.

Brandon Worthington’s program will focus on fly fishing the Klamath and the latest news on the Dam Removal Projects.

The State of Jefferson is a proposed U.S. state that would span the contiguous, mostly rural area of southern Oregon and northern California, where several attempts to separate from Oregon and California, respectively, have taken place.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th at 6:30pm

IN PERSON / ZOOM Hybrid MEETING

In Person meeting at the Moreland Apts meeting room

An email will be distributed to all Club Members outlining the simple steps needed to take part and the needed login information.

SPRING CASTING CLASSES 2023

Do you want to Catch More Fish? That's right - catch more fish, let us help you.

Enroll in our club Spring Casting Classes.

Our club offers four different classes: Beginning, Intermediate, Shooting Head, and Advanced.
Something for everyone.

DATES & TIMES First Day Only-----Registration-----7:30AM - 8:00AM, April 1

Beginning ----- 8:00AM-10:00AM, consists of 6 days of classes (2 hrs. per day) held on 3 consecutive weekends April 1 -2, April 8 - 9, and April 15-16

Intermediate --- 10:30AM-12:30PM, consists of 6 days of classes (2 hrs. per day) held on 3 consecutive weekends April 1 - 2, April 8 – 9 , and April – 15 - 16

Shooting Head — 8:00AM-10:00AM, consists of 4 days of classes (2 hrs. per day) held on 2 consecutive weekends April 1 -2 , and April 15 - 16

Advanced ----- 10:30AM-12:30PM, consists of 6 days of classes (2 hrs. per day) held on 3 consecutive weekends - April 1 - 2, April 8 – 9 , and April – 15 - 16

COST: FREE ---- MEMBERSHIP IN FLYCASTERS IS REQUIRED

These classes take place regardless of the weather, RAIN OR SHINE

Current Club COVID-19 protocols apply.

All Participants must be Fully Vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination!

FULL PROTECTIVE EYE COVER glasses or goggles. Contacts will not suffice.

NO GLASSES-NO CLASSES



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MORE INFORMATION FOR OUR 2023 SPRING CASTING CLASSES

Dress for rain, cold, wind or sunny day: Dress layered. Wear water resistant or repellent shoes/boots. Bring SUNSCREEN. A cap or hat with a brim. Bring bottled water, juice, coffee, tea, etc.

Parking: County of Santa Clara Park charges \$6.00 per car.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the March general meeting.

You can sign up at the casting class registration. Membership applications will be available at registration. Membership fees for new/returning members are \$50 for an individual and \$60 for a family.

Information for the Beginner: If you have equipment, bring it with you. You should have a rod, reel with fly line, & leader - Either a weight forward or double taper floating line and leader attached. - Rod weight should be 5wt or 6wt and preferably 8-9 feet long. - We can provide equipment for you if yours is not appropriate for the class.

Information for the Intermediate: Bring your equipment - rod weight should be 5wt or 6wt and preferably 8-9 feet long. Please have a clean line with a leader attached. A weight forward or double taper floating line is preferred. Please bring a line cleaner and a soft cloth to apply the cleaner. Bring waders for we will be in the water.

Information for the Advanced: If you want to become one of the 10% of fly fishers who catch 90% of the fish, this is the class for you! You will learn specialty casts for every fishing situation plus casting exercises that will improve all of your skills.!!! You must be able to double haul to take the Advanced Class -- Rod of choice is a 9ft, 4, 5 or 6 weight forward floating line, but any rod will do. You will also need two (2) 9 ft. 1x leaders. Please dress your fly line before each class and bring something to straighten your leader.

Information for Shooting Head: Bring your 6, 7 or 8wt fly rod for this class. Bring out your current fly line set up and we will help you check your fly line/ fly rod balance. From this information, we can determine which shooting head will make your fly rod really perform. Being able to double haul is a plus, but not a prerequisite. Shooting head class will let you experience and learn "Old" and "New" school style of shooting head and how it applies to other fly-fishing disciplines such as float tubing, surf fly fishing, river and spey (single, two hand, Scandi and Skagit). Bring waders for we will be in the water.

If you have any questions, please contact Luke Sing
(text) 408-464- 5793 or (email) 5minmile@comcast.net

THE FLY FISHING SHOW AT PLEASANTON, 2023

ALBERT YI

It was a cold, wet and blustery weekend at Pleasanton, but the Fly Fishing Show did go on! Friends and vendors from other parts of the country half-jokingly apologized for bringing the weather with them, but all was forgiven as we ogled at what goodies the industry had for us this year.

Our booth neighbors this year were the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), the John Muir chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Tri Valley Fly Fishers. Amid welcoming visitors and fielding questions, our booth crew saw former members from many years ago looking to come back to the club as well as fellow flyfishers new and old interested in joining.

A BIG thanks to all our volunteers for taking their time to share their passion for the sport and represent our club at the show.



Greg and Allison Takata were a great help on Sunday's anchor leg of the Show.



NCCFFI offered fly tying and rod casting lessons.



There were many casting demos from big industry names like Gary Borger.



It was fun walking the aisles to see what vendors had to offer this year.



They say never meet your heroes, but I was happy to finally shake hands with renown fly-tyer Tim Flagler from Tightline Productions.



The shops and destination vendors at the show were great places for your bank account to go on a diet.



The show's bookstore was another great place to make your wallet feel a lot lighter.



I ran into Tony Yap and Nate Kim who were testing rods and lines.



Ray Chin learning more about our club... or was he testing our volunteers?



Who called for snow? Blame it on our friends from the rest of the country for bringing the weather with them!

THE 2023 MARTY SELDON CONSERVATION FUNDRAISER AND FLYCASTERS AWARD BANQUET



The last time we held our annual club "Banquet and Fundraiser" was in January 2020--yes, three long years ago, in the blissful pre-pandemic days. Now that we are finally emerging from the pandemic restrictions, the Board has decided it's time to resume our tradition of having a larger annual social gathering.

Please hold the date: **Saturday, May 13th, from 5 to 9 p.m.**

We expect to open registration for the event via our website calendar in mid-March. We'll send another email when registration has been opened.

This event will be held at the **Los Gatos Lodge** at their poolside outdoor seating area (under a canopy, with heaters available if the temperature turns chilly). We have engaged the same caterer we have used at previous events, and the committee is working on other details such as providing a limited set of prizes (silent auction and raffle), entertainment (speaker or music, to be determined), etc.

For now, put the event on your calendar and look for more information about registration in 2 to 3 weeks.

- Frank Eldredge and Ray Chin, Banquet Event Coordinators

FLYCASTERS 2023 FISHOUT SCHEDULE

| DATES | DURATION | LOCATION | FISHMASTER | STATS |
|---|------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Feb 5-12 | 8 Day | Peacock Bass Brazil | Rich Otto | Full |
| Feb 18-19 | 2 Day | Lower Yuba River | Lee Dorius | Full |
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| Mar 28-29 | 1-2 Day | Rancho Seco w/ Granite Bay Club | Jim Isaacson / Jim Degnan | |
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| Apr 17-20 | 4 Day | Pyramid Lake | Needs fishmaster | |
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| May 5-7 | 3 Day | Smallmouth - Scotts Flat Lake Scout Trip | Lee Dorius / Jeff Lorelli | |
| May 27 | 1 Day | Surf Fishout | Luke Sing / Mike Lovejoy | |
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| Jun 7-10 | 4 Day | Spicer Wilderness Canoe Trip | Greg Takata | |
| Jun 5-7 | 4 Day | Five Dot Reservoir | Jeff Lorelli / Phil Brouwer | |
| Jun 25 - Jul 1 | 7 Day | Montana Big Hole Lodge | Wade Goertz | Full |
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| Jun/Jul | 4 Day | Medicine Lake | Needs fishmaster | |
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| Aug 2-10 | 8 Day | Golden Trout Pack - Evolution Valley | Lee Dorius | |
| Aug | 4 Day | High Sierra Backpack | Bill Zuravleff | |
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| Sep 14-17 | 4 Day | McArthur-Burney Falls / Fall River | Harris Hall | |
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| Oct 15-20 | | Hat Creek, Baum & Manzanita Lakes | Phil Brouwer | |
| Oct 26-29 | 4 Day | Rogue River Steelhead Float | Roy Litherland | |
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| Nov 8-12 | 5 Day | Klamath River | Frank Eldredge | |
| Nov 12-15 | 4 Day | Trinity River | Jim Isaacson / Mike Lovejoy | |
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| Club Fishmasters: Lee Dorius and Jeff Lorelli | | | | |

BAHAMAS BONEFISHING

Amazing Bonefish Opportunity in May!

We have openings for up to three fishermen for an amazing Bahamas Bonefish adventure. Due to family commitments, a few of our 'regular' attendees will not be able to make this year's trip to Long Island, The Bahamas. If you've fished bones before or if you've always wanted to give it a try, this would be a fantastic opportunity.



Itinerary

We depart from the Bay Area on Saturday, May 6th 2023 and arrive in Long Island on Sunday, May 7th. We stay at Smith & Wells Lodge <http://www.smith-wells.com/lodge.html> where we each have a private bedroom, two bedrooms per unit with a shared kitchen and bath. All meals are provided (we like to make our own breakfasts). 8 fishermen and four experienced guides fish for 6 full days. You can fish from the flats boat, but most of us prefer wet wading on the large flats. Samuel Knowles is our head guide <http://www.deadmansbones.com/>. There are no other guided lodges in the area and we rarely see any other fishermen. We fish from Monday, May 8th to Saturday May 13th, and then fly home on Sunday May 14th. The cost of the lodge and fishing is \$3,300 USD per person.

Please contact Keichi Aoyagi: keichi_aoyagi@mac.com (with an underscore) if interested!

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the greatest features on our new website is a section devoted to

Fishing Opportunities via our website

Looking to go fishing but don't want to go alone?

Log in to www.flycasters.org

Go to the **Community** drop down menu

Choose **Forums**

Check out the online Forums --- DESTINATIONS – it is (for now) the very last category on the Forums page

In his President's message on page 1 Roy Litherland mentioned 2 trips that are listed in the Forums as trips he is interested in.

The first was posted by yours truly – Wade Goertz – and describes a trip to go fly fishing for Bonefish in the Bahamas. There is an article about this trip on the previous page.

I don't want to cause too much confusion but I posted that trip on behalf of Keichi Aoyagi and I could not figure out how to put his name on the posting. But it made for a more humorous President's Message this way. Contact Keichi if you want information about this trip.

The second post is from Rich Otto who mistakenly wrote Argentina Trout Fishing 2024. It was supposed to read 2023 – and that lucky bunch (including Roy) are all set to go in March. When I told Rich about the mistake he said to leave it alone since he is looking to go again ... you guessed it ... next year.

These are not official club fishouts - but they are being put together by Flycasters members.

The point is that you can often find other members going fishing who may need a few more to fill up their trip.

So make it a point to check into the Forums Destinations every so often. You could find yourself going on an adventure.



We are back in the Creeks!

We are grateful for all the wonderful rain that has fallen. Now we need to get to work!

Join us for our TEAM 222 Event, March 11, 2023.

West Virginia Street at Harliss on the Guadalupe River 8:45am to 11:00 am



Sign up at

[South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition Team 222 Clean Up Event - West Virginia St Registration, Sat. Mar 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Teaching Fly Fishing for Scouts

Wente Scout Reservation invites you to volunteer to teach fly fishing for one week between June 18 thru August 3, 2023.



The teaching sessions are at the Wente Scout Reservation. There are 7 weekly sessions 6-18 thru 8-3-23. Teaching days are Sunday thru Thursday of each session. Staff tent is provided as well as all your meals. Classes are two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon. Scouting is coed and at times space permitting adults take the instruction.

Wente Scout Reservation is located 140 miles north of Oakland and 6 miles east of Willets The lake is called Winawa and has a healthy population of largemouth bass and bluegill.

Fly Fishing Instructors have full access to the lake after classes and dinner. You can bring your own watercraft or use the rowboats or canoes made available to those who would like to use them.

If interested email Gus Link at flylink48@gmail.com and he can answer questions or send a link to the Sign Up Genius site.

CASTING FOR RECOVERY RIVER HELPING



Ahhh... spring at the Indian Creek Lodge in the Trinity Alps. There is something special about a Northern CA Casting for Recovery Retreat where you wake up to the sound of geese honking and if you listen carefully, you can hear the river flowing through your backyard. You open your door and start the day by breathing in crisp cool air as you gaze on snowy mountain peaks. It makes you appreciate all that nature has to offer. And it's also an opportunity for fourteen breast cancer survivors to learn the new sport of fly fishing in a supportive and therapeutic environment. And by taking part as a CfR River Helper, you can make all this possible.

This year the Northern California CfR Retreat will be held the weekend of April 7-9. Saturday will be spent teaching participants the rudiments of fly-fishing lore -- gear, knots, entomology and of course casting. On Sunday, the excited women will don their waders, grab their rods, and head down to the Trinity River where each woman will be matched with a "River Helper" guide. The river helpers are critical, both in providing a sense of security for women who are new to wading but also

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in selecting flies, helping with knots, deciding where to fish, learning to mend, and simply knowing what to do if they get a fish on the line. The women and their helpers only have the morning to fish, but it is enough to whet appetites for this new sport and bring big smiles to everyone's faces.

Please consider volunteering as a River Helper. To find out more about Casting for Recovery, check out <http://castingforrecovery.org/home>. To find out more about River Helping and complete an application, click on the Ways to Help dropdown.

Suzanne Gulick, Program Coordinator
Casting for Recovery - Northern California
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A Leading Breast Cancer Quality of Life Program Casting for Recovery's program combines counseling, medical information, and the therapeutic sport of fly-fishing.

Our two-and-a-half day retreats are offered at no cost to women at any age and any stage of breast cancer treatment and recovery.

NCCFFI: WOMEN CONNECT

Deschutes River - 3 Day Float



Celebrate Women in Flyfishing Month and join us on the NCCFFI: Women Connect Deschutes River 3 Day float down the famous Deschutes River Canyon, June 29 – July 1, 2023. We will be catching the end of the Stonefly Hatch and the beginning of the caddis. We'll meet in Bend on June 28 to check in with Confluence Outfitters in Bend and meet for dinner then start the float trip early on June 29.

Deep Canyon Outfitters/ Confluence Fly Shop leads the **Award Winning Multi-Day** fly fishing and camping trip, is the best way to fully experience the beauty and superb flyfishing the Deschutes has to offer. Throughout this 32- mile, **wild and scenic** section of the river, towering canyon walls and exciting white water guard pristine rainbow **trout and summer steelhead** habitat. Camping and fishing trip on the Lower Deschutes river, is best enjoyed during the stonefly hatches of mid-May through June and the caddis/pmd hatches from July to September.



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A 3 day camping trip down the [Lower Deschutes River](#) is as relaxing as it is exciting.

Your only job is to:

- Go fishing on one of the most famous rivers in America
- Eat great food from local Oregon farmers
- Sleep on comfortable, padded cots in your 3 season tent
- Repeat, repeat, repeat!
- Enjoy yourself as you experience a trip of a lifetime.

The “Bagger” will go ahead of you down-river, set-up camp, and have hors d’oeuvres prepared when you arrive at our mobile Mecca. Once in camp, choose to fish the prime water a few feet from your tent, or relax in the calm serenity of the outdoors. A gourmet dinner is served every night by our camp chef. Our camp meals are a source of great pride here at Deep Canyon Outfitters, and we feature **local, organic food** whenever possible.

After dinner there is time for drinks, discussing the day’s catches, and enjoying the starry night...that’s if you haven’t already retired to your tent’s comfortable cot. As the sun rises, so will you find hot coffee brewing, and a warm breakfast on the griddle. Then it’s off to the river with your guide for another great day of fishing.

Then trip is limited to 10 Participants

Cost of the trip:

FFI Members \$ 1,650.00 (with 4 or more participating on the trip) Non FFI Members: \$ 1,690.00
includes a 1-year membership to FFI Women Connect

Not Included:

- Gratuities
- Fishing License
- Transportation to Bend, Oregon: Closest Airport is Redmond, Oregon

Please contact Anne-Marie Bakker: ambconsulting@sbcglobal.net or 707-721- 6184 if you would like more information or would like to sign up for the trip.

THE CUPERTINO LIONS CLUB FISH-A-THON

The Cupertino Host Lions Club is putting on its “yearly” Fish-A-Thon for “youth & adults with special needs,” **Saturday April 29, 2023**, and we need adult volunteers who know how to fish or who enjoy being involved with a great hands-on community service project.

In the past, people like you have been the key for the success of the event. I hope that you can participate this year.

This message is intended to let you know the currently planned date for the 2023 Fish-A-Thon for “youth & adults with special needs”, and to ask you to hold these dates for your help and assistance with the setup, operation, and clean-up that is needed to keep this as the marvelous event it has been.

Help is especially needed with the setup on the preceding Friday, so please factor this into your plans in addition to the work you do on the actual event day. Therefore, please put both dates in your calendar:

**Setup on Friday April 28, 2023,
and the actual Fish-A-Thon date Saturday April 29, 2023.**

**More information along with the traditional “Flyers” will be sent
out in a few weeks.**

John L. Hufferd

Cupertino Host Lions Club co-chairman for 2023 Fish-A-Thon



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Flycasters Inc.

and

Flycasters Conservation and Educational Foundation Inc.

Flycasters Inc., P.O. Box 821, Campbell, CA 95009

Meetings: Flycasters' general meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Moreland Apartments Community Room at the corner of Payne Avenue and Saratoga Avenue in San Jose. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for socializing. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The main program and slide show, as well as raffle follow the intermission.

There is ample parking on Payne Avenue and in the shopping center parking lot across Payne Avenue. Guests of club members and all interested visitors are encouraged to attend.

Membership: To become a member of Flycasters requires completion of a registration form plus an annual fee of \$50 for a regular membership, \$60 for a family or \$20 for juniors.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.flycasters.org

PEACOCK BASS TRIP 2023

RICH OTTO

This year's trip ended up with 2800 peacocks landed in 6.5 days of fishing! 50 peacocks were in double digits and everyone in the group landed one. Despite the higher water levels this year the fishing in the Labirinto Da Tortarugo and Rio Mata-Mata was exceptional. The higher water levels allowed us to access the upper most lagoons of both locations.

Our group of 8 fly fishermen arrived in Manaus, Brazil on February 3. We spent a couple days in Manaus touring some of the main attractions such as the largest freshwater fish market in the world. Taking a boat to the confluence of the Rio Negro and Rio Solimoes which combine to form the largest river in the world...The Amazon river. We also feed the world's largest freshwater fish – the Arapaima – housed in a pen. Toured the world famous Manaus opera house built entirely of wood in the 1880's when Manaus was the rubber capital of the world.

We sampled the amazing cuisine of Brazil at a well-known fish and steak restaurant the first night and a Brazilian BBQ buffet the second night. Well fed and rested we boarded a flight to the small village of Santa Maria with a gravel runway cut from the jungle. There we met our camp guide Karim Bakr and Pallado, the camp manager. We took a fast boat 1.5 hours up the Rio Branco to the camp located on a small tributary of the Rio Branco.

Though initial weather forecasts were for rain most of the week, we ended up with beautiful sunny weather and a few days of scattered showers. Temperatures in the high 80's and moderate humidity made for the daytime comfortable.

A unique aspect of the trip was the number of birds we sighted, especially on the Mata-Mata river. A smaller river, with a dense canopy, the birds flew close to the tops of the trees and water. We had 2 anglers who are also “birders” and they were in their element identifying species.

Otters, caimans and alligators were commonly sighted. Pink freshwater porpoises were ever present trying to catch the fish we released. Jetting out from below our bass boats or from the side to try and grab the peacocks before they made it back to the safety of the brush.

Karim and his assistant Carla accompanied us on several days to shoot videos of our fishing adventure. In the evening Karim did a slideshow on the locations we fished and the local wildlife.

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Dinner featured a local fish dish or two and meat dishes, salads and homemade dessert. This was washed down with wine, beer and mostly water. The food was plentiful, and flavor filled.

The shore lunch in the middle of the week was a treat. Freshly caught peacocks and oscars were barbecued over wood that gave a mild, savory flavor to the fish. The lunch was cooked over a BBQ pit dug by our guides. After lunch we took naps in hammocks.

We moved camp in the middle of the week about 15 miles upriver to fish the Mata-Mata river. This spring feed river was something out of an Indiana Jones movie. To access the 4 lagoons created by this river we navigated a tight waterway filled with lots of logs. The machete was occasionally employed to clear new paths as the water level dropped each day unmasking new logs. The Mata Mata lagoons, while smaller than the Labirinto's, held a lot of fish. The higher water brought larger peacocks into these lagoons.

Camp, for the Mata Mata, was set up on a large white expanse of beach in the middle of the Rio Branco. We had beautifully clear nights to the skies and the expanse of white sand against a blue sky provided a stunning morning wake up call.

Everyone was happy and exhausted. Lots of fish stories abounded. Most of them true!

If you are interested in 2024 call me or send an email. Dates are January 27 to February 3, 2024.

Tightlines,

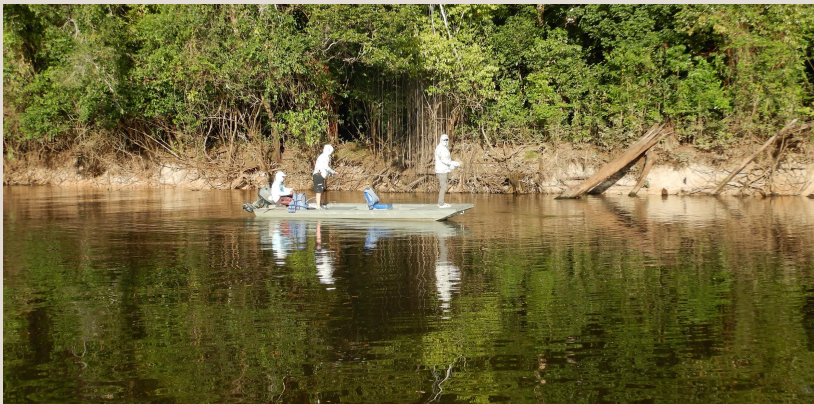
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MARCH 2023

MARK ROCKWELL, PRESIDENT, NCCFFI

As we move into the end of winter, and with the Fly Fishing Show behind us, I wanted to let everyone know what activities we will be engaged in for the rest of 2023. **We have many learning activities and events planned, and these will be held around our region to make it easier for many of you to participate.** Here is a shorthand listing of the events, locations and dates. We will be doing outreach around each of these, but we wanted to give you the info so you can note them in your calendar.

Fly Casting & Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) Events

- **‘Teach the Teachers’ Zoom, April 27th** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - for workshop in Sacramento on 5/20/2023.
 - Casting instruction in **Sacramento, May 20th**, 10-4 p.m. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for ‘Teach the Teachers’ starts at 1 p.m.
- **‘Teach the Teachers’ Zoom, May 24th** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for workshop in San Jose on 6/24/2023.
 - Casting instruction in **San Jose, June 24th**, 10-4 p.m. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for ‘Teach the Teachers’ starts at 1 p.m.
- **‘Teach the Teachers’ Zoom, August 31st** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for workshop at Yuba Fest, September 30th.
 - Casting instruction at **Yuba Fest, Sept 30th**, 10-4 p.m.. FCSD site lay-out & teaching instruction for ‘Teach the Teachers’ starts at 1 p.m.

Proposed NCCFFI Skills Clinics - Clay Hash, Fly Fishing Traditions

- **Euro Nymphing Clinic - May 13th**, 9 - 4 p.m. Browns Valley, Lower Yuba River
- **NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing - Sunday May 21st**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sacramento or Grass Valley.
- **Fishing Technical Waters Workshop - Saturday June 17th**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lower Yuba River, Browns Valley, CA
- **NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing - Sunday June 25th**, 9. a.m. - 4 p.m., San Jose, CA.
- **Fly Fishing the Lower Yuba River - Saturday August 19th**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sycamore Ranch on the Lower Yuba River,
- **NCCFFI Introduction to Fly Fishing - Sunday October 1**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sycamore Ranch on the Lower Yuba River.
- **Spey Fishing Workshop - swinging & soft Hackle - Trout spey, Saturday November 18th**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lower Yuba River, Browns Valley.

All of these Teaching programs are offered by **Sarah Trenchel & Russ Carpenter**, Certified Casting instructors of GGACC for casting events, or **Clay Hash of Fly Fishing Traditions** in Grass Valley, CA. **Mark Your Calendars!**

- Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI

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