Fishing provides that connection with the whole living world. It gives you the opportunity of being totally immersed, turning back into yourself in a good way. A form of meditation, some form of communion with levels of yourself that are deeper than the ordinary self.

Ted Hughes.

FRESNO FLY FISHERS FOR CONSERVATION PRESENTS

LANCE GRAY

“BREAKING DOWN STILLWATER”

THURSDAY AUGUST 4, 2016

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7 PM

THE UC MERCED–FRESNO BUILDING AT

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Hi All:

Another month is nearly gone, a new one coming up. Time to look back at the good times we’ve had, and look forward to the good times to come. July is the traditional month for the potluck and BBQ, which was held for the first time at Dry Creek Park. It was a great success, thanks in no small part to our first VP, Scott Piggot, who made the arrangements and made sure the burgers were cooked to perfection. The weather man scheduled a nice (relatively, this is the Central Valley) cool evening for us. A great time was had by all.

The traditional July outing is to Mono Creek Campground near Edison Lake. Last year, the drought simply didn’t cooperate and the outing was canceled due to lack of water. This year, nature was more generous. Those of us who chose to go to Bear Creek saw, for the first time for most of us, water going over the Bear Diversion Dam. The creek had plenty of water in it, even bordering on too much for good fishing, and yet the trout were cooperative and willing to rise to most dry flies. Conventional wisdom is that, when the water is high, it’s best to go down with bead heads, but that wisdom doesn’t always work. Those of us who tried nymphing can attest that the trout were definitely looking upward that day.

The crew who opted for Mono Creek found their place on the Edison Ferry preempted by fire fighters, and so were limited to the creek below the lake. Fortunately for us, the fire fighters were successful, and the wildfire above the lake was defeated before it caused us any further problems.

Looking ahead, Lance Gray is coming to talk to us about Stillwater fishing at the August meeting. This is a brand new presentation, not one to be missed.

And, the still water techniques we learn can be put to use at the High Sierra outing, where the trout in the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness will be waiting. This has always been a successful outing, so don’t miss it!

Going to places like Bear Creek, Mono Creek, and the High Sierra Lakes proves one thing: Trout are found in the most beautiful places on Earth. It brings to mind the truth of the Thoreau quote that Stephen Neil uses to end his “Back of Beyond”: "Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after”

Speaking of the Back of Beyond: Sorry, Stephen, about the demise of your computer. We’ll be looking forward to your writing in the future.

Until next time, tight loops and drag free,
John Cameron, president FFFC
Dear members of the Fly Fishers For Conservation fly fishing club,

Thank you so much for sponsoring me to go to the fly fishing camp up at Mt. Shasta. It was a ton of fun. I am happy to say that because of you, I was able to catch eight fish in less than a week. An insane record for me. I particularly enjoyed the time when we had to practice what to do if you fall down while wading. I also enjoyed the fly tying contest. Overall I really loved this camp, the counselors were wonderful and the terrain was gorgeous. This was a truly special experience. Thank you again for sponsoring me.

With gratitude,
Madeleine Vellandi
SORRY NO BACK OF BEYOND THIS MONTH
THE COMPUTER HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED!
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH HOPEFULLY
The BBQ was held at the Dry Creek Park in Clovis., and the weather was the best ever.

It was so good to visit with friends and enjoy the delicious food that always finds it wasy to the annual BBQ!
The food is plentiful and delicious, thanks to all that brought such delicious dishes, and to Scott Piggot for all his hard work; to change the venue at the last minute and still pull off a wonderful evening. Job well done!
HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE ACTIVITIES AT THE BBQ AND WILL REMEMBER THE EVENING NEXT YEAR!
The annual High Sierra outing is coming up August 20, so mark your calendars now. It is basically a day trip, but could be expanded to an optional overnight at South Lake if anyone is interested. Trip leader is John Cameron, flyflinger78@yahoo.com, so any inquiries can be emailed there. Be sure to include your name on the email, as I don’t open email if I don’t know who sent it.

Plan to meet at the ranger station at Prather at 8:30 unless you know the way to the trailhead and would rather go on your own. First Dinkey Lake is reached by a fairly rough dirt road followed by a three mile trail. Fishing there is a sure thing. There are several other lakes to explore in the general area if you’re so inclined.

Most mosquitoes should be gone by mid August, but DEET is a good thing to bring just in case. Also include at least a quart and a half of water, lunch, and emergency rain gear. We’ll check the weather forecast ahead of time, but thunderstorms are always a possibility.

For more info about the area and what to bring on a High Sierra trip, check out this website:

http://flyflinger78.wix.com/dinkey-lakes-wilderness
This is our newest presentation. This presentation is 100% different than all of our others. The audience has hands on interaction with this class / presentation. We simple show you how to breakdown stillwater, look for the transition zones and pick which weapon out of your tool bag to use to get to the fish to eat. A great new concept in providing fly fishers the information they need.

Lance & Kirsten Gray

Lance and Kirsten have more than 50 years combined experience in fly fishing. Lance started fly fishing with his father and brother Lincoln at age 7. In his teens, he began tying flies commercially for shops all around Northern California. At 17, he went to work at Powell’s in Chico, working in the fly shop and building rods. He guided for Powell’s, conducted fly-tying and fly-fishing schools, and traveled.

In 1993, Lance and Kirsten started Saltwater Innovations, a company that manufactured and distributed products for saltwater fly fishing. Lance’s Crystal Popper, Gray’s Billfish Fly, the KO Charlie line and the Raghead Crabs are all Saltwater Innovations products. Kirsten worked behind the scenes, handling the day-to-day operation running the manufacturing floor of the company.

In 2003 they launched Lance Gray & Company, a full-service outfitter offering guided trips, fly-fishing schools, workshops and a travel agency. Lance conducts presentations at fly clubs and outdoor shows and supports local groups like Cub Scouts and 4H. He’s a signature tier for Aqua Flies, pro staff member for Sage and Rio and is a featured writer, with articles published in Angling Trade Magazine, California Fly Fisher, Fly Fishermen, Sierra Fisherman and Northwest Fly Fishing.

Kirsten is a fantastic photographer who’s had images published in periodicals and on websites throughout the outdoor industry.
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2016 QUARTERLY CALENDAR

AUGUST

AUG 4: GENERAL MEETING LANCE GRAY
7 pm.

AUG. 20: HIGH SIERRA DAY HIKE TO FIRST DINKEY LAKE, OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT.

SEPTEMBER

SEP. 8: GENERAL MEETING : NINA HEMPHILL, PROGRAM MANAGER FISH, AQUATIC ECOLOGY, WATERSHEDS AND HYDROLOGY FOREST SERVICE IN THE SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST.

SEP. 12: BOARD MEETING, DENNY’S AT CLOVIS & HERNDON 7PM

SEP. 16-18 MAMMOTH LAKES AREA OUTING (TOM’S PLACE ACCOMODATIONS)

OCTOBER

OCT. 6: JAY MURAKOSHI WILL DISCUSS O’NEILL FORBAY FLY FISHING.

OCT. 10: BOARD MEETING DENNY’S AT CLOVIS & HERNDON 7 PM

OCT. 15: UPPER KINGS RIVER CEDAR GROVE OUTING. LUNCH AT GRIZZLY FALLS PICNIC AREA.

* Dates subject to change - check with a Board member for more information
Through the persistence of club treasurer Ken Bush, I'm pleased to announce that the club has created a PayPal account, and will soon be accepting credit cards for club transactions.

A smartphone card reader will be available at all of the general meetings, and at the banquet in 2014 to process credit card transactions. We're also working on getting a PayPal link on the club's web once we get the kinks worked out, we anticipate club member's being able to pay their membership dues, buy club merchandise, buy raffle tickets and buy banquet dinner tickets from anywhere that you have internet access.

We've talked to other organizations who have added PayPal, and it's been a success at each organization site.

Keep an eye out for the link on the website, and also keep it in mind as a payment option at general meetings.

Our website:
http://fresnoflyfishers.com/
Our Mission

Fly Fishers for Conservation (FFFC) 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 that time:

To foster and promote the sport of angling with artificial flies.

To protect, conserve and increase our angling resources.

DONATE TO FFFC

Fly Fishers for Conservation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit organization. This means you can use your contribution as a tax deduction. The club gets revenue from membership dues and the annual fundraiser dinner. We try to contribute to conservation issues in the area and to our youth with our Trout in the Classroom program, and by holding a Youth Fly-Fishing Academy annually. The club is always in need of funds. Please consider donating. You may send a check to Fly Fishers for Conservation at 100 E. Sierra, PMB 3310, Fresno, CA 93710. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and they will help the club fulfill its obligations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLUB, VISIT OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE:
HTTP://WWW.FRESNOFLYFISHERS.ORG/
THANKS TO WEBMASTER GARY PULLINGS
BE SURE TO LOG IN TO OUR FORUM FOR LOCAL INFO

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2016 FFFC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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(Can include partner)

Junior Membership (under 18 yrs.)……………...$13.00

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(Can include partner)

Additional Conservation Donation………………

Total Due……………………………………………….

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