

March 2017

The Tight Line

Merced Fly Fishing Club

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Next Meeting:

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY
by
Doug Autrand

Monday, March 27 @ 7:00 p.m. at MERCED
ELKS CLUB on the corner of 19th and M St. in
Merced



President's Message

Greetings MFFC:

With February's storms behind us and winter's grip beginning to loosen, spring has returned to the landscape. This season of change and optimism is just what the doctor ordered after the pounding we endured last month. In addition, the MFFC has experienced some changes to the otherwise routine schedule of events that we are accustomed to. The annual club banquet has been rescheduled for the 23rd of April in lieu of the general meeting on the 24th.

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MEMBERSHIP 2017

Renewals are due for club members by February 28, 2017. You may renew by mail or you may also renew at this month's meeting...your options are:

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, \$30.00,
INDIVIDUAL, \$25.00, SENIOR,
\$20.00,...JUNIOR, (under 18)
\$15.00. A gift is provided with
each renewal.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE
FOLLOWING FORM, AND MAIL IT
W/ PAYMENT TO MERCED FLY
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KNICKELBEIN, 23 W
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Short Casts

Ken Jensen
SUPPORT OUR CLUB

DINNER AND FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD
2:30 P.M. -----6:00P.M.

THE TICKETS ARE \$25.00 PER
PERSON AND CAN BE
PURCHASED OR RESERVED AT
THIS MEETING. TRI TIP,
CHICKEN,
SCALLOPED POTATOES,
VEGGIES,
AND, AS USUAL, CATERED BY
THE EXCELLENT STAFF OF THE
ELKS. IT WILL BE A LOVELY
SUNDAY AFTERNOON DINING
EXPERIENCE.

(DID I OVERDO THAT?)

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Short Casts (Cont)

THIS IS, BY FAR, THE LARGEST FUNDRAISER OUR CLUB HAS EVER HAD WITH OVER \$5,000 WORTH OF FLY FISHING GEAR. NINE RODS AND CASES, (SAGE, WINSTON, REDINGTON, LOOMIS, SCOTT) ROD HOLDER, SIMMS WADERS, (XL) BUG JACKET, WATERPROOF GEAR BAGS, A NINE FOOT OUTCAST PONTOON BOAT WITH AN ELECTRIC MOTOR, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.

PURCHASE OR RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT THIS MEETING. CAN'T ATTEND: CALL KEN AT 722-4411 PRIOR TO APRIL 13TH FOR PICKUP AT THE DOOR..WE NEED A COUNT BY THEN FOR THE DINNER STAFF.

President's Message (Cont)

There will also be a general meeting on Monday the 27th of March that I welcome all of you to attend. The program; "Christmas in January" will be put on by club member Doug Autrand, and will chronicle his adventures fishing Christmas Island. A big thanks to Capt Maury Hatch for last month's Program on Delta Stripers, he was well organized and extremely informative. On a recent trip to Yosemite I had the privilege to experience a park rejuvenated by the return of rain to our parched state. Waterfalls were gushing; the Merced River was back to its gorgeous self and aside of a few infrastructure projects, the park never looked better.

I can't say enough about how significant having a vibrant Yosemite is for our community, the park is an international destination and gives our otherwise forgotten area notoriety. It rivals only the Mighty Yellowstone for superiority in splendor, simply put Yosemite is an integral part of California's identity. Let's hope that its golden days will once again return and don't forget the fishing. I shall leave you with a quote from Ansel Adams in closing: "Yosemite Valley, to

me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space."

"Tight Lines and Safe Passage"

-MB-

PROGRAM

Monday, March 27th

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

by

Doug Autrand

Doug Autrand, one of our own, spent one week in January wading the flats of Christmas Island for bonefish. He also tangled with some tuna between 40 and 120 pounds.

DON'T MISS IT!!!!

Trout Fest

Howdy folks! It's Trout Fest time and hope you can join us for this year's event! As usual, Trout Fest is scheduled (rain or shine) on the second Saturday of April which is Saturday April 8th this year. I hope to speak with each of you personally, prior to the event, regarding your chosen activity. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions or concerns.

Trout Fest is for the future anglers of this world, so let's show them how much fun can be!

My thanks to you all for sharing your time over the years. Hope to see you soon, Jana

Trout Fest

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
14303 Sierra Way
Kernville, CA 93238
[916 539-6644](tel:9165396644)

<p style="text-align: center;">MAIN STREET MARKET</p> <p>Live Bait & Tackle</p>  <p>Food Beverages & Cold Beer</p> <p>Dan & Sonia 209-827-1522</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13301 Hwy 33, Santa Nella</p>	<p style="font-style: italic;">Fishermans Bend</p> <p>Mobile Homes, RV's full hookups, Store & More www.facebook.com/fishermansbendNewman</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid white;"/> <p>26836 River Rd Newman, CA 95360 209-862-3731 fishermansbendmail@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tom Coleman Julie Coleman</p>
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