On October 15th & 16th we held the Yuba Fest 2022 Event at Sycamore Ranch Park. This "Gathering of the Fly Fishing Clan" was well attended by over 200 people. People really enjoyed getting together to discuss fly fishing, learning new ways to develop their casting skills, learning new flies to tie, and learning knots from Gray Bard. Clay Hash, Mike Pease, and Larry Strauss led great classes & workshops on Saturday (Fishing the Lower Yuba River and Introduction to Fly Fishing), plus the Fishing Technical Water session on Sunday.















In attendance were 10 conservation organizations showing telling what it takes to keep our watersheds and fisheries healthy:

1. Trout Unlimited (TU)
2. Cal Trout
3. California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA)
4. Golden State Salmon Association
5. Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI)
6. South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)
7. Bear River Land Trust
8. Sierra Nevada Alliance
9. Wolf Creek Community Alliance
10. Sierra Streams Institute















Attendees enjoyed great food starting with the ***Taverrite's "Make it Italian" sausages*** for a real gourmet lunch, and a terrific dinner featuring BBQ Tri-Tip & Chicken, gourmet vegetarian lasagna, with Baked Beans, Pasta Salad and chocolate cake for dessert. During the course of the day, there was live music with the Harmony Groove Band in the afternoon and Karrie O'Neil in the evening.







Yuba Fest also featured fund-raising activities including:

- The Raffle that featured a Jon Baiocchi Fly Rod (won by Mike Wier), Wader Skins Leggings, a number of items from Orvis, Adamsbuilt, Fly Fishing Specialties & FFI, and Barry Glickman Framed Prints
- The Silent Auction with 16 Fly Boxes tied by expert fly tyers, many with flies focused on the Lower Yuba River.
- Seven Additional Silent Auction Items including Echo & Orvis Fly Rods, a carved chainsaw wooden mounted steelhead from Jess Alice, a Sonoma Wine Tour and a 3 Hour Casting Lesson from Clay Hash
- The Live Auction with nine items featured a number of purchased & donated fly rods (a Sage Fly Rod & Reel full set up, a Winston Super 10 Fly Rod, a Euro Rod & Reel from Clay Hash, a Sage Spey Rod donated by Mark Rockwell). In addition, a 3 Night San Francisco Apartment donated by Anne-Marie Bakker and three guide trips (Lance Gray Walk & Wade, Jon Hubbard of First Light Fly FIshing Float Trip, and a Clay Hash Yuba River Trip) were auctioned with many spirited bidders.





In addition, Tina Baiocchi Aranguren (Jon Baiocchi's sister) gave a wonderful remembrance of her brother & father Bob, who both fought hard for our fisheries & watersheds. She called on all of us to follow their lead and continue the fight! She also asked people consider contributing to their favorite conservation organization in Jon's name.





If you attended the event, you certainly enjoyed a wonderful get-together with many fellow fly fishers on a perfect fall sunny day, with great activities, food and music. We have received many positive notes from people that have attended and would really appreciate any feedback that you might have. Please address your comments (and any notes, pictures etc.) to Mark Rockwell (mrockwell1945@gmail.com). This was a labor of love by many to create a great event and **many thanks go to all the volunteers from *Gold Country Fly Fishers and our NCCFFI Board* for all the work they put in. Hats off to all of you!**





YUBA FEST 2022 was an event like no other! We expect another ***"Gathering of the Clan for 2023*** so put it on your "To Do" list for 2023. We'll do our best to make it great! **See you next year!**

Note: Photographs provided by Sheila Ryan and Jim Marchio (official photographers for Yuba Fest).