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**Gary Scott Bio for the Conejo Valley Flyfishers**

From the early age of 10 when my Dad taught me to cast a fly with a bamboo flyrod he gave me from my grandfather on our front lawn in La Habra, California and then test my prowess to catch wild trout on the waters of the middle fork of the San Joaquin I have developed an insatiable passion for fly-fishing. I loved the challenge of figuring out the puzzle to catch more fish...I was hooked. Every summer we would return to Reds Meadow for a family camping trip and learned to explore the surrounding Sierra Mountains and the waters which flowed nearby...It was many years later after college degrees, marriage, raising children, running my landscape business that I realized that I had left something on the back burner...my passion for fly-fishing!

In 1996 I decided to go fishing with a college friend and pick up where I had left off...My experience did not go as planned while fishing the "miracle mile" of the East Walker river. Instead it left me grossly inadequate to compete and catch the amazing trout that the East Walker is known for...I needed help...I decided to learn all I could about the sport...So I joined the local fly-fishing club in Conejo Valley to learn more. It was like going back to school with the bonus of catching fish from all parts of the world. I also learned that there is a lot more to be learned, observed, and appreciated about the art of fly-fishing...I also realized that this sport meant more to me than just seeking out and catching fish...Like the many members I have met thru this club whom allowed me to take part in their passion for the sport that has brought hours and years of friendship...I also realized that there is another facet of this sport which is to pass on what one has learned so that the true art of fly-fishing can be experienced, savored, remembered for future generations to follow.

While I was an active member of the club, I wanted to give something back to the sport. So, for 20 years I served the club as the coordinator for Trout in the Classroom teaching thousands of students to appreciate our States valuable environmental resources of streams, lakes, fish and wildlife. As well as training teachers to enable the students and their classroom environment. This has been some of my most rewarding experiences of involvement in our club.

I also learned that fly-fishing could be an expensive sport especially when I lost more flies than I bought...So I learned how to tie flies and build flyrods...It has become a vise for me, although many who know me closely think that it is an obsession. My membership in this club has taken me to places that I never thought I would go...And yet I still have a bucket list of places to visit...

I thank God for my wife of forty years who has allowed me enough time to enjoy some serious cold water therapy...I have passed on to my 3 kids our love for the outdoors and fishing while on camping trips through the Sierras. My latest task is to train up my four grandkids with the same passion I have for the outdoors and fly-fishing...A task I am looking forward to...

I look forward to this new year of recovery as I take on the role of leading our club forward. I hope that you will allow me to be a part of your fishing experience so that we can learn how to be more productive. Please consider what you would like to see, learn, and take part with our club...I would like to know how we can make your fishing experience's memories of a lifetime.