

APRIL

2017

CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 5th
Time: Open - 6:45 PM
 Meeting - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

The Hex Hatch at Lake Almanor
Guest Speakers: Lance and Kirsten Gray



This is our newest presentation based on over twenty years of fishing the "Hex" at Lake Almanor. This great fishery offers anglers a chance to catch big fish on big dry flies. It's a great way to spend an evening fishing on the lake. The presentation will illustrate how to breakdown the lake, flies, rigging and personal safety while fishing.

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.

FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Saturday and Sunday, April 8th and 9th
Times: Saturday: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Place: The Cook residence, 215 Treasure Island Ave., Aptos

Poppers
Instructor: Elaine Cook



The usual second Wednesday of the month class will instead be held April 8th and 9th (Sat and Sun). There is limited space, since the two-day class will be held in Elaine Cook's home. Sign up at the club meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561.

Poppers are designed to catch Large Mouth Bass and Bluegill. Two days are needed to craft these beauties due to drying of epoxy. The Club is planning several bass fishing outings this year.

During the lunch hour on Saturday, there will be a class on how to fish poppers, bass behavior, and the gear needed. No particular fly tying skills are needed. Please only sign up if you are committed to attending.

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President's Line

Is It Spring Yet?

By President Jim Black

We have a number of things to discuss as we leave our record-breaking wet winter behind, leaving all the reservoirs full and overflowing with strong river flows that are beginning to subside. I was in the process of building an ark just as the rain began to slow down. It's hard to imagine Highway 17 closed and San Jose-Soquel Road destroyed! The snowmelt may impact the rivers again.

Locally the surge of newly liberated Carmel River wiped out the newly planted willows, which were part of the San Clement Dam removal and restoration. If enough of you are interested, I believe we can arrange an information tour of the river with an explanation of the Dam removal process and the subsequent flows. Let me know by emailing me and we can plan the tour.

We have a number of new fishouts planned, including Mark Traugott's upper Yuba trip on land controlled by the



University of California providing limited, controlled access, which he has been able to obtain. Should be an interesting trip exploring this part of the Yuba, which is not generally available to fish.

Speaking of the

Yuba, We have a new overnight shad trip on the Yuba, June 6th and 7th, with guides in aluminum boats, and walk and wade fishing. From current preliminary river flow information, the Yuba should be reasonable in June..

In addition, we have discounted guide trips for different rivers and fish, which will be auctioned off at the Wednesday April 5th regular Club meeting; details about it are in the Membership Notes article.

Come to the April meeting prepared to bid on discounted guide trips. Props to our Membership Director, Bob Peterson, for the new Member Rosters, in color, making your fishy photos look fantastic! They will be available at the April meeting, so make sure you pick one up.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Instead of a raffle at this month's meeting, we are going to auction off some great guided fishing trips. This will be a perfect chance to use some of the gear won in prior raffles! This will be a silent auction, with bid sheets available for each trip, for you to write in your bids.

Jim Black has been able to secure a number of discounted guide trips targeting trout, stripers, shad, and black bass - a little something for everyone. The following is a quick overview of the available trips; check-out the guides' websites for more specific trip information.

Bill Ferreo, out of Lodi, is offering two one-day trips for two anglers each drifting the Lower Mokelumne for trout. The retail cost is \$400; minimum bid is 275. See www.mokefishing.com for Bill's guide service info.

Tom Peirano, out of Stockton, is offering two one-day trips for two anglers each on the Delta for stripers. The retail cost is \$500; minimum bid is \$275. He is also offering a one-day trip for two anglers on both the American River and the Feather River for trout and/or shad. The retail cost is \$450; minimum bid is \$250. See www.tlplyfishing.com for info about Tom's guide service.



Lincoln Gray, out of Chico, has set up a two-day drift trip for two anglers on the Lower Sacramento River. No lodging is provided. Retail cost is \$900; minimum bid is \$500. Note: this is two days of guided drift fishing! Go to www.stillwaterflyfishingadventures.com for info about Lincoln's guide services.

Lincoln Gray has also set up two days of fishing and two nights lodging at the Digger Creek Ranch for four anglers.

The ranch features two lakes and a stream along with deluxe accommodation. Think "Trophy TROUT!" Retail cost is \$1400; minimum bid is \$770.

Less we forget our warm water Black Bass fisherpeople, the **Fly Shop** in Redding offers Swart's Pond for outstanding Bass fishing. Put together a group of four, retail value is \$95 a rod; minimum bid is \$90 each. For more info about Swart's Pond, go to www.theflyshop.com/

adventures/swarts/.

ACTION PLAN: get together with your various fishing partners to do a little bit of planning before the meeting; research the trips on the guides websites and be prepared to make the needed \$\$\$\$ commitment. Bring your checkbook; monies will be paid to both the fly club and the guide. The auction winners will be responsible for booking their respective trips.

Call Jeff Goyert, 831-234-0033, with any questions.

Bait for Thought

Excellence in All Things

A Master in the art of living draws no sharp distinction between his work and his play; his labor and his leisure; his mind and his body; his education and his recreation. He hardly knows which is which. He simply pursues his vision of excellence through whatever he is doing, and leaves others to determine whether he is working or playing. To himself, he always appears to be doing both."~*Francois Auguste Rene Chateaubriand*

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Board Meeting: The board meeting is usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the home of John and Pat Steele, 331 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Cruz, at 7 PM. Club members will be notified of any changes of meeting dates and locations. Club members are all welcome and need to submit any agenda items to the President ahead of time

News: Members are encouraged to contribute news items. Submit copy to the editor, Kirk Mathew, 724-5611, k4mathew@sbcglobal.net. Please see calendar for the deadline each month.

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Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target species	Fishmaster
April 6	Westlake Park	Bluegill	Elaine Cook (831) 688-1561
April 14-16	Yuba River	Steelhead, Trout	Mark Traugott (831) 338-6056
April 21 - 23	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Elaine Cook (831) 688-1561
May 5-7	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Elaine Cook (831) 688-1561
May 13 (tentative)	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop (831) 476-6451
Sunday, May 21	Quail Hollow Ranch	Fly Fishing 101	Milana Rawson (831) 583-9370
Spring TBA	Bass Lake	Bass	Dan Eaton (831) 336-2933
June TBA	Yuba River	Shad	Jim Black (831) 688-8174
June 10	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishout	Kirk Mathew (831)724-6811
July 8	Palm Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop (831) 476-6451
July 8 - 15	Green River, UT	Trout	John Steele (831) 476-0648
August 5	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishout	Mark Traugott (831) 338-6056
August TBA	Loreto Baja Sur	Dorado, saltwater species	Rich Hughett (831) 757-5709
Sept. 9	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop (831) 476-6451
Sept. 23 – 30 (wk.#1)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7 (wk.#2)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
October 7	Beer Can Beach	Surf Fishout	TBA
October TBA	Lake Almanor	Large Browns	Tim Loomis (831) 426-4683
Oct. TBA	San Luis Forebay	Stripers	Steve Rudzinski (831) 462-4532

If you have any questions about Fishouts either call the person listed or you can call John Cook, 688-1561. Fishouts are a great way to meet people in the club and learn new techniques and places to fish.

Catchy Releases

Donald Trump is Killing Fly Fishing

By *flyfishingtravel*, *The Venturing Angler on March 4, 2017*-Tim Harden
<https://venturingangler.com/2017/03/04/donald-trump-is-killing-fly-fishing/>

In a very short amount of time, the Donald Trump Administration has proven an utter disregard for the planet and ecosystems. Trump's contempt for the environment shouldn't surprise anyone. Though calling himself an environmentalist, his campaign rhetoric included everything from an embrace of coal to stating that he wants more global warming because it was cold outside at a campaign stop.

If you voted for Donald Trump or if you didn't vote, you chose to tolerate his approach to the environment. But it doesn't do any good to go back to the campaign. Now that we're in the thick of it, it's time to look at the hell that's being unleashed and come together for the fight. Frankly, what has unfolded so far couldn't be much worse for fly fishing and its future.

The hell so far:

On the afternoon of the inauguration, the climate page of whitehouse.gov was promptly removed from the site and promises were issue about deregulation of environmental protections.

Northern Dynasty announced it has the support of the Trump administration and will move forward on Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Since then, there have been some ups and downs in the market for Northern Dynasty, but the threat is back. (More here.) <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-01-23/northern-dynasty-says-it-has-trump-backing-seeking-new-partner>

Trump has given the green light to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Protesters were removed from the site, and completion of the pipeline is underway. (More here.) <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/02/22/514988040/key-moments-in-the-dakota-access-pipeline-fight>

Trump has given the green light to the Keystone XL Pipeline. (more here) <http://www.npr.org/2017/01/24/511402501/trump-to-give-green-light-to-keystone-dakota-access-pipelines>

The Trump Administration is moving forward on ending the Clean Power Plan. This puts the health and lives of Americans at risk and puts the brakes on any progress and much hope when it comes to a more sustainable future. (more here)

Trump is moving forward on gutting the environmental protections of the Clean Water Rule that formerly safeguarded rivers, streams, and wetlands. (More here.) <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/03/wetlands-scientists-speak-out-against-trumps-move-undo-water-rule>

The GOP in Congress has voted to gut the Endangered Species Act to allow more mining, drilling, and logging. (More here.) <http://abcnews.go.com/>

The Environmental Protection Agency has had grants, projects, and research halted and is now under a gag order preventing communication with the press. (More here.) <http://m.dailykos.com/stories/2017/1/24/1624404/-EPA-under-a-gag-order-as-Trump-team-shuts-down-grants-press-communication>

Trump has killed the Office of Surface Mining's Stream Protection Rule that keeps coal companies and mines from destroying rivers with pollution and waste. (More here.) <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/319938-trump-signs-bill-undoing-obama-coal-mining-rule>

The Environmental Protection Agency is on the verge of catastrophic cuts that will put ecosystems and human health at risk. These cuts will end cleanup efforts of destroyed ecosystems. Often, these efforts come alongside state projects. Now the states will struggle with how

to resolve these key needs. (More here.) https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/03/01/white-house-proposes-cutting-epa-staff-by-one-fifth-eliminating-key-programs/?utm_term=.e8fecbca365

Critical government research on climate change will lose funding. (More here.) <http://www.salon.com/2017/03/03/heres-the-early-context-for-trumps-budget-partner/>

Despite some hope among anglers with Trump's Interior Secretary pick, the administration overall has no regard for public lands, and Congress and state governors have recognized this and have introduced legislation that strip Americans of public lands or allow drilling, mining, logging, and other destruction of our lands. It is very clear: Trump's priorities are oil and gas and a dying coal industry over public lands. (More here.) <https://wilderness.org/blog/selling-out-public-lands-trumps-first-month>

As the world's sole leader that does not believe in climate change, Trump is likely to disrupt the critical achievements of the Paris Treaty by pulling out of the agreement. Even Bill O'Reilly thinks this is a bad move! To quote Yvon Chouinard, "If you've got a politician that's running for office who thinks he's smarter than 98% of the world's climate scientists, they're crooks or they're dumbasses." (More here.) https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/02/us/politics/climate-change-trump.html?_r=0

Trump nominated and Congress approved of Scott Pruitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA is what protects are rivers, streams, lakes, beaches, bays, and wetlands. Of course, the EPA is also what defends public health against corrupt and destructive industries and practices. It would be difficult to find one other person with more contempt for the EPA. While fracking-caused earthquakes destroyed property in the state, Oklahoma Attorney General Pruitt sued the EPA 14 times and has little regard for the EPA. The climate change denying Pruitt believes that the EPA's regulation of fossil fuel companies over mercury poisoning go too far. As Attorney General, it was Pruitt's job to defend the law and the residents of Oklahoma. Instead, he served fossil fuel and chemical companies, even copying and pasting their language from emails and putting it into lawsuits against environmental protections. Though suing the EPA on behalf of polluters, Pruitt never took legal action against the natural gas companies that have greatly impacted the ecosystems and citizens of Oklahoma. Oklahoma now has more earthquakes than California. (More here.) <http://sierraclub.org/michael-brune/2017/02/pruitt>

It is expected that next week will bring sweeping cuts to important environmental priorities in the government. We will soon know what this means, but it is anticipated that NOAA will see a 17% budget cut. This will be catastrophic to climate change research. (More here.) https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/03/03/white-house-proposes-steep-budget-cut-to-leading-climate-science-agency/?utm_term=.a2fe8be34d27

We have all seen treasured fisheries decline. We all know how difficult it is to recover an ecosystem that has been impacted by pollution, mining, drilling, or logging. And of course, we are rapidly losing access to rivers and public lands. We might never recover from much of the first two months of the Trump Administration.

While many don't want fly fishing to be politicized, doing nothing is a political move as well. And with so much under attack, we have no choice.



Catchy Releases

Nimbus Hatchery Releases 420,000 American River Steelhead

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2017/03/08/nimbus-hatchery-releases-420000-american-river-steelhead/>

MARCH 8, 2017

Nearly a half million young steelhead recently started their journey to the ocean, thanks to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Staff at Nimbus Fish Hatchery nursed the young steelhead through several potentially devastating conditions, including drought-induced high water temperatures in the hatchery last summer and winter flood conditions that nearly cut off usable water supplies and carried dangerous levels of silt into the hatchery's normally clean water distribution system. "The fish we released will be returning to the American River over the next two to four years, and we are proud and relieved to have brought them this far," said Gary Novak, the Nimbus Hatchery manager. "Steelhead are hardy, but considering their size and the number of environmental obstacles cropping up in rapid succession, they still needed human intervention in the hatchery to ensure a better chance of survival in the wild."

All 420,000 young steelhead were released into the American River just upstream of the I Street Bridge in Sacramento. Due to the high water conditions, the juvenile fish are expected to make excellent time traveling down the Sacramento River to the Bay and eventually on to the Pacific Ocean. Losses to predators are believed



to be lower during turbid water and high flow conditions.

During January and February 2017, water releases from Nimbus Dam reached 80,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is well above the normal 6,000 to 10,000 cfs. The high flows created conditions that dislodged exceptional amounts of debris, clogging the intake structure at Nimbus Fish Hatchery and creating near-lethal levels of nitrogen in the water. Hatchery staff worked around the clock over a month-long period to keep the water intake open, clear water distribution points, tanks and raceways of silt, and install aerators to lower nitrogen levels.

Fish health assessments by CDFW pathologists found the steelhead to be in satisfactory condition and near the average weight for fish their age prior to release. It remains to be seen how the stressors of living in turbid water and enduring some periods of high nitrogen levels will affect the fish. Annual returns of mature steelhead to Nimbus Hatchery have varied widely in recent years, from a high of 3,409 in 2013 to a low of just 150 the following year. All the fish in this release were marked with an adipose fin clip.

CDFW Releases First Million of Evacuated Fish into Feather River

From <https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2017/03/20/cdfw-releases-first-million-of-evacuated-fish-into-feather-river/>

MARCH 20, 2017

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) released one million state and federally listed threatened spring-run Chinook salmon into the Feather River on Monday, March 20.

These were the first fish to be released that were evacuated from the Feather River Hatchery in Oroville on Feb. 9, when the water became dangerously murky following the failure of the Oroville Dam spillway. The fish were moved to the Feather River/Thermalito Annex Hatchery and held there until conditions improved.

"Based on the weather forecast and current reservoir storage, we are anticipating high flows in the Feather River for some time," said CDFW Senior Environmental Scientist Colin Purdy. "Releasing these fish now should allow them to imprint on Feather River water and move downstream before flows drop back down to normal levels."

Central Valley spring-run Chinook are a state and federally listed species and their abundance has declined considerably during the recent drought. The Feather River Fish Hatchery plays



a key role in the state's efforts to propagate this unique run of Chinook salmon.

"Today's fish release marks the success of federal and state agencies coordinating and managing valuable resources while ensuring public safety during a crisis situation," said

Howard Brown, NOAA Sacramento River Basin Branch Chief. "NOAA Fisheries remains deeply concerned with the damage of the Oroville spillways and is committed to reducing further threats to California communities and ecosystems."

"This is another example of the extraordinary multi-agency effort to respond to this unfortunate incident," said California Department of Water Resources Acting Director Bill

Croyle. "We will continue to work closely to protect the Feather River and its fisheries."

Of the fish that were evacuated, another million spring-run Chinook and three million fall-run Chinook remain at the Annex Hatchery. CDFW and NOAA fisheries staff will continuously evaluate the remaining salmon and begin planting them in northern California Rivers when the fish are mature enough.

GEARING UP

Westlake Park - April 6th, 3:00 p.m until dark.

FishMaster: Elaine Cook - 688-1561

This Santa Cruz pond is open to kids under 16 and seniors 65 and older. It's a small pond that holds bluegill. We will do some casting using poppers, then see if we can catch a fish or two from shore.

Gear: A 5 or 6 wt. rod with weight forward line, leader (4 feet of 20 lb. Maxima the 2 feet of 10 lb. Maxima), and poppers, small Clousers, weighted Buggers, or nymphs. Glasses and sunscreen will also be needed. Some gear is available for beginners. Please call Elaine at 688-1561 if you will need a setup.

Directions : North on Hwy 1, turn right on High Street. Then turn left on Moore Street and left on Bradley. Go to the far side of the pond and look for the red Bronco car.

There are no restroom facilities. Bring water and snacks/food.



Roostercomb Ranch Bass Fishout - Dates: April 21-23 and May 5-7, 2017

Fishmaster: Elaine Cook - (831) 688-1561

This year there will be two SCFF Club fishouts to the Roostercomb Ranch. This is an excellent fishout for beginners, so don't be intimidated for lack of skill, experience or equipment. It's also a great place to get away from it all and do hiking, birding ATV-ing all over the ranch, or just kicking back. Each is a 3-day, 2-night trip. The Roostercomb Ranch is located in Stanislaus County bordered by private ranches and the Henry Coe State Park, 22-miles on dirt road from Casa de Fruta Restaurant in Hollister. **Note:** We will caravan together to the ranch on Friday morning and out from the ranch on Sunday late afternoon.

This 5,800-acre ranch offers 9 ponds stocked with bass and blue gill for fishing from float tubes and from shore. Housing will be available in both the bunk house and ranch house, or you can

camp. Meal groups will be organized for breakfast and dinner only. Lunches, snacks and beverages are individuals' responsibilities. Due to the heavy rains, rugged dirt roads, and high water in the streams, transportation in and out of the ranch is required with 4-WD vehicles only!...NO all-wheel drive vehicles at this time for April trip. Arrangements can be made for those without 4-WD to ride with someone who has. Let me know when you call in if you need transportation. Each trip will be limited to 16 fishers with a minimum of 10 persons, fishing or not. For more details, you can contact me.

The cost is \$255 per person over the age of 13. Phone Elaine to enter your name on the list. **Your confirmation is not complete until the check is received.** Checks payable to: Elaine Cook. Mail to: P.O. Box 2822, Aptos, CA 95001. As we go to print, there are places available for both outings.

Green River Fishout- July 8-15

Fishmaster: John Steele - 476-0648

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 8th through July 15th, 2017. This river is a tailwater of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Dam, situated in the northeast corner of Utah. It carves its way through a spectacular red rock canyon, and is the home of a healthy number of large brown and rainbow trout. It is rare to catch one under 16 inches, and not uncommon to catch several over 20 inches. You can walk a well-maintained trail along the river and bank fish, and/or book a guide to drift the river. The Trout Creek Flies and On The Fly guides are all very competent, excellent teachers, and provide all your terminal tackle, plus a delicious riverside lunch.

At the present time, lodging for the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen group has not yet been firmed up, but John has reserved rooms at Trout Creek Flies Lodge, which has cabins that can accommodate up to four fishers each, and have mini-fridges and microwaves, and there is an on-site restaurant. There are other lodging options in the area, namely, Flaming Gorge, (435) 889-3773, and Red Canyon Lodge, (435) 889-3759.

More information will be available later on, when we ascertain the status of the accommodations, however, if you intend to go on this fishout, it would be a good idea to let John know, so he can determine how many rooms we will need, and also to schedule guides.

2017 Loreto Fishout - August 4th through August 8th

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett - 757-5709

Experience a new HIGH! Catch Dorado and many other saltwater fish (Roosters, Sailfish, Yellowtail, bonita) on a fly! Join the group of Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen going to Loreto in Baja and fishing from Friday, August 4th through Tuesday, August 8, 2017. The cost is \$750.00 per person (double occupancy, no deposits up front) and includes:

*Four nights at the beautiful Hotel La Mision, on the waterfront next to Loreto Harbor.

*Three days of fishing on 22 foot Super Pangas.

*Ground transfers.

It does not include airfare*, fishing license and meals, because there are some nice restaurants (A lot of fresh seafood!) in town or if you prefer, eat at the hotel, where they will also cook your catch!

6 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

The fishing day starts around 6:00 a.m. and we usually get back to the harbor between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Spend the rest of the afternoon fishing from the beach, having a cool drink in the pool, exploring Loreto and the area, or just sitting around telling some tall fish stories. And, you will have many exciting moments on the Sea of Cortez to talk about.

Rich Hughett will meet with those going prior to the trip to discuss which rods, reels and flies to bring, the various types of fish in the Loreto area and to answer questions.

Interested? Please contact Rich at 831-757-5709, now for all the details. We need to book airline flights, hotel rooms and pangas as soon as possible.

*For the best deal, check Southwest Airlines out of San Jose and Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles to Loreto. Rich will help with your airline reservations.

GEARING UP

Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 23rd-30th and Sept. 30th-Oct. 7th

Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 23rd through Sept 30th, and Sept. 30th-7th. You may sign up for one of these two periods, or both.

Location: Mammoth Lakes is on the eastern side of the Sierras, six to seven hours' drive from Santa Cruz. There are many lakes and streams in the area for us to fish. We will be staying in condominiums in the town of Mammoth Lakes. There will be 2 people per bedroom. If you would like to have your own bedroom, it will be \$540 per week. **Cost:** \$310 per person per week. This covers seven nights' lodging with three meals per day. Sign up for either week, for \$310, or both weeks for \$620.

Meal Preparation: Each person will be assigned to a group for a Kitchen Day. The group will set out breakfast and lunch foods, store unused food, prepare the evening meal, and clean up on the day designated.

Sign Up: Starting **February 1st through April 30th** the first people who send me their money will get first shot at a spot. When you send me the money state which week you want. You can send on money for as many people as you want. Money is not refundable unless I can't get enough sign ups to financially make it work. I will let everybody know after April 30th. Make plans with friends to secure a spot for each of you. **I must receive your money before April 30th.** Mail your check, made out to John Cook, to P.O. Box 2822, Aptos, CA 95001-2822.

The fishmaster will maintain a waiting list for each week. If space for you becomes available by May 1st, you

will be notified by telephone.

Unused Funds: Any funds received but not spent on the fishout will be used for prizes for our annual fund raiser.



Public Education Day

Fly Fishing 101 - May 14, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Quail Hollow Ranch

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This is an annual Fly Club tradition. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Santa Cruz County Parks, Education and Conservation Program. Our club and the sport of fly fishing is recognized for taking care of our environment and passing on a conservation legacy. Quail Hollow Ranch is a beautiful mountain park acquired by the county in the mid 80s. It features a 300-acre preserve that was once the home to Ohlone Indians, Spanish ranchers, even the headquarters for Sunset Magazine. Now it is home to a few horses, a natural history center and a spring-fed "untouchable" bass and bluegill pond. Don't forget the binoculars, as this is a major stop on the birdwatchers circuit. The Ranch is located above Felton, about a mile up Zayante Rd., a left turn just past the old Trout Farm Inn.

The day is geared toward introducing and educating the public as to why the members of our club are so hooked on fly fishing. Fly Fishing 101 will be taught by a member expert in the morning, followed by casting lessons in the morning and in the afternoon. There will also be fly tying demonstrations.

Kids and grandkids are especially welcome, so bring

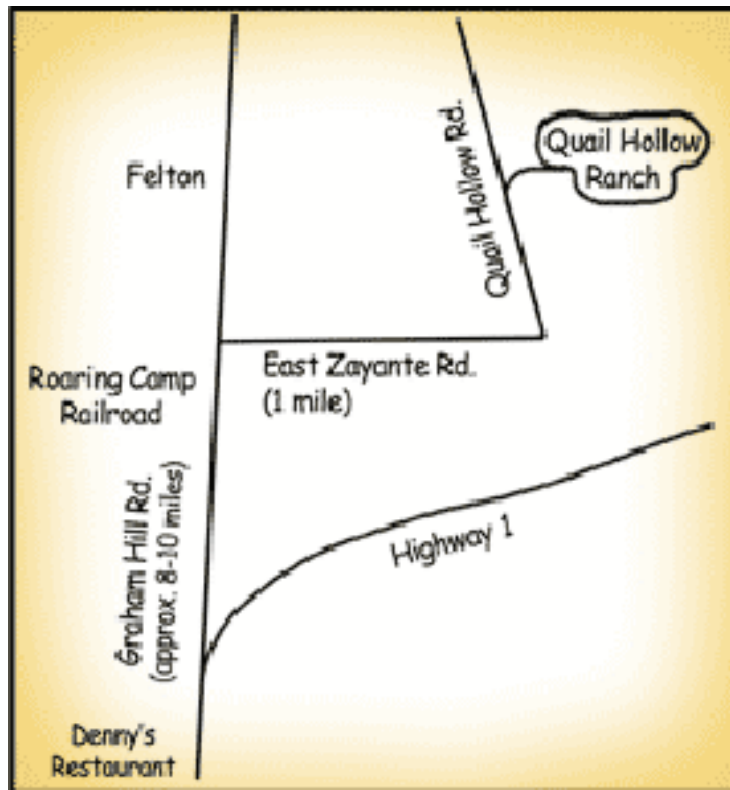
them along. They are the future of both fly fishing and conservation, so it's important to expose them to the sport. This event is

all going to happen rain or shine. Everything is provided for fly casting, rods and reels, and hookless yarn flies. There will be fly tying demonstrations as well. This will be a great club event, with a special invitation to all members to come out and represent what we're all about. Members who attend should be sporting some club attire, like one of our baseball caps, a T-shirt, or a casting shirt with our logo on it, and your name tag, so guests can tell who we are.

There'll be a BBQ lunch for everyone. Tell a friend and bring a friend to Fly Fishing 101 at Quail Hollow Ranch, Sunday, May 14th, 2016.

Directions: Graham Hill Road to East Zayante Road and travel about a mile, pass the Trout Farm Inn, take a left at the Quail Hollow

Road bridge. Follow the road about a 1/2 mile and you will see the entrance on your right. For more info contact Milana Rawson at milanaklo4ko@gmail.com.



LifeLines

Preventing Tick Bites on People

From <https://www.cdc.gov/>

- * Avoid Direct Contact with Ticks
- * Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- * Walk in the center of trails.
- * Repel Ticks with DEET or Permethrin
- * Use repellents that contain 20 to 30% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) on exposed skin and clothing for protection that lasts up to several hours. Always follow product instructions. Parents should apply this product to their children, avoiding hands, eyes, and mouth.

Use products that contain permethrin on clothing. Treat clothing and gear, such as boots, pants, socks and tents with products containing 0.5% permethrin. It remains protective through several washings. Pre-treated clothing is available and may provide longer-lasting protection.

Other repellents registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may be found at Insect Repellents: Use and Effectiveness .

- * Find and Remove Ticks from Your Body
- * Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within 2 hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.



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- * Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas.

Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair.

* Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.

* Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

If the clothes require washing first, hot water is recommended. Cold and medium temperature water will not kill ticks effectively. If the clothes cannot be washed in hot water, tumble dry on low heat for 90 minutes or high heat for 60 minutes. The clothes should be warm and completely dry.

Reel News

* Patagonia Night - Thursday, April 27th 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

This is an annual event that we, the SCFF, participate in. Other conservation organizations are there, too, such as the local Trout Unlimited chapter, and Coastal Watershed Council. It takes place at the Patagonia Outlet Store, 415 River St., Santa Cruz. We demo fly tying, and help with casting out in the parking lot, and answer any questions guests have about our club. It's always a fun evening, featuring snacks, videos, and even beer! Plan to come, and wear your club ID badge

* Redding Fly Shop's Annual Opening Day Celebration – Friday, April 28th, from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Come and get the latest updates on fishing conditions, and check out all the new gear from manufacturer's representatives. Enjoy a free lunch provided by the local fly fishing club, the Shasta-Trinity Fly Fishers. Dylan Rothwell of "Rising Fly fishing Tools" will be in the shop with his laser engraving tools, doing custom engraving on anything aluminum or steel (and some plastics) for a minimal fee of \$10). Matt Callies, Loon Outdoors director of product development will stream "Loon Live" during the festivities. Local author, Fly Fishing Federation Hall of Famer Hal Janssen, will be on hand to autograph his book "Stillwater Fly Fishing Secrets." Our entire retail, outfitters and international travel staff will be on hand to answer questions and help make sure everyone is pointed in the right direction. The Department of Fish and Wildlife will be represented. Our staff of fly tiers will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate techniques, in addition to teaching newcomers the basics of how to tie flies.

The event will be held at The Fly Shop, 4140 Churn

Creek Rd., Redding, CA 96002. For further information, contact Sandy Watts, at 530-222-3555, or email sandy@theflyshop.

* Hook Donation

Our Club received a very generous donation of hooks for our fly tying classes from Dan Bailey and his national sales director, Johnny Boyd. Tim Loomis was able to arrange for this. If you are traveling in Montana and go through Livingston, be sure to drop into the Dan Bailey shop and thank them. Thanks to Dan, Johnny, and Tim.

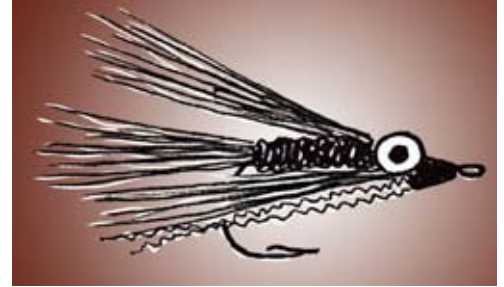


FLY OF THE MONTH

Rusty Squirrel Clouser Submitted by Elaine Cook

It's that time of the year to start fishing our local surf for those surf perch and stripers. We have several Club members who pursue these fish and introduce other Club members to this type of fishing. Kirk, our Newsletter Editor, indicates this is one of his "go to" flies. It can be tied in a variety of colors and sizes for different uses.

Hook: TMC 800s or similar such as Mustad 34007, sizes 4 - 6
Thread: Red 6/0
Eyes: Spirit River Real Eyes or other barbell eyes, size 3/8
Tail: Natural or Brown Squirrel
Body: Gold diamond braid
Belly: Squirrel
Wing: Squirrel and Rainbow Krystal Flash



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye, wrap to mid shank with touching wraps. Advance thread to 1/3 back on shank.
3. Attach eyes to top of shank with criss-cross/figure 8 wraps and wraps that encircle around the base of the eyes. Apply SuperGlue to the thread wraps.
4. Cut clump of squirrel from tail the size of a wooden match stick. Clean out underfur. Tie to top of shank up to the barbell eyes so that the tail extends a hook-shank length beyond the shank. Apply SuperGlue to the tie-down thread on shank.
5. Tie in braid at rear of shank. Advance thread to behind barbells. Wrap braid forward in touching wraps. Tie off and cut excess.
6. Cut and prepare clump of squirrel as above. Position butt ends behind hook eye, tips extending a little short of the tail. (see diagram) Tie in place back to barbells. Tie squirrel down behind barbells with 5 - 6 thread wraps and make one half-hitch.
7. Turn hook upside down in the vise. Advance thread to in front of barbells.
8. Cut and prepare clump of squirrel as above. With tips extending as far as belly, tie in butt ends between barbells and hook eye.
9. Cut two strands of Krystal Flash into four pieces each and stack. Tie in center of bundle behind hook eye. Fold forward fibers back. Tie in place. Tie thread nose. Whip finish, cut thread. Apply SuperGlue to nose.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lemon Baked Cod From <http://www.food.com/>

Ingredients:

1 lb cod fish fillet
1/4 cup butter or 1/4 cup margarine, melted
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon white pepper
paprika

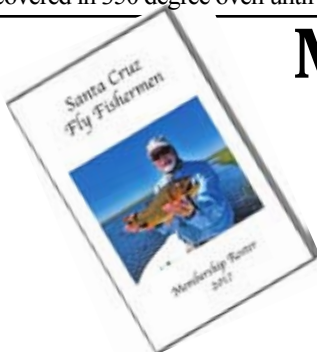
Directions:

1. If fish fillets are large, cut into serving pieces.
2. Mix butter and lemon juice.
3. In another bowl, mix flour, salt and white pepper.
4. Dip fish into butter mixture; coat fish with flour mixture.
5. Place fish in ungreased square baking dish, 8x8x2 inches.
6. Pour remaining butter mixture over fish; sprinkle with paprika.
7. Cook uncovered in 350 degree oven until fish flakes easily with fork, 25-30 minutes. Garnish with parsley sprigs and lemon slices if desired.



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The 2017 Rosters have been printed and will be available to pick up at the April and May meetings and available by mail by sending me an email request to robert6367@aol.com.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							1 April Fools' Day
	2	3 1st Qtr. ☾	4	5 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	6	7	8
	9 Palm Sunday	10 Passover begins	11 Full Moon ☽	12 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	13	14 Good Friday	15 Yuba River Fishout
	16 Easter	17	18 Tax Day	19 Last Qtr. ☾	20	21 Roostercomb	22 Ranch Fishout Earth Day
Newsletter Deadline →	23 Rooster- comb Ranch Fishout	24	25	26 New Moon ●	27 Patagonia Night 6-9 PM	28	29
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MAY 2017

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 1st Qtr. ☾	4	5 Roostercomb Cinco de Mayo	6 Ranch Fishout
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	14 Fly Fishing 101 Quail Hollow Ranch Mother's Day	15	16	17 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	18	19 Last Qtr. ☾	20 Armed Forces Day
	21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24	25 New Moon ●	26	27
	28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Rod Tips

Snaggy Hands

Submitted by Elaine Cook, Fly Tying Chairperson

Are you having problems applying dubbing to thread because your hands are rough? So you say, "All it does is stick to my fingers". Well try this. Get some vinyl gloves that are used for first aid at your local pharmacy. I guarantee you'll have success.