



APRIL

2018

## CLUB MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, April 4th  
**Time:** Open - 6:45 PM  
 Meeting - 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

### Northern California Steelhead

**Guest Speakers: Anthony Carruesco and Chris King**

This month, we are fortunate to be featuring two speakers, both of whom are very knowledgeable about their subject, and come highly recommended. Be prepared to take notes, as this is a rare opportunity to be double-teamed by steelhead experts!

#### Anthony Carruesco

Anthony found a passion for fly fishing at a young age. He followed that passion to the foothills of gold country and beyond to the vast tundras of Alaska and finally back home to Northern California, where he has turned his passion into a career. Growing up in competitive sports and being a former collegiate athlete, his drive to persevere and always find his clients fish is apparent on the water. A natural leader, Anthony has put together a group of like-minded guides with superior work ethics that want nothing more than to see their clients have a great time and be successful on the water. His confidence and positive demeanor is infectious, and a trip with him is certain to make for some of his clients most memorable vacations. When he is not guiding you'll find him chasing the white ball on manicured fairways or chasing anadromous fish on the coastline.



#### Chris King

Over the past 25 years, Chris has become a living legend in the Fly Fishing world. From an industry rep to guiding and instructing on 3 different continents, Chris' passion for Fly Fishing has taken him around the world. Chris is a Master Certified casting instructor, two handed (Spey) certified casting instructor and an Emeritus member of the board of governors. Chris has been guiding professionally since 1995 and has established a cult like following of clients. Simply put, Chris is a wizard with a fly rod and has a unique and very effective way of teaching his world class skills to others. All of this accompanied with his witty personality makes a day on the water with him one you will not soon forget.

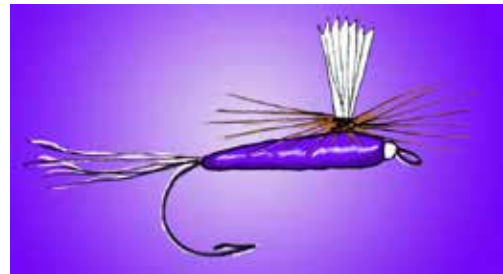
They will be speaking about Northern California Steelhead, from Trinity and Klamath, Lower Sac and Feather to big Coastal (winter Steelhead), and the tactics and techniques and the seasons in which we fish for steelhead.

## FLY TYING CLASS

**Date:** Wednesday, April 11th.  
**Time:** Open - 6:45 p.m.  
 Class - 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Aptos Grange Hall, 2225 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

### Purple Haze

**Instructor: Elaine Cook, 688-1561**



This Mayfly pattern was originated by Andy Carlson, owner/operator of Bittersweet Anglers in Hamilton, Montana in 2000. It caught on quickly and is now used successfully throughout the West.

This class is free and all materials other than thread are provided. Please bring your vise, tools, and light. For beginners, some club equipment and thread are available. Regarding thread this month; if you don't have or can't get purple 6/0 or 8/0 UNI thread, there will be a purple Sharpie at the class to color your thread. Tan, grey, rusty dun, or white thread colors work well. If you need to color your thread, please show up at 6:35 p.m.. There will be a few purple threads available, they will go to beginners first.

Sign up for the class at the Club general meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561. If you sign up and later find you are unable to attend, please let Elaine know.

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# President's Line

## Spring Has Sprung!

By President Tom Hogye

Yes! We made it. My fellow purveyors of the long rod, we made it through winter's darkness. It is time to stretch out thy rod and thy staff as daylight has returned and our rusty casting skills need honing for big fish this year. So, start coming a little early and bust the work doldrums with casting therapy.

Some of you might have heard that Barry Burt and I contributed to an article in the Good Times last week. It turns out the GT staff didn't think there were fish in that river anymore. One of the writers got a hold of Elaine, who then got a hold of me. And while I'm usually shy about these kinds of opportunities that article helps us continue to raise awareness about the need to pay close attention to our home waters and their health. Some of you were concerned about an article that might bring droves of fishermen into our hallowed lairs, but were relieved, somewhat, that the article came at the end of the season. If you haven't read the article, I still have 100 copies Barry and I can autograph for you.

The riparian habitat of the San Lorenzo continues to improve and many are coming to its rescue committed to being a voice for the river and take action. The battle, if there is one, will be the work to keep a healthy flow in the river from July through September, when everyone wants a drop. And with all the Starbucks going up everywhere and no sign of slowing, it will be a challenge.

The other battle, equally significant is "illegal" marijuana grows (wait, I can't believe I'm actually writing that -illegal?) which are slashing mountainsides, polluting the ground and water with fertilizers and just plain making a disastrous and dangerous situation for the environment and those enforcing it. What's happened in the last couple years in northern CA would literally take your breath away. The fourth "State of the San Lorenzo Symposium" held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March showed us a pretty bleak picture of what "illegal" pot is doing to the landscape. Thanks to CWC for organizing and moderating this informative event, bringing all these agencies and people together to learn about the river, its importance and to do something about it. CDFW, CalFire, RCD, City of Santa Cruz, USGS and others provided some excellent presentations about restoration, preservation and historical work going on in our watershed.

I'm excited it's Spring, and we've had some nice late season rains.

The river is once again running around its 81-year average CFS, and we didn't have any significant storms to mess things up!

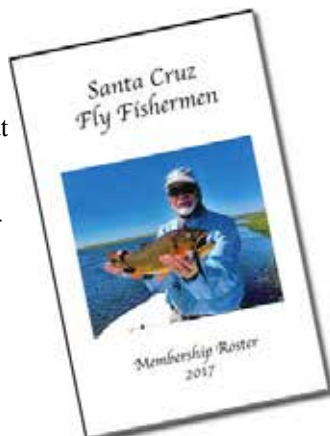
If you're not quite sure you have your rod and reel set up right, and/or you need help working out some bugs in your casting, bring your rods to the meetings and let's have some fun getting dialed in for the seasons ahead.

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

### New Rosters Coming

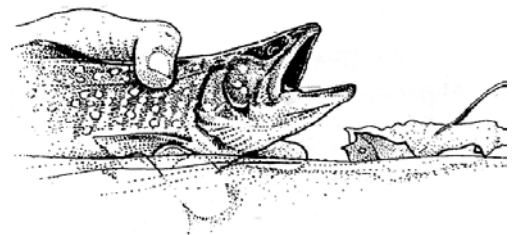
By Membership Director Bob Peterson

We have exceeded last year's membership with 153 paid memberships. I will be going to the printers for the new rosters that will be available to pick up at the April meeting. There are 43 new members compared to 38 last year and 17 the year before. I will also have badges at the April meeting.



## Bait for Thought

### Different Perspectives



"The traveler fancies he has seen the country. So he has, the outside of it at least; but the angler only sees the inside. The angler only is brought close, face to face with the flower and bird and insect life of the rich riverbanks, the only part of the landscape where the hand of man has never interfered."

- Charles Kingsley

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Kathy Powers	728-4130		
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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

## They Work for You

### Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

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(Assemblyman Stone is Chair of the California Environmental Caucus)



## Fishout Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET SPECIES	FISH MASTER
April 20 - 22	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
April 28	Los Padres Reservoir	Trout	Roy Gunter - 809-0316
May 4 - 6	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
May 12	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
May 15-17	Los Baños Creek Res.	Bass and Bluegill	Dan Eaton - 336-2933
May 20	Quail Hollow Ranch	Fly Fishing 101	Kevin Murdock - 688-4518
June 9	Palm Beach (Pajaro)	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 7 - 14	Green River	Trout	John Steele - 476-0648
July 14	Manresa Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 29-Aug. 2	Loreto Baja Sur	Dorado, salt water fish	Rich Hughett - 757-5709
August 4	Beer Can Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Sept. 8	New Brighton Beach	Surf fishing	Mark Traugott - 338-6056
Sept. 22 - 29	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Sept. 29 - Oct. 6	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Oct. 6	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf fishing	TBA
Oct. 11-14	O'Neill Forebay	Striped bass	Steve Rudzinski - 462-4532
TBA	Central Valley	Bass	Dan Eaton - 336-2933

Fishouts are one of the most enjoyed activities our club offers. I highly recommend club members to attend and possibly organize one. If you are thinking about sponsoring a club fishout, please give me a call. Club fishouts can be structured in many ways from simple to involved. I will be glad to help you put one together. Call me, John Cook, at 688-1561.

# Catchy Releases

## CDFW Trout Hatcheries Announce Angling Opportunities for “Trophy Trout” in 2018

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2018/02/28/cdfw-trout-hatcheries-announce-angling-opportunities-for-trophy-trout-in-2018/>

Posted: 28 Feb 2018 10:27 AM PST

Every year, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) trout hatcheries release trophy-sized trout to approved waters for public recreational angling and a chance to catch a big one! Trophy trout are categorized by CDFW as larger than 2.99 pounds each, but can be much larger.

Another category of large trout released by CDFW each year is a “super-catchable” which are fish between 1.1 and 2.99 pounds each.

Some of these large fish are raised specifically to provide public anglers with a chance to catch a big one, and others are released to approved waters once they have fulfilled their role in providing fertilized eggs for populating fish of all life stages in CDFW’s statewide program of trout hatcheries.

Trophy and super-catchable trout require more resources than catchable-size trout. Younger trout (fingerling to catchable size) grow quickly and efficiently convert fish food to body size, and that efficiency drops with age. By weight, 93 percent of all trout released by CDFW trout hatcheries are in the “catchable” size category (most often 1/2 pound fish, or approximately 12 inches in length). In 2018, approximately 100,000 pounds of trout released for public recreational angling will be in the trophy or super-catchable size.

### The following locations are scheduled for trophy and super-catchable size trout releases in 2018:

#### Northern Releases:

Hat Creek, Shasta County (late April to early May)  
Burney Creek, Shasta County (late April to early May)  
Baum Lake, Shasta County (late April to early May)  
Iron Canyon Reservoir, Shasta County (May)  
Browns Pond, Modoc County (May)  
Rainbow Pond, Modoc County (May)  
Ash Creek, Lassen County (May)  
Shasta Lake, Shasta County (May through August)  
Lake Siskiyou, Siskiyou County (May through August)  
Juanita Lake, Siskiyou County (May through June)

#### North Central Releases:

Red Lake, Alpine County (May)  
Indian Creek Reservoir, Alpine County (May)  
Sawmill Pond (children’s fishing pond), El Dorado County (May)  
Pillsbury Reservoir, Lake County (May)  
Various locations for Kid’s Fishing Day events (November through May)

#### Central Releases:

Kern River, Tulare County (February through April)  
Kings River, Fresno County (January through April)

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Stanislaus River, Tuolumne County (June and July)

Pinecrest Lake, Tuolumne County (June and July)

Shaver Lake, Fresno County (February through March)

South Coast Releases

Pyramid Lake, Los Angeles County (November through May)

#### Inland Deserts Releases:

35 waters in Inyo and Mono counties, including but not limited to Bishop Creek, Bridgeport Reservoir, Convict Lake, Diaz Lake, Ellery Lake, the June Lake Loop, Lake Sabrina, Lee Vining Creek, Lundy Lake, the Mammoth Lakes, the Owens River, Pleasant Valley Reservoir, Twin Lakes Bridgeport, Rock Creek Lake, Saddlebag Lake, South Lake, Tioga



Lake, Virginia Lakes and the West Walker River (March through September) Silverwood Lake, San Bernardino County (November through May)

Trophy fish are regularly added to weekly plants of regular sized “catchable” fish in Inyo and Mono counties. The trophy sized fish are tagged for identification as originating from CDFW hatcheries and released to approved waters determined to have the ability to sustain the larger fish. Trophy fish will be stocked in Diaz Lake for the early trout opener and in Pleasant Valley Reservoir and in Owens River Section II for the Blake Jones Derby. Trophy fish have been stocked in Pleasant Valley Reservoir, Owens River Section II, Owens River below Tinemaha and Diaz Lake since January and these waters will continue to receive trophy fish over the next few months.

Updated information on trophy and super-catchable trout releases for recreational angling is released early each calendar year and will be posted to the CDFW fish stocking website (<http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/>). Anglers can also call the following

lines for region-specific information:

Northern Region: (530) 225-2146; North Central Region: (916) 351-0832; Central Region: (559) 243-4005, ext. 183; South Coast Region: (855) 887-1275; Inland Deserts Region: (855) 887-1275  
CDFW trout hatcheries are dedicated to providing millions of additional trout angling opportunities in approved, public waters throughout the state every year, using the best available science, and ecological, hatchery and resource management principles.

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## Nimbus Basin will be Closed to all Fishing as of March 2018

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2018/02/28/nimbus-basin-will-be-closed-to-all-fishing-as-of-march-2018/>

Posted: 28 Feb 2018 10:14 AM PST

The Nimbus Basin on the lower American River will permanently close to all fishing as of March 1, 2018, as per fishing regulations amended by the Fish and Game Commission in December 2017.

The closure will take effect from Nimbus Dam on the lower American River to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) gauging station cable crossing approximately one-half mile downriver (California Code of Regulations Title 14, sections 7.50(b)(5)(A) and (B)).

Under current regulations, the American River from Nimbus Dam to the Hazel Avenue bridge piers is open to fishing all year (CCR Title 14, section 7.50(b)(5)(A)), and from the Hazel Avenue bridge piers to the USGS gauging station cable crossing about 300 yards downstream from the Nimbus Hatchery fish weir from Jan. 1 through Aug. 15 (section 7.50(b)(5)(B)).

Closure of the Nimbus Basin to fishing is part of the Nimbus Hatchery Fish Passage Project, which involves reorienting the hatchery's fish ladder into the Nimbus Basin and remov-



ing the existing fish weir. This project will create and maintain a reliable system of collecting adult salmon and steelhead broodstock for the hatchery and increase the amount of natural spawning and rearing habitat available in the lower American River.

The changes will also minimize American River flow fluctuations associated with installation and removal of the hatchery's weir and eliminate health and safety concerns relative to the deterioration of the existing weir structure. The new spawning habitat opened up by the permanent removal of the weir will improve juvenile salmon production and increase harvest opportunities downstream.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife completed a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS) for the Nimbus Hatchery Fish Passage Project in 2011. Planning is currently underway and construction is scheduled to begin in federal fiscal year 2019. The EIR/EIS is available for download from [www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/hatchery](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/hatchery).

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## The CWC grant is funded! Six California Organizations Among 2018 George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Education Fund Grantees

*Submitted by Dennis Davie, from Cal Fish and Wildlife Department*

Six California non-profit organizations have been awarded funds to provide fishing programs for Hispanic youth and families. A total of \$53,207 in grants was awarded by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) through the George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Education Fund. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will match the grant funds, effectively bringing the total amount of funding to \$106,414.

To be eligible for funding, proposals were required to encourage family participation (both genders and multiple generations), appeal to participants who live in metropolitan communities, be ethnically inclusive (open to families of all races and ethnicities) and provide hands-on experiences and conservation activities.

Latinos are California's largest ethnic population, with almost 15 million people of Hispanic heritage. Yet only a fraction of California's anglers are Hispanic.

CDFW and RBFF are finding new ways to educate and engage Hispanic communities in fishing and boating activities. These grants were made available for programs that support this cause. Projects approved for funding include:

### **Captain Rollo's Kids at Sea**

Friends of Rollo will hold three marine-awareness fishing trips for children who might not otherwise have such opportunities to witness the beauty and splendor of being on the ocean. Youth are provided on-the-water fishing and ocean conservation education where they learn about coastal ecosystems. Friends of Rollo focuses on serving disadvantaged, physically challenged and at-risk youth.

### **Coastal Watershed Council**

The Coastal Watershed Council will partner with community centers and conservation organizations to reintroduce the San Lorenzo River and the fish that call it home to neighboring communities through the sport of fly fishing. The Coastal Watershed Council will engage Latino families who live near the river and

invite them to participate in the DÅa de Pescar, a fly fishing clinic along the river. The council will also teach after school program participants how to fly fish.

### **Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation**

The Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation will partner with local and state organizations, cities and communities to provide outdoor activities for underserved and minority youth. Kids are paired with volunteers to learn basic fishing skills and marine and conservation sciences in classroom and outdoor settings. The foundation will also coordinate free youth fishing events open to the public at various inner-city lakes throughout the year.

### **Hispanic Access Foundation**

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### **Hispanic Access Foundation**

The Hispanic Access Foundation will hold four fishing outings for families in Los Angeles and San Diego during Latino Conservation Week and Hispanic Heritage Month. In each city, fishing events will provide an educational outing to a nearby fishing spot to participate in a hands-on fishing and aquatic stewardship educational experience.

### **Trout Unlimited South Coast**

Trout Unlimited South Coast will provide fishing days and guidance with development of fishing skills on the natural bottom

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sections of the Los Angeles River. The events will focus on the concepts behind fishing, the equipment necessary for a successful fishing adventure and actual hands-on river fishing experience.

#### **Tuolumne River Trust**

The Tuolumne River Trust will coordinate several activities designed to educate, excite and motivate participants by exposing families to a variety of fishing techniques and locations. The trust will also hold a youth fishing activity station at the first annual Modesto Recreation Festival.

Grant funding was made available through the George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar Education Fund, which supports RBFF's Hispanic initiative, Vamos A Pescar. The Education Fund allows state agencies to provide sub-grants to local 501(c)(3) organizations with project ideas that support efforts to keep future generations educated about the joys of fishing and boating and the importance of conservation. With the help of donations from companies and organizations, the Education Fund has continued to grow and expand nationally.

**Contact:** Clark Blanchard, CDFW Education and Outreach - (916) 651-7824

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## **Wildlife Conservation Board Funds Stream Flow Enhancement Projects**

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2018/03/22/wildlife-conservation-board-funds-stream-flow-enhancement-projects/>

Posted: 22 Mar 2018 04:43 PM PDT

At a March 22 meeting, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved approximately \$33.1 million in grants for 22 projects to enhance stream flows to benefit fish and wildlife habitat throughout California. The Legislature appropriated funding for these projects as authorized by the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1). A total of \$200 million was allocated to the WCB for projects that enhance stream flow.

A total of \$38.4 million including \$5 million designated for scoping and scientific projects allocated to the WCB for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017/18 for the California Stream Flow Enhancement Program. Projects were chosen through a competitive grant process, judged by the WCB, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the State Water Resources Control Board. Guided by the California Water Action Plan, funding is focused on projects that will lead to direct and measurable enhancements to the amount, timing and/or quality of water for anadromous fish; special status, threatened, endangered or at-risk species; or to provide resilience to climate change.



#### **Funded projects include:**

\* A \$4.8 million grant to The Wildlands Conservancy for a project to enhance stream flow on **Russ Creek** by reestablishing channel alignment to provide continuous summer base flows suitable for fish passage. The project is located on the southern portion of the Eel River Estuary Preserve in Humboldt County, approximately four miles west of Ferndale.

\* A \$693,408 grant to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District for the purpose of dedicating a portion of the District's diversion water rights to instream flow use that will benefit fish and wildlife by increasing habitat for salmonids and special status species in the **Mad River**. The project is located on the main-stem Mad River in the Mad River Watershed with releases coming from Matthews Dam at Ruth Reservoir, approximately 48 miles southeast of Eureka and 53 miles southwest of Redding.

\* A \$726,374 grant to Mendocino County Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to reduce summer diversions and dry season stream flows for the benefit of Coho salmon and steelhead trout. The **Navarro River** watershed is located approximately 20 miles south of Fort Bragg.

\* A \$5 million grant to the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency for

a cooperative project with the Department of Water Resources and CDFW, to improve roughly 7,500 linear feet of existing channels to connect isolated ponds. This will provide fish refuge and eliminate potential stranding. This project's design was funded by the Stream Flow Enhancement Program in 2016. The project site is within the **Sacramento River** watershed and is less than one mile southwest of the town of Oroville, on the east side of the Feather River.

\* \$609,970 grant to the University of California Regents for a cooperative project with the University of Nevada, Reno and the Desert Research Institute, to expand monitoring, scientific studies and modeling in the **Tahoe-Truckee Basin**. The results will guide watershed-scale forest thinning strategies that enhance stream flow within an area that provides critical habitat for threatened species. The project is located in the central Sierra Nevada mountain range, primarily on National Forest lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin and Tahoe National Forest.

\* A \$851,806 grant to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District for a cooperative project with the Coast Ridge Community Forest and 29 landowners, to install rainwater harvesting tanks and enter into agreements to refrain from diverting stream flow during dry seasons. The project area consists of 29 properties within the coastal **Gualala River, Russian Gulch and Austin Creek** watersheds, which discharge to the Pacific Ocean approximately 40 miles northwest of Santa Rosa.

\* A \$5.3 million grant to the Alameda County Water District for a cooperative project with the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, California Natural Resources Agency, State Coastal Conservancy and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to modify flow releases in **Alameda Creek** and construct two concrete fish ladders around existing fish passage barriers. This will provide salmonids access to high value habitat upstream of the project location, approximately 17 miles north of San Jose and 22 miles southeast of Oakland.

\* A \$3.9 million grant to The Nature Conservancy for a cooperative project with U.C. Santa Barbara and the Santa Clara River Watershed Conservancy to remove approximately 250 acres of the invasive giant reed (*Arundo donax*), which will save approximately 2,000 acre-feet of water annually for the **Santa Clara River**. The project is located in unincorporated Ventura County approximately two miles east of the city of Santa Paula and three miles west of the city of Fillmore, along the Santa Clara River.

# GEARING UP

## Roostercomb Ranch Fishout-April 20-22 and May 4-6, 2018

**Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727**

There are two bass fishouts scheduled again this year with promise of more rain ahead to maintain quality water levels in the ponds on the ranch. These popular 3-day, 2-night trips on the private Roostercomb Ranch in the Henry Coe St. Park area, approx. 22 miles from Casa de Fruta Restaurant on Hwy 152, offer some of the most enjoyable and rewarding bass fishing experiences for our club members. Available to us on the 5,800-acres are 9 bass ponds for float tubing and fishing from shore, birding, hiking, mountain biking and photography. Housing is available in the bunk house and ranch house. Meals will be organized in groups for breakfast and dinner meals only. Lunch-

es, snacks and beverages are individuals' responsibilities. Roads in and around the ranch are dirt and somewhat rugged therefore transportation via 4-WD vehicles is required. Arrangements can be made for those without 4-WD to ride with someone who has. Each fishout is limited to 16 fishers with a minimum of 10 persons, fishing or not. The cost is \$250 per person over the age of 12.

Please call and check with me to see if any spots remain available, as the official call in date has passed. Contact me via email with any questions. [flyfishgal3@aol.com](mailto:flyfishgal3@aol.com), or call (831) 335-5727.

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## Los Padres Fishout - April 28th

**Fishmaster: Roy Gunter**

Los Padres Reservoir is located East of Carmel Valley Village. The best route is Carmel Valley Road East about 8 miles to a right turn on Cachagua Road to a right turn into and through Princess Camp then about .5 miles to the Reservoir parking lot. You have to carry your float tube about .5 miles into the reservoir and launch from the dam. Lake is about a mile long. Best to arrive before daybreak. Parking lot usually fills up opening day. **DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE WITHIN YOUR VEHICLE OR ON THE SHORE.** Fishing is very similar to Goodwin Lake: very few hits on the surface; use long sinking lines

(I like Rio T-11 or Type 7); must pinch barbs (Fish and Game enforcement very active at reservoir); flies sizes 8 and 10 hooks, types black and brown woolly buggers, Denny Rikards seal buggers (orange, olive and black) and leeches (brown and black), Hale Bopp leeches (black, brown and wine) and Hornburgs. No signups necessary, anyone wishing to fish should just show up and if you can find me on the reservoir say "Hi" and ask where to fish. In general, fish in 10 to 20-foot depths. There are huge brown trout, rainbows up to 24" and a chance to catch steelhead much bigger.

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## Los Baños Creek Reservoir - May 15-17

**Fishmaster: Dan Eaton (831) 336-2933**



Los Banos Creek Reservoir has Bass and Bluegill with the option of fishing the O'Neill Fore Bay for Stripers and Bass only 20 miles away. Los Banos campground has 14 campsites with shaded tables and shade trees, non-potable water and campfire rings. Cost is \$20.00 per day per site. No reservations on campsites.

**Food** - Bring your own supplies for breakfast and lunch with plates, cups, bowls, and silverware. We will potluck for dinner. Bring your own meat. I will supply a BBQ, stove, and coffee pot plus washing up area for dishes.

Please bring some firewood and your own chair.

**Gear** - Float tube and fins, floating, intermediate, and fast sink lines. Call me regarding flies.

First 10 SCFF members only. Call any time. Dan Eaton, (831) 336-2933.

**Directions** - Once you get to San Louis Reservoir, continue on HY-152 past I-5. Take a right on Volta then left on Pioneer Rd. then right on Canyon Rd to Los Banos Creek Reservoir Park to the campground.

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## Green River Fishout - July 7-14, 2018

**Fishmaster: John Steele - 476-0648**

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 7th through July 14th, 2018 (Saturday through the following Friday). 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.

Lodging for the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen group will be

at Trout Creek Flies Lodge, which has cabins that can accommodate up to four fishers each, and have mini-fridges and micro-waves, 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, and other dining opportunities as well.

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. At this time of year, both accommodations and guide books fill up, so if your summertime plans include the Green River, call John ASAP.

# GEARING UP

**Loreto Fly Fishing Trip-July 29-August 2**

**Fishmaster: Rich Hughett**

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other saltwater fish, including Bonito, Roosters, Yellowtail and Sailfish on a fly! Join the group going to Loreto in Baja from **Sunday, July 29th through Thursday, August 2nd**. This trip includes:

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

\*Three days of fishing on 22-foot Super Pangas.

\*Ground transfers and fishing licenses.

It does not include 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.

The fishing day starts around 6:00 a.m. and we usually get back to the harbor between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. Spend the rest of the afternoon fishing from the beach, having a cool drink in

the pool, exploring Loreto, or just sitting around telling some tall fish stories. And, you will have many exciting moments on the Sea of Cortez to talk about.

The approximate cost for everything but meals and airfare is: **\$750.00 per person** (double occupancy)

Interested? Please contact Rich Hughett, 831-757-5709, for all the details. We will need to book airline flights\*, rooms and pangas as soon as possible.

\*Southwest Airlines from San Jose and Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles to Loreto. Rich will help with your airline reservations.



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## **Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 22nd-29th and Sept. 29th-Oct. 6th**

**Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561**

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 22nd through Sept 29th, and Sept. 29th-Oct. 6th. 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 two 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 22nd 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 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 22nd. 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.

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## **Fly Fishing 101 - May 20, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Quail Hollow Ranch**

**by Vice President Kevin Murdock - 688-4518**

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 bird watchers 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 Kevin Murdock, 688-4518.





# IN MEMORIAM

**Clifford . King, Jr.**

**Sept. 22, 1931 - Mar. 15, 2018**

Cliff King died on March 15, 2018. Cliff was a founding member of the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen, although not a member for many years. He did, however, faithfully attend the annual dinners to visit with his old friends and attended the last one!

Cliff was a third generation San Lorenzo steelheader, well known to many who currently or in years past have followed that tradition. His son Kevin, and grandson Seth Bowman (fish culturist at the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project) are carrying on the tradition. Cliff helped to build the hatchery on Big Creek and the rearing pond at Paradise Park.

Cliff belonged to an old generation of Santa Cruz native hunters and fishermen who started with braided cotton fishing line, solid one-piece Calcutta cane rods and fly lines identified with letter codes. Cliff loved to pass his knowledge on to younger folk. His idea of fly fishing was to build a rod from a blank, with grips glued up from cork rings, tie flies with chenille and India chicken capes, and build up leaders with blood knots. He was an ardent conservationist of the old school, keeping fish and game meat to feed family and friends when appropriate, wasting nothing. He will be missed.

## LifeLines

### Tips for Fire Safety in the Outdoors-Be aware, prepare and douse the flames!

By Janelle Smith - Recreation.gov

The keys for staying fire safe outdoors is to prepare for whatever conditions you may encounter, be aware of your surroundings and build and extinguish fires properly.

Some fires have natural causes, but people cause an overwhelming number of brush, grass and forest fires. Most of these fires are accidental and are due to the careless disposal of hot embers, ash or cigarettes. Do your part to stay fire safe!

#### Four Tips for Campfire Safety:

**1. Pick Your Spot Wisely:** Use existing fire circles or pits if available. Do not build a fire in dry or windy conditions, especially if there are fire restrictions in place (check with local authorities). Build fires at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs, or other flammable materials.

**2. Prepare Your Pit:** Choose a spot for your campfire that is downwind from your tent and gear and protected from wind gusts. Clear a 10-foot-wide diameter area around your site, and

make sure there are no limbs or branches hanging over your pit. Always circle the pit with rocks.



**3. Build A Campfire:** Once you have a prepared pit, you are ready to build the campfire. It is recommended to use three types of wood. Tinder, which is made of small twigs, dry leaves or grass, will get the fire started initially. Kindling, consisting of twigs smaller than one inch around, will help to light the larger pieces of wood. Fuel—the large pieces of wood—will provide the heat and sustained flames once the tinder and kindling are consumed.

#### 4. This is the most important step!

**EXTINGUISH THE FIRE:** Campers need to properly maintain and extinguish campfires when going to bed or leaving the area. If possible, let the campfire burn down to ashes. Pour water on the fire to drown all embers, not just the red ones. Once this is done, stir everything in the pit with a shovel and test for heat with the back of your hand.

## Reel News

#### \* The Walker River has a New State Park

28 miles of the river in Nevada are now being made available to the public and being developed for fishing, hunting, and camping. It was obtained by the Walker Basin Conservancy and they in turn donated it to Nevada State Parks. To see more information go to - <http://parks.nv.gov/about/explore-your-nevada-initiative/q-a-walker> .

#### \* Fire in Pleasant Valley

On February 18th, a massive fire started along the lower Owens River near Bishop, CA. It has burned 2500 acres. The impact for camping and fishing there is uncertain at this time. Our Club members have fished there for decades and we hope it will be possible again.

#### \* Anglers spearhead gender parity in outdoor industry

More women are fishing-and getting outdoors-thanks, in part, to a new initiative by Orvis called “50/50 On the Water”. Check out their thought-provoking article at: <https://www.snewsnet.com/people/gender-parity-outdoor-industry-orvis-9> Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

# FLY OF THE MONTH

## The Klinkhammer

*Submitted by Elaine Cook*

*This is an emerging caddis pattern whose body hangs well down in the water and is suspended in the surface film by the hackle. You can also use saliva on the body and floatant on the hackle and wing to float. Use this fly for trout in moving water.*

- Hook:** Sizes 8 - 18. Partridge GRS 15st (hard to find) or TMC 200.  
You can also tie this with a shorter body with TMC 2487
- Thread:** Color to match body, black, tan, or grey 8/0.
- Wing(Post):** White poly yarn.
- Hackle/Saddle:** Grizzly for black or grey, brown or chestnut for tan.
- Body:** Black, tan, or grey Superfine dubbing.
- Thorax:** Peacock herl (2 strands for size 14 hook, other size hooks adjust accordingly)



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye. Spiral wrap to part way around bend then back to 2 eye lengths behind eye.
3. Using about 1" of poly yarn, divide fibers forming 2 bundles. Lay center above hanging thread on top of shank. Make 2 thread wraps. Raise yarn fibers upright and make posting thread wraps about 1/4" up yarn (for size 14 hook, other size hooks adjust accordingly) then back down to shank.
4. Select hackle with barbs 2 times hook gap. Cut 5 - 6 barbs short on each side of butt end of stem. Tie butt end in at base of post so shiny side faces you. Hold hackle upright. Make posting wraps up 1/4" and back down.
5. Wrap thread to rear of thread wraps. Apply a small amount of Super Glue to base of post and hook shank with a bodkin.
6. Dub a tapered body up to the wing post.
7. Break off fragile tips of herl, tie in at base of post. Form chenille. Wrap around base of post forming thorax up hook eye. Tie off, cut excess. Wrap thread head, whip finish, cut thread.
8. Reposition hook in vise, eye straight down. Attach thread at base of post.
9. Bend hackle stem back on itself next to post. Wrap hackle around post on top of thread wraps about 3 times, last wrap next to thorax. Hold hackle tip in left hand (right if you are left handed) and secure hackle with 3 - 4 thread wraps between throat and barbs. Cut excess. Whip finish with 3 wraps between thorax and barbs. Cut thread.
10. Apply a small amount of Super Glue to the tie off wraps with a bodkin.
11. Trim post to about hook gap length.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Crab Posole Salad

*From <https://www.sunset.com>*

#### Dressing:

- About 2 tbsp. lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon minced serrano chile
- 1 teaspoon minced shallot
- 2 tablespoons grapeseed or safflower oil
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- About 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- Pinch of pepper

#### Salad:

- 8 ounces shelled cooked Dungeness crab (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 1 watermelon radish, halved and thinly sliced, or 4 or 5 round red radishes, thinly sliced
- 3 cups thinly sliced napa cabbage
- 2/3 cup canned white hominy, drained and rinsed
- 1/3 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
- 1/2 avocado, cut into 1/2-in. cubes
- 2 green onions (green parts only), thinly sliced

#### Directions:

1. Whisk dressing ingredients together in a small bowl. Season to taste with more salt and lime juice. Set aside.
2. Make salad: Put crab, radish, cabbage, hominy, cilantro, avocado, and half of green onions in a medium bowl. Add dressing and toss gently just to coat.
3. Divide salad between 2 or 4 plates, arranging some crab pieces and some radishes on top. Sprinkle with remaining green onions.



# MONTHLY RAFFLE

Be Ready! California Trout Season Opens Saturday, April 28th!

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

What better way to start out the new season than a nice 9-foot 4-weight "high carbon" rod from Maxcatch? The answer would be to add a 3/4 Avid reel. This reel is machined aluminum with a one revolution knurled drag knob with numbered and detented settings. This package is perfect for opening day on your favorite trout stream.

If you can't wait for opening day, how about a great discount package on a great place to catch great fish! Check out Bailey Creek Lodge at [www.baileycreeklodge.com](http://www.baileycreeklodge.com), a little northeast of Redding. This private water lodge is open year-round, which offers private access to two lakes and two streams loaded with big fat trout as well as lodging right on



the property. We will be offering a certificate worth \$150 against a two-person two-nights package that includes both fishing and lodging.

Last, but not least, we have "bamboo for you" that will bring you luck and prosperity or at least cooperative fish. What we have is a really nice bamboo fly box on a lanyard and a pair of bamboo magnetic rod holders for the side of your vehicle. With this much bamboo, you can't help but enjoy good luck!  
DOOR PRIZE - DOOR PRIZE - DOOR PRIZE! Everybody gets a ticket! April door prize, one word: YETI! Don't miss it!

## Cast of Thousands

\* 2007 GMC Yukon XL SLE

Clean, excellent condition, 4WD, leather interior, AC

Stereo w/6 disc CD changer and iPod port -Smogged, clear title, ready to go!  
\$13,000, cash only  
- contact John at 831-476-0648



## GONE FISHING

Pyramid Lake Fishout - Mar.18-24

By Steve Rudzinski

Good times. Four fish - all over five pounds and maybe one longer than shoulder width! I appreciated other's time with advice and help. Managed to stay warm, soft pleasant breezes - 35mph (quartering), warm waters - 47 degrees, few puffy clouds - rain every day, sunny when least expected, air temperatures ranged from water freezing while stripping lines to a little higher. Remember: the colder the weather the better the fishing! My best fish this year, Pyramid strain not a Pilot:



FIN FLUTTER



# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter April Fools' Day	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	5	6	7
8 <i>Last Qtr</i> ☾	9	10	11 Fly Tying 7 PM Aptos Grange	12	13	14
15	16 <i>NewMoon</i> ●	17 Tax Day	18 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	19	20 Roostercomb ←	21 Ranch Fishout
22 <i>1st Qtr</i> ☽ Roostercomb Ranch Fishout → Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 Los Padres Reservoir Fishout
29	30 <i>FullMoon</i> ●					

# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	3	4 Roostercomb ←	5 Ranch Fishout
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13 Mothers' Day	14	15 <i>NewMoon</i> ● Los Banos ←	16 Reservoir Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	17 Fishout →	18	19 Armed Forces Day
20 Fly Fishing 101 Quail Hollow Ranch	21	22 <i>1st Qtr</i> ☽	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 <i>FullMoon</i> ●	30	31		