

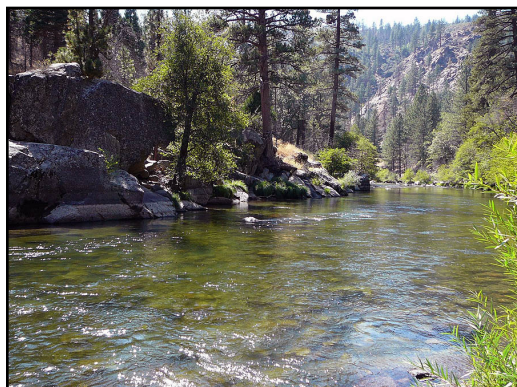
AUGUST

2016

CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, August 3rd
Time: Open – 6:45 PM
 Meeting – 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

The Upper Kern River
Speaker: Dennis Davie



This area in the Sequoia National Forest, contains Kern River Rainbows, Rainbows, and Browns in the 10-17” range. All of the Wild Trout section is open year-round. It is limited to barbless hooks and is strictly catch and release from November 16th to the last Saturday in April. After the last Saturday in April, there is a two fish limit with a 14-inch minimum. Survey results from the State of California show that most of the fish within the 4-mile Wild Trout Section are Browns in the 12-16 inch class with Rainbows in the 8-10 inch class with a few larger ones.

Dennis is experienced in this area and will provide valuable information on how to fish it, and most importantly, what the varying regulations are. If you are looking for a place to fish in the Southern Sierras, you should come and hear Dennis’s presentation. It is sure to be full of tips to help you catch some wild trout!

Bait for Thought

How to Worship

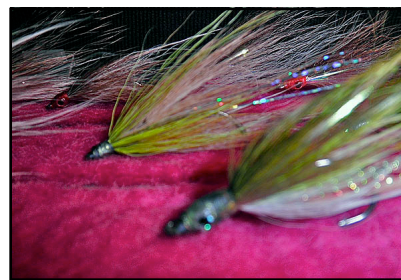
“If fishing is religion, fly fishing is high church.” - Tom Brokaw



FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, August 10th
Time: Open – 6:45 PM
 Class – 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Steve’s Forebay Flash Fly
Instructor: Steve Rudzinski



If you’re trying to fill your fly box with ammunition for the fall fishout at the O’Neill Forebay, to go gunning for those striped bass, you need to come to this class, so you can learn to tie a fly that really works.

Bring white flat waxed nylon 3/0 mono chord. (club only has two spools) Anything strong and white may be good enough. Clear sealer can be used after meeting to put on the body of fly, which will dry overnight. Also bring your vise, light, tools, and any magnification or glasses you need. The other materials will be provided by the instructor. If you are a rank beginner and do not have your own gear yet, don’t let that keep you from coming, as the club has loaner vises, lights and tools for you.

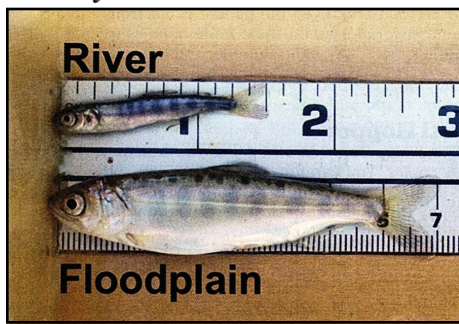
Please put your name on the sign up sheet at the next meeting, so the instructor will know how much material to bring. If you sign up and find out later on you can’t come, let the instructor know. Any questions, please call Steve at 462-4532.

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President's Line

Raising Healthy Salmon and Managing Water Assets
By President Jim Black



1. I previously commented on the successful Salmon raising project in flooded rice fields recently. Please see the relative size of Hatchery vs Rice Field raised Salmon in the included photo. Quite a dramatic difference in size! The experiment, conducted by UC Davis and Cal Trout, is in its 5th year and is providing more and more data confirming it's success. It is very encouraging to see such positive process in restoring the Salmon! Please refer to website referenced herein if you are interested.

2. California Trout is involved in the very complicated and lengthy Klamath Dam Removal project, which appears to be moving forward, with a new Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSa), which has been agreed and signed by the Governors of Oregon and California, US Dept of Interior and Pacific Corp, but may be delayed until the complicated use of the water by Farmers, Ranchers and the Indian tribes is resolved in another agreement. However, with the signed agreement for removal of the Dams on a fast track, there is much more motivation to reach a comprehensive water use agreement quickly. See August California Fly Fisher for more details, article by Frank Eldredge.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

August Raffle

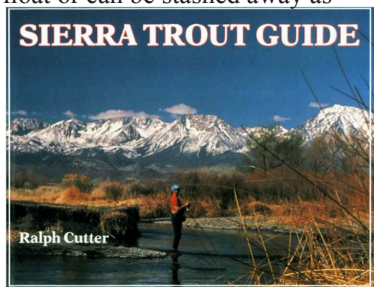
By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Get your lucky raffle tickets! Win some lucky fishing gear!

1. **Compass fly rod by Allen.** This is a 9 foot 4 piece 6 weight beauty in their unique teal/gray color. Perfect length and weight for all around use.

2. **An original U-BOAT float tube** by the Creek Company. This tube is great for entry level stillwater use. Due to its light weight it also works well as a backpack float or can be stashed away as a backup unit should the need arise.

3. For those of us that sometimes need to read the instructions, we have a copy of the all time classic **"Sierra Trout Guide"** by Ralph Cutter. This is considered by some to be the 'bible' when comes to reading water, trout behavior, and the matching of flies with what the trout are actually feeding on. This is a true treasure trove of both basic and advanced Sierra trout information.



2 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

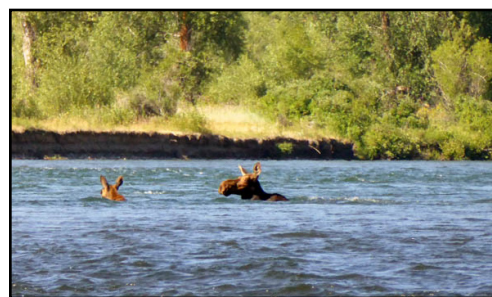
Fishy Tales

Early July – Wyoming, Colorado – John and Elaine Cook



Met up with Kathy Powers and Deanna Raudman in Lander, WY and headed for Northern Colorado to fish in the Walden area. This was a totally new experience. Fishing so far has been really varied: Upper Sacramento River-poor, East Lake Oregon-excellent, Owyhee River-poor, Firehole-good, Madison River-poor, ponds outside Cody, WY-excellent.

Our wildlife encounters have included many of the usual: deer, buffalo, eagles, antelope, water snakes, brown trout, rainbow trout, cutthroats and redbands. Then there were the way less usual: fox, bat (in the van and in my hair!), grizzly bears (through our vehicle window) and our first ever sighting and hopefully last, there were mice that moved in one night when we forgot to close the door. When all was said and done, four succumbed to peanut butter and a snap!



July 19th – Driggs, ID – Tom Pelikan and Noelle Nichols



Did famous "canyon float" yesterday. Fishing was off the charts but catching was only good. But I'd do that float whenever I could as it is off the charts for scenery.

Driggs is so much better than advertised. Sort of like Jackson Hole without the crowds and pretense. And excellent places to eat. Off on another float tomorrow am with ace guide Boots Allen. This time we will be north of Jackson Hole in Teton National Park. We're going to stay a few extra days; we like it so much.

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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@sbcbglobal.net. Please see calendar for the deadline each month.

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Fishout Schedule

2016

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
Aug. 4-11	Mono Creek (2nd reach)	Trout	Dennis Davie - (831) 566-7447
Aug. 6-11	Loreto Baja Sur	Dorado, saltwater species	Rich Hughett - (831) 757-5709
Aug. 6	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
Sept. 10	Palm Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
TBA	O'Neill Forebay	Striped bass	TBA
Sept. 24-Oct. 1	Mammoth Lakes-wk.1	Trout	John Cook - (831) 688-1561
Oct. 1-Oct. 8	Mammoth Lakes-wk.2	Trout	John Cook - (831) 688-1561
Oct. 8.	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451

* Some dates are tentative. You must be a paid-up member of Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen to participate in these fishouts. For more information and to sign up for outings, contact the fishmasters, look for handouts at the club meetings and write ups in the newsletter. Some fishouts require advanced planning and payment. Please don't ask fishmasters for refunds if you have signed up, paid, and later find out you are unable to attend the fishout. Fees paid ahead are not refundable, unless someone else takes your place.

Catchy Releases

Volunteer to Enhance Trout Habitat on the Little Truckee River!

Join Trout Unlimited Truckee Chapter #103 as we enhance trout spawning habitat on the Little Truckee River. We need 50 volunteers to help place gravel into the river in key spawning locations for trout! The event takes place on Saturday, August 6th at 9:30 am-1:00 pm. Meet in the parking lot below Stampede Dam on Stampede Meadows Rd. Please bring wading attire, buckets, shovels, and a reusable water bottle. Sierra Nevada refreshments provided for all volunteers 21 and older.

Please RSVP to Sam Sedillo at: ssedillo@tu.org or join the Facebook event located at: <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?9CACalifornia/bd56b61bd5/fa22bb3438/6c5ed1f254>.

Invite your friends and any conservation minded people that you know!

Catchy Releases

Nigiri Project Mixes Salmon and Rice Fields for Fifth Year on Floodplain

Experiment Points to Water Policy Solutions to Support Both Salmon Recovery and Agriculture

By News and Media Relations on February 23, 2016 in Environment

From <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/nigiri-project-mixes-salmon-and-rice-fields-fifth-year-floodplain/>

An annual experiment to “plant” salmon in Yolo County rice fields aims to better explain how floodplains support strong salmon populations. Dubbed the “Nigiri Project” for its sushi-like marriage of fish and rice, the research is a collaborative project among the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences, the California Department of Water Resources and nonprofit organization California Trout.

For the first time this year, the agricultural floodplain habitat experiment will compare food web productivity and fish growth in three different kinds of river habitat.

For the course of the experiment, a group of juvenile Chinook salmon will be held in underwater pens on flooded rice fields, as in years past; a second group will be held in pens floating in an agricultural canal; and a third group will be held in floating pens nearby in the Sacramento River. The experiment began on Feb. 19, and the fish will be released after approximately four weeks.

“At this point, we feel confident that giving native fish access to the food-rich environment of the floodplain will play a critical role in recovering imperiled salmon,” said Carson Jeffres, field and lab director of the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences. “Now we are interested in how food made on the floodplain can benefit the entire river and Delta.”



Born in the gravel of mountain streams, Central Valley salmon migrate to the ocean where they grow for one to three years before returning to rivers to spawn. Juvenile fish that are larger and healthier when they enter the ocean have better odds of returning as adults. “Floodplain habitats are essentially a bug buffet for small fish,” said Jacob Katz, Central California director for California Trout. “Our previous results have shown that the food-rich floodplains appear to act as an important pit stop for juvenile fish, where they can fuel up on their downstream journey to sea.”

Unfortunately for hungry salmon, more than 95 percent of natural floodplain wetlands have been eliminated by the development of the Central Valley for farms and houses. In previous years, the Nigiri Project has shown that off-season agricultural fields can provide critical floodplain habitat for endangered fish. Scientists weigh and measure fish by rice field [photo]

Researchers from UC Davis, CalTrout and Cal Marsh and Farms count, weigh and measure juvenile Chinook salmon that are



going into experimental rice fields at Knaggs Ranch on the Yolo Bypass in February 2016. Credit: Carson Jeffres/UC Davis

“Fish have little opportunity to reap the benefits of floodplains because they are nearly all cut off from river channels,” said Louise Conrad of the California Department of Water Resources. “The Yolo Bypass is one of the last remaining active floodplain areas in the Central Valley. Enhancing the opportunity for salmon to access and use its floodplain areas could make a huge difference for

salmon while also helping to recharge groundwater and improve flood safety.”

For four consecutive winters, experiments conducted on rice fields at the Knaggs Ranch property on the Yolo Bypass documented the fastest growth of juvenile Chinook salmon ever recorded in the Central Valley. These results suggest that through better planning and engineering, farm fields that produce agricultural crops in summer could also produce food and habitat for fish and wildlife during winter when crops are not grown.

The experiment suggests that floodplains on farmland can also be thought of as “surrogate wetlands” that can be managed to mimic the Sacramento River system’s natural annual flooding cycle, which native fish species evolved to depend upon. Agricultural runoff water is used to flood the fields for the duration of the experiment. This recycled water fuels the floodplain food web before being flushed back into the Delta ecosystem through agricultural canals, adding to the food supply for all fish living in the system. No new water is used to conduct the experiment.

This natural process of slowing down and spreading out shallow water across the floodplain creates the conditions that lead to an abundant food web. Sunlight falling on water makes algae, algae feeds bugs, and bugs feed native fish and birds. In contrast, very little food to support aquatic life is produced when rivers are narrowly confined between levees.

“California’s water supply for both people and fish will be more secure when our water policy works with natural processes, instead of against them,” Katz said. “This work leverages ecology as technology and points us toward efficient and cost effective real-world water solutions that support both fish and farms.”

The project was funded this year by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, California Trout, and California Department of Water Resources.

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GEARING UP

Upcoming Surf Fishouts

By Fishmaster Sam Bishop

TWO DATES, 3 events for your calendar:

SATURDAY, August 6, is our regular club fish-out starting at 6 am and it will be at MANRESA State Beach. Take San Andreas all the way to just past the railroad bridge. As always I will have spare flies and stripping baskets. Low tide +0.4 is about 0730. Official Sunrise is 0618, so it will be light at 6 am.

And on:

WEDNESDAY August 24, 6 am we will have a joint fish-out with members of the Amador County Flyfishers. This will be at Rio Del Mar State Beach. I really hope some of our members will attend and show our guests some good Santa Cruz Club hospitality. Yep, I know it is a weekday morning, but just plan to be at work a little later. Fish until 0830 and be at work by 9 am?

Or join us at the Pixie Deli for a late breakfast burrito and then go to work. Either way, it is a great start to the day.

Then that same evening at 6 pm, join us all at the New Brighton State Campground for a BBQ and fellowship. Details on where will follow later, but please put that Wednesday on your calendar. I really would like to know if you can make it to the BBQ so we have an adequate amount of food. So PLEASE drop me an email or call if you plan to join us, especially for the BBQ. sambishop@totlcom.com

Thursday morning the Amador group will also be surf fishing one of the beaches, but by that time they should be experts. Nevertheless, they will welcome it if you join them.

Backpack Fishout – Aug. 4-11

Fishmaster: Dennis Davie (831-566-7447)

This year's Sierra Backpack Fishout will be to Second Recess on Mono Creek from 4 August to 13 August. This very picturesque glacial canyon is a noted fishing destination with rainbows, goldens and brookies and is not difficult to get to. Located above Mono Hot Springs on the Kaiser Pass Road out of Huntington Lake, we will drive in on Tuesday, 4 August and camp overnight at Edison Lake to acclimate to the altitude (7,500'). After a breakfast at Vermillion Resort, we may take the ferry across Lake Edison (depending on water levels) or walk around and proceed up the Mono Creek trail. With only 1,000' of altitude gain over 8 miles (5 miles if using the ferry), this is pretty easy hiking. We will camp at Second Recess and fish for a few days and move up canyon after that if we decide to. Hike out is on 13 August. I suggest that we spend the night and drive home on Monday, 14 August, as driving the Kaiser Pass after hiking 8 to 10 miles might be too much for one day.

The trip is limited to 6 persons to keep the fishing pressure reasonable. (There are currently 5 hikers signed up-room for only one more) There are plenty of creeks to fish and day hikes to lakes are possible. Hikers should be experienced in backcountry camping and fishing, but this is a pretty easy backpack on a well used trail. Bring the usual personal backpacking equipment,

sleeping bag, ground cloth, mattress and tent or rainfly. Rain gear will be needed as rain and thunderstorms are always a possibility in the Sierra. Warm clothes for the cool nights will also be needed. Otherwise pack as light as you can. It's just more fun that way!

Small, light rods (2 to 5 wt, 6 to 9 foot) or tenkara gear are suitable for the streams and lakes. An assortment of dry and wet flies and nymphs will catch anything up there. You might want a few streamers if you are going to lake fish. Wet wading the creeks is doable, but the water will be cold, so hip waders and fleece bottoms might help. Bring sanitized waders and boots - don't spread snails or mussels!

We will coordinate stoves, fuel, frying pan for brookies and big pots, but bring your own food, small pot for hydrating dinners, cup, spoon, fork, etc. We will provide hot water for breakfast drinks and freeze-dried dinners. Bear canisters and spray are recommended as this area has bears... Did I mention mosquitos? Be prepared! Sun screen, too.

There will be a coordination meeting around 1 August to finalize hikers, plans, ride-sharing and the kitchen. For more information and to reserve your space on the trip, call Dennis 831-566-7447 or email dendavie@cruzio.com.

Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 24th-Oct 1st & Oct. 1st-8th

Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 24th through Oct. 1st, and Oct. 1st-8th. As of this date, there are only three places left, which are all in the second week.

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.

Cost: \$310 per person per week. This covers seven nights' lodging with three meals per day.

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: Send me the money to secure a spot. 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, you will be notified by telephone. Don't miss out. Since there is no call-in date, plan your trip soon, sign up, and send your check to John!

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

LifeLines

What Californians Need to Know About Zika Virus

KQED Science - By Lesley McClurg

You've seen a burst of headlines in Bay Area news since January about Zika virus in California. This year, state health officials have confirmed 11 cases, three of them recently in the Bay Area. The good news is, all of those people contracted the bug while traveling abroad. The question now is whether that could change.

"Zika virus presents a pregnant woman's worst possible nightmare," Kirsten Salmeen, UCSF

Not likely, say most public health officials.

"I think the headline could be: Here in California, we are privileged that we don't have the conditions for transmission of Zika," says UCSF epidemiologist Jaime Sepulveda, who spoke recently at a Zika symposium hosted by the university.

Before we elaborate on why he says you don't need to worry about the disease, let's review a few basics.

What's Zika?

Zika was discovered in 1947, and until now human outbreaks were contained and infrequent. It's found in the same family as yellow fever, chikungunya, and dengue and is now spreading rapidly in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Until last fall, Zika was thought to be a mild tropical disease that caused flu-like symptoms like a rash or red eyes, maybe a fever. It's generally so mild people often don't know they have it; 80 percent of Zika patients don't have any symptoms.

How Does It Spread?

The disease is spread primarily by *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes, when one bites an infected human and then bites another human.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there are three secondary ways people can get Zika: it can be transmitted by a blood transfusion, a man can pass it along during sex, or a woman can pass it to her fetus. You can't get Zika through smooching or casual touch such as shaking hands.

Why Are We Having an Outbreak Now?

Last fall, an unusual number of babies in Brazil and other countries were born with a neurological condition called microcephaly, a rare disease causing an infant's head to be abnormally small.

The link between microcephaly and Zika is not scientifically proven yet, but the evidence is mounting. The rate of babies born with the condition is 30 times higher right now in Brazil than previous years.

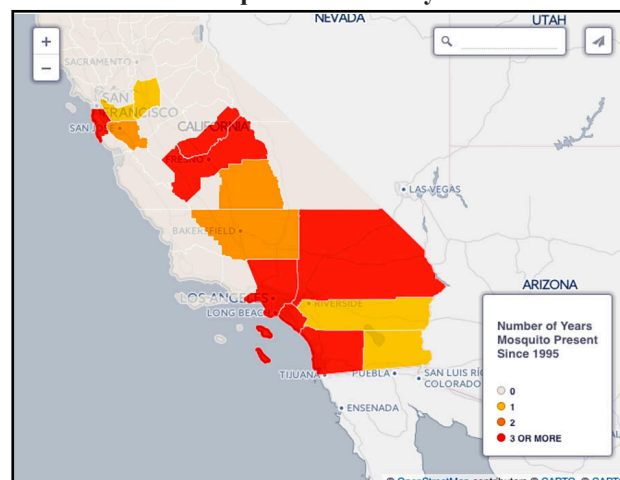
On February 1, the World Health Organization declared Zika virus a public health emergency.

"Zika virus presents a pregnant woman's worst possible nightmare," says Kirsten Salmeen, a perinatologist at UCSF medical center. "She might not know if she was infected. She might not be able to avoid infection. And, if there is an impact on her fetus it might not be diagnosed until the late third trimester."

Public health officials are warning pregnant women to avoid traveling to more than three dozen countries, and if they do visit, the recommended protocol is to lather on bug spray and wear long sleeves. There's no vaccine for Zika virus.

Scientists also recently discovered Zika in the blood of 42 people suffering from Guillain-Barré syndrome — an autoimmune disorder that causes nerve damage and often severe, if impermanent, paralysis.

Here's Where Zika Mosquitoes Are Likely Found in California



Zika Mosquitoes Are Different

The non-native insects look different from California mosquitoes, and don't behave the same way. The Zika carriers bite people during the day, and they don't travel; they'll stay within about a quarter mile of where they're born. They might spend their whole life behind your bedroom curtain, or in your closet, if they were able to get there in the first place.

"They really need to be spread by human activity," says Megan Caldwell, spokesperson for the San Mateo County Mosquito Vector Control District.

Experts think the Zika mosquitoes hitched a ride to California on a shipping container from Asia in 2011. They thrive in tropical weather, and have spread mostly in southern California. But, there are a few isolated pockets in the Bay Area.

Entomologist Nayer Zahiri points to mosquito larvae under a microscope at the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District's lab.



"To date it's only been found in San Mateo county in a small area of Menlo Park and Atherton," Caldwell says.

But she emphasizes that eradication efforts are working. The county hasn't found an *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* since May of 2015. Vector Control District officials will consider the mosquito eradicated in the county if they go a full two years without spotting one.

How to Keep the Pests Away

Vector ecologists advise homeowners to remove all standing water from their yards. Every drop of it. The Zika mosquito can

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develop in as little as a millimeter of water.

In other words, scrub and dry buckets every week, tighten screens on rain barrels, and check for leaky faucets. Don't let water stand in plant saucers.

What Officials Are Doing

Eradication programs include house-to-house inspections, mosquito population surveillance, and elimination of standing water where mosquitoes may breed. Officials are setting traps anywhere Zika mosquitoes have been found. The traps can be as simple as a wooden tongue depressor wrapped in a coffee filter and then placed in a cup filled with water.



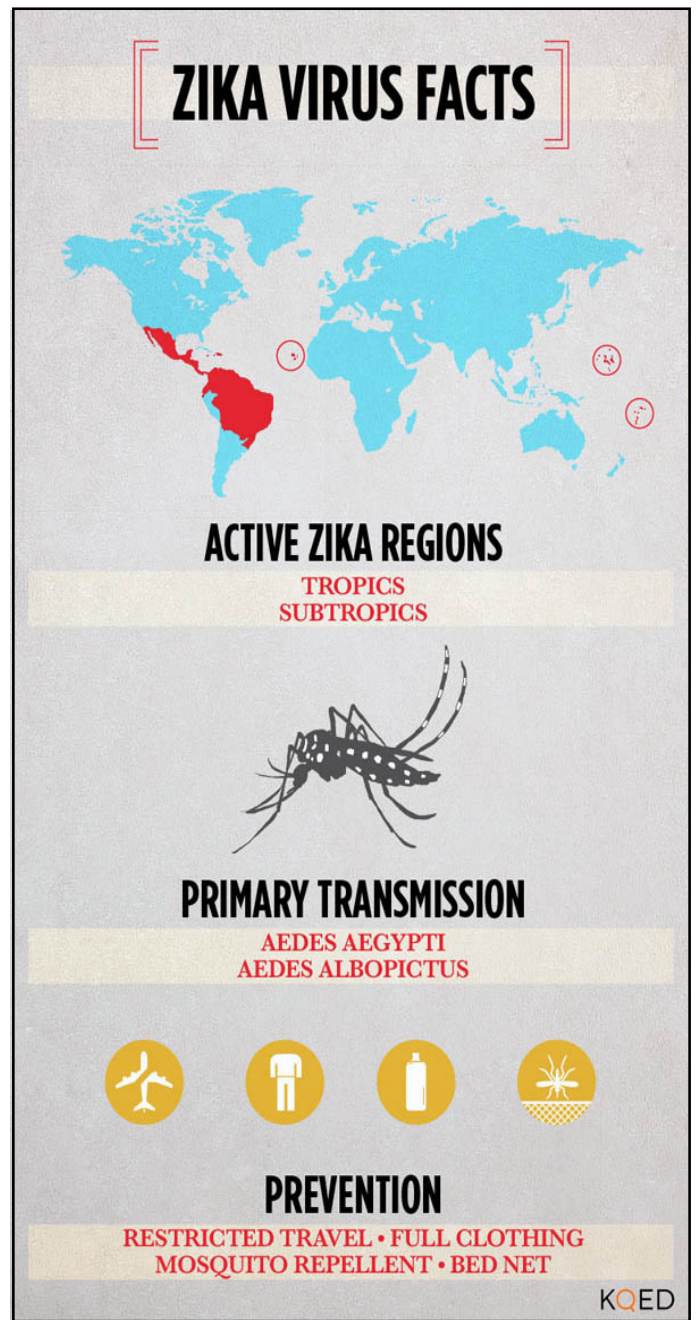
A simple trap to attract mosquitoes. The lure is a tongue depressor wrapped in a coffee filter.

California winters ordinarily get cold enough to kill off the non-native insects, but the last few years have been unusually warm. Health officials warn hotter weather could bring more mosquito-borne diseases to California. But scientists add that many factors influence whether and when diseases like Zika could break out here.

"I think globalization and the movement of people and the movement of cargo is probably more of the story," says Chris Barker, an entomologist at UC Davis. "So any effects of climate change are going to be very difficult to tease out."

Barker says even if this summer is unusually hot he doesn't predict a large mosquito-triggered outbreak in California because most people have either window screens or air conditioning. Plus, he says the state's pest control is one of the best in the country.

Many U.S. cities face potential risk in summer of low, moderate, or high populations of the mosquito species that transmits Zika virus. The mosquito has been observed in parts of the United States and can establish populations in additional cities because of favorable summertime meteorological conditions. In addition, Zika risk may be elevated in cities with more air travelers arriving from Latin America and the Caribbean.



GONE FISHING

July Surf Fishout

By Fishmaster Sam Bishop

Mark Teague and Tim Carson (pictured) joined me at Rio del Mar Beach for the July surf fishout. Everyone had the opportunity to feel the grab and catch a perch, which was especially gratifying to me since this was the first time they had done this with me and I feel somewhat responsible if people get skunked. We also worked on casting techniques, double haul etc.

These events are a great way to get pointers on style from someone else who can observe. The water was more calm than normal, making it harder to "read" the water, so we worked on that too. Hope you will join us for the August fishout.



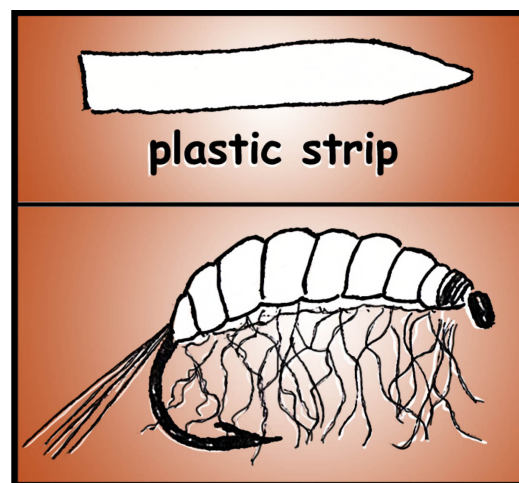
FLY OF THE MONTH

Tan Scud
Submitted by Elaine Cook

Scuds are associated with weedbeds but can be found away from the weeds, particularly on a cloudy day. These directions are written for a tan pattern but other effective colors are olive, grey, and pink (which are characteristic of a dead scud).

Hook: TMC 3761 or 2487, Dai-Riki 125, sizes 8 - 22
Thread: Tan or color to match body
Shellback: Clear plastic (like a baggie)
Tail: Squirrel tail, brown.
Rib: Clear mono, 6X.
Body: 1. Antron dubbing, 2. Antron Possum blend, 3. Scud Back, 4. Angora Hairtron blend.

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread mid shank, wrap part way around bend of hook (see diagram), then back to mid shank.
3. Stack a few squirrel tail hairs. Tie in on top of shank, tips extending 2/3rds beyond rear thread wraps.
4. Tie in rib on top of shank with wraps back to tail.
5. Cut plastic strip the width of hook gap. Cut point at one end. (see diagram) Tie in tip at beginning of tail.
6. Using dubbing loop, dub a generous bulbous body up to one hook eye behind eye.
7. Pull plastic forward. Tie off, cut excess.
8. Rib forward in about 7 wraps. Tie off, cut excess.
9. Tie in a small head.
10. Whip finish, cut thread, apply Super Glue to head only.
11. Pick or brush out body fibers so that they hang down. Use bodkin, velcro, or small brush to do this. Cut fibers that hang below the hook point.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Crispy Rock Cod with Citrus Sauce
from <http://leitesculinaria.com>

Ingredients for the sauce:

2 cups fresh orange juice
1/2 cup peeled and finely chopped ginger
Pinch kosher salt
Pinch cayenne

2 tablespoons maple syrup

Ingredients for the fish:

1 egg plus 1 egg yolk, whisked together
1 heaping tablespoon all-purpose flour
Pinch kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Four 6-ounce rock cod fillets (or substitute any white fish fillets)
1/2 cup rice flakes, pulsed in a coffee or spice grinder with a pinch of salt and pepper
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Several tablespoons finely chopped chives



Directions for the sauce:

1. Combine the orange juice, ginger, salt, cayenne, and maple syrup in a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Turn down the heat and gently simmer until the sauce is reduced by about half. You should have about 1 cup. Taste the sauce and adjust the salt and sweetness accordingly.

Directions for the fish:

2. Whisk the egg and flour until smooth and add a generous pinch each salt and pepper. Spoon this mixture onto one side of each fillet and sprinkle with the rice flakes.
3. Melt the butter with the olive oil in a large skillet over low heat. Add the fish, coated side down. Sauté until golden and crisp, 4 or 5 minutes. Flip the fish and cook for 2 or 3 minutes longer.
4. Spoon about a tablespoon sauce onto each individual plate and place the fish, crisp side up, on each one. Top with chives.

GONE FISHING

Green River Fishout

By Pat Steele

Isn't it annoying when you arrive at a fly fishing spot and the guy at the fly shop says, "wow, you should've been here LAST week!" It always makes me feel that the week I've planned to fish is doomed from the start. However, this time proved to be the "last week" the guy at the fly shop always raves about having been the best week ever! The week we fished was the one we didn't miss, and it proved to be the best one we've experienced in many, many years.

The group consisted of Pat and John Steele, Noelle Nichols and Tom Pelikan, George Pike, Bob Peterson, all of whom stayed in the Trout Creek Flies' new cabins, and John and Elaine Cook and Kathy Powers, who stayed in their campers. The new cabins are a treat, comfortable and convenient, featuring two queen beds each, bathrooms with large, beautiful showers, refrigerators, microwaves, lots of closet space, and much-appreciated air conditioning. The cabins are in two rows up behind the fly shop, and Trout Creek has added a concession restaurant, Brownings, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also had dinner at The Snag, which is a floating restaurant at the marina on the reservoir, open only on weekends, the restaurant at Flaming Gorge Lodge, and we were graciously hosted at guide Gene Gautieri and his wife Renee's home one night.

John and I went with Gene the first day, Sunday, on the A section of the river, right below the dam. Most of that day was subsurface fishing, using a caddis emerger on top and a sort of trout candy thing on the dropper, plus weight to get it down to where the fish were feeding. It was productive, but not very exciting. Later that day, when the wind lay, there were some fish feeding on the surface, so we threw little yellow sallies at them, and some of them obliged, which was more fun.

I have to mention the condition of the fish. The browns and rainbows that inhabit this river were all in fine shape, firmly

muscled, deep bodies, beautifully colored, and in fighting form. They all ranged 17" to 20" in length, and the longer ones probably weighed over three pounds; none were what I would call skinny.

Our friend and guide Doug Burton, of "On The Fly" guide service, took us on the B section, which is below the A



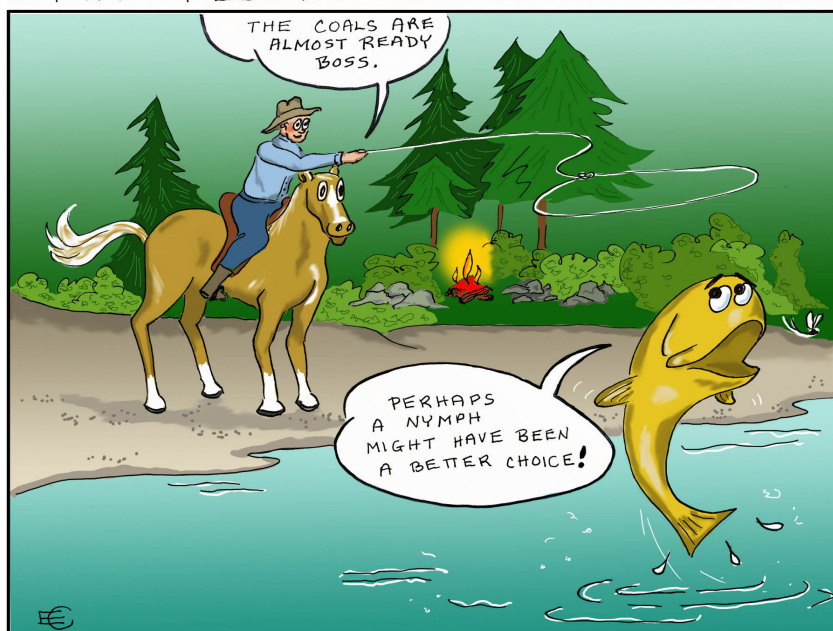
section takeout ramp. This time, we had more surface action with the little yellow sallies and caddis. The fish were beginning to key in on the sallies, and with the rigs reduced to just the flies, without the weights, casting was a lot easier, and the catching was a lot more fun. Casting to rising fish almost all day long was like a fly fisherman's dream.

The day we fished the C section was borderline hallucinogenic, in that there were heads popping up and gobbling flies like crazy. We lost count at how many fish we landed, and at one point, John even caught one on a diversion canal that Doug's boat couldn't even go into. He had to play it and get it out of the canal, then get it out from between some rocks it tried to free itself on. Like a bound-up hostage, it tried sawing back and forth on the rocks to break the line, but John managed to work it loose, land it, thank it for being such a worth opponent, then release it. That day's fishing was one of the best I've ever had, and now my only worry is that from now on, nothing will top it.

Many thanks to those of you who joined us on this fishout, kudos to Trout Creek Flies for their wonderful accommodations and guides, and cheers to On The Fly for providing two great guides, Doug Burton and Gordon Tharrett.

We had a stellar week's fishing on the Green River this time, and while we can't promise classic dry fly fishing every time, if you've ever fantasized about fly fishing a blue-ribbon, class-A river, you need to begin making plans to join us on the Green River Fishout next year!

FIN FLUTER



AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 New Moon ●	3 Club Meeting 7:00 PM Aptos Grange	4 Backpack ←	5 Loreto ← Fishout	6 Surf Fishout Manresa Beach Fishout
7 Loreto Backpack	8 Baja Sur Fishout - Mono	9 Fishout → Creek	10 First Qtr. ● Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange	11 →	12	13
14	15	16	17 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home	18 Full Moon ●	19	20
21 Newsletter Deadline	22	23	24 Last Qtr. ● Joint Surf Fishout w/ Amador Cty. FlyFishers Rio Del Mar B. BBQ-6 PM NewBrighton	25 Join Amador Country FlyFishers surf fishout	26	27
28	29	30	31			

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7 Club Meeting 7:00 PM Aptos Grange	8	9 First Qtr. ●	10
11 Patriot Day Grandparents Day	12	13	14 Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange	15	16 Full Moon ●	17
18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home	22 Last Qtr. ● 1st day of Autumn	23	24 Mammoth Fishout wk. 1 ←
25 Newsletter Deadline Mammoth	26 Fishout-wk. 1	27	28	29	30 New Moon ●	Oct.1 →

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