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CLUB MEETING

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

Cuba: The Sustainable Paradise
Guest Speaker: Filippo Invernizzi
Avalon Cuban Fishing Centers



More than twenty years ago, Avalon pioneered the amazing fly-fishing opportunities in Cuba using a unique business model that relied upon a combination of private and public resources. It gained exclusive access to the extensive marine preserves that surround the main island and adjoining archipelagos, where it offers fly-only, catch-and-release sport fishing to an international clientele. It has since added other forms of specialized tourism (e.g., diving and adventure travel) to its offerings, but the hidden story has been its central role in developing, in cooperation with the Cuban government, a model for the conservation and cultivation of marine species of all kinds. It engages in fish-tagging and fin-clipping studies, coral and mangrove recovery, the protection of endangered species, and the enforcement of the laws governing Cuban Marine Parks. It has become a major force in making Cuban waters the nursery for the Caribbean at large and a prized destination for fly fishers in pursuit of bonefish, tarpon, permit, and other sport fish. In the process, it has also proven that the intelligent organization and wise application of modern fly-fishing principles can result in the long-term sustainability and positive improvement of critical natural resources.

Join us to hear Filippo describe his organizations's role in fishing and conservation activities in a location that, while exotic, is far more accessible than Americans tend to assume.

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President's Line

Happy Holidays
By President Tom Hogye

Happy Holidays everyone. I hope this finds you beginning to find peace and rest after a nice Thanksgiving. I've worn out a few things over the years, so I'm really looking forward to Christmas as an opportunity to refresh a couple of those things! I often get to San Francisco for work and had a relatively late meeting one day last week. It was a perfect opportunity to visit George Revel's Lost Coast Outfitters fly shop. The shop is adjacent to the financial district on Jackson Street. Just find the Transamerica building and you're but a block away. It's a beeeautiful shop full of all sorts of things you need. I'm glad I still enjoy Christmas.

George was writing in his blog that he was reaching that big milestone in his life-turning 30! When I was talking with him and another of his colleagues, I was referring to him as a kid and that 30 is just the start. I was also at the same time remembering when everyone in this club called me "kid." It does seem like a while ago. Hey, would you do me a favor right now and think of someone in the club who has made an impact in your fly fishing experiences this year, and shoot me or Kevin Murdock an e-mail with their name? We'll add them to the ballot box for the Dame Juliana/John Steele Award we hand out each year at the annual dinner. Yeah, like right now!

We left October with no rainfall and the most deadly and destructive fires in all of California's history. Hopefully at this writing we've received some of the rain forecasted. I'm really depressed about the San Lorenzo and all our Steelhead/Coho waterways. For me, fly fishing just seems so secondary to what is happening here in Santa Cruz and Scotts Valley. Twenty-five years ago, I was working hard to stop the killing of Steelhead with regulation changes to eliminate bait fishing, barbless hooks, and no kill. In 1998, we got some of that, which you see in the regulations today. There are currently so many efforts to clean up the habitats and make it look nice, natural, healthy. But now, there is no water. And, again I'm beginning to stick my neck out for the fish, feeling the sharp edge of the knife of those who'd like to chop it off because I'm fighting for the fish. When do we stop "development" because there just isn't enough water to be sustainable? Who is that person who finally says "NO!"? At this writing, the San Lorenzo is 50% lower than its 82-year average. The City is pumping 7.4 million gallons of water-per day-into the ocean. Yet Loch Lomond remains at 86.9% capacity, which basically means it's still full. Scotts Valley is stripping every square foot of land it can to build homes, with the Water District Manager doing some of the most visible damage building a townhouse complex of 19 units in a place where water was never needed. Drive slowly down Scotts Valley Drive and look to the right or left-proposed development signs everywhere.

When I attended the environmental gig at Felton Community Hall last week, SCFF had a table there with brochures and flyers, a bunch of my fly fishing gear for show and tell! A lot of "gray heads" were in attendance to hear Mark Stone talk about PG&E and the fires. No one talked about water. No one addressed the rampant destructive growth, traffic - a number of people came to me talking about when there were so many steelhead in the river and they would demonstrate with their arms, how they could scoop them up that way.

The Steelhead and Coho need water to thrive. Not runoff.

Most of the people moving here don't know these fish used to exist and don't know how to care that they do, did or could. I don't blame them for wanting to live in an apartment in Santa Cruz, vs. an apartment in San Jose, but I am afraid we are seeing the final years as the San Lorenzo is drained for the tech industry.

The Fish and Game advisory commission is reviewing "low-flow" regulations where fishing would be cut on days the flows are too low for steelhead to move from holding areas. While most of us wouldn't fish on a low-flow day, it's a good idea to stop others. But I asked then, "What if the flows are too low period and they don't return and we can't fish because the flows don't return?" She said, "Oh, that's a good question." Could the City see to it that flows never return, the fish don't return and those of us who care about the fish, eventually die or move away? No more being bothered by fishermen?

It's no wonder many of us start looking to other waters around the world to experience fly fishing. Do you know that every time someone asks me about fly fishing,

the first question they ask is "Where do you fish around here?"

In light of what's going on elsewhere with the devastating fires, loss of life, homes, businesses - how much water or fish in a river seems pretty petty. The river is pretty and there is some water in it. But let's work to do something about it. Be the voice for the Steelhead and the Coho. Fish don't care about "studies" being done, or what is "proposed" for the future. Steelhead/Coho rely on water flow. Their instincts are imprinted in their skin and the flow dictates what they do and when. Not a study or a proposal. Fish don't care about "numbers" - unless it's Cubic Feet Per Second (CFS), or numbers of mayfly, caddis and other food sources. For the "trout" that used to flourish in the San Lorenzo and all her tributaries where kids could fly fish-practically all year-like they do on my home waters in Ohio on the Chagrin River, they need water ALL year, not just October.

I understand everyone is busy. It's a daunting task, and I do regularly ask myself, "why do I care?" Why do I stick my neck out and risk being chastised for not knowing the whole story? Do I think the Scotts Valley mafia will come after me? Sometimes - yes. Am I perfect? No. Maybe it's a selfish thing. I want Steelhead and Coho in the river, so I can play with them during the fishing season, see their amazing beauty and strength five minutes from my home. Maybe because I'm cheap and don't want to travel to exotic places, to do what I should be able to do in my back yard. Maybe it's jealousy because I see what the Skeena, Kispiutz and other rivers have and I want that here. Or maybe it's because they were here first, like so much before us. And maybe it's because, when there was water in the river, there was water, trees, open spaces and untouched wilderness everywhere else.

I've told this before, when someone wanted to use a part of my property as consideration for purchasing the home next door, I politely declined. When they asked what I was going to do with that part, I said "Nothing - leave it as it has been for as long as it was here before me. Nothing."

I'm praying God makes a fool out of me and lets others tell me - see, it was going to be all right, Tom. And the water returns to better than its 82-year average. That would be a great Christmas gift.



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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, t 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



Fishout Schedule

Looking for Fishmasters Fishmaster: John Cook

As you may have noticed, the 2018 Fishout Schedule has run its course. It was a fun year of outings, ranging from local surf fishing to out-of-state journeys, and the best thing caught in all of them was friendship. If there is anything better than catching a trophy fish, it's doing it with friends to cheer you on, and the fun of recounting the day's adventures over an evening meal simply can't be beat! So, be thinking about where you'd like to fish in 2019, and let our Fishmaster know if you're willing to host a fishout to share with your buddies.

Do you have a place you like to fish and want to share that experience with others by having a Fishout? I, John Cook, our club's Fishmaster, am looking for people to put on one together. Fishouts can be simple or complicated. I will help to set up and organize the event. This is a great way to give back to those who have helped you, for Fishouts are one of the best ways to learn our fly fishing sport, discover places to fish, and get to know one another in our club. For those who wish to repeat a Fishout that you have done in the past, please get the information to me. Give me a call, 688-1561. Thanks.

Bait for Thought

Therapy

"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a darned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish." -
Herbert Hoover



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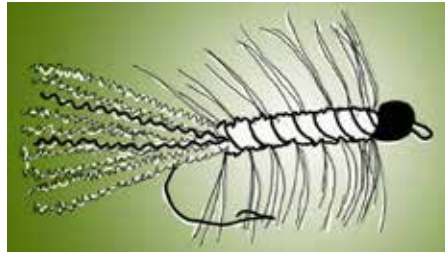
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FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, December 12th
Time: Open - 6:45 PM; Class - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Bead Head Woolly Bugger
Instructor: Elaine Cook



We will be tying two variations of a bugger. This basic subsurface pattern has been around for decades. Bring olive or black 6/0 or 8/0 thread, your vise, tools, and light. Some vises and tools are available for you beginners. All other materials are provided. This fly will not intimidate you beginners, who are always welcome.

Sign-up at the club meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561. If you sign-up and later find you can't attend, cancellations are appreciated.

Catchy Releases

Catch and Release Today

*From the **Outdoor California Magazine**, a Publication from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife
article by Victor Johnson*

If all fish were killed after being caught, the fish mortality rate would be 100 percent. With proper catch-and-release techniques, the fish mortality rate would be significantly lower.

* A 1944 study showed a catch-and-release mortality rate of 5 percent to 35 percent.

* A 2005 study showed a catch-and-release mortality rate of brook trout held out of the water for more than two minutes resulted in half of them unwilling or unable to swim.

* A 1992 study on hooking mortality of non-anadromous fish had an average rate of less than 12 percent. Under the best conditions, with barbless flies or lures, the percentage dropped to less than 3 percent.

* A 1979 study on juvenile steelhead trout showed that treble barbless hooks had 4.5 times the losses from single barbless hooks.

* A 1992 study found that after rainbow trout had exhaustive exercise and were exposed to air for 30 seconds, their mortality rate increased by 38 percent. When these trout were exposed to air for a minute, their mortality rate increased by 72 percent.

Depending on the various study, it appears that barbless hooks reduce fish mortality by about 50 percent. The results of the study indicate going barbless offers the most effective catch and release practice for anglers.

National non-profit organization Trout Unlimited conducted a review of current science of catch and release and concluded that fish should be exposed to air no longer than 15-20 seconds. Picking up fish by their lip as part of the fish capture is bad practice if the fish is out of the water. It can dislocate the fish's jaw.

Use of mechanical lip grabbers resulted in 40 percent of bone-fish having severe injuries. Increased mortality naturally followed.

A 2002 study on bluegills showed a mesh-type landing net caused mortality in 4 percent to 14 percent of the time. The research indicated knotted mesh nets had the highest mortality rate and rubber nets had the least.

A study of bluegills that were deep-hooked showed 44 percent

died within 10 days of removal, whereas only 12.5 percent died when the hook was left in place. The results of the study argue for cutting the fly from the tippet in deep hooked fish.



Some question catch-and-release benefits. Like so many things in life, people can look at a variety of statistics and draw totally opposite conclusions. In most of the world, fly fishermen have adopted catch and release techniques that result in low mortality rates for fish. The rationale is that if a high percentage of catch and release fish live and are available for anglers in the future then opportunities that is the greater good.

A few countries, including Germany and Switzerland, feel that it is wrong to release fish that have been injured by being caught. Therefore, they have banned catch and release fishing. Personal fishing in these countries is solely for immediate food consumption. Although catch and release is a common fly fishing ethic in the U.S., in Yellowstone National Park it is illegal to release lake trout that have been caught in Yellowstone Lake and brook trout caught in Yellowstone's Lamar Drainage. These fish are non-native and park authorities want to return the park to having only native fish.

Current state of good practices: Anecdotal evidence suggests most anglers understand the benefits to practice catch and release, and there seems to be a general consensus on the following best practices:

Use barbless hooks and attempt to remove the fly from the fish in 20 seconds or less.

Do not keep a fish out of the water longer than necessary. This is not as much of a problem for smaller fish, which can usually have their barbless hook removed in the recommended 15 to 20 seconds.

If a photograph of the fish is wanted, have the camera ready so as not to have the fish out of water for any great length of time.

Use wet releases, if possible, for all fish-getting them out of the water often creates undesirable effects on the fish.

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MONTHLY RAFFLE

Christmas Cheer

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

The raffle this month is intended to help you with your holiday shopping! We have some good stuff to put under the tree for your favorite fisher person or how about giving yourself a nice Christmas present.

For those of you that have been really good all year we have a complete Nano Tenkara Traveler outfit. This includes a 3.3 meter rod, aluminum tube case, bamboo fly box with lanyard, 12 foot furled leader, spool of tippet material, and really cool slingback carry case to hold all the stuff you need to carry on a small stream day trip adventure.

For those of you that tend to hunker down in the winter but are tired watching the depressing news on TV how about getting started in fly tying? Sam Bishop has donated a deluxe fly tiers tool kit that includes a vice, basic tools, and an instructional DVD. This is all packaged in fine finished wooden brass hard-

ware case. Perfect for the club's fly tying classes.

For those that don't hunker down inside during the winter we have a great prize donated by John and Elaine Cook. This is a 6 in 1 Polar EX fleece hood made of Storm-Tec weather control fabric. Wear it as a hood, facemask, scarf, beanie, or balaclava to keep you warm early in the morning down in the gorge or standing on a ladder in a howling January north wind at Pyramid Lake.

DOOR PRIZE/EVERYBODY GETS A TICKET!!!

What would the Holidays be without a bit of holiday (specifically morning holiday) cheer? Get the party started with a little bit of Mr. Smirnoff and Cutwater spicy bloody Mary mix served in a Rogue Angler hand decorated trout tumbler. Packaged in a custom carry case, just add a stalk of celery and start the party!



GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout-Mar. 24th-30th, 2019

Fishmaster: Mike White - (831) 706-5556

The Pyramid Lake fishout is one of the best-attended fishouts the club has, and for a good reason. Large fish cruise parallel to the shore in easy casting distance from shore. Cost for the week including meals and lodging and is around \$300+ per person depending on the number in attendance. You need not fish all six days as there may be openings (usually later in the week.) Contact Mike for more details (831) 706-5556, to check on openings, or be put on a waiting list. First come first served.

You can also make your own arrangements either by bringing your own RV (Crosby's Lodge has hook-ups and sells permits to park on the any of the beaches along the lake) or staying in Reno. Reno is 45 minutes away. Call Crosby's lodge to inquire about last minute cancellations in their cabins as well (775) 476-0400 and check out their website to see what the cabins look like at www.crosbylodge.com. The General Store in Sutcliffe offers meals on selected nights only to those who call in before 2:00 PM. Check at the General Store for details.

Equipment: 6-9 weight rods with hi-speed, hi-D shooting heads or fast sink integrated lines to fish the bottom in 6 to 9 feet of water, and a floating line for indicator fishing. You should bring a stripping basket and a ladder that will accommodate it. A ladder helps to get you up out of the cold water and enable you to cast out to where the fish are. You can still catch fish without one but not with near as much consistency.

Flies: Woolly buggers in black, white, purple, olive, midge, caddis and mayfly nymphs to name a few. If as in years past the Confab in February is offering the opportunity to see how some of the best Pyramid patterns are made plan to attend and bring a vise and tie

some yourself. Flies may also available from club member Jim Hall who ties some very good flies specific to Pyramid cutthroat as well as other species at reasonable cost. His number is (831) 713-6835. There is a general store with provisions as well as tackle and an assortment of flies.

How to get there: Take US 80 to Reno-Sparks, take the Pyramid Blvd. off ramp and go north about 35 miles. Crosby Lodge is at Sutcliffe, near the Ranger Station.

If you have any questions about equipment or how to get there, check the "Gearing up" columns in the March 2007-2009 archives on our great club website, or call Mike White at (831) 706-5556.

If you are considering going to Pyramid again this year with the club and you have not already done so, please contact the person who is booking the trailer you stayed in last year. Trailer-masters, if your trailer has gaps or cancellations, you can call Mike so he can pass the names of members who don't have lodging

to fill the empty spots.

Fishing, Camping, and New Ladder Regulation:

Fishing and camping permits can be purchased online prior to the fish-out. We would highly recommend doing this. Go to www.plpt.nsn.us to obtain your licenses. There is also an RV Park available at (775) 476-1155.

As with any great fishery there are always a long list of rules and regulations. We would recommend you review them on the website above. Suffice to say those of us who have been going to Pyramid Lake for many years are a good source of information as well. We will help inform and guide all newcomers.



Fishy Tales

* Mid-November - O'Neill Forebay, Los Banos Creek Steve Rudzinski

Hey fishermen out there, just got home, slept two nights at the Forebay and landed all undersized fish, maybe 15" the largest and one nice 15 1/2" largemouth bass, near the island where we usually fish. Wednesday night at 2:30-ish AM, outside peeing on a bush a super bright flash behind me showed my shadow, I turned and saw nothing. Must have been a really good meteor flash. It was like a bright flash bulb, I thought it was my VW headlights (memories of Christine). Freaked me out. NO sound.



I fished two days and camped at Los Banos Creek, only six fish total. missed some good ones and lost in the bushes. I was the only camper. Saw a bald eagle pretty close up (30 yards), and an osprey flying with a blue gill (heads first). A feral camp kitty was always underfoot looking for a handout. I don't think she will last long, especially with eagles around.

*South of Russia, west of China, north of Kazakstan, where the heck am I? - late October - Sam Bishop

Michael DiCiano and I had an exciting October journey in pursuit of the Taimen. They are the largest member of the salmonid family. Mongolian taimen can live for nearly fifty years and reach sixty inches.

Well, neither of us got a 50-pounder. The largest between the two of us and the largest of the group in two weeks was a 58-inch taimen a little over a foot short of five feet. How many pounds I don't know, but one that size really catches your attention!

We first flew to the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. It is the largest city in a large, rather spartan (desolate) country. It is a land larger than Texas with no fences! From the capital city, our group of seven plus guides flew in a single engine Cessna Caravan about an hour and a half north, to the Onon River, landing on a meadow outside of a town. We were hustled across country (no such thing as a road) in 4-wheel drives of varying color, creed or character to the river where we quickly (it was cold) donned our waders rigged our fly rods and set off on our adventure. From here on no (zero) electricity for over two weeks.

Right away, we raised a couple of Taimen, but were unable to land them. Little did we know then how extremely difficult it was to



get a strike, much less get one in for a picture. Four other anglers were with us for only one week and a couple of them left for home after that week with no Taimen to show at all.

All day floating down river fishing and every night we slept in a yurt, called a "Ger" in Mongolian. By the way, the doors are quite short and both Michael and I were considering getting stitches in our scalps from the frequent times we forgot to duck.

Caviar? Every lunch and most dinners included caviar. I ate more fish eggs (and drank more vodka) on that trip than I have in my entire life.

So here is the daily itinerary: Before dawn, a local lady comes in the Ger and starts a fire. Fabulous! Arise at dawn then walk
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over to a larger Ger for a huge breakfast. About 9 AM, we set off in our Clackcraft drift boats. Fish down river until midday and meet the advance lunch team who set up a table with beer, wine, vodka, caviar, appetizers, and then served a hot lunch cooked in a "Dutch Oven." Tales were swapped about the ones that got away (most of them), perhaps a little harmonica music, then off again down river.

Towards evening, we would come to the next Ger camp to relax, have more "attitude adjustment" and a big dinner.

But what I have neglected to mention was COLD. You NEVER took off your long underwear except to take an infrequent shower. The showers are a story in themselves, but we'll save that until a later tale. Every night it froze and one day it never got above freezing at all. We had to dip our rods in the water to thaw the guides (shades of Pyramid Lake).



There is more to our story (e.g., visiting the birthplace of Genghis Khan) and I hope you will come to the club meeting this spring where Michael and I will attempt to entertain you with a slide show and dialogue about our Mongolian adventure in search of the Taimen. But if you plan to go to

Mongolia for fish, let us caution you. This is not a fishing trip where you can expect quantity. Focus on quality and hope that happens! Here are the five new species (to us) we caught: Taimen (The Taimen Hucho taimen, is known worldwide as the largest of the salmonid family and a prized sport fish), Amur Pike the Amur pike, also known as the blackspotted pike, is a pike native to the Amur River system in east Asia), Lenok (Lenoks are a genus Brachymystax, of salmonid fishes native to rivers and lakes in Mongolia), flathead Asp (fairly rare, only found in four Mongolian rivers and three lakes, only one was caught by anyone in two weeks), Amur Trout (Amur trout Brachymystax savinovi, are only found in the Amur drainage).

*Port Venice, Louisiana - late November - Pat and John Steele

We came out to New Orleans to share Thanksgiving with our daughter, son-in-law, and his family, which was warm, convivial and bountiful, both in food and in spirit.

We rented an apartment on Magazine St. in New Orleans until Saturday, then traveled down along the Mississippi River to Port Venice, where we originally intended to fish Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving, but owing to the weather the guide recommended we go Saturday and Sunday, so we geared up and met him at the marina. We had only just arrived on Saturday, so we did a half day that day, and were blanked. The redfish were hunkered down, and when spooked, weren't at all interested in biting anything. On Sunday, we poked in and out of the side channels, and along about noon, John finally managed to hook and land a nice red. I still had the smell of skunk on me, and didn't even touch a fish. It was raining and the fog was closing in, so we called it a day, went back to the Lighthouse Lodge, cleaned up and went back to the marina for dinner. At this writing, we're still in New Orleans.



Reel News

* Tickets Available for our Annual Fund Raiser!

The SCFF Annual Fund Raiser is slated for Saturday, January 26th, 2019. It will feature a delicious wild-caught salmon dinner, a raffle chock full of great prizes, and a silent auction sure to amaze you. Tickets will be available for sale at the December club meeting, and the price remains the same as the previous year, \$40 per person, and \$25 for children 12 years old and under. Buy your tickets now, this event is likely to sell out!

* The 2019 January Club Slide Show

Every year in January, we are treated to a slide show composed of photos we have taken of our many fishing exploits and other club activities, so in keeping with that tradition, it's time to turn in any and all photos you have taken on club fishouts or fishing trips you've taken on your own to Rich Rubin, at richr@cruzio.com, and Michael McGannon, michaelmcgannon@comcast.net. They need your photos no later than December 15th, so cull through your digital media and get those pictures sent to them ASAP!

* The John Steele Award

What is the John Steele Award, you may ask? It's a \$200 prize, given to the member of the club who has exhibited the characteristics that best exemplify the spirit of the Santa Cruz Fly Fisher-

men. Those characteristics are embodied in our club motto: "To promote, educate and enjoy the sport of fly fishing." The decision of whom receives the prize is up to a popular vote by members, and ballot slips are deposited in a special box that is present at club meetings. If you have ever had someone pay you a special kindness, such as telling you of a great place to fish, giving you a fly that is guaranteed to be a fish magnet, coaching you on technique, sharing a book with you about fly patterns, or helping you tie your own flies, vote for him or her. In short, vote for that special someone who has promoted fly fishing for you, taught you something new, and/or helped you enjoy your fly fishing experience. You can vote for more than one person, and we hope you do, because we all should be helpful to one another!

* The Camp Fire Tragedy Hits Close to Home

Former members Mike Matica and Stacy Marchionni recently lost their home in Paradise, California, victims of the Camp Fire, which still is not fully contained. Our hearts and prayers go out to them and to all the other victims of this horrific disaster. For information about what you can do to help them and other victims of this tragedy, please go to <https://www.geek.com/culture/how-to-help-victims-of-the-california-wildfires-red-cross-gofundme-airbnb-and-more-1760890/>

Cast of Thousands

WANTED

8'-10' Jon boat/skiff/pram or West Marine Livingston

I am looking for a flat bottom jon boat/skiff/pram or a newer West Marine tri hulled Livingston. Willing to pay up to \$300.00. Contact - Tim Loomis, 831-345-8411 or tim@bigsurstyles.com

Claim Lost Item:

Left behind at Mammoth Fishout

If you are missing a pair of tan slacks, call Elaine and John Cook, at 688-1561

For Sale: Women's 3 mm Stockingfoot Neoprene Waders

Size Medium, Brand new, still in box

\$35-call Bill Seaman at (831) 818-5612, billage@comcast.net

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Best Crab Cakes Ever

From www.myrecipes.com

Ingredients:

3 tbsp. mayonnaise

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

2/3 cup panko

3 tablespoons butter

2 tsps. Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

1 lb. lump crabmeat, picked

2 tbsp. finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

1. Whisk together first 5 ingredients in a bowl. Gently stir in crab, panko, and parsley. Shape mixture into 12 (3-inch) patties, pressing gently to flatten. Place patties on a baking sheet; cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 1 hour.

2. Melt 1 1/2 tablespoons butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add 6 patties to pan; cook 2 1/2 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Remove crab cakes from pan; repeat with remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons butter and remaining 6 patties.



LifeLines

Safe Winter Driving From <https://www.osha.gov>

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information for your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

The Three P's of Safe Winter Driving:

Prepare for the trip;

Protect yourself

Prevent crashes on the road.

Prepare:

Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

Have On Hand: flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.

Stopped or Stalled? Stay with your car, don't over exert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

Plan Your Route: Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice Cold Weather Driving!

During daylight, rehearse maneuver slowly on the ice or snow in an empty lot

Steer into a skid



Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump non-antilock brakes

Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice

Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space

Protect Yourself:

Buckle up and use child safety seats properly

Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag

Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat

Prevent Crashes:

Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving

Slow down and increase distances between cars

Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road

Avoid fatigue - Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible

If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver



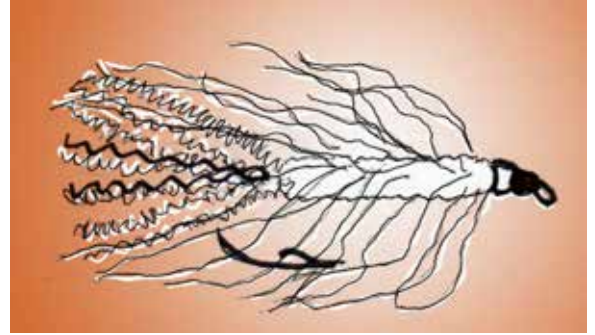
FLY OF THE MONTH

Punk Perch

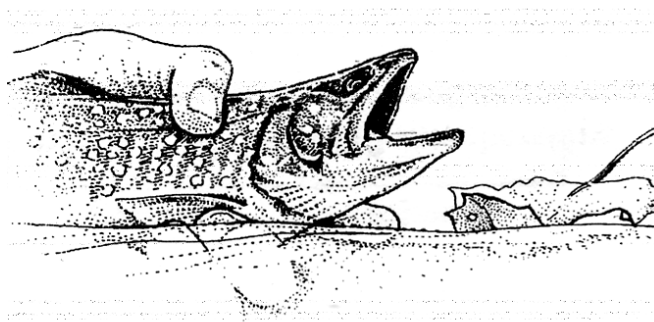
Submitted by Elaine Cook

This fly has been specifically designed for Crowley Lake in the Eastern Sierras. It mimics the Sacramento Perch that are the bait fish in that lake. It was absolutely fantastic this year during the Mammoth Fishout. The body materials can be obtained from the Trout Fitter in Mammoth and probably other fly shops. (Editor's Note: the tying of this fly is well demonstrated by our own Peter Fabian in a video that can be found on our web page. The instructions from Elaine and the demonstration by Peter differ slightly, but the results are similar and a combination of materials and technique may be helpful to some tiers.)

Hook: TMC or TFS 5262 size 10
Thread: Both black and red 8/0
Tail: Light olive marabou
Tail Flash: Pearl Crystal Flash
Body: Matsimislsm silver minnow simiseal dubbing
(mixed with) Matsimislsm olive simiseal dubbing
Supplied by Trouts Men Enterprises.
Head: Thread as above



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach black thread mid shank, wrap to 2 eye lengths behind eye.
3. Select marabou feather that is fluffy to the tips of barbs. Pull or cut a small bundle of barbs from side of stem. Position on top of shank, tips extending shank length beyond shank. Tie in place to rear of shank, cut excess.
4. Using one strand of Flash, cut in half. (save other half for next fly) Cut first in half and stack. Place center where thread hangs, Make 3 wraps forward and fold all strands to rear positioning 2 on each side of tail. Wrap in place back to tail.
5. Mix the 2 dubbing and put in dubbing loop. Advance thread to 1 eye length behind eye. Dub a tight narrow body. Tie off, cut excess.
6. Tie small head. Tie off, cut excess.
7. Attach red thread right in front of body. Make a couple of thread wraps and tie off leaving part of black thread head showing. Cut thread.
8. Using a bodkin, insert into body fibers on top of shank just above body from eye to tail. Pull upward bringing fibers upward. Do the same below body. Pinch fly from side to side and stroke to the rear. Apply small amount of Zap-a-Gap or Super glue to head. Cut short any very long fibers.



Best wishes this holiday season

DECEMBER 2018

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2 Hanukkah	3	4	5 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	6	7 NewMoon ● Pearl Harbor Day	8
9	10	11	12 Fly Tying 7 PM Aptos Grange	13	14	15 1st Qtr ☾ Deadline- Photos for Slide Show
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	20	21 1st Day of Winter	22 FullMoon ●
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Last Qtr ☾
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JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Club Meeting Annual Slide Show-7PM Aptos Grange	3	4	5 NewMoon ●
6	7	8	9 Fly Tying Class-7PM Aptos Grange	10	11	12
13	14 1st Qtr. ☾	15	16 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele Home	17	18	19
20 FullMoon ●	21	22	23	24	25	26 Annual Fund Raiser-5 PM 900 High St. Santa Cruz
27 Last Qtr ☾	28	29	30	31		