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CLUB MEETING

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

High Water Tactics Guest Speaker: Jon Baiocchi

For February's meeting, we welcome back master guide Jon Baiocchi of Baiocchi's Troutfitters. Jon has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide, published author, educator, innovative tier, and an award-winning public speaker, giving fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state of California and Nevada. Jon serves on the Truckee Trout Unlimited Board of Directors, and volunteers his time with the South Yuba River Citizens League.

Born in San Jose in 1965, his dad moved the entire family to Paradise, CA in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing venues, and to raise his family in the spectacular forests of Northern California. Jon's dad Bob was inducted into the Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame in 1999 for his peerless conservation work and was a major influence in helping Jon hone his fly fishing skills at a very young age. After a stint as a professional snowboarder, Jon focused entirely on fly fishing and conservation and learning even more of the intricate details of his home waters.

Jon now owns and operates Baiocchi's Troutfitters guide service in Northern California, where he has been guiding for the last twenty years. He has a reputation as a very hard-working guide who has been trained by some of fly fishing's best-known anglers and guide, both past and present. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching, gives students the skills needed to be successful and all types of water. He guides on Lake Davis, the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork of the Feather River, Frenchman's Reservoir, the North Fork of the Yuba River, both the big and little Truckee Rivers, the Lower Yuba, and many secluded creeks in Eastern Plumas County. His philosophy on fly fishing is to keep it simple, be confident in your presentation, and have fun.

High Water Tactics is a more technical program on fishing during the spring runoff in the Sierra and other weather-related periods of big water. It looks into the causes of high water, safety, turbidity and trout, water to target, tight line nymphing, fishing streamers, fighting large trout, equipment and flies. Beautiful images and new, detailed animated slides provide the audience with clear and concise information for fishing during extreme conditions. This will be a program you do not want to miss!



FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
Time: Open - 6:45 p.m.
Class - 7:00 p.m.
Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2225 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

Blue New Zealand Instructor: Dan Eaton - (831) 336-2933



If I only had one dry fly to use, this is the one. I was introduced to this fly while I was in New Zealand in 2001. The gentleman responsible was from Montana, go figure.

This fly is extremely durable - floats like a cork - highly visible and good in all types of water from spring creeks to really turbulent waters. It works in caddis and stonefly hatches as well as no hatch at all, and it's great in the middle of the day!

The Blue New Zealand is my number one fly on the following rivers; Madison, MT., N.F. Clearwater ID., Bigwater ID., Grays WY., Shoshone WY., Green WY., and the Little Truckee CA., and get this, it's even worked on Silver Creek, ID. You can't buy this fly in any store, it truly is one of a kind! The only negative thing is it takes 20 minutes to tie one fly, and I've tied 100's of them.

All materials are provided except thread (some available for beginners). Bring 6/0 or 8/0 black thread, your tools, vise, and light. If you don't have equipment and would like to tie, there are always some tools and vises available. Sign up at the club meeting or call Dan with at least 24 hour's notice at 336-2933.

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President's Line

Behind Every Great Fisherman

By President Tom Hogye

Behind every great fisherman is - someone who takes their picture. How else would we know they are great?

That person also may tolerate, or equally enjoy, a myriad of other qualities, such as wet waders hanging in entry ways, fishing gear in the shower, fly-tying materials in places otherwise reserved for dinner, and lots of "Honey, I'm, we're going fishing tomorrow." But without someone taking your picture, to verify your greatness, you are left to bad selfies, drowned smart phones and a story.

When my dad sent me another 20-plus photos of my grandfather, his dad, holding scores of fish, bass crappie, walleye, pike, at home, after he got back, I immediately think of my grandma Tillie. I guess she'd have to run get the camera and take the pictures of grandpa, when he returned from his day on the water in Northeastern, Ohio. My dad and his sister are the little kids in the photo on the right. Without Gramma Tillie, we wouldn't have any of these memories to capture the stories we can tell for years to come.

I wondered how many stories there were about the fish, some of them I'd heard myself as a youngster, which always were like reading a book before you saw the movie. The book was always better. The imagination, color, excitement, fight and the size of the fish, bigger, better, brighter and more exciting. But again, without someone taking those photos - who'd really know?

All of us have that person. We probably fish with them regularly - as most of us catch and release practitioners, only have photos if we are with someone, or are relatively handy with a smart phone, GoPro, selfie-stick. Even just today, I was

looking at the river telling Tommy that it looked good and if it was, there's probably be a photo of Barry on his Facebook page around 4:00 PM. Sure enough! But as awesome as Barry is, without his buddy at the camera, we'd hear the story, but something would be lost without the photo. And how sweet it is when that photo is something you're really excited about. Pause for a shout-out to the camera-holding fishing buddy!

Part of our series of speakers this year, is one who can help us all have that someone who takes a good photo of whatever it is in your hands or around you as you are enjoying fishing. That person may also be you - equipped with a small camera, smart phone selfie stick, GoPro - or if you're crazy enough, your own drone! Having a good fishing buddy to take your picture is one thing, but them knowing how best to make you, your surroundings and whatever's in your grip look stunning? That's the ticket.

The rain has been super and the San Lorenzo has been flowing nicely. There's still a month left to fish here, but plenty more to come elsewhere.

We have a full schedule of fishouts all over California and the country, fun outings at Pour Taproom, our Public Outreach at Quail Hollow, fly-tying, and the fly-fishing clinic. We'll do some more work on caring for our local and not so local waters. We'll have fun bringing the youth of the world to fly-fishing and the environment, and we'll enjoy the great collaboration with folks like CWC, Patagonia, and more, in an effort to promote, educate, and enjoy the sport of fly fishing. Grab a camera, grab a friend, let's go fishing!



Reel News

* **Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show - February 22-24, 2019 - flyfishingshow.com**

Friday: 10 am - 6 pm ; Saturday: 9 am - 5:30 pm ; Sunday: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Tickets: One Day - \$15; Two Days - \$25; Three Days - \$35 buy online; cash only at the gate

Children under age 5 free, Scouts in uniform free, Military with ID \$10

Alameda County Fairgrounds - 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566

See vendor exhibits, demonstrations, try out new gear!

* **Suggestions for Programs - Jim Black - 688-8174 - jameswilsonblack@me.com**

Our new Programs Director, Jim Black, is already hard at work arranging the programs and speakers for our monthly club meetings, and in order to address the members' interests, is asking for input. He wants you to provide him with suggestions for programs you would like to see, ones that will get you off the couch one Wednesday evening of each month, and get you to come to the club meetings. Please think about it, and feel free to contact him with your suggestions, whether it's a guide you want to hear from, a technique you want to learn, or even what bugs do when fish aren't eating them!

The logo for 'THE Fly FISHING Show'. It features a stylized fly in flight above the text 'THE Fly FISHING Show'. The word 'THE' is in a small, serif font. 'Fly' is in a large, red, serif font. 'FISHING' is in a red, serif font with a horizontal line through it. 'Show' is in a large, red, cursive font.

2018 Board of Directors

The SCFF thanks the outgoing board members for their service.

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Fly Casting Master	Sam Bishop	476-6451
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Members at Large

Kathy Powers	728-4130
Alev Bilginsoy	(801) 864-4785

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.

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



Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
Mar. 18-24	Pyramid Lake, NV	Lahontan Cutthroat Trout	Mike White - 706-5556
Mar. TBA	Los Banos Creek Reservoir	Bass and Bluegill	Dan Eaton - 336-2933
Apr. 19-21	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
Apr. 27	Los Padres Reservoir	Trout	Roy Gunter - 809-0316
May 3-5	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
TBA	Various Beaches	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 13-19	Green River, UT	Trout	John Steele - 476-0648
July 14-18	Loreto, Baja Sur	Salt Water Fishing	Rich Hughett - 757-5709
Sept. 21-28	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Sept. 28-Oct.5	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Oct. TBA	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 of 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.

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Catchy Releases

Northern Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Further Delayed in Ocean Waters North of Patrick's Point, Humboldt County due to Public Health Hazard

From <https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/>

January 7th, 2019

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director Charlton H. Bonham delayed the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Patrick's Point, Humboldt County north to the California/Oregon state line after state health agencies recommended to delay the fishery in the area due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

The commercial Dungeness crab fishery in the area south of Patrick's Point, Humboldt County to the Sonoma/Mendocino county line will open at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, to be preceded by a 64-hour gear setting period that would begin no earlier than 8:01 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

This delay shall remain in effect until the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), in consultation with the State Public Health Officer at California Department of Public Health (CDPH), determines that domoic acid no longer poses a significant risk to public health and recommends opening the fishery in this region. CDFW will continue to coordinate with CDPH and OEHHA to test domoic acid levels in Dungeness crab to determine when the commercial fishery in this area can safely be opened.

No vessel may take, possess or land crab within a delayed area during the closure period. In addition, any vessel that takes, possesses on board or lands Dungeness crab from ocean waters outside of this delayed area is prohibited from taking, possessing onboard or landing Dungeness crab for 30 days in this area once it opens to commercial fishing pursuant to Section 8279.1 of the Fish and Game Code.



Once a positive determination is made to open the fishery, CDFW may provide the fleet a minimum of 72-hour advance notice announcing when trap gear can be set.

For more information, please see CDFW's Frequently Asked Questions regarding the 2018-19 Dungeness crab commercial season.

This area north of Patrick's Point remains closed for recreational take of Dungeness crab, also due to domoic acid.

Domoic acid is a potent neurotoxin produced by a naturally occurring marine alga, whose levels can be increased under certain ocean conditions, and can accumulate in shellfish, other invertebrates and sometimes fish. It causes illness and sometimes death in a variety of birds and marine mammals that consume affected organisms. At low levels, domoic acid exposure can cause nausea, diarrhea and dizziness in humans. At higher levels, it can cause persistent short-term memory loss, seizures and death.

For more information:

Memo from Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment(1/7/2019)

CDFW Director's Closure Declaration (1/7/2019)

2018-19 Frequently Asked Questions for the Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery (12/3/2018)

www.wildlife.ca.gov/Fishing/Ocean/Health-Advisories

www.wildlife.ca.gov/crab

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Jordan Traverso, CDFW Communications, (916) 654-9937

CDFW Awards \$4.2 Million for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Projects

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) today announced the selection of three projects to restore wetlands that sequester greenhouse gases (GHGs) and provide other ecological co-benefits.

The awards, totaling \$4.2 million, were made under CDFW's 2017 Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program Proposal Solicitation Notice.

The Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program focuses on projects with measurable objectives that will lead to GHG reductions in wetlands and watersheds while providing co-benefits such as enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, protecting and improving water quality and quantity, and helping California adapt to climate change. Wetlands have high carbon sequestration rates that can store carbon for decades.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to fund wetland restoration projects while directly addressing climate resiliency and furthering the science of carbon sequestration," CDFW Director Charlton H. Bonham said. "Wetlands play a vital role in our state's water storage and as natural carbon sinks, provide significant other benefits."

Projects approved for funding are:

Van Norden Meadow Restoration Project (\$1,948,803 to the South Yuba River Citizens League). The Van Norden Meadow

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Restoration Project is a unique opportunity to advance the understanding of multiple benefits that meadow restoration projects provide through a collaborative monitoring and restoration program. The project proposes to restore 485 acres of meadow habitat and conduct monitoring to address specific uncertainties about how meadow restoration benefits meadow hydrology, ecology, biology, carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas cycling, and increase our understanding of the vulnerability of meadows to climate change.

Elkhorn Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration: Hester Phase II (\$1,596,779 to Elkhorn Slough Foundation). Elkhorn Slough, one of the largest estuaries in California, contains the state's largest salt marshes south of San Francisco Bay. The slough provides important habitat for a broad range of resident and migratory birds, invertebrates, fish, marine mammals and other wildlife, and plays a crucial role in the local estuarine and nearshore food web. The project includes restoration of an entire cross section of coastal ecosystem from carbon sequestering native oyster beds, 30 acres of historically diked and drained coastal wetlands, and five acres adjacent vegetated buffer. Building upon the success of Hester Phase I, the project will enhance sophisticated GHG science and monitoring as well as investigating the novel GHG mitigation strategy of converting plant waste to biochar as a soil

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Ecosystem and Community Resiliency in the Sierra Nevada: Restoration of the Clover Valley Ranch (\$680,974 to The Sierra Fund). The overarching goal of this project is to improve climate resilience at the ecosystem and community level in Red Clover Valley. Ecosystem resiliency is defined as the reestablishment of hydrologic function and mesic vegetation, while community resiliency is defined as long-term engagement and capacity building of residents of the region, including the Mountain Maidu Tribe. This project leverages Natural Resources Conservation Service implementation including construction of grade control structures, beaver dam analogues and revegetation, and proposes to evaluate the effectiveness of restoration for improving climate resilience. The on-the-ground activities will result in GHG sequestration benefits and environmental and economic co-benefits for people and species of the region, while monitoring will ensure that benefits are quantified, contributing to climate-based understanding of Sierra Nevada meadows.

CDFW's Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. The cap-and-trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling and much more.

More information about the CDFW program can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/watersheds/greenhouse-gas-reduction. For more information, please visit the California Climate Investments website at www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

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An Entomology Crash Course for the Fly Fisher

By Robert Younghanz

Although there is some debate within the entomology community as to the exact number, there is generally considered to be 13 distinct aquatic or semiaquatic insect orders, along with a variety of other aquatic arthropods, as well as worms, leeches, eels, sponges, clams, snails and mites (just to name a few other items on the menu). This is by no means an exhaustive list. To complicate matters even more, there are many insects, while terrestrial, that live near the shoreline of rivers and lakes on aquatic vegetation and the moist soil near littoral zones.

While often a very thin line, my primary goal as an entomologist, instructor and guide, has been to filter out the pertinent scientific information vital to the fly fisher and break it down so that it's understandable, thus facilitating better success and higher confidence on the water. Here is the "Cliff Notes" primer on the four major aquatic orders that will give the dedicated fly fisher a long head start.

I'm going to make this as simple as I can by focusing on EPT (no, not "Early Pregnancy Test") rather Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, Tichoptera and Mayflies, Stoneflies, Caddisflies. I'll throw in Midges for good measure. So, let's break this down:

All insects have six legs. If you collect or see a creature with six legs it IS an insect. With that said, trout don't care since they don't know what an insect is, and they are opportunistic generalists when it comes to their feeding habits. In other words, they will eat anything they can get their mouths around given the opportunity. I once saw a trout eat a cigarette butt; the cigarette butt flies I tie up are second to none.

Let's start with Mayflies. As nymphs, mayflies have three tails and one hook on each appendage. Although fairly infrequent in the context of the entire order, there are a small percentage of mayfly nymphs that do have two tails. All adult mayflies have wings that are held vertically when at rest, like a sailboat. During a spinner fall, after they have mated, you will see dead mayflies with their wings sprawled out flat on the water, on each side of their thorax. A little-known fact about mayflies is

that virtually all of them have four wings. Although not usually visible to the naked eye, they have what are known as sub or hind wings, which are reduced in size as compared with the main set of wings. I'm not suggesting that one would tie their mayfly adult patterns any differently due to this taxonomic feature, but it does make for good conversation at cocktail parties and TU meetings.

Stoneflies are a piece of cake...Nymphs, 2/2, two tails and two hooks on each of their appendages. NO EXCEPTIONS. As adults, their wings are pleated and lay on top of one another flat on their backs no matter their size or color. Again, no exceptions. Two orders done!

Caddisflies, i.e. "case makers" (a misnomer), will either be in cases or some type of other larval housing, or free-living, but will always look like little caterpillars in a multitude of colors. As adults, they have tent- or roof-like hairy membranous wings, an aquatic moth, if you will.

Lastly, midges...in the order of Diptera, which incorporates all flies, aquatic or terrestrial. Midges are just one family of many aquatic flies and as the nomenclature tells us, they have two wings. "Di" meaning "two" and "ptera" meaning "wings" usually divergent and mosquito-like in their general appearance as adults. As larva, they look like small white, off-white or red worms (thus the term "red rock worm") or strands of red or white string.

Believe it or not, it's really that simple. Now that you can begin to separate your key aquatic orders, the next step is to go out and collect trout foods on your own and begin the process of determining just what type of mayfly, stonefly or caddisfly you're looking at and what type of bugs the fish are eating. Not only is this fun, but it all makes you a better angler!

Robert Younghanz, a.k.a. The Bug Guy, is an internationally known fly-fishing guide and instructor. www.the-bug-guy.com



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.crosby-lodge.com. The General Store in Sutcliff 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 Con-fab 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 cut-throat 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 Sutcliff, near the Ranger Station.

If you have any questions about equipment or how to get there, check the "Gearing up" columns in the March 2016-2017 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.

Loreto Fly Fishing Trip in July 2019 - Sign Up Now!

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett - 831-757-5709

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 14th through Thursday, July 18th. This trip includes:

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

*Three days of fishing on 24 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: \$795.00 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.



MONTHLY RAFFLE

February Fun

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Fellow Fly Fishers:

We all pretty much have gotten through the winter and the fund raiser is in the rear-view mirror. Many thanks to all those that made it happen and all those that attended. Now it's time to start thinking about some kick butt fishing in the new year!

Pyramid Lake is in the cross hairs for many of us, how about a new or spare indicator rig? This is a Blackstar 4-piece 9-foot high carbon 7 weight rod with a large arbor cnc-cut NVC reel. Also included is a Real Gold 7-weight floating line.

As most of us know the beach around Pyramid is quite similar to a rugged moonscape and can be quite hard on gear. To



the rescue is a set of four-place rod holders that magnetically attach to your vehicle to keep your rigs out of harm's way.

Can't forget our fly-tying folks this time of year, can we? We have as a great raffle prize a catalog and gift card from The Fly Shop in Redding. It's a perfect chance to stock up on everything you might need to be prepared for upcoming season.

DOOR PRIZE/EVERYBODY GETS A TICKET

Forget about Birkinstocks, win a pair of Crocs! Great for wet wading, comfort around the campfire, or stashed in your float tube for that unplanned walk back to your launch site. Durable and comfortable, they are everybody's favorite!

LifeLines

Flood Safety Tips

From <https://www.progressive.com/vehicle-resources/flood-safety/>

Floods can occur anywhere, with floodwaters rising gradually or flash floods striking suddenly. Flash floods are the number one weather-related killer in the United States - most flood fatalities happen because people try to drive through deadly waters rather than avoid them. (Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2005)

Water's powerful force can easily overtake vehicles caught in a flood. Follow these tips to stay safe in your car during a flood.

How to Drive in a Flood:

Pay attention to barricades. Don't ignore them by driving past them. Do not drive through standing water on roads or in parking lots.

The average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water, and roads covered by water are prone to collapse. Attempting to drive through water also may stall your engine, with the potential to cause irreparable damage if you try to restart the engine. If you come upon a flooded street, take an alternate route.

Take extra precautions if you're forced to drive through water:

If no alternate route exists and you have no other reasonable alternative but to drive through standing water.

Do your best to estimate the depth of the water (if other cars are driving through, take note of how deep the water is).

Drive slowly and steadily through the water.

Avoid driving in water that downed electrical or power lines have fallen in - electric current passes through water easily.

Watch for items traveling downstream - they can trap or crush you if you're in their path.

If you have driven through water up to the wheel rims or higher, test your brakes on a clear patch of road at low speed. If they are wet and not stopping the vehicle as they should, dry them by pressing gently on the brake pedal with your left foot while maintaining speed with your right foot.

Stay off the telephone unless you must report severe injuries.

If your vehicle stalls in the deep water,

you may need to restart the engine to make it to safety. Keep in mind that restarting may cause irreparable damage to the engine. If you can't restart your vehicle and you become trapped in rising water, immediately abandon it for higher ground. Try to open the door or roll down the window to get out of the vehicle. If you are unable to get out safely, call 911 or get the attention of a passerby or someone standing on higher ground so that they may call for help.



Bait for Thought

What's Important



One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions. - John Ashley-Cooper

FLY OF THE MONTH

Andy's Emerger

As midges are available to trout the year around it's good to carry a few with you at all times. This is a pattern that depicts the midge that has ascended to the surface and is in the process of hatching out but can't fly away yet. Use fluorocarbon, which sinks, allowing the hook eye to sink.

Hook: TMC or TFS 5263 size 18
Thread: Black 8/0
Post: White 2mm closed cell foam
Hackle: Grizzly, sized for 16 hook
Rib: Silver Flashabou
Thorax: Grey-tan rabbit dubbing
Body: Black thread



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye, wrap touching thread wraps down shank to just short of hook bend.
3. Cut foam into strip 2mm X 1mm. Tie foam to rear 1/4 of shank and to slightly around hook bend.
4. Leave 1/8" extending beyond thread wraps.
5. Prepare hackle butt with "crew cut". Tie in crew cut in-front of post. Make 5 - 6 close wraps forward. Tie off, cut excess.
6. Tie in rib, leave hanging.
7. Dub a thorax ball in front of hackle.
8. Make overlapping thread wraps forward to eye.
9. Spiral rib forward in 5 wraps. Tie off, cut excess.
10. Wrap thread butt behind eye. Whip finish, cut excess, apply Zap-a-Gap to entire body and butt.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Herb and Lemon Roasted Striped Bass From <https://www.myrecipes.com>

*Fresh herbs give mild-tasting bass vibrant flavor. Make an elegant roasted fish recipe for dinner.
Pair with a green salad and a side of rice.*



Ingredients:

4 (6-ounce) striped bass fillets
1 lemon
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Place fish on pan. Grate lemon rind to measure 1 teaspoon; juice lemon to measure 1 tablespoon. Combine rind, juice, oil, thyme, oregano, salt, and black pepper; drizzle mixture over fish. Bake at 425° for 13 minutes or until desired degree of doneness.



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10	11	12 <i>1st Qtr</i> ☾	13 Fly Tying Class - 7 PM Aptos Grange	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19 <i>Full Moon</i> ●	20 Board Mtg. 7 PM Location:TBA	21	22 The Fly Show- ←	23 Fishing Pleasanton
24 The Fly Fishing Show Pleasanton →	25	26 <i>Last Qtr</i> ☾	27	28		

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