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CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 4th, 2017
Time: Doors open at 6:45 PM
 Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

The Annual Slide Show presented by Chris Walters

This yearly tradition dates back to when it really was a slide show, people actually took photos with film cameras and had the film developed and put on slide mounts, and the slides were shown on the big screen with a Kodak Carousel slide projector. Some of you younger members probably don't even know what that was.

Gradually, over time, most members gravitated toward digital cameras, shooting their "hero" photos of those big fish, and the beautiful scenery where the fish were caught, and the slide show became digital, too, with the slide show presenter composing the presentation on DVD, and showing it with a laptop and a digital projector.



Thus it is that the "slide show" is now actually a digital visual feast, full of photos that you, the members, have taken over the past year, at club fishouts, club events, and on your own personal fishing trips. This is the one club meeting all year long that you can't miss, because no other presentation better illustrates what the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen is all about: educating, promoting and enjoying the sport of fly fishing! If you have friends that want to know what it is we fly fishermen do for fun, this is the perfect way to show them, so bring them, too!

Bait for Thought

15 Best Times to Go Fishing from the Lunkerville Facebook page

1. When you need to chill out.
2. When you need some excitement.
3. When you want to be alone
4. When you want to hang out.
5. When you need a little fresh air.
6. When you need a little exercise.
7. When you want to relax.
8. When you want to be challenged.
9. When you want to connect with nature.
10. When you want to conquer nature.
11. When you have the day off work.
12. When you don't have the day off work.
13. When you're a kid.
14. When you can take your kids.
15. Any time the fish are biting.



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President's Line

Happy Holidays
From President Jim Black



Merry Christmas and Happy 2017 New Year! Here's to your health, happiness and more Fishing in 2017.

1. Membership Forms: Please email, call or text me if you have mailed your membership in the self addressed envelope furnished in the annual 9 x12 Large envelope. If you did so, we want to confirm from our records we have received your Membership Form. You can simply say: "yes I mailed the Form." Call (408) 832-0078.

2. Check out the Fishout Schedule inside the newsletter, including a couple of new ones, two on the Yuba River, one Mark Traugott arranged through the University of California and one for Shad with an overnight camp on the Yuba River. It's going to be a busy year and add some Surf Fishouts as well.

3. San Clemente Dam Removal and restoration of the Carmel River, just recently completed very near all of us.

The \$80 Million \$\$ project will provide some 25 miles of Steelhead spawning Habitat. If you are interested you can search San Clemente Dam Removal Project and review the details.

The Dam is owned by California American Water Company and they will be paying the majority of the cost for the removal. An interesting and important detail was the process of providing an orderly removal of the enormous amount of sediment. Done incorrectly, it could have caused downstream flooding. The State Coastal Wildlife Board, NOAA, Nature Conservancy and TU among others were involved.

If there is enough interest I believe we could arrange a tour of the completed work.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

New Year Goodies
By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

The following prizes will be featured at the January Club Meeting:

***West Marine inflatable PFD.** This is a life saving piece of equipment for anyone fishing from a float tube, pontoon boat, or kayak. It has over 25 pounds of buoyancy and inflates automatically when it is immersed in water or can be inflated manually. It is lightweight with a low profile design and a comfortable non-constricting wide neckline. Many lakes (Pyramid, for example) require a PFD for any type of floating watercraft. Not a bad idea to wear a PFD when fishing some of our big water rivers or in the surf.

***UV Buff.** One common reality in our sport is that it usually takes place under the bright and potentially dangerous glare of the sun. Sunscreen can provide a degree of ultraviolet protection but to be effective requires constant greasy hand eye stinging applications. Plan B is the "Buff" designed to protect the neck, face, and head of those spending time out in the sun. This Buff provides 95% UV protection, dries quickly, is wind resistant, and provides thermal comfort; Keeps you on the water longer and reduces skin damage caused by the sun.

***Sierra Trout Guide by Ralph Cutter.** 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.

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FLY TYING CLASSES

Date: Wednesday, January 11th

Time: Open -6:45 p.m.

Class - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Mohair Leech

Instructor: Elaine Cook



Our class this month will be a fly that can be fished all year round in stillwater. As always, all materials other than thread will be provided (some thread is available for beginners). Bring 6/0 or 8/0 olive thread AND 6/0 or 8/0 black thread. Bring your tools, vise, and light (some set-ups are available for beginners). There is no charge for classes.

Please sign-up at the January club meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561. If you sign up and later find you can't attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated.

NOTE: In February our regular club meeting is replaced with our annual ConFab (all day get together & BBQ on Feb. 11th) so sign up for the class will be by calling Elaine at 688-1561.

Date: Wednesday, February 8th

Time: Open - 6:45 p.m.

Class - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Yellow Crown

Instructor: Elaine Cook

It's time to get ready for the Pyramid Lake Fishout. This pattern simulates one of the midges that populate the lake. And speaking from experience, it's a must.

As always, the class is free. All materials are provided other than thread. (some thread is available for beginners). Bring 3/0, 6/0, flat wax nylon or similar white thread AND 6/0 or 8/0 yellow thread. Bring your tools, vise, and light (some setups are available for beginners). If you should sign up and then find you are unable to attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated.



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

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

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Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target species	Fishmaster
Dec. 31- Jan. 2	Goodwin Lake	Trout	Roy Gunter (831) 809-0316
Jan 27 -29	Goodwin Lake	Trout	Roy Gunter (831) 809-0316
Feb. 11	Santa Cruz Elem. Sch.	ConFab	Milana Rawson (831) 583-9370
Feb. 24 – 26	Goodwin Lake	Trout	Roy Gunter (831) 809-0316
Spring & Summer TBA	Various local beaches	Perch, Stripers	Sam Bishop (831) 476-6451
March 19 - 25	Pyramid Lake, NV	Lahontan Cutthroat Trout	Mike White (831) 706-5556
April 15	Yuba River	Steelhead, Trout	Mark Traugott (831) 338-6056
April 21 - 23	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes (831) 335-5727
May 5-7	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes (831) 335-5727
Sunday, May 21	Quail Hollow Ranch	Fly Fishing 101	Milana Rawson (831) 583-9370
Spring TBA	Bass Lake	Bass	Dan Eaton (831) 336-2933
June 7-8	Yuba River	Shad	Jim Black (831) 688-8174
July 8 - 15	Green River, UT	Trout	John Steele (831) 476-0648
August TBA	Loveto Baja Sur	Dorado, saltwater species	Rich Hughett (831) 757-5709
Sept. 23 – 30 (wk.#1)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7 (wk.#2)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
October TBA	Lake Almanor	Large Browns	Tim Loomis (831) 426-4683
Oct. TBA	San Luis Forebay	Stripers	Steve Rudzinski (831) 462-4532

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

THE CONFAB

The SCFF Annual "Confab" - Sat., February 11th, 2017 - 9 AM - 4 PM

Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School

Confab Master: Milana Rawson - (831) 917-0551

The Confab is a fly fishing tradition. It is an informal exchange of views and ideas, or, in this case, a fly fisherman's opportunity to chat with a large group of friends, enjoy a barbecue lunch, and practice both fly casting and fly tying. This event is for the SCFF, but members are encouraged to bring their friends and introduce them to our club.

Casting Techniques: Hands on Clinics, Basics, Distance and Accuracy Demos, Spey, Switch Rod, Single Spey, Roll casts, Shooting heads. There will be a casting pond, and the ever-popular Annual Casting Contest, all levels.

Fly Tying: The featured fly will be the **Olive Crystal Woolly Bugger**. Class will be at 10:00 AM. There are numerous Woolly Bugger patterns. Knowing how to tie the basic pattern is very helpful. This particular pattern has worked well in the past. Just ask Tim Loomis who swears by it. The class is free, and all materials will be provided except thread (some thread will be available for beginners). Bring olive 6/0 or 8/0 thread, your tools, vise, and light (some setups will be available for beginners). No signup is required for this class.



Also, there will be the ever-popular and often unintentionally funny **Blind Fly Tying Contest**, beginning at around 11:00 AM. All of you, beginners and experienced tiers, are encouraged to participate in the fun.

Displays: Flies, Rods, Reels, Lines, Conservation and Fishouts.

Clinics: Knots, Wader repair, and more.

BBQ Lunch: A BBQ lunch will be provided for all that attend.

Big Swap Meet: Perfect time to unload your old stuff to someone else. One guy's trash is another guy's treasure!

For more info and your input, contact Milana Rawson at milanaklo4ko@gmail.com.

Directions: From Soquel Dr., turn onto Thurber Lane. Proceed up the hill to Winkle Ave., turn left and drive two blocks, go through school gate.

*** Please note:** I will need volunteers the day of this event, to help with the BBQ, set up, and cleanup, so please let me know ahead of

time that you are willing to lend a hand by contacting me either by phone or e-mail. Thank you in advance!

Catchy Releases

What does the new federal water bill mean for California? For one, a big win for farmers

From <http://www.sacbee.com> - Dec. 12, 2016 - By Dale Kasler and Ryan Sabalow

With more storms heading toward Northern California this week, the bill could affect operations in the Delta right away if signed by President Barack Obama. The bill is designed to route more of the Sacramento River's flows to the giant government-run pumping stations near Tracy, which deliver water to California's dry interior and southern expanse via the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. That would mean less water in the rivers for fish and wildlife, and less flowing to the San Francisco Bay and out to the ocean.

Farm groups and south state cities called the controversial bill a long-overdue course correction that puts human needs on an even footing with fish and other environmental purposes.

"The intent really is to avoid the absolute catastrophe that was the 2016 operations, where you had days and days and days on end of massive amounts of water flowing through the Delta" and out to the ocean, said Johnny Amaral of the Westlands Water District, the massive agricultural district that spent \$1 million lobbying Congress over water the past two years.

Environmentalists, however, said by authorizing increased pumping in the Delta, the legislation will bring further ruin to the dwindling fish populations that are protected by the Endangered Species Act. A recent study by scientists at the Bay Institute, an environmental group, warned that the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries already are facing ecosystem collapse because so little freshwater is flowing out to sea from the Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems.

"This act is trying to tip the scales," said Doug Obegi, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco.

Francisco. "This will increase the harm to the salmon and steelhead and Delta smelt." He said most provisions of the bill would remain in effect for five years, whether the drought continues or not.

If Obama signs the bill, which is no sure thing, it could put the federal government on a collision course with California regulators. The state has strong laws in place to protect endangered species and Delta water quality. The State Water Resources Control Board, which has broad authority over the allocation of water coursing through the Delta, already has begun updating its standards for water quality and restricting the amount of river flows that can get pumped south.

"It remains to be seen the extent to which (California law) gets swept by the wayside," said Holly Doremus, an expert on water law at UC Berkeley. "I think it will lead to litigation over these kinds of issues."

A White House spokesman said last week that Obama has concerns about the language regarding Delta pumping and some other sections in the bill. But the bill also has popular provisions — such as \$170 million to address the crippled drinking-water system in Flint, Mich. — that would be sacrificed if Obama issues a veto.

Along with the pumping provisions, the bill would funnel money into an array of California water projects. Among them: \$415 million for watershed restoration and other environmental aid for Lake Tahoe; up to \$335 million for two proposed reservoirs in California, including the Sites reservoir north of Sacramento; \$880 million for flood-control projects on the Amer-

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ican and Sacramento rivers in Sacramento; and \$780 million for flood-control projects in West Sacramento.

California farm groups and their allies in Congress, mainly House Republicans, had been pushing for years for legislation that would free up more water for agriculture. Those efforts intensified in the state's prolonged drought, as cutbacks in government surface water deliveries resulted in hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland being idled.

Even amid the cutbacks, California agriculture has largely prospered in recent years, due to intensive groundwater pumping and strong prices for dairy, almonds and many other commodities.

Feinstein, who has strong ties to agriculture, had worked to craft legislation that would ease Delta pumping restrictions without tampering with the Endangered Species Act. The version passed this weekend, co-authored with Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield, the House majority leader, includes language designed to ensure that federal water officials still must abide by environmental laws.

"This bill isn't perfect, but I do believe it will help California," Feinstein said. "After three years and dozens of versions of legislation, I think this is the best we can do."

Federal fisheries officials declined to comment Monday, saying they still were reviewing the bill. But earlier this year, they argued that because several kinds of Central Valley fish are nearly extinct, they had no choice but to order dam and pump operators to be more conservative during the high water flows last winter.

The bill doesn't gut the Endangered Species Act or do away with the influential recommendations federal scientists issue about the risk levels to fish from Delta pumping. But it does require pump operators to push the limits on how much water can be pumped.

The bill says the water projects must be managed to "maximize water supplies for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project." The projects' customers include most of the state's major agricultural water agencies and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which supplies water to 19 million people in the Los Angeles and San Diego regions.

How would they get more water? One example is in the regulation of the "reverse flow" limitations on the San Joaquin

River. The Delta pumping stations near Tracy are so powerful, they disrupt river flows and pull migrating fish toward predators that await them at the pump entrances and the pumps themselves.

Under current law, biologists from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decide how strong the reverse flow can be. The new law would require the federal government to

ramp up the pumps to the maximum allowed under the Endangered Species Act unless there's evidence of "additional adverse effects" on the fish.

"It would be the highest-pumping, the least-protective end of the range," said Obegi of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Roger Patterson, assistant general manager of the Metropolitan Water District, said the bill won't force the hand of fisheries officials.

Instead, he said, it requires fisheries officials to justify their decisions. Plus, he said, the legislation provides millions of dollars so scientists can collect more reliable data about the relationship between fish health and pumping. Patterson's agency is among those that protested when fisheries officials ordered the pumps throttled back during last winter's storms.

"The protective mechanisms are still there. This just basically says, 'Try to squeeze out more water consistent with protecting species, and here's some money to get better data. And you need to explain and document the decisions you made,'" Patterson said.



Opening Day

By Barry Burt

I always look forward to December because it marks the beginning of yet another Steelhead season on the San Lorenzo River. The opener in particular, on December 1st, has been a long standing tradition with me and many of my friends who, not only look forward to the possibility of hooking one of the greatest sport fish on the planet, but also enjoy the comradery of connecting with old fishing buddies that they may not have seen since last season.

Steelhead fishing is the reason and excuse I use to visit the river of my youth. Hitting the river on opening day is like visiting an old friend that you haven't seen in a year. Though San Lorenzo steelhead runs are only but a shadow of what they formerly were, I still approach each opening day with a certain sense of optimism and the San Lorenzo doesn't disappoint.

This year's opener was no different.

The early rains we had in October and November coupled with the high tides and big swells had blown open the mouth

of the river and afforded the fish plenty of opportunity to get into the system. It was with high expectations that my buddy, John, and I arrived at the river at O' dark thirty and began our half hour hike up stream by headlamp to fish our favorite hole on the river.



As first light broke and the mist of early morning rose off the water, I couldn't help but think of how few people are aware of the mystical, majestic beauty of this small coastal stream and how fortunate I was to still be experiencing its wonders on this crisp December morning. My reverie was soon interrupted by John's shouts of "Fish on," and I watched a spunky little smolt (juvenile steelhead) break water at the end of his line. Early season fish are typically on the small side and on opening day we're usually

happy to catch what we refer to as eggeaters or half pounders that average between 16 -20". These fish have spent only one year in the salt water unlike the mature adult spawners that come in later

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in the season and can average 8-10 Lbs. and measure as much as 36". Smolts on the other hand have never been out to sea and will at some point in the next year migrate out to the ocean. A good smolt population is a good sign of the overall health of the river and an excellent indicator that future runs will be abundant so it was with the utmost of care that John released his fish unharmed. This was to be one of dozens of smolts we caught that day and although we're pleased to see that every hole we fished was loaded with these 10-12" residents, we were hoping to hook some larger chromers straight out of the ocean.

Those who have fished this river consistently will attest, the mighty San Lorenzo doesn't give up her fish easily. By the end of the day, after covering 5.2 miles on the river and putting in 6 hours of fishing time, we both managed to each land a handful of respectable egg eaters that fought like crazy and John actually hooked and lost one nice mature adult that he claims may have

gone almost 6 lbs. They are always bigger when you lose them. All in all it was a very satisfying day on the river.

So begins another steelhead season on the San Lorenzo.

We are so fortunate to have so close at hand such a diverse venue to fish for these magnificent fish. Historically the San Lorenzo was one of the most heavily fished rivers on the California coast and sustained one of the healthiest populations of steelhead as well as Coho salmon. Even though we will probably not see those numbers today, it is still exciting to me to know that I could be catching fish downtown in an urban environment by street lights in the morning and on the same day finish up by fishing the wild stretch of the river in the gorge surrounded by temperate redwood forest.

What a treasure we have in this wonderful resource!

Note: This article was from the Coastal Watershed Council's online newsletter.

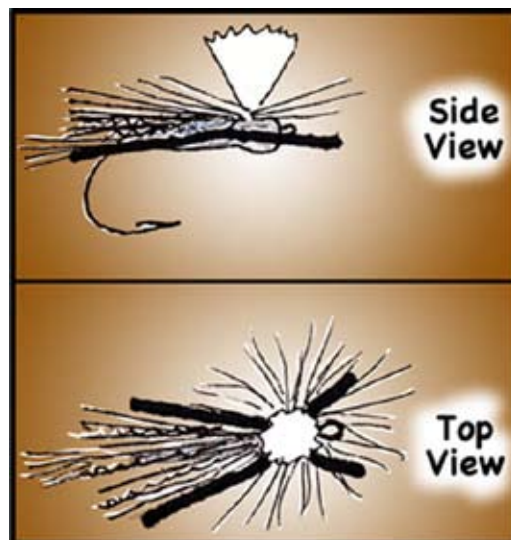
FLY OF THE MONTH

The Cricket Submitted by Elaine Cook

This terrestrial pattern is tied parachute style. Crickets are active in warmer months. This pattern has proven to be particularly effective, visible, and floats well.

Hook: TMC 5262 size 10 - 14
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0
Post: White poly yarn
Hackle: Black saddle
Tail: Moose body
Body: Black superfine dubbing
Underbody #1: Black Z-Lon
Underbody #2: Pearl Crystal Flash
Wing: Moose body
Thorax: Black superfine dubbing
Legs: Black rubber

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread 1/4 back on shank.
3. Using a 1 inch piece of poly yarn, divide it in half lengthwise and tie the center of one strand to top of shank with 2 thread wraps. Hold ends upright and make a few wraps around the base.
4. Select hackle with parts 1 1/2 hook gap. Cut 6 - 8 barbs short on each side of butt end. (crew cut) Tie butt end to top of shank at base of post. Hold hackle and post upright. Make thread wraps up around the materials covering about 1/16th", then back down to shank.
5. Cut small bundle of moose hair from hide. Remove underfur. Stack tips. Tie to top of shank with tips extending 1/2 shank length to rear.
6. Dub a slightly tapered body forward to mid-shank.
7. Tie in Z-Lon on top of shank, cut at halfway point on tail.
8. Stack 4 strands of Crystal Flash. Cut a 1" bundle. Tie in center on top of shank. Stroke all to rear and tie in place. Cut to a little beyond rear of hook.
9. Using a bundle of moose hair twice the size of the tail, remove under hair and stack tips. With tips extending the length of the Crystal Flash, tie to top of shank to the post with numerous wraps.
10. Dub a generous thorax from the wing to the eye.
11. Legs: Position thread at rear. Cut 2 1" lengths and tie the center of 1 on the far side and the center of the other on the near side.
12. To finish the hackle, wrap the thread over the shank behind the post, then around the back of the post, then over the shank in front of the post, then let the bobbin hang. Wrap the hackle around the post 3 times. Hold hackle downward behind thread. Bring thread upward, then around post below hackle 3 times. Half hitch behind eye.
13. Cut thread and excess hackle. Trim post and legs.



GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout-Mar. 19-25, 2017 - 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.

15.6 USE OF LADDERS, ETC.

ladders, milk crates, boxes or other objects used in the water as a fishing aid must be occupied or closely attended (i.e. remain in the area) by fishermen at all times. Any person who leaves such objects unoccupied in the water for more than one hour will be deemed guilty of littering. 15.6.1 Fishing aids described above must have a permanent tag affixed that has the name, address, and phone number of the owner of the fishing aid. If the permitted angler using the fishing aid is not the owner, the owner will be the responsible party for any infractions by the permitted angler.

Last year a new 100 foot regulation was put into effect, and was strictly enforced. So when parking your vehicle, you must be a minimum of 100 feet from the lake's water line. The ranger will literally tape measure it out, so give yourself plenty of grace when parking your vehicle. As far as having a permanent tag affixed to your ladder, most of us who use fiberglass ladders use a heavy black magic marker to write the necessary information directly on the ladder. There are also tags which can be purchased from local fly shops, for a fee.

NOTE: Due to insurance regulations, all attendees must be paid up members of Santa Cruz Flyfishermen, so get your membership paid up if you haven't done so yet.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cod Veracruz - From <http://www.yummly.com>

Ingredients:

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| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | 1 1/2 pounds cod fillets |
| 1 onions (medium, chopped) | 1 clove garlic (finely chopped) |
| 14 1/2 ounces whole peeled tomatoes (undrained) | 1/2 cups pimento stuffed olives (halved) |
| 2 tablespoons chicken flavor bouillon | 1 tablespoon lime juice |
| 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro | |

Directions:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large, deep nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook cod about 4 minutes until golden, turning once. Remove and set aside.
2. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat and cook onion about 4 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and cook about 30 seconds. Add tomatoes, breaking up with a spoon. Stir in olives chicken flavor bouillon. Return cod to skillet and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer covered about 4 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork. Stir in lime juice. Garnish with cilantro and serve with hot cooked rice.



LifeLines

Safe Winter Driving Tips

<http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/roadway-safety/winter-driving-tips/>



Severe weather can be both frightening and dangerous for automobile travel. Motorists should know the safety rules for dealing with winter road emergencies. AAA reminds motorists to be cautious while driving in adverse weather. For more information on winter driving, the association offers the How to Go on Ice and Snow brochure, available through most AAA offices. Contact your local AAA club for more information.

AAA recommends the following winter driving tips:

- * Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- * Never run a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- * Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- * Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- * If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- * Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- * Always look and steer where you want to go.
- * Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Tips for long-distance winter trips:

- * Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival.
- * Always make sure your vehicle is in peak operating condition by having it inspected by a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility.
- * Keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle at all times.
- * Pack a cellular telephone with your local AAA's telephone number, plus blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.

If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you.

- * Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost.
- * Don't over exert yourself if you try to push or dig your vehicle out of the snow.
- * Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.
- * Make sure the exhaust pipe isn't clogged with snow, ice or

mud. A blocked exhaust could cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to leak into the passenger compartment with the engine running.

- * Use whatever is available to insulate your body from the cold. This could include floor mats, newspapers or paper maps. If possible run the engine and heater just long enough to remove the chill and to conserve gasoline.

Tips for driving in the snow:

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.

The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS) and need to slow down quickly, press hard on the pedal—it's normal for the pedal to vibrate a bit when the ABS is activated.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.

Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00 PM Aptos Grange	5 First Qtr. ☾	6	7
8	9	10	11 Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange	12 Full Moon ☽	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home	19 Last Qtr. ☾	20	21 Salmon Feed and Raffle 5 PM
22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25	26	27 New Moon ●	28 Lake Fishout
29 Goodwin Lake Fishout →	30	31			← Goodwin	

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO CLUB MEETING	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 1st Qtr. ☾
5	6	7	8 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	9	10	11 CONFAB SC Gardens Elem. Sch. ☽
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Last Qtr. ☾
19 Newsletter Deadline	20 President's Day	21	22	23	24 ← Goodwin	25 Lake Fishout
26 New Moon ● Goodwin Lake Fishout →	27	28				

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