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CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 2nd
Time: Open - 6:45 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr.

The Annual Slide Show presented by Rich Rubin

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.

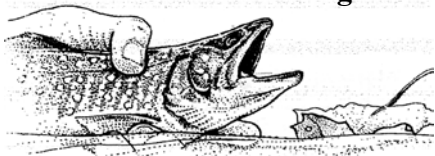


Gradually, over time, most members gravitated toward digital cameras, shooting their "hero" photos of those big fish, and the beautiful scenery where the fish were caught, and the slide show became digital, too, with the slide show presenter composing the presentation on digital media, and showing it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

Where Are You Going?



A wise man told me once, "It's not how many fish you catch, it's where the fly-fishing takes you in life." - Michael L. Yelton

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President's Line

It's 2019 Already!

By President Tom Hogue

Happy New Year. I hope this finds you with special memories of your Holiday season-which, remarkably, as I write this, is just getting started, but is also somehow now over as you're reading this! Fly fishing time travel.

If you have been fly fishing for three months three or thirty years, there's still undoubtedly something you found adding to your holiday wish list, under the Christmas tree. Me too! And I'm looking forward to getting on the water to play with all my new stuff. Technically, I can't tell you what Santa brought me-because, well, Christmas hasn't actually come yet-but yes, it's now the New Year when you're reading this. So I'll tell you at the club meeting.

Speaking of the club meeting, please make some time to come this year, this month! It's our annual slide show of all the members' photos, fishouts, special events, the education days, dinners, BBQs and lots of beautiful people sharing their own play time amidst fish of all kinds from all over the world. Heckling, oohs and aahs encouraged.

AND, make sure to get online, or catch any of a number of opportunities to purchase your dinner tickets for the annual dinner/fundraiser. We took some extra efforts to pay special

attention to a lot of great items for the raffle this year. I'm particularly happy with the responses from some really special companies. So if there was something you didn't get for Christmas, it might just be on the raffle table at this month's meeting, or for sure, at the Annual Fundraiser.

We're set for another good year and while most of the board positions are set, we're still looking for some new help in Conservation, Education, and Events. Yes, we all like our favorite waters, but it's a good idea to try some new destinations. So try a new destination and be a part of making a difference. Please approach any of your board members, even if you want to start as a "shadow" or a co-chair, we'd love to have your help and put your enthusiastic ideas up for consideration. Please let me know directly if you have an idea for the club, the environment, activities, teaching, outreach. We'd love to have you on board.

Happy New Year, everyone. Let's go fly fishing!



FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, January 9th

Time: Open - 6:45 PM

Class - 7:00 PM

Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive

X Caddis

Instructor: Elaine Cook



The fly pattern this month simulates an adult caddis. This very effective pattern is easy to tie. So if you got fly tying equipment for the holidays and want to learn to tie, come on down. Beginners are always welcome. If you don't have equipment and would like to tie, there are always some tools and vises available.

All materials are provided except thread (some available for beginners). Bring 6/0 or 8/0 olive thread, your tools, vise, and light. Sign up at the club meeting or call Elaine with at least 24 hour's notice at 688-1561.

Fly Tying Thank You's

The Club and I so appreciate your sharing of your fly tying skills as instructors at our fly tying classes and various Club events. And the occasions were many this year; Fly tying classes, the Quail Hollow Event, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, After School elementary students, and San Lorenzo Park.

Thank You one and all,
Elaine



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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

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(Assemblyman Stone is Chair of the California Environmental Caucus)



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.

Catchy Releases

San Francisco, other Bay Area cities will see water supply cuts under new plan

From the San Francisco Chronicle, Dec. 12, 2018

Dozens of California communities dependent on the cool, clear water of the High Sierra, from Central Valley farm towns to San Francisco, will see cuts to their water supplies under a plan approved Wednesday by state water regulators.

The reductions, which could force households in the Bay Area to curb water use by 20 percent or more, are the product of a decade-long effort to restore the health of the state's struggling rivers and fish.

But the move by the state water board to boost flows in the waterways by limiting draws, starting with the San Joaquin River basin, is not as strict as initially proposed. The plan leaves open the door for water agencies to trade other improvements to the rivers, such as enhancing salmon habitat, for smaller water cuts. The water agencies have until March to flesh out alternative proposals.

"We've gone out of our way to give multiple opportunities," said Felicia Marcus, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board, which met in Sacramento for 10 hours Wednesday. But "we're not just going to walk away."

At the heart of the water board's Bay Delta Plan is protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. The West Coast's largest estuary and the hub of California's water supplies has seen its waters choked and dirtied amid relentless pumping by cities and farms. The salmon population has collapsed, and the harm has rippled up the food chain to bears, birds and whales.

While San Francisco has long been removed from California's vicious water wars, having coveted rights to supplies in Yosemite, the city's primary source has not escaped this battle. The first phase of the Bay Delta Plan calls for limiting pumping on the San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries, which include the Tuolumne River that feeds San Francisco's Hetchy Hetchy Reservoir. The water board is in the process of developing similar measures for the Sacramento River basin.

The apparent softening of the Bay Delta Plan on Wednesday comes after fierce opposition from an unlikely alliance between San Francisco and thirsty agricultural districts, with support from the Trump administration. The powerful bloc has argued that the fallout from water cuts would bring hardship to residents and businesses.

The water suppliers, joined by the state Natural Resources Agency, introduced their own last-minute proposal that downplayed the need for water cuts on rivers while emphasizing the importance of timing their water draws with fish runs and restoring habitat.

"This (plan) provides us more flexibility, more tools to address the issues that are facing you," Michael Carlin, deputy

general manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, told the water board. The SFPUC provides water to San Francisco and about two dozen other Bay Area communities.

Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom had been advocating for such a compromise plan to head off a prolonged legal fight. Sen. Dianne Feinstein this month even introduced federal water legislation that, while controversial, included a provision for restoration funding in the event of a deal.

The plan put forth by the water agencies and the state Natural Resources Agency not only included the San Joaquin River basin, the first target of the water board, but the Sacramento River watershed.

It offered up about \$1.8 billion for habitat fixes, coming from fees on water agency customers

across the state, and state government money. It also conceded to some water reductions, giving up as much as 1 million acre feet of water statewide. That's nearly three times what Hetch Hetchy holds.

State water board members praised the alternative plan as a good start and said it represented a commitment to working toward the goal of improving the health of the delta. The board instructed its staff to look more closely at the document before the issue returns in March.

Environmental groups and the fishing industry, which have advocated for stronger protections for rivers and wildlife, flatly criticized the plan from the water agencies.

"Many elements of their proposal have already been tried and failed or represent no change from the status quo," said Jon Rosenfield, lead scientist at the Bay Institute.

As it stands, as much as 80 percent of the flow in the San Joaquin River basin is tapped by cities and farms during peak spring runoff. Environmentalists and fishermen have wanted to limit draws to 50 percent, saying salmon won't survive without the reduction, while cities and farms have opposed any major cuts.

State water officials split the difference, approving a plan that allows no more than 60 percent of flows to be diverted, on average.

The decision means urban and agricultural water users in the San Joaquin River watershed will generally have to draw 7 to 23 percent less water, depending on the year, according to state estimates.

The SFPUC believes its customers could be forced to reduce water use 40 percent during prolonged dry spells. The city's water rights are inferior to those of other water agencies on



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the Tuolumne River.

City officials say they'll develop other sources of water, such as groundwater reserves and perhaps desalination, to make up for lost water. But that will take time and money. Building out supplies, according to city estimates, could trigger rate hikes of 17 percent over 15 years, on top of already scheduled increases.

The loss of water to agriculture is estimated to result in a 2.5 percent drop in produce output in the San Joaquin River basin, according to the state. The area is a hotbed of almonds, alfalfa and peaches. Farm groups say during drought years, crop

production could fall even more.

The Trump administration has joined the agricultural industry in trying to scale back the Bay Delta Plan. President Trump has accused California of "foolishly" leaving water in the rivers while the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has threatened to take legal action if its supplies on the Stanislaus River are curtailed, which the plan calls for.

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MONTHLY RAFFLE

Starting 2019 Off Right

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

We've all heard or at least most of us have heard of the decision situation when you have an angel on one shoulder and the devil on the other; decisions, decisions. The same thing happens in the dead of our gray, wet, cold northern California winters. Should we stay hunkered down by the fire or should we brave the elements? Decisions, decisions.

For those that what to brave the elements how about the perfect rig for the Monterey Bay winter surf or the blizzards of Pyramid. We have a 9 foot 10 weight Salt Pro rod. This 4 piece rod is made with Korean SK carbon and FUJI Alconite guides; perfect to deal with "in your face" winter winds. This is matched with a VM sealed drag HD saltwater reel featuring a multi-disc drag, V shape spool, and machine cut reel foot. This is also the perfect outfit for those planning a trip to Cuba.

For those wanting to stay warm by the fire we have the Journeyman Tying Station from White River. It is a great way to organize your tying materials and tools; features both right and left hand vise mounts, movable spool storage rods, 11 wells to manage hooks, beads, cement bottles, hair stackers, and maybe a shot of your favorite single malt. Great way to keep in tune with your sport without getting your feet wet.

Last but not least, well maybe least, we have a pair of bamboo magnetic rod holders and a bamboo flybox, both very Zen, and a Trout Unlimited sling bag. Lots of secret pockets, very cool!

DOOR PRIZE - EVERYBODY GETS A FREE TICKET

Anybody born before Nixon resigned used to call your bath room gear bag a "dopp" kit; it held all the stuff guys needed away from home to keep presentable. As it turns out, these are now called "washbags" and we have a great one to give away. It is made by Hook Line & Sinker of heavy-duty canvas, leather strapping, and features a tied fly artwork interior. It has room for everything you need and will become a classic.



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 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 Fishermen. 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!

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 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 UpNow!

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett - 831-757-5709

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other salt-water 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.



IN MEMORIAM

Dennis Davie

Dennis Davie passed away December 10th from neuroendocrine cancer. He died at home, cared for by his family, friends, and the wonderful people at Hospice of Santa Cruz County.

Dennis' involvement with the Fly Fisher Club was comprehensive. He served on the executive committee, facilitated the annual fundraiser, helped organize speakers, participated in multiple outreach events by cooking lunch and demonstrating fly tying.

Dennis prioritized going fishing as often as he could after his diagnosis. He was featured in the Western Outdoor News displaying a 6 pound 6 ounce brown he caught at lower twin lakes at Bridgeport in Spring of 2017.

Dennis' life was dedicated to fighting toxic authority and promoting the importance of preserving and spending time in the natural world.

He was a self-sufficient, hard-working, competent, and generous man of many talents, and worked many different jobs in electronics and as a manufacturing engineer over the years. But his true passions were environmental activism and his love of the outdoors. He played a significant leadership role in the Ventana Chapter of the Sierra Club, Earth First! Santa Cruz, Free Radio

Santa Cruz in addition to the Santa Cruz Fly Fisherman's club. He also produced and aired a weekly environmental news show for over 20 years.



His sons have fond memories of him playing guitar and singing folk and protest songs together, as well as going on several long backpacking trips in the Sierras, Trinities, and other wilderness areas. He and his wife Sandy had many sailing adventures up and down the west coast, and to Mexico and Hawaii. They lived aboard their sailboat for close to 30 years.

Dennis' proudest sailing accomplishment was sailing from Hawaii to California single handed on a 25' sailboat, navigating by sextant.

For those that knew him and want to pay respects, there will be what the family is calling a "Recollection Rendezvous" (he did not like the term memorial) on Saturday January 5th, 2019, from 1-4 PM at the Moose Lodge in Santa Cruz: 2470 El Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Please RSVP to Sandydavie206@gmail.com.

At this time, support for Dennis' family can be provided by going to this link <https://mealtrain.com/68449d>

Dennis Davie

A Tribute by Steve Rudzinski

Dennis joined the club about the same time as me, we jostled to see who was going to flip burgers at our first July BBQ in the Grange parking lot. I wasn't sure if I was liking this guy or not. There was something cool in this strong but gentle giant.

The setting up before the meeting had some electronic quirks and Dennis was right there to find the right stuff to have light and sound for the meeting to move forward. We moved closer to a good friendship, he had the cool humor and style to not need to show off his understanding on how things work.

I took over after Sam Bishop did his run as president, longer than any former president, (thanks Sam) and it was always Dennis who stood up and volunteered and showed passion to our club mission to educate and to serve. I could always count on his reports to the group at the monthly meeting.

His humor and personal strength and the fact that he lived on a small sailboat very near my boat during times long prior to meeting him at the fly club meeting impressed me. He had his family aboard a small boat and at least four bicycles sat on the foredeck. Serious live-aboards, I recalled thinking.

I will especially miss his voice as he did a marvelous job as MC of our last two fundraiser events. He was a pro, it was all a success.

I was caught off guard reading of his passing at our board meeting, I wish I could have done more or said something to help him slip into the ether, the other side, heaven. RIP Dennis. Peace to you and all of us survivors.



LifeLines

Wintertime Boating Safety

Submitted by Kirk Mathew

The pleasure boats are gone and the water is now all yours. But don't venture out for your next winter fishing trip without following these tips:

1. With the pleasure boating season over there are fewer potential rescuers to assist you in an emergency, so never fish alone. Leave a float plan behind with your spouse, friend, or anyone else who is willing to call authorities if you haven't checked back in at a predetermined time.
2. Wear layers of clothing — preferably synthetic or wool — but never cotton. It's a poor insulator when wet.
3. Bring along high-energy foods such as granola bars and warm drinks. It's important to keep hydrated in winter's dry air. Stay away from alcohol, which dilates blood vessels and cools your body's core.
4. Cold water drains energy and body heat rapidly. If you fall overboard, a life jacket can give you the time you need to pull yourself back in the boat before the effects of hypothermia set in. Vest styles can provide warmth both in and out of the water while automatically inflating



life jackets allow great freedom of movement and fit over bulky winter clothing. Also, make sure you have a method to get back

in the boat, such as a built-in boarding ladder or a short length of rope with loops for foot-holds that is firmly attached to a cleat or other fixed object.

5. According to US Coast Guard boating fatality statistics, January's and February's cold weather represent the greatest fatality risk. Always check the weather before you go. With hypothermia a very real threat, sudden squalls can be deadly.

6. When you're done fishing and before you leave the launch ramp, trim the outboard motor all the way down, remove the kill switch and turn the engine over for a just a second to pump out any water that may still be inside the motor. Remove any mud or plant debris from the boat or equipment and thoroughly drain livewells or anywhere else water may have pooled to stop the spread of invasive species.

Storing the boat high and dry for two days before fishing a different body of water can also help.

Have fun and be safe.

Fishy Tales

***A Paradise tale - June 2018 - Steve Rudzinski**

Late last June I found a nice campsite at Rocky Point for the Hex hatch bite, "JT" and "Yog" met me there along with a team of brothers from Mammoth Lakes to fish the evening bite. We all had to walk through the edge of one campsite to get to the water with our float tubes and gear. The couple who had the lakeside site, (Steve and Trudy) had a 24' travel trailer and kayaks and were very nice about letting us through their site.

Steve was having truck problems and had to find a towing service from town of Paradise to drive up to Lake Almanor and tow him home. A friend there loaned him his truck with towing package so he could bring the trailer home. They were having all kinds of trouble on the trip, we had some great conversations and I got his card before I left. (I was having truck engine problems as well). He was a painting contractor I recalled.

Five months later the worst wild fire California may have ever seen races through my new friends' town. I think of them and wonder how they did, did they survive? I dive through my stuff and find his business card. I wasn't sure what I would find, would anyone answer. I dial the business line first, a cell phone number it seemed to me. No answer after many rings, I take a chance and call the land line number and Trudy answers, they are alive, they outran the fire, he even had the foresight to hook up his mobile trailer and grab what they could as fast as possible. Trudy calls the kids and as many of her clients as she could. They could tell a monster of a fire was coming fast. They didn't get stuck in the slow-moving traffic when it was too late which had many poor people cremated in their vehicles.

So, they are parked in a campground now, over 10 people in their family sleeping there and calling it home. My friends lost everything, fires so hot as to melt toilets and tubs is beyond what happens

in a normal house fire. I don't know what campground they are living in and what their plans will be. Insurance companies balk when the concrete building pad is destroyed I read. I doubt that many people from Paradise will be able to rebuild, like what happened last year in Santa Rosa.

Latest news about fishing guide Jon Baiocchi (he was mentioned in the December club meeting as losing his rental in Paradise and then having his truck stolen) is that a friend set up a Go Fund Me account and in a few days met the goal of ten thousand dollars. I just learned the CHP had located his stolen truck, partially stripped but drivable, the thieves only left one shoe in the truck bed where he had all his possession stored. Jon had found residence and a place for his gear and boat. The fishing community came through and helped him get back on his feet. Getting the truck back was a big deal and we have to respect the law enforcement people for finding it.

Happy 2019 everyone, be careful out there. See you at the fun-draiser salmon dinner....Stosh



FLY OF THE MONTH

Squirminator

Submitted by Barry Burt

Barry Burt had some outstanding success with this fly on the Steelhead opener in the San Lorenzo.

Hook: Size 6 Owner black chrome or 60 deg. jig hook
(Hank 450 barbless wide gap, best but expensive OR Owner SSW bait hook)
Bead: 4.5 mm tungsten slotted bead in white and or pink
Body: Berkley bubble gum 3" trout worm. (Can be found at Walmart or online)
Thorax: Estaz UV lights white pearl chenille
Head: Glow bug yarn, light pink or red
Collar: Thread, fluorescent pink Veevus 140



1. If needed, crimp barb and slip bead on hook.
2. Run the point of the hook down the center of the worm 1/4" then out the side.
3. Slide worm back on shank and apply super glue to the shank the hook, then run the head of the worm back up the hook shank.
4. Attach thread behind bead. Wrap to mid-shank.
5. Tie in a strand of Estaz UV from the mid-point of the hook shank and wrap two to three turns towards the eye and tie off.
6. Make a dubbing loop and insert a small amount of glow bug yarn and spin a collar of the yarn behind the bead.
7. Tie off and finish the collar with a hot spot of fluorescent thread.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Grilled Cod

From www.allrecipes.com

2 (8 ounce) fillets cod, cut in half
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning
1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons butter
1 lemon, juiced
2 tablespoons chopped green onion (white part only)



1. Stack about 15 charcoal briquettes into a grill in a pyramid shape. If desired, drizzle coals lightly with lighter fluid and allow to soak for 1 minute before lighting coals with a match. Allow fire to spread to all coals, about 10 minutes, before spreading briquettes out into the grill; let coals burn until a thin layer of white ash covers the coals. Lightly oil the grates.
2. Season both sides of cod with Cajun seasoning, lemon pepper, salt, and black pepper. Set fish aside on a plate. Heat butter in a small saucepan over medium heat, stir in lemon juice and green onion, and cook until onion is softened, about 3 minutes.
3. Place cod onto oiled grates and grill until fish is browned and flakes easily, about 3 minutes per side; baste with butter mixture frequently while grilling. Allow cod to rest off the heat for about 5 minutes before serving.

Tip: Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier.

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.

Please contact - Tim Loomis 831-345-8411 or tim@bigsurstyles.com



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		

FEBRUARY 2019

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17	18	19 FullMoon ●	20 Board Mtg. 7 PM Location:TBA	21	22	23
24	25	26 LastQtr ☾	27	28		