



JUNE

2018

CLUB MEETING

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

Trout Unlimited Projects
Guest Speaker: Sam Sedillo



Sam Sedillo works for Trout Unlimited as the CA Public Lands Coordinator out of the Truckee TU (TRTU) office. He works on public lands defense, restoration projects, volunteer operations, fish sampling, and outreach.

Sam will be presenting on how TU is leading projects to conserve, protect, and restore trout and salmon fisheries throughout California. TU is excited to be working on projects that both directly benefit the special fish that exist in the state and also provide increased opportunities for anglers to catch these fish. Moreover, Sam will be talking about how to fish two of the rivers that Trout Unlimited is invested in, the Truckee and Little Truckee Rivers.

Bait for Thought

The Chosen

Look at where Jesus went to pick people. He didn't go to the colleges; he got guys off the fishing docks.

-Jeff Foxworthy



FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, June 13th
Time: Doors open at 6:45 p.m., class begins at 7:00 p.m.
Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

Pheasant Tail Nymph
Fly Tying Instructor: Tom Eckert



The June fly tying class will be tying a Pheasant Tail Soft Hackle Nymph. This is a classic pattern, with a Partridge soft hackle. It's great all over the Western states, especially as a dropper below your favorite dry fly!

Sign up at the general meeting, or by calling Tom at 818-3798 so that enough material packets may be prepared for everyone. Everything is provided for beginners, who are always welcome. Everyone else, please bring your tools, vise, light, and brown or olive 8/0 thread. If you sign up and later find you can't attend, please call Tom.

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President's Line

What Does A Fly-Fishing Club President Do?

By President Tom Hogye

In our by-laws it says a lot of legal fancy stuff that makes it sound like that person should be in charge of a large multi-million-dollar organization, but really, what does that person do - for you, the environment and for the furthering of this "sport" we enjoy called fly fishing?

Today, I look to what the worldwide web and "social media" can help us stay on top of it, if it were all that important.

I like that we have Facebook to reach people who may want to hang out with us, even if they happen to live in Mongolia! They could actually be a "member" and help us further our causes together. The inter-web, as I call it, gives me an opportunity to pretty quickly see what's happening around the world, meet people from "Mongolia" and hear of their interests around fly-fishing, the environment, etc.

Yesterday I was at the race track helping my brother and met a fellow angler whose phone made a sound like the drag on a fly reel spinning off. I asked her, "was that the sound of line peeling off a reel?" She said "yep! It's on this app I have called 'Fishbrain'". Way cool! Check it out! You can friend anglers of all kinds, and when they catch a fish, it notifies you with that sound, and then you can see what they caught, where, when, what - provided they share that information.

The 21st century is different than the first time this president presided. But, the end result is the same. Peter Pumphrey, in this month's California Fly Fisher magazine, talks about all the things we consider before we go fishing. How to get to our desti-

nation and what we do to meet the objectives of that trip we have in mind; how to catch the most fish, how to enjoy the wilderness just right, how to make sure we are as alone as we want to be. I suppose the inter-web helps us in that quest, even if it means there are literally millions of others trying to do the same.

Today, we have more than a FAX machine or a dial phone, we have Google, backup cameras, and "an app for that."

As the SCFF moves more into the 21st century, it is our goal to continue to "Promote, Educate and Enjoy - fly-fishing, the great outdoors and facilitate as best I and your board can those particulars near and dear to your heart, whether that pertains to fly fishing (and angling in general) fish, and the environment. Whether you want to save the environment, tie flies that would wow Picasso, or be a tournament fly caster, you can get started with us. You can get as good as you want in any of it - AND, share as much as you want with this membership,

and today, the world. It's that easy, and yes, it's that difficult.

I learned a long time ago as a kid, that anything worth doing right was never free or easy. That has continued to this day, but really, as much as I might grunt and groan when the going gets tough, I wouldn't know any other way.

Thank you! Thank you for being a part of this band of anglers, conservationists, fly-tiers, flingers of the long rod, teachers, encouragers. We have a great board and we are all carefully looking into things that we hope will continue to move SCFF forward for another 40-plus years. Stay tuned-let us know what your heart desires! #scff, #santacruzflyfishermen



MONTHLY RAFFLE

June Raffle

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

What do we all think of in June? Summertime with longer days, warmer weather, and GRADUATIONS which requires most of us to think about graduation gifts. We have the perfect gift for that deserving grad as one of our June raffle prizes. Take a look at this Orvis Encounter fly fishing package! It is complete with a 4-piece 6 weight Orvis rod with matching Encounter reel loaded with floating line and a tapered leader. Also included is a hard Cordura rod tube and access to the Orvis learning center.

Next, we have a Fish Pond-style chest pack with both waist and neck strap along with lots of pockets, compartments, and tie-down eyelets. As an added bonus there is included a two-sided clear view fly box pre-loaded with a couple of dozen tried and true flies; a little bit of everything.

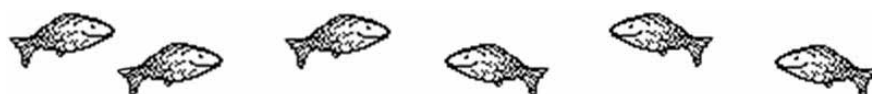
We also have mystery prize of an old-style angler's wicker creel customized with a Fly Club patch loaded with a bunch of great fly fishing stuff that everybody needs; the winner will not be disappointed!



DOOR PRIZE/ EVERYBODY GETS A TICKET!!

Tim Loomis of Big Sur Styles has donated a pair of his company's WETSOX wader socks. These neoprene socks are designed to keep your feet warm and dry while making getting in and out of your waders easier than ever. They are constructed of 3 individual layers for maximum insulation with minimal thickness; the interior fabric

wicks away moisture and the 1mm closed cell core that cushions your foot, meaning no more blisters.



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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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Fishout Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET SPECIES	FISH MASTER
June 9	Palm Beach (Pajaro)	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 7 - 14	Green River	Trout	John Steele - 476-0648
July 14	Manresa Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 29-Aug. 2	Loreto Baja Sur	Dorado, salt water fish	Rich Hughett - 757-5709
August 4	Beer Can Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Sept. 8	New Brighton Beach	Surf fishing	Mark Traugott - 338-6056
Sept. 22 - 29	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Sept. 29 - Oct. 6	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Oct. 6	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf fishing	TBA
Oct. 11-14	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 about 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

Machines to Monitor Water Quality in Trout-Fishing River

Six new machines will soon be installed to monitor water quality on three branches of a trout-fishing waterway in Minnesota.

From www.usnews.com

STOCKTON, MINN. (AP)- Six new machines will soon be installed to monitor water quality on three branches of a trout-fishing waterway in Minnesota.

The LimnoTech machines will monitor stream levels, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity, the Post Bulletin reported. They'll also take samples when rain or snowmelt swells the Whitewater River's branches. The south, middle and north branches of the river will be monitored until they meet around Elba.

The state's Legacy Amendment will fund the \$500,000 project, said Neal Mundahl, a biology professor at the Winona State University who is leading the water study. The study is expected to last two years, but the machines could be reused in other streams, he said.

The university's tests will be able to detect chemicals in parts per billion or even in lower amounts. Researchers will look for chemicals that are created when other chemicals breakdown.

"We are looking for some of those newer ones, the ones that have not been examined too often," Mundahl said. "That was the kind of information that was lacking when we had that fish kill."

Thousands of fish were killed after heavy rain in July 2015. The source of the contamination wasn't identified because the chemicals had left the system by the time reports were made about the dead fish.

The machines could help researchers identify the source of



In this April 21, 2018 photo, Winona State University grad student Cole Weaver, in the foreground, measures one of six platforms made in Stockton, Minn., to hold special monitors that will keep track of water quality on the three branches of the Whitewater River. With him is Carlton Folz of Eau Claire, Wis. (John Weiss/The Rochester Post-Bulletin via AP) THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

contaminated water if a contamination occurs.

"We will get tons of data, no matter what," Mundahl said. "Our goal is never seeing a fish kill, never detect anything really nasty."

Huge Opportunity to Remove Largest Dam on Eel River

From The Times Standard News (http://www.times-standard.com/article/NJ/20180515/NEWS/180519886?utm_source=California+Trout+List&utm_campaign=70bfc809ea-Trout+Clout+Shasta+Dam+Raise&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cf2a51cf18-70bfc809ea-232587029)

Earlier this month PG&E announced they are putting their Potter Valley Project out to open bid this fall. This project consists of two dams - Van Arsdale Dam that diverts water to the Russian River for hydropower and other uses, and Scott Dam, the only fish passage barrier on the mainstem Eel blocking over 150 miles of salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing habitat.

CalTrout, Friends of the Eel River, Trout Unlimited, and other conservation and commercial fishery interests have a goal to remove Scott Dam and return fish to the upper Eel watershed. Returning salmon and steelhead to their historic home in the headwaters of the Eel is a critical part of our efforts to restore fish abundance back to the Eel River.

What does PG&E's decision to put the Potter Valley Project up to bid mean? It means that any entity could bid to buy the project and operate the facility for hydro-power or just for the benefits of diverting water to the Russian River, or both as is currently the case. This is not our preferred alternative.



In an effort to push stakeholders towards dam removal, CalTrout has helped facilitate a series of ad hoc meetings convened by Congressman Jared Huffman (D-CA), which includes our conservation partners, PG&E, and Sonoma County Water Agency. Our hope is that through these conversations, the group of diverse interests can come to an agreement that includes the removal of Scott Dam.

Currently, CalTrout and partners are working to build the record of information to make the case for dam removal. To date we have established that there is at least 150 miles of spawning habitat above Scott Dam, we are working with a consultant to assess the feasibility and cost of removing Scott Dam, and we are in the process of assessing water rights.

Opportunities to remove big dams in California are few. Scott Dam on the Eel River represents one of the best opportunities in the state and PG&E's announcement has helped move things along, hopefully in a positive direction for California's salmon and steelhead.

GEARING UP

Green River Fishout - July 7-14, 2018
Fishmaster: John Steele - 476-0648

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 7th through July 14th, 2018 (Saturday through the following Friday). If you intend to go on this fishout, it is imperative to let John know, so he can determine how many rooms we will need, and also to schedule guides. At this time of year, both accommodations and guide books fill up, so if your summertime plans include the Green River, call John ASAP.

Loreto Fly Fishing Trip-July 29-August 2

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett

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 29th through Thursday, August 2nd.**

This trip includes:

- *Four nights at the new Hotel La Mision, on the waterfront, next to the Loreto Harbor.
- *Three days of fishing on 22-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: **\$750.00 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.

Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 22nd-29th and Sept. 29th-Oct. 6th

Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 22nd through Sept 29th, and Sept. 29th-Oct. 6th. You may sign up for one of these two periods, or both.

Location: Mammoth Lakes is on the eastern side of the Sierras, six to seven hours' drive from Santa Cruz. There are many lakes and streams in the area for us to fish. We will be staying in condominiums in the town of Mammoth Lakes. There will be two people per bedroom. If you would like to have your own bedroom, it will be \$540 per week.

Cost: \$310 per person per week. This covers seven nights' lodging with three meals per day. Sign up for either week, for \$310, or both weeks for \$620.

Meal Preparation: Each person will be assigned to a group for a Kitchen Day. The group will set out breakfast and lunch foods, store unused food, prepare the evening meal, and clean up on the day designated.

Sign Up: **Two spots are still available for the first week.** Call me and send the money to hold your spot. Money is not refundable unless I can't get enough signups to financially make it work. Mail your check, made out to John Cook, to P.O. Box 2822, Aptos, CA 95001-2822.

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

Reel News

*** Central Coast Fly Fishing is Back!**

After a brief hiatus, Central Coast Fly Fishing is excited to be back in business in almost the same location (the other end of the building from the old shop). We will be offering quality merchandise, classes and sound advice on all things fly fishing (and sometimes fishing in general). Located in the Valley Hills Shopping Center, about 3 miles east of Highway 1, in Carmel Valley, the shop's surroundings are visually pleasant and you're won't be stressed fighting for a parking space. You can practice your casting on two lawns. There are two restaurants in this center, Baja Cantina and the Wagonwheel Restaurant plus Valley Hills Deli.

Carmel Valley hosts two golf courses and many wineries and tasting rooms. Carmel Beach is a short drive to the west, as is Carmel-by-the-Sea, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium is located on Cannery Row in neighboring Monterey. There's Garland Park, with its miles of hiking trails, just 5 miles east of the shop. And, if you have to fish, you can take a ride to Los Padres Reservoir and float tube for trout (the last Saturday in April through November 15th) or surf fish

one of the many local beaches. Of course, Big Sur is just 40 minutes south on Highway 1. We look forward to seeing old friends and new - come on by.

Central Coast
Fly Fishing -
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GONE FISHING

A Bass Fish Out Festival

By Jeff Gose

Lots of fish, great company and close by - highlight April's trip. This was my first trip which I hope to share again with family and friends. Of course, they'd have to tolerate bass and bluegill exploding to the surface chasing our gracefully placed poppers. My poppers hit like rocks - I still need a lot of practice - I had a lot of fun. When I wasn't catching fish there were always friends around, curious to see what I was laughing about.

Sometimes over a missed strike; sometimes just a bass stare-down (aka I could see them-eye-to-eye-ignoring my attempts to hook up); sometimes to my surprise the fish were eating little drops of white that struck the water and my hat. I looked up and saw little birds -yep-the fish are eating --it and I am getting sh--on! This outdoor life is great fun.

A golden eagle circled over us much of our stay, ghost pines, blue oaks and other chaparral plant life cradled us and the hillsides were dotted with complete adobe structures dating back to the 49er days - 1849ers! I need to learn more about those who tamed these parts, raising their families, protecting them, as well as appreciate those who have managed to preserve Roostercomb

Ranch as it was and still is for us to experience.

We mostly motored with ATVs or all-wheel drive vehicles but many of the lakes could be easily and safely hiked by those lucky younger ones and their kids. One couple has been bringing their family back for 9 years and I had the honor of meeting one of their lads! He is going places in life. I'd like to think Roostercomb is where he got some inspiration, along with mom and dad, showing him how easy climbing the ridges is and the fruits of effort payoff big. Over the years, others have brought their daughters and sons, still benefitting from the experiences.

No "e-stuff" works in the valleys, but satellite GPS usually works, dead-reckoning skills are useful, but the ranch hands were our "Rose of the Winds" (compass rose), guiding us home each day - thanks! I'm glad to have made some friendships there.

Cecilia organized us all together for this fishout; the friendships will last a lifetime. All this adventure and fun was only 1 1/2 hours away.

P.S. - There have been many articles written from past trips, please view them. They're all true! "No line!"

Roostercomb Fishout

by Ryan Foy

I've gone to Roostercomb Ranch every year since 2010 when I was 9 years old. It is an amazing place. There are tons of things to do. My brother and I usually spend the trip fishing, swimming, catching lizards and turtles, taking pictures, bird watching, hiking, target shooting, and more. It's great because there's no one to tell you what you can't do. You are never bored when you are there.

By Ryan Foy, Age 16
From Aptos, CA

P.S.-If you'd like to see a lot of pretty photos of Roostercomb Ranch, courtesy of Tim Carson, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/1MHZ73iYROSgyovH3>



Roostercomb Fishout

By Michael Sherwood

If three days of bass fishing, private roads, and poppers on five-thousand acres of historic land sounds like a good time, you're right. My first "fish out" fell on Cinco de Mayo, and while I was not sure what to expect, I borrowed a float tube (thanks Tom), bought a #6 weight-forward line, and ordered some poppers on Amazon. With these and a push from Cecilia, I was off. It wasn't long before I was catching bass, blue-gill, and some panfish (yet to be properly identified).

Roostercomb Ranch brings you back to the 1920s, allowing you to be a part of history as you walk the same footsteps as Joaquin Murrieta, to the bunkhouse built onto an old adobe he used. Murrieta transported stolen horses south through the same mountains that tower over us now. As the time to fish approached, Jeff, Jim and Peter helped me get rigged and into the water at Eastman. It wasn't long before I caught my first bass on a fly-line and popper. I suppose when you lose count of all the fish you catch, it's a good day. Assuming I had exhausted one

area, I moved on, only to see Jeff had moved in and caught a monster bass! It was so big, he had to reach his whole hand down its mouth to take out the hook, biggest fish of the trip. I guess technique really does matter. We headed back over hill and dale (more hill than dale), for beers and dinner. Everyone brought something special to the BBQ including wonderful sides, and stories.

The next day, we headed to Mustang, driving through steep terrain and deep streams. My trusty Tacoma tackled it with ease. This pond is a little bigger, but filled with lots of the same fish. They seemed to go deep around mid-day, where I used a silver lead-head. I hooked a fish on nearly every drop before it snagged on something at the bottom; not nearly as fun as the poppers. It was then time to head back for the Cinco de Mayo celebration, where we had homemade salsas, a burrito bar, and plenty to drink. The burrito bar had all the fixings, plus beans and rice, and we had margaritas of various flavors. To top it off, we

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finished with Jeff's Mexican brownie for dessert!

The final day we made the trek back to Mustang, where fishing seemed slower until Cecilia showed up to show us how it's done. With the help of her handmade poppers with the special tail, I caught a few more before heading back to the casa to clean up.

What a fantastic three days! I visited an area close to

home I never knew existed. I learned new fishing techniques and ate a lot of dust, as well as great food. I drank a good amount of beer (and Margies) and had the opportunity to meet some great people. Will I go again? You bet! Next time, I will go to Elaine's popper class to learn how to perfect them with Cecilia's rabbit fur tail to make those poppers really pop!

Los Baños Creek Fishout By Steve Rudzinski



Only four of us fished the Los Banos Creek impound offered by Danny Eaton. Along with David and Gene we all fished differently getting good results.

My first morning while my breakfast was on the stove, a school of shad were driven onshore by feeding fish and not birds this time. I grabbed my 4-weight rod and ran to strip out line and make a good cast from shore. Amazingly, the largest bass I ever caught grabbed the jig and was off to the races. I guess it was about 5 pounds or so and the best fish for me this week. (burned my breakfast).

Averaging 27 fish a day, the last two days I figured out how to find the elusive and tempt the Crappie and sunfish and along with the Florida strain bass. I had almost a fish every cast the last morning and couldn't be much better than that kind of action.

The campground was quiet and only the four of us were

there last three nights, no campfires the first two nights, windy all day and night sometimes some big gusts blowing stuff off the tables that you thought would not blow away. I windsurfed at this lake in the 70's, loved it then and love it now. Stay away in between Memorial Day and Labor Day or be prepared for noise and rudeness and trash.

I was witness to a lineup of egrets and herons on the beach early when waking up first light feeding on shad being driven ashore by smart hunting by the local grebes and a couple mergansers, the lake was full of life and all the fish were strong and healthy and well fed. I am going back soon. (no trout this trip at all water temp was 68 the day I left), I never fished deeper than 19 feet but the lake gets up to 80' I learned. This is a good place for beginning fishermen and float tube users. A 10" 'sunny' or a 15" crappie can make your day, a big bass as bonus lurking nearby. Peace.

LifeLines

Lightning Safety 101 Submitted by Kirk Mathew

With the approach of summer, we will be spending more time outdoors. June 24th - 30th is Lightning Safety awareness week. NOAA's National Weather Service has discovered that 64 percent of lightning deaths since 2006 occurred while people were participating in leisure activities, with fishing topping the list at 26 deaths. Here are a few tips from NOAA.

There is no safe place outside when thunderstorms are in the area. If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember, "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" Too many people wait far too long to get to a safe place when thunderstorms approach. Unfortunately, these delayed actions lead to many of the lightning deaths and injuries in the U.S. The best way for you to protect yourself from lightning is to avoid the threat. You simply don't want to be caught outside in a storm. Have a lightning safety plan and cancel or postpone activities early if thunderstorms are expected. Monitor weather conditions and get to a safe place before the weather becomes threatening. Substantial buildings and hard-topped vehicles

are safe options. Rain shelters, small sheds, and open vehicles are not safe.

However, many times fishermen are out away from safe shelter and other forms of safety measures should be employed. If wading or fishing from the bank, moving away from the water is the first step. The fishing rod should be placed flat on the ground. If there



are nearby trees, moving into the area of the shortest trees or brush may give some shelter. If no shelter is felt to be safe, the idea is to make yourself the smallest structure in the vicinity. Often, a ditch or depression can be found to get into. No matter where you decide to ride out the storm, the "Lightning Crouch" should be used to minimize the risk. This position consists of crouching down on the balls of the feet, placing the hands on the forehead and

the elbows on the knees. This creates the smallest amount of contact with the ground and is felt to create a safer path for an electrical charge through the body should you be struck.

FLY FISHING 101

Fly Fishing 101-Quail Hollow Ranch Public Education Day

By Publisher Pat Steele

The Public Education Day our club held at Quail Hollow Ranch was well-attended by both club members and guests. John Steele assisted with fly casting instruction, Tim Loomis held forth in the ranch house, teaching the basics, and relating some of the history of fly fishing, and Elaine Cook and Dennis Davie demonstrated fly tying. John Cook presided over the grill, cooking up a sumptuous lunch of hot dogs, beans and hamburgers with all the fixin's, and a good time was had by all. Bob Peterson signed up several new members, who were enthusiastic at having found our club, and seeing how helpful we all are in getting them up and running in our favorite outdoor activity, fly fishing.

I was particularly encouraged by the number of youngsters who came to try their hand at casting and oohed and aahed over Elaine's fly tying demonstration, for it gave me hope that our

club will proceed into the future when we are no longer able to do the heavy lifting of keeping it going. Parents and grandparents brought them to us, and it was touching to me to see the older people sharing with the youngsters. I think it's great that those kids will be developing a sense of what it is to be outside having fun in nature, rather than engaged in solo activities with their tablets and phones.

All in all, it was a great day for both our club and for the guests who came out to see what we're about. I think we represented ourselves very well. Major kudos go to Kevin Murdock, our Vice President, who organized the event.

If I had to pick one word to describe the day, it would be "generosity." If we conveyed nothing else about the SCFF, it was that we are a generous group of people, ready, willing and able to share our time, our knowledge and our passion for fly fishing.



Fishy Tales

May - Bourdet Ranch - Cecilia Stipes

Throughout the month of May I made weekly bass fishing trips to the Bourdet Ranch in Hollister. Some of the club's ardent, passionate bass fishers joined me: David Marks, Elaine and John Cook, Tom Saso, Dan Eaton, Keith Munger, Sophia Zadubera, Richard Stipes and Greg Foy. We rated the fishing from moderate to very good, depending on the weather and pressure changes. Nevertheless, some very nice bass were caught over the month. Elaine brought in a 21"-er, Keith did exceptionally well as always pulling out multiple big bass, a true bass whisperer! David Marks caught his first bass ahead of his trip to the Roostercomb Ranch and then afterwards, his largest bass to date at Bourdet. And I did quite well also over the month, with over 75 fish one day. Richard was lucky enough to spot a full-grown mountain lion walking the levee between the two ponds while fishing from his float tube approximately 60 feet away.



* Annual Birthday Spring Fishing Trip

Every year Jeff Goyert and Jim Tolonen plan a spring fishing trip, coinciding with their birthdays and the opening of Trout Season. This year, Northern California was the target. We drove up to Redding, leaving very early on a Tuesday, and picked up some flies and tippet at The Fly Shop, then headed off to the McCloud River for a couple hours of afternoon fishing. We parked at Ash Camp, crossed the bridge, and fished both up and down the river, hooking a few rainbows and a nice brown before a thunderstorm forced us back to the car. We then spent a night in Mt. Shasta with a great dinner at Lily's, just a couple blocks from our motel. The first thing Wednesday morning, we were off to the MAIN EVENT - three days and two nights at the Sugar Creek Ranch.

This is a 114- acre property owned by The Redding Fly Shop, with eight ponds/lakes, two "lodges" for 2 to 6 fisherman, and tent and RV camping. The property is located in Siskiyou County, off Highway 3, an hour and a half North West of Redding, in an area decimated by hydraulic gold mining; now somewhat re-grown. They allow pontoon boats or float tubes, (discourage waders to protect the banks); although we brought



our float tubes, we found fishing from shore to be more than adequate.

The cost is two hundred dollars per night per person, for very nice lodging, with kitchen, two bedrooms, deck, etc. and including daily fishing access to the entire property. It is a classic "private pay to play" location, and in fishing jargon is definitely a PLP, (that's Private Lunker Pond) - Big Fish, no crowds. Minimum five weight rods, and recommended 2X or 3X leaders and tippets.

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Our first day we tried two of the lakes; and we were surprised by the size and power of the fish. Very feisty rainbows, 19 to 23 inches, with big shoulders - the kind of fish that spool you two or three times, and in many cases go acrobatic. I had one fish that jumped up to 5 feet out of the water, seven times before I got him to net - more like a steelhead than a pond trout. There was a storm coming in, and these fish wanted to eat big! They would only take leggy Woolly Buggers, Size 8 Giant legged Prince Nymphs, and Jimmy Legs. Everything fished under an indicator. We lost count, but estimated about a dozen fish each to net, with another half dozen long line releases, missed takes, and a couple break offs. So, not every cast, but enough to keep the interest level way up! As the storm arrived, we went back to the cabin to make dinner and retie worn out leaders and flies

The second day was completely different. Clear blue skies, no wind, crystal clear water meant the fish were very selec-

tive. We had fewer takes, mostly on size 14 and 16 nymphs and 16 or 18 midges. Lots of visible drive-bys, or fish coming up to take a look, then turning away. Still brought a half dozen each to hand, with more than a few more lost or missed.

The last morning, we only fished an hour or so, and the fish were very selective. We caught a couple, but watched many more just swim on by. So, we left for the long Friday drive back to Santa Cruz.

This place is definitely a recommend, not cheap, but for a very nice on-site cabin/lodge and HUGE fish, and a half a day drive away, great fun. There are picnic tables and camp chairs in the shade near the lakes for lunches or breaks. Long handled nets are also strategically placed around the lakes. One of the on-site guides, groundskeepers, told us the best times are April through mid-June, then September to November depending on weather. The water gets warm and weedy, and the fish go deep and quiet in the summer. We could still see snow on the surrounding peaks at May 16, but the days were shirt weather.

FLY OF THE MONTH

The Barry Buzzer
Submitted by Barry Burt

Hook:	Any hook you would normally use for a wooly bugger; down eye, 4x long, streamer size 12-4. Can also be tied w/ intruder-style hook using an octopus-style Gamagatsu tied in W/ Power Pro; very effective when barbless
Thread:	Black 70 denier
Weight:	Lead wire : .020
Tail:	Wapsi burnt orange marabou, (other brands are either too red or too brown) UV grey crystal flash and Holographic Flashabou silver ice
Rib:	Medium copper wire
Dubbing:	Dave Whitlock's SLF Prism Dubbing Brown/ olive
Hackle:	Burnt orange grizzly hackle from Bugger cape

1. Bend down barb and clamp hook in vise.
2. Lay down thread wrap to the bend of the hook and bring back up to mid shank.
3. Add 10 wraps of lead at mid-point of shank and secure with thread, building thread ramps at both ends of lead.
4. Bring thread back to bend of hook and tie in clump of marabou for the tail.
5. Add two strands each of crystal flash and Flashabou to each side of tail.
6. Tie in a length of copper wire at the tail. Wrap the tag end all the way up the shank pass the lead wire wraps towards the eye, fold it back a couple of eye lengths back of the eye and wrap back to the tail. This adds more bulk to the body. Let the rib wire hang for now.
7. Create a dubbing loop at the base of the tail w/ SLF. Wrap loop forward leaving room to tie in the hackle and finish the head. Tie off loop.
8. Select a grizzly hackle that is long and thin. The barbules should not be longer than the gap of the hook. Cut fluff off and tie in the stem at the eye of the hook.
9. Grab the tip of the feather w/ hackle pliers and Palmer it back to the tail.
10. Use the ribbing wire and secure the tip of the hackle feather with 2 or 3 consecutive turns. Continue ribbing the fly w/ open turns towards the eye of the hook wiggling the wire between the hackle.
11. Tie off the wire. Helicopter off the tag. Finish the head of the fly and hit it w/ Sally Hansen's.



Schoolin' Up

Pre-Meeting Fly Casting Tutorials

By Sam Bishop

Now that we have Daylight Savings Time, and it is still light outside before our club meetings we will have casting practice starting at 5:30 pm in the lot at the Grange. SCFF will provide rods and reels and lines so participants don't damage their fly lines on the pavement. This will be every month through October.

If you just need to groove your stroke, fine-tune your double haul, or if you're a beginner looking for someone to get you started, come early to the club meetings, and you'll see a group of us out in the parking lot. Feel free to join us and take advantage of the help we're more than willing to provide.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Perfect Ten Baked Cod From www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons butter
1 pound thick-cut cod loin
1/2 lemon, juiced
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 tablespoon chopped green onion
1 lemon, cut into wedges
Add all ingredients to list



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Place 2 tablespoons butter in a microwave-safe bowl; melt in microwave on high, about 30 seconds. Stir buttery round crackers into melted butter.
3. Place remaining 2 tablespoons butter in a 7x11-inch baking dish. Melt in the preheated oven, 1 to 3 minutes. Remove dish from oven.
4. Coat both sides of cod in melted butter in the baking dish.
5. Bake cod in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven; top with lemon juice, wine, and cracker mixture. Place back in oven and bake until fish is opaque and flakes easily with a fork, about 10 more minutes.
6. Garnish baked cod with parsley and green onion. Serve with lemon wedges.

cartoon by Michael McGannon



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 <i>Last Qtr</i>  Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	7	8	9 Surf Fishout Palm Beach
10	11	12	13 <i>New Moon</i>  Fly Tying 7 PM Aptos Grange	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Fathers' Day	18	19	20 <i>1st Qtr</i>  Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	21 1st Day-Summer	22	23
24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27	28 <i>Full Moon</i> 	29	30

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1	2	3	4 NO CLUB MEETING Independence Day	5	6 <i>Last Qtr</i> 	7 Green River Fishout ←
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15	16	17	18 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	19 <i>1st Qtr</i> 	20	21
22 Newsletter Deadline ← Loreto	23 Baja Sur	24 Fishout	25 _____	26 _____ →	27 <i>Full Moon</i> 	28
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