



MARCH

2018

CLUB MEETING

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

"Baby" Tarpon in the Yucatan
Guest Speaker: Lee Haskin



This presentation features two of the best fly fishing areas, for "baby" Tarpon, anywhere! Don't let "baby" fool you. These Tarpon can be larger than any other species even at this stage in their growth. Come find out why Lee Haskin, and anyone else, would be infected with a need to enjoy this stunningly beautiful area and "baby" Tarpon on fly-rod!

Tarpon Cay Lodge:

Located at the top of the Yucatan, about four hours north of Cancun, TCL is perhaps the very best baby tarpon fishery, featuring 27 rivers that flow north, into the Gulf of Mexico. These rivers are home to hundreds of "baby" tarpon running 5 to 20 pounds. An 8 weight rod and a tropical floating line, is really the only fly fishing gear necessary to have a great time. If you have never fished in saltwater, this is the place to start! Tarpon are legendary and some of the most acrobatic water dancing species of fish on the planet. Their bright silvery scales, silver dollar eyes and steel jaws, make this species the bucket list of every angler. Combine that with a flyrod and you have yourself the time of your life.

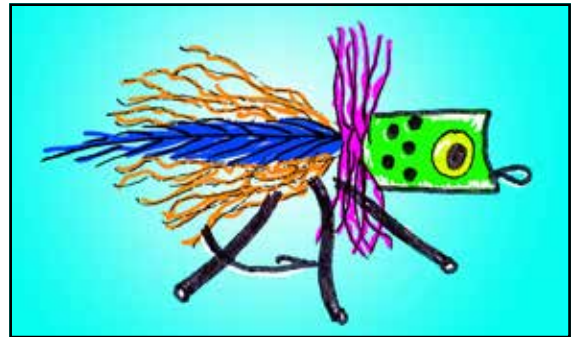
Isla del Sabelo

This lodge is located on the west side of the Yucatan, between Merida and Campeche. IDS features rivers with towering mangroves, and larger "baby" tarpon. Most of these tarpon run 15 to 25 lbs., however, when not found in the rivers, these tarpon congregate in specific locations off shore, and the guides know exactly where to find them. Along with the tarpon, IDS features big jacks that run up to 20 lbs.+, so you will need to bring your 10 weight rod for these tough, fast, hard fighting fish.

FLY TYING CLASS

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, March 10th and 11th
Times: Saturday-10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
 Sunday-10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Place: Cook residence, 215 Treasure Island Ave., Aptos

Poppers
Instructor: Elaine Cook



The usual second Wednesday of the month class will instead be held March 10th & 11th (Sat and Sun). There is limited space since the two-day class will be held in Elaine Cook's home. Sign up at the club meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561.

Poppers are designed to catch largemouth bass and bluegill. Two days are needed to craft these beauties due to drying of epoxy. The Club is planning several bass fishing outings this year so don't be left empty handed.

During the lunch hour on Saturday, there will be a class on how to fish poppers, bass behavior, and the gear needed. No particular fly tying skills are needed. Please only sign up if you are committed to attending.

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President's Line

What It All Is

By President Tom Hogue

Hello my fellow fish finders, outdoor enthusiasts and environment lovers. I just returned from two full days of totally geeking out, fly-fishing style, at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. It was great to see so many of you there and have an opportunity to do deep dives into fly fishing gear without pressure to purchase. To discover places to fish, or simply visit to enjoy-in some of the most beautiful places in the world, and to explore the many different social responsibility, conservation, restoration and preservation efforts to participate in, whether it's the Florida Everglades, British Columbia, or right here in our own beautiful California, with organizations like CalTrout, Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers International. My new best friend, Simon Gawesorth, proves you don't particularly need a spey rod to "spey cast", but perfectly employs roll, spey, switch, snap-T, whisk-ee, and other tactics makes one wonder if a back cast would ever again be needed. And he's funny! Next year, I would love to see SCFF have their own booths at the show, and a tailgate party in the parking lot to avoid the \$14.00 beers and \$20.00 hot dogs-aka Jeff Goyert style.

On our way home, when Mona and I were driving through the tens of thousands on the highway, I mentioned how interesting this tiny group of homo-sapiens we are. Think of it. We are the very few who love getting out in the wilderness, jumping in water, waving a long stick with some string and a fly on it, for critters that likely more than 99% of the world's population consider food or don't particularly even care they exist. Jack Dennis used to humble me; while I was so excited to know some of the most famous people in our sport, they were "famous" to less than a half percent of the total human population-if that.

We are captivated by those "expert" in this tossing of stick, string and bug, in what is to us, clearly an art encompassing nothing short of a ballet. We stand paralyzed with awe as men and women spin, twist, clip and tease feather, fur and other materials into things we'd generally swat with a paper or crush underfoot. Or the artists, Josh Udesen, AD Maddox, Sarah Landstrom, who take pen and paint, working so hard, yet seemingly effortlessly at capturing the vibrant color God splashed on these creatures, on a canvas for us to enjoy for as long as they hang on our walls. And without ever having to worry about taking a fish out of the water. The fact they even care to put a fish on canvas gives us so much more opportunity to create awareness beyond food or recreation.

The passion so many have for this thing we call fly fishing

and the outdoors, whether it is tippet, line, reel, rod, or the habitat these creatures live in, is something refreshing all together spiritual, zen-like, proof there is a Creator greater than us. Compared this to the rush, rush, rush, more, more, more of the workforce today, fly fishing and literally everything around it, is everything and everywhere altogether different, refreshing peace. I loved meeting Erick Johnson, who can support his family selling tippets, lines and more for Scientific Anglers. Or Michaela Snow, working for Trout Unlimited, and Joselyn at CalTrout, who literally and figuratively represent our future. And then there is Beniam Reno, our own 8-year-old

fly tier, who is head over heels passionate about fly fishing before he even knows how incredible his contribution will be to our future. Perhaps a future SCFF President! Or President-period!

The technology we have at our disposal today affords us so many opportunities to enjoy this tossing of stick and string, while marveling at the other creations all around us. I certainly found all sort of new things I "need" to further enjoy all of these out of doors. The number of people I met and reconnected with is going to keep me busy for many days/months to come.

A special meeting was held by what you might know as the NCFFF or Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers. This was a terrific opportunity to collaborate with fly fishing club leaders from all over California; (okay, it was me!) to share what works, doesn't work, challenges, and new ideas to further ignite the passion and leadership for the benefit of the sport and the

environment. And, it is very clear the new FFI is very focused on both generating new fly fishers and the restoration and preservation of fisheries habitats.

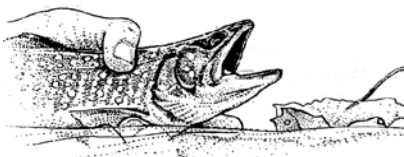
As the Winter Olympics come to a close, I recall the words of the IOC President: "I call upon the youth of the world..." They are the future of everything we cherish today. They are the future of what we loved in the past and now need to work so hard to restore, preserve, enjoy. This was the best meeting the new "FFI" has had in many years, and I'm looking forward to working with YOU-yeah, YOU! And the other clubs around California (and the country) to see what we can do to bring the youth of the world to fly fishing and preservation of all fish habitats. Let us call upon the youth of the world, find ways to accommodate their busy schedules in between school, work, and life, and help them realize the potential they have to make a great difference in our world, today and tomorrow.

I'm excited-again! Are you? If not, let me know why-so I can get you into therapy. I'm off to writing and collaborating.



Bait for Thought

You Can Cast but You Can't Hide



Creeps and idiots cannot conceal themselves for long on a fishing trip. ~ John Gierach

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Renew for Inclusion in 2018 Membership Roster
By Membership Director Bob Peterson

Good news! 2018 paid membership of 142 is 95% of last year's dues-paying members. My goal is to finalize the Roster as of the end March and have the 2018 Roster printed and ready for the April SCFF meeting.

For those members who don't renew by March, their names will not be included in the updated Roster and will not be receiving emails and the newsletter. Thank you again for those members who prepaid and returned their forms in January.

2018 Board of Directors

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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

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Fishout Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TARGET SPECIES	FISH MASTER
March 18 - 24	Pyramid Lake	Lahonton Cutthroat	Mike White - 706-5556
March 27-29	Los Baños Creek Res.	Bass and Bluegill	Dan Eaton - 336-2933
April 20 - 22	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
April 28	Los Padres Reservoir	Trout	Roy Gunter - 809-0316
May 4 - 6	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
May 12	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
May 15-17	Los Baños Creek Res.	Bass and Bluegill	Dan Eaton - 336-2933
May 20	Quail Hollow Ranch	Fly Fishing 101	Kevin Murdock - 688-4518
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

Support Wild and Scenic River Protection for the Mokelumne!

By Steve Evans, Wild and Scenic Program Consultant

<http://resources.ca.gov/programs-projects/wildandscenic/>

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) has released for public review and comment a draft Mokelumne River Wild and Scenic River Study Report. The release of the report kicks off a 30-day public comment period that ends February 28.

The draft study report finds 37 miles of the North Fork and main stem of Mokelumne River from Salt Springs Dam to Pardee Reservoir to be eligible for state protection as a Wild and Scenic River.

A final CNRA eligibility determination and recommendation will likely lead to the introduction of legislation to protect the Mokelumne in the



state system. But local development interests who still dream of building a large dam on the Mokelumne or its major tributaries may dispute the CNRA's eligibility finding and recommendation and oppose any future legislation to protect the river. Which is why the public needs to speak out today in support of protecting the river. Public comments must be received by Thursday, February 28, 2018, by 5:00 PM.

E-mail your comment by the 5:00 PM deadline to Joseph.Wall@resources.ca.gov. If you have visited and enjoyed the Mokelumne River be sure to personalize your comments.

Mojave River Hatchery in San Bernardino County Reopens after Major Renovation

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2018/02/01/mojave-river-hatchery-in-san-bernardino-county-reopens-after-major-renovation/>

Posted: 01 Feb 2018 01:42 PM PST

The Mojave River Hatchery in Victorville, northern San Bernardino County, has reopened after an extensive and much needed overhaul to promote more efficient trout production for anglers in Southern California.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) invested several hundred thousand dollars on the project, including pressure washing and disinfecting 6,000 linear feet of fish rearing ponds and associated plumbing, coating all fish rearing surfaces with Food and Drug Administration-approved epoxy coating to improve fish culture conditions and installing new manifolds for the water recirculation loop to improve efficiency.

The modernization of the Mojave Hatchery will greatly benefit Southern California trout anglers. Fish production at Mojave River Hatchery has already resumed and healthy juvenile fish have been brought in from other CDFW hatcheries for additional growth at the renovated facility. The first batch of catchable-sized fish from Mojave Hatchery are anticipated in late



February, with others to follow.

Millions of fertile trout eggs are also being shipped to Mojave for incubation and rearing into catchable fish for stocking later in 2018, and CDFW is continuing to stock catchable fish in Southern California from sister hatcheries farther north.

The last major renovations to Mojave River Hatchery took place more than 45 years ago.

In addition to the raceway renovation and improvements, contractors upgraded the plumbing from the hatchery building, refurbished the well pump motors, and excavated the two settling ponds and installed new, UV-resistant rubber lining.

Mojave River Hatchery is one of 13 state-run inland trout hatcheries that provide millions of

additional trout fishing opportunities each year for California's angling public.

Media Contacts:

Dr. Mark Clifford, CDFW Trout and Salmon Hatcheries Program, (916) 764-2526; Andrew Hugghan, CDFW Communications, (916) 322-8944

CDFW to Release a Half-Million Steelhead into Feather River

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2018/02/12/cdfw-to-release-a-half-million-steelhead-into-feather-river/>

Posted: 12 Feb 2018 03:05 PM PST

Hatchery trucks from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) today began the weeklong process of stocking a half million young steelhead smolts on the Feather River near Yuba City. The 125,000 fish released Monday were the first of the fish reared from eggs rescued from the Feather River Fish Hatchery during last year's Feather River spillway failure. Plants will continue through Thursday near Yuba City.

More than a million steelhead eggs were endangered in February 2017 when silt and debris overwhelmed the hatchery water system following the spillway failure. With less than 72 hours to complete fixes on aeration and filtration systems CDFW engineers went to work to save the steelhead eggs stacked in hundreds of trays at the hatchery.

Feather River steelhead are on the state and federal list of species of concern, and the hatchery is key to maintaining the

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viable run in the Central Valley. The eggs in the hatchery during the Feather River spillway event represented a year-age class of steelhead.

Engineers redesigned the water in-flow system using city water for the incubating steelhead. They also brought in massive six-foot-tall charcoal filters to purify the city water and reconfigured the aeration system. These alterations made this week's release of more than 500,000 steelhead possible.

"CDFW engineers did something that had never been done successfully before on a massive scale," said Feather River Fish Hatchery Manager Anna Kastner. "The eggs were in a fragile state of incubation and could not be moved, so innovation was the only option. The use of city water for incubation paid off."

CDFW Engineers George Heise and Beth Lawson, working with hatchery personnel, pathologists and biologists, conferred on



the requirements of redesigning the system. Once agreed upon they went to work.

"Our options were limited and something had to be implemented immediately. The team told us what they needed and we went to work making it happen," Heise said.

Thousands of anglers fish these waters annually, significantly boosting the local economy. Finding an emergency fix for the potential catastrophic loss of a year of hatchery production of steelhead was critical recreationally, economically and biologically.

John Church, a local fisherman from Yuba City, is one of the many anglers who value and rely on steelhead fishing opportunities on the Feather River.

"It's really important to me and family. I take my daughters to the Feather River for the chance to catch a steelhead each year", he said. "It is what we go there for."

Media Contacts: Harry Morse, CDFW Communications, (916) 323-

Fishy Tales

Low Water Year

By Barry Burt

Even though this year's steelhead season has been plagued with low water conditions doesn't mean you can't catch fish on the San Lorenzo. It's amazing to me just how many fish have been able to make it up river considering we've really only had two significant rain events all season. This being the end of the season, I'm finally starting to see spawning redds in some of the major tailouts on the lower stretches of the river. I haven't fished much up river this year because of the low water but I'm assuming that there had to be some fish that made it up there as well.

One of the things I like most about low water years is that the crowds seem to really thin out because most people either think there's no fish in the river or they just don't like fishing in that kind of condition. But as for me any time I have a chance at catching a 10 pound chrome bullet on my local stream, I'm going to be there.

Fishing low water conditions takes a completely different mindset to be successful. No more runnin' and gunnin'. The fish are only going to be in one particular type of habitat. They're not going to be moving. They'll be hunkered down in the deepest, darkest most protected spot they can find. This often times means that you'll have to be fishing in the jungle, so when you do hook a fish, you better have the cajones to get them out of the brush. On the other hand, the water being gin clear, necessitates using the lightest fluorocarbon you can get away with or you may not get bit at all.

If you can't deal with fishing frog water, you better stay home because some of the deeper pools on the San Lorenzo have very little or no current at low water. This usually means that suspension fishing is often the best technique for taking fish in

low water and stealth is the critical element. If you've ever fished the San Lorenzo you're probably aware that in most of the prime spots there's little or no room for back casts.

So if you think you can roll cast your way into a fish, guess again. Nothing can put a pod of fish down quicker at low water than a guy ripping roll cast after roll cast off the water. This is why the San Lorenzo Special fly rod was developed by Powell and why you'll see the best steelheaders on the SL strip casting. But that's not fly fishing, you say. Tell that to Devin Olsen and



the rest of the international fly fishing team. If you're landing a fish on a fly rod using a single action fly reel hooked on one of Rudzinski's marabou jigs, I'd say you're pretty darn close to fly fishing.

One thing you have to understand about low water fishing is that these fish are extremely spooky. Many times, they've been pounded by fishermen for days so you've got to find an opportunity to fish them when guys haven't been chucking hardware at them for hours. First light, last light, sometimes even in the middle of the day if nobody's been on them for an hour or two. Even when you have the hole to yourself, you've got to discipline yourself not to be casting the same offering over and over to the same spot. Half a dozen well placed casts and it's time to change it up and take a break. Patience pays off in low water conditions. Smaller offerings, subtler colors. Sometimes only a clear indicator will work. Sometimes you have to lose the indicator all together. Sometimes you have to go to the dark side and pitch a pink worm. Whatever it takes. When that chrome bullet comes cartwheeling out of the water and tail dances across the pool, you'll be glad you gave it a shot.

GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout-Mar. 18th-24th 2018

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

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 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 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. Any 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.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

March Gear

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

What does March mean to us? March Madness? no! it means Pyramid Lake! (although the weather sometimes borders on madness). Anyway, it is time to get ready to head to the big lake and hook into some of those big Lahontan Cutthroat trout.

As we all know, or at least we have all heard, these fish can be big bruisers and that one needs to gear up a bit to be in the game. With that in mind we have a great Pyramid rig consisting of a 9-foot 7 weight "High Carbon" Blackstar rod from Maxcatch. This rod is a 4 piece with a nice fighting butt and is matched with an Avid 7/8 CNC machined 6061-T6 aluminum frame mid-arbor reel. The Teflon disc/stainless drag system has a one-way clutch bearing for smooth and immediate drag engagement. You don't want to go to this fish fight with a 4 weight.

Now that you have hooked up one of these big bad boys and you have got Troutzillia nearly up to your ladder, what's next? Hopefully you have the right net to finish the job. Rather than the pretty little trout net you use on the West Fork of the Carson River you need something with some reach and some heft. Take a look at this long handle heavy net from Drifter Marine. The 22- inch handle allows you to fight your fish from your ladder and the heavy rubber basket reduces the chance of fish injury upon release. Don't be the

guy everybody up and down the line laughs at chasing their fish around their ladder with the wrong size net.

Did I mention the weather? Anybody who has spent much time on this high desert inland ocean knows that things can sometimes get a little extreme. A nice addition to the usual gloves, hat, turtle necks, and long underwear is a protective face and neck buff. Not only will this buff help keep you warm when that ugly northwest wind rolls in, it will also protect sensitive skin from the blazing sun and blowing sand. One caution, don't forget to take the buff off when you walk into the convenience store on your way home; most of those clerks have guns!

Don't forget the Door Prize drawing, everybody gets a free ticket! Some of the best action at Pyramid happens right at first light; this means that you must be on your ladder and ready to fish at that magic moment. A headlamp always makes it easier to rig rods and tie on flies before the sun comes up. we have for a prize a nice Dorcy 200 lumens headlamp. It will project a 100 meter beam, has a pivoting head, and very important at Pyramid Lake, is water resistant. The headlamp has both high and low settings and powered by 3 AAA batteries that are included.

GEARING UP

Los Baños Creek Reservoir - Mar. 27-29

Fishmaster: Dan Eaton (831) 336-2933



Los Baños Creek Reservoir has Bass and Bluegill with the option of fishing the O'Neill Fore Bay for Stripers and Bass only 20 miles away. Los Baños campground has 14 campsites with shaded tables and shade trees, non-potable water and campfire rings. Cost is \$20.00 per day per site. No reservations on campsites.

Food - Bring your own supplies for breakfast and lunch with plates, cups, bowls, and silverware. We will potluck for dinner. Bring your own meat. I will supply a BBQ, stove, and coffee pot plus washing up area for dishes.

Please bring some firewood and your own chair.

Gear - Float tube and fins, floating, intermediate, and fast sink lines. Call me regarding f

First 10 SCFF members only. Call any time. Dan Eaton, (831) 336-2933.

Directions - Once you get to San Luis Reservoir, continue on HY-152 past I-5. Take a right on Volta then left on Pioneer Rd. then right on Canyon Rd to Los Baños Creek Reservoir Park to the campground.

Roostercomb Ranch Fishout-April 20-22 and May 4-6, 2018

Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727

There are two bass fishouts scheduled again this year with promise of more rain ahead to maintain quality water levels in the ponds on the ranch. These popular 3-day, 2-night trips on the private Roostercomb Ranch in the Henry Coe St. Park area, approx. 22 miles from Casa de Fruta Restaurant on Hwy 152, offer some of the most enjoyable and rewarding bass fishing experiences for our club members. Available to us on the 5,800-acres are 9 bass ponds for float tubing and fishing from shore, birding, hiking, mountain biking and photography. Housing is available in the bunk house and ranch house. Meals will be organized in groups for breakfast and dinner meals only. Lunches, snacks and beverages are individuals' responsibilities. Roads

in and around the ranch are dirt and somewhat rugged therefore transportation via 4-WD vehicles is required. Arrangements can be made for those without 4-WD to ride with someone who has. Each fishout is limited to 16 fishers with a minimum of 10 persons, fishing or not. The cost is \$250 per person over the age of 12.

Call in date and time (and not before) to reserve your spot for either or both fishout is **Thursday March 8 at 7:00 P.M.** **Your confirmation is not complete until I receive your check.** Checks payable to: Cecilia Stipes.

Please call or email me with any questions. flyfishgal3@aol.com (831) 335-5727 Mail to: 328 Capelli Drive, Felton, CA 95018

Los Padres Fishout - April 28th

Fishmaster: Roy Gunter

Los Padres Reservoir is located East of Carmel Valley Village. The best route is Carmel Valley Road East about 8 miles to a right turn on Cachagua Road to a right turn into and through Princess Camp then about .5 miles to the Reservoir parking lot. You have to carry your float tube about .5 miles into the reservoir and launch from the dam. Lake is about a mile long. Best to arrive before daybreak. Parking lot usually fills up opening day. **DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE WITHIN YOUR VEHICLE OR ON THE SHORE.** Fishing is very similar to Goodwin Lake: very few hits on the surface; use long sinking lines (

I like Rio T-11 or Type 7); must pinch barbs (Fish and Game enforcement very active at reservoir); flies sizes 8 and 10 hooks, types black and brown woolly buggers, Denny Rikards seal buggers (orange, olive and black) and leeches (brown and black), Hale Bopp leeches (black, brown and wine) and Hornburgs. No signups necessary, anyone wishing to fish should just show up and if you can find me on the reservoir say "Hi" and ask where to fish. In general, fish in 10 to 20-foot depths. There are huge brown trout, rainbows up to 24" and a chance to catch steelhead much bigger.

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). This river is a tailwater of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Dam, situated in the northeast corner of Utah. It carves its way through a spectacular red rock canyon and is the home of a healthy number of large brown and rainbow trout. It is rare to catch one under 16 inches, and not uncommon to catch several over 20 inches. You can walk a well-maintained trail along the river and bank fish, and/or book a guide to drift the river. The Trout Creek Flies and On The Fly guides are all very competent, excellent teachers, and provide all your terminal tackle, plus a delicious riverside lunch.

Lodging for the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen group will be

at Trout Creek Flies Lodge, which has cabins that can accommodate up to four fishers each, and have mini-fridges and microwaves, and there is an on-site restaurant. There are other lodging options in the area, namely, Flaming Gorge, (435) 889-3773, and Red Canyon Lodge, (435) 889-3759, and other dining opportunities as well.

If you intend to go on this fishout, it would be a good idea 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.

GEARING UP

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: Starting February 1st through April 22nd the first people who send me their money will get first shot at a spot. When you send me the money state which week you want. You can send money for as many people as you want. Money is not refundable unless I can't get enough sign ups to financially make it work. I will let everybody know after April 30th. Make plans with friends to secure a spot for each of you. I must receive your money before April 22nd. Mail your check, made out to John Cook, to P.O. Box 2822, Aptos, CA 95001-2822.

The fishmaster will maintain a waiting list for each week. If space for you becomes available by May 1st, you will be notified by telephone.

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



FIN FLUTER

LifeLines

Safe Wading

From <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com>

Minimum beginnings: Felt soles are minimum wading equipment on your shoes in rocky rivers. Studs and cleats will increase the security of your shoes on rocky surfaces.

Tri it!: A wading staff is an indispensable piece of equipment when wading conditions are difficult, giving you a vital, third point of support. The third point of support will make all wading easier by letting you maintain two points of contact while one foot is making a stride. A wading staff may make the difference between staying dry and falling in, and lowers your anxiety level during difficult wading.

Give 'em a belt: A wading belt is mandatory when using waders. It will slow the flow of water into the legs and boots of your waders and make escape from the river easier. When I fall in, my legs and feet usually remain dry until I get into shallow water and stand up to walk out. I have learned, even as uncomfortable as it is in icy water, to stay horizontal as I approach shore and drain the water out of the tops of my waders before I stand up. My arms are already soaked and will probably require dry garments, but if I drain the water out of the waders and keep my pants and socks dry I can finish my day of fishing in comfort.

Go slow: This has broader implications than you may think. It obviously includes being careful while wading, but also encompasses taking time to evaluate current conditions and particularly to evaluate conditions when you are visiting unfamiliar rivers or locations. When entering the river and moving through the water, make your moves slow and controlled to minimize the risk of falling. With experience "slow" will become much quicker, but wading is always slower than traveling on dry land and as the hazards become greater your approach demands greater caution.

Stand firm: Create a wide base to stand on when you are on a slippery surface. Widen your stance so your feet are shoulder-width apart; flex your knees to lower your center of gravity. When I enter a river or stream I automatically shift into a stance with my feet slightly wider than my hips and with my knees flexed. As the wading gets deeper and more difficult, my knee flex increases just as athletes sink deeper into their stances to achieve greater agility. Learn to slide your feet and, as with other athletic activities, never cross your feet. This stance will seem foreign and awkward in the beginning, but practice will make it feel natural - besides, you will have great reinforcement to use this advice when you fall in because your feet are close together or you lose your balance with your feet crossed.

The mechanism that usually makes you fall is having your foot slip under you, or toward the center of your body. By having your feet wide apart your slipping foot tends to shift your center of balance to the opposite foot. With wading experience and practice you will probably find that you are able to wade faster by taking advantage of this phenomenon. In "easy" wading situations you will, in effect, "skate" across the bottom, allowing your boot to slide into a secure position by sliding outward and forcing your weight onto your other, secure foot, followed, at roughly a slow walking speed, by the next successive step.

Foot placement and balance are other important and critical

elements of safe wading. Typically, your foothold will not be flat and uniform, like a floor, so you must adjust your foot position. Your foot must be turned inward or outward, as well as up or down, to fit the foothold. Precise foot placement is essential to safe wading. Most of the time the foot must be placed precisely in a small area. In addition, I find that placing my foot in a secure foothold among cobbles or boulders is most secure when I stand on my arch, rather than the ball of my foot. Visualize that you are securing your foot in the junction between rocks so the boot heel holds the foot from sliding forward and the curve of the arch holds the foot from sliding back.

If you are constantly searching for your balance or your foot is constantly slipping from your chosen foothold, then you should evaluate your foot placement and determine whether you are fitting the terrain or hoping that the terrain is fitting your step. Only experience can teach you to recognize the feel of secure footholds and the more you practice wading the easier wading will become.

Find the low places: In the water, when you can't see where your feet are landing let gravity help. Slide your feet into position and work them into the valleys between rocks and cobbles, rather than standing on rounded top of slippery rocks.

Step sideways: In shallow water, less than knee deep, you may be able to walk "normally" with a modified, wide stance. As water gets deeper and footing becomes obscured by water depth or turbidity sidestepping will maintain a wide, stable base. NEVER cross your feet while stepping! When I am exploring the bottom with this sidestep method, most of my weight is on my stationary foot, which helps prevent me from falling by either tripping forward over a high rock or slipping spread-eagle over the far edge of a smooth rock ahead of me. The idea is to not commit to the moving foot until you know you can stand on it. Typically, when I'm using this stride I'm in fishing water, so it is an easy method to move and cover water. In these difficult conditions if my next move is 30 feet or more I will wade back to shore, walk down the bank, and then back out into the water.

Go with the flow: This recommendation is aimed primarily at efforts to cross a stream. It's easier and safer to move at a slight downstream angle with the current than move directly across or against the current. There is often a trick to finding the balance between shallow water with fast current and deeper water with a slower current. Either situation can be disastrous, knocking you down and sweeping you into faster, deeper water, so test the current as you proceed. This is the perfect place to use a wading staff. If you don't carry one, it might be worthwhile to use a streamside stick.

While fishing you will often want to move upstream. Take advantage of slower current while fishing upstream. Move through shallower water or use current breaks behind boulders.

There will be times when you must move against the current

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to cross or get out of your location. Don't let yourself wade down a gravel bar above deep water to discover that you have to wade back against a current that is too strong to move against! Sometimes apparently moderate currents can be treacherous when the water gets well above your knees, and wading that was easy with the current becomes seemingly impossible when trying to move back against it. Always approach moving water with a great deal of caution until you know your capabilities.

Move ahead: Try to make your movements sideways or forward. Your balance and recovery are better in these directions, where you can see well. If you hook your heel while backing up, your chance of falling increases dramatically. If you must back up, rather than turn around, feel behind you with the lead foot (usually your downstream foot), set it securely and bring the other foot into position. Hooking your heel is often the problem that tips you over while backing up in a stream, but any slip is more hazardous while trying to move backwards. Getting into a predicament that requires you to back up is a situation where you would trade your fly rod and all your flies for a wading staff.

Choose your substrate: Sand and gravel bottoms are usually secure and safe bottoms to wade on. Wade here when you can. Cobbles are more difficult because there are irregular surfaces to deal with and the surface of each cobble is an algae-covered, zero-friction trap looking for a victim. Why hasn't NASA discovered this stuff? Next up the difficulty list is boulders. These add the problem of navigating among large obstacles to the slippery problems of cobbles, and, there are more "tall" rocks to trip you than you find on a cobble beach. The same "tall" rocks that may trip you may provide relief from the current and make wading easier by moving into the slipstreams of upstream boulders. Boulders also will hold pockets of sand and

gravel, which cobbles don't, and you may find secure footholds amidst treacherous footing. Once you learn to recognize these substrates they may give you an opportunity to move aggressively from a tenuous position to absolute security.

Mud bottoms may seem safe, but they also hold many pitfalls. Firm mud or clay bottoms are very slippery with felt soles. If the bottom is flat, you probably won't fall, but be careful that you don't get stuck and have difficulty climbing out of the stream. Mud accumulates in slow-current areas, and logs and sticks left by floods may trip you, and the silt you stir up will continue to obscure your vision. Finally, the erosion that occurs in muddy backwaters may create unexpected and slippery drop-offs.

The most treacherous bottom type is bedrock. These are areas with large surfaces of solid rock that have been polished smooth by eons of water erosion. The obvious problem is the large slippery surface. While cobbles are equally slippery, your foot can soon find a joint between rocks for a foothold, but on the large, flat surface of polished bedrock there is no redemption for a misplaced step. Even with careful sidesteps, if your foot slips it may skate so far out that you lose your balance and fall

Are you ready to move up? It's often tempting to fish from the top of a midstream boulder. The problem comes when it's time to get back down. Be sure you have a safe route back down before you climb up.

Plan your escape: This starts before you even enter the river. Should you even be wading here? What will you do if you fall in?

Final safety considerations: A personal flotation device is necessary for waders that can't swim and may be a good investment for anyone in big rivers and cold water. Both CO2 inflatable suspenders and solid, kapok-filled vests can be found in stores selling white-water gear. A whistle is one of a mountaineer's 10 essentials and is an excellent safety item for waders to carry for emergency location.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Orange Stick with Bead Chain Eyes

Submitted by Elaine Cook

Have you tried your luck in the surf yet? Well here's a fly to take with you when you do. When others aren't catching fish, you may find this fly gives you success. This can be tied in other colors, but orange seems to be very important for catching surf perch.

Hook: TMC 5263, size 6
Thread: Red 6/0
Eyes: Small bead chain
Tail: Spooled orange Antron
Body: Medium orange chenille
Head: Red thread

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind hook eye. Wrap touching thread wraps 1/3 back on shank, then forward to 2 hook eye lengths back from eye.
3. Cut bead chain in 2 ball sections. Attach to top of shank with figure 8 and encircling wraps around underside of bead chain eyes. Apply Super Glue.
4. Cut 2 1/2" piece of Antron. Attach center behind bead chain eyes. Fold both halves back on top of the of shank. Wrap in place back to rear of shank. Cut tail length equal to 1/2 hook shank.
5. Advance thread to in front of bead chain eyes. Attach chenille. Lay down on top of shank. Attach back to rear of shank. Advance thread to one hook eye length behind hook eye. Wrap chenille forward in touching wraps with one final wrap in front of bead chain. Tie off; cut excess.
6. Wrap small red thread head. Whip finish, cut thread. Apply Super Glue to head.



MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 FullMoon ☀	3
4	5	6	7 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	8	9 Last Qtr ☾	10
11 DST Begins	12	13	14 Fly Tying 7 PM Aptos Grange	15	16	17 NewMoon ● St. Patricks Day
18 ← Pyramid	19 Lake Fishout	20 1st Day of Spring	21 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	22	23	24 1st Qtr ☽ →
25 Newsletter Deadline Palm Sunday	26	27 ← Los	28 Baños Creek	29 Fishout →	30 Good Friday Passover	31 FullMoon ☀

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter April Fools' Day	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	5	6	7
8 Last Qtr ☾	9	10	11 Fly Tying 7 PM Aptos Grange	12	13	14
15	16 NewMoon ●	17 Tax Day	18 Board Meeting 7 PM Steele home	19	20 ← Roostercomb	21 Ranch Fishout
22 1st Qtr ☽ Roostercomb Ranch Fishout → Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 Los Padres Reservoir Fishout
29	30 FullMoon ☀					