

MAY

2016

## CLUB MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Open – 6:45 PM  
Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

**Sometimes To Save A River You Have To Buy It**  
*Guest Speaker: Jim Cox*



**J**im Cox, Director of Donor Relations for Western Rivers Conservancy will make this presentation. WRC has been working to conserve and protect lands on more than 55 rivers in eight western states. The presentation will focus on how WRC purchases riverlands across the West to protect and conserve vital river ecosystems and to provide compatible public access. Included in the program is stunning photography of past and current projects including work on some of the most iconic fly fishing rivers across the West including Idaho’s Salmon River, Oregon’s John Day , North Umpqua and Sandy Rivers, the Yampa in Colorado, the Madison River in Montana, California’s Smith and Klamath Rivers, and Washington’s Hoh River among many others.

### Jim Cox Bio:

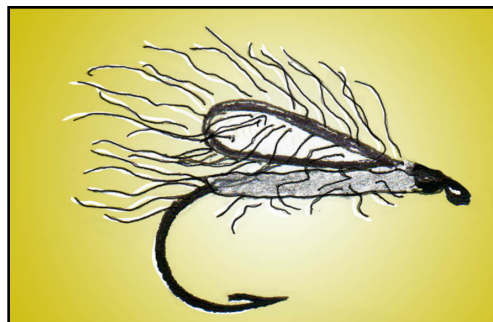
Jim joined Western Rivers Conservancy as Director of Donor Relations in 2011. He has more than 25 years experience working professionally in the nonprofit sector. Jim is a past steering committee co-chair of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, and is an active member of the Northwest Planned Giving Roundtable and is also a member of Trout Unlimited, Flyfishers Club of Oregon, IFFF, the Native Fish Society, and The Freshwater Trust among many other conservation groups. Jim holds a Bachelor of Theatre Degree from Willamette University. In his free time, you can find him fly fishing and hiking along the outstanding rivers of the West.

The Programs Directors expect you will enjoy Jim’s presentation. Please come and learn about the work Western Rivers Conservancy does to ensure you are able to fish the rivers in the western states area.

## FLY TYING CLASS

**Date:** Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** Open – 6:45 PM  
Class – 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

**CDC - One Feather Fly**  
*Fly Tying Instructor: Elaine Cook*



**C**DC tends to be a feather that is a mystery to many fly tiers. Come and learn one method of handling it. This is a simple fly to tie. The “Fly of the Month” also features a CDC fly.

All materials are provided and the class is free. Do bring olive of grey 8/0 thread. (some is available for beginners) Also bring tools, vise, light glasses, and magnification if you need it (some is available for beginners).

Sign up at the May club meeting or call Elaine at 688-1561 with at least 24 hours notice. If you sign up and later find out you are unable to attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated.

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## President's Line

### Mystery Fish

By President Jim Black



There appears to be some really great trout fishing on the Lower Sacramento River now and early expectations of a solid Shad run, the mystery fish, They migrate into most of our Northern California Rivers and on up into Washington, from April through June, July, free spawn, go back to the ocean and effectively disappear in the salt. I really enjoy fishing and catching them and I have a friend, who keys on them as his favorite fly rod fish. They never quit fighting, even in hand, until released! A 6 -7 weight rod, a slow sinking line with "Shad Flies" are the ticket to catching them.

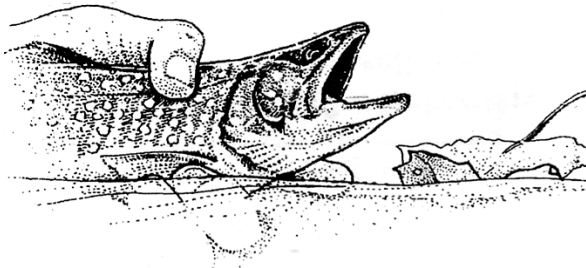
And, I am really looking forward to going to Roost-ercomb with my Grandson, thanks to Cecilia Stipes! It is great experience and the fishing for bass in the ponds is a bonus, a step back in time!

For some current information on our water issues, check out the California Water Alliance website, [www.californiawateralliance.org](http://www.californiawateralliance.org).

## Cast of Thousands

### Wanted:

Will the person who spoke to Barry Burt about the Fall Creek Fish Ladder restoration project please contact him at 688-0187 or e-mail him at [bfishing@aol.com](mailto:bfishing@aol.com)? Barry would like to discuss it further, with a possible donation from the SCFF to aid in the project.



## FLY FISHING 101 QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTRO TO FLY FISHING

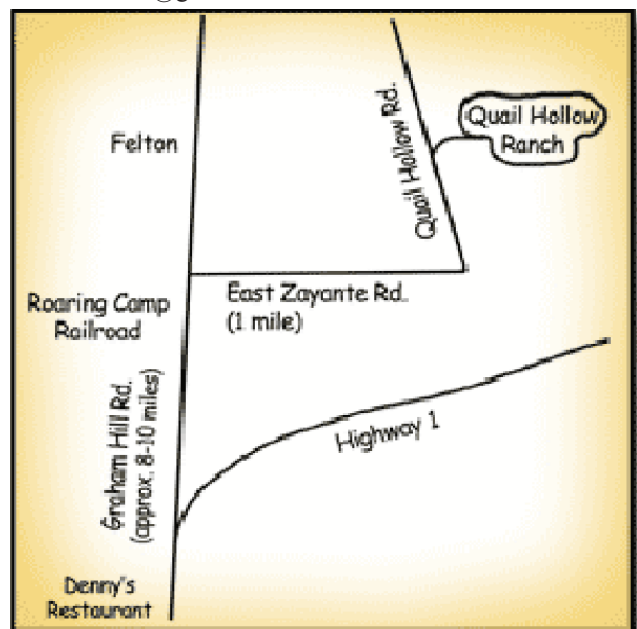
May 15, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM-Quail Hollow Ranch  
by Vice President Milana Rawson

This is an annual Fly Club tradition. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Santa Cruz County Parks, Education and Conservation Program. Our club and the sport of fly fishing is recognized for taking care of our environment and passing on a conservation legacy. Quail Hollow Ranch is a beautiful mountain park acquired by the county in the mid 80s. It features a 300-acre preserve that was once the home to Ohlone Indians, Spanish ranchers, even the headquarters for Sunset Magazine. Now it is home to a few horses, a natural history center and a spring-fed "untouchable" bass and bluegill pond. Don't forget the binoculars, as this is a major stop on the birdwatchers circuit. The Ranch is located above Felton, about a mile up Zayante Rd., a left turn just past the old Trout Farm Inn.

The day is geared toward introducing and educating the public as to why the members of our club are so hooked on fly fishing. Fly Fishing 101 will be taught by a member expert in the morning, followed by casting lessons in the morning and in the afternoon. There will also be fly tying demonstrations.

Kids and grandkids are especially welcome, so bring them along. They are the future of both fly fishing and conservation, so it's important to expose them to the sport. This event is all going to happen rain or shine. Everything is provided, rods and reels for casting, fly tying materials, vises, lights and tools. Feel free to bring your own equipment. This will be a great club event, with a special invitation to all members to come out and represent what we're all about. Members who attend should be sporting some club attire, like one of our baseball caps, a T-shirt, or a casting shirt with our logo on it, and your name tag, so guests can tell who we are. There'll be a BBQ lunch for everyone. Tell a friend and bring a friend to Fly Fishing 101 at Quail Hollow Ranch, Sunday, May 15th, 2016.

**Directions:** Graham Hill Road to East Zayante Road and travel about a mile, pass the Trout Farm Inn, take a left at the Quail Hollow Road bridge. Follow the road about a 1/2 mile and you will see the entrance on your right. For more info contact Milana Rawson at [milanaklo4ko@gmail.com](mailto:milanaklo4ko@gmail.com).



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

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

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## Fishout Schedule

2016

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
April 29-May 1	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727
May 6-8	Roostercomb Ranch #2	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727
May 7	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
May 15	Quail Hollow Ranch	Fly Fishing 101-Public Ed. Day	Steve Rawson-(831) 583-9370
TBA	Sierra backpacking	Trout	Dennis Davie - (831) 566-7447
June 4	Palm Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
July 9	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
July 9-15	Green River. UT	Trout	John Steele - (831) 476-0648
Aug. 6-11	Loreto Baja Sur	Dorado, saltwater species	Rich Hughett - (831) 757-5709
Aug. 6	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
Sept. 10	Palm Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451
TBA	O'Neill Forebay	Striped bass	Jim Hall - (831) 713-6835
Sept. 24-Oct. 1	Mammoth Lakes-wk.1	Trout	John Cook - (831) 688-1561
Oct. 1-Oct. 8	Mammoth Lakes-wk.2	Trout	John Cook - (831) 688-1561
Oct. 8.	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishout	Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451

\* Some dates are tentative. You must be a paid-up member of Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen to participate in these fishouts. For more information and to sign up for outings, contact the fishmasters, look for handouts at the club meetings and write ups in the newsletter. Some fishouts require advanced planning and payment. Please don't ask fishmasters for refunds if you have signed up, paid, and later find out you are unable to attend the fishout. Fees paid ahead are not refundable, unless someone else takes your place.



# Catchy Releases

## Coho Salmon Delivery

By Steve Rudzinski

Jeff Goyert and myself helped out NOAA and the boys at the hatchery in Swanton on April 21st by delivering about 5,000 Coho salmon smolts by bucket brigade into the Scott Creek watershed. Mark Galloway and Seth Bowman operated the tanker truck delivery for the hatchery. Only two fish died. We were a “well oiled machine” by getting this done quickly at three different locations on the creek. There will be another planting on Thurs May 5th. Volunteers are always welcome.



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## Feds to Probe Delta Tunnel Misuse of Grant Funds

From <http://restorethedelta.org/>

*Inspector General to Audit California Water Resources Handling of Federal Aid*

Posted on Apr 11, 2016 | Tags: California, DOI

Washington, DC - How the State of California spent millions of dollars of federal aid meant for improving fish habitat on preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for its controversial Delta Tunnel Project is under new legal scrutiny, according to documents posted today by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER). Representing a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employee, PEER filed a complaint detailing how a funding agreement with the California Water Resources Department is illegally siphoning off funds that are supposed to benefit fish and wildlife to a project that will principally benefit irrigators.

The Delta Tunnel is a massive engineering project to transport vast quantities of freshwater from the reaches of the Sacramento River, its sloughs and Delta to the south. In support of this project, the state has received more than \$60 million in grants authorized under the federal Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. The PEER complaint filed on February 19, 2016 charges that:

Those funds are earmarked for fish habitat improvements but are instead being expended on work that will harm critical habitat for at least five endangered and threatened fish species. Out of millions spent not a dime went to habitat improvements; The state double-billed for work it supposedly already did with an earlier \$50 million grant; and the state collected all of the federal funds when the agreement was executed, in violation of a 50/50

matching requirement. The Bureau of Reclamation also ignored its own rule barring all the federal money from being expended before receiving the non-federal share. Nor has Water Resources indicated when and from what source it will supply its overdue match.

In a letter dated April 8, 2016, Mary Kendall, Deputy Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Interior wrote PEER saying:

“We have carefully reviewed the information you provided to us and gathered additional information about the agreement. Based on this information we have decided to conduct a review into the issues raised in your letter and we expect to commence our work on this matter this month.”

“California is improperly diverting federal grants to a giant slush fund for the California Water Fix,” stated PEER Senior Counsel Paula Dinerstein, who drafted the complaint, using a nickname applied to the Delta Tunnel. “In this case, the Bureau of Reclamation is abetting the State of California in breaking laws designed to ensure that federal investments to benefit wildlife are not used to their detriment.”

Currently, the Interior Inspector General is already auditing misuse of Reclamation grants also intended to benefit fish but actually benefitting irrigators, stemming from another PEER whistleblower complaint made in 2015. Deputy Inspector General Kendall indicates that she does not expect that earlier audit to be delayed, as it is slated to be submitted to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for her approval.

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## Sacramento River Closure to Go Into Effect April 1

Posted: 24 Mar 2016 09:00 AM PDT

<https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2016/03/24/sacramento-river-closure-to-go-into-effect-april-1/>

A temporary emergency regulation closing all fishing within 5.5 miles of spawning habitat on the Upper Sacramento River begins on April 1, 2016 and will remain in effect through July 31, 2016. Enhanced protective measures are also proposed in the ocean sport and commercial salmon fisheries regulations for the 2016 season.

The temporary emergency regulation closes all fishing on the 5.5 mile stretch of the Sacramento River from the Highway 44 Bridge where it crosses the Sacramento River upstream to Keswick Dam. The area is currently closed to salmon fishing but was open to trout fishing. The temporary closure will protect critical spawning habitat and eliminate any incidental stress or hooking mortality of winter-run Chinook salmon by anglers.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) scientists believe the additional protection provided in the emergency

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river closure and potential ocean fishing restrictions will help avoid a third year of substantial winter-run Chinook salmon loss.

Historically, winter-run Chinook spawned in the upper reaches of Sacramento River tributaries, including the McCloud, Pit, and Little Sacramento rivers. Shasta and Keswick dams now block access to the historic spawning areas. Winter-run Chinook, however, were able to take advantage of cool summer water releases downstream of Keswick Dam. In the 1940s and 1950s, the population recovered, but beginning in 1970, the population experienced a dramatic decline, to a low of approximately 200 spawners by the early 1990s. The run was classified as endangered under the state Endangered Species Act in 1989, and as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1994.

The Fish and Game Commission adopted CDFW's proposal for the 2016 temporary closure at its regularly scheduled February meeting.

# GEARING UP

## **The Planning Meeting for the Sierra Nevada Backpack Fishout-Fishmaster: *Dennis Davie-831-566-7447***

**When:** Saturday, 7 May at 5 pm

**Where:** Beer Thirty, Main Street, Soquel, CA next to Carpo's

Please join up to plan the Sierra Nevada Backpack Fishout. (and have a beer...) Please bring a suggestion (or 2) for a location for a 5 to 7 day backpack trip to a fishing spot in the Sierra Nevada. Maps are great, topos are better, electronic maps OK. Vague ideas tolerated.

Since snow is still falling in the Sierra Nevada, it will probably be August before the mosquitos die down and camping becomes tolerable. Most of us are getting older, so an easy to moderate hike in would

be best. Big fish are not the goal, but some fish would be a good thing as well as a mix of lake and stream fishing. Above 6,500 feet (2,000 m) elevation is also good as temperatures are lower, poison oak doesn't exist and the rattlers are slower.

Established trails are a good idea, but some of us will do off-trail and overland routes as long as it isn't near vertical talus slopes or impenetrable brush.... (We've done enough of those for one lifetime...)

We will discuss the ideas and dates, decide what we want to do and have a good time with good beer. Questions? Call Dennis P. Davie

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## **Roostercomb Ranch Bass Fishout #2-May 6-8 - Fishmaster: *Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727***

I am offering a second bass fishout on the Roostercomb Ranch property in Stanislaus County.

Scott Wilkinson has extended a second opportunity this season for our club to enjoy and fish his special ranch. This is a 3-day, 2-night trip beginning early on Friday morning (May 6) where we will assemble at Casa de Fruta Restaurant on Hwy. 152 in Hollister before we caravan into the back county. The ranch rests on the perimeter of Henry Coe State Park, 22 miles off the main highway.

Nine bass ponds on this 5,800-acre ranch offer us a variety of locations for float tubing and fishing from shore. Housing is available in the ranch house, and cowboy bunk house, or if you choose, you can camp.

Meals will be organized in groups for breakfast and dinner meals BUT lunches, snacks and beverages will be the responsibility of the individual.

Due to the rugged dirt roads, transportation via 4-WD vehicle is required; but arrangements for those without 4-WD can be made to ride with someone who has. Limitation for this fishout is 16 fishers with a minimum of 10 persons, fishing or not. The cost is \$250 per person over the age of 13. Phone me on ASAP to enter your name on the list. Your confirmation is not complete until I receive your check. Checks payable to: Cecilia Stipes Address: 328 Capelli Drive, Felton, CA 95018 Phone: (831) 335-5727 or cell: (831) 566-7707.

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## **Green River Fishout - Fishmaster: *John Steele - 476-0648***

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 9th through July 15th in 2016. 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.

At the present time, lodging for the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen group has not yet been firmed up, but John has reserved rooms at both Trout Creek Flies Lodge and Flaming Gorge Lodge. We are waiting to hear if Trout Creek will have an on-site restaurant before we reserve rooms there, otherwise we will reserve rooms at Flaming Gorge, which has a restaurant.

More information will be available later on, when we ascertain the status of the accommodations, however, 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.

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## **Loreto Fly Fishing Trip- August 6-11 - Fishmaster: *Rich Hughett 831-757-5709***

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other saltwater fish, including bonito, roosterfish, yellowtail, and sailfish, on a fly! Join the group going to Loreto in Baja from Saturday, August 6th through Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 cost for everything but meals and airfare is \$730.00 per person (double occupancy).

The fishing day starts around 6:00 AM and we usually get back to the harbor between 1:30 and 2:00 PM. 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.

Rich Hughett will meet with those going prior to the trip to discuss which rods, reels and flies to bring, the various types of fish in the Loreto area, and to answer questions.

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.

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## **Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 24th-Oct 1st & Oct. 1st-8th - Fishmaster: *John Cook - 688-1561***

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 24th through Oct. 1st, and Oct. 1st-8th. 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.

**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 30th 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 on 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 30th. 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. **Don't miss out. Since there is no call-in date, plan your trip soon, sign up and send your check to John!**

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

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# GEARING UP

## *May Surf Fishout*

The May Surf Fishout will be at Manresa State Beach, on Saturday, May 7th. Sunrise is 6:07 a.m., low tide is at 5:47 a.m. at -1.28, and we plan to meet at 5:50 a.m.. Park outside of the State lot along San Andreas Rd., or if that is filled, go to Oceanview, park along the fence, and take the stairs down to the beach. For details regarding equipment and technique, check our club website.

## *Schoolin' Up*

### **Casting Basics and Practice**

*By Sam Bishop*

Before the club meeting on Wednesday May 4, I will be in the Grange parking lot at 5:30 pm to assist anyone wanting to brush up on casting, or basic lessons. We will have club rods to use, so no need to bring yours unless you want to, but bear in mind we are casting on pavement, and it tears up fly line, so if you bring your own gear, bring an old fly line to use.

# MONTHLY RAFFLE

## **It's May and it's ON!**

*By Monthly Raffle Director George Pike*

It's May already, and if the California drought isn't over with, it's got to be close to it, because the rivers, streams and lakes are brimming, and fishing season is upon us. It's definitely time to get your gear out, replace tippet, leaders, tie flies and clean lines, and if your gear is looking a mite shabby, buy a lot of raffle tickets, and you could win one or more of the following:

1. Allen 8'6" 4 weight 4 piece fly rod w/case
2. Allen fly reel ATS size 1 black
3. Hackle and Dub-ease
4. Knot tool, Dub-ease, more stuff



## *LifeLines*

### **Avoid Bug Bites**

*Submitted by Kirk Mathew*

*As a group, we are getting to the time of year when we get outdoors more. This reprint from the CDC website gives some guidelines to allow for more casting and less swatting.*

Bugs (including mosquitoes, ticks, and some flies) can spread a number of diseases. Many of these diseases cannot be prevented with a vaccine or medicine. You can reduce your risk by taking steps to prevent bug bites.

#### **What type of insect repellent should I use?**

**For Protection Against Ticks and Mosquitos:** Use a repellent that contains 20% or more DEET for protection that lasts up to several hours. Products containing DEET include Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, and Ultrathon.

**For Protection Against Mosquitos Only:** Products with one of the following active ingredients can also help prevent mosquito bites. Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection.

\* DEET

\* Picaridin (also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin. Products containing picaridin include Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, and Autan [outside the US])

\* Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (Products containing OLE include Repel and Off! Botanicals)

\* IR3535 (Products containing IR3535 include Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition and SkinSmart)

Always follow product directions and reapply as directed.

If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Follow package directions when applying repellent on children.

Avoid applying repellent to their hands, eyes, and mouth.

Consider using permethrin-treated clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents). You can buy pre-treated clothing and gear or treat them yourself.

Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See the product information to find out how long the protection will last.

If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.

Do not use permethrin directly on skin.

#### **What other steps should I take to prevent bug bites?**

##### **Prevent mosquito bites.**

Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats.

Stay and sleep in screened or air-conditioned rooms.

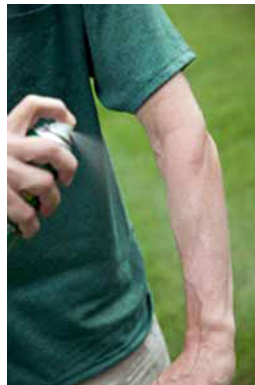
Use a bed net if the area where you are sleeping is exposed to the outdoors.

##### **Prevent tick bites.**

Cover exposed skin by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and hats.

Tuck in shirts, tuck pants into socks, and wear closed shoes instead of sandals to prevent bites.

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass, brush, and leaves. Walk in the center of hiking trails.



## *Bait for Thought*

### **Two Species of Fishermen**

Bass fishermen watch Monday night football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side air bags and hardly think about women at all. This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of the time immersed up to the thighs in ice-cold water. -*Author unknown*



## \* Central Coast Fly Fishing, presented by Patagonian and the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

The first event for the night is a San Lorenzo River walk/talk hosted by Barry Burt, and is limited to no more than 15 people.

Meeting/assembly will be at 5 pm on the bridge just inside Henry Cowell State Park. Attendees are encouraged to park alongside Hwy 9 so they don't have to pay the \$10.00 entrance fee. The walk will start at the bridge and continue on down river to the diversion dam where Barry will give another talk. The walk will then continue on for about 1 mile in length finishing up near Gold Gulch. There will be time for the attendees to walk back to their vehicles and drive down to Patagonia in time for the start of the evening's activities.

**What:** San Lorenzo River walk/talk with river expert Barry Burt of Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout.

**When:** 5 pm Thursday late afternoon May 5th

**Where:** Henry Cowell State Park Just inside the Hwy 9 entrance on the bridge.

**What to bring:** Camera, hiking shoes, warm clothing, a hat, snacks, water. Pack out what you bring in.

Then it's on to Patagonia, for the rest of the evening's festivities.

6:45 Welcome by Patagonia and Intro by Tim Loomis

7:00 Casting lessons and hands on fly tying starts.

8:00 A series of short movies on steelhead will go on for about a half an hour.

There will be a Q & A period after the movies are over

8:30 Snacks and beverages (A new brewery next door to Patagonia will provide the beer/ale) will be provided by Patagonia

There will also be a raffle for some very nice prizes, among which will be:

10-foot, 6-weight, 2 piece custom graphite fly rod w/fighting butt made by the owner of the Lake Almanor Fly Shop, Tom Maumoynier

Clear Creek Brush Creek Vest

A 3-weight rod/tube donated by SCFF President Jim Black

## \* Coastal Watershed Council Snapshot Day!

We are gearing up for the 17th Annual Snapshot Day monitoring event on May 7th, 2016!

Snapshot Day is the largest water quality monitoring event in the Central Coast. During the event, hundreds of volunteers work as citizen scientists collecting water quality data from rivers and streams

in Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties.

You can join CWC in repping Santa Cruz County by signing up to be a water quality monitoring volunteer here. As a volunteer you will gain experience and skills in water quality monitoring stream by learning survey methods, sample collection and water quality parameter testing. Furthermore, you will get a chance to spend the day along some of Santa Cruz's rivers and streams, having fun with fellow volunteers and competing for prizes.

**Volunteer training will be on April 30th** at the Santa Cruz Harbor Community Room from 11 to 1 PM. For more information on Snapshot Day, contact CWC's River Scientist Alev at [abilginsoy@coastal-watershed.org](mailto:abilginsoy@coastal-watershed.org) or (831) 464-9200.

## \* Youth Outdoor Day – May 21<sup>st</sup> – Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day is a totally free event open to the public. Our focus is to get kids interested in the many outdoor activities that are right here in our back yard. With over forty different organizations represented, there is something for everyone! Come join us at the fairgrounds, 2601 East Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076.

The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen will have an exhibit at this event, demonstrating fly tying, letting youngsters try their hand at fly casting, and will award a raffle prize at the conclusion of the activities. Volunteers are needed to man our exhibit, so sign up at the May club meeting. Others who have volunteered at this event say it's a lot of fun!

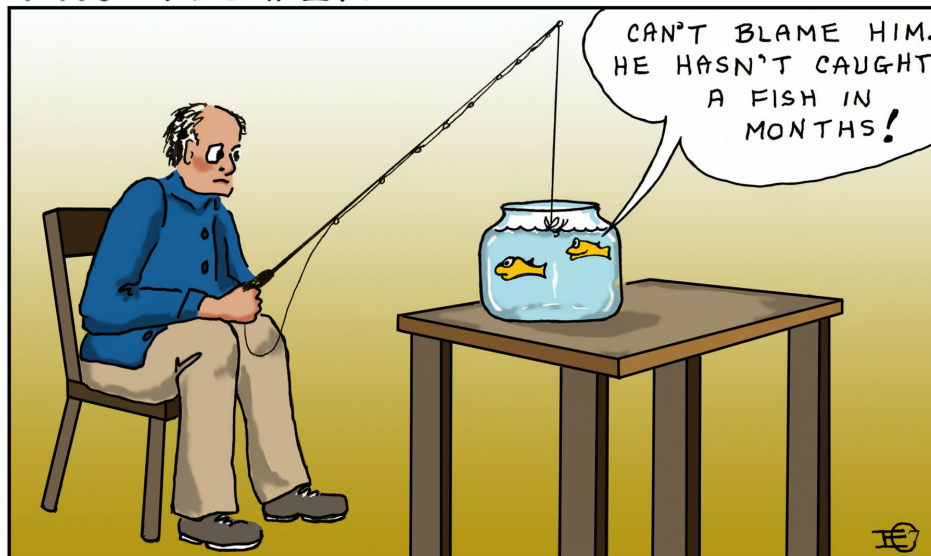
## \* Open Dates at the Tsuniah Lodge, British Columbia - Eric Brebner

We have a slow week from June 25 to July 2nd. I'm passing this along to past customers and I thought I'd pass it on to you as well. Basically it is 50% off our regular rate including the charter in from Vancouver. So for a one-week stay including your return flight to Vancouver it is \$1180 per person. Maybe you and friends need a mid summer break. The weather and fishing at that time of year is perfect. There are six seats available on a first-come first-serve basis.

## \* Fly tying supplies at Anglers Choice

Currently you will find their fly tying materials in baskets. They have reorganized that part of their store and are trying to decide what they will be doing in the future. When you go by, let them know your needs.

## FIN FLUTER



# FLY OF THE MONTH

CDC BWO

Submitted by Elaine Cook

*CDC is the butt feather of a duck which has some interesting properties. It floats without using gel floatant. In fact, that type of floatant actually mats down the fine projections on the barbs so that the fly won't float. Instead, dress with a dry powdered floatant like Frog Fanny. When it becomes water logged, squeeze dry on clothing or a chamois, then brush more Frog Fanny into the fibers. Don't be concerned with the white fluffy appearance. That doesn't seem to deter the fish. The BWO stands for "Blue Wing Olive" which is the common name of a May Fly.*

**Hook:** 1X short dry fly hook like TMC 900, 5210, or 921 sizes 16 - 22.

**Thread:** Olive, reddish brown, olive brown, olive yellow, 8/0 or 12/0.

**Tail:** CDC feather, dark or medium dun.

**Body:** Tying thread.

**Wings:** CDC, dark or medium dun.

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye, then touching thread wraps to hook point.
3. Cut butt end of CDC feather off up to the first barbs.

4. **Tail:** Position feather above hook, tip forward, butt to the rear.

Stroke 8-10 barbs against the grain at the butt end of the feather. Stroke all other barbs forward toward tip of fly. Tie stem to top of shank where barbs have been separated with 2 wraps. Pull stem forward freeing it from thread wraps. Wrap barbs to hook back to rear of shank. Cut stem from tied down barbs. (Save remaining feather for other flies) Cut tail to length of body. Advance thread to one eye length behind eye.

5. **Wing:** For size 16 hooks, stack 3 feathers on top of one another with tips lined up (one or 2 for smaller hooks). Position feathers above hook, tips forward. Stroke barbs forward on front 1/2 inch of stem. All others backward. Tie stem to shank with 2 thread wraps where barbs have been separated. Slowly pull stem backward till wing extends one body length beyond eye. Make 2 more thread wraps, cut excess CDC.

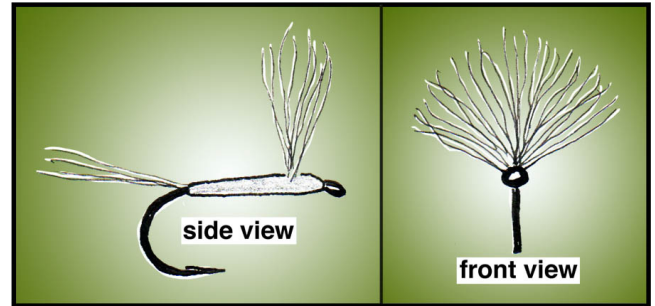
6. Place 1,2, or 3 feathers on top of one another with tips lined up. Holding stem, tips forward, stroke barbs forward along 1/2 inch of stem, the remainder to rear. Make 2 thread wraps. Slowly pull stem backward 'till wing extends one body length beyond eye. Make 2 more wraps. Cut excess.

7. With thread wraps form a tapered body.

8. Lift wing upright. Make 2 snug wraps in front to hold upright.

9. Whip finish. Cut thread.

10. If wing needs trimming, hold upright, cut straight across.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sea Bass and Confetti Vegetables with Lemon-Butter Sauce

From <http://www.myrecipes.com>

### Ingredients:

2 (6-ounce) sea bass fillets

1/2 teaspoon salt

Cooking spray

1/4 cup dry white wine

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1 teaspoon butter

1/2 cup frozen whole-kernel corn

1/2 cup chopped plum tomato

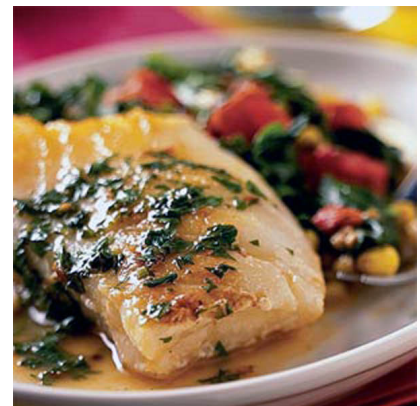
1 (6-ounce) bag baby spinach, coarsely chopped

### Preparation:

1. Sprinkle fish with salt. Heat a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add fish to pan; cook 5 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Remove fish from pan. Place one fillet on each of 2 plates; keep warm.

2. Add wine and juice to pan; cook over medium-high heat 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in parsley and butter. Drizzle sauce over fillets.

3. Add corn to pan; cook 2 minutes. Add the tomato and spinach to pan; cook 1 minute or until spinach wilts. Arrange 1 cup vegetables on each plate.





# Fishy Tales

## \* Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Pyramid Lake – Sam Bishop

On Friday I was at Pelican by the rocks. A fellow 3 ladders down was indicator fishing and turned around to retrieve something and left the rod sitting there on his ladder. Not more than 15 seconds passed and a fish grabbed the nymph and took off towards the ladders northwest of the boat ramp. The rod was heading across the water like a water skier with the bobber way out ahead in the lead. Of course there was hooting and hollering like “That was my tournament rod”, “What the Hell?” Did you see that?” etc. etc.

Well about that time there was a boat coming to the boat ramp, so I shouted at them and asked if they could help. They turned the boat around to head our way, looked down, and immediately there goes the bobber followed by the rod right by them! They grappled it up and the fish was still on. One fellow on the boat worked the fish (laughing as he yelled at us that the handle was on the wrong side of the reel) while the rod owner ran all the way around to and down the boat ramp. He jumped on the boat and took his rod. Then he jumped back on the ramp and fought the fish. Well then he couldn't land it! So the boat came back and he got on again! He finally landed the fish from the boat. This whole thing must have taken 20 hilarious minutes!

I learned from his brother who was next to me that The young man is a pediatric surgeon visiting from Washington.

I am laughing again as I write this.

## \* April 2, 2016 - Pyramid Lake - Harry Petrakis

Pyramid Lake has been a club fishout every since I became a member in 2000 and for some considerable time before that. I have missed only a few Pyramid fishouts during that time. What keeps me coming back are the fish and the wonders and stark beauty Pyramid Lake offers. This year was perhaps the windiest year I have experienced. Tuesday we had a steady 20 to 30 mph wind with gusts depending on who you talk to between 45 and something over 50 mph. That day I drove to the south end of the lake and parked and watched from a ridge 100 feet above the lake as 30' to 200' in diameter wind devils traversed the lake headed east appearing and disappearing on whim, atomizing the water to create plumes with rainbows shooting through them. I had never seen this before. The entire lake was wind-capped and the sky was a brilliant blue. It created an awesome spectacle and panorama. On Thursday, I was coming back after a late session driving in the dark south along the road bordering the lake. There was no wind and the moon had just cleared the ridgeline at the other side of the lake creating a breathtaking bright yellow tube that crossed the lake from shore to shore. It was awesome as well.

Talking to Elaine Cook; she said the fishing was the same as last year numbers wise but the fish were bigger. Witness the pictures this January in the upcoming annual slide show. Elaine said most all her fish came on a midge pattern she described as the Yellow Crow. She said that she will be offering tying lessons for this fly some time next winter. Try to attend and if the fish Gods are still serving up the Yellow Crow you may be the topic of discussion if you have one on the end of your line. Elaine took two ten-pound fish on it. Steve Rudzinski caught a fish over 12 pounds on a pattern he tied and Sam Bishop caught his first Pilot's Peak Lahonton Cutthroat trout, a plump, big, beautiful female. I heard of a 14-pound fish from our group as well and I'm sure several other large fish were caught.

Kevin Murdock and Jim Hall tied for honors in the ladder-diving contest, but they had a lot of help on Tuesday from the wind. That's not fair, they should be disqualified. The winner of the ladder-naming contest was Elaine.

Thanks to my son Chris who was an inspiration to fish with and for making sure dad had his custom made sandwich every day, to Matt Murphy for being such a good story teller and such a humble

fisherman, to Dougald Scott for the notes on nature and his input and corrections at story telling time and for being the instigator of fish rallies, to Sam Bishop for just being there and to Steve Rudzinski for bringing some ethos and logos to the Animal House.

Next year's Pyramid Lake fishout is from March 19 to the 24th. The three trailers the club rents are usually full but cancellations do occur. Check with the fishmaster to be put onto a wait list or call Crosby Lodge in the town of Sutcliffe Nevada and reserve your own place. For those with Rvs, there is a brand new campground near the lake shore at Pelican Point. (No electric or sewer hook-ups). This is a great fishout for beginners as the fish are very amiable.

On another note the club is looking for someone to replace me as the Fishmaster for this fishout. It's pretty easy and doesn't take much time or skills and the club could really use the help so if you are interested let me know and I will fill you in on all of the details. Call me at (831) 419-4245 for information, or to be the next fishmaster.

## \* Pyramid Lake – Steve Rudzinski

Well I came a day late to fish this year, thinking a day ahead of myself and finding scattered results in fish numbers and way too many fishermen at all the popular spots near the 'Nets' area both South and North and Pelican a zoo of fishermen but fish were there and were huge, with many showing themselves on the surface to our amazement of size and power.

I managed to slip into spot that was open and use an indicator with two bead head midges, one on a dropper which is the one my largest trout ever grabbed that day. The guy next to me grabbed the net laying on the beach, which did not belong to either of us and help me land this fish and take my photograph. The owner came by hours later for the net before I could thank him for its use. Another guy nearby landed one even larger than mine he estimated at 17 or 18 lbs, mine in the 14 range was a well fed brute. (photo of me with the fish is in the April 6 edition of Western Outdoor News sent in by Crosby's when I applied for the 10 Lb Pin award).

Overall I would say that if you had the right spot where fish seemed to have a favorite hole to hang out, one guy had a fish on every five minutes it seemed while others using the same 'wino' color pattern were not so successful. I really liked taking off the indicator and slow stripping the midges in, which was my most enjoyable technique this year. Only got one fish on a white beetle and one on the midnight cowboy and the rest of the week it was all on one wine colored midge with the white bead paint mostly all worn off to copper wino status. Only fish actually officially measured and weighed was a Pyramid strain fish that was 8 Lbs and 26" (photo attached). It was a great time with the gang in our trailer; wish the fishing was better for everyone but not always the case.

## \* Tenkara Bass

My buddy, Greg Woodard and I have been fishing bass together for more than 30 years. Now that he's taken up permanent residence in Mammoth, we have to plan our bass outings a little more strategic

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cally. I knew Greg would be rolling into town somewhere around mid-April, which would typically be a great time to hit the bass pond. Greg recently has become the Zen Master of Tenkara fishing and probably uses this technique more than anybody I know. When I told him that our friend, Larry Yien, had landed a 5 lb. bass on his Tenkara rod in the delta, Woodard became obsessed with the idea of landing a bass on Tenkara.

Unfortunately, the day Greg hit town a nasty cold front blew through and dumped a fair amount of rain on our parade and another one was scheduled to hit within the next three days. There was only one day before he had to leave town that the wind wasn't going to howl so we took our chances and it paid off big time. Having never fished for bass before with a Tenkara rod, there were a couple adjustments that Greg had to make before he was fishing effectively. The first thing he did was shorten his fly line and then lengthen his leader.

I gave him one of my Near 'Nuff Crawdad patterns and after a few battles with the tules, he finally got his casting down where he was consistently dropping his fly into the dark pockets right along the shoreline. The plan was for Greg to lead the way down the bank and I would take sloppy seconds fishing my Barry Bugger on a conventional fly rod right behind him. I was pretty confident that Greg would get grabbed. What I wasn't sure of was whether he would have enough backbone with that long flimsy rod to set the hook with enough authority and be able to keep the fish out of the brush.

Getting the fish close enough to his tube to lip it with that long rod would also be quite a challenge. Whatever doubts I had

were soon assuaged when Greg yelled, "Fish on." I watched him kick hard away from the bank and fortunately the fish headed for deeper water and not for the brushy bank. He was really able to handle the fish quite easily with his long rod and when the fish ran he just reached out the full extension of his arm and the 13 ft. rod plus line and leader were more than enough to accommodate any burst of energy the fish could muster.



Now came the moment of truth. Would the thin tip of the rod stand up to the pressure it would take to maneuver the fish into lipping range? It is typically recommended not to use tippet stronger than 5x when using a Tenkara because the top section, which is about as thick as a pencil lead, could easily snap under too much pressure. Once the fish was up on the surface, Greg had no problem using the leverage of that long rod to bring the bass close enough to grab it.

Well done Sensei. Mission accomplished. As he held up his first Tenkara bass, a nice 3 lber., for a photo op. he exclaims, "Tenkara baby. It's unreel." Greg was convinced that he could easily handle a large bass using a 3x tippet and not risk breaking his rod. After his second bass I was beginning to think that batting cleanup behind him might prove a little unproductive but that soon changed when the wind started to kick.

One disadvantage of Tenkara is that it is a bitch to fish in the wind. The wind came and went for the rest of the morning. Just when we were sure we were going to get blown off the water, it would lie down and we were back in action. Greg managed 4 really respectable bass to hand that day before we finally got blown off the water around noon. I hooked 8, 4 of which came on the Barry Bugger but only landed 6. All in all it was a pretty productive first shot for bass with Tenkara. Like Greg says, "Tenkara, it's unreel."

## MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00 PM Aptos Grange	5 Patagonia Night  Cinco de Mayo	6  Roostercomb Fishout #2	7 New Moon ● Surf Fishout Manresa Beach 5:50 AM CWC Snapshot Day
8 Mother's Day  Roostercomb Fishout #2 →	9	10	11  Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange	12	13 First Qtr. ☾	14
15 Fly Fishing 101 Intro to Fly Fishing Quail Hollow Ranch - 10 AM	16	17	18  Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home	19	20	21 Full Moon ○ Armed Forces Day  Youth Outdoor Day-10AM-4PM SC Fairgrounds
22  Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Last Qtr. ☾	30	31				

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