

NOVEMBER

2017

## CLUB MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, November 1st  
**Time:** Open – 6:45 PM  
 Meeting – 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

### Fly Fishing for Striped Bass and Shad By Guest Speaker Andy Guibord



Andy will be giving a presentation on fishing for striped bass and shad. He will be sharing his 30 years of fishing knowledge on his local Lower American River in Sacramento.

Andy was born in Detroit Michigan where he spin-fished through his youth catching bass, walleye, yellow perch and pike. He didn't start fly fishing until his mid twenties, right out of college where he graduated with a Masters In Fine Arts. He bought his first fly rod at Kiene's Fly Shop. There he has had the pleasure of working more than 25 years.

He is a casting instructor of single and two-handed techniques, guide manager and head guide at Kiene's. He's an avid, published photographer and a contributor to the *Cal FlyFisher* magazine.

Andy brings both expertise and passion to the sport of fly fishing, and his enthusiasm is evident in his presentations, so come and enjoy and be informed by what he has to impart.

## Bait for Thought

What Is Important?

I fish because I love to . . . because I love the environs where trout are found . . . because I suspect that men are going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip . . . and, finally, not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant - and not nearly so much fun." - Robert Traver



## FLY TYING CLASS

**Date:** Wednesday, November 8th  
**Time:** Open – 6:45 PM  
 Class – 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

### Orange Boss Fly Tying Instructor: Elaine Cook



It's that time of the year to be thinking of steelhead and salmon fishing. This pattern was originated for the Russian River in California.

The doors open at 6:45 p.m., for setting up and class begins at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up at the November club meeting or by calling Elaine at 688-1561 with at least 24 hours notice. If it later becomes necessary for you to cancel, please notify Elaine. We love having beginners and the club has equipment and lights for your use. All others, please bring your own gear and orange thread. All other materials are provided.

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# President's Line

## November 2017 Fly Fishing Clinic (Nov.4) and Walt Robinson, Casting Instructor By Interim President Tom Hogye

Hello, my fellow fly fishing enthusiasts-please mark your calendars for attending the 2nd annual Fly Fishing Clinic on November 4th at the San Lorenzo River Park (behind the County building). This is an excellent opportunity for us to bring more fly fishermen into the fold, teach casting and fly tying. This is also a time for us to teach people about the critical importance of fisheries conservation, preservation and restoration. Why?

Without fishermen, there are no fish. Sounds strange, but it is true. Today, we are competing with thousands upon thousands who are moving here, who have no idea what a steelhead is, or why that is important to the natural/wild habitat in our waterways. Most look at it as a pretty place for some trees and birds, and is the source of their drinking water.

As I've been pouring over some previous work, now 20 years old, little has changed. We fishermen are the first when it comes to the stewardship of our waterways. If we cannot demonstrate responsibility, who can? Let's remember, the rivers are not just a water source, they are the calming waters, a place for peace, tranquility, and where all things wild have their place and we are the visitors. Teaching more people about fly fishing isn't just about fish-it's about all the wild places we need to keep wild, or restore to wild, while we can. A time for us to bring new generations into the fold so we can again, return to a more focused effort on restoring Coho, Steelhead, and all the other species (Lamprey eel, Stickle-back, turtles...) in our California riparian corridors.

Speaking of generations-when I learned to cast a fly line, SCFF and the San Jose Fly Casters, honed in on the excellence of one Walt Robinson. I hope all of you have had the chance of at least one time or another, to benefit from the instructions Walt Robinson imparted to you as a part of your learning this peaceful and fun casting technique that is what we do.

For more than 25 years, Walt and his wife Lois have been very active members of SCFF, San Jose Fly Casters, the Federation of Fly Fishers and many other sister clubs and organizations. Walt has been the SCFF Casting Instructor for as long, spending countless days and hours, teaching many of us the practical application of fly line casting for the purpose of fishing. To some of us, perhaps not so practical, Walt

taught us ways to throw a fly line as far and as straight as is possible, or to do "casting" while potentially ever applicable for fishing, was something all too interesting because it simply applied to "line control." I remember when Walt helped me through the steps of getting my own casting certification (yes, there is one!). Something about keeping the line moving and "painting the ceiling", you can do almost anything with it-a little line, a little time, a lot of line, a lot of time. When Walt wasn't teaching all over the country, he was putting those applications to use, fishing. Walt and Lois traveled far and wide, fishing fresh and salt water with fly rod. Then both would come to the club meetings, share their experiences and help with casting. Walt is an observant instructor. Patient. He would look at you in a way that made you want to ask him for help. He would not offer unsolicited instruction, unless it was obviously needed, but he would watch and wait, and everyone most surely would ask and Walt would respond with enthusiasm.

When I talked with Walt and Lois last week, Walt decided it might be best if he retired from the SCFF Casting Instructor position. It is a bit harder to make the trek over the hill these days, and he thought it would be good for another casting instructor to take the reins if it was clear the position was now open.

During Walt's tenure, many have learned and assisted with casting while he was away, Tim Loomis, Steve Rudzinski, Kathy Powers, Elaine Cook, Sam Bishop, Barry Burt and others. Even me! For 2018, the SCFF Board is going to open this board position of Casting Instructor for a candidate who is interested in the intricacies of casting a fly line within the many applications of fly fishing. The SCFF Board has also determined to make available to that candidate the fees related to the FFF Fly Casting Certification class as a part of this position. If you, love fly fishing, casting and at the same time, enjoy teaching others during club events and holding your own casting classes... then, we would like to hear from you.

The SCFF Board has also decided to honor Walt Robinson, in perpetuity, Casting Instructor Emeritus in honor of his extraordinary contribution to the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen, and so many other people around the world, who simply love fly fishing.

See you at the club meeting, November 1st and at the Fly Fishing Clinic, November 4th. Bring your rod!



## Cast of Thousands

### Mad River Canoe 14 ft.

#### Tahoe model

Oars included; Great condition  
\$350.00 - Contact Joe Bigas  
831-476-2711; bigas@surfnetc.com

### Miscellaneous Gear:

1. 12 wt., 9 ft., 4 piece Albright fly rod - \$200
  2. Sage XP 8 wt., 9 ft. 6 in., 4 piece fly rod - \$300
  3. Ryall 2-3 wt. fly reel - \$100
  4. Tioga 7 wt. reel w/intermediate line - \$100
  5. SOSpenders life saver wader suspenders - \$50
- Call John at 831-476-0648; owlspad@me.com  
2 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen



### FOR SALE:

Dave Scadden 2018 Detonator  
Lo Pro pontoon boat  
Used once. \$600  
Minn Kota 30 lb electric motor, and two light batteries: \$100  
Robert 408-335-8000  
lbtrout@com-cast.net



### FOR SALE:

Carry box with four organizer boxes.  
8x14 inches - \$29.00  
Contact Ralph Berman  
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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.

## They Work for You

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701 Ocean St., #318-A, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
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## Fishout Schedule

### Looking for Fishmasters Fishmaster John Cook

*As you may have noticed, the 2017 Fishout Schedule has run its course. It was a fun year of outings, ranging from local surf fishing to out-of-state journeys, and the best thing caught in all of them was friendship. If there is anything better than catching a trophy fish, it's doing it with friends to cheer you on, and the fun of recounting the day's adventures over an evening meal simply can't be beat! So, be thinking about where you'd like to fish in 2018, and let our Fishmaster know if you're willing to host a fishout to share with your buddies.*

**D**o you have a place you like to fish and want to share that experience with others by having a Fishout? I, John Cook, our club's Fishmaster, am looking for people to put on one together. Fishouts can be simple or complicated. I will help to set up and organize the event. This is a great way to give back to those who have helped you, for Fishouts are one of the best ways to learn our fly fishing sport, discover places to fish, and get to know one another in our club. Give me a call, 688-1561.



# Catchy Releases

## Integrated Watershed Restoration Program

*From <https://www.rcdmonterey.org/integrated-watershed-restoration-program>*

The purpose of IWRP is to facilitate and coordinate projects to improve fish and wildlife habitat and water quality using a voluntary, non-regulatory approach. One of our primary objectives is to provide technical and financial assistance to local project leads to design and implement high priority projects selected by the IWRP agency Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

In 2008, the State Coastal Conservancy awarded a funding to the RCD of Santa Cruz County to work with the RCDs in San Mateo and Monterey Counties to enable us to establish our own IWRP programs in our respective counties as well as continue some of the IWRP work in Santa Cruz County. For us that has entailed the following steps:

Forming a Monterey County IWRP TAC consisting of resource agency personnel who have jurisdiction over or stewardship responsibilities for Monterey County natural resources;

Surveying Monterey County organizations and agencies to compile a list of priority restoration projects needing design and permitting support;

Reviewing that list with the TAC in order to select priority projects for IWRP Design and Permit funding based on project readiness and consistency with TAC member agencies' priorities; and

Securing Coastal Conservancy IWRP funding for selected projects and, once funded, developing the designs and permit packages for them.

Using this approach since initiating IWRP in Monterey County in 2009 we have developed design and permit packages for four restoration projects (SRC, LPC, Riverside, NMCHS); conducted rural road erosion/drainage management assessments to reduce sedimentation in local waterways along miles of roadway on the Big Sur coast, Carmel River, and Little Sur River; and have designs in process for projects on the Arroyo Seco River, Big Sur River, and Santa Rita Creek. With project designs and permits in place, the project proponents are better able to secure implementation funds. Of the road assessments and four designs completed so far, three projects have been awarded funding (and one of those built), and over many miles of roadway have been improved.

As part of this program, the RCD also partnered with the RCD of Santa Cruz County to update their Rural Road Maintenance Guide to create the Central Coast Private Road Maintenance Guide [[link to pdf](#)] for rural landowners wanting to maintain their private roads in a manner that reduces erosion risk, long-term maintenance costs, and impacts to nearby streams and wildlife. This is available for download in our Resource Library.

### **IWRP Design and Permitting Projects to date:**

Santa Rita Creek Urban Greening (Bolsa Knolls). Project Proponent: Central Coast Wetlands Group and Ferrasci Little League Park. Status: installed in 2015.

Lower Post Creek Fish Passage Improvement (Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park). Project Proponent: CA State Parks. Status: designs completed, implementation funding pending.

Riverside Campground Fish Passage Improvement (Big Sur River). Project Proponent: Trout Unlimited and landowner. Status: designs under revision.

North Monterey County Amphibian Habitat Restoration Project (Castroville). Project Proponents: Central Coast Wetlands Group and North Monterey County Unified School District. Status: designs and permits completed, implementation funding anticipated March 2017 for fall 2017 installation.

Blanco Drain Water Quality Improvement Projects. Project Proponents: RCDMC and landowners. Status: 65% Complete designs under review.

Arroyo Seco Fish Passage Improvement Project. Project Proponents: Landowners and Trout Unlimited. Status: Conceptual designs under review.

Potrero Creek Fish Passage and Habitat Improvement Project. Project Proponents: Trout Unlimited and landowners. Status: Designs under development with Carmel River Settlement Funds.

Juan Higuera Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. Proponents: Landowner and Trout Unlimited. Status: 65% Complete design under development.

Santa Rita Creek Stream Management Plan. Project Proponent: RCDMC. Status: Draft report under review.

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## New California Law Reflects Trout Unlimited Priorities, Input

*From <https://www.tu.org>*

On Sunday, October 15, Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed into law a measure that has been one of TU's highest legislative priorities in California over the past two years: SB 5, The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

The governor's signing of SB 5 means the measure will appear as a ballot initiative in June 2018. The bill provides critical new funding to protect the state's natural resources and wildlife, including coastal redwoods, Sierra forests, and rivers, lakes, and streams up and down the state.

Specifically, the measure would authorize the state to issue \$4 billion in bonds to pay for projects and grant programs that establish and improve parks and open space, enhance groundwater and floodplain management, and advance fisheries restoration efforts, among other purposes.

In particular, TU worked hard in Sacramento to ensure that funding be dedicated to actions that benefit salmon, steel-

head, and native trout, including multiple benefit floodplain projects that expand and improve salmon and steelhead habitat. TU played a lead role in developing the Conservation Strategy for California's new Central Valley Flood Plan. SB 5 funds will help implement this landmark plan.

SB 5 funding would also pay for projects prioritized by conservation partnerships such as the new Central Valley Salmon Habitat Partnership, of which TU is a founding member, stream-flow restoration and fish passage improvements in key salmon and steelhead watersheds, salmon and steelhead recovery in the Klamath/Trinity river system, and southern steelhead recovery actions, including removal of the antiquated Matilija Dam on the Ventura River.

The bond's revenues would also be used to protect water quality, supply, and native trout habitat by restoring higher elevation meadows, make investments in actions that help make watersheds and vital water sources more resilient to the impacts

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of the warming climate, and to fund conservation grant programs under the state's Wildlife Conservation Board, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and conservancies.

To help get SB 5 passed, TU worked to fortify support for the measure among some of our key conservation partners, in particular those involved in the cooperative effort to restore the once-prolific runs of salmon and steelhead in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems. This effort was ultimately successful, in large part due to the collaborative process that produced the state's new flood control strategy (TU's California Science Director, Rene Henery, was a central figure on the advisory committee that recommended the multi-benefit approach for flood control projects).

SB 5 is the first park bond passed by California's Legislature in fifteen years, and has more funding for conserva-



tion and natural resources than any previous legislative bond measure. A more detailed breakdown of funding allocations in SB 5 is available here.

Good conservation outcomes for cold water fish species generally don't happen by accident; they come about as a result of years of advocacy, cooperation, and funding. California's new parks and water bond reflects all three of these factors—as well as the dedicated work of TU's science, policy, and water program staff in the Golden State.

## MONTHLY RAFFLE

### Fall Fishing Gear

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

When it starts to rain, usually, steelhead fishing can't be too far off. For the raffle this month we have a nice Maxcatch Premier 7 weight rod. This 4-piece rod is 9 feet in length which makes it perfect in the willows on small water like the San Lorenzo. This rod features a large loop tiptop, seven snake guides, two stripping guides, and a small cone knob fighting butt. It is green in color, a real beauty; also great for stripers in the Forebay or the Lahontans at Pyramid Lake.

Door number two has a nice Dan Bailey DB shock cord wading staff. It is 57 inches long with a modified spike tip; it is just what most all of us need to safely get in position

to effectively present our offerings. A wading staff can also be helpful getting down the steep canyon trail to just get to the river.



The staff folds up to an eleven inch package that stores conveniently in a belt holster; they are much more likely to be used if they are on your belt than if they are left in the back of your truck.

Last but not least, we have a gorgeous bamboo fly box. This beauty is 3 1/4" x 5 1/4" which makes it perfect shirt pocket size. It has six rows of slotted foam on opposite sides, each row having a capacity of a dozen smaller flies. The box has two single pin hinges and magnetic clasp closures. It's a perfect treasure to store your most treasured flies.

## GONE FISHING

### O'Neill Forebay Fishout

By Steve Rudzinski

Just like last year, our first day started out with a decent bite for Elaine and Bill and me before the wind started blowing hard. (Small fish up to 16" most around 12" were abundant, especially the last hour you can fish off a boat or float tube). Elaine and Bill drove over to the west side of the lake to fish close to the shore in some deeper areas with great success I learned later.

Two more fishermen arrived, both using a float tube for the first time, David Marks and a new to be member Matt Williams (not the ball player). Matt was a veteran fly fisherman and took to the tube easily enough with the wind conditions and while we had to sit it out we practiced casting as we waded out to our hips. My left-handed casts were too dangerous and it was just like fishing at Pyramid in the wind and waves. I showed both guys how fast to strip for these fish and Matthew had the instant good results of catching over 12 fish near the point beneath the power tower. I've never seen anyone catch so many fish from shore.

Others rolled in on Friday and Sat and even Sunday, Steven and Milana Rawson win the award for all the categories

for camping, the Dutch oven-baked pies, one cherry on Friday night and apple on Saturday, both pies came out perfect and with frozen ice cream on top. We ate steaks and baked potatoes in foil over coals, stir fry, and craft beers. I love camping like this, we all had a great time and survived the high winds and driving rain the first night and following day which put the fish off the bite. Only the last night did I have one of those 20 fish per hour frenzies.

Thanks also to Lee Haskin who guided me and a few others the Saturday before the event. You never know what the lake is going to give you but knowing the places where fish like to stage is an added bonus to being lucky.

I often thought of the former gang of fishermen that would arrive for this famous event, Jim Hall and Gary Hazelton every year, Elaine and Cecilia, Loren, Gil and so many other long time members who enjoy campfires, camp food and lots of laughter. I am honored to carry on this tradition.



# 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](http://www.crosbylodge.com). The General Store in



Sutcliff offers meals on selected nights only to those who call in before 2:00 PM. Check at the General Store for details.

**Equipment:** 6-9 weight rods with hi-speed, hi-D shooting heads or fast sink integrated lines to fish the bottom in 6 to 9 feet of water, and a floating line for indicator fishing. You should bring a stripping basket and a ladder that will accommodate it. A ladder helps to get you up out of the cold water and enable you to cast out to where the fish are. You can still catch fish without one but not with near as much consistency.

**Flies:** Woolly buggers in black, white, purple, olive, midge, caddis and mayfly nymphs to name a few. If as in years past the Con-fab in February is offering the opportunity to see how some of the best Pyramid patterns are made plan to attend and bring a vise and tie some yourself. Flies may also available from club member

Jim Hall who ties some very good flies specific to Pyramid cut-throat as well as other species at reasonable cost. His number is (831) 713-6835. There is a general store with provisions as well as tackle and an assortment of flies.

**How to get there:** Take US 80 to Reno-Sparks, take the Pyramid Blvd. off ramp and go north about 35 miles. Crosby Lodge is at Sutcliff, near the Ranger Station.

If you have any questions about equipment or how to get there, check the "Gearing up" columns in the March 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](http://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.

## LifeLines

### Rip Currents

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

#### What are Rip Currents?

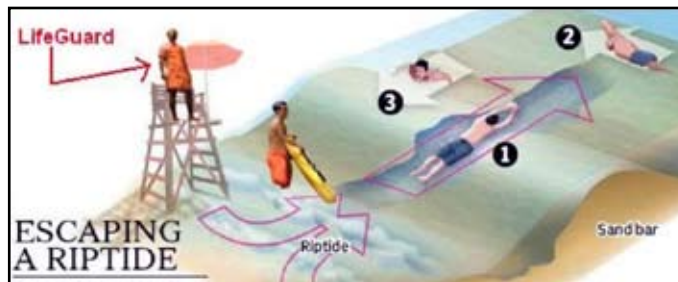
A rip current is generated in sea water when a strong flow of water is trying to return seaward along the shore. When the wind pushes the waves to the shore, the previous wave near the shore is moved sideways before it tries to get back to the sea. This constrained water is accumulated along the shore line and generates a strong current that is continuously trying to push the constrained water back to the sea. This phenomenon results in the generation of currents known as rip currents.

Rip currents are so strong at the surface that they disrupt even the strongest incoming waves, making the water surface unusually calm. Beneath the surface, the currents are so strong that even the strongest experienced swimmers have to struggle to break free, whereas an

inexperienced swimmer can easily panic and drown when caught in a rip current's grip.

#### Drowning by Riptide Rip Current

One important factor that results in the drowning of a person is an undertow that is created as a result of rip currents. The rip currents always stay along the shore and are continuously trying to go back to the sea. If the incoming waves are not strong enough, these currents try to escape during this "weak wave" instances. However, if there are no weak waves, the rip currents escape from beneath the strong waves, resulting in an undertow that pulls the swimmer inside the water. Drowning by a riptide or rip current has been the result of several deaths around the world.



### How to Recognize a Rip Current

Rip currents can pull anything and everything that gets in the way of its flow. These currents move in an extremely erratic pattern. A stream of rip currents is difficult to identify as the surface of the water is deceptively calm. However, scientists have come up with a way to identify these currents.

An experiment carried out by the scientists included color dyes put in a pool generating rip currents. The dye's course or movement was recorded. The movement of the dye depicted an extremely irregular pattern, which not only made it difficult for a swimmer to escape but also took him or her almost to the bottom of the pool. This makes it difficult for the swimmer to identify the flow and current and also makes it difficult to swim.

There are also computer systems that can measure and predict the physical processes taking place at and near the shore up to a depth of 10 meters. This system measures the direction of the wave movement and the flow of underwater sediments and currents, analyzing and forecasting any unprecedented change in the movement of waves. The rip currents can stay at the same

place for weeks and sometimes even for months. These methods can be used to predict rip currents weeks before they are generated.

### How to tell if there is a rip current? You can basically take these signs for the possibility of rip currents:

Water is deceptively calm  
Color of water is different in that area  
Objects are moving away from shore  
Presence of foam

### How to Escape Rip Currents

There are few ways to identify and escape the rip currents. The color of the rip current area will be different from the surrounding area. Also the waterline near the rip current is lower than the rest of the water line.

In case a person is caught in a rip current, the first thing he or she should do is not to panic. If the person is trying to swim against the currents, back to the shore, he will get easily tired which will make him drown. The best way is not to swim against the waves but to swim parallel to the shore and allow the waves to bring the swimmer back to the shore.

## Reel News

### \* The 2018 January Club Slide Show

Every year in January, we are treated to a slide show composed of photos we have taken of our many fishing exploits and other club activities, so in keeping with that tradition, it's time to turn in any and all photos you have taken on club fishouts or fishing trips you've taken on your own to Rich Rubin, at richr@cruzio.com, and Michael McGannon, michaelmcgannon@comcast.net. They need your photos no later than December 15th, so cull through your digital media and get those pictures sent to them ASAP!

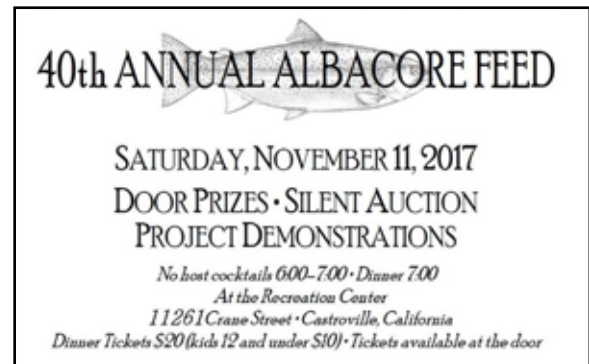
The club would like to express its gratitude to Chris Walters, who composed the slide show for many years, and is now handing it over to Rich and Michael. Thanks, Chris!

### \* Fly Fishing Clinic – Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 AM – 12 noon – San Lorenzo Park

The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen is proud to participate in this event, jointly hosted by us, Patagonia, the Coastal Watershed Council, Trout Unlimited and the Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project. We will be providing one-on-one casting instruction, fly tying demonstrations and tutoring, and there will be information about fish in our local rivers. Learn more at [www.coastal-watershed.org/events](http://www.coastal-watershed.org/events).



### \* Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project's 40th Annual Albacore Feed



Saturday, November 11th – Recreation Center, 11261 Crane St., Castroville

Cocktails – 6:00 PM-7:00 PM – Dinner – 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Project Demonstrations

Tickets - \$20 (ages 12 and under \$10) available at the door

### \* The Annual Fund Raiser – January 20, 2018

Our Annual Fund Raiser is happening the third Saturday of January 2018, and it promises to be the best ever, featuring wild-caught Alaskan coho salmon, side dishes from the Monterey Fish House, hors d'oeuvres by our esteemed Elaine Cook and her able crew, a silent auction of special hand-crafted items, and of course, a ginormous raffle chock full of amazing prizes. Our corporate donors are always very generous, but we can always use donations from our members, so if you have a service or special skill that you would like to donate, please contact our Annual Raffle Director, John Steele, at [owlspad@me.com](mailto:owlspad@me.com), or call him at 831-476-0648.

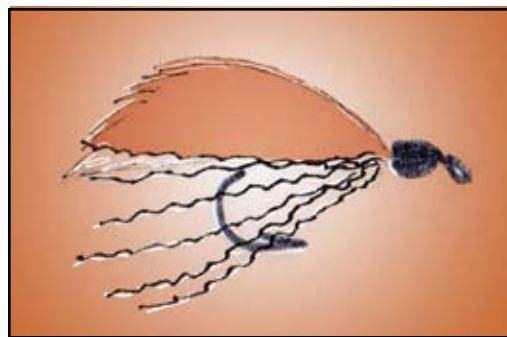
# FLY OF THE MONTH

## The Smolt Attractor

*Submitted by Elaine Cook*

*Before the baby Steelhead (smolts) go to sea with the first winter rains, which of course also bring in the adults, going for the little guys can be a kick. Here's a fly that has proved very successful in the past in central California coastal streams. This is a very easy fly to tie, so no excuse to not have a few in your box.*

**Hook:** TMC or TFS 100 (size 16).  
**Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0.  
**Flash:** Rainbow Krystal Flash.  
**Body:** Glo Bug yarn, red/orange, salmon, or peach, or a combination of the three.



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye. Leave thread hanging one eye length behind eye.
3. Select 5 strands of Krystal Flash. Cut in half and stack on top of one another. Place on top of shank with center of bundle overhanging thread. Make three thread wraps, fold forward fibers back and tie down to 2 eye lengths behind eye. Cut so flash extends a hook length beyond hook.
4. Separate length of yarn in half. Using one piece, securely tie one end behind eye. While pinching yarn top to bottom, cut at an angle. (see diagram)
5. Wrap thread head.
6. Whip finish, cut thread, apply small amount Super Glue or Zap-a Gap.

### Variations:

1. Use 1/4 length of peach yarn and 1/4 length of red/orange yarn. Stack on one another. Then tie in and proceed as instructed.
2. Use 1/4 length salmon and 1/4 length peach.

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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Herb and Lemon Roasted Striped Bass

*From [www.myrecipes.com](http://www.myrecipes.com)*

### Ingredients:

- 4 (6-ounce) striped bass fillets
- 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray. Place fish on pan. Grate lemon rind to measure 1 teaspoon; juice lemon to measure 1 tablespoon. Combine rind, juice, oil, thyme, oregano, salt, and black pepper; drizzle mixture over fish. Bake at 425 degrees F for 13 minutes or until desired degree of doneness.





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# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	2	3	4 Full Moon ☉ Fly Fishing Clinic San Lorenzo Park-9-noon
5 Daylight Savings Ends	6	7 Election Day	8 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	9	10 Last Qtr. ☾	11 MBSTP Albacore Feed Castroville Veterans Day
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	16	17	18 New Moon ☀
19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 1st Qtr. ☽	27	28	29	30		

# DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Full Moon ☉	4	5	6 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10 Last Qtr. ☾	11	12 Hanukkah begins	13 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	14	15 Deadline for sending in photos for Jan. Slide Show	16
17 Newsletter Deadline	18 New Moon ☀	19	20 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	21 1st day of Winter	22	23
24 Christmas Eve  New Year's Eve 31	25 Christmas Day	26 1st Qtr. ☽	27 Kwazaa begins	28	29	30