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CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019
Time: Open - 6:45 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

MONGOLIA - Land of Genghis Kahn and the Home Waters of the Siberian Taimen
Member Speakers: Sam Bishop and Michael DiCiano



Sam Bishop and Michael DiCiano journeyed to Mongolia, of Genghis Kahn fame, lived in Gers and fished the Onon River near Russia for two weeks. This program will give the story of that very unusual trip. If Mongolia is on your bucket list, you really need to avail yourself of this information, and even if it isn't, you will be fascinated by this adventure taken on by your fellow members!

Note: Mongolian legend tells of a giant Taimen trapped in river ice. Starving herders were able to survive the winter by hacking off pieces of its flesh. In the spring, the ice melted and the giant taimen climbed onto the land, tracked down the herders, and ate them all.

Schoolin' Up

Pre-Meeting Fly Casting Tutorials
By Casting Master Sam Bishop

Daylight Savings Time is nearly at an end, but it is still light outside before our club meetings. We will still have casting practice starting at 5:30 pm in the lot at the Grange. SCFF will provide rods and reels and lines so participants don't damage their fly lines on the pavement. We have September and October to go yet, so if you just need to groove your stroke, fine-tune your double haul, or if you're a beginner looking for someone to get you started, come early to the club meetings, and you'll see a group of us out in the parking lot. Feel free to join us and take advantage of the help we're more than willing to provide.

FLY TYING CLASSES

Date: Wednesday, September 11th.
Time: Open - 6:45 p.m.
Class - 7:00 p.m..
Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos.

Beadhead Ascending Midge
Instructor: Elaine Cook. 688-1561



As winter comes on, midges become the main food source for trout in many places. Be sure to try this one in Crowley if you're going to the club Fishout at Mammoth.

Sign-ups are required so that the instructor can prepare sufficient materials. You may sign up at the club meeting or by calling Elaine with a minimum 24-hour notice. If you sign up and later find you are unable to attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated. There is no cost for the class, it is free.

Beginners are always welcome. Everything will be provided. Experienced tiers, please bring your tools, vise, light, and black 8/0 thread. All materials other than thread are provided.

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President's Line

Uncluttered

By President Tom Hogue

When I was a kid, fishing was one of my favorite ways to escape. That escape was often from a number of things that cluttered my mind and being during the week. Even as a kid. When mom and dad weren't exactly getting along, school was hard, or later, work and school, even harder, being in the outdoors, away from it all, took up most of my daydreaming. It was also an opportunity for me to feed my passionate call to all things wild, nature, the out of doors, far from city limits, cars, arguments, noise. How I also looked forward to every new issue of Field & Stream, and the early morning shows with Curt Gowdy and the American Sportsman. Sportsman!

The summaries are often that Grandpa was a champion bass fisherman, Michael Dielman and I fished almost every weekend we could, with our dads alternating between dropping us kids off in the morning, picking us up in the afternoon, our only concern was how many worms we'd collected the night before, or which new lure was going to be THE lure for this trip to the Chagrin. The weekends at "the cottage", where I disappeared for hours on end, alone, in the canoe, fishing rod, bowie knife and BB gun, catching nearly every freshwater species in that branch of the Cuyahoga. Then there was moving to California, meeting a girl who liked to go camping and fishing, who was instrumental to introducing me to a fly fisherman, and who 32 years later, still likes to plan trips around fly fishing and the outdoors. Even if it's just a few of them.

The summer was hot and busy. I've missed a couple of club meetings and board meetings due to work. Something I worked so hard to avoid as I really look forward to seeing everyone and staying connected. I also like the after parties we have at Burger! It is like that Field & Stream or American Sportsman show. Even those few hours together with my fellow purveyors of the long rod, take me away from the things consuming so much space in my brain today. Things I never gave a first thought to, let alone a second one, as a younger man, or even as a kid, seem to consume too much brain space anymore. I know, you're nodding your head. So much more than when we were kids when all we had to think about was school, paper route, hunt, fish, church, eat, sleep-repeat. It bears mentioning that on occasion, church was replaced with fishing, for religious reasons. It is noted that Jesus was the best fisherman and that there are several accounts supporting fishing, prayer and worship, often at the same time.

September has finally made its appearance. Seems like it was a long summer. So many of you have been "gone fishing." Literally. Often I'd ask where anyone was and it was always they were gone - fishing. If fishing is the reason they are gone, then I suppose we're accomplishing the "mission statement"! The club has been humming along sort of on auto-pilot this past couple of months with our August BBQ, another nice summer wrap-up get-together. Thank you to our awesome Vice President, Kevin Murdock, and to Steve Rudzinski, and the rest for all your BBQ expertise. It's now time to get back to it as the days begin to shrink, get cooler and settle us down.

Our Board is going to be reaching out to you with some anonymous survey questions in your e-mail over the next month or

so. We are hoping to hear some good constructive responses that will give us a chance to review ideas from our club members, club members who may not be members anymore, and those who'd just like to see, feel, hear, something different, newer, better? The Board is also looking to add fresh new ideas, goals, venues, activities, which means new board members/positions. We are exploring a new website, format, content and webmaster. Pat Steele has been managing our newsletter, the website and so much more, along with her husband, John. True Sportsmen! Or Sportspersons?! They've been requesting some time off and Pat's looking for a replacement.

While I do enjoy being your President, it's not good for the club for me to do this much longer. So too the board will need to explore bringing on new members who might also want to run the club at some point in the very near future. They are exciting opportunities to Promote, Educate and Enjoy the Sport of Fly Fishing. As a Chair on this board, it is your opportunity to take things you really like to do and share them with the club, make them into a Fishout, an event, such as the Youth Day Event coming up on October 4-5; turn it into a BBQ Swap Meet; take the reins on Conservation like Steve is doing, to tear down dams to save Steelhead and Salmon, create a scholarship program, an In Memoriam function...you name it-find a permanent home for SCFF that everyone can get to, build casting ponds, a grassy area of casting practice, have a ConFab, create a Capital Campaign to raise funds for something that's really important to you, the club, the environment...it's all there. And just like all of us have done, whether in 1977, 1992, 2002, or 2015 - you can be a part of it, too.

The rest of 2019 is going to be fun. Jim Black has some of the best stuff in store for our remaining months with excellent speakers who will be bringing fly-tying, rod building and promotional activities from their sponsors. Don't miss September with our own Sam Bishop and Mike DiCiano sharing exciting and extremely remote fly fishing (talk about getting away from it all) in Mongolia. A bucket list item for sure. Aside from the information, these two are super entertaining.

We'll be doing some new outreach for the annual dinner-fundraiser at the end of the year, capitalizing more on our social media, e-mail and other more direct means for some outstanding, quality fly fishing equipment and accessories this year. If you have ideas for contributors, please let me know, we'd love the local or not-so-local participation. And it doesn't have to be just about fly fishing! If it's your local business and you want to donate a gift certificate, prize...that might be a great way to connect our town and people to each other.

I know it's hard for many of you to make it to Aptos, another observation we are working on, but I would encourage you to put it on your calendars, the first Wednesday of the month, and join us for these remaining 2019 meetings. They are going to be worth getting to and away from all those other distractions. Come make new friends, bring ten bucks for the raffle, plan your 2020 calendar and escape.

Appreciating all of you, Tom



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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

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
Sept. 7	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Sept. 21-28 (#1)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Sept. 28-Oct.5 (#2)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Oct. 5	Sunset Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Oct. TBA	O'Neill Forebay	Striped Bass	Steve Rudzinski - 462-4532
TBA	Central Valley	Bass	Dan Eaton - 336-2933

Fishouts are one of the most enjoyed activities our club offers. I highly recommend club members to attend and possibly organize one. If you are thinking of sponsoring a club fishout, please give me a call. Club fishouts can be structured in many ways, from simple to involved. I will be glad to help you put one together. Call me, John Cook, at 688-1561.



Bait for Thought Credibility

“Do not tell fish stories where the people know you. Particularly, don’t tell them where they know the fish.” - Mark Twain

Catchy Releases

Fish Planting Schedule from California Fish and Wildlife

https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FishPlants/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=CA_ALDS&utm_campaign=CAAnglerupdate_081319&utm_content=truck-button

This dynamic Fish Planting Schedule is updated in real time, directly by CDFW Hatchery staff. Although it contains current information, all fish plants are subject to change depending on road, water, weather and operational conditions. Conditions permitting, the waters listed here will be restocked with catchable-size fish from CDFW hatcheries, according to this schedule. More specific dates are not given to avoid focusing excess fishing activity immediately after a plant.

If you have questions about Fish Planting activities, please call the Regional Office that covers the area in question.

Annual Provisional Stocking Document. This document contains the "provisional" or "conditional" plans for fish stocking for the

current calendar year. Listed information: CDFW Region, County, Water Name, Species of Fish, Fish Size at Release, Release Program, Historical Months for Stocking Specified Water, and the Last Date the Specified Water was Stocked (as of date published). While these are the intended fish stocking plans for the year, they will not be guaranteed due to unforeseen circumstances or acts of nature (for example, droughts, fires, or floods). See Fish Plants on a Map in our Fishing Guide



NOTE: The "Map It" links and resulting map markers do not indicate the exact or only planting locations, but rather the general location of the waters being planted.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Fall Raffle Bounty

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Skip lunch for a week! Pass on Starbucks! The Fed just lowered rates, borrow some money! Whatever you do, bring some extra cash to the September meeting; the raffle and door prizes are not to be missed!

Anybody planning a trip to Mammoth Lakes this fall should take a look at this box of flies raffle prize! Hand tied by Santa Cruz expatriate Greg Woodard now living in exile in Mammoth Lakes. A mixture of 28 flies includes 15 Crowley midges, 5 Euro nymphs for Hot Creek and the Owens, a couple of bird's nest Crowley *calabaetis*, and a half a dozen balanced leaches for just about anywhere in the Eastern Sierras. All of these in a custom Fly Club box.

Need an extra arrow in your quiver? How about a nice V-Access Korean SK carbon nine foot, four section 4 weight rod. Features hard chrome guides, AA cork handle, and a K-carbon tube aluminum reel seat. Matched with this rod is a super light HVC reel which features a semi-waterproof sealed drag



system. Both rod and reel come with protective tube and pouch.

Last but not least is a serious fly vest for the serious fly fisher. This Fishpond style vest has room for everything and more. Features six pockets for large fly boxes, two pockets for smaller fly boxes, two coil wire gear retractors, an expandable stash bag for your rain jacket, and a water bottle sleeve. It also has padded back and shoulder strap pads along with easy find zipper pull tabs. With this baby, if you can't make it fit, you don't need to take it!

DOOR PRIZE/EVERYBODY GETS A FREE TICKET/DOOR PRIZE

One winner takes all! Got a mixed bag of cool stuff: a pair double-zinger gear retractors, a small six row split foam fly box, a pair of heavy duty FP -30 saltwater fishing pliers with coil tether and woven nylon belt sheath, and a cool Michael McGannon-designed Cruz Fly club hat. Better

show up! Must be present to win!

GEARING UP

Surf Fishout at Manresa State Beach-September 7, 2019

Fishmaster: Mark Traugott - 338-6056

The September Surf Fishout will take place at Manresa State Beach, on Saturday, September 7th. The sun will rise at 6:44 a.m., and the tide will be high at 7:46 a.m., so you should be at our meeting spot at the relatively leisurely hour of 6:30 a.m. Park outside and just past the entrance to the Manresa State Beach parking lot along San Andreas Rd. There is room for only about a half dozen cars, so if those spaces are already filled when you arrive, go a quarter mile further along San Andreas Rd. and turn right onto Oceanview Drive. Park at the end of that street, along the fence on the right, and take the stairs down to the beach where you should find us fishing. For details regarding equipment and technique, check the excellent instructions on surf fishing that Sam Bishop has published on our club website. The basic equipment is a five-to-seven weight rod with an intermediate to full-sinking line or sinking tip. Any type of Clouser pattern or anchovy pattern will work for stripers, and small bonefish patterns (for example, Gotchas) will catch perch. I'll have some sample flies available for those new to this style of fishing. The only surf-specific piece of essential equipment is a stripping basket (which Sam makes and sells for \$20 to benefit the club.)

GEARING UP

Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 21st-28th and Sept. 28th-Oct. 5th

Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 21st through Sept 28th, and Sept. 28th-Oct. 5th. 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 assigned.



Sign Up: Starting February 15th 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. **Money is not refundable** unless someone takes your place. I will let everyone 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.**

I will maintain a waiting list for each week. If a space becomes available, you will be notified by phone.

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

O'Neill Forebay - Medeiros Campground - October 16 - 20

Fishmaster: Steve Rudzinski

This annual fishout is only 70 miles from Santa Cruz, and we camp in a good area with access to excellent fishing around the islands with the high power lines. Float tubes are a must or boats - you have to launch across the lake but can park it over night at the campsite.

This is a very relaxing time with often good to great fishing for striped bass and occasional black bass, carp or bullhead. Most stripers are in the 12" to 16" range the last few years, an occasional keeper size is 18" to 20". But know the world record bass was caught here. It would likely grab one of the small fish on your line. Big ones are there, so bring a 7 weight rod, or a #6 will do. Guides will often use 8 weight rods just in case the record comes along. Rig up with full sinking lines and 15-17



lb. fluorocarbon leaders, which only need to be 6 or 7 feet, as the fish are not line shy, and the shorter the leader/tippet, the more positive hook sets you'll have and you can turn over the fly better when casting.

Those interested please email me at ssrudzinski@gmail.com. I will have a list of things to bring like firewood, drinking water and maybe something to share for dinner Friday and or Saturday nights. I will have the club banner flying, I hope the weather is not

too blustery and the fish are biting. Flies that work the best (San Luis smelt) are tied by a club member and invented by Lee Haskin the master guide of the lake.

GONE FISHING

Rio Del Mar State Beach, August 10, 2019

Fishmaster: Mark Traugott - With a report by Noah Skrovan

For this month's surf fishout, we met at the "platform" at Rio Del Mar Beach. We had a few late arrivals, so I never got a complete roster of those in attendance, but the list included Noah, Randolph, Jeff, Robert, Lars, Steve and Mark. We rigged up, marched across the sands, distributed ourselves along the shore, and began casting. The surf was a little heavier and the fish a little less cooperative than we might have preferred, but Steve landed at least three perch, and Robert had a striper on briefly. The most notable catch, however, was by twelve-year-old Noah Skrovan, one of our club's youngest and newest members. Here is his account of his morning in the surf:

"It was Saturday, at about 6:00 AM, and I was at the beach. I was there for a surf fishout, which I was excited to try out, as the beach is somewhere I could fish more often. I put on my waders and sunglasses, got out my rod, and tied on a surf perch fly I had just been given.



We then walked down to the water and spread out. For a while, I stood knee-deep in the waves, casting out over and over with not a single bite, until I saw someone else, off to my left, catch a small fish. Searching for a better spot, I started working my way

down the beach still with no bites. Soon, I came to a promising spot. Every now and then I would spot a fish and cast out to it, but I still didn't get even a nibble. I was about to move on, when a wave knocked my stripping basket askew. As I was adjusting it, I felt a tug on my line. Stripping basket forgotten, I started to pull in the fish. I backed up, and landed the perch without incident. It was only about the size of my hand, but it was the first saltwater fish I

have caught on a fly rod.

After releasing the fish, I continued to work my way down the beach. Soon however, as the waves grew bigger and the beach became more crowded, we headed back to the cars. We got home just in time to have a second breakfast with mom."

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GONE FISHING

The Green River - By Lynne and Jeff Gose

It has been over a month, but our club's fun week fishing the Green River seems like yesterday. This trip was the granddaddy of trout trips. We caught trout. Lots of trout. And these were educated trout. On some days they were too wily to land but we had plenty of strikes. They were also VERY FAT trout. Our arms and bodies ached from the action - browns, rainbows, hybrid rainbows, tiger trout and even few white fish. When we arrived, they were still feeding on a major cicada hatch. The average fish was about 17 inches long and weighed many pounds. Some members caught trout that overflowed their nets. Even our veteran fishermen commented on the superb condition of trout in the Green. For flies, we mostly tried various sized caddis, guide-tied yellow sallies (*Isoperla*, a stone fly) and cicada look-alikes. On some days it didn't seem to matter what you presented.



My first day floating the river was amazingly productive. With the help of Carl "Boomer" Stout, a drift-boat guide with "Trout Creek Flies" (Dutch John, Utah) I was on learning overload. He helped me get a handle on reading Green River fish, selecting the flies and managing my skills once the fish were hooked. Colorful adjectives do not do justice to describe the boatload I landed that day. As I said before, these fish have been to college. Due to the wonderful clarity of the water, we could observe them drifting in the current, inspecting food as it came to them. They took no action if something didn't look quite right, yet were willing to try something they had never encountered before. Dry fly bow-wakes were tough to avoid, but mending the line into the same current flow helped and I was rewarded with strikes when everything lined up just right. The trout expended almost no effort until offered a fat cicada or sally. Then the water boiled with action and the heavy-weight fights would start, with my opponents trying everything to throw the hook. They ran, they rushed, they jumped, they swam around rocks and even gator-rolled, trying to tangle my efforts and catch me off tension. Sometimes my attention wandered, missing a strike, only to hear my wife Lynne exclaim from the back of the boat "What, you missed that!?" While I tried to focus on my flies in the water Lynne and Boomer spotted all kinds of wild life. There were river otter pups, eagles, osprey, blue herons, a beaver lodge and even shore-bound Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen. Noelle Nichols and Tom Pelikan even spotted big horn sheep and a moose when they weren't battling their own prize trout. Prong-horned antelope grazed near our cabins. We had fun exchanging action-filled tales within our group and with Dutch John locals.

This north-east corner of Utah is beautiful and relatively remote. There are about 30 miles of tail-waters below the Flaming Gorge dam. Many places are narrow, 1,500-foot gorges lined with the red rocks of Utah's past. Some river sections open into flat terrains, allowing easier access on foot. No matter which section of the Green our group fished, as long as the sun was shining, hatches abounded. The river was crystal clear and allowed vivid views of life below the surface. The fish didn't seem to mind our voyeurism. Since they're the educated ones, who knows what they think when watching us.

One day when partnering with John Steele, I watched him slalom his way down 30 feet of rocky river bank in sandals, like he was skiing at Squaw Valley. At the same time, he was preparing his dry fly. Amazing! It turns out he spotted a "submarine" (aka B.A.T.)

below the surface. He cast his line, hooked up, fought back and forth, and let the drag work for him while reeling in his 5-wt line. Finally, the trout bolted into the river's deeper, faster current, a gambit that gained just enough extra force to snap John's leader. That fish was "THIS BIG".

The nice thing about shore fishing is that everything slows down, except the fun. On another day Kathy Powers and I fished a mile upstream from Little Hole, a major access point and boat launch. We gave each other ample fishing distance as we leap frogged upstream. We found more B.A.T.s. Mostly browns. Later I heard a loud yell. I could see her rod arched and dancing around. After about 20 minutes she detached her magnetic latch landing net. All looked fine from afar, another typical hook-up for the Green. I resumed looking for my own action when she let out another yell. This time I couldn't see what was going on. Fearing something was amiss, I stripped in my line, dropped my rod, scrambled up to the access trail. I high stepped over boulders, pushed through tree branches, poison ivy and vines. Finally, I dropped in on her, out of breath, and Kathy says "Check out my trout". Her brown, far exceeding the bounds of her net, was incredible. Nice little fish, glad I got a chance to see it. On another day, Elaine Cook handed me her setup to use for a while. She presented it like handing me a fine treasure, wanting me to experience the "fine equipment" side of angling. "Now catch some fish!" she said. I was vastly impressed by her rod's light weight and fluid action. I held a fine scalpel. I landed several nice rainbows in a matter of minutes. I guess I'm going to have to spend more than \$30 on my next rod.

One highlight for me was when a particular drift-boat went floating by. On board, a very young lad had a fish on the line and dad was frantically emptying his dry bag looking for a camera. The guide kept the boat stable, controlled and maneuvered the ensemble eloquently to a slow backwater pocket. We cheered the young man from shore as their big net dipped for the fish. Before lifting it out the guide yelled to us, "First day ever to fish, he hooked two at once!". Like many of us, he had two hooks on his line. But, unlike most of us, he had a trout on each hook! We cheered again, even louder than before.

I will go again. Even Lynne is considering learning to fly fish for our club's next trip to the Green. Partially in self-defense, I am sure. If you consider going and need a partner, let me know and I will be glad to join your trip. I'm also looking to explore other streams with similar fishing opportunities. Just let me know. But if you want a sure-fire trout fishing experience "Trout Creek Flies" is your doorway to this Blue-Ribbon fishery. They provide access to the best guides, lodging and a fun experience - and they have about a 30-year tradition with the Santa Cruz Fly Fisherman's Club. At the Green River, you forget all the things that don't matter. It is just you, the trout and friends.

GONE FISHING

Lake Alpine Fishout

By David Marks

First off, this was not your average fish out thanks to dedicated member Cecilia Stipes. We started off at beautiful Lake Alpine and enjoyed a different venue each day. As amazing as that might seem, that was not the highlight of our trip. Over the course of three days, we traveled to the Sour Grass access of the North Fork Stanislaus River, the next day we were off to Highland Lakes and stopped off at the US forestry Bloomfield campground. From there, we accessed the North Fork Mokelumne River and



to Kenny reservoir the next day. The group and I finished up our last day at the East Carson river, but not before a brief stop off at Mosquito Lake. The group finished up the outing at Lake Alpine with a good meal and even better company. Cecilia, Bianca Schmidt, John, Elaine Means and I had a wonderful experience. Cecilia is incredibly knowledgeable, which made the trip that much better.

I look forward to more great experiences.

Lake Alpine Fishout, Aug. 11-15

By Fishmaster Cecilia Stipes

Our group was made up by David Marks, Bianca Schmidt, John and Elaine Means, and me. Tom and Carolyn Eckert who were at their new cabin-house in Arnold also joined in for some fishing and mealtime camaraderie. Tom's Crackle-Back fly, which he generously provided everyone, proved its worth on the Stanislaus. It's a "must-have go-to fly" from now on for me. Thank you, Tom! The weather was picture-perfect. Good news: we missed the heatwave in Santa Cruz, plus kids were back in school which meant fewer people; Bad news: the full moon phase was at its peak! That did



not discourage (but maybe disappointed a little) our enthusiasm as we hit the water. Sourgrass access was beautiful. The warm weather allowed for wet-wading on the Stanislaus and Carson Rivers. Our day trip to Highland Lakes was highlighted by the beautiful scenery, sweeping arrays of wildflowers and the incredible ground water we all enjoyed at the Bloomfield campground. We filled our bottles and eagerly drank the icy cold water as John pumped the heavy hand pump. Thank you, John! We all had a good time in spite of the lack of responsive fish but next time I'll be sure not to plan a fishout during a full moon!

Special Offer

A New Friend

By Steve Rudzinski

If you missed our BBQ, we had a great event with good food all put together by Kevin Murdock (a lot of work) Thanks, man for the high energy and all the cooking set up and take down and away (first to arrive and last to leave). I asked a fishing friend and artist to show off his very high-end metal work.

Ed sent us this email with a link to his photos on his website address below. Thought you would like to check it out and help a local artist pay rent. I like the newer style of hanging mobiles of fish, good for outdoor spaces where there is wind. Also, his latest roosterfish and yellowfin tuna have the best patinas as the rest of his work shows.

To the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen:

Thank you guys so much for making Nanci and I feel so at home last night – y'all just rock that's it.

Below are my digits - use them and be wonderful. There are a ton of pics on my Facebook page so just poke around in my photo section until you see something that comes up. I even did a bonefish for one of my early clients (pics on my FB page somewhere) so there ain't much I can't pull off.

This is a perfect time to shoot me a photo of what you dig and I'll get right on it. I think that I can do virtually any species, any size, anywhere. I'm also playing with driftwood backing for these pieces the way the taxidermists do it as well, so I will offer the pieces with wood behind them at no charge to you guys as long as you don't mind me posting the pictures of the work I do for ya.

The work will start at \$300 or I can do a group of three little ones for the same money (like the little rockies I had on

the table). Needless to say, if you want a great big tuna it will go more, but I'm looking for new commissions now so I'll make the order cost effective just for you guys.

Aside from that you can let me know what your budget is for a pretty bangle for your trophy wall and I will get creative and push the value out quite a bit because I have a soft spot on my head for fly fisherpeople.

What a great group you guys have. If I get a few bucks ahead this year you may be stuck with me for a while... careful what you wish for ---- lol

Anyway, thanks again. Nanci and I had a lovely evening and we appreciate it very much.

Cheers,

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Fishy Tales

* July - Green River, Utah - Elaine Cook

Some fishing stories have both highs and lows. Here is an example that fortunately started high, then went low, then high again. We have used Gino (Gene Gautieri) as a guide for many years. On this particular day, in my opinion he walked on water. We started our day on the river at "Little Hole", which is the "B" section below Flaming George Reservoir and our cicada pattern flies were working very well. Then the saga began. My fly was well out in front of the boat and within inches of the rock that is the beginning of a rapid when a big Green River fish sucked it in. Gino gave instructions: "Keep the rod high and we'll ride him through the rapid". I did as I was instructed, but no, the fish decided to go around a rock. The next thing I knew, line, then backing was peeling off my reel. We had a long way yet to complete the rapid. My decision was to break off the fish by pointing the rod at the fish and grabbing rod and backing hard. Unfortunately, using 2X tippet, nothing broke but the backing was burning my fingers. As instinct would have it, I let go and with horror watched my Winston rod go into the drink. Gino brought the boat to shore at the bottom of the rapid and tried to reassure me that he would go looking for it. I was sure that it was gone and we should just go on down the river and I would use his spare rod. However, he insisted on trying to get my rod back.

To make a long story short, over the next half hour he made three trips up the shore. First to wade way out looking for the rod, then to get out spin gear and make multiple casts to no avail. Then he added weight to the lure and on the second cast, hooked my line, and brought in my rod. I broke off fish and fly as I reeled in yards and yards of backing and line. Wow!! I couldn't believe I got it back! The moral of the story; given the same situation again, just hold onto only the rod and let the fish, fly, and line go.

Thank you, Gino, for your persistence and skill.

* August 2-6 - Missouri River - Pat and John Steele

John and I hadn't made long range plans for this trip, but fellow SCFF member Bob Peterson raved so much about how well the Missouri was fishing that we jumped on a plane and went. Bob was right, the rainbows were fat, feisty and hungry. We didn't

have any top-water dry fly action, (fishing was all subsurface with a sow bug and some little purple thing called a "two-bit hooker") but what we did have was epic. There was no trouble catching fish, the problem was in landing them on teeny tiny hooks. I had to learn to keep my paws off the reel and just let them jump, gator-roll, head-shake and do all their shenanigans until they tired out enough for me to land them without breaking them off. We did the first day on the lake at Holter dam, the so-called "Land of the Giants", and Captain John Hall and his jet-propelled boat put us onto more big fish than we had ever caught in one day.

The second day, we launched from Craig and did a river trip. Along about 11 AM, John had hooked a nice big rainbow, was bringing it up to the surface, when we felt wings flap over our heads, from the stern of the boat, and to our absolute amazement, saw an eagle snatch the hooked fish, line and all, and fly off with it! The eagle broke the fish off, flew with it up onto some old, unused railroad tracks, proceeded to stomp and peck at it to subdue it, then flew up into the cliffs above,



to share it with some eaglets that were nested up there. I was too stunned to take photos or video of the event. Later, when we met with our outfitter, Ed Lawrence, he told us that the eagle is a repeat offender, that other people fishing at that very spot, have experienced the same theft. There is even a video on YouTube featuring the thieving eagle. For a short, unplanned trip, this junket proved to be productive, enjoyable, and surprising!

P.S. -On August 5th, the Mann Gulch Fire, which happened in 1949, was commemorated at the lake. Thirteen smokejumpers lost their lives in it, and there is a memorial to them at the lake. The story is told in a book, "Young Men and Fire", by Norman McClean, who also wrote "A River Runs Through It." It is a riveting, tragic tale, and anyone who visits this area should read the book.

Reel News

* Membership survey

The Board is requesting membership input for next year goals and activities. We will be conducting a membership survey that can be completed and returned on line, by email, or at the September meeting. It will be sent out by Survey Monkey, and your answers and comments will be anonymous.

* Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Youth Outdoor Day - Oct. 4-5

Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day is a totally free event open to the public. Its 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! The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen will be participating in this event, with a fly-casting pond and fly tying demos, and we will need volunteers to sign up at the September club meeting.

For more information, contact: Elyse Destout, www.elysedestout.com, 831-840-5547 (Direct line)

* The Second Annual Water Harvest Festival - Sunday, October 20th, 2019 - 11-3pm

Anna Jean Cummings Park (Blue Ball Park) 461 Soquel San Jose Rd., Soquel

Free and fun water education event for the whole family!

Kids and families will learn about water resources, water-wise gardening, groundwater geology, infrastructure, plumbing, water conservation, gardening, watershed protection, ocean and river ecology, animals, pollution prevention, and all things watery. The booths will be tied together through an activity passport. When all the spots are stamped, the visitor gets a small water themed prize and a raffle ticket. There will also be live performances, face painting, food trucks, a jump house and art. It's going to be a fun filled day in celebration of water-our most precious resource!

The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen have been invited to participate, and we will have our own booth, so sign up for this event!

For more information, contact: Vai Campbell vaidehic@soquelcreekwater.org 831-475-8500 ext.142

LifeLines

7 Fall Driving Safety Tips

From <http://www.safebee.com/travel/7-fall-driving-safety-tips>

Stay safe on the road this season with these smart driving tips:

* Don't brake on leaves. Wet leaves can be as slippery as ice. Drive slowly through them and avoid hard braking. Leaves may obscure lane lines and other road markers, so pay attention to the edge of the road and take care to stay in your lane.

* Avoid sun glare. On and near the autumnal equinox (which fell on September 22 in 2018), the first 15 to 45 minutes after sunrise and before sunset can make for more difficult driving due to sun glare. The sun perfectly aligns with east/west roadways during this time. Grab a good pair of sunglasses for the daytime, keep your windshield clean and use north/south streets or streets with tree cover when possible, says the National Weather Service.

* Use your rain smarts. During fall, many cities see increased rainfall. When it's raining, be sure to maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you, as the wet roads may be more slippery than usual and you may be at higher risk of hydroplaning. Use your low beams or fog lights (never high beams) in fog conditions.



* Be careful on bridges. As the temperature begins to drop, morning frost can leave icy patches on bridges, overpasses and shaded spots on the road. Slow down.

* Adjust your eyes. We lose 1 to 2 minutes of daylight daily after the autumnal equinox according to the National Weather Service. After leaving home or the office and before hitting the gas pedal, give your eyes time to adjust to the dark. It takes them between two and five minutes to start adjusting.

* Watch out for deer. Autumn marks the beginning of deer breeding season and they will be more active in areas near the road. Deer are most active during sunset and sunrise so be extra watchful when driving near the woods and near deer crossing signs.

* Make sure your vehicle is up to the task. That means you should:

Check your tire pressure. Tires lose 1 to 2 pounds of pressure for every 10-degree temperature drop.

Replace your windshield wipers. A really clean window can help you see when there's glare.

Adjust your headlights. If your headlights seem too dim, ask your mechanic to make sure they're aligned properly.

Cast of Thousands

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Rods & Reels

1. Orvis Clearwater 1107, 11' 7 wt. 4-piece
Never fished - \$200
2. Orvis Recon 9' 6 wt. 4-piece
Like new, never fished - \$150
3. Orvis Helios 2 10' 5 wt. 4-piece Flex-tip
Fished once - \$275
4. Chuck Irvine Bamboo Rod 7'6" 4/5 wt. 3-piece
Never fished - \$200
5. Sage 4LL 9' 4 wt. 4-piece, great older rod
Rarely fished - \$150
6. Sage 479 7'9" 4 wt. 4-piece
Rarely fished - \$150
7. C.F. Burkheimer 489 8'9" 4 wt.-
Fished once - \$250
8. C.F. Burkheimer 589 8'9" 5 wt.
Never fished - \$250
9. Orvis, Loomis casting and spinning rods
Like new - 7'6", 6-12 lbs., 8-15 lbs. - make offer
10. Orvis Superfine Glass
7'6" 4 wt. 3-piece - \$130
11. Lamson Litespeed reel with backing
Like new - \$135

Miscellaneous:

West Marine 12V inflation pump with case, new - \$50

Simms guide quality waist-high waders, medium,
used once - \$150

Simms Belly Pack, new - \$35

Simms Back Patagonia Pack, new - \$35

Fishing Vest, new - \$30

* Prices listed can be negotiable, make offer.

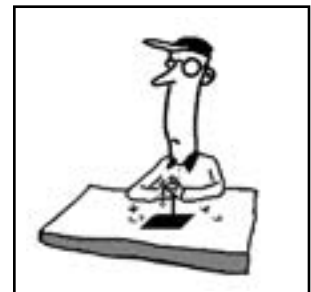
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FLY OF THE MONTH

Punk Perch

If you're going to the Mammoth Fishout and plan to fish Crowley Lake, bring this pattern with you! I would use this pattern in other still waters as well.

Hook: TMC or TFS 5262 size 10
Thread: Black 8/0 and red 6/0
Tail: Brown/olive marabou
Flash: Pearl crystal flash
Body: Semiseal dubbing; both silver minnow and olive.
Can be obtained from the "Trout Fitter" in Mammoth or at www.troutsmen.com



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread at rear of shank.
3. Using straight tipped barbs of the marabou, tie in small amount, tips extending hook shank length beyond shank. Advance thread to one eye length behind eye. Spiral remaining marabou forward. Tie off, cut excess. Wrap fibers to shank back to tail tie-in.
4. Cut 2 strands of flash, 1 1/2" - 2 1/2" long. Tie in center of both near rear of shank. Fold forward strands to rear. Hold 2 strands on each side of tail. Tie in place back to rear of shank. Cut to length of tail.
5. Mix the two body materials. Make dubbing loop. Advance thread to one eye length behind eye. Insert material. Twist, making rope. Spiral forward, closer wraps near eye. Tie off, cut excess. Stroke fibers to rear with toothbrush.
6. Wrap small head, whip finish, cut thread.
7. Attach red thread in front of body. Make several wraps to form small red collar. (Some black head should show in front of red collar.) Whip finish, cut thread. Apply small amount of Zap-a-Gap.
8. Pinch body fibers making a narrow body top to bottom. Stroke fibers to rear. Trim tips of wild fibers that are in the tail area.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Riverside Salmon Recipe
from Rick Sisler, Alaska West guide
on the Kanektok River, AK

Ingredients:

1 silver salmon fillet, skinned
1/2 large yellow onion
3-4 cloves garlic
1 tbsp dill - fresh, if you have it
2 tsp lemon pepper
2 pats of butter
1 6 oz can of V-8 juice



Directions:

1. First lay out enough tinfoil to fully wrap the fillet. Then you can season the fillet on both sides with the dill and lemon pepper.
2. Next cut slices of onion and place over the fillet evenly, then fine cut the garlic and sprinkle evenly on the fillet. Separate the butter into thirds and place on the fillet and then pop that can of V-8 juice after a good shake and pour evenly over the entire fillet.
3. Wrap the foil package as airtight as you can get it, then place into your heat source. This is best done over an open fire or barbecue, but it will be pretty good out of the oven at home if that's your only option. Typically, this recipe cooks in a matter of a few minutes as long as you have a consistent heat source.



SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	5	6 1st Qtr. ☾	7 Surf Fishout Manresa Beach
8	9	10	11 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	12	13 FullMoon ☽	14
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	19	20 LastQtr. ☾	21 Mammoth Fishout wk #1
22	23 Autumn Equinox	24 Mammoth	25 Fishout	26 week #1	27	28 NewMoon ● Mammoth Fishout wk #2
29 Rosh Hashanah	30 Mammoth	Oct.1 Fishout	Oct.2 week #2	Oct.3	Oct.4	Oct.5

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mammoth	Fishout	1 week #2	2 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	3	4 Youth Outdoor Day SC County Fairgrounds	5 Youth Outdoor Day Surf Fishout Sunset Beach
6 1st Qtr. ☾	7	8 Yom Kippur	9 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	10	11	12
13 FullMoon ☽	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Board Meeting Location TBA 7 PM O'Neill	17 Forebay	18 Fishout	19
20 LastQtr. ☾ Water Festival 11AM-3PM Soquel O'Neill Forebay Fishout	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 NewMoon ●	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en		