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**Monthly Meeting Program
Andrew Harris, Confluence Outfitters**

Date: October 7, 2020 Zoom Presentation

Time: 7pm

Place: Zoom- click here to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83842895848>

by Jim Black



Andrew Harris has been guiding in northern California since 1997. He lives in Red Bluff, California with his wife Katie and daughters Mackenzie and Madison. In 2007 Andrew created Confluence Outfitters with help from partners Gino Bernero and Jon Hazlett. Andrew puts the "Outfitter" in Confluence Outfitters, as he is the one who answers the phones and emails. Andrew can help you select the right guide, destination, and time of year for your next fly fishing trip. Andrew is a USCG-licensed Captain, is a regular on the fly-club speaker circuit, has written countless articles for California Fly Fisher and other magazines, and is the author of the Plumas National Forest Fishing Guide, a fly fishing guidebook to the Feather River Country.

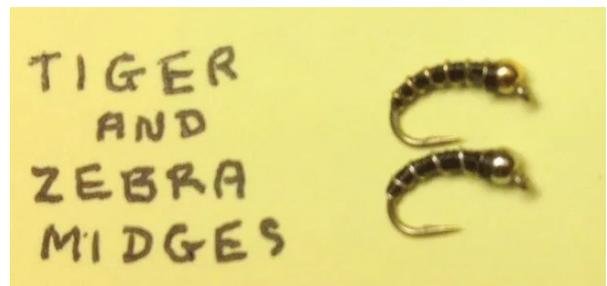
**Fly Tying Class with Fly Tying Master Elaine Cook
Tiger and Zebra midges**

Date: October 7, 2020 Zoom Presentation

Time: 6:30pm

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Midges are the primary food source for trout. Especially in the winter. If you are going to be fishing a tail water or spring creek, it's good to have a few in your box. This is a simple fly to tie despite it's small size. I will be going over a lot of tips for tying small flies and how to handle beads. Don't be afraid to tie this one, even if you have big hands. I will be tying this fly using much bigger hooks and beads so that you'll be able to see it on you screen. For you beginners, call me well ahead of time to work out how we can best assist you with vise, tools and information to get started. Everyone will need to call ahead to allow enough time for materials and directions to be assembled and for you to pick up at my home. (about 2 days) (831)688-1561 In addition to your tools, vise, and computer or tablet, you will need a few special items for this class: prescription glasses if you wear them; magnification; Scotch Tape; tool with handle, such as a screw driver or kitchen table knife; a very small bowl.

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President's Line

Fly-Fishing Cures Covid

Hey all, hope you are doing well now that we left Winter, skipped through Spring and Summer and now it's Fall?! I've added Evacuee to my list of things I never thought I'd be one day -but still super grateful for so much.

If you've missed a club meeting the last few months, you've missed out on some real fun and great presentations. If you need help doing this whole "Zoom" thing, please seek out me, or Scott Kitayama and we'll help you get set up so you can attend a Club meeting, a Fly-Tying class, and even hang out with us at a Board Meeting.

All has NOT been lost due to Covid. We've actually been helping so many of you engage in casting practice, fly-tying and fishing together. I never like fishing close to someone anyhow, so six feet is nothing. Hey, really, so many of you and so many of us have been out fishing, casting and picking up fly-tying materials at Elaines, for the classes she's been running.

As I mentioned earlier in the year, if we didn't have Covid – none of us would know what Zoom is, use it, or certainly not run a club meeting or a fly-tying class with it. But we did, and it's a lot of fun.

The Club meetings are nice cause we get through the "business" portion in record time and spend most of it saying hi to each other, talk about places we went fishing, and other activities we've been doing – like driving to Montana, Utah, Oregon, Wyoming,... instead of flying.

The presentations are excellent. 1. You can hear perfectly. 2. You can see everything perfectly cuz it's right there on your screen. 3. You know everybody's name, cuz it appears on the screen. 4. If you're all talking at the same time, I can "mute" you in 1 second rather than have to ask you to be quiet! Ha!. AND – if your better half is at all concerned about you having a beer with the gang afterward -no more -cuz you're already at home! Just please make sure whomever might pass by yer camera while yer Zoom-in', is wearin' clothes!

Thank you again Steve Rudzinski for your corralin the folks over to Jade Street Park on Wednesdays for Social Distance Casting. Last time I was there, some tennis player was smartin off to us 'bout what kind of fish we were catching. I did a back cast that poked him in the shirt and said, 'Large mouth b-Ass'!



And Elaine! Super Star – you wanna talk about someone who would much rather be driving her van around the country with her husband, fishin' size 39 mini-midges to lunker rainbows than having anything to do with a computer. Well she's got these fly-tying classes down so good if it were a YouTube Channel, she'd be on Curt Gowdies Wild World of Sports and Adventure.

Jeff Goyert and team – what great fun we've been having with the raffle and how it has grown since you got more comfortable with the format. Winning rods, reels, fly boxes and so much more is super fun.

I'm really happy to hear how many of you have been out fishing, camping and enjoying the peace and quite – albeit, pre Stormageddon that brought Armageddon the last month. I'm still trying to figure out between Covid and fires, what day and what month it is. And I do hope our members and their friends and families are all safe. I know it has been a year of remembrance.

Fly Fishing doesn't really cure Covid -but staying healthy, eating well and having the best psychological health will fight off even the nastiest bugs, physical or mental. So hang with us if you haven't – yet. Reach out if you need help connecting to Zoom. We want to be here for you and to have you with us.

It has been a year of remembrance. Yes, some challenges, but I bet all of us have some real blessings and some great things that have come this year that would never have come if it weren't for these circumstances.

I've needed all of you so many times this year, even if it was just a club meeting to keep me remembering what day it was and getting myself back on the ground. We are still averaging 1 or 2 new members every month – most signing up online.

Hang in there like you were fishin' the catch of a life time on 7X tippler. You'll get it to the net and we want to hear how you did it.

Appreciate all of you and do miss you -but sure glad I get to see you when we're Zoomin' along. Come join us – 6:30 – Look for the link in the newsletter and if you don't know what that is or how to get there – call me.

Fish! Tom

Monthly Raffle

PILES OF PRIZES!

by Prize Guy, Jeff Goyert

Lots of good stuff for this month's Zoom meeting raffle. The lucky raffle winner this month gets to pick a prize. The more tickets you buy, the more chance to win!

Door number 1

How about a Coleman propane camp grill. This is not your run of the mill camp stove but rather a real gas grill! Throw on chicken breast, salmon fillets, or maybe a couple of hot links. This is a great way to cook in your fish camp or at a tailgate gathering at the Pleasanton Fly show.

Door number 2

While you are at fish camp a great way to be comfortable is with this Browning XT (extra tall) director's chair. Perfect for storytelling around the campfire or hanging on the beach at Pyramid Lake.

Door number 3

Float tubers know that at times a bit of extra reach comes in handy. To that end we have up for grabs a beautiful laminated wooded long handle landing net. It has fish gentle clear netting and, best of all, it floats.

Door number 4

Can't have a raffle without a rod and reel package. Let's do a winners choice for either a 4wt or 5wt Echo Carbon XL, 4 piece 9 ft. Rod along with an ION large arbor disc drag reel. Either one a great outfit for Sierra trout.

Raffle tickets are a dollar each, a double sawbuck (\$20) gets you 25! Click on this link to buy your tickets:

[BUY RAFFLE TICKETS](#)

In the notes section please note which prize you would prefer to win.

Cutoff for purchase of raffle tickets is noon the day of the Zoom meeting (Wednesday 10/7). Need not be present to win.

Everybody attending the Zoom meeting will get a chance at the no charge door prize drawings featuring a bunch of great prizes.



Winner chooses from:

Door #2: Director's Chair

Door #3: Wooded Net

Door #4: Echo Rod & Reel

Door #1: Coleman Stove

Gearing Up

Surf Fishout at Palm State Beach - Sunday, October 11 7am

Fishmaster: Mark Traugott - 4338-6056

The October Surf Fishout will take place at Palm State Beach in Watsonville, on Sunday, October 11th. We are now on a fall schedule, as the sun will rise at 7:12 a.m., so the plan is for us to meet at 7 AM. The tide will be high at 8:07 AM, and the surf at this time of year can be expected to be moderate.



Our meeting place is just past the entrance to the State Park at 2660 Beach Road. (See the detailed directions below.) For information regarding equipment and technique, see the excellent instructions on surf fishing that Sam Bishop has published on our club website (<https://santacruz-flyfishing.org/what-you-need-to-know-if-you-plan-to-go-surf-fishing/>).

You can also call me at 831-338-6056. The basic equipment is a five- to 7-weight rod with an intermediate to full-sinking line or sinking tip. Surf perch are available year-round, and October is a month when you have an increased chance of hooking a striped bass. A Clouser pattern or anchovy fly will work for stripers, and small bonefish patterns (for example, Gotchas) will catch perch,

especially if they have red or orange highlights. The only surf-specific piece of essential equipment is a stripping basket (like the ones that Sam makes and sells for \$20 to benefit the club.) Face masks are optional while actually fishing, since we will be well spread out; but

masks and social distancing measures (maintaining 6' of separation) will be in effect whenever we gather, whether at the meeting place or on the beach. It helps if all participants have their rods rigged in advance and are ready to step into the rest of their equipment immediately upon arrival.

Directions: From Santa Cruz, head south on Highway 1 past the first Watsonville exits and take the Riverside Drive (Highway 129) exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp, then right again onto Lee Road. At the traffic light, turn left onto West Beach Road. Drive 3 miles to where West Beach Road ends just past the entrance to the State Beach and just across from the entrance to Pajaro Dunes. Park on the right along the row of eucalyptus trees.

Gearing Up

Fishout for Striped Bass October 15-18 O'Neill Forebay

Fishmaster: Steve Rudzinski-462-4532

Please put it on your calendar, as we are hoping for a really good number of fish to be caught this year. The weed beds are holding lots of food for feeding fish. Those with float tubes not having oars may have some weedy areas to kick through to get out over deeper water in the channels. I am treating this years like the previous years, I am not walking around with a mask outdoors, I say that those who are most worried about airborne germs sit it out for a year but I think we need to live our lives without all this fear of getting sick from contact with friends.

More info in the October newsletter or just go into the archives from previous October newsletters to read all the info I had written on gear to bring and general info. This is a primitive camping area, no water, vault toilets, little shade but only 70 miles from home. Contact me anytime ssrudzinski@gmail.com 831-462-4532

Message from your fishmaster chairman

by John Cook - Fismaster Chairman

Until covid-19 is no longer a threat, I think we should have fishouts that allow social distancing. 2021 will probably still have issues with covid. So if you have a fishout, design it that way. Steve's fishout at the Forbay in Oct. is one example. Show up for the day or camp out and enjoy the outing. See the newsletter for more information or call Steve. Our surf fishouts are also a safe venue. Also refer to newsletter article. Do remember masks, safe distancing and disinfectants when sharing objects. If you are thinking about sponsoring a fishout that can be run safely, and I hope you will, call me. (831)688-1561. Let's be creative, think out of the box and have as much fun as possible fishing together.

Conservation Concerns

Weather Weaponing in California Fires

by Steve "Conservation Slim" Rudzinski

California forest fires in the last five seasons have continually increased in ferocity and acres burned. Even without the fierce Santa Ana type winds, the fires have exploded throughout the west and mysteriously end at the border with Canada.

We have seen the photos of Santa Rosa after the fires a few years ago and whole neighborhoods not near forests or grasslands were burned to the ground, car engines and aluminum wheels a puddle of metal afterwards. Cal Fire captain I talked with one day agreed that the fires are hotter than what they have seen from normal fires, they have a good idea what it is but cannot be caught talking about anything considered 'conspiracy'.

Our local fires in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties erupted from a dry lightning storm that produced epoch images from local photographers (Roll cloud image). Locals know that these storms are very rare and usually are the result from a dying hurricane in the Pacific and accompanied by rainfall. This years ignition cause was something different, man made and with purpose says activist and author Deborah Tavares who investigated the fires in Santa Rosa and Paradise to mention the most famous fires. I encourage anyone rolling their eyes at the mention of arson and the use of DEW's (direct energy weapon) developed at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. High flying super lasers developed for the military to cause great damage to anything it directs its beam. (All this can easily be searched via Google and I always recommend we do our own research when we have questions).

The next challenge we face is keeping our drinking water clean. We know that tons of that orange fire retardant has been dropped in areas that collect and get into the small streams and flow into our reservoirs. Soil engineers and scientists have already analyzed and reported up to 5% of the top soil throughout the state has aluminum and barium dust, the main ingredient used to turn blue skies into that hazy white jet trail sky. We all have noticed that now and it's no big surprise. Now we know the alumina especially is an accelerant in the fires, the tree roots absorb the nano particle dust making them more explosive than ever. It's not climate change it's weather warfare. (geoengineering.com).

"Slim" has researched this subject to



exhaustion, he sticks his neck out to non believers because this is so important, it's our future. Already we are having our favorite camping and fishing grounds closed down with no plan on when they will reopen and with the fear factor as strong as it is now, we may very well see the end to the freedoms we all have loved our whole lives. It has been 18 years since the 'Shoe Bomber' incident and we still cannot get through the ticketing without removing our shoes. The same could easily be true about mandatory masking and vaccinations.

Slim says, question authority. The former 'Poppy' Bush in his famous 'A Thousand Points of Light' speech promoted the New World Order and the changes that will be made on Earth. Top of the list for the future was to reduce the world population to a half billion or twenty five million in the USA. Those who google, 'The Georgia Guide Stones' can read all the new commandments carved in red granite for all times.

Slim was going to just announce the big win in our battle against the Pebble Mine developers but that news is already a couple weeks old. I was in contact with John Squires widow Victoria and she was very happy about that news and that we will be sending more club funds to Trout Unlimited Alaska in John name. Thanks everyone for your constructive criticism and questions you may have. I will try to provide anyone the links to these subjects raised this report. Lets hope the rains come gradually, no big gully-washers please.

Membership Notes

Veep's Line – Voting for John Steele Award

by Kevin Murdock, Vice President SCFF

With all the hoopla going on surrounding early voting this fall, it would be advisable for each of us to create a voting plan. No, not for the presidential election... I'm referring to our own John Steel award for 2021.

Who will be honored as this years recipient? Who has helped you on your fly fishing journey this year? Who shared a favorite fishing spot or favorite fly with you? Who showed you how to make a tuck cast or tie a new fishing knot? Who lent you a piece of equipment or taught you how to tie a new fly pattern? Who gave you sound fishing advice or just went out of their way to make you feel welcome at a club event? That is who will be chosen for this award.

And, as our nations president says, go ahead and vote twice. Or three or four times. (Just once for each kind deed though).

You can cast your ballot by emailing me at troutdock89@gmail.com or texting me at (831) 238-3037. We'll announce the results in the January newsletter.



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Kathy Powers, John Steele, Pat Steele

Welcome to the 13 New Online Members since April

by Bob Peterson, Membership

Welcome to the 13 new members listed below with their email and telephone numbers
.We have been averaging 2 online members/month

Mathew Gomez	mgomez@ewingirrigation.com	408-7976542
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Cartoon

All Trussed Up

by Pat Steele



With all respect to our departed casting master, Walt Robinson.

Fishy Tales
August in Oregon
by Elaine and John Cook

This was our second fishing trip to Oregon during covid. Once again, took all our food and water for the whole month. Used stream water for bath and laundry. Made Nat. Forest Campground reservations ahead of time, so no contact with camp hosts and gaurenteed spot. Lots of mask wearing and alcohol disinfectant. All in all, very covid safe.

We had the pleasure of having Rich Hughett and Bobby join us for a few days. Not a great fishing trip again. If we had trout fished, that may have been different, but our focus was on large mouth bass. There was day of bass fishing with poppers that was truly outstanding. Dozens of fish exploded on our flies. Many in the 20 inch range.

We met a local fisherman fishing subsurface. Gave him one of my poppers. All he had was



success with it over the next couple weeks. He sent me a picture of it after catching around 100 bass. It was trashed!

Now the down side of fishing that lake. In order to launch our tubes, we had to slug through knee deep mud for about 20 feet. Crawling helped some. Then for 200 or more yards, too shallow the paddle, so pushed with our heels.

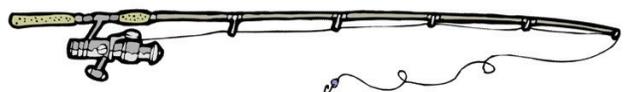
Did the adventure one more time, the fishing was good not outstanding. Gear has been in lakes and washed in a stream, but some mud still remains. It's like clay. We will go back again, earlier in the year when the lake has more water. We left before their horrible fires began and the Santa Cruz fires were greatly improved.

Gone Fishing
We hit the Beach Labor Day Weekend
by Fishmaster Sam Bishop



This 2020 Labor Day weekend was due to be the hottest on record, that is the temperature of course, but unfortunately the catching was cold for the six of us that met on such a beautiful morning at Manresa Beach.

The beaches were closed to people sunbathing or lounging, but open to us who were participating in "Water Activities". Scott Kitayama caught one "Guitar Fish" and no one else even had a fish tug at a fly. Pictured left to right are Scott Kitayama, Bob Garbarino and Michael Sherwood. Not pictured are Jeff Slaboden, Gary Cramton and Sam Bishop.



Fly of the Month

Colorado King Caddis

by Elaine Cook

Although caddis don't have tails, this pattern includes two stabilizing peccary. I'm not sure what trout make of these, but it's a very effective pattern. Due to the coloring it may represent a bee to the fish. Apply floatant, fish drag free or with an occasional skitter.

HOOK: TMC or TFC 100, sizes 8-18. Crimp Barb.

THREAD: black 8/0. Attach mid shank. Wrap to rear of shank.

BODY: yellow or golden/yellow, superfine or rabbit dubbing. Dub a small ball at rear of shank. Leave thread hanging in front of ball.

TAIL: 2 black peccary hairs or can substitute other coarse black hair such as moose main or body. Position one hair on far side of ball, tip extending hook length to rear. Make 3 wraps. Pull on butt end of hair until it extends hook shank to rear or a little shorter. Tie in place. Cut excess.

HACKLE: grizzly. Select feather with barbs equal to one or one and a quarter hook gap. Cut several barbs short on each side of base of stem (crew cut). Tie crew cut in in front of ball, light side facing you.

BODY CONT. : same dubbing. Dub a non tapered body forward to 2 eye lengths behind eye.

HACKLE: same feather. Palmer forward in about 5 wraps. Tie off, cut excess.

WING: bleached or light deer hair, with med. fine hairs. Cut a sm. clump an effective of hair from hide. Clean out fuzz. Stack tips. Position on top of shank, tips extending to mid tail. Make first thread wrap around only the hair, the second wrap around both hair and shank. Make several snug wraps, making hairs flare. Cut hair butts short at an angle. Wrap thread head covering all hair stubs. Whip finish, cut thread. Apply Zap-A-Gap or similar. If any hairs remain exposed in thread head, use black Sharpie.

