



FEBRUARY

2016

CONFAB

The SCFF Annual "Confab" Sat., Feb. 6th, 9 AM -4 PM
 Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School
 Confab Master: Milana Rawson - (831) 917-0551



The Confab is a fly fishing tradition. It is an informal exchange of views and ideas, or, in this case, a fly fisherman's opportunity to chat with a large group of friends, enjoy a barbecue lunch, and practice both fly casting and fly tying. This event is for the SCFF, but members are encouraged to bring their friends and introduce them to our club.

Casting Techniques: Hands on Clinics, Basics, Distance and Accuracy Demos, Spey, Switch Rod, Single Spey, Roll casts, Shooting heads. There will be a casting pond, and the ever-popular Annual Casting Contest, all levels.

Behind the Vise: Fly Tying Instructor - Elaine Cook: Bring your vise, and tie one on, all day. There will a class and a Blind Tying contest. Materials will be provided for both. No need to sign up.

Displays: Flies, Rods, Reels, Lines, Conservation and Fishouts.

Clinics: Knots, Wader repair, and more.

BBQ Lunch: A BBQ lunch will be provided for all that attend.

Big Swap Meet: Perfect time to unload your old stuff to someone else. One guy's trash is another guy's treasure!

For more info and your input, contact Milana Rawson at milanako4ko@gmail.com.

Directions: From Soquel Dr., turn onto Thurber Lane. Proceed up the hill to Winkle Ave., turn left and drive two blocks, go through school gate.

* **Please note:** I will need volunteers the day of this event, to help with the BBQ, set up, and cleanup, so please let me know ahead of time that you are willing to lend a hand by contacting me either by phone or e-mail. Thank you in advance!

* **No Club Meeting in February.** The ConFab takes its place.

FLY TYING CLASSES

Date: February 6th
Time: 9:00 a.m. 'till 11:00 a.m.
Place: Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School

The Royal Fly
Instructor: Elaine Cook



This class will be at the **ConFab** on Saturday, February 6th. This is another fly for Pyramid Lake and is used for striping in tandem with a beetle (see the fly-of-the-month).

There is no need to sign up for this class. As always, bring your vise, tools, light and thread which will be black 6/0 or 3/0. All other materials are provided. Everything will be provided for beginners.

Also, there will be a "Blind fly tying event", which will be lots of fun. Be sure to participate and watch others.

Note: For the regularly scheduled Fly Tying Class, which occurs on the second Wednesday of each month, please see page 2.

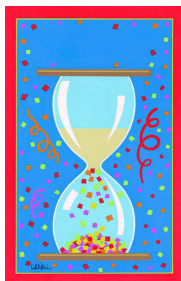
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President's Line

The New Year

By President Jim Black



I am a relative newcomer to SCFF, considering I became a member in 2011 and then volunteered for Membership Director shortly thereafter in an active Club formed some 38 years ago. Through my involvement in Membership, I came to know Members fairly rapidly and being a part of the dedicated 22-member Board, which is also an excellent way to see how well our Club functions.

Then, considering we have 16 or more fishouts and several public events like the upcoming ConFab in February, as well as contributions to a number of Conservation programs, makes for an active and participating club.

In the recently mailed annual Membership renewal package was a budget and a summary of articles about conservation programs that SCFF is involved with; all of this information is available on the Club website and by reference in the Monthly Newsletter.

We have received a number of comments from members expressing interest in volunteering in the returned Membership Renewal forms, which is very much appreciated. I intend to do my best to continue the success of our Club and would welcome any suggestions or comments you wish to provide.

See you next Club Meeting (note: there is no club meeting in February, instead there is the ConFab. The next club meeting will be Wednesday, March 2nd).

Reel News

*** Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show - February 26th-28th**
Alameda County Fairgrounds

One day \$15, Two-day pass \$25, Three-day pass \$35, Children under 5 free, under 12: \$2

Scouts under 16 in uniform: free, Active Military: \$10

Friday: 10am – 6pm

Saturday: 9am – 5:30pm

Sunday: 9am – 4:30pm

For tickets, go to <https://www.showclix.com/event/PLEASANTONCA2016>

The International Fly Fishing Film Festival-One night only, Friday, February 26 at 6:30pm. \$15; \$10 in advance.

The International Federation of Fly Fishers is pleased to offer FREE fly fishing instruction at the IFFF Learning Center located at the IFFF booth. Basic fly casting- fly tying- knot tying will be taught throughout the day-every day of the Fly Fishing Show.

Regardless of the weather, the show will go on!

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FLY TYING CLASSES

Date: Wednesday, February 10th

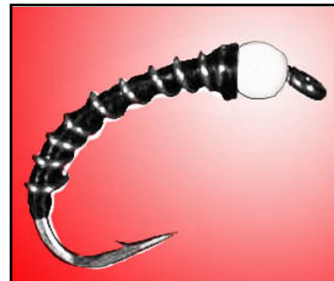
Time: Open - 6:45 PM

Class - 7:00 PM

Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Drive

Black Snow Cone

Instructor: Elaine Cook



With the Pyramid Lake fishout right around the corner, having this fly in your box for bobbercating is definitely in order.

It is important to call Elaine at 688-1561 as there is no February general meeting, or let her know you want to come to class at the club ConFab, which is the preceding Saturday, February 6th. All materials are provided except thread, which is black 6/0 or 8/0. Some equipment, tools, thread and lights are available for beginners, who are always welcome. It would be appreciated that if you sign up and later find you will be unable to attend, please notify Elaine to cancel.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Membership News

By Membership Director Jim Black

We have had an excellent response to the recent Membership mailer and at this point have received some 94 paid Memberships out of 170 mailed, some of which were mailed to 2014 Members to see if they would choose to renew for 2016. So far the dues paid in January in 2016 are within \$800 of the total we received for all of 2015. We have also received comments from members expressing an interest in volunteering in response to the choices provided in the mailer along with comments, all of which is greatly appreciated.

Bait for Thought

What's In a Number?



Even eminent chartered accountants are known, in their capacity as fishermen, blissfully to ignore differences between seven and ten inches, half a pound and two pounds, three fish and a dozen fish. - William Sherwood Fox, Silken Lines and Silver Hooks, 1954

2015 Board of Directors

The SCFF thanks the outgoing board members for their service.

Officers

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| President | Steve Rudzinski | 462-4532 |
| Vice President | Milana Rawson | 583-9370 |
| Treasurer | Jim Tolonen | 475-8859 |
| Secretary | Roy Gunter | 809-0316 |

Committee Heads

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| Raffle Coordinator | George Pike | 423-2956 |
| Membership | Jim Black | 688-8174 |
| Fishouts | John Cook | 688-1561 |
| Programs | Dennis Davie | 427-2626 |
| Conservation | Barry Burt | 688-0187 |
| | Mike DiCiano | 688-1682 |
| Newsletter Editor | Kirk Mathew | 724-6811 |
| Publisher/Webmaster | Pat Steele | 476-0648 |
| Fly Tying Master | Elaine Cook | 688-1561 |
| Annual Raffle/ | | |
| Silent Auction Chairman | John Steele | 476-0648 |
| Annual Benefit Coordinator | Petar Ilic | 475-0268 |
| Facilities Coordinator | Steven Rawson | 583-9370 |
| Video Librarian | Mike DiCiano | 688-1682 |

Members at Large

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| Sam Bishop | 476-6451 | Kathy Powers | 728-4130 |
| Jim Hall | 713-6835 | John McNicholas | 426-6225 |
| Tom & Carolyn Eckert | 335-2457 | | |

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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The SCFF welcomes the new board members and pledges its support

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Fishout Schedule

2016

| Date | Location | Target Species | Fishmaster |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Feb. 6-Saturday | SC Gardens Elem. School | ConFab | Milana Rawson-(831)583-9370 |
| Feb. 19-21 | Goodwin Lake | Trout | Roy Gunter - (831) 809-0316 |
| Mar. 11-13 | Goodwin Lake | Trout | Roy Gunter - (831) 809-0316 |
| Mar. 20-26 | Pyramid Lake | Lahontan Cutthroat Trout | Harry Petrakis - (831) 419-4245 |
| April 10-SUNDAY | Rio Del Mar Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| April 29-May 1 | Roostercomb Ranch | Bass | Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727 |
| May 7 | Manresa Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| May 15 | Quail Hollow Ranch | Fly Fishing 101-Public Ed. Day | Steve Rawson-(831) 583-9370 |
| TBA | Sierra backpacking | Trout | Dennis Davie - (831) 566-7447 |
| June 9 | Palm Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| July 9 | Rio Del Mar Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| July 9-15 | Green River. UT | Trout | John Steele - (831) 476-0648 |
| July 22-26 | Loreto Baja Sur | Dorado, saltwater species | Rich Hughett - (831) 757-5709 |
| Aug. 6 | Manresa Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| Sept. 10 | Palm Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |
| TBA | O'Neill Forebay | Striped bass | Jim Hall - (831) 713-6835 |
| Sept. 24-Oct. 1 | Mammoth Lakes-wk.1 | Trout | John Cook - (831) 688-1561 |
| Oct. 1-Oct. 8 | Mammoth Lakes-wk.2 | Trout | John Cook - (831) 688-1561 |
| Oct. 8. | Rio Del Mar Beach | Surf Fishout | Sam Bishop - (831) 476-6451 |

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

Catchy Releases

SCFF Conservation News - January - 2016 *Submitted by Conservation Director Barry Burt*

As we enter the New Year, it's time to consider the organizations we plan to support financially from our conservation budget for 2016. Last year in 2015, our conservation budget had been cut by \$800 dollars from the previous year and yet we were still able to make substantial contributions to 10 very worthy organizations at three different levels. **Tier 1** organizations are local organizations that provide volunteer opportunities for our club members and are usually funded \$500 - \$1000 however because of last year's budget short fall; we were only able to fund \$400 - \$800. **Tier 2** is funded \$250 - \$350 and **Tier 3** is funded \$100 - \$200. The selection process is based on recommendations from our SCFF members and the conservation committee's commitment to our mission statement, which is "To help conserve, protect and restore local, state and national fisheries and related habitat through contribution, education and volunteer efforts; with a focus on those waters and fish of most importance to the SCFF membership."

Tier 1:

Monterey Bay Salmon & Trout Project
Coastal Watershed Council
Salmon & Trout Education Program

Tier 2:

California Trout
Friends of the River
California Sport Fishing Alliance
San Lorenzo Valley High School Watershed Academy

Tier 3:

Eastern Sierra Land Trust
Sempervirens Fund (Santa Cruz Mountains)
Bay Institute

All the organizations that we supported this last year were very appreciative of our volunteer efforts and fiscal support, especially in these trying economic times. Information, mission statements and recent news and accomplishments can be found on these organization's corresponding web sites and related newsletters. If you are interested, you may also find individual memberships and contribution information on these sites.

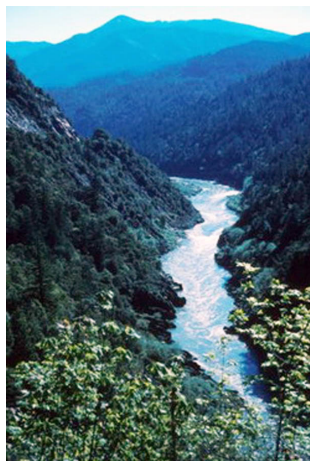
Because the Salmon & Trout Education Program is no longer, that frees up \$600 to divide among organizations that we already support or possibly add new organizations for 2016. If you have any comments on our contribution strategy or the organizations chosen last year; or you have suggestions/replacements for this year; or want to be on the committee or a volunteer; please provide the information to me at Bfishin@aol.com.

Klamath Agreements Crumble

From CalTrout; 12/17/15

To our bitter disappointment, we learned this week the Klamath Agreements were not approved by Congress before the end of the legislative session, effectively killing the broadly supported and locally developed package of three separate but coordinated settlement agreements. Congressman Walden (R-OR), Congressman LaMalfa (R-CA) and Congressman Bishop (R-UT) deserve to be called out for their lack of leadership and vision in letting time run out. In the end, they did what a lot of people blame Congress for doing-nothing. We are grateful for the efforts of Congressman Huffman (D-CA), Senator Wyden (D-OR) and Senator Merkley (D-OR) for their support and leadership in DC. But in the end, it wasn't enough.

The agreements, hammered out by Indian tribes, ranchers, government agencies the owner of the dams, (PacifiCorp) and environmental groups, have been waiting for Congress to act since 2010. What is at stake is the largest river restoration project



in our nation's history, an unprecedented removal of four hydroelectric dams, and a blueprint for how opponents in a major western water dispute can overcome their differences and find common ground. The local communities of the Klamath Basin have done the hard work of painstaking negotiations and compromise to come up with the agreements. In the end, Congress has failed the Klamath basin and its communities.

What next? Many stakeholders still remain committed to working together to find a solution to water sharing, habitat restoration and dam removal. But lack of congressional approval of a locally brokered solution will force parties to the courts, regulatory agencies and the Obama administration for solutions. PacifiCorp will be required to reengage in the FERC dam relicensing process which could still lead to dam removal. But it is also possible that FERC may ultimately relicense the dams.

For more information on this issue, go to www.caltrout.org.

To Save Its Salmon, California Calls In the Fish Matchmaker

By Matt Richteljan

At a hatchery on the Klamath River, biologists are using genetic techniques to reduce inbreeding, though some argue natural methods are more effective.

Hornbrook, Calif. - On a frigid morning in a small metal-sided building, a team of specialists prepared to orchestrate an elaborate breeding routine. The work would be wet and messy, so they wore waders. Their tools included egg trays and a rubber mallet, which they used to brain a fertile female coho salmon, now hanging dead on a hook.

Diana Chesney, a biologist, studied a piece of paper with a matrix of numbers, each one denoting a male salmon and potential match for the female coho.

"This is the bible," she said of the matrix. "It's what Carlos says."

John Carlos Garza, a geneticist based a day's drive south in Santa Cruz, has become a key figure in California's effort to

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preserve its decimated salmon stocks. Using the latest genetic techniques, he and his team decide which individual fish should be bred together. At several major state conservation hatcheries, like the coho program here at Iron Gate, no two salmon are spawned until after Dr. Garza gives counsel - a "salmon mating service," he jokingly calls it.

His painstaking work is the latest man-made solution to help fix a man-made problem that is about 150 years old: Dams, logging, mining, farming, fishing and other industries have so fractured and polluted the river system that salmon can no longer migrate and thrive. In fact, today, owing to the battered habitat, virtually all salmon in California are raised in hatcheries.

Traditionally, the practice entailed killing fertile salmon and hand-mixing eggs and male milt, or sperm, then raising the offspring packed in containers or pools. When they were old enough to fend for themselves, they were released to rivers or sometimes trucked or ferried to release points to find the ocean on their own.

This practice gave them a necessary transition before they hit saltwater and a semblance of the quintessential salmon experience of migrating to the sea and back. To that end, they eventually swam back to hatcheries, where they became the next breeders in the cycle.

While hatcheries have helped propagate the species, they have also created new problems. The salmon they produce can be inbred and less hardy through domestication, hurting their chances for surviving and thriving in the wild.

Dr. Garza hopes some high-tech ingenuity can help fix the salmon's troubles. When the fish return to a hatchery, scientists there separate them into individual tubes, clip their fins, then Fed-Ex the tissue samples to Dr. Garza and his team. They then analyze each salmon's DNA, and match breeding pairs that have no genetic relationship to each other.

To read the rest of this story, go to http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/19/science/new-tactics-to-save-californias-decimated-salmon-population.html?smid=nytcore-ipad-share&smprod=nytcore-ipad&_r=0

GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout - March 20-26, 2016 - By Harry Petrakis - (831) 419-4245

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 Harry for more details (831) 419-4245, 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.net. 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.

This year it was mentioned that there are regulations regarding placement of ladders that allow more people to fish the better areas however I see no mention of this on either of the two reservation websites which leads me to believe that as in the past the committee that made the changes may have chosen not to enforce them. In any case, please familiarize yourself with the current regulations regarding staying with your ladder. They may be enforcing it and issuing tickets.

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 Confab in February is offering the opportunity to see how some of the best Pyramid patterns are made plan to attend and bring a vise and tie some yourself. Flies may also available from club member Jim Hall who ties some very good flies specific to Pyramid cutthroat as well as other species at reasonable cost. His number is 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 www.santacruzflyfishermen.org, or call Harry Petrakis at 831-419-4245.

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 Harry so he can pass the names of members who don't have lodging to fill the empty spots.

NOTE: Due to insurance regulations, all attendees must be paid up members of Santa Cruz Flyfishermen, so get your membership paid up if you haven't done so yet.

New ladder Regulation at Pyramid Lake New Tribal Regulation effective October 1st 2015

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. Any person who leaves such objects unoccupied in the water for more than one hour will be deemed guilty of littering.

15.6.1 Fishing aids described above must have a permanent tag affixed that has the name, address, and phone number of the owner of the fishing aid. If the permitted angler using the fishing aid is not the owner, the owner will be the responsible party for any infractions by the permitted angler.

This new requirement for marking ladders and other items that fishers stand on while in the water can be accomplished with a permanent Sharpie marker pen on any plastic part of the equipment. Make sure the required information cannot be rubbed off or come off in the water.

If you would rather purchase tags for ladders: Ladder I.D. tags are made with anodized aluminum and your information is engraved into the surface. The tags can be attached to ladders easily with nuts and bolts, screws or rivets.

\$12.00 is the total cost including tax and shipping. There are two options for delivery:

1. Free shipping to you anywhere in the U.S.
2. Pick up at Mark Fore and Strike Fly Fishing store in Reno

You can order tags from pyramidlakeflyfishing.com and choose your delivery option. Mark Fore and Strike will install tags onto ladders that are picked up at the store <http://pyramidlakeflyfishing.com/shop/ladder-id-tag/>

GEARING UP

Fishouts at Goodwin Lake: Jan. 29 - 30th; Feb. 19-21st and Mar. 11-13th

Fishmaster: Roy Gunter – 831-809-0316

There must be a minimum of 5 participants for each fishout and the maximum is 8 participants. Participants are invited to the property at first light on Friday and can fish through Sun at 2 pm. Participation is on a first come basis conditioned upon receipt of prior payment of \$100 for the weekend; no refunds unless minimum participation not achieved, but you can substitute someone if you cannot go.

Signups should contact Roy Gunter at the address below or email at rgunteriii@yahoo.com or telephone at 831-809-0316. I will

provide Saturday dinner on a BYOB basis; all other meals and beverages are to be participant provided. There is not vehicle access to the water, so what ever you can drag down and back up again to the parking area you can use, but no gasoline motors. For those of you that do not have floating craft, I have available a fishing boat with trolling motor, 2 kayaks, a canoe and 2 pontoon kick boats with oars and a transom if you have a battery and electric motor.

Roy Gunter, 580 Calle Principal, Ste. 2, Monterey, CA 9394

Green River Fishout - Fishmaster: John Steele – 476-0648

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 9th through July 15th in 2016. This river is a tailwater of the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Dam, situated in the northeast corner of Utah. It carves its way through a spectacular red rock canyon, and is the home of a healthy number of large brown and rainbow trout. It is rare to catch one under 16 inches, and not uncommon to catch several over 20 inches. You can walk a well-maintained trail along the river and bank fish, and/or book a guide to drift the river. The Trout Creek Flies and On The Fly guides are all very competent, excellent teachers, and provide all your terminal tackle, plus a delicious riverside lunch.

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

More information will be available later on, when we ascertain the status of the accommodations, however, if you intend to go on this fishout, it would be a good idea to let John know, so he can determine how many rooms we will need.

Loreto Fly Fishing Trip- July 2016 - Fishmaster: Rich Hughett 831-757-5709

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other saltwater fish, including bonito, roosterfish, yellowtail, and sailfish, on a fly! Join the group going to Loreto in Baja from Friday, July 22nd through Tuesday, July 26th. This trip includes:

- * Four nights at the new Hotel La Mision, on the waterfront, next to the Loreto Harbor

- * Three days of fishing on 22-foot Super Pangas

- * Ground transfers and fishing licenses

It does not include meals, because there are some nice restaurants (a lot of fresh seafood!) in town, or if you prefer, eat at the hotel, where they will also cook your catch.

The cost for everything but meals and airfare is \$730.00 per person (double occupancy).

The fishing day starts around 6:00 AM and we usually get back to the harbor between 1:30 and 2:00 PM. Spend the rest of the afternoon fishing from the beach, having a cool drink in the pool, exploring Loreto, or just sitting around telling some tall fish stories. And, you will have many exciting moments on the Sea of Cortez to talk about.

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

Interested? Please contact Rich Hughett, 831-757-5709, for all the details. We will need to book airline flights*, rooms and pangas as soon as possible.

* Southwest Airlines from San Jose and Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles to Loreto.

Roostercomb Ranch Fishout - April 29, 30 and May 1, 2016-Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727

This year we expect El Nino will fill the bass ponds at the Roostercomb Ranch to our satisfaction. This 3-day, 2-night trip will again begin early on Friday morning (April 29) meeting at Casa de Fruta in Hollister. Nine bass ponds on this 5,800-acre ranch offer us a variety of locations for float tubing and fishing from shore. Due to the rugged dirt roads, transportation via 4-WD vehicles is required; but arrangements can be made for those without 4-WD to ride with someone. Housing is available: bunk house and ranch house, or

you can camp. Meals: groups will be organized for breakfast and dinner meals only. Lunches, snacks and beverages are individuals' responsibilities. Limited to 16 fishers for this trip with a minimum of 10 persons fishing or not. The cost is \$250 per person over the age of 13. Phone me on Wed., February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. to enter your name on the list. **Your confirmation is not complete until I receive your check.** Checks payable to: Cecilia Stipes Address: 328 Capelli Drive, Felton, CA 95018.

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

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 24th through Oct. 1st, and Oct. 1st-8th. You may sign up for one of these two periods, or both.

Location: Mammoth Lakes is on the eastern side of the Sierras, six to seven hours' drive from Santa Cruz. There are many lakes and streams in the area for us to fish. We will be staying in condominiums in the town of Mammoth Lakes.

Cost: \$310 per person per week. This covers seven nights' lodging with three meals per day. Sign up for either week, for \$310, or both weeks for \$620.

Meal Preparation: Each person will be assigned to a group for a Kitchen Day. The group will set out breakfast and lunch foods, store unused food, prepare the evening meal, and clean up on the day designated.

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

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

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

LifeLines

Winter Fishing: 5 Ways to Stay Warm in Frigid Waters *From Field and Stream – Article by Joe Cermele*

Whether you're after steelhead, trout, or stripers, coldwater wading can be miserable if you don't suit up properly. These five tricks help me focus on casting instead of on which appendages may be frostbitten.

1. Boot Up

Forget stocking-foot waders and opt for boot-foot waders one size larger than you'd normally wear. The thick boot shell makes a better barrier between your foot and the water, and the extra space within the boot traps warm air while you walk. A pair of good wool socks is all you need inside.

2. Stay Tucked

Buy your base-layer tops in tall sizes. There's nothing worse than coming untucked or having your thermal shirt ride up, creating cold spots, especially if bare skin bumps directly against the inside of your waders. If you de-wader to re-tuck, you're just going to lose all the body heat you've built up.

3. Mind Your Core

Keeping your core toasty leads to better warmth all over. I like a fleece-lined pullover above my base-layer top, and a windproof

jacket over the fleece. Fleece-lined pants are the best under waders; don't wear jeans. If your body is warm, a pair of fingerless gloves should keep your hands comfy.

4. Toast Yourself

If you plan to gear up streamside, you're making a big mistake. When it's cold, I put everything—including my waders—on before I leave the house. When I'm 10 minutes away, I'll crank the heat in the truck and roast myself. It gets your core warm quickly, and it's much better than freezing while dressing.

5. Keep Hands Warm

Keeping fingers warm are a big problem in the winter. I carry two sets of gloves. I wear one pair and stash the other deep in my waders where it's nice and warm and rotate the warm gloves throughout the day. Hand warmers are an added bonus. Wool gloves cannot be beat.



Photo by Brian Grossenbacher

Fishy Tales

* Early December – Trinity River – Jim Tolonen

Sometimes you just get lucky.

The first week of December I attended the annual Cal Trout Trinity River Steelhead fish-out, with friend, past Cal Trout Board member and SF based SCFF member Ron Antipa. Although we had been in a three-year drought, we booked our three days of fishing six months ahead, and just prayed for rain. The trip is based out of The Straw House restaurant and lodge, just west of Junction City, and four guides were booked for the 8 fishermen/women for each of three days during the week. The water had been very low and clear with fish being found, (but pounded) in the few deep pools along the 7-mile drift.

Then, two days before we were to go, northern California got the first rain and snow storm of the season, the river came up a bit, water started flowing and fish started moving. We had guide David Neal the first day and Aaron Gabriel the second. And it was EPIC!



I think that normally a good day is 4 Steelhead or so hooked for each person; but day one we hooked 20 to the net. The second day we hooked and landed 24 fish. These were big, fresh, long run, multiple jump fish; half wild, half hatchery; a couple half-pounders, mostly 3 to 5-pounders and a half dozen 7-9-pounders. The few fish we did lose had bent the hook straight. It could have been too much pressure, could have been too tight drags; but I think it was the size 14 and 16 trout nymphs, which was the only thing they seemed interested in taking!

Great trip. Great guides. (These guides really work hard, and guide all over Northern California and Southern Oregon. Definitely worth a trip, now that we have some rain and the fish are on the move. If you give them a call and some dates, they will suggest a river, or take you to pretty much any river you have in mind. But they do get booked ahead.)



FLY OF THE MONTH

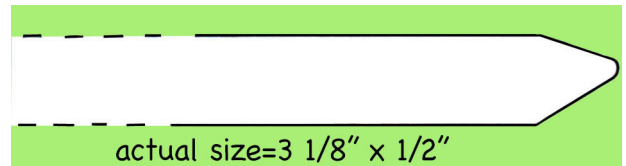
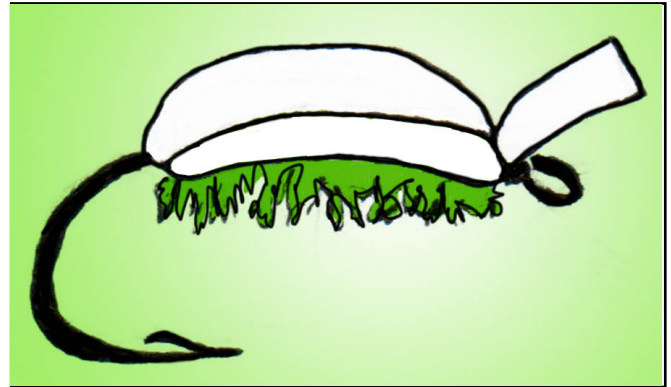
Popcorn Beetle

Submitted by Elaine Cook

Last year at the Pyramid Lake Fishout, Doug Ouellette, a local guide, introduced us to this fly, which is closely patterned after the beetle we have been using there for years. The main difference is the foam is 1/8" thick instead of 2mm. This created a situation where the fly will rise more quickly in the water column. He also eliminates the tail. His success rate has improved significantly with these changes. He gave a great class at our 2015 March Club meeting that many of our members took advantage of.

Hook: TMC 5262, size 8
Thread: White 3/0 monocord or equivalent
Overbody: White closed cell foam, 1/8" thick
Underbody: Large chartreuse chenille that has a little sparkle

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye, wrap to above barb with touching wraps.
3. Cut foam in shape shown in diagram.
4. Wrap thread forward in touching wraps to 2 eye lengths behind eye.
5. Place tapered end of foam on top of shank positioning point where thread hangs.
6. Wrap foam snugly to top of shank back to above barb, then thread wraps forward to 2 eye lengths behind eye.
7. Tie in chenille. Wrap backward each wrap against the last to above barb, then forward in same manner to hanging thread. Tie off, cut excess.
8. Snugly pull foam forward, tie off with several snug thread wraps.
9. Whip finish under foam and behind hook eye. Cut thread.
10. Cut off excess foam, leaving 1/4" in front of hook eye.



actual size=3 1/8" x 1/2"

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Pan-Fried Sand Dabs

from <http://sireenseasa.com/pan-fried-sand-dabs/>

1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup milk
1 lb. pan-dressed sand dabs
1/2 cup flour, seasoned with 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
1 cup clarified butter
lemon wedges

1. In a bowl, beat together the milk and eggs. Dredge each fish in the seasoned flour before dipping into the egg/milk mixture and rolling to coat in the bread crumbs.
2. In a large skillet, heat the clarified butter over a medium-high heat.
3. Cook the breaded sand dabs for 3-4 minutes per side. Reduce the heat if the pan begins smoking.
4. Serve immediately and garnish with the lemon wedges.



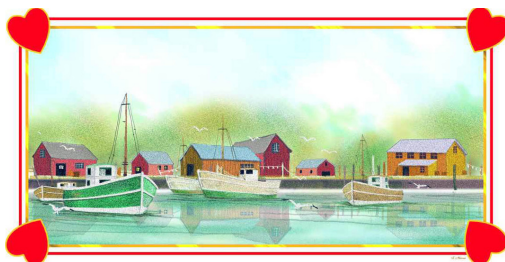
Cast of Thousands

For Sale:

Firewood! Just in time for cold weather.

Pablo Grabiell, one of our club members, has some cut, split, stacked and seasoned firewood that he needs to sell. The wood comes from his home in the Mystery Spot area. You can arrange to pick it up or have it delivered. He is selling it by the trunk, van, or pick-up load. A 6' pick-up bed would be \$100.00, and 8' bed \$140.00. Please call 562-652-3771 and introduce yourself as

a fellow fishing club member, we can arrange the pick-up date and time and I will help you load it onto your vehicle, one way we can get to know each other. A small fee is added for deliveries, I have a pick-up with a 6' bed, more than 1/3 of a cord. A 10% donation will be made in the spring to the Western Rivers Conservancy or CalTrout of all proceeds from wood sold to club members.



Take your
Valentine
Fishing!

FEBRUARY 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day | 3 No Club Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 ConFab SCGardens Elem.Sch. 9AM-4PM |
| 7 | 8 New Moon ● | 9 Mardi Gras | 10 Last Qtr. ☾ Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange Ash Wednesday | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 First Qtr. ☽ | 15 Valentine's Day | 16 Presidents' Day | 17 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home | 18 | 19 Goodwin ← | 20 Lake Fishout |
| 21 Newsletter Deadline Goodwin Lake Fishout → | 22 Full Moon ○ | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Pleasanton ← | 27 Fly Show |
| 28 Pleasanton Fly Show → | 29 | | | | | |

MARCH 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 Last Qtr. ☾ | 2 Club Meeting 7:00 PM Aptos Grange | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 New Moon ● | 9 Fly Tying Class-7 PM Aptos Grange | 10 | 11 Goodwin ← | 12 Lake Fishout |
| 13 Goodwin Lake Fishout → Daylight Savings Time Begins | 14 | 15 First Qtr. ☽ | 16 Board Meeting 7:00 PM Steele home | 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Newsletter Deadline Palm Sunday 1st day of Spring ← | 21 Pyramid Lake | 22 Fishout | 23 Full Moon ○ | 24 | 25 Good Friday | 26 → |
| 27 Easter | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Last Qtr. ☾ | | |