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JUNE

2019

CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 5th
Time: Open - 6:45 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Jaws!
Guest Speaker: Chris Gularte



Our speaker for the June 5th meeting will be Chris Gularte from Specialized Helicopters located at the Watsonville Airport. They offer tours along the coast, along with flights for the researchers. His presentation about Great White Sharks in our local water should be very interesting. I contacted Dr. Greg Caillet, from NOAA and The Pacific Shark Research Center, who was referred to as a researcher into Great White Sharks. He recommended three other researchers, all of whom were out of town, and also recommended Specialized Helicopters, with whom most of the researchers have flown to observe the GWS in our waters. I am sure a number of our members can recall instances where GWS have been seen. You may recall the Great White, which attacked the fisherman in his kayak and dumped him into the water. Video of that incident became a viral sensation! Jeff Goyert remarked he had seen a pair of large Great Whites recently while salmon Fishing.

I have seen Sharks around the Cement Ship from the bluffs above and then saw them cruising along the near coast line in relatively shallow surf water. One of many recent studies suggests one of the reasons could be that "baby" Great Whites are born in deep cold water and their metabolisms are not capable of keeping them warm and so the "babies" swim closer to shore to be in warmer waters. This may explain why Great Whites can be observed from the helicopters in among surfers and swimmers. A comment was made that Sharks have an acute sense of smell and would know humans were in the water near them. If you are interested, bring your wife and a friend, as it should be an interesting topic and evening. Now that you will be informed, will you go surfing and swimming in our waters?

FLY TYING CLASSES

Date: June 12, 2019
Time: Open - 6:45 PM
Class - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

The Klinkhammer
Instructor: Kirk Mathew - 724-6811



Over 25 years ago, Hans van Klinken developed this pattern to represent an emerging insect, and it is tied to be partially submerged and floating. I think this makes the fly visible to both the fish and fisher. Tied in different colors and sizes, it can represent a wide variety of emerging aquatic insects.

There is no charge for the class, and all materials are provided other than thread, which should be black 6/0. Bring your tools, vise and light. Novice tiers are always welcome, and the club does have setups for those who do not have their own. You may sign up at the June general meeting, or by calling Kirk. Sign-ups are necessary so that the instructor can prepare sufficient materials. If you sign up and later find you are unable to attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated.

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President's Line

Brave New World
By President Tom Hogue



RFID tracking integrated circuits on your fly. Think of it. A fly that has a “chip” on it, that is able to tell you how many times you’ve cast it, where on the water it flowed, when you hooked up, how heavy the fish was, and of course, if you lost the fly-where it was “polluting” the water you lost it in. They are small enough to tie on our size 18 or larger Adams, Woolly Bugger, Deceiver - the “app” on your phone provides you with the detail almost as soon as you have a signal. Imagine that as part of your fly tying materials! Where’s my RFID tag - and who will tie the first fly called “the RFID”?

Super happy to be home writing about a super day at Quail Hollow Ranch for our 23rd annual introduction to fly fishing. Just like our first outing there in 1996, it was absolutely pouring rain and we all wondered if anyone would show up, should we cancel. But no. Like the soggy fly fishermen that we can be at times, we persisted. The sun came out and 18 new people came to learn about fly fishing. In SCFF style, they were treated to an abundant continental breakfast, a super Fly Fishing 101 class led by Tim Loomis, fly tying demonstrations by David Marks, Elaine Cook, Kathy Powers, John Steele and Cecilia Stipes, and entourage of fly casting help led by Mark Traugott, Robert Eberle, Tim Loomis, yours truly, Steve Rudzinski (it’s always good to have a southpaw to help the lefties!) and Angel

Johnson. When the rain came back, John Cook and Angela Johnson had hamburgers, sausages, beans and macaroni salad to provide us with the sustenance to get back to casting when the sun came back out again.

At this writing, the CDFW (DFW) is embarking on extraordinary changes to the regulations of waters you fish. These regulation changes are affecting a large number of fly fishing waters in California. DFW is indicating a means of simplifying angling regulations for a number of reasons. But the most harrowing part of this story involves fisheries that have been protected for decades, now being open to basically a “Put and Take” fishery and in some cases, year round.

WHY? Well, it’s expensive to live here and revenue is needed to support the coffers of every public and private entity.

The DFW (may as well be an airport) is looking for cash, and anglers are becoming so responsible, there aren’t enough law-breakers paying fines to support the coffers of the department personnel struggling to afford a million-dollar home and the monthly costs associated with living in California. That includes the cost of the water you drink, shower and grow your pot in.

Wow-I didn’t see this coming. No one did, but the regulations were put together, published and pushed through to this point, despite a 14-0 objection to favor.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Summer Fun

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

JUNE RAFFLE/BUY A TICKET AND WIN A PRIZE!

What better way to kick off the summer trout season than a stroll in the mountains with a new backpack rod and reel? How about a nine foot eight piece 5 weight SK Carbon rod that fits in a 16-inch Cordura travel tube. The rod features titanium guides and a gold aluminum insert CNC cut reel seat. Included is an aluminum lightweight 3/4 ECO reel.

We also have a folding carbon fiber WSC wading staff that doubles as walking stick. The neoprene belt sheath keeps it handy when needed to navigate tricky trails and streams.

Add a pair of easy on/easy off Wetsox wadersocks. They are great under waders or by themselves for wet wading. The four

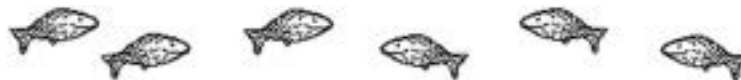
way stretch 1 mm closed cell neoprene cushions and warms your feet and provides a form fit that prevents blisters.



DOOR PRIZE! EVERYONE GETS A FREE TICKET!

We have a pair of DORCY LED headlamp door prizes to give away; yes, that means we will have two winners! These headlamps feature 200 lumens of power, two power settings, a pivoting head, and are water resistant. They are powered by 3 AAA batteries which are included. They

are perfect when you are going for that early morning bite at Pyramid or the late evening Hex hatch at Almanor.



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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
June 8	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishing	Kirk Mathew - 724-6811
July 6	Sunset Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
July 13-19	Green River, UT	Trout	John Steele - 476-0648
July 14-18	Loreto, Baja Sur	Salt Water Fishing	Rich Hughett - 757-5709
Aug. 10	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Aug 11-15	Lake Alpine/Stanislaus R.	Trout	Cecilia Stipes - 335 5727
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.

Catchy Releases

Biologists Work to Restore Kirman Lake's Trophy Trout Fishery from <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Science-Institute/News?Category=wildlife-research>

Before release into their new home in Kirman Lake this fall, brook trout were measured and their adipose fins clipped. CDFW scientists plan to track their growth rates with the help of voluntary angler surveys.

It's a question that has been asked by more than a few eastern Sierra trout anglers: What happened to the fishing at Kirman Lake?

Kirman, a small backcountry lake north of Bridgeport in Mono County, has long been heralded as one of the very few places in the state where anglers could catch trophy brook trout.

While many high-elevation waters hold overpopulations of stunted brook trout measured in inches, the brook trout in Kirman were measured in pounds. Fish in the 2- to 4-pound class were common with numerous reports of brookies exceeding 5 pounds.

The lake requires a moderate, 3-mile hike to reach - just enough distance and difficulty to discourage casual anglers and help minimize some of the fishing pressure, particularly with so many great trout fishing options nearby. The lake is a special-regulations water with limited harvest. It is open to fishing during the state's traditional trout season from the last Saturday in April to Nov. 15. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Only two trout can be kept - with a minimum size limit of 16 inches.

Kirman was a destination known well beyond the confines of Mono County. Fly fishing author and instructor Denny Rickards included Kirman in his book "Fly Fishing the West's Best Trophy Lakes."

Rickards writes, "Those who have made the trek and landed one of these beautiful trout know what a delicate lake it is. Part of the promise here is more than just big brook trout - the lake also harbors big cutthroat. However, the cuts aren't the primary focus of those who fish here. It's those big, beautiful brookies that bring fishermen up the trail."

Author Bill Sunderland likewise highlighted Kirman in his book "Fly Fishing California Stillwaters." He writes, "The fish here, both brook trout and Lahontan cutthroats from Heenan Lake, grow exceptionally fast. A four-year-old brookie can be twenty inches long and weigh four pounds. Many of them are football-shaped, the result of their rapid growth."

In recent years, however, the brook trout seemingly disappeared with anglers reporting fewer catches with no brookies in the mix. Fishing reports from Kirman dried up as well at local tackle shops with fewer anglers apparently making the trek.

What happened to Kirman Lake and its trophy brook trout is no mystery to CDFW fisheries biologists, who are committed to restoring the lake to its former glory.

"There's no spawning habitat," explained Jeff Weaver, a senior environmental scientist with CDFW who oversees the department's Heritage and Wild Trout Program. "All the fish in Kirman Lake have been stocked to provide the recreational fishery."

Brook trout were planted annually by CDFW until 2015 when hatchery problems prevented the raising and delivering of the fish.

What Kirman lacks in spawning habitat it makes up for in food abundance. Unlike many high-mountain lakes where trout eke

out an existence in near-sterile conditions, Kirman is the equivalent of a 24-hour, all-you-can-eat buffet. The lake is loaded with all manner of aquatic invertebrates - water boatman, dragonflies, mayflies and midges - along with high-protein leeches and shrimp-like scuds. The heavy population of scuds accounts for the tremendous growth rate and size of Kirman brook trout.

When Russell Black, CDFW's new fisheries supervisor for the Inland Deserts Region, learned about the lack of hatchery plants and the poor state of

the once-great fishery, he came up with a simple yet creative solution.

This past fall, work was underway at nearby Silver Creek to prepare the water for the eventual restoration of native Lahontan cutthroat trout. CDFW biologists electrofished Silver Creek to remove the non-native brook trout there to minimize competition with the native cutthroats.

Black's idea: Take those brook trout and transport them to Kirman.

More than 1,300 Silver Creek brook trout in a variety of sizes were relocated to Kirman. Prior to release, the fish were measured and their adipose fins clipped. CDFW biologists encourage anglers at Kirman this upcoming trout season to record their catch and fishing experiences at angler survey boxes lakeside so they can track the transplanted Silver Creek brook trout.

Given the exceptional growth rate at Kirman, CDFW biologists expect anglers to get into some quality fish by the fall.

Even as CDFW shifts its statewide trout hatchery focus to raising and stocking native trout as opposed to non-native brown trout, brook trout or even domesticated strains of hatchery rainbow trout, biologists see a future for trophy brook trout in Kirman and are exploring options to resume annual hatchery stocking.

"Kirman Lake is one of those celebrated fisheries where we weigh management in favor of continuing that recreational fishery," said CDFW's Weaver, who himself has fished Kirman a dozen or so times over the past 20 years. "Kirman Lake is managed as a trophy trout fishery and we intend to continue to manage it as a trophy trout fishery. We've just been on pause as a result of the lack of stocking."

The pause may be over, though, as CDFW intends to maintain the supplemental stocking from Silver Creek until regular hatchery plants can resume.



Reel News

Scholarships Awarded by the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

The Officers and Board Members of the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen voted to award scholarships to local high school graduates who are planning to major in environmental science or related fields during their college terms. We feel that this is the most effective way to encourage our youth to help preserve habitat related to our chosen avocation, that of fly fishing, and we hope that in so doing, we can add them to our ranks as young members. Each recipient will receive a \$100 stipend, and be given a complimentary membership in our club.

The recipients are as follows:

Katelyn Lozier and **Celeste Robinson** from San Lorenzo Valley High School

Maxwell Pepperdine and **Audrey Meidl** from Aptos High School

Avia Breiter and **Aldon Salvay** from Santa Cruz High School

Zealand Hunter and **Isabelle Lasher** from Soquel High School

Anna Andreason and **Scott Lewis-Magana** from Harbor High School

We send our congratulations to these graduates, and wish them every success in their college careers and beyond!

Ebb and Flow Event at the Tannery Arts Center in Santa Cruz

The community is invited to celebrate the San Lorenzo River from 5:30-9 p.m. June 7 at the Tannery Arts Center. The fifth annual celebration of the San Lorenzo River will include public art, family-friendly artmaking activities, face painting, mariachi band, treasure hunt, performances, foodtrucks, beer, First Friday exhibits, and the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen will be demonstrating fly tying.

Led by Arts Council Santa Cruz County, Ebb & Flow is a free family-friendly festival. It's a block party for the river, featuring fantastic artists, musicians, performances and activities for all ages.

Fun on the Fourth By Sam Bishop

As you know, a few years ago we participated in the Aptos 4th of July Parade and won prizes. I suggested we do it again to a few of you and got positive responses. A lot of people are gone or otherwise committed that day, but it only takes probably 5 – 10 people to make it happen. The cost is \$2 per person, no discount for non-profits. I entered us for 8 people at \$2 each and we can pay more later if we have more people. (As I recall, I lost more than a one person entry fee last time to quick fingered kids!) We need two people to carry the club banner (can be kids) and the rest to be fly casters, dressed in appropriate fly fishing attire of course. The parade assembly area is Soquel Drive just west of State Park, and participants should be there by 9:30 AM.



Cast of Thousands

For Sale:

Two Mustang Bucks Bags
Float Tubes
and Fish-N-Buddy fish finder
Bladders in perfect condition and fish finder functions perfectly.

Asking \$400.00 for everything.

Contact: Bob Garbarino. 831-247-2045 rjgarbarino@gmail.com



For Sale:

1. Simms waist high waders, medium, guide quality, used once - \$200
2. Patagonia fishing vest, new - \$35
3. Patagonia flats wading boots, size 11, used once - \$35
4. Korkers wading boots, size 12, several replacement soles. Used once - \$50
5. Fishpond hip pack, fold down work area. New - \$50

Rods:

1. Loomis Pro, 10'6, 4pc, 5 wt., new - \$200
 2. Orvis Clearwater 11', 7wt., 4pc. New - \$175
- Robert Lowe, lbtrout@comcast.net, 408 335-8000
Will consider all offers.

Schoolin' Up

Pre-Meeting Fly Casting Tutorials By Casting Master Sam Bishop

Now that we have Daylight Savings Time, and it is still light outside before our club meetings we will 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. This will be every month through October.

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.



GONE FISHING

Roostercomb Ranch Adventure - April/19-21, 2019

By Judy Johnson



The car is packed, Cecilia's lists checked multiple times, 4WD working and off we go for a third weekend on our first fishout with the SC Fly Fishing Club. It's Milan's (11yr) first vacation without a parent, first time fly fishing and we are about to make 40-plus creek crossings! Also, it's the first time for us in float tubes as we are mostly saltwater and WA fishermen.

Road Talk with grandson Milan (Perspective):

Grammy: *Milan, we are going to use those beautiful poppers and bunny leg flies that Elaine taught us how to make- to catch and release bass on this trip.*

Milan: *You mean we are going to catch these fish and then let them go? And not eat them like the perch and stripers; and the trout that we catch at the cabin?*

Grammy: *Yes, believe it or not some fishermen release what they catch. That is why we crimped the barbs on the hooks so it will be easier for them to get off.*

Milan : *I'm going to have to think about that. How long does it take for us to get there?*

Day 1: After a meet and greet at Casa de Fruta with the 13 other fishermen, we joined the caravan of trucks in my Toyota Highlander (4WD) which I had tested only in the berry fields; no 4-wheeling. We crossed the first creek with success; after 40-plus such crossings I think it may need an alignment!

Milan took videos with my cell phone out the window and I prayed that he wouldn't drop it.

A quick unpacking and off we went to Mustang; the kids having a great ride in the ATV. Within minutes, Milan had caught his first bass on his fly rod with Cecilia's help in getting it up the bank and safely releasing it. What a grand day it was, with lots of fish caught (and released). The kids had fun catching and netting trapped fish from the spillway and small ponds; then releasing them in new lakes. They were happy with their "catch/rescue missions".

By late afternoon, Milan first realized that he was parentless and in the wilderness for the third time. This was followed by a tear or three; then some serious exploring of the creek, slingshot practice, forensic archeology of an animal skeleton, skipping stones, catching frogs and finding treasures/artifacts. We first missed all three kids at dinnertime. They had "creek explored" and found a hideout. This was followed by some serious discussion about rattlesnakes and notifying an adult, any adult in which direction they were going!

After dark and no electronics! A deck of cards was a hit and even the adults played the new generation of card games! **Day 2:** The kids went exploring the barns and were delighted to wake up the resident owl. We had an early start after a hearty breakfast. Arrived at Tule and all of the kids were casting out with immediate success! There were boats; paddle and rowing, caravans and pirate games all the while catching more fish, and attacking the float tubes which was quickly squelched and used as an excuse for the grown-ups catching fewer fish than the kids. At the end of the day; a tie with 21 fish each for the boys.

Day 3: It's Easter and the bunny managed to find the three kids in the Roostercomb outback. They had a fun hunt and glorious morning to celebrate Easter. We were off to Tule again and the kids were in tune with their successful "catch and release". I mastered the float tube this day and headed to the far side of Tule to avoid being chased by Pirate boats! The goslings had hatched and the parents managed to get most of them from the island to the far side of the lake before the large-mouthed bass got them.

End of trip: Milan tallied some 31 fish caught (and released). He was thrilled and exhausted. This was a fishout with adventures he will not soon forget; with memories to last a lifetime. Thanks to Cecilia, the hostess with the mostess, to host Scott with generous stories, and wonderful, experienced fisher folk!

Roostercomb Fishout with the Family

By Randolph Skrovan

My family had an awesome time at the Roostercomb Fishout! My son Noah and I joined the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen Club hoping to learn to fly-fish and where to go fishing around here. It all came together for us this spring. Noah and I had been coming to the fly tying classes, and recently to Elaine's popper class. We had great fun making poppers, and Elaine told us, "You gotta come to Roostercomb to use your poppers!" With my wife out of town, I was unsure how things would work out with my 8 year-old daughter, Annika, while Noah, 12 and I tried to fish all day, but decided to go for it.

Club members were very supportive with advice, loans, and even gifts of gear! Cecilia came over to our house, went

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through our gear with us, and loaned us another float tube, fins, and a reel. She also brought us some made up leaders, and Elaine brought some rod floats along to keep our rods from sinking if they got dropped. Dave Moore generously offered to drive us there and back, as we did not have a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

The whole crew met for breakfast at Casa de Fruta, then headed in. It was a gorgeous drive through green, oak-dotted hills with abundant lupines and other wildflowers. The kids spotted cows, horses, deer, and turkeys as the dirt road made several creek crossings before finally reaching the ranch. Everyone geared up, inflated float tubes, and headed out to the many ponds to fish. We got a ride in a ranch ATV, which was another

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treat. This was my first time fly fishing, and both kids wanted to go opposite directions, but soon we were all on the water. Keith Munger took Noah under his wing, and soon the clear "pops!" of Noah's lure were drifting across the lake. I started by towing Annika around, but she soon cut herself loose, and I got to catch a few bass myself.

By the end of the day the kids were helping net fish trapped in a drying stream and moving them to a new pond. A delicious BBQ rib dinner rounded out the day in style.

Saturday we all hit our stride. Annika caught her first fish ever! After that, she was happy to fish from the dock and banks, landing bass and bluegill one after the other! She particularly like releasing the fish, and was soon offering to release others' fish as well. Noah had soaked up Keith's advice, and was landing lots of fish now. Judy Johnson brought her grandson, Milan, and the three kids were also had fun with a paddle boat and rowboat on the pond. With tips from Keith and Cecilia I was



casting and popping much better, and the fish were very cooperative in rewarding my efforts!

We were in charge of dessert that night, and had brought pies the kids made before the trip. Noah even helped with dishes! The three kids had fun skipping rocks in the creek below the ranch house, and found bones and artifacts too.

Sunday was another fun day at the ponds. Noah had his best day



yet. My cast fell apart for a while, but with a little guidance I was soon catching fish again, and enjoying the beautiful day. Even Annika became sanguine with the trials of landing fish, staying calmly after one got away,

"He let go."

Thanks to everyone for their help and encouragement! For my part, I would encourage anyone to consider bringing along a kid or grand-kid. It will be the trip of a lifetime for them!

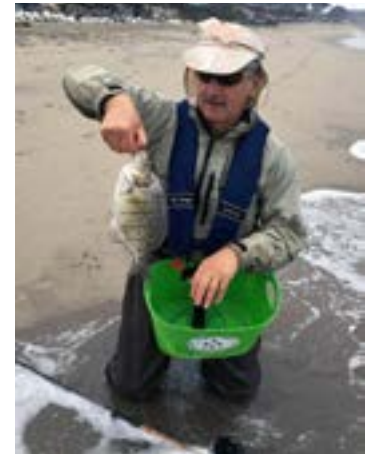
"This was the best trip ever!" the kids said, "We have to go again next year!" I agree.

Surf Fishout, May 12, 2019, Rio Del Mar By Mark Traugott

Three hardy souls - new member Joe Clarke, Dave Moore, and Mark Traugott - decided to celebrate Mothers' Day by heading to the surf. The temperature was quite mild at 6:30 A.M., and we met under an overcast sky and with surf in the range of 3 to 4 feet, a little more than ideal given that this was Joe's first time out (and Dave's second.)

The early hour and the cloud cover kept the errant dog

and beachcomber population to a minimum, but the fish were less than fully cooperative. Joe had a fish on briefly and Mark landed two, one of which was of some size. The fish were all taken on a version of Sam Bishop's red-and-orange fly with bead-chain eyes. We had all retired from the beach by 9:30 A.M., perhaps to go in search of a bouquet to placate any mothers who had expected breakfast in bed.



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Please Note: July Newsletter Deadline
By Newsletter Publisher Pat Steele

I usually notify the SCFF officers and board members about my monthly newsletter deadlines via e-mail, and the rest of the membership may also submit articles to the newsletters. My deadlines are usually the Sundays after the board meetings.

The deadline for the **July newsletter is Sunday, June 19th, by 7:00 PM.** I welcome stories about your fishing exploits, helpful hints, opinions, and as always, publication of submitted articles is at the discretion of both the editor, Kirk Mathew, and myself.

GEARING UP

Loreto Fly Fishing Trip in July 2019 - Sign Up Now!

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett - 831-757-5709

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other saltwater fish, including Bonito, Roosters, Yellowtail and Sailfish on a fly! Join the group going to Loreto in Baja from Sunday, July 14th through Thursday, July 18th. This trip includes:

- * Four nights at the beautiful Hotel La Mision, on the waterfront, next to the Loreto Harbor.
- * Three days of fishing on 24 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 fishing day starts around 6:00 a.m. and we usually get back to the harbor between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

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.

The approximate cost for everything but meals and airfare is: \$795.00 per person (double occupancy). 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. Rich will help with your airline reservations.



Green River Fishout - July 13-19, 2019

Fishmaster: John Steele - 476-0648

The Green River Fishout is scheduled for July 13th through July 19th, 2019 (Saturday through the following Friday). The Green River has its headwaters in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming, and is the largest tributary of the Colorado River.

It reemerges from Flaming Gorge Reservoir Dam, situated in the northeast corner of Utah, and the tailwaters are where our group will fish. The water released from the dam is regulated to maintain an optimum temperature and flow that has created a world-famous blue-ribbon trout fishery. 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.

Lodging for some of the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen group will be at Trout Creek Flies Lodge, which has cabins that can accommodate up to four fishers each, and have mini-fridges and microwaves, and there is an on-site restaurant. John has reserved two cabins thus far, so you wish to stay there, please call Trout Creek at 435-885-3355, and tell them you are with the Steele group. There are other lodging options in the area, namely, Flaming Gorge, (435) 889-3773, and Red Canyon Lodge, (435) 889-3759, and other dining opportunities as well. Your accommodations are up to you to reserve.

If you intend to go on this fishout, please let John know, so he can determine how to schedule guides. At this time of year, both accommodations and guide books fill up, so if your summertime plans include the Green River, call John ASAP.

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

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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. At this issue, there are still spots available. **Unused funds:** Any funds received but not spent on the Fishout will be used for prizes for our annual fund raiser.

GEARING UP

Lake Alpine/Stanslaus River - Aug. 11-15
Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727; 566-7707

On short notice, I have planned a fishout to Lake Alpine and Stanislaus River in Calaveras County. August 11-15. Interested parties are asked to call me. I have room for one more person in a cabin at the Lake Alpine Lodge; there are several camping areas at the lake and nearby (Silver Tip). Please call and we can discuss the details.

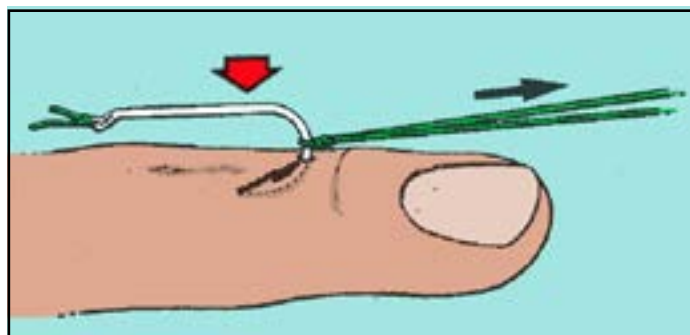
LifeLines

How To Remove a Fish Hook From Your Finger
From <https://www.learnhow-to.com>

This push-down-pull back method has been featured in the SCFF newsletter several times in the past, but it bears repeating, especially to those newbies who may or may not have had the unfortunate experience of hooking oneself.

Nothing beats a great day at fishing, until you catch your finger in the hook instead of an actual fish! It isn't just painful, but the hook is designed in a way that can injure you deeply if removed incorrectly. Follow this guide on how you can safely, and easily, remove that fish hook from your finger. Below are two methods to remove the hook stuck in your finger. You can remove the hook alone from your finger or arm with these methods.

1. With a fishing line, tie a loop around the bend of the hook.
2. Lightly, pull the hook from the wire.
3. With your other hand, gently lower the hook from its eye region and continue pressing down.
4. Very quickly but gently, pull the fishing line at the bend back.
5. Clean the small wound and apply a bandage.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Wiggle Worm

Here's a great pond or lake fly. It jigs nicely. Fish it subsurface on a sinking or floating line depending on the level of the fish. Try slow, medium, or fast strips in an irregular rhythm to attract trout or bass.

Hook: 2457 or 2487, sizes 10 - 12
Thread: Black 6/0
Weight: Lead wire (or substitute) .010 or .015
Tail: Black marabou
Body: Black crystal chenille size medium



1. Crimp barb.
2. Apply thread to rear of shank leaving 6-7-inch tag. Wrap to eye then back to tag with touching wraps.
3. Wrap lead from one eye length in front of thread tag to one eye length behind eye. Make more wraps in center of first layer forming an oval shape. Break off excess lead.
4. Bring tag forward holding tightly across top of lead wraps. Make many wraps forward and backward over lead. Leave thread hanging behind lead. Apply Zap-a-Gap of Super Glue to lead wraps.
5. Using 15 - 20 barbs of fluffy marabou, tie butt ends to shank behind lead. Tear off tips forming tail 1 1/2" - 1 3/4".
6. Tie chenille in behind lead. Advance thread to in front of lead. Wrap chenille forward. Tie off, cut excess.
7. Wrap small thread head. Whip finish, cut excess.

Bait for Thought

Caveat Emptor

Buying a fly rod in the average city store, that is, joining it up and safely wagging it a bit, is much like seeing a woman's arm protruding from a car window: all one can readily be sure of is that the window is open. - John D. Voelker 9 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lemon Pepper Salmon

From <https://simpletasty.recipes>

What you need:

- 4 sheets of foil (9×9)
- 4 four ounce salmon fillets
- 4 tbsp lemon pepper butter
- Salt
- 8 slices of lemon
- Grape tomatoes halved
- 4 sprigs of thyme



To make:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Place the sheets of foil on a baking sheet. Place the salmon fillets on top of the foil sheets, one fillet per sheet. Spread a tbsp of butter on top of each of the fillets and season with salt to taste. Add 2 lemon slices to the top of the fillets followed by 4 pieces of tomato. Top with a sprig of thyme. Repeat this for all 4 fillets. Fold the foil around the fish so that it is completely covered. Bake for about fifteen minutes or until the salmon is cooked through. Transfer the fillets to a plate and serve with rice or vegetables as a side.

FIN FLUTER



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2	3 <i>NewMoon</i> ●	4	5 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	6	7 Ebb and Flow Tannery Art Center 5:30-9 PM	8 Surf Fishout Manresa Beach
9	10 <i>1st Qtr</i> ☾	11	12 Fly Tying Class - 7 PM Aptos Grange	13	14	15
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23	24 <i>LastQtr</i> ☾	25	26	27	28	29
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	1	2 <i>NewMoon</i> ●	3 NO CLUB MEETING	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! March with us in the Aptos Parade!	5	6 Surf Fishout Sunset Beach
7	8	9 <i>1st Qtr</i> ☾	10 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	11	12	13 Green River Fishout ←
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