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CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 4th
Time: Open - 6:45 p.m.
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Five Best Reasons to Fly Fish Montana Guest Speaker: Ed Lawrence



Our speaker this month will be Montana outfitter, Ed Lawrence. If you have ever thought you would like to plan a fishing trip into Montana, Ed Lawrence, should be your go-to planner. He will help you with your choice of rivers if you wish.

A number of SCFF members have planned fishing trips with Ed. I and a long-time friend of mine traveled to Montana last year with a goal of fishing four or five rivers in five or six days. We wanted to fish the Yellowstone, The Madison, the Jefferson and the Missouri before discussing our choices with Ed. Our final plan with Ed's suggestions, was to fish the Missouri twice in different places, including a third day fishing The Land of Giants, and along with the Madison and the Yellowstone.

It was a great organized, efficient trip. We met our guides in the morning, fished all day, drove to the next river that night, had dinners on our own after fishing, then spent our nights in Holiday Express Hotels, all arranged by Ed. We then met our guides the next morning at our front lobby door and went fishing. So, after that, we flew into Bozeman on Sunday, started fishing Monday on the Madison and were able to fish five days in a row. We returned back to Bozeman in the evening of the last day and flew home the next day, actually seven days all together, making it a very enjoyable trip, which I plan to do this year and next and next and next.

I would be happy to discuss our Montana with anyone who is interested, and Ed's program will entice you even more to find out what the five best reasons are to fly fish Montana!

Note: The above description was from Jim Black, our programs director.

FLY TYING CLASS

Dates: Sat. and Sun., March 7th and 8th. (two-day class)
Times: Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Place: Elaine Cook's home, 215 Treasure Island Ave., Aptos

Bass Poppers Instructor: Elaine Cook. (831) 688-1561



Spring is right around the corner. Time to get an arsenal of flies into your box for bass and bluegill. The class requires two days for the epoxy drying, and will be held over the weekend, not the usual second Wednesday of the month.

Signups are MANDATORY! Either sign up at the club meeting or call Elaine ((831) 688-1561). There is limited space. Beginners need to know how to use a vise and bobbin. There is no charge for members, and all materials will be provided. Directions and what to bring will be provided when you sign up. The class will also include an hour of bass fishing instruction.

** As we go to print the class is full. A cancellation list is being maintained.*

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President's Line

First Light

By President Tom Hogye

Yawn! It's 3:15 a.m. and I'm up getting ready to head to the airport. I like getting up early. Especially if I'm getting on a plane or into my truck to head out on an adventure. There's just something about that special excitement that comes from disconnecting from the normal work flow of life, planning to get into the great outdoors and fish.

My favorite time to be driving is so early that even in the Bay Area, no one is on the road. Your only concern the potential of a deer, coyote, mountain lion, raccoon, or possum crossing the road. Coffee! Always on the road long enough for that break from black to navy, to dark blue as the sun is long from the horizon, but letting us know that it will soon be first light.

When my brother and I first drove across the country more than 37 years ago, I still distinctly remember when that first light started to occur and where. The most stunning is when we were driving through Cheyenne, Wyoming. That one I'll never forget. In Albuquerque when my dad and I drove across again and it had snowed on our way into Flagstaff, Arizona.

I can't really explain it, but maybe it's this weird sense of being ahead of everyone else, being the first to see what no one else was seeing, and to see it all pure, quiet, no traffic, no one else. It's kind of like those winter days in Ohio when it snowed a foot, was still snowing heavily, and the bunch of us ventured out to the Metro Parks in the hills, and how almost unnaturally, crazy quiet it was. Or the time Mona and I were at eleven thousand feet on the Bear Tooth Mountain pass in Montana hiking a couple miles back into the wilderness to fish for Brookies. We stopped and just looked at each other, marveling at how we could hear nothing. Nothing at all but for a bird, a bug, or the sound of the breeze.

Last year, I was up early and passing through the foothills in Roseville, on my way to my first Pyramid fishout, when that first light occurred again. Could not have been a better morning, capped off by seeing my good friends of SCFF by

10:30 a.m., then landing my first Lahontan Cutthroat by 12:30. This would be where they do that "mic drop" thing - boom. One and done, baby!

Or there was that morning, freezing cold, ice on the guides, can't really see the river you're entering. How light makes you rub your early morning eyes as if they need help adjusting, then that grab hours later and you're off and running with a steelhead on the other end.

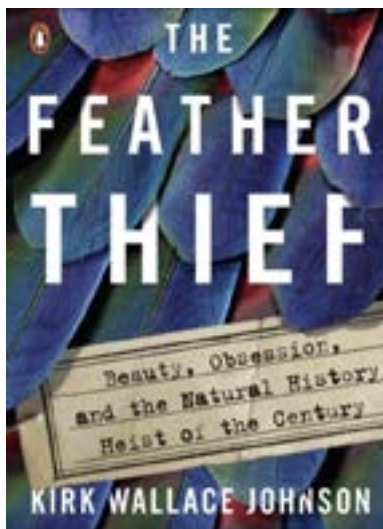
Even though this morning means sitting in the airport on a Sunday morning heading for a conference in Florida, where it's all about "how much more can you bring in the door, Hogye", I am looking forward to those other mornings, those mornings I might not have a chance to do if it weren't for my work, family, friends and SCFF. Makes everything worth it.

Over the next couple of months, watch for the new SCFF website! Thanks to Pat Steele, Bob Peterson, and your board, we will be fast moving into the 21st century with some really exciting, intuitive and vibrant changes to the Santa Cruz Fly Fishing website. We're really excited. And if you'd like to lend your

expertise and be on the cutting edge of this work, helping us with our monthly newsletter, content, email lists, and other resources we are working on, please reach out and we'd love to have your help.

If you need a good book to read, look for "Feather Thief". It's a very interesting look at what happened to the fly-tying industry and one particular person. I've listened to the podcast twice and then met Bill Keogh from Keogh Hackles at this year's Fly-Fishing Expo in Pleasanton, where so many of us met for what you could rightly call our second "Christmas." It's such an awesome place to meet so many people who love the outdoors, fly fishing, and all that it encompasses. Was another really great year.

At this moment, sitting on the plane for yet another work trip, I'm looking forward to trips with SCFF, my family and friends. See you soon!



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Google Groups Help
Courtesy of Scott Kitayama

Help with Google Groups before the March 4th meeting @ 6:40 pm.

In less than two weeks, over half of the club membership has accepted the invitation to join [santacruzflyfishermen](#) Google Group and are getting email updates. To help get everyone on board, Scott Kitayama will be assisting and answering questions before the March meeting.

Subjects to be covered::

- * What is Google Groups? What does it look like?
- * Did you get an email invitation from santacruzflyfishermen around February 11th?

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- * Are you receiving the emails from the group?
 - * Do you have a Google Groups account?
- Come on by and let's get everyone included in the group.

Publisher's Note: This is important information to know, and will serve as a way for members to stay in touch, stay current, and pair up on last-minute local fishing trips in the interim between the old website going offline and the new one being launched. Please take advantage of Scott's expertise!

Catchy Releases

We are pleased to announce that the final conference agenda packet is posted for the 38th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference taking place in Santa Cruz, CA from March 31 - April 3, 2020. The theme of the upcoming conference is 2020 Vision for California's Salmonscape. Please see the SRF website for information on workshops, field tours, and concurrent sessions. Information regarding the Plenary Session and other special events is now posted as well.

Conference Registration

You may register for the 2020 Salmonid Restoration Conference via any of the following methods:

Register online and make a secure payment with PayPal. Fill out the registration form and fax it with your payment information to (707) 923-3135

Mail your registration form and payment to the SRF office: 425 Snug Alley, Unit D, Eureka, CA 95501; make checks payable to SRF

E-mail your registration form and payment information to info@calsalmon.org

SRF expects that this conference will sell out so please register early.



SRF Membership Soiree

SRF's annual membership dinner will be a strolling soiree at NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center. This event will coincide with the launch of the Sanctuary's interactive California Salmonscape exhibit and will feature a short presentation by the legendary artist Ray Troll, whose art is highlighted in the exhibit, and Sarah Mesnick who leads the science, art, and seafood campaign at NOAA Fisheries.

2020 SRF Conference Poster Session

The Poster Session will be 7-10 pm on Thursday, April 2 at the Coconut Grove. This annual event is open to all conference attendees and is a great venue to network with your peers. There is no additional cost to attend or present a poster. We encourage posters, pamphlet distribution, software exhibits, and multimedia (video) presentations.

Please visit the conference FAQ page for more information about the conference venues, hotel options, and more. Thank you and please contact us with any questions,

Dana Stolzman

Executive Director - Salmonid Restoration Federation

Conservation Concerns

By Conservation Director Steve Rudzinski

I was nervous tonight (2/5/2020), it was serious for me, I didn't look up enough and Adam Schiff would shake his head a little but I did get applause which I never expected at all. I was sure it would be pretty silent and you know what? I don't care, I have the floor. I explained to everyone that it was a historic week/day and all our hard work since my childhood, I saw the "Clean Water Act" signed as law and my home Hudson River slowly cleaned up to attract striped bass again and the "Love Canal" toxic site was exposed and the residents helped.

Rolling back laws on the books just because you can and it upsets conservationists is even more reason to sell out our precious Interior lands to mineral extraction and fracking for natural gas. Putting a label on what political party is better for the environment is a lopsided one and this current administration only caters to the corporate giants, Coal ash not okay to dump into waterways once forbidden under previous laws has been lifted and the die off of fish was as expected, fatal for aquatic life. This is not on any normal TV news show. There's a lot of truth out there that most of us are unaware or don't care.

As the Conservation chairman, I perhaps broke a rule, written or assumed, but I don't care, I have the seat, impeach me. I have the votes, I heard the applause, If I want to present a show on the REAL cause of "global warming", showing that CO2 is actually a very positive thing for the planet and all plants and trees. CO2 is GOOD but what the sky shows us daily is a haze when there should be the bluebird blue sky of our youth. The aerial aerosols cloud the sky as the jets lay down even patterns and grids, turning on and off the spraying, it's quite a show, many think of it as normal and not at all questioning what we see is not normal at all.

My message was a hope that we will not let dirty corporations supported by a dirty government spoil our heritage and our children and grandchildren to avoid this new world order plan, Agenda 21 Agenda 2030. Not the rantings of a novice seeker, I have studied as much as I can stand but none of it is very positive for our future. No "Pollyanna" pie in the sky fixes,

the UN Agenda is well under way to completely ionize our upper stratosphere with metallic dust that will remain there and aid the 5G coming to a telephone pole near you.

Please Impeach me, let me go.

This is the last Newsletter from our beloved Pat, my friend and co-conspirator and a sister to whom I always can speak my truth. It's important to be able to find that person who does not judge but listens and learns and comments and shares their ideas on the subject. What I learned as jumping from Facilities board member to the President for three years and now Conservation is that having to report on only local issues that affect us here at home may not be what I am not most good at providing. There is so much more out there to study, I feel the club would be overwhelmed.

Since I heard applause, please send me your thoughts, I know members want the truth and it is important, The links I used for my reports I check out and will send to you if you ask.

If my report was offensive to my more conservative friends I am not sorry at all, my job is to report on what I feel most passionate about and will affect the most of us no matter what political opinion exists.

This being the last chance to blog on the SCFF Newsletter I wanted to speak out and say thanks to those who supported my very nervous presentation which I wish I had practiced it first. I welcome any emails or calls and remain your Conservation Chair.

Thank you, Pat, for all your hard work, and it was a pleasure working with you when I was president for three years. You rock, and have been a real sister to me. Much loud applause. Peace,

Steve/Stosh Rudzinski 2/6/2020



GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout, March 15th-21st, 2020
Fishmaster: Mike White - (831) 706-5556

The Pyramid Lake trip is one of the best-attended fishouts the club has, and for a good reason. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout cruise parallel to the shore in easy casting distance from shore. Cost for the week including meals and lodging and is around \$300-plus per person depending on the number in attendance. You need not fish all six days as there may be openings (usually later in the week.) Contact Mike for more details (831) 706-5556, to check on openings, or be put on a waiting list. First come first served.

You can also make your own arrangements either by bringing your own RV (Pyramid Lake 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 Pyramid Lake 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.pyramidlake-lodge.com. The General Store in Sutcliff offers meals on selected nights only to those who call in before 2:00 PM. Check at the General Store for details.

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

Flies: Woolly buggers in black, white, purple, olive, midge, caddis and mayfly nymphs to name a few. 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 (831) 713-6835. There is a general store with provisions as well as tackle and an assortment of flies.

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

If you have any questions about equipment or how to get there, check the "Gearing up" columns in the March 2007-2009 archives on our great club website, or call Mike White at (831) 706-5556.

If you are considering going to Pyramid again this year with the club and you have not already done so, please contact the person who is booking the trailer you stayed in last year. Trailer-masters, if your trailer has gaps or cancellations, you can call Mike so he can pass the names of members who don't have lodging to fill the empty spots.

Fishing, Camping, and New Ladder Regulation: Fishing and camping permits can be purchased online prior to the fish-out. We would highly recommend doing this. Go to www.plpt.nsn.us to obtain your licenses. There is also an RV Park available at (775) 476-1155.

As with any great fishery there are always a long list of rules and regulations. We would recommend you review them on the website above. Suffice to say those of us who have been going to Pyramid Lake for many years are a good source of information as well. We will help inform and guide all newcomers.

15.6 USE OF LADDERS, ETC. Any ladders, milk crates, boxes or other objects used in the water as a fishing aid must be occupied or closely attended (i.e. remain in the area) by fishermen at all times. 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.

Last year I observed people parked closer than 100 feet to the lake. I asked several of them about it, and the response was the Rangers weren't enforcing it. This prompted me to contact the lead Ranger by phone. He said, "We are most definitely going to enforce the 100-foot ordinance!" So, when parking your vehicle, you must be a minimum of 100 feet from the lake's water line. Also, you need a permanent tag affixed to your ladder with your name, address, and phone number on it. Most of us who use fiberglass ladders use a heavy black magic marker to write the necessary information directly on the ladder. There are also tags which can be purchased from local fly shops, for a fee.

This year I have four trailers reserved. (6,7,8, and 9) As of November 1st 2019 all trailers are full. Of course, we will always try to accommodate any newcomers, so contact Mike at (831) 706-5556 and we will figure out a way for you to experience the thrill of catching a 10-plus pound LCT. You can always make your own arrangements by contacting the Pyramid Lake Lodge at (775) 476-0400. Mike White (831) 706-5556, lumberguy73@hotmail.com

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



GEARING UP

Los Banos Creek - March 23rd - 26th
Fishmaster: Dan Eaton - 831-336-2933



Los Banos Creek Reservoir has Bass and Bluegill and the option of fishing Stripers and Bass in the O'Neill Forebay 20 miles away. Los Banos Campground ((209) 826-6393) doesn't take reservations, has 14 sites with tables with shade and also shade trees, non-potable water, and campfire rings. Sites are \$20.00 per day. Bring firewood and folding chairs.

Food: Bring your own food for breakfast and lunch. Also bring plates, cups and silverware. Dinner will be pot-luck; bring your

own meat. I will supply stove, BBQ, coffee pot and wash area for dishes.

Gear: Float tube and fins. Fly line include floating, intermediate, and fast sinking. For fly suggestions contact me.

This Fishout is limited to the first 10 members who contact me - Dan Eaton (831) 336-2933.

Bourdet Ranch

Cecilia Stipes - 831-335-5727 - flyfishgal3@aol.com

For anyone who would like to bass fish, I am offering day trips to the Bourdet Ranch in Hollister across from Casa de Fruta Restaurant on Hwy 152. **Dates to be announced** as we approach bass spawning season (April through May, sometimes into June). This is a really good opportunity for new fly fishers to learn skills quickly on ponds where blue gill and bass are eager to

take your flies. Each trip will be limited to six fishers, non-fishers are welcome. Cost \$75/per son. 4-WD vehicle is required, you will fish from float tubes and need fins. (I have extra tubes to lend). I am creating a list with names from which to call once I pin down dates. If you are interested, please email or call me with your name and phone number.

Roostercomb Ranch Fishouts - April 17-19 and May 1-3, 2020

Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727 - fishgal3@aol.com

This is our club's 21st annual fishout to the Roostercomb Ranch, owned and operated by Scott Wilkinson. This private ranch is located adjacent to Henry Coe State Park, 22 miles off Hwy 152 from the entrance which is 5 miles from Casa de Fruta Restaurant in Hollister. It is a 3-day fun-filled weekend with fishing 9 bass ponds, hiking, birding and photography on nearly 6,000 acres. The ponds are primarily fished from float tubes or from the bank using woolly buggers and poppers. You can also bring conventional spin rods and gear. Accommodations are the 1928 ranch house and a cowboy bunk house, or if you prefer, your own tent or vehicle.

Breakfasts and dinner meals/barbecues are organized by teams. Lunches, snacks and beverages are individuals' responsibilities. For more details, please feel free to call me.

The terrain is rough, rocky and sometimes steep; therefore **all vehicles MUST be 4-WD or AWD with good clearance to drive in and around the ranch!** If you do not have a 4-WD vehicle, I can make arrangements for you to carpool with other members or with Scott. Non-fishers are always welcome.

Each fishout is limited to 15 fishers and 4 non-fishers. **NOTE:** You are only able to call in for yourself and your partner, and children.

COST: \$250 /person (no charge for children 12 yrs and under). The earliest sign-up for either or **both** fishouts, is by phone call: **Thursday, March 19, 7:00 pm. Your confirmation is not complete until I receive your check!**

Check payable to: Cecilia Stipes Mail: 328 Capelli Drive, Felton, CA 95018

Los Padres Fishout - April 25th, 2020

Fishmaster: Roy Gunter-809-0316 - rgunteriii@yahoo.com

Los Padres Reservoir is located East of Carmel Valley Village. The best route is Carmel Valley Road East about 8 miles to a right turn on Cachagua Road to a right turn into and through Princess Camp then about .5 miles to the Reservoir parking lot. You have to carry your float tube about .5 miles into the reservoir and launch from the dam. Lake is about a mile long. Best to arrive before daybreak. Parking lot usually fills up opening day. **DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS VISIBLE WITHIN YOUR VEHICLE OR ON THE SHORE.** Fishing is very similar to Goodwin Lake: very few hits on the surface; use long



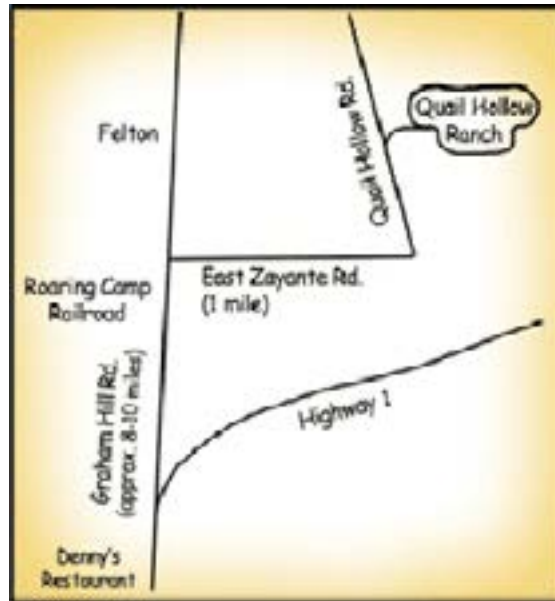
sinking lines (I like Rio T-11 or Type 7); must pinch barbs (Fish and Game enforcement very active at reservoir); flies sizes 8 and 10 hooks, types black and brown woolly buggers, Denny Rikards seal buggers (orange, olive and black) and leeches (brown and black), Hale Bopp leeches (black, brown and wine) and Hornburgs. No signups necessary, anyone wishing to fish should just show up and if you can find me on the reservoir say "Hi" and ask where to fish. In general, fish in 10 to 20-foot depths. There are huge brown trout, rainbows up to 24" and a chance to catch steelhead much bigger.

GEARING UP

Fly Fishing 101-Public Education Day

May 31, 2020 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Quail Hollow Ranch

This is an annual Fly Club tradition. The event is hosted in conjunction with the Santa Cruz County Parks, Education and Conservation Program. Our club and the sport of fly fishing is recognized for taking care of our environment and passing on a conservation legacy. Quail Hollow Ranch is a beautiful mountain park acquired by the county in the mid 80s. It features a 300-acre preserve that was once the home to Ohlone Indians, Spanish ranchers, even the headquarters for Sunset Magazine. Now it is home to a few horses, a natural history center and a spring-fed "untouchable" bass and bluegill pond. Don't forget the binoculars, as this is a major stop on the bird watchers circuit. The Ranch is located above Felton, about a mile up Zayante Rd., a left turn just past the old Trout Farm Inn.



Kids and grandkids are especially welcome, so bring them along. They are the future of both fly fishing and conservation, so it's important to expose them to the sport. This event is all going to happen rain or shine. Everything is provided for fly casting, rods and reels, and hookless yarn flies. There will be fly tying demonstrations as well. This will be a great club event, with a special invitation to all members to come out and represent what we're all about. Members who attend should be sporting some club attire, like one of our baseball caps, a T-shirt, or a casting shirt with our logo on it, and your name tag, so guests can tell who we are. There'll be a BBQ lunch for everyone. Tell a friend and bring a friend to Fly Fishing 101 at Quail Hollow Ranch, Sunday, May 31st, 2020.

The day is geared toward introducing and educating the public as to why the members of our club are so hooked on fly fishing. Fly Fishing 101 will be taught by a member expert in the morning, followed by casting lessons in the morning and in the afternoon. There will also be fly tying demonstrations.

Directions: Take Graham Hill Road to East Zayante Road and travel about a mile, pass the Trout Farm Inn, take a left at the Quail Hollow Road bridge. Follow the road about a 1/2 mile and you will see the entrance on your right. For more info contact Kevin Murdock at troutdock@sbcglobal.net

The Green River, Utah - July 11-17, 2020 (Saturday through the following Friday)

Fishmaster: John Steele - 831-476-0648 - owlspad@me.com

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 summer-time plans include the Green River, call John ASAP.



GEARING UP

Loreto Fly Fishing Trip - July 12-16, 2020

Fishmaster: Rich Hughett - 831-757-5709

Sign Up Now!

Experience a new HIGH! Fish for Dorado, and many other salt-water fish, including Bonito, Roosters, Yellowtail and Sailfish on a fly! Join the group going to Loreto in Baja from Sunday, July 12th through Thursday, July 16th. This trip includes:

***Four nights at the beautiful Hotel La Mision, on the waterfront next to Loreto Harbor.**

***Three days of fishing on 24-foot Super Pangas, with fly fishing guides.**

***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 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: **\$900.00 per person** (double occupancy). Interested? Please contact Rich Hughett, 831-757-5709, for all the details. You will need to book airline flights* as soon as possible. No advance payment needed.

**Southwest Airlines from San Jose and Alaska Airlines from Los Angeles to Loreto. Rich will help with your airline reservations.*



Mammoth Lakes Fishout - Sept. 19th-26th and Sept. 26th-Oct. 3rd.

Fishmaster: John Cook - 688-1561

This fishout will take place over two consecutive one-week periods, Sept. 19th through Sept 26th, and Sept. 26th - Oct. 3rd. You may sign up for one of these two periods, or both.

Location: Mammoth Lakes is on the eastern side of the Sierra, 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 \$590 per week.

Cost: \$330 per person per week. This covers seven nights' lodging with three meals per day. Sign up for either week, for \$330, or both weeks for \$660.

Meal Preparation: Each person will be assigned to a group for a Kitchen Day. The group will set out breakfast and lunch



foods, store unused food, prepare the evening meal and clean up on the day assigned.

Sign Up: By April 22nd the first people who send me their money will get first shot at a spot. When you send me the money, state which week you want. Money is not refundable unless someone takes your place. I will let everyone know after April 30th. Make plans with friends to secure a spot for each of you. I must receive your money before April 22nd. Mail

your check, made out to John Cook, to P.O. Box 2822, Aptos, CA, 95001-2822.

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

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

O'Neill Forebay Fishout - October 15-18

Fishmaster: Steve Rudzinski - 831-462-4532

The O'Neill Forebay fishout for striped bass is October 15-18. We'll convene at the Meideros campground sites 26-28. Please email or call Steve Rudzinski, ssrudzinski@gmail.com or call at 831 462 4532 (land line with answering machine) for info. The sign up sheet will be at the club meeting on Oct. 7th at the Aptos Grange Hall.



MONTHLY RAFFLE

Forget March Madness -We Have Great March Prizes!

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Just in time for your big trip to Pyramid Lake we have an Echo Ion XL 9 ft. 8 wt. Rod which features a twin ring locking reel seat, alignment dots on each of the four sections, and a nice little fighting butt. Paired with this rod is an Echo Ion large arbor Rulon disc reel. This package is perfect for the big fish and the big winds that Pyramid is known for. It also is a nice rig for the surf.

In case we have forgotten, it is still on the cool side of spring so it might be nice to have a little bit of heat on these cold mornings when we are outdoors. This Little Buddy heater runs off the small propane tanks putting out 3800 BTU's of heat for in the tent, the back of the truck or in the shop. It will heat up to 95 square feet and will run for over 5 hours on

a single tank of gas. Also great for the bath at home when the power is out.

As long as we're up early in the dark or possibly facing a power outage, a GE Enbrighten lantern can help light the way. It puts out 500 lumens of bright white light for 180 hours running on 4 D cell batteries. It features 3 light levels and a carabiner style hanger handle.

DOOR PRIZE! EVERYONE GETS A FREE TICKET!

We have a really nice little pocket knife by Opinel of Savoie France. It has a twist lock ring and Trout image wooden handle. The company dates back to the late 1800's. It is perfect for streamside picnic lunch preparation.



Bait for Thought

Retirement

“Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.” - Fred Rogers

LifeLines

10 Tips for Wilderness Survival

From <https://blog.theclymb.com/tips/10-tips-for-wilderness-survival/>

Sometimes we forget how easy we have it. Amid our crazy life schedules, we tend to take for granted that purified bottle of water when thirsty, or the push of a button to light a fire.

But it's important to remember that in the blink of an eye, it can all be gone. The unexpected happens, you get in an accident or lose your way; now, it's just you and the wilderness with no ties to civilization. Here are ten basic survival tips to get you prepared- just in case.

Communication is key:

Please, please, please tell someone where you are going before you set off for a trip. No matter where you go, even if you end up stranded unexpectedly, you started from somewhere in civilization. Tell close friends and family where you are going and if you have a specific route or amount of time you will be gone.

Keep your head on:

Now is the time to be calm and think positive. It doesn't sound like much, but optimism goes a long way, and in a survival situation, it starts with you, your attitude and your will no matter how scared and alone you may feel. First, keep a realistic outlook and diligently plan to keep yourself in the best possible physical and mental state. If something isn't working out, like building a fire or shelter, don't rush, because that can lead to panic. Stop, breathe and think about what you need, observe your surroundings and organize a new plan.

Take inventory:

Keep everything you've got, because the second plans go south, these items will become your most prized possessions and could save your life. Don't underestimate the worthiness of even the smallest knick knack- in Gary Paulson's classic, The Hatchet, Brian Robeson used his shoe lace to make a nifty bow and arrow for survival!

It's time to get creative. Familiarize yourself with how to build a lean-to; there are various types of shelters you can build and each has different pros and cons. Obviously you want overhead covering for warmth at night and protection from the elements. If you are in rocky, mountainous terrain, look for overhangs. Otherwise, use limbs and leaves or anything that can provide insulation. Pine needles usually blanket the ground in thick batches, excellent for bedding.

Agua por favor:

Your body will not last more than three days without water. If you are lucky enough to be near a body of freshwater - good for you, just make sure to boil before quenching your thirst. No water in sight? Continue your search and construct a rain catcher or water still.

Keep that belly happy:

Things can get frustrating when it comes to finding adequate sources of food when you are in survival mode, especially since malnutrition will work you mentally and physically, making you feel weak, cranky and delirious. It's a good idea to get familiar with edible wild berries and plants for future reference when out in the wild. Also, it's time to grow up and banish the word "picky" from your vocabulary. When it comes to survival, embrace anything and everything (carefully) including bugs, eggs, fruit, leaves. Learn to build some simple traps to catch small animals and don't rely on just one single food source. Protein is important for



strength; know what various nutrients your body needs for prime sustainability.

Light that fire:

Those glowing red flames provide light, cooked food, warmth and protection from predators and pesky bugs. Here are a few tried and true techniques for conjuring that mighty blaze:

[Fire Plow](http://www.hollowtop.com/spt_html/fireplow.htm) - http://www.hollowtop.com/spt_html/fireplow.htm

[Bow and Drill](http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/bowdrill/pmoc/basicbowdrill.html) - <http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/bowdrill/pmoc/basicbowdrill.html>

[Lens Method](http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/magnifier/) - <http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/magnifier/>

[Fire from Ice](http://wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/ice/rb/rbfirefromice3a.html) - <http://wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/ice/rb/rbfirefromice3a.html>

[Soda Can and Chocolate](http://wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/cokeandchocolatebar/) - <http://wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/cokeandchocolatebar/>

[Battery method](http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/battery/) - <http://www.wildwoodsurvival.com/survival/fire/battery/>

One word: Tool:

Keep a pocket knife, or multi-tool with you at all times, because you never know when you will need it- and when you do need it, you will rejoice that you have something to cut, protect and prepare food- even if all you have is a crappy, little knife. Keep it sharpened.

H-E-L-P:

Survival is your first priority, but don't forget - you need to get rescued as well. Come up with an action plan in case a plane flies overhead or there are search parties nearby. You've seen it in the movies - prepare a giant, easily visible fire pit out in the open or lay out stones in the pattern of HELP or S.O.S. You can also use any shiny, metallic object for reflection purposes.

Navigation:

It's a good idea to have a compass with you at all times, but if not then what? Get old school and use the stars- it's a lot easier than you think. Also, keep note of rivers, paths or mountains - following these can lead to roads and civilization.

FLY OF THE MONTH

Schroeders Parachute Hopper

It's never too early to get ready for summer with a few hoppers. This old pattern continues to be very effective and has an entirely different profile than foam patterns.

Hook: TMC 5262 or 5612, sizes 6 - 12
Thread: Tan 8/0
Post: White calf body
Body: Golden brown Antron dubbing
Wing: Mottled turkey quill feather
Legs: Ringneck Pheasant tail feather
Hackle: Grizzly, barbs 1 1/2 - 2 times hook gap
Thorax: Same as body



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye in touching wraps 1/3rd back.
3. Cut a small clump of calf body hair from hide. Clean and stack. Lay on shank with tips forward extending 1/2 shank length beyond tie in; securely tie in. Cut butts at an angle; wrap down. Holding upright make many wraps in front to hold upright.
4. Dub generous body to within 1/8" of post.
5. Treat windings with lacquer or Flexament. Separate section of quill 1/4" wide, cut according to diagram. Place round end to rear of fly, butt up against the post and tie in place.
6. Using 6 - 8 Pheasant feather barbs, tie knot in center (tricky, go to web for techniques). Apply Zap-A-Gap to keep fibers together. Tie in one leg on each side behind post according to diagram. Cut excess.
7. Prep hackle end with "crew-cut" (diagram). Tie in front of post. Hold upright and tie to base of post.
8. Dub generous thorax. Leave thread hanging on your side of shank.
9. Make 3 - 4 hackle wraps around base of post. While holding hackle downward, make 3 thread wraps around base of post.
10. Tie off behind eye. cut excess hackle.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Sautéed Striped Bass with Lemon and Herb Sauce

From <https://www.cookinglight.com/>

If you find sea bass to be strong-flavored, remove the pan drippings from the skillet before making the sauce for a milder final product. The wine-butter sauce is a good complement to the dish, especially with caramelized lemon notes.

Ingredients:

4 (5-oz.) skin-on striped bass fillets
(either hybrid striped bass or wild), patted dry
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
1 lemon, halved lengthwise
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons dry white wine
2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

1. Sprinkle fillets with pepper and 3/4 teaspoon salt; let stand 20 minutes.
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Add lemons, cut sides down, and cook until lightly charred, about 5 minutes. Add olive oil, and place fillets, skin sides down, in skillet with lemon. Cook, undisturbed, until sides of skin begin to brown and fish is almost fully opaque, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. When the fillets appear to be approximately 90% cooked through, gently shake skillet. When cooked with patience, the fish will release itself from the pan, allowing you to flip the fillets without sticking. Flip fillets, and cook 1 minute. Transfer fish and lemons to plates. Cut each lemon half into 2 wedges. Wipe skillet clean.
4. Reduce heat to medium-low, and add wine, remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, and butter. As butter melts, whisk to emulsify mixture. Spoon sauce over fillets. Sprinkle with parsley, and serve with a charred lemon wedge.



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APRIL 2020

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			1 1st Qtr. ☾ Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM April Fool's Day	2	3	4
5	6 FullMoon ☉	7	8 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM Passover	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 LastQtr. ☾	15 Board Meeting Steele Home 7 PM	16 Passover over	17 Roostercomb	18 Ranch Fishout
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26	27	28	29	30 1st Qtr. ☾		

Gone Fishing/Shopping at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show By Steve Rudzinski

We had a great day roaming the building to find things to buy, attending a couple power point lectures and getting the gear we want for the trip to Pyramid Lake in March.

The tailgate party actually had a tailgate, Jim brought his own smoked salmon caught off the 4 Play last summer. The color and taste of local fish is the best. We all brought sandwiches and cold beer and snacks to share. The tuna jerky was pretty strange, we agreed later.

To miss the traffic mess home, we went to the Hopyard Brewery/restaurant for sliders and Pliny the younger or elder beer. Thanks to Jeff (Yog) for designated driving Jim Tolonen's car home, and to Sam Bishop who had us over for a cold one, he drove in his truck and therefore is not in the photo. We saw many club members there and friends from other places. It was like a reunion feeling all day.

12 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen

