

**OCTOBER**

**2017**

## CLUB MEETING

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

### San Luis Reservoir & O'Neill Forebay Presentation *Guest Speaker: Lee Haskin*

In the early 1970's Lee began to fish San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay, with a primary interest in catching stripers with top water bugs. About that same time Lee and old friend and mentor, Del Brown, (talk about good company!) began fishing the South San Francisco Bay for stripers. Del and Lee fished from Coyote Point to Candlestick Park throughout the 1970's. However, in the early 1980's, the San Francisco Bay's incredible striper fishing dropped off, and Del began his world record run for permit. At this time, Lee concentrated his efforts once again on the San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay, targeting the flats and islands along Highway 152 on the O'Neill Forebay, and also, depending on the season, along the dam and many accessible coves, fishing from a float tube. Lee has fished these areas successfully since the 70's.



Although Lee enjoys catching stripers throughout the year on his own flies, specifically Lee's San Luis Smelt, he is particularly fond of throwing his favorite gurgler patterns along the weed beds of the O'Neill Forebay. Lee found that his Gurgler Series could fill a niche with top-water loving fly fisherman around the world, and enjoys introducing people to this versatile pattern.

Lee's presentation on the San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay, is an orientation of both areas, featuring information where and why to fish during certain seasons, how to fish the limited structure, and various shallow-to-deep areas. Special consideration is given to water flows, and how to fish this moving water, and why. Given the wind, during the summer months, it is critical to understand where you can fish safely, and effectively. Lee will explain where and how to fish during certain times of the year.

Since the presentation is primarily for float tubers, Lee will explain the access points, and safety, when fishing "the Lake" or "the Forebay." Information about preferred equipment-rods, lines, flies (baitfish), etc. will be provided. Lee even will provide handouts, so you won't have to take notes. If the striper fishing on the reservoir is on your bucket list, you really need to come to this presentation!

## FLY TYING CLASS

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13th  
**Time:** Open - 6:45 p.m.  
 Class - 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

### Pond Smelt *Instructor: Elaine Cook-688-1561*



This bait pattern can be very successful in stillwaters, especially for larger trout or bass. If you're going on the Lake Almanor fishout, be sure to put a few in your fly box. As always, there is no charge for fly tying classes.

All materials are provided. Experienced fly tiers should bring some white, flat waxed nylon, monochord, UTL Ultra or similar thread. Bring your tying tools, vise, light and any magnification you may need. If you are a beginner and do not yet have your own tools and vise, we have some you can use, so don't let that stop you.

Sign ups will be taken at the September club meeting, or you may call Elaine at 688-1561. If you sign up and later discover you cannot attend the class, please call and let Elaine know, because she prepares the materials for the class based on the number of signups.

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# President's Line

Sept./October 2017

By Interim President Tom Hogye

All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full.

When I was first the Conservation Chair, the internet did not exist. E-mail was something wholly new, putting the "fax machine" in peril.

When I was President the first time, Facebook did not exist, you couldn't fix your car from a You Tube video and iPhone wasn't a word.

I don't know why I love the fish, the birds, and wild, open and natural spaces the way I do. Not sure why I'm so bent up when these things get out of kilter, abused. Maybe it's because they are underdogs and because I've always sort of looked at myself as an underdog-the small, wiry, yappy kind. Maybe it's just because it's the gift and I'm good at it.

I know why I like fly fishing-or fishing in general. But most especially, fly fishing. Never forget the first time Mona and I encountered two older gents fly fishing the Stanislaus and how beautifully quiet and artistic, peaceful it was. I like it because it affords me that solitude we all long for. Even when we meet together as a group, we all still quietly, without notice, want to move upstream, or down, or pull off to the side, sit a spell, and just be, or savor the moment of the fish that came to fly, and allowed us that chance to marvel at their

beauty just under the surface of the water.

This solace is not something we can take for granted anymore. It becomes less and less as we continue to roof and pave over this planet, considering open space and wild rivers just another empty space for apartments and drinking water.

For over 40 years, people like the Steele's, Cook's, Powers', Petersons', Kinzli's, Gutierrez's, and many others, have literally dedicated their lives to fly fishing and all it encompasses. Forty years of coming together for that which all of us reading are inclined to; fly fishing and our wild and scenic waterways. Forty years!

My hope is to cultivate the foundations for another successful 40 years of SCFF. For this purpose of preserving that feeling inside when you're getting ready for a trip, for just a few hours, or a few weeks (or months!). To preserve (and restore) these Pacific coast waterways, most especially right in our back yard, and offer our help wherever else that might be. To have fun, which fly fishing is; this strange throwing and unfolding of line, delivering the tiniest projectiles to a target in the midst of all sorts of obstacles. The excitement of fly in the right place, fish in the right place and where it all just comes together. Where you hoot and holler, or perhaps just quietly smile, bowing a thank you for all things present, and on to the next. Let's get busy!



## MONTHLY RAFFLE

Fall Fishing Gear

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Time to get ready for our big winter steelhead and Delta Stripers; what better way to this than a new rod and reel?

We have a new "V-access" 9 foot 8 weight medium fast action rod. It comes in a cloth covered hard case with a card holding slot and an adjustable shoulder strap. The medium length grip provides great control, the hook keeper and fighting butt are both nice touches. Each section of the rod is marked with a single dot the makes assembly and alignment accurate and easy. The single wire snake guides cast smoothly with great line speed. This is a great beginner set up or a back-up rig for your next trip up north.

**Danvise Rotary Vise:** quality from Denmark results in efficient time spent at the tying bench. This vise gives you complete control of fly tying from start to finish. A demo video by Al and Gretchen Beatty is available on line. This vise can provide the basic start up for the beginner or a supplement to the advanced tier.

**West Marine inflatable personal flotation device:** This is an item that anyone fishing out of a float tube, pontoon boat, pram, or any vessel for that matter should not be without. Not a bad idea to wear one when fishing the surf. This PFD features both automatic and manual inflation functions and is lightweight with a low profile design with a comfortable wide neckline. Buy a raffle ticket and be safe on the water.



## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Membership Rosters and Name Tags

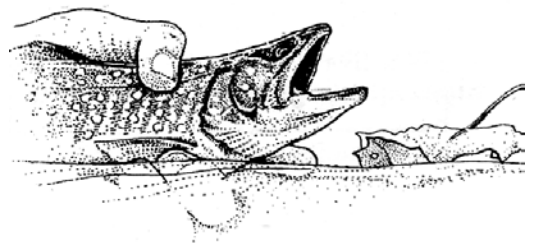
By Membership Director Bob Peterson

Bob Peterson will have 2017 Membership Rosters available at the October club meeting for new members as well as current members who have not picked up their copy. Please email me at Robert6367@aol.com if you need a copy or cannot make the meeting. Also if you need a nametag, you can email or call my cell phone at 831-251-8655.

## Bait for Thought

Debtors All

Teach all men to fish, but first teach all men to be fair. Take less, give more. Give more of yourself, take less from the world. Nobody owes you anything, you owe the world everything." - Suzy Kassem, *Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem*



## 2017 Board of Directors

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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.



## Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target species	Fishmaster
Sept. 23 - 30 (wk.#1)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
Sept. 30 - Oct. 7 (wk.#2)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook (831) 688-1561
October 7	New Brighton Beach	Surf Fishout	Mark Traugott - (831) 338-6056
Oct. 19-22	O'Neill Forebay	Stripers	Steve Rudzinski (831) 462-4532

If you have any questions about Fishouts either call the person listed or you can call John Cook, 688-1561. Fishouts are a great way to meet people in the club and learn new techniques and places to fish.

## They Work for You

### Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
<http://www.doi.gov/index.html>

### Senator Dianne Feinstein

1 Post St., #2450; <http://feinstein.senate.gov/public>  
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Washington, DC 20515  
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### Governor Jerry Brown

Capitol Bldg., 1st Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814-<http://gov.ca.gov/home.php>

### Senator Bill Monning, Assembly Dist. 17

701 Ocean St., #318-A, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
(831) 425-0401; <http://sd17.senate.ca.gov>

### Assemblyman Mark Stone (D-Monterey Bay)

701 Ocean St, #318b, Santa Cruz, CA - (831) 425-1503  
<http://asmc.org/members/a29/>

## Cast of Thousands

### Mad River Canoe 14 ft.

#### Tahoe model

Oars included; Great condition  
\$350.00 - Contact Joe Bigas  
831-476-2711; [bigas@surfnetc.com](mailto:bigas@surfnetc.com)

### Miscellaneous Gear:

1. 12 wt., 9 ft., 4 piece Albright fly rod - \$200
  2. Sage XP 8 wt., 9 ft. 6 in., 4 piece fly rod - \$300
  3. Ryall 2-3 wt. fly reel - \$100
  4. Tioga 7 wt. reel w/intermediate line - \$100
  5. SOSpenders life saver wader suspenders - \$50
- Call John at 831-476-0648; [owlspad@me.com](mailto:owlspad@me.com)



### FOR SALE:

Dave Scadden 2018 Detonator  
Lo Pro pontoon boat  
Used once. \$600  
Minn Kota 30 lb electric motor, and two light batteries: \$100  
Robert 408-335-8000  
[lbtrout@comcast.net](mailto:lbtrout@comcast.net)

### FOR SALE:

Carry box with four organizer boxes.  
8x14 inches - \$29.00  
Contact Ralph Berman  
831-234-6591, or 831-462-9496, leave message





# Catchy Releases

## Alameda Creek Alliance 20 Year Anniversary Dinner - October 8

*The Alameda Creek Alliance is an organization that we support, so please consider getting tickets to their upcoming fund raiser.*

Tickets are still available for our upcoming dinner. Help the Alameda Creek Alliance celebrate two decades of working to protect and restore Alameda Creek. Join us on Sunday, October 8, from 5:30-8:30 pm, for dinner, wine, speakers and live music at the scenic Chouinard Winery in Palomares Canyon. Dinner by Renowned Catering by Gilda. Chouinard wines will be for sale by the glass or bottle. Live music by Niles troubadour Michael McNevin.

There will be a presentation by Brenda Buxton of the California Coastal Conservancy on the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and upcoming plans to connect lower Alameda Creek to restored tidal marshes to help grow steelhead trout in our watershed. Alameda

Creek Alliance Director Jeff Miller will provide a reflection on what we have accomplished in two decades of working to restore Alameda Creek.



Tickets for the dinner are \$50 per person. You can safely and securely buy tickets through PayPal at <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?AlamedaCreekAlliance/d20b7c2d37/828f87973e/56b375becd> (be sure to pick your desired number of tickets). Or mail a check to the ACA at PO Box 2626, Niles, CA 94536.

The latest word is that Palomares Road will be reopened by September 23, so there should be no issue getting to the winery from Niles Canyon.

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## SF Will Revisit Alameda Creek Recapture Project Impacts on Steelhead

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors last week upheld an appeal of the environmental review for the SFPUC's Alameda Creek Recapture Project. The Supervisors unanimously voted to reopen the Environmental Impact Report to address operational impacts of the project on streamflow and steelhead trout. The Supervisors directed the SFPUC and the SF Planning Commission to work with



state and federal fish agencies and watershed stakeholders on additional analysis of the relationship between ground water and surface water in the Sunol Valley, to determine whether the recapture project has impacts on stream flows in Alameda Creek downstream of the project which could impede steelhead migration. The evaluation will also be peer reviewed by independent scientists.

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## Caltrans Work In Niles Canyon

Caltrans has begun exploratory geotechnical drilling this month near the Alameda Creek Bridge in the middle of Niles Canyon. Caltrans is doing some tree trimming to access several locations in and around Alameda Creek for the drills. Caltrans has identified 21 individual trees (13 coast live oak, 5 western sycamores, 2 red willows, and 1 CA buckeye) that have the potential to be pruned to allow for access to the drilling locations. The drill rig will require some areas of temporarily ground disturbance where vegetation will be covered in heavy fabric and covered with temporary road-base gravel. The base fabric ensures

efficient and thorough removal of the gravel when work is completed. All work off pavement will cease prior to November 30, and all work near the creek will cease prior to October 15. Those dates are specified by the environmental compliance permits for the drilling.

Caltrans also has an emergency project to install rock capture/deflection fence material on the upslope hill along Niles Canyon, about a mile or so to the west of the bridge. That is a separate project that is already underway.

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## Trout Unlimited Response to Zinke Report

On Sunday the nation finally got a look at Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's report to the president on the future of our country's National Monuments. The purpose of this review was to advise the Trump administration on whether certain National Monuments should be downsized, eliminated, or otherwise modified.

The report recommends that six National Monuments, including Cascade Siskiyou NM on the CA-OR border, a sanctuary for Red-band trout in Jenny Creek, be reduced in size, and that the management plans for four others should be amended.

Yesterday, TU and many other conservation groups released statements on the "deliberative draft"

report – here is TU's: <https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/leaked-documents-a-glimpse-at-plan-for-monuments>. TU representatives also have been quoted in media reports on the issue: (<http://www.opb.org/news/article/leaked-memo-suggests-shrinking-cascade-siskiyou-national-monument/>).



National Monuments are great for hunting and fishing, and TU believes that designation of deserving lands and resources as National Monuments has been an important conservation tool for more than a century. In recent years, TU supported the creation or expansion of several monuments in California and Oregon, including Berryessa Snow Mountain, Sand to Snow, San Gabriel Mountains, and Cascade

Siskiyou.

Now, TU is working hard on the post-review phase of advocacy for the Monument Review process. We need your help to carry the local voice of sportsmen and women who support protecting these incredible places.

**TU asks for three things:**

1. Share the information in this memo with contacts or partners via email and social media
2. Follow TU's efforts to defend our national monuments with regular visits to our website ([www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)) and our social media feeds, and share posts with followers
3. Let me know if you or any of your contacts have relation-

ships with members of Congress, or media contacts in Northern California outlets.

Thanks for all you are doing to conserve, protect and restore our trout and salmon and their watersheds. Together we are making a real difference to secure access to great fishing and hunting for this and future generations.

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## LifeLines

### How to Stay Warm in Cold Weather

From [www.wikihow.com](http://www.wikihow.com)

**B**rrr! When the winter temperatures dip low, living and working in a sub zero climate can really take its toll. By employing a few tricks, however, you can stay warm despite the cold weather.

**1. Wear an under-layer.** This is an easy way to stay warmer without having to do much. An under-layer is a layer of clothing which goes under your normal clothing. This under-layer can take many forms, but each can help you stay warm without adding a lot of bulk or extra steps.

Common under-layer items include stockings, leggings, thermal shirts, and long underwear. It's important to keep in mind that having this under-layer can become uncomfortable if you are in a warm room if you have outer layers on.

For example, if you bundle up to drive to work in a warm office, you may find the additional base layer too much.

After fishing, you may have to strip down to your thermals when sitting in front of the fireplace in your alpine cabin. If opaque, this is generally considered appropriate apres-fishing wear.

**2. Wear a waterproof outer layer.** When you know there will be chances to get wet, it's important to have a waterproof layer to stay warm. If the water penetrates through your clothing, your clothing will only make you colder. Examples of watery conditions you might encounter include rain, snow, and spray (such as if you will be out on a boat or if there are lots of puddles on the ground).

You can throw a rain jacket on under a warm but less waterproof coat, for example. When you buy coats, look for materials that are very waterproof and warm, such as neoprene.

**3. Wear a heat-retaining layer.** Aside from just keeping dry, you want to look for clothing made out of materials that are very insulating. You've probably heard about fleece but this fabric is not for everyone. Find out what other options are available to you and then go on a shopping trip.

Wear wool, if you can. This is one of the best insulating materials, even though it can be expensive. You can also use wool clothes, instead of just wool coats, to cut down on how much you need to wear total. Many inexpensive wool items can be found at vintage stores.

Other warm materials include down, lined leather, fur, and neoprene.

Wool will continue to keep you warm, even if wet. This is not true of most materials such as leather or quilted cotton.

**4. Protect your extremities.** It's not completely true that you lose X percentage of heat from your head or your feet or whatever. However, it is true that leaving these areas uncovered can make it tough for you

to stay warm. When you're outside, try to keep your head, hands, and feet covered with a scarf, hat, gloves, and thick fuzzy socks and boots. You may also wear two layers of socks or leggings/thermals under your



waders. It is very important for all of these items to be waterproof, since these are the areas where you are most likely to notice wetness and added cold. A trick a fishing guide taught me is to carry two pair of rag wool gloves, and put a heat pack in your jacket pocket. That way, if/when the pair you have on gets wet and your hands get cold, you can wring out the wet pair, stick it in your pocket with the heat pack and put the dry pair on. If you are out in the rain, or your hands are continually getting wet netting fish, you can keep swapping the dry and wet

gloves for as long as you need to.

**5. Protect yourself from the elements.** When you're forced to go outside, stay as far away as you can from things like rain, snow, puddles, ice, and wind. These things getting too close is what makes you feel cold; your clothing and body can usually handle the air temperature okay. Move quickly between buildings, use a car when you can, and when you must be outside, try to walk under a shelter. This is just common sense, and most of the time, when we're fishing, we can't stay away from the elements, but seeking cover under trees, boat canopies, tarps, or the like can make the time spent out in the weather a bit more tolerable.

**6. Bring warming materials.** You can carry around little heat sources with you, if you find yourself struggling to stay warm. Small items, like reusable hand warmers, can be put in a pocket to get the job done when gloves just aren't enough. Other items, like travel mugs full of soup, can be used to warm you from the inside out.

You can even make your own hand warmers if you can't find anywhere to buy them for a good price. There are many websites with instructions and all are easy to make with the right ingredients.

**7. Wear clothing that is the right size.** We know you want to look hot, (and boy, do us fly fishermen look hot in our wading jacket, waders and boots!) but there's a reason why Eskimos wear those big coats and loose pants. When your clothing fits tightly, it can't keep you warm or comfortable. Instead, if you want to stay warm, make sure the clothes that you're wearing fit loosely. This creates a protective layer of warm air between your skin and the environment on the other side of that fabric.

**8. Move around to create heat.** If your clothes themselves can't keep you warm, let your body create heat. Moving around will burn energy in your body, which gets expressed as heat. Try exercising or at least try not to stand still. Try to catch more fish!

# GEARING UP

October Surf Fishout – Saturday, Oct. 7th

**Fishmaster: Mark Traugott – (831) 338-6056**

For the October 7 surf fishout, we are going to try a new location: New Brighton State Beach in Capitola (directions below.) Low tide will occur around 5:45 A.M., and we will meet at 6:00. This beach is a little different from most of those we fish as it has almost no under-water “structure”. It often has a slight undertow (so a life vest of some kind is a good idea), but it is somewhat protected from large waves coming from the west. A six- or seven-weight rod is best, equipped with a floating or intermediate line, but bring what you have. The most effective flies tend to be baitfish imitations like Clousers (#2 hooks or larger in white and chartreuse, for example) or anything that resembles an anchovy. I’ll bring some samples. You can also try any of your standby surf flies, but

this beach rarely produces surf perch, whereas fly anglers will occasionally hook a striped bass or even a small halibut.



**Directions:** Take the Park Ave. exit from Highway 1 and head south on Park Ave. toward Capitola and the Ocean. At the first stop sign, do not turn left toward New Brighton State Park (as the park does not open until 8 A.M.) Instead, continue straight for another quarter mile to a second stop sign at Coronado St. Turn right onto Coronado and park on the street in that first block. If you arrive on time, we will all proceed to the beach together.

If you are late, come find us by crossing Park Ave. and finding the foot path that crosses the railroad tracks and takes you to the New Brighton parking lot. From there, just head downhill toward the ocean and you can’t miss us.

## Annual Striped Bass Fishout Oct 19-21

**Fishmaster: Steve Rudzinski**

This is a barebones old -fashioned style camp out. You can see the outhouses to your left after you cross the spillway channel bridge at the forebay. Take the Highway 152 turn off at highway 33 exit to Santa Nella. (there is a market and gas and ice to the right; otherwise turn left). Proceed 1/4 mile only and turn left, to enter Medeiros primitive campground. Be forewarned that all of your float tube gear must be completely dry, you will have to take it out of the vehicle to show them on the ground and they search carefully most of the time, and can turn you away if you fail the test. Seniors get a few bucks off the daily fee. It’s best to pay in full if you are staying a couple or three days.

We all had excellent times in the past at this “down homey” fishout. Last year it rained and blew hard but the fishing was great. We will have a little kitchen with propane stove and BBQ I built after looking at Jim Hall’s set up in the past. All campers/fishermen bring food for themselves and maybe to share cooking duties one night like we did last year. (there were only three of us). I will contact those signing up for details closer to the event.

Look for the club banner as I will try hard to get the site at the far end of the road near the power tower islands. I will arrive Thursday early and start setting up the kitchen area and put up some wind break tarps. One or two other helpers would be great.

Any new fisher/people who have never fished here or are new to float tube fishing be sure to let me know so we can plan a few things out before you show up. I will have some of my favorite flash flies available that I got over 75 fish on one day and over 100 before it finally fell apart and still would catch fish. I am taking a class with Lee Haskin the week before the fishout so will have some good fresh tips to share with the group.

Please bring some firewood you may have hanging around or a bundle of oak they sell at the stores. I found an old washing machine tub that makes the best fire ring ever, it keeps more people warm than the ones provided at the camp. A good folding chair also a must. Be aware that ants can be very bad at times, last year the rains took care of that. I found that a little bit of blue Dawn soap in a bottle of water with a spray nozzle and spray the picnic table legs and anything else you don’t want the ants inside. I found this to work. One year the ants got inside my camper van when I spilled a sweet drink. They came home with me that year.

The sign up sheet will be on the side table at the meeting, hoping we have a great turnout this year; it’s really the best way to make new friends. Contact me via email [ssrudzinski@gmail.com](mailto:ssrudzinski@gmail.com) or land line 831 462 4532. Best wishes for the most fishes!



## GONE FISHING

September Surf Fishout  
**By Fishmaster Sam Bishop**

Saturday, September 9th our SCFF surf fishing gang Angela Johnson, Jeff Gose, Dave Marks and Sam Bishop met at Manresa Beach to encounter a heavy red algae bloom (red tide). It was so thick the visibility was less than 6 inches and resembled a muddy river. The fish may have been there, but they could not see the flies, nor could they detect the vibrations due to the heavy surf. After an hour or so we had a good training and information session on the gear being used and casting as it relates to the surf. Feedback was that it turned into a good, productive session even if we didn’t catch fish.

6 Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen



# GEARING UP

Pyramid Lake Fishout-Mar. 18th-24th 2018

**Fishmaster: Mike White - (831) 706-5556**

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 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 (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.com](http://www.crosbylodge.com). The General Store in Sutcliffe 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 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 Con-fab 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 cut-throat 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 Sutcliffe, 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](http://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.

## Fishy Tales

**\* Tsiu River, Alaska – Sept. 10-17 – Pat and John Steele**

John and I made this trip solo this year. In the few years past, we have gone with other friends and family, but they weren't available, so we did the trip by ourselves. That usually doesn't impact the fishing, as flyfishing is a solitary activity, but in the evenings, at dinner-time, it's fun to compare notes and socialize with the others in your group. It ended up being a good thing, because it forced us to interact with other groups that were at the lodge.

The fishing was, as usual, absolutely top-notch. Our guide, Matt, took us to a part of the river that is closer to the mouth, on a bluff over the river, and having the height advantage made it possible to sight fish. The fish gather in pools along the river to muster their strength for the upriver swim to spawn, and they were mostly resting in the mornings. That made it a bit tricky, because you would catch one of two of the fish in a pool, and then your fly wouldn't work anymore, because they all had seen it. Thus, you had to change flies more often than when the fish are on the move.

The fish usually went on the move around noon. That's when the real fun began. You could catch fish until your arms fell off, it got that crazy. I even caught one on a popper, which was exciting. Matt wore himself out, running up and down the cliff to unhook fish, and either keep them or let them go, depending on their size and condition. The daily limit is four per fisher, but it wasn't unusual for

us to each have caught 25 or 30 per day. People think that's an exaggeration, but if they came to the Tsiu, they would quickly see that it's the truth!

We lucked out with the weather as well, only having one day when it rained. The rest of the time the temperatures were in the 50's, so if you wore the right gear, you were fine. We had the dubious pleasure of a fishing companion one day, a solitary female bear.

I have described the accommodations in a previous Fishy Tale, so I would urge anyone who is interested in this outfitter to visit their website, <http://www.alaskawilderness.com/>. John and I will bring some brochures to the October club meeting, too.



# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Marabou Spey

*Submitted by Elaine Cook*

*This is a simple steelhead and salmon fly. Don't be afraid to try this one in your vise. It can be tied in various colors.*

**Hook:** Partridge Bartleet Supreme, salmon, size 2, Mustad, or other salmon fly hook.  
**Thread:** UTC black 70.  
**Rib:** Uni-French oval silver, medium.  
**Body:** Ice dub, peacock black.  
**Collar:** 1. Select marabou blue. 2. Select marabou black. 3. Strung Guinea dyed baby blue.

1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread slightly in front of the return eye. (the return of the wire from the eye)
3. Wrap thread to rear to just beyond hook point when thread hangs.
4. Attach rib on under side of hook, wrap in place up to mid shank. Wrap thread back to tie in of rib.
5. Wet thread before attaching dubbing. Dub robust body up to thread and tie in.
6. Rib body in 4 - 5 wraps. Tie off, cut leaving a short tag. Tie down tag to shank. Wrap thread back to body.
7. Select one blue marabou feather. Strip rear barbs off stem so that 3 - 4 inches of stem have barbs. Apply saliva to one inch of tip. Position on hook, wet fibers in front of body, stem to rear and convex curve of feather toward you. Tie in place with several touching wraps forward. Fold wet tip backward and tie in place with touching wraps back to body. Trim tip. Wrap thread to eye.
8. Wrap marabou forward with touching wraps stroking barbs to rear with each wrap. When barbs end, back thread up then tie off stem on bottom of shank. Cut excess.
9. If there were some barbs that were trapped near body, using bodkin parallel to table pick out from hook eye end.
10. Following steps 7, 8, & 9, attach second (black) color. DO NOT CROWD EYE!.
11. Following steps 7, 8, & 9 attach guinea hen feather. Finish at hook eye.
12. Holding guinea barbs to rear, tie small smooth thread head.
13. Whip finish. Cut thread. Apply Super-Glue to head.



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Baked Halibut Supreme

*From <http://www.experienceketchikan.com>*

2 pounds halibut (frozen works best!)  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 can water  
1/2 package onion soup mix  
1/2 cup margarine  
Enough milk to cover the halibut

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Place the halibut in a flat dish and pour the milk over the halibut. Soak for two hours. Drain thoroughly. Place the halibut in a baking dish.
3. In a medium sized saucepan, combine the soup, water, onion soup mix and margarine. Mix together and heat until just boiling.
4. Pour the soup mixture over the halibut and bake for 20-30 minutes, until the halibut is flaky when tested with a fork.





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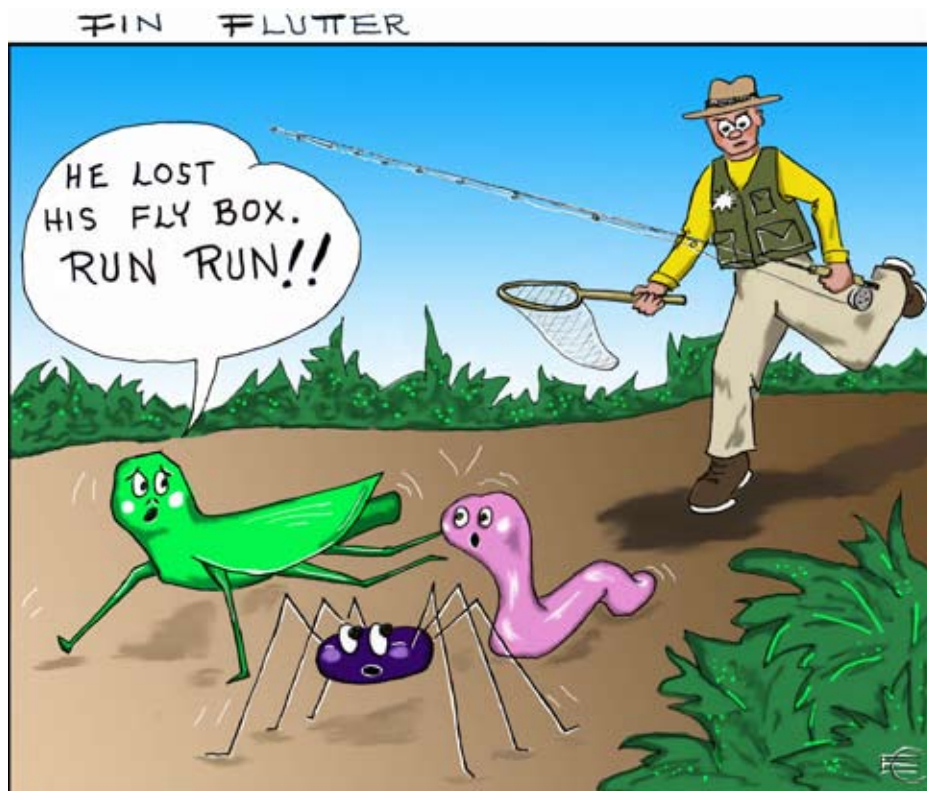
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# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mammoth ←	2 Lakes Fishout	3 - week #2	4 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	5 Full Moon ☾	6 Mammoth Lakes Fishout- wk.#2	7 Surf Fishout New Brighton Beach →
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	12 Last Qtr. ☾	13	14
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	19 New Moon ● O'Neill ←	20 Forebay	21 Fishout →
22 Newsletter Deadline O'Neill Forebay Fishout →	23	24	25	26	27 1st Qtr. ☾	28
29	30	31 Hallowe'en				

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM Nomination of Officers	2	3	4 Full Moon ☾
5 Daylight Savings Ends	6	7 Election Day	8 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	9	10 Last Qtr. ☾	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting Steele home 7 PM	16	17	18 New Moon ●
19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 1st Qtr. ☾	27	28	29	30		