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## CLUB MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1st  
**Time:** Open - 6:45 PM  
Meeting - 7:00 PM  
**Place:** Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

**Our Local Fishery**  
*Guest Speaker: Erin Strum*



Erick Strum serves in The Fisheries Ecology Division of NOAA. The Fisheries Ecology Division is housed in the SWFSC Santa Cruz Laboratory on UCSC's Coastal Science Campus. Research is focused on California demersal and anadromous fishes, their fisheries, and their habitats. Demersal species under study include rockfishes, flatfishes, Pacific whiting, sablefish, and lingcod; anadromous species include coho and chinook salmon, steelhead, and green sturgeon. Results of this research are used by the Pacific Fishery Management Council to manage fisheries and by NMFS to manage threatened and endangered species and their habitats. Fisheries Ecology Division scientists study causes of variability in abundance and health of fish populations, analyze ecological relations in marine communities, and study the economics of exploiting and protecting natural resources. They also assess the stocks of species targeted by various fisheries, and assist in evaluating potential impacts of human activities on threatened or endangered species. Sample of Research programs: Salmon Ecology; Biophysical Ecology & Landscape and Seascape Ecology; Fisheries Assessment; Groundfish Analysis & Salmon Assessment & Fisheries Economics

He will also speak about the San Lorenzo Steelhead and Salmon and possibly the Carmel River and answer questions afterward.

## Bait for Thought

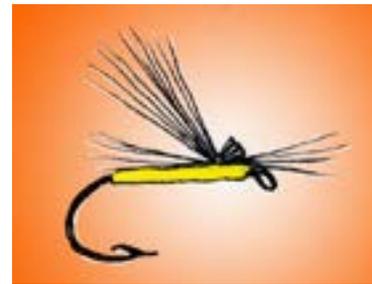
**How to be Happy**

"The man who coined the phrase "Money can't buy happiness", never bought himself a good fly rod!" - Reg Baird

## FLY TYING CLASSES

**Date:** Wednesday, May 8th  
**Time:** Open - 6:45 p.m.  
Class - 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive

**Hot Creek Emerging Caddis**  
*Instructor : Elaine Cook*



One of the popular fishing venues on the Mammoth Fishout is Hot Creek. Having a fly to match the hatch is quite important there. This pattern is simple because it uses so few materials.

There is no charge for this class. All materials are provided except thread. Some is available for beginners. Bring medium to dark grey 8/0 thread, your tools, vise, and light. There are setups available for beginners to use if they do not yet have their own.

Sign up at the May Club meeting or by calling Elaine at 688-1561 with at least 24-hour notice. If you sign up and later find you can't attend, notice of cancellations is appreciated.

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# President's Line

By the Numbers

By President Tom Hogue

Well, I safely made it through 420, 421, and looking forward to 425, 426-428, 501, 519, 523. That means I came away unscathed from the pot smoke-out, which seems to be fizzling in popularity, thank God. That was followed by a great Easter, and then celebrated Earth Day, which also happens to be the birthday of this one President, with the best of friends and family. 425-well, that's our gathering this Thursday (4/25, 6 to 8 PM) at the Pour Tap Room downtown, which is an opportunity to pull in memberships and get people interested in fly fishing, our local habitats for steelhead and coho, and support the Reno family by enjoying a couple of beverages and some great food.

Oh, that's not to forget about the fantastic fishouts we have on the calendar, not to mention Pyramid, which was awesome, thank you again Paul Schraeder, Kevin Murdock, and Roostercomb, which was also awesome. AND, the surf is going to be getting good for perch and stripers. Get your SCFF stripping basket, it's the best \$20 you'll ever spend on fly fishing gear.

426-428 is the Spey-O-Rama at the Golden Gate Anglers Club. If you have a chance to go, do. It's some incredible spey casting, for accuracy and distance, and they have good food,

a nice raffle and lots of spey stuff you need!

519 is the 19th of this month of May. We have our annual Intro to Fly Fishing Day at Quail Hollow Ranch in Felton, which is a beautiful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in the country casting, tying flies and enjoying some good continental breakfast items and a lunch BBQ, all the while introducing new family members to fly fishing.



523-Then there's the 50th anniversary of Mule Days in Bishop, which is a great excuse to fish the Owens River over Memorial Day weekend. Then after Memorial Day weekend, some of us will be heading to five of our local high schools to hand out our first scholarships and an annual SCFF membership to graduates heading into Environmental Studies.

Then it will be June? Whoa! Slow this flow down a bit. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting, and don't forget, we're having casting practice with some great club rods and great helpers, so come hone those casting skills and hang out with us, and then have a great beautiful Spring ahead.

Summer and Fall will be plenty busy enough. Let's do this!

## MONTHLY RAFFLE

Spring Fling

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

Time to kick spring fishing into high gear with some really cool stuff that some lucky winners will grab up at the May meeting.

Just to get started, take a look at this WOOD RIVER STEALTH RIDER V boat float tube. It is perfect for all your still-water needs, lots of storage pockets, D rings, and a ruled stripping tray. The best feature of this model is that it is super lightweight with built in shoulder pack straps; perfect for places like Los Padres Reservoir, Kirman Lake, Heenan Lake or any other place off the beaten path where you need to hike in with a float tube.

As long as we are talking about lightweight, we have an AIRLITE FLY rod. This is a 10-foot four section 3 WT rod. It's perfect for stillwater where you usually are out in the open with plenty of back cast

room. The rod is matched with a 3 WT reel CNC machined from aluminum bar stock and features a classic click-pawl drag.

Since you are going to catch fish, you are going to need a net to properly handle your catch. Take a look at this CLASSIC WOOD HOOP deep bag landing net. This design allows one to land and release larger fish without the need for larger net. Buy some tickets, win a prize!

**DOOR PRIZE/EVERYBODY GETS A FREE TICKET!!!!**



This month we have a SECRET door prize! Federal and State laws prohibit any form of pre-drawing disclosure or dissemination of information regarding the nature of the prize. Everything has been REDACTED! All we can say is that in order to be a winner you must attend the meeting and if you are the lucky winner you will be glad you did!

## 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.



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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.

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## Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
May 3-5	Roostercomb Ranch	Bass	Cecilia Stipes - 335-5727
May TBA	Rio Del Mar Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
June (TBD)	Manresa Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
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
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

## State of The San Lorenzo Marks 40 Years of Santa Cruz Conservation

From <https://fishbio.com/fisheries/field-notes/wildlife-ecology>

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

Flowing directly through the heart of Santa Cruz, California, the San Lorenzo River serves as a vital water source for people, fish, and numerous other animals and plants that call the region home. Locals have long understood the ecological and economic importance of this coastal stream, and the San Lorenzo was one of the first rivers in California to have its own watershed conservation plan. With 2019 marking the 40th anniversary of the plan, the recent State of the San Lorenzo Symposium focused on the accomplishments of this conservation legacy and what the future holds for the river, as well as for the imperiled aquatic species and nearly 100,000 humans who rely on it.

The fifth annual symposium kicked off with John Ricker of the County of Santa Cruz Environmental Health Department taking a look back at the accomplishments and continued relevance of the watershed conservation plan. In the early 1970s, the San Lorenzo was in a sorry state, suffering from excessive sedimentation, pollution from septic systems, reduced stream flow, urban runoff, and loss of terrestrial habitat. Many of these problems were the result of rapid and poorly planned development in the region. The formation of the Save the San Lorenzo Association in 1973 prompted a holistic approach to conserving the river. Extensive sampling combined with cutting-edge hydrological modelling (which at the time involved feeding giant computers stacks of punch cards) helped scientists and managers better understand the function of the watershed. Recommendations of the original plan resulted in a 70% decrease in sedimentation, and significant reductions in contamination. Most importantly, public outreach efforts helped make the community aware of the importance of the river.

Presentations by Shawn Chartrand of Hydrologics, Inc. and Mark Strudley of the County of Santa Cruz Public Works Department highlighted more recent computer modelling and statistical approaches (no punch cards required). Their discussions of climate projections and the difficulties of predicting flooding highlighted ongoing challenges of watershed management. Increasing temperatures and more frequent droughts portend a hotter, drier future for the fish and humans in the San Lorenzo watershed. Particular challenges include incorporating the effects of atmospheric rivers, fog, and forest fires into climate prediction



models. There are new developments on the horizon, however, including the impending installation of a new X-band radar system in Santa Cruz that will provide more fine-scale and complete data on precipitation patterns in the region.

Presentations also discussed ongoing efforts to connect people to the San Lorenzo, as well as the watershed's unique flora, fauna, and ecosystems. Tony Elliot of the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department explained future plans for the Santa Cruz Riverwalk and associated parks, while Jodi McGraw

of Jodi McGraw Consulting highlighted the unique sand hill habitats in the watershed. Home to seven species that are found nowhere else in the world (plus others that have yet to be described), these sandy outcroppings are a biodiversity hotspot right in Santa Cruz's backyard. Richard King of the Santa Cruz Puma Project showed how startlingly close mountain lions come to the city in their daily wanderings, and explained the challenges these large predators face as a result of habitat fragmentation and proximity to humans. Finally, California Department of Fish and

Wildlife biologist Jon Jankovitz described the history and current state of the San Lorenzo steelhead fishery. While the fishery has dwindled from its heyday of the 1950s and '60s, it is still the most used of any on the Central Coast. New data are allowing scientists and managers to develop better approaches to management, including low-flow regulations to help reduce stress on these threatened fish when they are at their most vulnerable, such as during the recent drought.

The San Lorenzo River has come a long way from the muddy, contaminated stream of 40 years ago thanks to the perseverance of passionate individuals, government agencies, and community groups. Their work is far from over, as the future holds some daunting challenges, from bigger storms to hotter summers. However, initiatives like San Lorenzo 2025, a partnership between local agencies and non-profits to restore fish habitat in the San Lorenzo watershed, demonstrate a continued commitment to support this vitally important waterway and the organisms that rely on it – humans included. Want to learn more? You can find presentations from past State of the San Lorenzo symposia at <https://sites.google.com/view/soslrs/presentations?authuser=0>

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTE

### Membership Update

*By Membership Director Bob Peterson*

Our membership count now stands at 134 members, including 13 new members as of April 15th. The new 2019 Rosters will be available at the May 1st meeting. An electronic copy can be emailed upon request. Nametags for new members will also be available at the meeting along with SCFF new logo bumper stickers for \$3.

# Catchy Releases

## The Road to Extinction is Paved with Good Intentions From <https://www.patagonia.com/artifishal.html>

Artifishal is a film about the high cost of hatcheries, fish farms and human arrogance. Patagonia made this film for several reasons. As anglers, we recognize that protecting wild fish is the only way to ensure that fishing will be there for future generations. As taxpayers, we are dismayed at the gross misuse of public money being wasted on a system that not only doesn't work, but actually contributes to the problem it claims to solve. And finally, as concerned residents of our home planet, we view hatcheries and fish farms as part of a disturbing trend to willfully

ignore scientific fact for the sake of political expediency.

Take action to protect wild fish. Wild salmon and Southern resident killer whales are on the brink of extinction. Now a misguided plan to feed the starving whales hatchery salmon will push both endangered species closer to the edge, while costing taxpayers millions of dollars per year.

Tell decision makers to stop wasting money on failed plans and invest in science-based solutions to save endangered wild salmon and orcas: stop hatcheries, reduce harvest and remove dams.

## Special Thanks to the SCFF

*This letter came to the club website e-mail box, and it impressed me because of the time and effort the person took to track us down, not to mention writing the letter. Mike White, you are one of the best ambassadors the Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen has, and your good Samaritan acts will not go unnoticed or unthanked by these people, or by your fellow club members!*

Dear Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen,

On Saturday, March 30, my wife and I (we are from Reno, NV) went to Pyramid Lake, hopefully to catch some nice Lahontan Cutthroats. We have been averaging one trip per week to the lake for the last couple of months with some success. Little did we know that this trip was going to be different.

We arrived at the lake around mid-morning and breaking our normal routine, I decided to jump down really quick (leaving the keys in the ignition-I think you know what is about to happen next) to check out another area of the beach to see how the rising water had affected it. I told my wife to go ahead and start fishing and I would come back and take our equipment over to the water's edge. She got down from the truck, but as she did, she must have hit the lock button on the way out. She closed the door and...truck is locked. Inside, my keys in the ignition, her "extra keys" in her waist pack, our cell phones, jackets (it was chilly), lunch, water, etc., etc. The only thing we had was our fishing rods which were in the bed of the truck.

After the initial "blame game", we started trying to figure out how we were going to unlock the truck. We had absolutely nothing that we could use. There were a few guys fishing and we went around asking for anything that might help. One guy offered us a mini pry bar, my wife found 2 short pieces of wire, while another fisherman had some additional wire. Alas, all the wire types were too soft or too short to do us any good after about an hour of trying. Next, we tried to find someone that would let us use their cell phone but no one had service.

ishing time while he let a complete stranger use his cell phone.

While we waited for help to arrive, my wife and I attempted to do some fishing but not very comfortably due to our anxiety. Meanwhile, Mike came by to the water on two different occasions, to let us know that the insurance agent had called to give us an update. Additionally, he provided us with water bottles and energy bars to tie us over until help arrived.

When the road service arrived, they unlocked the truck rather quickly and finally we could relax and concentrate on what we come here for...catch some large cutthroats. Well, we ended up being skunked for the day which was par for the way the outing had started. But we went home with a renewed faith and hope in our fellow men/women. Someone, in this case Mike, had given up some of his time and resources to help someone in need. As for me and my wife, we will never forget it and plan to pay it forward whenever we can.

I am sure that Mike is representative of the kind of women and men who belong to your club. Judging from your newsletters, I found on your website, it appears to be an outstanding organization. I wish you all the best.

Thank you, Mike and SCFF

Andy Cordova

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When in doubt, catch a trout! (N.R.)



# FLY FISHING 101-PUBLIC EDUCATION DAY

May 19, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Quail Hollow Ranch

by Vice President Kevin Murdock - [troutdock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:troutdock@sbcglobal.net)

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.

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.

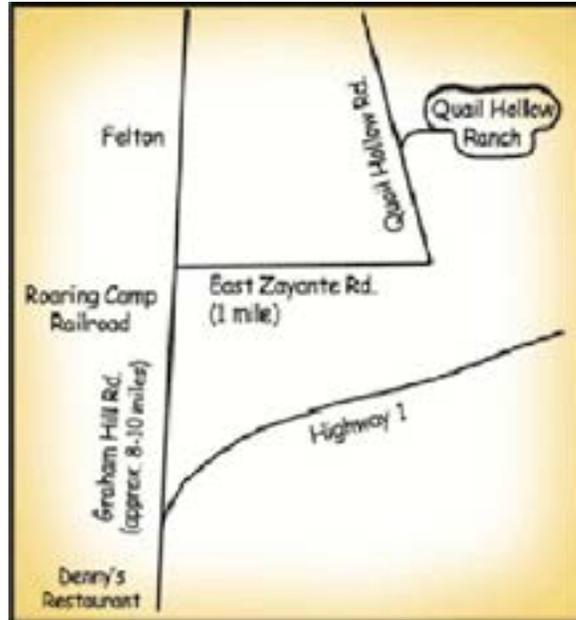
Kids and grandkids are especially welcome, so bring them along. They are the future of both fly fishing and conservation, so it's important to expose them to the sport. This event is all going to happen rain or shine. Everything is provided for fly

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 19th, 2019.

**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](mailto:troutdock@sbcglobal.net)



## GONE FISHING

Pyramid Lake - Mar. 24-30

By Steve Rudzinski

The best photo was from the guide from Colorado, who sent me this and others. some showing my missing tooth. Fishing cooled off later. I got three fish Friday and worked hard at it, Jeff was skunked, and Steven foul hooked one stripping. I got all mine on midge and bobber, first one of the morning was an eight or nine-pound Pilot strain, netted perfectly by self, other two were average size. The fish took me into the backing twice after circling me and then charging for deep water again. The Colorado guide who saw me fighting the fish raced up the beach to net it and weigh it. With net, 20 pounds, net weight unknown. Length unknown, but I have wide shoulders.



# GEARING UP

## Roostercomb Ranch Fishout - May 3-5, 2019

**Fishmaster: Cecilia Stipes - (831) 335-5727; flyfishgal3@aol.com**

This is our club's 19th 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 five miles from Casa de Fruta Restaurant in Hollister. It is a three-day fun-filled weekend with fishing and boating nine 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. Last I spoke with Scott, the roads were rough and the river high (Jan. 30). The terrain is rough, rocky and sometimes steep, so all vehicles MUST be 4-WD driving in/out and around the ranch! If you do not have a 4-WD vehicle, I can make arrangements to carpool you 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). **Your confirmation is not complete until I receive your check.** Check payable to: Cecilia Stipes Mail: 328 Capelli Drive, Felton, CA 95018.

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## 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 Misión, 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.



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## 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.

# GEARING UP

## 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 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.

## LifeLines

### Boat Safety Tips for Work or Play From <https://www.compliancesigns.com>

Operator inexperience, inattention, recklessness and speeding are the four leading causes of tragic watercraft crashes. The leading cause of death is drowning. Crash statistics indicate boaters who wear life jackets and take boater safety courses are most likely to stay safe on the water. Follow these basic safety tips to safely enjoy boating for work or pleasure.

#### Leave Alcohol Onshore

Never use drugs or alcohol before or during boat operation.

Alcohol's effects are greatly exaggerated by exposure to sun, glare, wind, noise and vibration.

#### Use and Maintain the Right Safety Equipment

Have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket for each person onboard and one approved throwable device for any boat 16 feet and longer. The DNR recommends that everyone wear their lifejackets while on the water.

Have a fire extinguisher.

Have operable boat lights – Always test boat lights before the boat leaves the dock and carry extra batteries.

Take emergency supplies – Keep on board in a floating pouch: cell phone, maps, flares and first aid kit.

#### Don't Overload Your Boat

Adhere to boat capacity specifications.

Overloading a boat with freight, gear or passengers will make the boat unstable and increase the risk of capsizing or swamping.

#### Get the Coast Guard Boating Safety App

The Coast Guard has developed a boat safety mobile app, <https://8.SantaCruzFlyFishermen>

[www.uscg.mil/mobile/](http://www.uscg.mil/mobile/) that provides essential services and information most commonly requested by boaters. The app includes: state boating information; a safety equipment checklist; free

boating safety check requests; navigation rules; float plans; and calling features to report pollution or suspicious activity. When location services are enabled, users can receive the latest weather reports from the closest National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather buoys as well as report the location of a hazard on

the water. The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

#### Before Getting Underway

Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

Open all hatches and run the blower after you refuel and before getting underway. Sniff for fumes before starting the engine and if you smell fumes, do not start the engine.

Check the boat landing for any local, state or federal regulations that apply.

#### Follow Navigation Rules and Obey Warning Signs at Docks, Marinas and on the Water

Never allow passengers to ride on gunwales or seatbacks or outside of protective railings, including the front of a pontoon boat. A sudden turn, stop or start could cause a fall overboard.

After leaving the boat launch, maintain slow-no-wake speed for a safe and legal distance from the launch.

Follow boat traffic rules, including boating / marine signs with rules, hazard warnings and navigation instructions.



## \* Fly Tying Classes during the Summer

Although I will be “Gone Fishing”, there will be experienced club members conducting the class all summer. Please support them with your attendance. See you in September! - Elaine Cook

## \*Discounts on Hand-Tied Flies

Kane Classics, a bamboo fly rod manufacturer and restorer, is featuring a great deal on hand-tied flies on their website. The flies are all only \$1.00 apiece, with no minimum or maximum order. Go to [www.kaneklassics.com](http://www.kaneklassics.com) and check it out!

## \* Big Sur Styles Guide Service

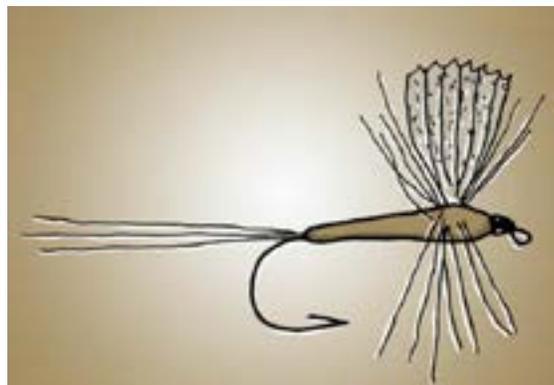
Our own Tim Loomis, who served the SCFF as programs director and did three terms as our club president, is now head guide for Big Sur Styles Guide Service, and will be guiding at Los Padres Reservoir and San Luis Reservoir, beginning May 1st. Later this summer, he will be guiding at Lake Almanor. His track record as a teacher is well proven, as he has taught Fly Fishing 101 at the Quail Hollow Ranch event the club holds annually, and his passion for the sport is infectious, so if you want a great fishing experience on either of our two local reservoirs, and/or Lake Almanor, give him a call at 831-426-4683, or 831-345-8411. See his bio and job description on the club website at “The Bargain Barn.”

# FLY OF THE MONTH

## Callibaetis Dun

*This pattern simulates an adult Mayfly that is primarily found in still water. It emerges in the spring, summer and fall, the larger emerging in the spring.*

<b>Hook:</b>	TMC 100, sizes 12-16
<b>Thread:</b>	Tan 8/0
<b>Wing:</b>	Hungarian Partridge
<b>Tail:</b>	Dun microfibbets
<b>Body:</b>	Tan superfine dubbing
<b>Hackle:</b>	Grizzly, barbs 1 1/2 hook gap
<b>Thorax:</b>	Tan superfine dubbing



1. Crimp barb.
2. Apply thread mid-shank. Wrap forward to 1/3 back on shank.
3. For wings:
  - Use two gray neck feathers.
  - Pull fuzz and barbs off base of stem forming a narrow fan.
  - With dark sides together, position on top of shank, tips forward and one shank length in front of hanging thread.
  - Tie in place.
  - Stand upright making several wraps in front of stem to hold in position.
  - Cut excess stem.
  - Wrap thread to rear of shank.
4. For tail: (fibbets are difficult to deal with. This method should simply)
  - Make thread ball with 8-10 “X” thread wraps on top of one another.
  - Wrap thread 1/3 hook shank forward.
  - Select 6-8 fibbets. (Keep tips lined up).
  - Lay on top of shank with 4 touching thread wraps toward ball.
  - Pull fibers forward making tail shank length.
  - Divide fibers with bodkin.
  - Pull tips on far side away from shank and slightly up. Take one thread wrap toward ball.
  - Pull tips on your side toward you and slightly downward. Make thread wrap toward ball.
  - Repeat last two steps a couple more times ending at the ball.
  - Cut excess fibbets.
5. Advance thread one wrap. Dub a narrow tapered body up to wing.
6. For hackle:
  - Cut off fuzzy end.
  - Cut 5-6 barbs short, on each side of stem (crew cut).
  - With side toward you, tip to rear, tie in at base of wing.
7. Dub around base of wings, then taper forward to one eye length behind eye.
8. Wrap hackle two times behind wing, and two in front. Tie off, cut excess.
9. Tie a thread head, whip finish, cut thread.

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Parmesan-Panko Crusted Halibut

From <https://www.fortheloveofcooking.net>

### Ingredients:

2 halibut fillets skin removed  
1 tbsp olive oil divided  
Juice from 1/2 lemon  
Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste  
1/2 cup plain panko crumbs  
1/4 cup of Parmesan cheese  
1 tbsp fresh parsley chopped  
1/4-1/2 tsp garlic powder  
Cooking spray



### Instructions:

1. Drizzle the olive oil and lemon juice over both sides of the fish then season both sides with sea salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste.
2. Line a baking sheet with tin foil. Place a cooling rack on the baking sheet. Coat with cooking spray. Side Note: Cooking the fish on the rack will allow the fish to be crispy on both sides without flipping it over while cooking.
3. Combine the panko crumbs, Parmesan cheese, fresh parsley, garlic powder, sea salt, and freshly cracked pepper, to taste together on a plate. Dip the halibut in the panko mixture until evenly coated. Place the coated fish on top of the cooking rack.
4. Place the baking sheet into the refrigerator for 20-30 minutes.  
Side Note: This step will ensure the panko coating will stay on the fish.
5. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Spray the top of each piece of fish with olive oil cooking spray. Place the baking sheet with the fish into the oven and cook for 15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flaky. Remove from the oven and serve with a lemon wedge. Enjoy.

FIN FLUTTER



# MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	2	3 Roostercomb	4 NewMoon ●
5 Roostercomb Fishout	6	7	8 Fly Tying Class - 7 PM Aptos Grange	9	10	11 1st Qtr ☾
12 Surf Fishout RioDelMar Beach	13	14	15 Board Mtg. 7 PM Steele home	16	17	18 FullMoon ●
19 Intro to Fly Fishing Quail Hollow Ranch 10 AM-3 PM	20	21	22	23 50th Anniv. Mule Days Bishop, CA	24	25 LastQtr ☾
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# JUNE 2019

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