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CLUB MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 2nd
Time: Open - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM
Place: Aptos Grange, 2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

Bamboo Rod Building and Euro Nymph Fishing *Guest Speakers: Dave and Mary Ann Dozer*



The SCFF is fortunate to have husband and wife, Dave and Mary Ann Dozer, from Oregon, as speakers for our Wednesday October meeting. Dave is a bamboo rod builder and fishes in Oregon with his own bamboo rods. His wife Mary Ann, is an Oregon guide, Certified FF Instructor and will be making the presentation about Euro Nymph Fishing in general and in Oregon locales.

We are planning on having an outside table set up for Dave's presentation at 6 PM, as an introduction to bamboo rod building, before the start of the 7 PM meeting. If you are interested and if you also have a bamboo rod, please bring it to show to Dave as he will be interested to see your bamboo rod and provide comments and suggestions. Mary Ann will be making her presentation during the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone Wednesday

After living in the Sunnyvale area for 15 years, Mary Ann and Dave Dozer headed north in 1995, and they now reside in Sisters, Oregon.

Mary Ann is a Fly Fishers International Master Casting Instructor and is a member of the FFI Casting Board of Gover-

nors. Her first fly fishing experience was in 1995 in Yellowstone Park and her passion for the sport took hold. When her high-tech career wound down after 20 years, Mary Ann opted to pursue her passion for fly fishing and share it with others. Mary Ann has been teaching and guiding for 10 years in Oregon and Idaho. She currently guides full-time in Central Oregon for the Fly Fishers Place in Sisters, Oregon. She loves to introduce new anglers to fly fishing or take anglers' skill to that next level. Her love and finesse of casting has put her on the Winston Pro-Staff Team. Mary Ann is available for casting instruction, fly fishing workshops, and presentations.

Dave Dozer was born and raised in eastern Washington. He had a fishing rod in his hand as soon as he could walk, and caught his first fish in the Yakima River, a carp on a night-crawler, at the age of 4. His father had an old bamboo fly rod in Davess hands by the time he was 8, and he was tying his own flies at the age of 10. Over the past 50 years, Dave has fished extensively across northern California, Oregon, eastern Washington and central British Columbia. Several years ago, Dave focused his efforts towards learning the art and craftsmanship of building bamboo fly rods. He now designs and builds custom bamboo fly rods under the company name of Bamboo Pursuits. He also offers bamboo rod building classes where he mentors one or two students through the rod building process.

Mary Ann and Dave have web sites and blogs focused on their fly fishing interests at: www.flyfishingpursuits.org and www.bamboopursuits.com.

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President's Line

October Events and Self-Improvement

By President Tom Hogue

This month of October is dedicated to honoring the youth of the Santa Cruz County. On Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th, at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, about a number of youth will have an opportunity to learn about many outdoor sports and activities. Fly fishing is one of them. There will be a large casting pond for practice, and some of our members demonstrating and teaching fly casting. If you have a chance to bring a youngster to this event, it's a great way to introduce them to fly fishing, but also also many other outdoor activities like paddle boarding, archery, shooting, climbing, surfing and many other activities.

There is more about the Youth Day events at the club meeting and on the internet at the Monterey Youth Day, www.myyod.org. Do consider this if you have time encouraging a neighbor or young family member to get into the great outdoors. We have so much fun at this event every year and it's so very rewarding.

I also want to thank those of you who took the online survey that came to your e-mail. For those of you who didn't know about it, or thought it was spam, don't worry, we're going to be sending out another one.

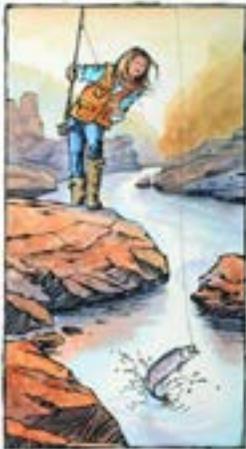
The input from the survey was fantastic. Yes, there were lots and lots of praises, but your board keyed in on the really good suggestions and some of the things we need to do better as the SCFF. Of the 180 surveys sent, 41 responses came back with many of you giving us excellent feedback on so many different things we can work on, improve, or leave just the way they are. Some of the best responses were those that cause us to think more about you, our mission as a fly fishing organiza-

tion, the space you need to enjoy the solidarity of fly fishing in addition to the activities, outreach, social media, and other things that bring us together as a family.

We heard that some of the original foundation of the "club" needs to be updated, and those words sunk in wholeheartedly. We heard how much you like the fishouts and the fly tying classes. We heard about a need for you to know more about the board positions and what it is some of us do during the month.

We heard about how hard it is to get to Aptos in the evening and especially for our westside and San Lorenzo Valley members, again giving us reason to see what we can do about this, for you. I really understand this myself and often dream of an "angling club" with a kitchen, maybe a BBQ out back, grass to cast on, etc.

I'm grateful for all of you and all your input. Truthfully, I'm grateful for those of you who really put us to the challenge to grow, not in size, but in scope, consideration of you and what is important to you about this Santa Cruz Fly Fishing family of ours. I'm grateful for all the new folks who come to the meetings every month and for the chance to meet you and enjoy hearing how you found out the SCFF, your fly fishing interests and the opportunity for all of us to help you in that quest, whether it is to find your own private solitude away from all the hustle and bustle of life, or to become intensely involved, create your own fishout, write in the newsletter, go to all the fly tying classes, be a board member and help us in every other way imaginable. You're all important. YOU make us who we are and who we will be yet to come. Thank you for your valued input and support. Thank you, fish on, my friends.



FLY TYING CLASS

Date: Wednesday, October 9th

Time: Open - 6:30 p.m.

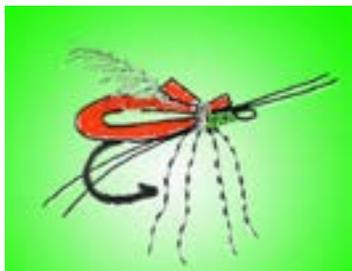
Class -7:00 p.m.

Place: Aptos Grange Hall, 2555 Mar Vista Drive, Aptos

Spider
Instructor: Elaine Cook

We were introduced to this fly a couple of years ago in Colorado. It is most unusual but we have found it quite effective when it comes to trout. We had never seen anything like it before and lo and behold the fly shop at the Green River is now stocking it!

Bring black 8/0 thread, your vise, tools, and light. Some equipment is available for beginners - we love having you. Sign up at the October general meeting or by calling Elaine with at least 24-hour's notice. If you sign up and later find you are unable to attend, notice of cancellation is appreciated.



GONE FISHING

Surf Fishout - September 7th

By Elaine Cook



We arrived at Manresa Beach at 6:30 a.m. to find the parking a real challenge. But with creative positioning and a couple of cars leaving we were set. The 3 of us, Mark Traugott, Bob Gaborino, and myself made our way the beach to find it hard to identify any rips. I was the first to drop off to fish saying "I'll try here". That decision resulted in the best fishing I've ever had in the surf. After 14 fish I turned over that section of the beach to my fellow fishermen and gave Bob the magic fly. Up to that time neither had caught any fish. Over the next half hour we all caught more fish. Wow, what a day!

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Board Meeting: The board meeting is usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the home of John and Pat Steele, 331 Cabrillo Ave., Santa Cruz, at 7 PM. Club members will be notified of any changes of meeting dates and locations. Club members are all welcome and need to submit any agenda items to the President ahead of time.

News: Members are encouraged to contribute news items. Submit copy to the editor, Kirk Mathew, 724-5611, k4mathew@sbcglobal.net. Please see calendar for the deadline each month.

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Fishout Schedule

Date	Location	Target Species	Fishmaster
Sept. 28-Oct.5 (#2)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout	John Cook - 688-1561
Oct. 5	Sunset Beach	Surf Fishing	Sam Bishop - 476-6451
Oct. 16-20	O'Neill Forebay	Striped Bass	Steve Rudzinski - 462-4532

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.

Bait for Thought Memorable Events

“Many of the most highly publicized events of my presidency are not nearly as memorable or significant in my life as fishing with my daddy.”- *Jimmy Carter*



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Catchy Releases

Wildlife Conservation Board Funds Environmental Improvement and Acquisition Projects from California Wildlife Conservation Board, Habitat Conservation

At its Aug. 28 quarterly meeting, the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) approved approximately \$10.7 million in grants to help restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat throughout California. Some of the 16 approved projects will benefit fish and wildlife-including some endangered species-while others will provide public access to important natural resources. Several projects will also demonstrate the importance of protecting working landscapes that integrate economic, social and environmental stewardship practices beneficial to the environment, landowners and the local community.

Funding for these projects comes from a combination of sources including the Habitat Conservation Fund and bond measures approved by voters to help preserve and protect California's natural resources.

Funded projects include:

*A \$505,000 grant to Environmental Defense Fund for a cooperative project with two private landowners to plant up to 325 acres of multi-benefit breeding and migratory habitat for monarch butterflies in two maturing pecan orchards. This project is on privately owned land north of Colusa in Colusa County and southeast of Knights Landing in Yolo County.

*A \$750,000 grant to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to administer a block grant to Resource Conservation Districts to implement monarch butterfly and pollinator habitat improvements on privately owned land in various counties.

*A \$499,000 grant to the Sacramento County Department of

Regional Parks to enhance public access at the American River Ranch Interpretive Center in the City of Rancho Cordova in Sacramento County.

*A \$2 million grant to the John Muir Land Trust for a cooperative project with the East Bay Regional Park District to acquire approximately 281 acres for the protection of wildlife habitat and several special-status wildlife species and to help expand the Bay Area Ridge Trail Corridor near the City of Martinez in Contra Costa County.

*A \$1.9 million grant and two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition grants to the Rivers & Lands Conservancy, to acquire approximately 34 acres of land in the City of Colton in San Bernardino County to protect and preserve the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly.

*A \$390,000 grant to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains for a cooperative project with Caltrans, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, to improve wildlife's ability to cross U.S. Highway 101. This project will restore and enhance an existing wildlife undercrossing approximately nine miles east of Thousand Oaks in Los Angeles County that was damaged in the 2019 Woolsey Fire.

*A \$1.6 million grant to the Endangered Habitats Conservancy to acquire in fee approximately 42 acres of land to protect habitat that implements or helps establish Natural Community Conservation Plans near the City of San Diego in San Diego County.

For more information about the WCB please visit www.wcb.ca.gov.



MONTHLY RAFFLE

Fall Harvest of Treats, No Tricks!

By Monthly Raffle Director Jeff Goyert

I gotta tell you, I have been doing the club monthly meeting raffle for the last three or four years, and have enjoyed every minute of it, but I have never been as excited about the stack of loot that has come together for this month's gathering. Take a gander of what we have:

I made a deal with Rajeff sports on their fabulous Echo rods and reels. These rods in both Carbon XL and Ion XL are known for their fine craftsmanship, superb smooth casting, and come with a lifetime warranty. Matching these rods are balanced Bravo or Ion reels that are loaded with top of the line features.

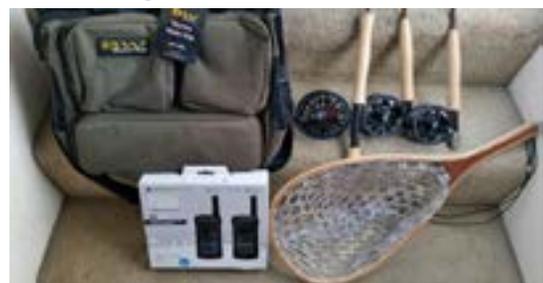
The rod and reel raffle winner will have the choice between a 5 weight, a 6 weight, or a 7 weight. You will be impressed by these rigs.

We have a great wader/boot bag from BW Sports. It has lots of open mesh for drying wet gear, 28" by 28" fold-out mat for a clean off/on process, and three different zippered pockets to stow gear. This bag is constructed of rugged 600 denier polyester to protect your stuff when it is bouncing around in the back of your truck.

What do you need to do after you hook up that dream fish? Land it for the hero picture! At this point a landing net might be nice to have. We've got a real pretty laminated wooden frame net with clear hook-free release friendly netting. Don't let the big one get away!

DOOR PRIZE! EVERYONE GETS A FREE TICKET!

Here is a nice pair of Motorola T200 FRS/GMRS walkie-talkies. Keep in touch with your partner up the river, in the campground, or out on the ladder at Pyramid. This set has rechargeable batteries, has a 20-mile range, and has 22 channels.



GEARING UP

O'Neill Forebay - Medeiros Campground - October 16 - 20
Fishmaster: Steve Rudzinski

Where : O'Neill Forebay at Meideros Campground on the Eastern side of the lake. (Site #23) Just south of the high-power lines that cross the forebay. Look for the club banner. Hopefully we get the same site as the last few years.

When: Wed. Oct 16 through till Sunday the 20th.

Why? Because I know club members like to camp out in a no-frills campsite, no water, a vault toilet a short walk away. We also like car camping. Bring your motorhome, station wagon or tent. And also, it's because we love it when you can actually catch a fish almost every cast when it's hot. We also love campfires and all the great stories we have to share and even a pot luck dinner or two.

Gear: 6 wt., 7 wt. or 8 wt. rods (in case you hook a world record fish; they are here). I will try to get a dozen San Luis Smelt flies that Lee Haskin ties and work so well at both the upper and lower lakes. (About \$5 each) You can catch 100 fish before they come apart usually.

Float tubes or kayaks or small car top boats work the best. Being able to row or move over larger areas helps you find the schools of fish better. All this will be inspected at the gate, do not try to sneak it in or you will get caught and banned. Because the water levels change it is wise to bring all watercraft well above the high-water mark at night or it's bye-bye float tube.

Lines that work best are fast sinking tungsten T-11 or T-14 are most popular. I love the line Rio makes called the "Outbound Short"; you rarely ever have any knots going through



the guides when casting and it casts so well. My leader is only 6' or 7', short is better for better hook set and turning over the fly. The fish are not line shy at all, you get fewer wind knots also.

Misc: Come and go as you please, with your daily payment sticker you can drive up to the big lake or to Los Banos Creek reservoir to fish. (Everyone usually stays put and fishes as a group for fun). Bring some firewood, like a box of hardwood they sell at the

markets like Safeway or bring your own to share. I will bring my washing machine tub again so the wood should not be too long or too fat.

As usual, bring your own food, you don't have to share, and a camp chair is a must. I will have my camp two-burner stove and a propane BBQ if you need to use it.

I am setting up on a Wednesday instead of Thursday as in the past. I would like some help putting up the wind screen around the Palapa with picnic table cause the wind can get fierce and this time of year we can see rain as in the last two years.

Please Contact Me: If you are planning to go, especially if it's your first time. Email: ssrudzinski@gmail.com and or call 831-462-4532 if you have a question or just want to sign up. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Wed. Oct. 2. This is a great place to connect, only 70 miles or so from Santa Cruz, take the Hwy 33 turnoff about a mile past the bridge you cross below the big dam, turn left, go under the freeway and 1/4 mile on, take a left into the campground. Hope we have a good turnout again

Reel News

* **Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Youth Outdoor Day - Oct. 4-5**
Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day is a totally free event open to the public. Its focus is to get kids interested in the many outdoor activities that are right here in our back yard. With over forty different organizations represented, there is something for everyone! The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen will be participating in this event, with a fly-casting pond and fly tying demos, and we will need volunteers to sign up at the September club meeting.

For more information, contact: Elyse Destout, www.elysedestout.com, 831-840-5547 (Direct line)



* **The Second Annual Water Harvest Festival - Sunday, October 20th, 2019 - 11-3pm**

Anna Jean Cummings Park (Blue Ball Park) 461 Soquel San Jose Rd., Soquel

Free and fun water education event for the whole family!

Kids and families will learn about water resources, water-wise gardening, groundwater geology, infrastructure, plumbing, water conservation, gardening, watershed protection, ocean and river ecology, animals, pollution prevention, and all things watery. The booths will be tied together through an activity passport. When all the spots are stamped, the visitor gets a small water themed prize and a raffle ticket. There will also be live performances, face painting, food trucks, a jump house and art. It's going to be a fun filled day in celebration of water-our most precious resource!

The Santa Cruz Fly Fishermen have been invited to participate, and we will have our own booth, so sign up for this event!

For more information, contact: Vai Campbell vaidehic@soquelcreekwater.org 831-475-8500 ext.142

LifeLines

Wading Boot Stud and Cleat Types and Uses

This week's tip is brought to you by Heather Hodson, founder of United Women on the Fly

The type of rock that you are wading through dictates the type of studs you choose to put into your rubber or felt soled wading boots. Putting a combination of studs and cleats composed of different materials will give you the best amount of traction. Let's start with "soft rocks" and "hard rocks". In simple terms, hard rock scratches glass and steel, soft rock does not scratch steel but will scratch fingernails.

Hard and Soft Rock Examples:

Soft Rocks: Limestone, Sandstone, Shale, Coal, Slate and Siltstone

Hard Rocks: Marble, Granite, Basalt, Quartzite

Type of Studs and Cleats:

Simms HardBite Boot Studs - Best with soft rocks. Traditional screw-type studs with bits of carbide on the head.

Patagonia Aluminum Bars - Best with hard rocks. Aluminum is softer than carbide and conforms to micro surfaces of rocks producing excellent grip. Less than idea with a sheet ice, slate or shale.

Simms HardBite Star Cleats - Best with soft rocks. Bigger carbide cleats with more surface area, shaped to fit between the lugs on your StreadTread boots.

Simms AlumiBite Cleats - Best with hard rocks. Aluminum star shaped cleats covering more surface area for maximum grip.

Patagonia Steel Studs - Best for soft rocks. Each stud has a six-head bite tip with locking teeth for supplemental grip.

Orvis Posigrip Screw in Studs - Best for soft rocks. Sharp tip allows for quick and easy installation into felt or rubber outsoles.

Summary:

Aluminum Cleats are best for hard rocks and hardbite and steel materials are best for soft rocks. If you do a combination of both then your traction will greatly improve.



Alumibite Star Cleat for Vibram Soles



Hardbite Star Cleat for Vibram Soles



Patagonia Alumibite Star Cleat for Vibram Soles



Simms Hardbite Studs for Vibram Soles



Hardbite Studs for Felt Soles



Orvis Posigrip Studs for Felt or Vibram Soles



Stainless Steel Spikes for Vibram Soles



Steel Studs for Vibram Soles



Simms Women's Vaportread Felt Boot



Simms Womens Vaportread Vibram Boot



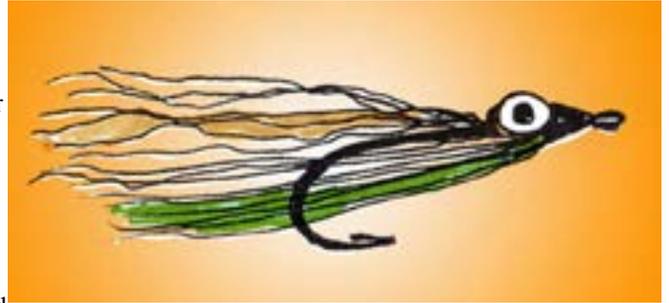
Patagonia Foot Tractor Wading Boot

FLY OF THE MONTH

Olive and White Clouser

Having Clousers to fish for stripers is essential. Here's one to try next time you go for these powerful fish.

Hook: Mustad 34007 size 1/0, 2/0, or 3/0
Thread: White flat wax nylon
Eyes: Barbell
Belly: 1. Motion Flash, pearl, 2. gold craft fur, 3. white or cream craft hair
Back: Olive craft fur
Glue: Zap-a-Gap or Super Glue



1. Crimp barb.
2. Attach thread behind eye. With touching wraps, cover front 1/2 of shank. Position thread 1/2 way between hook eye and point.
3. Attach eyes to top of shank with figure eight wraps and wraps around base of barbells. Apply glue to thread wraps. Advance thread to in front of eyes.
4. Using 10 to 20 strands of flash, cut in half, bundle. Place center of bundle in front of eyes, tie in place with 2 wraps. Fold forward strands rearward and tie in place with 2 wraps behind eyes.
5. Advance thread to in front of eyes. Cut small bundle of gold craft hair from backing and clean out fuzz. Tie in butt end and then wrap down with 2 wraps behind eyes.
6. Advance thread to in front of eyes. Prepare larger bundle of white craft hair as above and tie in as above.
7. Advance thread to in front of eyes. Tie 1/2 hitch. Reposition hook upside down in vise.
8. Prepare small bundle of olive craft fur as above. Tie in only in front of eyes. Wrap down butt ends forming a tapered nose.
9. Whip finish, cut thread, apply glue to nose and fibers between eyes.
10. Trim extra-long fibers to shape fly.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Heavenly Halibut
From www.allrecipes.com

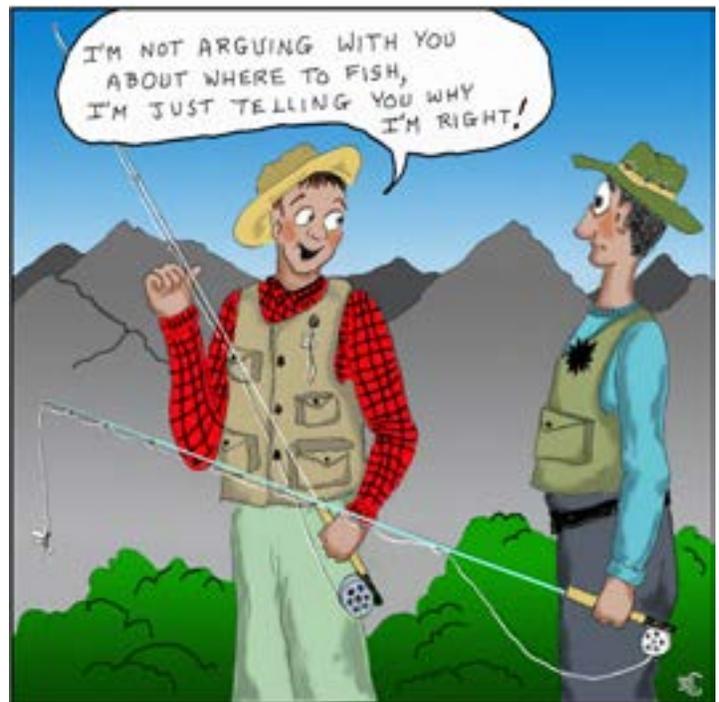


Ingredients:

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup butter, softened
3 Tbsps. Mayonnaise
2 Tbsps. Lemon juice
3 Tbsps. Chopped green onions
1/4 tsp. salt
1 dash hot pepper sauce
2 pounds skinless halibut fillets

Directions:

Preheat the oven broiler. Grease a baking dish.
In a bowl, mix the Parmesan cheese, butter, mayonnaise, lemon juice, green onions, salt and hot pepper sauce.
Arrange the halibut fillets in the prepared baking dish.
Broil halibut fillets 8 minutes in the prepared oven, or until easily flaked with a fork. Spread the Parmesan cheese mixture, and continue broiling 2 minutes, or until topping is bubbly and lightly browned.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mammoth	Fishout	1 week #2	2 Club Meeting Aptos Grange 7 PM	3	4 Youth Outdoor Day SC County Fairgrounds	5 Youth Outdoor Day Surf Fishout Sunset Beach
6 1st Qtr. ☾	7	8 Yom Kippur	9 Fly Tying Class Aptos Grange 7 PM	10	11	12
13 FullMoon ☉	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Board Meeting Location TBA 7 PM O'Neill	17 Forebay	18 Fishout	19
20 LastQtr ☾ Water Festival 11AM-3PM Soquel O'Neill Forebay Fishout	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 NewMoon ●	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en		

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 1st Qtr. ☾	5 Election Day	6 Club Meeting 7 PM Aptos Grange	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 FullMoon ☉ Fly Tying Class-7PM Aptos Grange	14	15	16
17	18	19 LastQtr ☾	20 Board Mtg. 7 PM Steele home	21	22	23
24	25	26 NewMoon ●	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30