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Mike Powers, Editor

PRESIDENT'S LETTER - Art Chapman July 2018



"Listen to the sound of the river and you will get a trout." *Irish proverb*

It's been a busy month and there has been no time to go fishing. But things are looking up. As I write this, I just made the 9 hour drive to Lake Almanor for a week's club outing. I'm really looking forward to it. The reports are good for the hex hatch. If you have never had the opportunity to fish a hatch of the world's largest mayfly, it's is a kick in the pants. You need a float tube or pontoon boat. We get to the water after dinner, the usual time to pop a beer or open a bottle of wine and wind down from the day. About 2 hours before dark we will start fishing a nymph 15 or more feet deep as they slowly make their way to the surface. The Hexagenia lambada leave their homes in the clay bottom of the lake in time to hatch on the lake's surface just at dark. The fish are attuned to this routine. These bugs are a big bite of protein, so it is an important food source. Rainbows, brown and smallmouth bass key in to their rise and congregate in the hatch areas for the month or so from mid-June to mid-July. You fish the nymphs until you begin seeing hatches on the surface, then switch to a dry fly. Once the hatch begins and you are really lucky, you will have time to catch and release 2 fish. Just as quickly as the hatch begins, it is over. You get to turn on your headlamp and make your way back to shore, putting your equipment away in the light of your vehicle. You gotta give it a try sometime.

SAVE THE DATES

July 12:

- 5:00 Board meeting ... at the *new meeting location*.
- 6:30 Monthly meeting – Dwayne Oberhoff - Executive Director, Morro Bay Community Quota Fund; Commercial Fishing on the California Central Coast with emphasis on trawl ground fishery in Morro Bay.

July 14: Halibut outing. Contact Bernard Pieters

Aug 2: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass

Aug 11: Club Barbeque ... Port San Luis



Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:30pm

International House of Pancakes (IHOP), 212 Madonna Rd, SLO

Dwayne Oberhoff - Executive Director, Morro Bay Community Quota Fund



While in school at Cal Poly, during his undergraduate and master's degrees, Dwayne worked a diverse variety of jobs, which included miscellaneous wildlife research and technician positions, as a local licensed hunting guide, and a student intern at Cal Trans. Following graduation in 2006, Dwayne spent a year with the California Department of Wildlife and then at a local planning firm. While with the local planning firm he started working with The Nature Conservancy on their California Groundfish Project and he developed a passion for developing and maintaining commercial fisheries and access to the resource.

Dwayne is the Executive Director of the Morro Bay Community Quota Fund (MBCQF), a public benefit non-profit, that holds commercial fishing assets locally and has a mission to develop and enhance a financially and environmentally sustainable Morro Bay fishery, built upon local stewardship of groundfish resources and secured fishing rights anchored in the community. As the Executive Director, Dwayne handles the day-to-day operations of the non-profit, works with local fishermen and manages the Fund's five limited entry trawl permits and nearly 8 million pounds of quota annually.

In addition to his role with the MBCQF, Dwayne operates a small consulting firm (Ecological Assets Management, LLC) out of Los Osos. Through his firm he uses his fisheries management skill-set to assist other groups, like the Monterey Bay Fisheries Trust, the California Groundfish Collective and The Nature Conservancy, with management of their fishery assets. In addition, Dwayne also provides biological services to state and local agencies, businesses and private landowners. This includes conducting botanical and sensitive species surveys, environmental compliance, wetland surveys, preparing restoration and mitigation plans, invasive species control, and regulatory agency coordination.

Dwayne will present on the history, trends and current status of the trawl groundfish fishery in Morro Bay. He has annually managed approximately 8 million pounds of trawl quota for the Morro Bay Community Quota since its inception in 2014 and can provide some insight on both the trawl groundfish fishery in Morro Bay, the Central Coast and coast wide. His presentation will also include information on what an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) system is, how it works, and how it has transformed the trawl groundfish fishery on the West Coast.

No Fly Tying in July



There will be no fly tying session on July 5th. The fly tyers will be busy....putting away the BBQ, cleaning up the confetti, and digesting the hamburgers and hot dogs from the 4th of July celebration the day before.

We will resume the fly tying sessions on Thursday, August 2th at 6:30, at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo.

SANTA LUCIA FLY FISHERS 2018 OUTINGS & EVENTS

Rich Chubon

JULY 14	AVILA BAY- HALIBUT OUTING - Bernard Pieters bpieters84@gmail.com
JULY 22-28	SAN JUAN RIVER, NEW MEXICO SOARING EAGLE LODGE - Lew Leichter lsleichter@hotmail.com
AUGUST 11	ANNUAL MEMBERS BBQ - see article below
SEPTEMBER - TBD	SEA JAY SALT WATER TRIP - Andy Malovos akmalovos@yohoo.com
OCTOBER - TBD	RIPTIDE RENDEZVOUS SURF FISHING EVENT
OCTOBER 20-21	CALIFORNIA FLY FISHING SHOW - Southwest Council, Glendale Auditorium
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	****PYRAMID LAKE - Rich Chubon richorjudy@sbcglobal.net
NOVEMBER - TBD	O'NEILL FOREBAY STRIPERS - Mark Shelton mshelton@calpoly.edu

COMMENTS:

- *Dates and locations of monthly surf perch outings during 2018 will be determined by tide and weather conditions. Notifications will be sent out by e blast
- **Casting clinics dates are planned for March and April this year; weather conditions may result in date changes; clinics will be held at Laguna Lake in SLO
- ***Hunter Liggett outings dates will be announced by e-blast dependent on water conditions & pond areas open to fishing
- ****Pyramid Lake dates will be dependent on fishing reports

Other outings possibilities include:

- Upper Klamath River steelhead trip in late fall or early winter
- Eastern Sierra outing - E. Walker, Hot Creek, Owens - late May or October
- Depending on member interest other workshops offered may include:
 - "Fly Fishing 101" – hands on work shop for new fly fishers
 - A fly rod building and repair work shop
 - Beginning entomology for fly fishers

Halibut Outing – Port San Luis July 14th

Bernard Pieters

We fly-fishers are all the time in search of (new) fishing water and have many times overlooked what our coastal waters have to offer! Just a few members have experience in halibut fishing. Considering the fishing location "almost in our backyard" it is surprising we don't see more members tap into this great fishing opportunity!

To the novice of our halibut outing: This is the opposite of surf fishing where we constantly have the surf movements. Halibut fishing is not a numbers game, it is more like cat and mouse game. Having the correct line, leader, and fly set-up combined with your patience – concentration and persistence – and some good fishing tips, can greatly improve your chances to succeed in your effort to catch a halibut. Besides halibut, the smelt (like a trout) can also be in the bay, and are a lot of fun to catch. The fishing can be done from shore to 1-3/4 hour before high tide with this tide of 6.6ft. It is advisable to bring your pontoon so you can explore much more good fishing water. It is much safer to land your pontoon back to shore 1-3/4 hour before high tide or 1-3/4 hour after high tide. During this 2-3 hours of high tide the waves are much more **turbulent** and can make your landing **less safe and more difficult**. I can help with your fishing set-up and flies and get you started on the water

WHERE: Port San Luis - parking lot north of the pier.

WHEN: Saturday July 14th

LOW TIDE: 6:00 am -1.5 ft

HIGH TIDE: 11:31am

GEAR UP: 6:30 am

FISHING: around 7 am, to noon ?

GEAR:

Rod 6-8 wt

Lines: floating, or floating plus 10 ft interme line, or a full interme line .

Leader: 9 - 10 ft tippet included 8 - 10 lbs

Flies: clousers white and chartreuse ,size 4 6 for smelt 8 -10.

Waders, jacket, safety belt, sunglasses, sunblock , rubber boots or sandals

NOTE : PFD IS REQUIRED FOR BOATING

Contact: For any help call or e-mail Bernard Pieters after July 2nd 489-3085 or bpeters84@gmail.com

See you on the water!



SLFF ANNUAL PICNIC and HALIBUT OUTING

Please join us Saturday August 11th

We are having a catered BBQ so please RSVP to Sheri Bryant (474-8950 or SPNB@aol.com) by July 27th so we can advise caterer.

Time:

Arrive early, get in some practice halibut fishing and or enjoying the beach.

Lunch will be served around noon.

Location:

Between Avila Beach & Port San Luis in the area of Fisherman's beach. Look for the SLFF banner.

Food:

Catered tri-tip, chicken, cole slaw, bread & beans. Water and soft drinks will be provided.

Members should bring:

A-M Desserts

N-Z Appetizers

Cost:

Free to first 60 RSVP's (2 per member) after that \$10 per person.

Raffle:

In addition to the regular stuff we'll put together some special raffle items.

Beach Gear:

Bring your own chairs, umbrellas, sun block, etc

Show up early and you might try your hand at some halibut fishing!



Missing Club Loaner Equipment — Art Chapman

The club has loaner equipment, including float tubes, rods and reels that we loan out informally with the expectation that they will be returned when the trip or event is over. If you borrowed club equipment in the past, please take a look among your stuff and return it to Bernard, Lew, Rich or Art. We want to make sure it's available to others who are just getting involved in the sport and want to try equipment out before they start buying their own. Thanks for looking.

Surf Fishing part one of a two-part article (reprinted from *Sespe Fly Fishers newsletter*)

Recently one of our new members asked for information on fly fishing in the surf. I posed the question to a couple of the club members. The response I got from Tim Postel was so good I decided it would be a terrific article for our newsletter.

Surf Flyfishing Q&A with Tim Postel

"What kind of gear are you using?"

Rod:

9 or 9' 6" rod, saltwater fittings
6wt - 7wt - 8wt.

Fast action (especially for lighter weight rods) - needed when there is wind.

A "fighting butt" grip style is rarely needed but if you hook a leopard shark or big shovelnose, you won't want to use a trout-style rod grip as it is impossible to keep the reel out of your stomach when you need a little leverage. A lot of rod makers don't put fighting butts on rods below 7 wt, although I suppose that could be changing. My current favorite surf rod is a Scott X2S 6 wt, 9' (no longer made, broken & repaired twice, and no doubt destined to be broken again). I have a Winston 9' 6" 7wt Boron II which is quite a pleasant stick, albeit more "medium action" which I will occasionally use. Both of those rods load well for me in the 250 grain range.

Line:

Backing + intermediate-sink running line + 26-35' fast sink (type VI or VII) head; can be either an integrated "sink tip" line, or a loop-to-loop shooting head rig. 30# Dacron backing is adequate, and even better if it is a round weave so it can be spliced into a loop. Probably you won't ever need more than 150 yards of backing. There are some specialized situations where other types of running lines & heads could be used but honestly the sinking-head rig will cover about 95% of all surf fishing opportunities. Not to mention that high line speed and thin lines are useful for distance and fighting the wind. I use an Airflo Ridge/Polyshoot running line with a 20# core as it gives me a little more distance than thicker 30# core lines. Use of a finger guard (e.g. Peterson's or whatever they are called now) is mandatory using a Ridge line in the surf - I think they pick up grit and saw through your fingers otherwise. As Airflo's lines are made with PU instead of PVC they don't retain the memory that other lines do, and don't require any pre-stretching nonsense before you can start fishing.

Reel:

Anything really but something which is "mostly" sealed will last far longer; saltwater and especially surf is tough on reels. I'm using a Lamson Litespeed 3.5 that now has 15 years on it, and I have used it for bass & steelhead as well (with line changes). (My first reel - a St. Croix - was ruined by corrosion in less than 1 year). Haven't used them but the Lamson "Liquid" die-cast reel won't break the bank. All of Lamson's reels use a (almost) sealed drag capsule system.

Stripping Basket: (Mandatory if you want distance. And you will want distance)

I've been using an Orvis hard basket for a while now. Ridiculously expensive for what it is, but it's tough and durable. My first home-made basket made from a Sterilite container gave up the ghost after only a few years from UV exposure. There are alternatives, but I strongly prefer a rigid device with something in the bottom which prevents the line from sliding around. It's not obvious, but non-rigid baskets or baskets with nothing in the bottom cause a ton of line management problems.

Leader:

Almost anything - mono or flouro - terminating in 12 pound or more line test. Personally, I rarely fish with less than 15# at the terminal end of my leader as I don't believe in "line shyness" for surf fish, and when I

fish near rocks/kelp holdfasts I prefer to get my flies back from hangups. Length anywhere from 6 to 9 feet. Out of sheer laziness I tend to use two-part fluoro leaders (Seaguar Blue Label) - 20# butt and 15# terminal end. The butt rarely changes unless it gets too short to replace the 15# terminal section, and it's stiffness tends to help avoid wind knots. If a hang up results in a break-off, the entire leader is usually not lost, which could easily happen if you fish a "level" leader. But you could even use level leaders if you want.

Flies:

The most common fish in the surf line - perch and yellowfin croaker - respond very well to simple jig flies, and they seem to prefer sinking flies to suspending flies. My goto fly for this is the "Surf Rat", which is basically a no-hackle wooley bugger but tied clouser style with dumbbell eyes (or bead-chain eyes) so that the hook point rides up. Hook, thread, marabou, flash, chenille, dumbbell eyes... and done. (OK, I will epoxy coat the heads now for durability.) Typically #4 or #6 hooks. Flies tied on stainless hooks will last longer than those tied on bronze, and weighted jig flies will last maximally if their head is protected with something tougher than head cement.



But honestly? Surf perch and croaker (excepting corbina) will eat anything that moves in an interesting way, and is neither so small that it goes unnoticed, or too big so that it puts the fish off. A lot of "attractor" jig flies in the 1.5" to 3" range will work. Colors? Reds, Oranges, Peach, Brown, "Root Beer", Black, Pink, Chartruese. They all work, but a lot of anglers have a preference for red, brown, and orange. I use black & red extensively in low light conditions or heavily silted water. Attached is an image of some recently-tied Surf Rats with a mono weed-guard loop - useful if there is loose eelgrass, or you are fishing through kelp or eelgrass beds... and you can clip the guard off if you don't want/need them.

Waders;

I use breathable waders w/ a good belt and a waterproof shell top - I usually only "wet wade" (shorts & bare feet) when corbina fishing in the summer. That's about the only time you don't need to wade any further than ankle-deep. (I like being comfortable when I fish and being wet in 60F water isn't comfortable to me.)

“When is a good time to go?”

Time of Year:

All year long. Seriously. The most obvious seasonal opportunity is sight fishing for corbina. If you like precision casting, this is for you. But be forewarned - it is a maddingly frustrating endeavor; extremely good presentations are required for an eat. Here in VC & SB counties, that's late April-June; that season shifts to later in the year as you head down the coast to San Diego. In LA county, Corbina high season is late June - Aug. In SD county a bit later than that. During that same time frame a lot of shovelnose also show up in shallow water, but they aren't typically targeted by lure/fly anglers due to a lot of foul hookings for every fair eat. In the late fall to early winter (Late Oct - Feb) the barred perch spawner bite can be really excellent.** For other species - e.g. croaker and halibut - the seasonality pattern is less obvious. I think the "percentage" bet is springtime for halibut and early fall for yellowfin croaker, but you catch both of them year round, albeit not frequently. Historically, the fishing doldrums in the surf in VC for me have been August and September.

Times of Day:

I prefer low light and flat light conditions. So, dawns and dusks (say the 2 hours before[after] sunset[sunrise], and the hour before[after] sunrise[sunset]), and any other times with a good cloud shield,

fog, or drizzle. Somewhat unexpected: dirty/silty water (but not opaque) during bright days can provide the moderation in light levels that allow surf fish confidence to come into thin water.

Equally important: tide position on the beach. Some beaches fish well at very high tides, some at low tides, and most of the rest at medium tides: it all depends on where the structure is and the slope of the beach as it runs offshore. Breaking waves 1/4 mile offshore? The fish are out there - beyond your casting distance. So that beach is probably a high tide beach. If you were to pick a beach at random without any prior knowledge about what it is like, I'd probably recommend middle tides in the +2 to +4 range, perhaps on an incoming tide. Fishing an incoming tide gives you the opportunity to spot beach structure early that will fill and preferentially attract fish later on at higher tides; it may hold the same density of fish at the same height during a falling tide, but spotting flooded structure during fat high tides is more difficult than seeing the structure fill on an incoming.

Next month Tim shares all the places to fish and how to know the conditions before you go!

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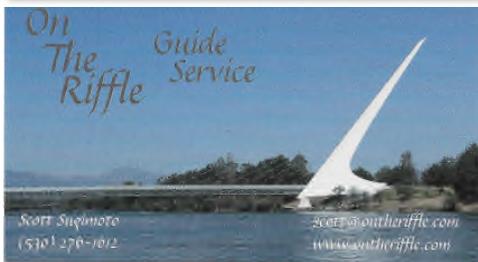


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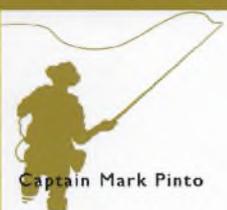


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