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President's Message – Rich Chubon



“Most fishermen use the double haul to throw casting mistakes further” - Lefty Kreh

Think about Lefty's words and make plans to attend our club's casting sessions!

Let's welcome our new club member Teri Hicky. Teri, I hope to see you on the water soon.

Annual Banquet - I am excited! What am I excited about? Our Annual Banquet of course. It's happening at Noon on March 23rd at the Madonna Inn. This year's Banquet will provide club members with everything a fly fisher could want.

We have an wonderful program “Fly Fishing the Northern Sierras” presented by our speaker and guide Jon Baiocchi

Raffle - There is a fantastic banquet raffle, with more than \$1200 in fly fishing gear. You will have a chance to win, 2 complete rod and reel outfits, a rod carrier, fly lines, a stripping basket, fly boxes and many other goodies.

Silent Auction - Don't feel lucky, then take chance out of the equation and bid on the quality items offered in Our Silent Auction. Some of the items in this year's Auction includes a complete 5wt. outfit from Echo, an 8wt. salt water rod, a complete Tenkara outfit, a Tailwater rod carrier, many quality fly lines from Scientific Angler and Airflo, fly boxes filled with flies tied by our club's fly tiers and much, much more.

Guide Trips You will also have an opportunity to bid on discounted guide trips from some of the best guides in our area. Guides offering discounted trips include:

George Durand - Fall River or Lower Sac River

Beryl Rea - Bishop area

Alan Blankenship - Klamath, Pit, McCloud, or Upper Sac Rivers

Lance Gray - Feather or Lower Sac Rivers

Chris Wharton - Pyramid, Frenchmans or Davis Lake

Jordan Romney - Putah Creek or Yuba River

Pat Jaeger - Lower or Upper Owens River

Scott Sugimoto - Lower Sac River

Jon Baiocchi - Yuba, Feather, Truckee Rivers or Davis and Frenchman's Lakes

Mark Antaramian - Lake Almanor

Mark Pinto - Delta

Jeff Massey - Soaring Eagle Lodge San Juan River

Special Orders - Maybe you are looking for something special, then look at our special-order opportunities available from Adamsbult, Echo Rods, Galvin Reels, Lamsom/Waterworks Reels, Airflo fly lines, Tibor Reels, and Dave Scadden's frameless fishing boats.

Fisher of the Year Award - We also will present our annual award to the club member in recognition of his/her contributions to our club.

As I said, our banquet offers something for everyone. I hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES

Mar 7: Fly tying. Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO

Mar 14: ***No Monthly Meeting!!!***

March 9th, 16th, & 30th:

Fly-casting clinics - see article below.

Mar 23

11:30 Annual Banquet, Raffle, and Auction, Madonna Inn

Apr 4 Fly Tying Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO

Apr 11:

5:00 Board meeting ... at IHOP SLO.

6:30 Monthly meeting

Apr 27: Santa Margarita Lake Stillwater Bass Outing, more details in April newsletter



SLFF Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 23, 2018 at 11:30am
Madonna Inn, SLO

Jon Baiocchi – Fly Fishing the Northern Sierra



We will welcome back as our banquet speaker master guide Jon Baiocchi of Baiocchi's Troutfitters. Jon has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide, published author, educator, innovative tier, and an award winning public speaker giving fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the states of California and Nevada. Jon serves on the Truckee Trout Unlimited Board of Directors, and also volunteers his time with the South Yuba River Citizens League. Born in San Jose, CA in 1965, his Dad moved the entire family to Paradise, CA in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing venues, and to raise his family in the spectacular forests of Northern California. Jon's Dad, Bob Baiocchi, was inducted into the

Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame in 1999 for his peerless conservation work, and was a major influence in helping Jon hone his fly fishing skills at a very young age. After finishing high school, Jon opted out of college to pursue a career as a professional snowboarder, competing at a national level, starring in feature movies, and working with manufacturers in their research and development programs. After his career ended in 1993, Jon focused entirely on fly fishing and conservation, and learning even more of the intricate details of his home waters. Jon now owns and operates Baiocchi's Troutfitters guide service in Northern California where he has been guiding for the last 20 years. He has a reputation as a very hard working guide that's been trained by some of fly fishing's best known anglers and guides, both past and present. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching gives students the skills needed to be successful on all types of water. Moved by all things flora and fauna his passion for such is never ending. Sharing the knowledge with others is of the greatest importance to him now; to see others progress, and reach the next level in fly fishing fulfills his life. It's the legacy his father left him, and a cherished tradition that Jon will continue in his honor. His locations for guiding include Lake Davis, the Wild & Scenic Middle Fork Feather River, Frenchman's Reservoir, the North Fork Yuba River, the Big & Little Truckee Rivers, the Lower Yuba River, and many secluded creeks in Eastern Plumas County. Jon's philosophy on fly fishing is to keep it simple, be confident in your presentation, and have fun.

For our club's banquet Jon will be presenting; "Fly Fishing The Northern Sierra" a travel log of Lake Davis, the Wild & Scenic Middle Fork Feather River, and the North Fork Yuba River. Beautiful pictures of flora and fauna combined with history, and the fisheries will leave the audience wanting more of the crowned jewels of the most Northern part of the Sierra Nevada range.

JIM'S STONE FLY



Last month's fly tying session was cancelled at the last minute due to illness by the lead fly tier. So, the next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30. Jim Snodgrass will finally demonstrate how to tie his version of a Stone Fly. Jim got caught without his favorite fly on a fishing trip, but rather than drive sixty miles to the nearest fly shop, he watched and studied the real live

hatch in preparation for tying his own creation.

Last October Jim and several of his former co-workers set off for their annual fishing trip to Burney, CA, east of Redding on Highway 299E. One day when Jim was fishing Burney Creek (above and below Burney Falls) he noted a very large October hatch of Stone Flies mating, flying, and floating on the creek. Jim reached in his fly box for an artificial Stone Fly only to find that it was the one fly he forgot to bring along. Since he did not have an artificial Stone Fly, Jim spent the day observing the real, live Stone Flies and figuring out how to tie his own Stone Fly. Jim noted that the Stone Fly stayed on top of the water, floating like a cork so the fish would attack this fresh bait from below the water line.

When Jim returned home after the fishing trip, he constructed his own Stone Fly pattern from materials that would cause the fly to float. There may be a lot of books and videos on Stone Flies, but Jim has gone outside the box to create a new pattern, which could be the one fly you do not want to leave home without.

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring Sally Hanson Hard as Nails and black 6/0 or 8/0 thread. The following are the material that will be used for Jim's Stone Fly.

MATERIALS:

Thread	-	6/0 or 8/0 Black Thread
Hook	-	#12 2X Down Eye
Tail	-	Craft Foam 3/16" Wide X 2" Long
Legs	-	Medium Sized Rubber Legs - Black/Brown
Wing	-	Mallard Flank Dyed Wood Duck Yellow or Natural Mallard Flank
Thorax	-	Yellow Dubbing

Fly Fishing the Surf Outings 2019 - Lew Leichter



In the past we've attempted to schedule outings in advance only to find that conditions are less than ideal or fish are nowhere to be found. So in 2019 we've enlisted some members (Don Wheeler & Andy Malavos - Morro Bay north; Bernard Pieters - Oceano to Avila and Lew Leichter - Lompoc to Oxnard) who will keep an eye on things and when conditions look safe and favorable, we'll be notified and will send out an eblast on short notice announcing the time and

place. We hope to have more outings this way and we almost always have members there that will help you if you need help. Also remember the club has 2 surf outfits, including stripping baskets you can borrow.

Between The Rocks – Andy Malovos

Sometimes going perch fishing can be an uphill struggle: dark skys, choppy waters, and sneaky breakers. Tuesday February 26th had two things going for it – 3-5 foot surf and no wind. I had fished Toro Creek Beach, AKA Standard Oil Beach, on Saturday with no luck. The 15 other conventional fishermen & ladies caught a couple of little fish. One guy told me that he had limited out the previous day. So, I was back again, only fisher on the beach to catch the 1051am low tide.

I had changed my outfit from a 7wt to a 9wt to battle the expected currents and surges. I worked my way southward casting my reliable checkerboard fly with no bites. Finally I reached the rocky patch with its intricate little bays. After dodging the rocky guardians with my casts – if you catch one, don't pull. Walk to the right or left with your rod tip up, and most of the time the fly pops off the big nasty.

Oh well, 10am, I was walking out of the patch when I observed this little narrow passageway between two moss covered big guardians. A nice little surface out-flow with shaking nervous water. Got to be a fish there. I changed to a long narrow brown fly with a # 6 hook. Fast cast WHAMO- a real scrapper that took line out of my hand. Worked him in- a 2pd Barred Surf Perch. Caught his close relative five minutes later. Good by fish have a nice day, as they swam away.

Fly fishing's great thrill: See the choice water, select another fly, and make your cast. The fish gets fooled by what you did. I will still use my checkerboard fly first.

Don't forget to join Lew's trip on Saturday . Perch don't like the sun and can really bite in the rain – beach to yourself!

CLUB ANNUAL CASTING CLINICS SCHEDULE – Bernard Pieters

Only a few more spaces remaining! Contact Bernard for reservations

Our clinic's goal is to make you a more complete fly caster!

Your success in fly fishing, begins and ends with the delivery of a solid, well, presented cast!

For more than twenty years, through our annual casting clinic, we have reached out to members of all casting abilities. Many members answered the call and greatly benefited from this program.

They have become more complete fly casters as well as more productive fly fishers! Don't miss this year's opportunity to improve and fine tune your fly-casting skills.

WHEN - This year's clinic will be on March 9th, March 16th, and March 30th

WHERE - Laguna Lake Park, San Luis Obispo (adjacent to restrooms)

SIGN IN/GEAR UP - 8:15AM - 8:30AM

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS - 8:50AM - 9:00AM (Please be on time!)

CASTING TIME: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

WHAT TO BRING - 5-7 weight rod/floating line, with leader (No sinking or intermediate lines). If you don't have this equipment contact Bernard Pieter to make arrangement to use the club's equipment.

INSTRUCTORS - Sally Stone, Eric Sherar, Todd Tose, Chad McPartland, Bob Hurd, and Bernard Pieters

These casting sessions are for club members only. There is no charge for these sessions. Our casting instructors are IFFF Certified Casting Instructors. Our casting sessions are geared to each individual's ability from beginner to expert levels.

CASTING PROGRAM

March 9th **Mechanics and Spring Tune Up**. This session is the major stepping stone for the next two casting sessions

March 16th **Presentation & The Most Productive Casts**. To catch fish successfully with a fly rod you must be able to control your line. It is important you understand line control and how your line and fly are affected by river currents. You will learn which casting techniques are needed to maintain a natural presentation of the fly to the fish. This is a key to a successful fly-fishing outing.

March 30th **Improving Your Casting Distance** Most of us are looking to improve our casting distance. We want to master the skills needed to add 10/15/20/30+ feet to our casting distance. Our goal is reach those previously "un-reachable" fish. Some of the techniques taught in this session are fairly, easy to learn, while others are advanced and take more time to master.

NOTE LIMIT ON PARTICIPATION - Due to the high demand for these sessions you must sign up to secure you spot. You can sign up for one, two, or three sessions. To sign up or if you have any questions contact Bernard Pieters, 805 489 3085 or email bpieters84@gmail.com

Manzanita Lake Outing - June 16th to 22nd – Bernard Pieters

This majestic place with its snow covered alpine peaks and natural beauty wild trout and quality fishing brings us back year after year

The place also attracts a lot of non-fishers, and because of this, there is a shortage of camp sites available especially in the week-end and around the time of the club outing. If you are interested: I urge you to RESERVE YOUR SITE NOW

Last month we had our still-water workshop, now is maybe a good time from what you have learn to bring into practice. For those new to the lake: if you are after catching a lot of fish with streamers, this is maybe not a good lake to choose! But if you want to step-up your your fishing skills to become a better still-water fisher then this lake (outing) is a great choice.

Here is a fair assessment of what you can expect during your stay. In spite of the overall good fishing the lake is know for the lake can also be challenging :keep in mind these 14 to 18+ inch trout are catch and release, wild, and at times highly educated as to what they will eat. Speaking from my own experience, many of us have encountered situations when we individually tried to figure out what was going on with these trout: was it the fly, the weather, or simply trial and error? When you do figure it out, it can pay off BIG TIME.

What some of us really like about Manzanita: this is one of the rare still-water beauties that can teach us a lesson and challenge us to rise up to the occasion. It awakens the best in us to succeed and so we become a better still-water fisher

Fishing is primarily done in 4 to 8 ft of water with long 12 to 17 ft leaders (there are exceptions with shorter leaders) over submerged weed-beds. Most of us begin to fish mid-morning and stop by mid-afternoon. In general the fishing is slow between 3 and 7 pm; this will give you ample time to have dinner and be ready for the evening fishing. If the fishing gods were not on your side during the day, you have still a good shot at great fishing in the evening. The lake comes back to life when the sun is going off the water around 7:30 pm. The dry-fly activity starts at that time with improving results later in the evening until dark. During this low light period the fish are much less picky and easier to fool, what was for some hard to achieve during the day is now working great. At the same time 8 to 9:30 pm stripping a dark medium-size seal or wooly-bugger can be very productive in strikes but catching is something else! This is a great way to end your fishing day content. A floating device is the best way to go, however there are many good spots around the lakes which can be fished productively from shore.

We plan to have a daily get together around 5 pm in campsite C1; we will talk about what was working and not working, and if necessary come up with an adjusted fishing plan for it. A dinner get-together can be arranged for Thursday 6 pm to 6:45+.

WHERE: Manzanita Lake, Lassen National Park north entrance. Take highway 44 east out of Redding.

WHEN: Sunday June 16 to Friday 22th (some of us include Saturday).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping near the lake (no hook ups). Motels are in Shingletown, about 14 miles toward Redding.

RESERVATIONS: Recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777; Most members are camping in loop C: Christine and I are in C1

TACKLE : 4 - 6 wt, floating line/hover line.

LEADERS : for dry flies 12 to 17ft (including 5-6x fluorocarbon tippet); for nymph 11 to 16ft.

DRY FLIES . Parachute Adams, Female Adams, or Callibaetis; cripples, duns, emergers, all in size 14-18.

Black Ants size 12 / 14.

NYMPHS : Pheasant tail, Gold Ribbed Hare's ear, and flashbacks, Callibaetis, Birds Nest, all in size 14-18.

Damsels olive size 12 -14 / Zebra midge (dark) and chironomids in red size 14 -18 .

STREMERS : small wooly bugger (olive) size 8 -10 during the day, mid-size wooly buggers or zonkers (dark, size 6 -8 for late evening.

CA fishing licence *required*.

CONTACT: For any help call or e-mail Bernard Pieters at 489 3085 or bpieters84@gmail.com

PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS AVAILABLE

While our six IFFF certified casting instructors generously put on a series of free casting clinics for our club members each spring we wanted you to know they are available for private casting lessons throughout the year. If interested please contact them directly for additional information.

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