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Tight Lines

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President's Message – Rich Chubon

“I think I fish, in part, because it’s an antisocial bohemian business that when gone about properly puts you forever outside the main stream culture without actually lending you in an institution”. - John Gierach

SPECIAL RAFFLE - Beginning at our May meeting our club will be offering 2 fly rods in 2 special raffles:

- Rod #1 is a TFO 8’ 2 wt 3 piece rod. This is a great little rod for fishing small creeks and streams.
- Rod #2 is a 3 piece 14 ft 9/10 wt European Spey rod. This rod is best used for fishing for salmon and steelhead on large rivers

Each rod will be raffled off separately. Only 25 tickets will be sold in each of the raffles at a price of \$10 each. The winning ticket will be drawn in each raffle once the 25 tickets have been sold.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS - I want to thank all of the members who responded to our survey on our annual banquet venue and format. The vast maturity of the responses were very positive on both the venue location and format for the banquet. There were also some thoughtful suggestions on changes which could be made to improve this event. We plan on incorporating those changes in the future. Thanks again for your feedback it really matters.

CASTING FOR RECOVERY - Our club donated \$200 in support of the Casting for Recovery program. This is a very special program which provides support to women who are recovering from cancer. The funding we provided will be used to purchase two Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod outfits. These outfits will be given to two women participating in this year’s Casting for Recovery retreat. To learn more about this program go to their website at castingforrecovery.org/sca/.

SUPPORT THE GUIDES WHO SUPORT OUR CLUB - If you are planning a fishing trip this spring, summer, or fall, please consider hiring one of the guides who generously provided discounted trips for our annual banquet. These folks are good people worthy of your support plus they are exceptional guides.

SAVE THE DATES

May 2 Fly Tying; Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO

May 4 Riptide Rendezvous

May 7-9 Baum Lake outing; contact Bob Bayer at 805-434-7905,
rbayer319@gmail.com

May 9:

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

6:30 Monthly meeting

Jun 6 Fly Tying; Contact Jim Snodgrass; Odd Fellows Hall, SLO

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Jun 16-22 Manzanita Lake Outing; see article below

Jul 24 Crowley Lake Streamer Fishing Class; see below

Crowley Lake Streamer Fishing Class - Rich Chubon

Chris Wharton is offering a one day streamer fishing class on Crowley Lake. The Class will be held on Wednesday July 24th.

Here are some specifics:

Instructor - Chris Wharton

Equipment required: Float tube or pontoon boat, a 6 wt. fly rod, rigged with floating fly line, a 4-5 full sink line and/or a sinking shooting head line.

Other equipment recommended: A second 6 wt. rod or spare spool allowing for fly line changes as needed, an electric trolling motor (if you have one for a pontoon boat)

Sign up requirements & costs: A minimum of 4 participants and maximum of 7. Class fees are \$100 per person.

Other

The class will meet with Chris at the Crowley Lake campground on Tuesday afternoon July 23rd for rigging instructions and discussion of techniques.



Class will launch and navigate to McGee Creek area. Chris will arrange to tow float tubes and or pontoon boats to this area because of the distance. You will be fishing for Brown, Cutthroat and Rainbow trout using bait fish imitation streamers (Sacramento perch, see photo at left). You will need to pack your own lunch and water



because of the distance traveled from the launch point. Crowley Lake fish usually range from 16 to 20 inches in length. They hit streamer flies with authority and provide quite exciting runs.

For more information or questions contact Rich Chubon at 805-782-9193 or at richorjudy@sbcglobal.net



Next SLFF Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:30pm

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

Steve Day & Chuck Stokke — Fly Fishing the Golden Trout Wilderness



Steve Day has been the owner of the Golden Trout Wilderness Packstation for fifteen years. He is only the fourth owner and the Packstation itself has been in operation for nearly 100 years. Steve himself is a Porterville native but has been packing in the wilderness since his early 20's and fly-fishing since he was 12.

Chuck Stokke is one of the Golden Trout Packstation's experienced guides. He is also a Sage representative and owner of Sequoia Fishing Company. Chuck is a Springville native and holds a wealth of knowledge about the Upper Kern waters and how to fish them. While Chuck has fly-fished across the US, Alaska, and Canada, he returns annually to guide the Kern, claiming it to be "one of his top five places to fish."

The Golden Trout Wilderness Packstation offers fully-guided, full service pack trips in the Little Kern and Kern River drainages. We are privileged to provide access to an extremely secluded fishery and the chance to land trophy Kern River Rainbows on a Wild and Scenic River as well as the "true Golden" on Volcano Creek, the purest strain of Golden trout remaining. Steve will cover what a pack trip is, what to expect on the trail and discuss options for customizing your trip to your desires and abilities. Chuck will enchant you with details on what the water is like at



different locations, how and when to fish it, what to use and why you should be fishing with Golden Trout Packstation next summer! There will be time for a Q&A after.

Dorsey's Top Secret Midge



The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30. Jim Snodgrass will demonstrate *Pat Dorsey's Top Secret Midge*.

This fly is definitely one that you will want to add to your fly box...especially if you are going to the June 16th Manzanita Lake club outing. The *Top Secret Midge* is the go to fly for trout fishing on Manzanita Lake. Even if you are not going to the lake, you will want to have this fly on hand. Come to the fly tying session and tie one.

The *Top Secret Midge* is a small and simple midge pupa pattern, developed by Pat Dorsey, a legendary guide, fly tier and author from Evergreen, Colorado. Pat developed this fly for the finicky fish on the South Platte River. The *Top Secret Midge* is very thin and sparsely tied midge pattern, but can be super deadly. It is tied in sizes #18-24, with the real tiny sizes best used in the winter months.

Materials:

The following are the material that will be used for the *Top Secret Midge*:

Thread	-	Brown or dark brown UNI 8/0
Hook	-	#18-24 Tiemco 2488
Rib	-	White UNI 6/0 thread
Wing	-	Glamour madera or pearl Diamond braid
Head	-	Rusty brown or brown superfine dubbing
Thorax	-	Superfine dubbing in rusty brown

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring brown or dark brown thread - UNI 8/0.

Web Site:

<http://intheriffle.com/fishing-videos/fly-tying/top-secret-midge/>

<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/video-tie-top-secret-midge>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARHtrnnihW8>

Remember there will be a raffle drawing for fly tying material; there will be fly tying materials shared with all; and the lead fly tier gets first choice from the raffle table...**come demonstrate your favorite fly to the group.**

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 knew 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 buggie (olive) size 8 -10 during the day, mid-size wooly buggies 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

Classified Information



Canoe for sale. Contact Andy Malavos for information, 528-3483 or akmalovos@yahoo.com

March Casting Clinics 2019 – Robert Benassi

The Annual Club Casting Clinics has always been the starting gate to a new fishing season with the best springtime weather and hatches about to begin. Time to break out the latest rod and reel and see if that fly line will sing across the water, starting first with the green grass of Laguna Lake Park.

As a very green beginner from the world of spin casting lures and bait for years, I had some ‘interesting habits’ to break with my fl casting method. Looking back at attending several years of club casting events, I felt I finally ‘graduated’ when Bernard said to me “that was a nice cast!”

But there’s always more to learn especially when you try new waters or more challenging conditions brought about with changing weather, wind, water conditions or educated fish. And with your fellow participating club members and the casting instructors, their eyes on you help you see more to make it a better and easier cast every time.

But not a single cast method learned can do all for all waters, all conditions. So, the casting program is divided into three separate sessions to learn more, practice more, and see more through your coaches. It’s always been a best value in membership to attend these casting clinics every year.

Casting Classes are divided into three separate sessions, from the basic cast to more advanced principles.

- **Mechanics and Spring Tune Up:** review the basic components of a complete casting stroke; It’s all about the arc length, acceleration rate and stop with a rod, reel and line weight all in balance.
- **Presentation and Productive Casts:** how to present a fly in close without spooking fish; learning the Reach Cast, the Serpentine cast, the Side Cast, the Parachute Cast, the Wiggle Cast.
- **Improving Your Casting Distance:** learn your comfort zone of casting distance and how to add length by shooting and hauling line efficiently.

This year we’re grateful and indebted to our casting instructors Bernard Pieters, Sally Stoner, Eric Sherar, Todd Tose and Chad McPartland, who volunteered their time and expertise to assist club members with their casting before a great season of fishing begins.

We are especially thankful for Chad McPartland who appeared and helped with many club members casting despite a grueling battle with his fight against cancer. Our hearts and prayers are with him and grateful to benefit from his extensive experience in casting instruction.

If you missed the Springtime Clinics, our casting instructors are still available anytime during the year to coach your casting, especially before departing for that once-in-a-lifetime, far away fishing trip. More info and contact information available in the Club Website under Education : Fly Casting Lessons:

<https://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/fly-casting-lessons>

Floating, Fishing, and Food, Santa Margarita Lake 4/27/19 – Lew Leichter

About 20 members enjoyed great weather, beautiful scenery, a great lunch thanks to Carol and Steve, a chance to catch some bass and panfish and an opportunity to "test drive" several watercraft. It was neat to hear from some first timers how much they enjoyed getting out on the water.



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.

Bernard Pieters Arroyo Grande 489-3085 bpieters84@gmail.com

Eric Sherar Atascadero 423-0170 esherar1@gmail.com

Bob Hurd Arroyo Grande 550-9071 rbrthurd@gmail.com

Todd Tose Grover Beach 904-5288 trtflyfisher@charter.net

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An individual regular membership is \$35.00 per year
For 12 months (January through December).
Enrollment after July 1st is \$20.00 for the remainder of the
year.

To join, please download the Membership Form from our
Website:

<http://www.santaluciaflyfishers.com/membership-3>

Send completed form with a check for dues to:
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**Come wet a line with us! Thank you for supporting those
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